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Hazelwick School Newsletter

November 2012

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 3 Dec:
INSET day - school closed
for all students

Wed 5 Dec:
Christmas Carol Concert,
St Nicholas's Church,
Worth, 7.00pm

Mon 10 - Fri 21 Dec:
Year 11, GCSE mock
examinations

Tues 11 Dec:
Year 12, Parents' Evening,
4.30pm-7.30pm

Thur 13 Dec:
Year 7, Student Review Day

Fri 14 Dec:
Year 12/13, Festive Friday

Headlines

Ms A Fearon, Headteacher

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the autumn term. There are many activities planned for the next three weeks, including the Christmas Carol Concert at St Nicholas' Church, Worth next Wednesday, Festive Friday, raising money for charity, Sixth Form and staff Karaoke, the trip to the Christmas Market in Aachen and Christmas lunch in the canteen - all of which will lend a festive atmosphere to our school. We will also ensure that the quality of teaching continues to be high, enabling our students to be learning and making progress in lessons right through to the end of term.

I would like to thank those parents who have contacted the school to give feedback about the changes that we have made to the structure of the school day. I am delighted that the new timings have been received so favourably by parents, students and staff. The shortened lunch break is working very well and all appreciate the earlier finish to the day, allowing after-school meetings and revision sessions for students and extra-curricular clubs and activities to start at 3.30pm, rather than at 4.00pm, as under the previous structure. Students have also been able to walk home in daylight and parents have been extremely positive about this.

If any parents or carer would like to have a discussion with me about any school-related subject, I am offering two drop-in sessions in January. The first of these will be on Friday 18 January from 1.15pm-2.30pm and the second on Friday 28 January from 4.30pm-7.00pm. If you would like a definite, timed appointment, please contact the school and ask to speak to my PA, Mrs West, who will be happy to arrange this for you.

A snapshot of this term



Year 13 Drama Performance



Ready, Steady, Cook!

*Children in Need
Fundraiser*



*Year 7 'Congratulations'
breakfast*



SuperForm!

November Reflection:



"Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding."

Albert Einstein

A Date for the Diary!

You are warmly invited to join the Hazelwick Music Department for our annual Christmas Carol Concert on Wednesday 5 December at 7pm. We will be performing at St Nicholas's Church in the heart of Worth. This Saxon church, believed to date from A.D. 950, is a very special venue and we look forward to the opportunity of performing there for you.

Miss Patey



Arkwright Scholarship

Congratulations to Jhimi Sherpa for being awarded the Arkwright Scholarship, for the second year! The Arkwright Scholarship is a prestigious award for Engineering prowess. Jhimi was nominated by his Technology teachers and he has undertaken a variety of exams and worked through a competitive series of assessments and interviews to be awarded the scholarship. Jhimi has been selected from over 3000 student candidates from across the UK and Hazelwick is very proud of his achievement. The scholarship has offered Jhimi funding to aid his studies at Hazelwick and has provided him with opportunities to visit the top universities in regards to Engineering, as well as industry links to help him further his prospective career.



Year 12 - Design Week at Brighton University

A group of Year 12 BTEC students specialising in 3D Design recently attended a three-day Design Week at Brighton University. They were assigned the brief of designing and prototyping a small-scale model of a footbridge for a given site location. Students worked alongside Architecture undergraduates attending lectures, designing and building an iconic and innovative design, which was then formally presented to senior lecturers and an architectural company. The students were very professional throughout the week and some have now decided to follow a career path in Architecture!



Hazelwick Bake Off

For the second year in succession, the Food Technology Department has organised the "Great British Hazelwick Bake Off". All Year 9 classes took part and students were asked to use their creative skills to produce an imaginative and original cup cake. The results were excellent and the three judges, Mrs Truesdale, Miss Mahon and Miss Maides, were delighted with the standard of work produced by all students.

The winners are:

Cheyenne O'Dell for her very creative Alice in Wonderland cakes.
Rania Beni-Ich for her imaginative use of ingredients and excellent piping techniques.
Joshua Heasman for his brilliant pumpkin cakes for Halloween.

Thank you, Year 9, for some fantastic work!

Mrs Truesdale



The winning cup cakes



Year 9 trip to Vimy Ridge and Wellington Quarry

A group of Year 9 students had the opportunity to revisit the trenches of World War One in northern France last month. The History Department took 80 students over two days to walk around the trenches of Vimy Ridge and to explore Wellington Quarry - a 17th century quarry where New Zealand troops were stationed before the battle of Arras in 1917. The guide showed the students how the leaky quarry was seen to be luxurious compared to the mud of the Western Front and she could even show us some of the graffiti that the soldiers had left behind. In the afternoon, there was time to visit a World War One cemetery - which brought the reality of the 20 million deaths in the war home. There was also time to visit the beautiful town of Arras and do some shopping, whilst honing our French conversational skills. Both the History and French departments would like to thank the Year 9s for their exemplary behaviour whilst on the trip.

Mrs Barton

WWI War Trenches
at Vimy Ridge

Canadian WWI Memorial at Vimy Ridge

A New Initiative: Young Interpreters Scheme

Nineteen students in Years 8-11 have qualified as young interpreters, after receiving four training sessions. The students have been highly motivated and have shown a good understanding of the qualities and skills required in order to be a good interpreter. The interpreters might be called upon, for example, to show a parent around the school, or to be a 'buddy' to a new student, whose first language is not English. Students will not be asked to interpret in confidential situations.

If parents or carers would like a young interpreter to be available to them on a visit to school or at a Parents' Information Evening, please contact Ms Vevers at school (mvevers@hazelwick.w-sussex.sch.uk).



Hazelwick's Young Interpreters

Improving results, raising standards

SAM Learning

At Hazelwick, we are always looking for ways to extend our students' learning. Part of our improvement programme involves the use of SAM Learning, a unique online service that covers most subjects. SAM Learning has a proven track record; studies have shown that using the service leads to better exam results. We hope that you will talk to your child about SAM Learning and encourage him/her to use it as part of their preparation for the Year 11 Mocks. Through SAM Learning, your child has access to a wide range of interactive revision tasks and exam-style questions, in many cases tailored to specific exam boards. Feedback is instant: revision activities are marked as they are completed and detailed mark schemes are provided to exam questions.



Access details:

Students are able to access the service at anytime and anywhere. It is available to them in school, but also at home, in the library and community centre. All they need to do is visit the website and enter their unique login details.

Website address: www.samlearning.com

Centre ID: RH10HS

User ID: Date of birth followed by two initials: first name then last name.

Example: 010896DJ is the User ID for David Jones born 1st Aug 1996.

Password: Initially, same as the User ID; students are encouraged to change this to something difficult to guess.

We are currently running a competition to promote the use of SAM Learning amongst our Year 11 students. The five students who clock up the most revision time on Sam Learning between now and the end of the exam period will each receive a £10 voucher.

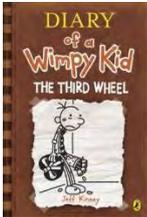
We hope that your child is able to take full advantage of SAM Learning and thank you in advance for supporting this initiative.

Michelle Zeidler
Head of Teaching and Learning



Read On!

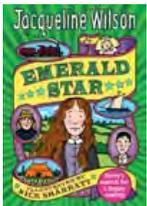
For this month, I have chosen to focus on books that would make ideal Christmas presents and 'good reads' for students to read over the holidays.



The Third Wheel by Jeff Kinney

This is book seven in the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series and love is in the air. Greg Heffley needs to find a date for the school's Valentine's Day dance and fast! Jeff Kinney's stories are laugh out loud reads and this one is just as funny as the others in the series. The cartoon illustrations and humour make this title an ideal gift for even the most reluctant of readers.

(Reading age: 8 to 10/ Interest age: 8 to 12)



Emerald Star by Jacqueline Wilson

This is the final title in the Hetty Feather historical trilogy. Set in Victorian times, the story follows Hetty's adventures as she leaves the Foundling Hospital in search of her father. To really enjoy Wilson's characterisation of Hetty, I think you will need to read the other titles in the trilogy first—Hetty Feather and Sapphire Battersea.

(Reading age: 9 to 11/ Interest age: 9 to 13)



Zom-B by Darren Shan

The king of vampires and demons finally turns his attention to zombies! Zom-B is the first of twelve titles in the series and follows the adventures of B Smith. Due to the graphic zombie action sequences, this story is not for the faint-hearted, however; fans of Darren Shan would expect nothing less from the 'master of horror'. There are a couple of really good twists in the plot which I really enjoyed.

(Reading age: 11 to 12/ Interest age: 11 to 16)



Brazil by Michael Palin

'Brazil' is the book that accompanies the current BBC television programme. Travel with Michael as he journeys to the Venezuelan border, explores the forests of the Lost World and ends at the border with Uruguay and the spectacular Iguacu Falls.



Guinness World Records 2013

This is a Christmas holiday must-have and is the book to keep family members of all ages entertained over the holidays.



Bond On Bond by Roger Moore

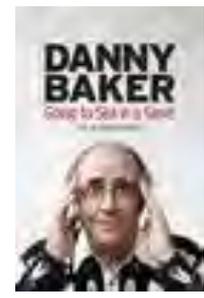
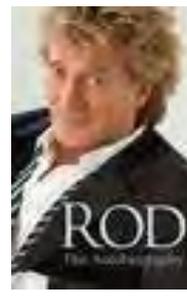
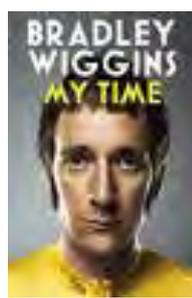
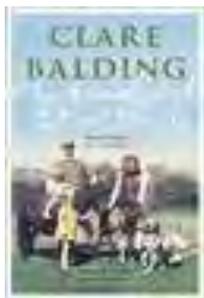
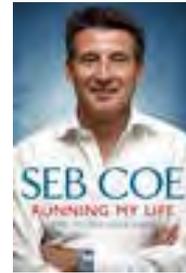
Written by Roger Moore to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Bond films, this book is must-have for any Bond fan! All the movies are featured and Moore discusses his own involvement with the films with wit and affection. The book is beautifully illustrated and includes some previously unseen shots.

Continued overleaf...



This is also the time of year when the celebrity autobiography hits the shelves. These are titles that I think may top the Christmas book charts!

Going to Sea in a Sieve: The Autobiography by Danny Baker
 My Animals and Other Family by Clare Balding
 Running My Life - the autobiography by Seb Coe
 Cheryl: My Story by Cheryl Cole
 Unbelievable by Jessica Ennis
 Is It Just Me? by Miranda Hart
 Rod: The Autobiography by Rod Stewart
 My Time by Bradley Wiggins



Don't know what to do with the new books you have been given for Christmas once you have read them? Please donate them to the school library, especially adult fiction and biographies!

Happy reading!
 Mrs Thornton

Hazelwick's Got Talent!

Budding author Ella Barton in Year 10 has written and published a book of short stories, the proceeds of which will support the work of the Cats' Protection League. Ella hopes to go on to write many more books and we wish her every success. Hazelwick is very proud of you, Ella!

Parent Forum Group

- At Parent Forum meetings, issues related to the school are discussed informally with other parents. Meetings are held once every term, on a weekday evening, and are chaired by Mr Ritchings, Head of Key Stage 4. If you are interested in joining the Parent Forum Group, or would like any further information, please contact Mrs Wainwright at mwainwright1@hazelwick.w-sussex.sch.uk



Year 7 Fundraisers

Students in Form 7.06 have raised £51 for Children in Need by taking part in two recent bake sales. The excellent results were all their own work - with just a little help from Miss Patey!



Sport

Children in Need - Fun Run



On Friday 16 November, over 100 pupils from Years 7 to 11 participated in a fun run for Children in Need. They were sponsored to see how many laps they could complete in 25 minutes. Hopefully, we'll have a total for the next newsletter! Well done to everyone involved!

Mrs Reynolds



Holly Talbut Smith 11.56

At the end of last year Holly was selected to play Football for Sussex U16s. Last Saturday, Holly had her first game and Sussex beat Surrey 8-0 in both the Cup and League. Well done, Holly, and good luck for the rest of the season!



Laura Szczegolska 8.102

At the end of last year, Laura was selected to play Football for Sussex U14s. Since September, they have had two games. They lost to Kent in a friendly and beat Surrey 5-0 in a League match. Well done, Laura, and good luck for the rest of the season!



Dom Stowell 7.06

At the weekend, Dom Stowell was selected to be in the Sussex Hockey U12 squad. We wish him luck for the season.



Jack (10.45) and George (8.39) Jarvis

Jack and George are currently competing for England in the World Amateur Thai-Boxing games. This tournament is being held from 12-26 November. We wish them good luck and look forward to hearing how they have got on when they return to school.



Charlie Hilton 7.11

Charlie is a very successful Golfer, still only aged 11, and he has been chosen to represent Sussex U14s. His next competition is in January. The squad will be training hard to get ready for this. Well done, Charlie!

Luke Elliman 9.18

On 21 October, Luke represented Sussex at the British Gas National Inter-County Swimming Championships at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. There were 39 counties, split into Division 1 and Division 2, all competing with each other in their respective divisions. Sussex competed in Division 2. During this event, Luke competed in the 100 Fly, 100 Free, 50m Medley Relay and 50m Freestyle Relay. His time in the 100 Fly has enabled him to qualify to compete for the South-East. Overall, Sussex came third and have been promoted to Division 1. Well done, Luke, for your continued success and hard work!



Results:

Girls

Football

U13 Community Cup
6-a-Side A Team:
Won 3-0 ICC B
Won ICC A 2-0
Won TBCC A 2-0

North Sussex League:
U16 won 3-0 TBCC
U14 won 14-0 Holy Trinity

National Cup:

U13 3-3 with St Martin's School (London) at end of extra time and then lost 2-3 on penalties
U16 lost 2-6 to Queens School (Watford) in the fourth round

Netball

Year 9:

Won 9-3 Ifield
Lost 3-8 Oriel

Year 10:

Won 6-0 Ifield
Lost 4-8 Oriel
Lost 4-8 Holy Trinity

Boys

Football

County Cup:
U14 won 2-1 Tanbridge
U13 won 12-0 Bexhill

Crawley League:

U12 won 7-0 Oriel

County Cup:

U12 won 6-1 Steyning

Sport (continued)

Visit by GB Athlete

Hazelwick recently hosted Jo Rowland, a GB Heptathlete, who came to meet our 'Talented Athlete' students. In this session, our athletes had a chance to find out what it takes to become an elite athlete and what sacrifices Jo has had to make to achieve her goal. It was very interesting to see how much training she is currently doing, as she tries to qualify for the Rio Olympics.



Jo Rowland and Hazelwick students from the 'Talented Athlete Programme'

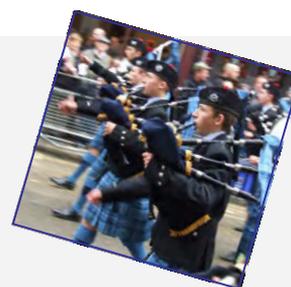
The Lord Mayor's Parade

Josh Sadler in Year 10 and Harry Hobson in Year 12, were both honoured to be members of the Highland Bagpipe and Drum delegation of the National Marching Band of the Air Training Corps and to play in the Lord Mayor's Parade in London this year.

They had previously taken part in a selection weekend for this; Josh was chosen to play the Bagpipes and Harry the Snare Drum.

This televised event has been running since 1535 and is now the biggest civilian march in the world, with more than 6,500 people, 200 horses and 150 floats taking part! It consists of a three-mile march through the City of London from Mansion House to The Royal Courts of Justice.

Both boys enjoyed an amazing day: "It was wonderful to be part of such a great experience!"



Both boys were proud to lead the parade for Remembrance Day in Crawley on Sunday 11th November, where Josh played a solo of Amazing Grace, whilst wreathes were laid.

Photographs courtesy of Mrs Sadler

STOP PRESS: Celebrating Student Success

Having been selected by the Crawley Lions as the local representative, Nusaybah Ahmed has been awarded the Lions Young Ambassador Award for the South East Region of the UK. This scheme recognises the contribution young people make working as volunteers and promotes the charities and volunteer groups with which they are involved. As the winner of this award, Nusaybah receives a bursary to support her chosen charities, Blind Veterans UK (formerly known as St Dunstan's) and Ifield Community Youth Service, and will go on to participate in the National Award next year. Hazelwick is proud of our students' involvement in the community- Well done Nusaybah!

Homework Club

A reminder that Homework Club runs in the Learning Resource Centre, Monday to Thursday, from 3.10pm to 4.30pm, for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to study and, where necessary, to receive support from a team of Teaching Assistants. For further details, please ring Mrs Bending on the school number (extension 2333).

For more details, please see the school website - www.hazelwick.org or contact us on 01293 403344

The majority of the photos featured in this newsletter were taken by Barry Holder and more of his excellent photography can be viewed on the school website.