



News for parents

12 February 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

**Parents'/Carers' Information Evening:
Huntington School Development Plan 2010-2013**

I would like to invite you to a meeting in the main School Hall on Wednesday 24 February 2010 at either 6.30 pm or 8.00 pm to hear our plans for the School for the next three years. We will be making significant changes to the structures of the School, including:

- Improving staff training;
- Increasing our focus upon literacy skills;
- Designing a new curriculum;
- Introducing a new House System.

The changes will mean shortening the length of the school day on alternate Mondays and creating a House system which will make the School feel "smaller" for your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely

John Tomsett
Headteacher

**SCHOOL CLOSSES
FOR HALF TERM ON
FRIDAY 12
FEBRUARY AND
RE-OPENS ON
MONDAY 22
FEBRUARY**

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Careers Fair 2010

Huntington School's annual Careers Fair is a valuable chance for students in Years 10 and above to gain information about the many opportunities available to them after they leave education.

Whether that is after GCSEs, A Levels or university, the companies who were represented on the day gave advice to everyone. Local colleges also attended to advertise their courses for students who wish to further their education somewhere other than at Huntington Sixth Form. Although Huntington students have a two week long work experience placement in Year 10, the Careers Fair offers students information about a variety of job possibilities

including joining the army or becoming a solicitor. The school would like to thank all of the companies for giving up their time and hope the information that they provided helped the students who attended in one way or another.

Lizi Legge

Biology Olympiad

Last week three of Year 13's top Biology A Level students took on the Biology Olympiad challenge. Around 1500 students compete across the UK each year with popularity on a continual increase. The annual competition has been running for the past 14 years and rewards top entrants with medals and certificates. The scheme is aimed at gifted

and talented Biology students in post 16 education and offers a wider syllabus than the Biology A Level. The candidates with the highest scores are put forward to represent the UK in the International Biology Olympiad where students from about 50 countries compete. The first round which our students have just completed is a 50 question multiple choice exam with the highest scoring candidates being invited to the second round from which the final 12 can be determined. The finals will take place in April and include written and practical tests and the students representing the UK in the IBO will be selected. The IBO itself will take place this year in South Korea which would be an incredible opportunity for a Huntington School student. One of the students said: "It was challenging but a good experience." Huntington School is very proud of the students for entering and we wish them luck for their results.

Lizi Legge

Dance Club

Join the club: Open to all students from Years 9 – 13 from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Dance Club is just one of the great activities that students can take part in after school on Thursdays. The club is run by professional dance instructor Becky Goodhall and is open to both boys and girls. The sessions consist of a warm-up session followed by the rehearsal of a group dance routine to music of the moment.

Chris Chadwick

The Freeplay Show

Thursday lunchtime saw the Freeplay show fill the drama studio with laughter as Dom Littler's disciples of improvisation got creative. The show featured so many brilliant scenes such as "Little Voice" which featured Hannah Hunter and Brandon O'Keeffe. The duo improvised a fantastic scene where Brandon was distracted during his typical visit to the shops by the "Little Voice" who turned out to be a potato smile hiding in the freezer— truly bizarre!

All proceeds to the show were donated to the Haiti relief effort and the show was an all round

success. Freeplay is an improvisation club in which all students from Years 9 to 13 can take part. The club runs on Thursdays after school from 3:30pm



until 5.00pm and is a great way to get involved in a school production.

Badminton Club

Join the club: open to all Year 8 and Year 9 students from 3:30pm until 5:00pm

Shuttlecocks are sent flying from racket to racket every Thursday afternoon after school. From 3:30pm until 5.00pm the sports hall is full of enthusiastic badminton players having fun and keeping fit.

The room was buzzing with energy and enjoyment when I went along to investigate last Thursday and it was great to see so many students getting involved.

Chris Chadwick

