

E.T.C. Newsletter

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At a meeting of the Extended Schools group on Tuesday evening, we discussed what services are being provided for the community of Hampden Park. These include services for young people as well as facilities that we can offer for parents.

As a result of this meeting, it was decided that we will produce a monthly report in the newsletter of any activities that will be available in this area for parents and young people in the month to come. We would also like to know if there are parents with their own special interests who would like to volunteer to work with students in out of hours clubs. The College would be able to help arrange Criminal Record Bureau checks and can pass on the information gathered to other residents and this will help with young people having more things to do outside the school day.

If you have any interest that might fit this idea (anything from art to knitting to judo to reading to dancing etc.) please can you contact Ms Ashleigh Pugh at ETC? Ashleigh is the College's Out of Hours Coordinator and also works in the Performing Arts Faculty.

I have also now counted up all the replies from parents on the changes to the school uniform for next year. There was a big majority supporting the change in next year's Year 8 and 9, about equal on both sides for Year 10 and most of Year 11 wanting to keep the uniform the same.

We will therefore launch the new uniform (blazer, shirt and tie) for all students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) from September 2009. Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) will stay in the black sweatshirts and white polo shirts in September.

In the following year (September 2010), the blazers will be for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, and only Year 11 will have the sweatshirts and polo shirts.

Until the end of this school year, we will expect students to wear the correct current uniform and will be sending home those who do not have the correct clothing, so please use the Easter break to ensure that your children have the correct clothing to wear from the new term on 20th April 2009.

I wish you all a restful holiday and would like to remind the Year 11 students that they will need to be planning their final revision, so that their rest begins properly at the end of the examinations and the School Prom at the end of June.

Thank you,

Keith Pailthorpe

Y7 P.E. ENRICHMENT DAY

On Tuesday 31st March 12 of our Y 7 Gifted and Talented P.E. students went to Brighton University to experience some challenging P.E. activities.

The students were selected because of their talents in one or more of this list of abilities; physical skills, creativity, social interaction, personal ability and cognitive thinking skills.

Our students were divided into 5 groups depending on their ability and were joined with students from 7 other secondary schools. The mixing aspect of working with peers from other schools and making new friends was worthwhile in itself.

All the students moved round the fantastic sports facilities of this P.E. Teacher training university taking part in activities aimed at developing their ability. The physical development was through speed agility and quickness multi skills tasks. The creativity was through a dance workshop. The social ability was encouraged through team building and trust exercises. The personal challenges included a climbing wall, tri- golf, kurling and a timed sprint the cognitive aspect was delivered through a new game called rocketball.

All our students performed exceptionally and mixed well with the other schools. A special mention should go to Jade (Tiger) French who showed the most natural ability at golf and also managed to traverse the climbing wall with ease.

Well done to all those listed below who represented the school and who could be invited back in future years if they maintain their enthusiasm and good behaviour in P.E. lessons.

Photos of the day are on the school website.

Mr. Ellis (School Sports Co-ordinator)

Lee Schooling
Alfie Dunn
Aaron Saunders
Cane Stockton
Josh Coney
Matt Castle
Toby Ekroth-Smith
Lauren Morris
Emily Crouch
Fabiana Caires
Abbie Corke
Jade French

YEAR 11 MOCK TIMETABLE**ENGLISH & MATHS RESITS/NEW ENTRIES - ENGLISH LITERATURE - MATHS STATISTICS**

DAY/DATE	8.40	Duration	Venue	11.20	Duration	Venue
Monday 20th April	Mathematics - not College Students	105 Mins	Hall (Higher Rm18)			
Tuesday 21st April	English Paper 1 Re-sits & New Entries	105 Mins	Hall	English Literature	105 Mins	Hall
Wednesday 22nd April	Statistics & College Students Mathematics	105 Mins	Hall			
Thursday 23rd April	English Paper 2 Re-sits & New Entries	105 Mins	Hall			

Bugsy Rehearsals

This week saw an exciting re-call for five super-talented girls: Anastasia Sutton-D, Sophie Hollands, Demi Atwal, Claire Strudwick and Heather Pegley all vying for just two, top female roles: Blousey and Tallulah, in the forthcoming prestigious ETC production of 'BUGSY Jnr.'

Nerves were fraying and tensions were running high in the music room as, one by one, the girls (ably assisted by Bugsy - aka Kieran Farnes), acted out a snippet of the script. The audience - small, select - but ultimately made up of the competition - cheered on the five girls as they acted out the part of Blousey.

Demi was first to demonstrate her star quality as she wowed the crowd with her broody performance of a sulky Blousey. The girls each followed in quick succession with Annie's stunning American accent delivered with passion, impressing the onlookers. Sophie kept us spellbound with a convincing broken hearted Blousey. Steven Spielberg himself would have had the devil's own job in choosing which of the girls should be given the roles.

Next hurdle was the singing: Mr Somerville on piano, Kieran on guitar, a host of angelic voices filling the room. It was practically a concert - (Watch out Tendai!) But in the true tradition of show business, the girls each conquered their fears and nerves to ensure that 'the show did go on.' And what a show it was: Claire's remarkable voice captivating the crowd, hitting the notes with strength and conviction; Heather battling fiercely with the effects of a throat infection, charmed our ears with a graceful (and hoarse-free) treat.

Finally, the selection time had come. In a top secret conference lasting over an hour, Mrs Knapp and Mr Somerville, conferring over the finest of details of each and every aspect of the performances, finally came to a consensus. The choice was not an easy one, as all of the performances were so wonderfully inspired, however a choice had to be made: Tallulah: Annie, Blousey: Heather.

Congratulations to all of the girls taking part. I was totally 'blown away' at the wealth of talent we have here at ETC.

Watch this space for more exciting news as the rehearsals progress. Tantrums, tiaras and tears; stars, splurge and sackings! All the juicy gossip of the drama, both in front of and behind, the scenes.

Mrs Knapp