



The successful students in the space science competition. They are (left to right): Sophie Cordery, Emily Briggs, Rebekah Maultby, Sara Green, Laura Jarvis and Amelia Howlett.

Reaching for the stars

A group of girls were successful in a space science competition run by the Queen Mary University of London.

It used ideas and information from Richard Garriott through My Space web site. They had to combine the theory of space science and think of an imaginative adventure they could have in space. They then had to put that into a creative short film.

The girls spent their dinnertimes putting together the story and dance moves. They mixed and cut the film clips to produce a two-minute film of their adventure. They did really well and succeeded in becoming national finalists in the 14-18 category.

Tremendous effort

I would like to thank parents for their ongoing support throughout the extreme weather.

We know it hasn't been easy for you over the last two weeks coping with the school closure, the terrible road conditions, gridlocked traffic, balancing the needs of home and work and trying to get ready for Christmas!

We aim (weather permitting!) to get back to "normal" and will be enforcing our usual high standards, at the start of the new term. With this in mind, I would ask you to note the following:

- The new term starts for pupils on **WEDNESDAY 5th January**, one day earlier than previously notified, as we aim to catch up some of the time missed this term.
- Pupils should return wearing their normal school shoes and full school uniform.
- The new school badge (provided free of charge to all pupils) should be

proudly displayed on blazers

All pupils are expected to arrive on time and attend regularly.

On other matters, it continues to be an exciting time to be at the school. It was with a great deal of pride that, representing the whole school community, I attended 10 Downing Street at the invitation of the Prime Minister.

I was joined by representatives from other top-performing schools from across the UK.

It was inspirational to hear the Prime Minister say those who had been invited were making a real difference to young people's lives. As a historian, to walk up those stairs and see the portraits of Prime Ministers from Walpole to Blair (Gordon Brown is yet to be put in his place) was an amazing experience.

It was also important to fly the flag for Healing and North East Lincolnshire. It is recognition for what we are doing.

The change to academy status makes us more independent financially and more in control of the curriculum, making a positive difference to our school community.

We have had more success stories this term. I would like to congratulate the teams who did well in the national science competitions; the girls who won the local Engineering and Enterprise Challenge at Grimsby Institute; and the triumphant netball teams.

On behalf of the staff at Healing School, I would like to wish pupils and their families a very happy Christmas and fulfilling New Year.

Ann Addison

Principal

GENERAL

Future editions

Please note that future editions of Hotline, published at the end of every half term, will be on the school's website www.healing-school.co.uk

If you require a hard copy please contact the school office.

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New school badges

School badges will be issued this week (commencing Monday, 13th December) to all pupils. We therefore ask for your support to ensure these are stitched on blazers for the beginning of next term. Thank you.

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'Clarity' revealed

The long-awaited production of drama and dance, 'Masks of Clarity', is scheduled for the evenings of 10th and 11th February 2011 in the New Hall. This features BTEC Performing Arts groups, work from Key Stage 3 Drama Clubs, and showcases our vibrant choreographers and dancers. Tickets from Miss Crosby.



Mrs Addison with the two teams who were successful in a national science competition, winning the school £650 of equipment.

Lights, camera, action

Film-making talent saw students take runners-up spot in a national science competition to win £650 of equipment for the school.

Two teams from the school entered the event, inspired by Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

Year 9 students Tom Jacklin and Ben Fileman each won £30 of gift vouchers and spent a day with a professional camera man from Science TV, in addition to the film equipment prize, after their entry was judged runner-up.

Luke and Jake Jarratt and Daniel Ellis, also in Year 9, were short-listed but did not make the final.

All received bronze CREST (Creativity in Science and Technology) awards from the British Science Association.

They put in a huge amount of effort and used creativity to produce entries to be proud of.

The competition encouraged students aged 11 to 19 to communicate the science behind Darwin's theory using Survival Rivals kits in a creative way.

They contained everything needed to conduct experiments, including spaghetti (for worms) and food colouring to record birds' behaviour.

The teams made short films to explain what they did and highlighted Darwin's theory. The competition was organised through the National History Museum.

SPORT

We are the champions

Congratulations to our year 11 girls' netball team who became Grimsby and District Indoor tournament champions for the fifth successive year.

They beat all the competing schools: Toll Bar, Humberston, Oasis Wintringham, Cleethorpes Academy, Hereford and Whitgift.

Well done to the team who were Sarah Wisher, Lauren Harper, Jessica Billingham, Hollie Birkett, Rosie Kingston, Gemma Wesley, Ashleigh Parker and Bryony Smith.

The year 10 girls also became Grimsby and District Indoor Netball Champions.

They competed against Tollbar, Humberston, Oasis Wintringham, Cleethor-

pes Academy and Whitgift.

Well done to the whole team: Olivia Newell, Rhianna Martin, Fauve Topliss, Lucy Tartellin, Emily Briggs, Carrie Kuok, Molly Shreeve, Abigail Jack and Ellie Tranter.

Year 9 boys' footballers went out of the English Schools' Cup 4-2 after extra time to South Holderness School (Hull). They have, however, made the final of the Grimsby District Cup, beating Wintringham in the semi final. The Year 10 football team was also unlucky, going out of the English Schools 3-2 to Wolfreton School, with their Hull opponents scoring in the last minute. They have a district cup semi final against Clee Academy.

GENERAL

Parents are reminded the school makes arrangements for parents to exercise their statutory right to withdraw their children from sex education.

Please complete and return the slip below to the office if you wish to do this.

I wish to withdraw my child from the sex education programme.

Child's name

Tutor group

Parent's name

Girls engineer great win in technical challenge



A complex task proved no obstacle to our team of seven. Year Eights students Emily Howes, Harriet Nadin, Kayleigh Lamyman, Grace Harrison, Charlotte Pickett, Katie Elwis, Emily Scott and Anna Simons won the annual Engineering and Enterprise Challenge for secondary school girls held at Grimsby Institute.

The 'Salt Mine Challenge' saw pupils designing and making a 'conveyor' and a 'mine shaft lift' to transport salt from a mine face to ground level. Electronic control had to be incorporated and the sales and marketing team had to promote, cost and present their product to a panel of judges. Well done!