



SLOUGH AND ETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE COLLEGE

FRIDAY REVIEW

Friday 13th March 2009

Visit to the House

On Monday 9th March the Year 12 Law group went to see the Houses of Parliament. They were able to create a new law to limit the time under 16s were allowed to be out after 6.00 pm, which they enjoyed greatly, particularly as they are over 16. They were then given a tour of both the House of Commons and House of Lords. Finally, they had a question and answer session with Mrs Fiona Mactaggart, MP for Slough. The pupils were impressed by the intricate work in all areas of the building and especially the amount of gold used in the decorations and detail in some of the pictures. They also had a short tour of Portcullis House and saw the Prime Ministers private offices.

French Conference, London.

On Tuesday March 10th, 16 pupils from Year 10 attended a French Conference in London called "La France En Direct". They behaved in an impeccable manner and were a credit to the school. They learned a lot as the whole day was focused on the demands of the GCSE examination. It was largely conducted in French and led by inspirational native speakers. Students played *Family Fortunes* in French, looked at some French TV adverts, completed quizzes and revised key vocabulary throughout the day.

Y9 Parents' Evening

We were really pleased with the high turnout (95%) at the Y9 Parents' Evening. Again this shows commitment to the partnership in learning at Slough and Eton.

Aiming for Success

On Thursday 12th March Sir John Rowling returned to our school to give another motivational speech to our Year 11 pupils. Our school works with 84 other schools to raise GCSE achievement and Sir John leads that group. He spoke about how a boxer would prepare thoroughly for a fight to achieve maximum success and how our pupils should not leave coursework deadlines to the last minute but work hard over a period of time to

achieve their very best.

Year 11 always enjoy his visits and we hope this will spur them on to do really well this Summer.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Please be warned that Year 11 pupils have mock exams week commencing 23rd March. Pupils should be prepared for these as they will form a good foundation for their final exams. Pupils will be issued with their exam timetable in the near future.

Year 9 Option Choices

Year 9 pupils were due to hand in their Option choices for Year 10 and 11 by today. During the week beginning 23rd March pupils will meet with a senior member of staff to discuss these choices. Parents will be informed of any changes to choices.

Easter Revision Programme

There will be a revision programme taking place during the Easter and May half-term holidays. Please bear this in mind if you are booking holidays.

Red Nose Day

Pupils today have really got into the spirit of Red Nose Day. Red noses, wigs and clothes have been the order of the day with a number of fund raising events taking place.

Official School Opening

On 25th March pupils will leave school early at 1.00pm to allow time to prepare for the official school opening. Pupils who wish to have a school meal will be offered a packed lunch.

Disability Equality Scheme

The Government has said that we have to make sure that no-one is left out or treated unfairly just because they have a disability. In 2005, the Disability Discrimination Act was passed. Part of this act says that places like school have to ask disabled people how we can make things better for them. We then have to write and publish our Disability Equality Scheme. The views of pupils, parents, staff and visitors to the school, are very important in getting this right. Please take a few

minutes to answer the questionnaires which are on the school's web-site and then e-mail your responses or any other ideas on this to head.pa@slougheton.com

Go-Karting

Three boys (Ilyas Ahmed Y9, Haseeb Salim Y10 and Usama Ahmed Y10) will be competing in the National Go-Karting Championship on Sunday at Sandown Park, Esher. We wish them the best of luck.

Vaccinations

The nurses that visited on Thursday said that we have the best prefects they have encountered. The pupils helped to make the procedure for vaccinations run extremely smoothly.

Trainers

A number of pupils are wearing black training shoes. Please ensure that your son or daughter wears appropriate shoes to school.

Walk to School

One of the major problems that Slough Local Authority is trying to tackle is traffic congestion in the area. One of the ways this can be helped is if pupils walk/cycle to school to try and keep as many cars off the road as possible.

Concert at St George's Chapel

Yesterday (12th) four Year 8 girls took part in what has become a bi-annual event, the Windsor, Slough and Ascot Schools' Concert at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Tania Bhutta, Sherisa Gumbs, Chante Lawrence and Preeti Sall performed a dance interpretation of Milton's 'Paradise Lost and Regained' to Mendelssohn's Fingal's Cave which was very well received.

Girls Football

The senior girls had a very successful final week in the 'All Girls Slough Football Tournament'. The girls beat Beaconsfield 4-0, and drew 1-1 with Burnham Upper and Langley Grammar. Players of the Tournament were Kerry Patton and Shannon Masango.

Primary Netball

A big thank you to Nawall, Sam and Monique in Year 9 for successfully helping coach Montem Primary Schools Netball team. The team beat Marish 5-1, Castleview 2-0 and drew 2-2 with James Elliman.

Appointments During the School Day

If making an appointment for your child please try to make it for after school or during the holidays. If it is absolutely necessary for your child to leave school early, or arrive late, because they have a medical/dental appointment you must notify the school in advance by providing a copy of the appointment card or appointment letter to the Attendance Officer. If notification is not received in advance your child will not be allowed to leave school during the school day.

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

w/c Monday 23rd March
Yr 9 Option Interviews
Yr 11 Mock exams

Wednesday 25th March
Official School Opening
School finishes at 1.00pm.

Thursday 2nd April
Y10 Parents' Evening

Friday 3rd April
Break for Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April
Pupils return for Summer Term.

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