



FRIDAY REVIEW

Independent State School Partnership (ISSP)

A national newspaper, The Independent, published an article last week that highlighted the collaboration between this school, Eton College and the other schools in the ISSP. The pupils are very positive about this link and have said they think more pupils should have the opportunity of taking part in the project. It was unfortunate that the link with a 'disadvantaged school' was made because the pupils in the photographs did not come in to this category and I have written to The Independent to ask them to clarify this. We run many projects with Eton and pupils from both schools benefit from these links.

Basic Skills Quality Mark (BSQM)

The BSQM takes in to account the support that schools offer pupils to learn the basic skills of literacy and numeracy. On Thursday we were re-assessed for the BSQM by an external assessor and she was impressed with the range of learning opportunities that we offer pupils and said our practice was exemplary.

Half Term Revision

The examination period has started in earnest and so far they have gone very smoothly. During half term pupils taking exams will be invited in to take part in examination revision sessions. They will be given details of this next week.

Longridge Activities

On Tuesday all of Year 9 went to Longridge Activity Centre. When we won the East Berkshire Primary Health Care Trust competition for promoting healthier lifestyles we were given a prize of £5000. This money paid for the whole year group to take part in canoeing,

dragon boating, climbing and high rope walking. We hope this has given pupils a taste for energetic and adventurous activities that will help them lead a healthy lifestyle in the future. The money has also paid for a Nintendo Wii in the youth club and one in the P.E. department. Part of the winning submission from the pupils was a poster campaign and these have now been made and will appear around school and in places around Slough.

Delayed Return from Holiday During the Exam Period

The current information we have from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) is that candidates who take a holiday over the mid-term break (Whitsun) and who are delayed upon their return **will not** be eligible for special consideration. The boards will consider that the rules for special consideration have not been met and that the candidate's absence is due to a 'holiday taken during exams' and will not be considered. We sought guidance after a query and wanted to clarify whether the situation at Easter was comparable. JCQ say that at Easter Exams were weeks away and the ash cloud was not predicted. We are assured that a statement will appear on the JCQ web site clarifying the position shortly.

Prefects

We had a record number of Prefect applications from the current Year 10. The candidates were interviewed and gave very good accounts of themselves. We are proud to announce that 48 pupils were successful in their application. The door is not shut for those who did not achieve the red tie as they have another chance to apply in September.

I would like to thank the current Year 11 Prefects for their hard work and dedication and hope to see them as Senior Prefects in the Sixth Form.

Personal Safety

Please help us in emphasising the importance of personal safety by promoting the following safe messages:

- 1) encourage your child to travel to and from school or leisure activities with other people
- 2) as parents you need to be aware of young people's whereabouts and when they are expected home
- 3) if children and young people are waiting for lifts home, they should wait in a safe and visible place i.e. a reception area.

Eco-Warriors - Are you recycling?

The Eco-warriors are eager to find out how many families are recycling. If you go to the Eco-Warriors new website, which is linked to the school's homepage, there will be a survey for you to fill out. Could you please take a few minutes to complete this survey as it will enable them to understand the communities recycling habits. We appreciate your help.

Medicines in School

Please ensure all medication to be taken during the school day is handed in to student reception on arrival.

Students can then collect their medication when required and again at the end of the school day. Parents are advised to administer the first dose before children leave for school.

Filmclub

Wednesday the 26th of May's film will be "Twilight" (12). This will be shown in E4 from 3.30, ending at approximately 5.30pm. Ask Miss Crosby for more details.

Targeted Mental Health Project

We are keen to support the provision of mental health services. Slough and Eton has agreed to be the lead secondary school for Slough on this issue. On the back of the Friday Review there is a leaflet to indicate how the community can access these services at school.

Cricket

The Sixth Form cricket team entertained Eton College at home. The signs were good after winning the coin flip and electing to bat. With some unorthodox but effective shots we managed to score 135 runs assisted by a fantastic knock of 46 from Zain Bhatti.

The boys defended the target as if their lives depended on it and with Eton requiring 10 runs with 18 balls and two wickets remaining, made it a nail biting finish. Two wickets in the penultimate over gained a memorable victory. The whole team deserves the man of the match but it was awarded to Zain Bhatti for his excellent batting.

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

Please email to

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 24th May 2010

Exams continue all week - timetable on website

w/c 31st May 2010

Half-term Holiday

Monday 7th June 2010

Pupils return at 8.30am

Touch Base – a new emotional wellbeing drop-in service for Slough and Eton School

Got a concern about your child and would like to talk it through? Then 'Touch Base' with us at our new emotional wellbeing drop-in service for parents and carers, pupils and staff of the school - **Wednesdays between 11am and 2.30pm** at 'Touch Base', Slough and Eton School.

How can you get in touch?

This service is open for bookings now. Telephone 01753 520 824 or call in to reception to ask Jenny for a time to drop in. Further information on the service is available on the school website at www.slougheton.com

What will happen when you come to see us?

The aim of the service is to help you explore any concerns around a pupil at the school that affects the emotional wellbeing of you or your family or a young person you know.

We will listen to your concerns and where appropriate, highlight other agencies that you could go to for further support.

The conversation will take place in a private space and we will set aside up to 45 minutes for you to talk to us. You will be talking to two professionals independent of the school.

English not so good?

Please feel free to bring a friend to help you to communicate