

Welcome to our newer version of the Heads' Bulletin. It now contains information from both Headteachers' and will give you an idea of what is happening in both School and College.

As some of you may know, we had two ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) in school last Thursday. They spent the whole day with us observing registrations, talking to pupils in two-year groups, having a tour of the whole school and discussions with both Heads and the Directors. We are very pleased to inform you that following on from last years inspection they felt that the school is now being very well managed and led, and is now in a strong position to move forward. There were a few areas on the last inspection that needed to be addressed and the Inspectors agreed that they had all been rectified and praised the school as a whole for the progress that it had made.

FIRST AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

MISSING UNIFORM

We seem to have a number of items of PE kit missing for several of our pupils. They have probably been taken home by accident - please could you check your son/daughters kit and make sure that you have the correct items. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

HANDBALL COMPETITION

Our first ever Handball Competition is well underway, the current results and house positions are detailed below.

The results put together by Samuel Rigby and Gregory Halliwell are:

Wyburn (1) 8 v Poulton (1) 10

Oxley (1) 14 v Raynor (1) 10

Wyburn (2) 12 v Oxley (2) 12

Poulton (2) 2 v Raynor (2) 12

The numbers in brackets are the team number, either 1 or 2. This leaves the Leaderboard at:

1st Oxley

2nd Raynor

3rd Poulton

4th Wyburn

FIRST SCHOOL TRIP

Year groups Reception to Year 5 visited New China City restaurant in Southport to celebrate the Chinese New Year this week. They all had a brilliant time, experiencing the delights of Chinese food and dragon dancing.

YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 2 presented a wonderful assembly today - they spoke with such confidence. Well done to Class 2, you are little stars!

ISA SENIOR SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday we hosted the North of England ISA Cross Country Tournament, a very busy event with schools from all over the north attending. Our girls managed a brilliant 3rd place overall and three of our runners have made it to the National Finals - congratulations to Valerie in Y8 and Daniel and John in Y11. Thank you to all the parents for your patience with the parking.

PARKING

We really need you support with parking in the two school car parks. We are very aware that at the morning and afternoon collection/drop-off times parking is an issue. However, we would ask you to be considerate about where and how you park. A number of cars are parking over two spaces and this restricts the number of places for other people. The car park directly behind Pear Tree is for staff parking and for dropping off Nursery and Pre-school children ONLY. We would request that if you have children in First, Middle School or College that you use the top car park. The front of school **must not** be used for the 'dropping off' of pupils, unless they are arriving late after registration closes (**8.45am**) or you are collecting pupils during the day for appointments.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

I am currently looking to set up a 'golf team' to participate in the Lancashire Schools' Golf Tournaments. In order to be eligible to play, pupils must be a member of a golf club and have an official handicap. If your son/daughter would be interested, please contact me for further details.

COLLEGE

Assessment Week

This week is assessment week for the College. All students will receive in class tests for all subjects, these grades will be reported on the mid-year reports that will be sent home in February. These reports will include comments from subject teachers.

National Success

D Noble and J Holcroft in Year 11 will be representing the school at the ISA National Cross Country, we are very proud of all of the runners that competed for Scarisbrick Hall. Well done.

Options Update

The options choices programme (Year 8 and 9) is about to commence. Next week letters will be sent home that allow students to indicate subject preferences. These are not the final option choices but they do inform how we will be setting up our option book for the academic year 2012/13

Academic Awards

We strongly believe in celebrating achievement, celebrating subject and merit awards every Friday in assembly. As well as continuing this tradition, we will be introducing two new academic awards:

- Academic Achievement (One student for each year group)
- Academic Effort (One Student for each year group)

These will be awarded after each assessment week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Shaw

Head of College

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Mr A McCoy

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