



THE VOICE

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Message from the Head of College

Once again we have had another busy term and this edition is packed with news of past and future events. Of particular note is the College's fundraising for Haiti on page 3 which details the outstanding community involvement of all Year Groups to raise the magnificent sum of £3,100.

The College's main focus this next term will be the run-up to the examination season. Please refer to the College website for the draft examination timetable, which shows that the first exams are due to start just some two weeks after the Easter break. Individual departments are extremely busy preparing students for their examinations and many are offering additional revision and booster sessions. My advice to all students is, if you haven't already done so, prepare your revision timetable over the Easter break and start revising in small bitesize chunks, taking regular breaks as you go. Anything you are stuck on, or need help with, please see your teacher as soon as possible so that help can be provided.

May I finish by wishing everyone a happy Easter break and I hope all students come back refreshed and ready for the final push towards **SUCCESS!** Your **HARD WORK** will pay off!



A chance for you to come and enjoy an evening of dance on
Thursday 13 May 2010 at
Arthur Mellows.

- ◆ GCSE exam work (Years 10/11)
- ◆ Dance Companies (Years 7/9)
- ◆ Boys Dance Company and Ironik

Variety of performances highlighting students' talent and achievement

Sweat The Technique 2010 **Dance Showcase**

Please come along and support the students!

Key Dates next term

End of Spring term	26 March
Training Day	12 April
Term starts	13 April
Humanities Parents' Evening	13 April
Year 7 Parents' Evening A *	10 May
Dance Showcase	13 May
Year 7 Parents' Evening B *	17 May
Parents' Focus Group	27 May
Break up for half term	28 May

*A—7GEL, 7EKA, 7GDA, 7MTU

*B—7SWA, 7JPO, 7LMC, 7IDI



Humanities Department

**Tuesday 13 April,
6.30 pm—7.30 pm**

The Humanities department frequently deals with sensitive issues as part of the curriculum. The History department, for example, looks at the Holocaust. In RE a whole range of ethical issues are covered, from euthanasia to abortion and much more. This evening is intended to engage parents in reflecting on how the department approaches these sensitive topics by delivering some sample mini-lessons. This evening is intended for the parents of Years 9 and 10 students.

Dr Barrett

Parents' Focus Group Meeting 27 May 2010

We are a friendly group of parents who meet half termly to discuss ways forward for the College. We would love to include more parents and so if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Sarah Reilly, Assistant Headteacher



Cleaning Vacancies

The College currently has vacancies for cleaners. For further information on hours of work and salary please telephone Ron Yemc on 01733 252235

COLLEGE NEWS

New York 2010

This is the fourth time we've run this trip and I half expected that I might be getting a bit bored of the Big Apple by now. I was wrong. Partly this was because we had a great – if very busy – itinerary, but largely because the fifty students we took were an absolute pleasure to be with from start to finish. Even The Virgin Atlantic hostesses described them as “beautiful”, and their enthusiasm and excitement was hugely infectious from start to finish - even the behaviour of certain celebrity offspring on the flight home couldn't spoil things.



We started off with a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge and a night-time walk through Times Square, topped off by an amazing view over the Manhattan skyline from the top of the Rockefeller Centre.

Day 2 was the academic day, starting off with a film location tour of Manhattan film and TV locations, followed by a first-rate film masterclass with the New York Film Academy. The evening ended with a great trip to see New York's ice hockey team - the Rangers - lose narrowly to the well-fancied Washington Capitals team. However, we made it onto the Madison Square garden video-screen by virtue of sitting in front of Dancin' Larry, whose exquisite dance moves are well worth checking out on 'You Tube'.

The next day involved a tour of the NBC TV studios where we saw Ashton Kutcher and Dave Grohl rehearsing for Saturday Night Live, before another trip to Madison Square Garden to see the New York Knicks basketball team play Milwaukee. They even won the toss courtesy of our very own Mr Kennedy who was invited onto the court to meet the captains; sadly, the coin toss was all they won that night, except 51 new fans whose fevered support of their new heroes awarded them the honour of 'Section of the Night'. This involved them being shown on the giant scoreboard being whipped up into a frenzy by the Knicks cheerleading crew. Not the female cheerleaders, sadly, but a truly memorable experience all the same!

Some of the party – the cultured, artistic ones like me – also went to the Museum of Modern Art which was as awe-inspiring as ever, but was made all the more enjoyable by the excellent exhibition of Tim Burton artwork.

This is a fantastic trip, but what made it really special was the singular pleasure of accompanying 50 delightful students whose willingness to forget their exhaustion and maximise every opportunity was an experience in itself. My thanks – as ever – to the staff who accompanied me, who were equally wonderful.

Mr Zaidi

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IRONIK Crew..... Bigger & Better!!

IRONIK Crew are working extremely hard to raise money to enable them to carry on with their journey, to get bigger, better and stronger and learn new skills and tricks for the UK finals on 25 April 2010. In order for them to succeed, they need more training sessions from 'Trinity Warriors' but this comes at a cost! The crew has many sponsored events taking place in the next month including a 25 mile walk, car wash and 6 hour sponsored training session. Good luck to IRONIK!!

A BIG thank you goes to Councillor Diane Lamb and Councillor John Holdich who have kindly donated to the crew already. Matt Jarrett from MPJ Enterprises has kindly given the crew money for more training sessions to prepare them for the UK finals. A HUGE thank you!

Anyone who is interested in sponsoring the crew, please contact us.

COLLEGE NEWS

Haiti Earthquake Appeal



Sponsored silence
7MTU and 7GDA – Leonie Terrill, Laiken Reeve, Abbie Roden, Sheleece Glen, Kasie Cossey and Chloe Burkitt – raised £64.50



Staff sponsored Disney Character – Charlie-Jade Hilton – 10 MED – raised £50



Monica Kuchhadia - My contribution to Haiti (10 KBR)

"When I turned on the television I saw that there had been an earthquake in Haiti. I saw the people, adults and children, in a state of despair. I decided there and then to raise money in order to help them. My family owns a shop so I posted up a notice asking if customers would donate any small amount they could afford. I also sold cakes. I managed to collect £100 towards the appeal."

Individual Achievement
Dylan Dhokia (7EKA) – was motivated by the challenge of learning Pi and memorised up to 219 decimal places. He raised £70 in sponsorship



We raised the magnificent sum of £3100 towards the appeal. A big thank you to everyone who supported this event, either by joining in, raising sponsorship, supporting students, or donating money. Some students deserve a special mention for their part in raising money for the appeal. We apologise if you have not been included in this list. There were too many of you to mention.

Raffle - Epic Enterprises (Year 9 Gifted and Talented group) raised £116 via a raffle. This group is continuing to raise money for the Haiti appeal this year – so watch this space!



Showing of Shrek 3 – Alastair Wright and Charlie Tod (7JPO) raised £51



Guess the number of sweets in the jar and **"Guess the weight of the cake"** 8EJA – raised £40.00 (That's a lot of 20p's.) The winners guessed the correct number of 353.



Jess White, Katie Trevarthen (9MAR) and Chloe Harris (9NTU) – organised a **Staff Karaoke** in the school hall at lunchtime and raised £381

"We just wanted to help. The three of us are good friends and we all wanted to do something to help Haiti. Jess came up with the idea of a karaoke. We pestered and cajoled the teachers into taking part. It was good fun and a great way to raise money." Well done to Miss Hope who won the competition

Cake sale – raised £380 in total. Well done to all concerned, there are a lot of you



Sponsored Bike Ride round Rutland water – Alex Cross (7GDA) Joseph Buchan (7KLE) raised £85



Well Done to Everyone

A superb effort

COLLEGE NEWS

Higher Sports Leader Award

Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who have chosen to volunteer 120 hours of their own time to complete their Higher Sports Leader course (HSLA): Natasha Bloodworth, Charlotte Hinch, Jenny Orrell, Lauren Bennett, Joe Baines and Dan McGinn.



They really have been an outstanding group and deserve to be congratulated for their hard work and efforts in the College and the local community, where they have volunteered their time. They have taken complete responsibility for running netball, basketball and multi-skills sports clubs at lunchtime for the younger students at Arthur Mellows. In addition, students have planned and organised after-school sports sessions at some of our feeder primary schools. These have taken place for most of the academic year for pupils ranging from Years 3-6 at Castor, John Clare and Werrington Primary Schools.

On Tuesday 2 March, the College hosted the Year 7 and 8 girls' netball tournament, organised solely by the HSLA students. Twelve teams were entered in both Year Groups. Students had to contact all the secondary schools in Peterborough, arrange certificates for all participants, medals for the winning teams, organise the order of play, scorecards, man the score table for the competition, consider safety and risk assessments including first aid, and contact the local press to mention just a few.

In addition to the above, students have completed units on:

- ◆ Gaining a National Governing Body Coaching Award
- ◆ Gaining a First Aid certificate within sports situations
- ◆ Planning fitness sessions for specific people
- ◆ Working with members of our community who have a disability – thanks to Heltwaite school for accommodating our visits here.

We still have one or two units to complete but I must thank the students for their enthusiasm and help to the PE dept, College and wider community. Well done to all of you.

Mrs Wilding



SCIENCE CLUB

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Club wish to congratulate our Rocket Scientists for achieving a prestigious BA Crest Bronze Award. The students worked with Jon from 'Out of This World Learning' and designed and built solid fuel rockets, which flew over 300ft into the air, well some of them did – ahem! When discussing the environmental impact of such a launch, Callum Mackenzie commented that "*The noise and pollution from the rocket launch may have disturbed a family of earthworms who had established their burrow below the launch site although the overall environment was not affected in any noticeable way!*" A big congratulations to Chris Lightfoot, Josh Stewart, Ryan Reece, Josh Peters, Sam Matthews, Daniel Stevenson, Callum Mackenzie, Kayley-Jayne Hughes, Connor Vinter, Mary Travers, Spencer Turner, Josh Snape, Ellie Simpson, James Fretwell, Anthony Jeyes, and Isaak Brown. **Well done!**

Bistro Experience:

Thursday 11 February 2010

48 guests were seated for our second, very successful Bistro Experience. A further 7 students had the opportunity to work with Steve, our Canteen Manager and fully qualified chef, to hone their food and kitchen management skills. The students created an imaginative menu and with Steve's guidance produced and presented high quality food. Four students, who had produced the food for our first event, returned to be our 'front of house' staff and did a wonderful job relating to the guests and ensuring that they were happy and well looked after. For testimonials for this event, please see the CucinA* page on the College website.

Our next Bistro Experience will be 1 July 2010 and following the success of this event, seats are being booked quickly. Due to the nature of the evening we can only seat a maximum of 48 people. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Nash



Register of Interest Form for CucinA* Bistro Experience nights

- I am interested in receiving information about forthcoming Cucina Bistro Nights

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Tel No: _____