



FRIDAY REVIEW

Friday 9th January 2009

Happy New Year

We are lucky in education that we have an academic and a calendar new year. It gives us two opportunities to reflect on what we could do better and to set ourselves targets for the year ahead. I have reminded the pupils about this and in particular asked them to think about the way that they present themselves, the way they prepare themselves to learn and the importance of getting on with other members of the school community. We wish you all a happy and safe new year.

GCSE Success

On Thursday 18th December a small group of Year 11 pupils sat two half GCSE exams, one in numeracy and one in literacy. The following pupils now have one GCSE: Roble Jama, Maria Parau, Azza Tabidi, Maimoona Ahmed, Abram Imtiaz, Azis Khan, Zain Bhatti and Farhan Ahmed. There will be other pupils sitting this exam at the end of January and they will be mentored by these pupils. Good luck to the next cohort!

Year 11 Raising Achievements Initiatives

On Wednesday 7th January a group of Year 11 pupils had their second mentoring session with Langley Grammar School students. This went well with our pupils being supported on revision topics for their GCSE exams. The high level of concentration and effort that the pupils and students applied to the session was really encouraging! Well done Year 11!

Year 11 Drama

Year 11 Drama exams will take place on Thursday 15th January.

Attendance

The national average for atten-

dance at school is approximately 94%. Anything below this becomes a cause for concern. Please encourage your child to attend school regularly and aim for 100% attendance.

Year 10 French Trip

This trip is to London on Tuesday 10th March. The deadline for payment of £8 is **Friday 16th January**. Please label the envelope with your child's name and 'French Conference' and hand in to Mrs Rees in the school office.

French Mock Speaking Exam

This takes place on 14th, 15th and 16th January. Students will be notified of the venue and time of their exam next week.

School Counsellor

A Counsellor will be available to work with pupils in school on a weekly basis starting this month. If you do not wish your child to have access to this service, please put this in writing to Mrs A Hockings at school.

Adult Learning Enrolment

Adult Learning Enrolment and Advice Sessions will be on Monday 12th January, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm in the Adult and Community Learning Centre on the school site. We offer a variety of daytime and evening courses in ICT and English, Literacy and Numeracy, Yoga and Keep Fit, Hairstyling and Beauty, Art and Pottery, Making Children's Clothes and Cake Decoration. On Saturday mornings we run 3 hour ICT workshops and short courses in Car Maintenance and DIY for Home Maintenance—all starting in January. All our courses are very good value and concessionary rates are available for adults in receipt of benefits. There are crèche places for children aged between 1-4 years for some courses. Do come and see us

on 12th January. Ring Heather or Jan on 01753 486047 for more details.

Year 9 Options

Year 9 are now starting to prepare for their option choices. To help them curriculum leaders will be giving presentations from Monday to Thursday to advise them on what is available for them to study.

Aim Higher

Eighteen Year 10 students have been chosen to represent Slough and Eton at Wexham School on Tuesday 13th January from 1 pm-3.20 pm.

Vacancies

We need two suitably qualified people to supervise our evening, weekend and holiday time lettings. This will require qualifications to induct new users to our fitness suite and to provide first aid if necessary. Hours will be from 3.30 pm to 10 pm Monday to Friday during term time and 8 am to 10 pm at weekends. Lettings during school holiday times will be from 8 am to 10 pm. Overall coverage will be negotiated to cover fifty weeks of the year. Salary will be approximately £18,000 and will be a one year contract in the first instance.

Girls' Football

Slough Girls' Football Championships started last night and Slough and Eton were the hosts. Eight schools attended and our girls played well showing good sportsmanship but lost to Burnham Upper A & B teams and also to Westgate but managed a tie with St Bernards. The team will be back in action next Thursday.

Go Karting

On Wednesday and Thursday this week pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 have been Go-Kart racing. Amazing pace saw Haseeb Salim (1st), Usama Ahmed (2nd) and Masood Ri-asat (3rd) on the podium.

These three will be joined by Atif Fazil, Ilyas Ahemd and Waqas Butt to race for the school in the National Go-Karting Championships.

Staff Football

After being relegated to Power League Division 3 last year the staff football team have strengthened their squad and under the guidance of player/coach Mr Ellahi, now sit at the top of Division 3 with promotion beckoning. We wish them success in the coming season.

We would value your comments on any of the items in the Friday Review. Please email to
head.pa@slougheton.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 11 into Sixth Form
Open Evening: 15th
January 2009 at 6 pm.

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