



# FRIDAY REVIEW

Friday 14th November 2008

## Adult Community Learning

When Heather Hyams, who manages our community learning in school, attended a recent conference with government ministers we were delighted to hear that Slough and Eton was being held up as an example of good practice by Children's Minister, Beverley Hughes. Please contact Heather on 01753 486047 (direct line & voicemail) or email [heather-slougheton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:heather-slougheton@yahoo.co.uk) for a full programme of what we offer.

## Attendance & Punctuality

It is fundamental to learning that pupils attend school regularly so that they can learn. Parents have a legal obligation to ensure their children's attendance at school. Ultimately, parents can be imprisoned for not sending their children to school. Any attendance below the national average of 93% is a concern to us. 90% attendance would not be good enough for any employer because it means one day off every fortnight. Please do everything you can to ensure your child attends school regularly. Punctuality is equally important and any pupils that do not arrive in school by 8.40 a.m. will be given detention.

## Seasons Restaurant

We have now named our new dining facility Seasons Restaurant. We will be running a four week menu and the pupils have responded extremely well to their new environment and to the quality of the food. We are currently getting over three hundred pupils using the restaurant every lunchtime and we expect this to rise. Please

encourage your child to be more adventurous about trying new dishes and not stick to 'safe' options such as pasta and pizza. Pupils can buy breakfast (cereal, toast etc) at cost price from 8 a.m. every morning.

Now that we have this fantastic facility, from January pupils in Years 7—11 will not be allowed to leave the school at lunchtime. This will allow us to supervise them on site and be more confident about their safety.

## Sports Results

Slough Boys Partnership Football Team: congratulations to the following boys on making the Slough Partnership Football Team: Mudathir Abdallah, Conrad Joseph, Kirk Rayner, Faisal Said and Salum Said. The boys will represent Slough at the Berkshire Festival of Sport in Reading on 20th November 2008.

## Enterprise Week

Next week is National Enterprise Week. Our theme for the week will be recycling. Each subject area will focus on recycling through Business & Enterprise activities. There will be a trip for 28 Year 7 pupils to Grundons recycling plant, inter-school challenges and speakers in assembly to discuss recycling issues. Our sixth formers are holding a mini fete and a Bring & Buy sale each break. Could you please give your children some pocket money to spend on these activities. Proceeds raised will go to the school we support in Uganda.

On Monday 17th November, some selected Business Studies pupils from Year 10 will take part in an online challenge called The Make your Mark Challenge. This will involve designing a product, marketing it and selling the idea.

On Thursday 20th November six Year 11 pupils will take part in an Enterprise Challenge at Westgate School. We wish the pupils good luck for these two competitions.

## Academic Tutoring

We were delighted to see so many pupils and parents at our Academic Tutoring Day on Thursday 13th November. The attendance was 92% overall. We hope all pupils will benefit from the experience. A huge thank you to all parents and pupils who bought presents and raffle tickets during the day. We raised nearly £200 towards our school in Uganda.

## Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party

We are busy organising our annual Christmas party for senior citizens who live locally. This year it will take place on Thursday 11th December between 3—5 p.m., and the tea party will be prepared by some of our Year 10 pupils under the expert guidance of a chef, Steve Scuffle and Miss Croxford. We are planning entertainment and a raffle. We would like to be able to give each of our guests a small box of goodies to take away with them. Pupils will be told by their tutors how

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

17th—23rd November:  
Enterprise Week

25th November:  
Annual Prize Giving

1st-5th December:  
Year 11 Entrance  
Exams

8th December—INSET  
Day

19th December—End  
of Term

We would value your comments on any of the items in the Friday Review.

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