

# E.T.C. Newsletter

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You may be aware that our Headteacher Keith Pailthorpe has become a casualty of the recent bad weather, breaking his ankle as a result of a fall on getting out of his car on returning from school. He is doing well and he hopes to be able to return to school in the next week or so. We wish him a speedy recovery.

I would like to apologise to any parent inconvenienced by the school's decision to close on Wednesday. As you will be aware, we tried to open but unfortunately, the weather turned out to be far worse than was anticipated. We hoped to be able to teach our Year 10 and 11 students but although staff valiantly struggled in from all parts of Sussex, (some taking over two hours to reach the school), there were insufficient teachers to deliver a meaningful education. Furthermore, the site itself became dangerous, with paths and playgrounds icing up. Regretfully, we decided that in the interests of students and staff we would have to close.

From the 20<sup>th</sup> January, you will see notices in the local press and on the school site regarding the closure of ETC. This has nothing to do with the snow but is part of the procedure relating to the school's transition to an academy. It is a technicality relating to the current name of the school and it has no impact on the operation of the school now or in the future. We shall be open for business regardless of what we are called!

Congratulations to all those Yr 11 students who received their English and Maths GCSE results last week. We are particularly pleased with the number of students who achieved a grade C or above.

A reminder to parents of Yr 9 students that we have a very important event coming up on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. It is the Preferences' Evening when parents and students have an opportunity to find out the subjects that are available to study in Key Stage 4 and guidance will be offered regarding the process which needs to be followed in choosing the appropriate pathway. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you,

Wayne Jones

## P.S.H.E.E .Update.

We have now completed the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 terms of the new statutory PSHEE curriculum. For those who are asking what does that stand for, its Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education. It has been generally agreed by staff and students that we have made a good start.

P.S.H.E.E covers 6 units of work, Sex and Relationships, Drug and tobacco education, Careers and Work related learning, Social and Emotional aspects of Learning, Health and Well Being and Economic Understanding.

- Year 10 have applied for their Work Experiences places that will take place week beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> April. They applied using the new Veryan system and will be hearing shortly if they have been successful. They will then need to contact their employer to arrange an interview.
- Year 11 have completed their application forms for college and will soon receive information about their interviews.
- Year 8 took part in a Team building day at Blacklands Farm, East Grinstead. This was a very successful day , as well as having bright winter sunshine amongst the dark rainy days, it was great to see students having fun trying a series of different activities, including Abseiling, Archery, Tunnels and Rope Assault course.
- We also organised an Enterprise Day for our Year 10 students . This was building on the skills needed for the World of Work. Employers from all around the county were coming in to work with our students. Unfortunately the snow beat us but the day will be rearranged.
- The School Council have been busy with initial consultation about the new Academy proposals. The Council will continue to have a say on new developments.
- We have also been invited to take part in the 11 Million Project. We were asked to look at why Young People are portrayed negatively in the media. We have been working on lots of ideas and will be reporting back our findings to an invited audience of VIP s on February 11<sup>th</sup> at St Richards School in Bexhill. Report to follow.
- Alongside all these projects we are also involved in Local Charities like Love in a Box and Macmillan Cancer Charities. Development of Nurture groups, Anti -Bullying Week and Get Smart Week.

This terms units for P.S.H.E.E will be;

- Year 8- Sex and Relationships
- Year 9- Careers and Work Related Learning
- Year 10- Sex and Relationships
- Year 11- Sex and Relationships

If you have any questions you would like to ask me about the curriculum or any other project we are involved in please contact me at the College.

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# MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

**SPANISH** - Week commencing 11th January, 2010



## YEAR 8

empieza  
luego

empiezan  
tenemos

termina  
el recreo

terminan  
asignatura

después  
deberes

## YEAR 9

me duele(n)  
catarro

te duele(n)  
gripe

le duele(n)  
una insolación

fiebre  
una picadura

tos  
diarrea

# MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

FRENCH - Week commencing 11th January, 2010



## YEAR 7

une cave  
une cuisine

une salle de bains  
un jardin

une chambre  
une entrée.

un garage  
une salle à manger

un salon

## YEAR 8

jouer  
danser

mettre  
regarder

aller  
manger

sortir  
écouter

faire  
boire

## YEAR 9

c'est  
noire  
il s'appelle

de  
noirs

à  
noires

noir  
Je m'appelle