



SLOUGH AND ETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND
BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE
COLLEGE

Friday 17th July 2009

FRIDAY REVIEW

Review of the Year

At the end of my first year as Headteacher at Slough and Eton I would like to say how much I have enjoyed my experience. The pupils are the best I have worked with and the highlight of my day is mixing with them at break, lunch and after school. The potential for them to achieve success is enormous. Parental support is amazing and this has been demonstrated in the very high turn outs in any meeting we have arranged. The staff have excellent relationships with pupils and the majority of them are prepared to 'go the extra mile' for the benefit of the young people. Slough and Eton has an exciting future ahead and I am delighted to be part of the team to help it succeed.

Primary Care Trust Competition

As part of the East Berkshire Primary Health Care Trust initiative to raise awareness about the need to follow healthy life styles they organised a competition which was open to all of the secondary schools in East Berkshire. There were two preliminary rounds but an outstanding team of pupils from Slough and Eton consisting of Sherisa Gumbs, Amandeep Virdee, Tania Bhutta, Deek Jama, Junaid Latif, Hammaad Rehman, Emily Rose, Gabrielle Mensah and led by Mrs Puri reached the final on Tuesday this week. Our pupils excelled and came away winners of the overall competition with a £5000

cheque to be spent on developing healthy lifestyles in school and an enormous trophy. The trophy will be on display in reception. These pupils have been fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Uniform and haircuts

A reminder that for September 3rd pupils must be in full school uniform and must not have haircuts that are less than number 2 on any part of their head. Black blazers will be our uniform from September but pupils in Years 8 to 11 will still be allowed to wear their blue blazers if you are not able to replace them. Another change will be the black V-neck jumpers appropriate for school. Please do not purchase jumpers that are fashion items. Shoes must be proper black school shoes not black canvas or trainers.

Activities Week

Fete

On Monday pupils took part in the school fete. Stalls included sponge throwing at teachers, tombola and giant Jenga. This was all against a background of music and dancing. Over £600 pounds was raised for our Uganda school appeal.

During Monday and Tuesday new Year 11 pupils took part in their Work Experience debrief and in Sixth Form taster lessons. This was supported by staff from Aim Higher and Connexions. The feedback about Work Experience was very positive and Mr Murray informs me that it is the best the school has ever had.

Talent Show

On Tuesday over one hundred and fifty pupils bought tickets to see the range of talent that Slough and Eton has to offer. A range of acts included singing, dancing and comedy. Leah Rubid was voted the winner by a panel of judges for her superb rendition of Mylene Cyrus's 'The Climb'. The event raised £172 towards the Uganda appeal.

The Business Centre was transformed into an art gallery on Tuesday evening displaying work from sixth formers and Year 11. Some stunning work that has received top grading impressed all the visitors. Some of the work will be on display in the school entrance until August.

Scuba diving, skiing, photography, paint balling and hip hop dancing were just some of the activities that pupils took part in on Wednesday and on Thursday trips went to the Science museum, Windsor Bournemouth and the Pangbourne Activity Centre.

Parent Survey

In May we commissioned an independent survey to get feedback from parents, pupils and staff about the school. Two hundred and seventy six parents completed the questionnaire. 58% of parents in Years 8 to 11 said they thought the school has improved during the last year while 12% thought it had got worse. The school scored highly in

treating all pupils fairly and equally but some of the areas for us to address include the quality of written reports, transfer from previous school and the image of the school in the community. We shall endeavour to tackle these concerns.

Awards Evenings

On Thursday evening Slough & Eton hosted presentation awards evenings for Skill Force and for the Adult and Community Learning Learner of the Year. We are delighted to be able to offer the school as a first class venue for such prestigious events.

Start of term

Pupils in new Year 7 in September will start at 8.40am along with Sixth Form students. Pupils in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will start at 9.30am.

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

- Thursday 20th August**
AS and A Level Results available from 11.00am
- Thursday 27th August**
GCSE Results available from 11.00am
- Thursday 3rd September**
Start of Autumn Term
8.40am Year 7 and 6th Form
9.30am All Other Year Groups

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