



Message from the Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian

This edition of Hotline marks the end of yet another fantastic term - fundraising events, sporting competitions, performing arts activities, awards for teacher training and careers advice, new learning facilities unveiled etc, etc! Above all else, what shines through is that Healing School is full of caring, happy young people who their parents can be really proud of.

Thank you for your on-going support and I wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mrs A Addison



Maisy Carroll, Alexia Koliandris & Georgia Peers who were presented with a letter of appreciation from the Royal British Legion in acknowledgement of their services to the Poppy appeal.

Charity Fundraising

Caring Healing pupils have been very busy this term fundraising for various charities...

Children in Need

In support of Children in Need, the School Council organised a number of events ranging from non-uniform day, sporting activities throughout the week (arranged by Miss Tattersall and her team) and a cake sale (led by Mr Twinning and 3R4). Healing spirit was clearly on display throughout the day's events and we were able to raise £1762.97 for the charity. The School Council would like to thank all the pupils and staff who gave up their time to support these events as well as all who made donations, which will help disadvantaged children across the UK.

It was quite simply heart-warming to see all these groups so devoted to helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Tom Herring Y11



Ciara McFerran (Y8) shows her Pudsey Bear cake, complete with Healing School tie to Mrs Addison.

Operation Christmas Child

Each year, the Healing School Council has supported the Samaritan's Purse charity through their Operation Christmas Child campaign – the largest children's Christmas project in the UK. The project involves filling shoeboxes with various gifts which are then sent to disadvantaged children across Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. This year our pupils gave 122 shoeboxes to the charity, an increase on last year's total which is extremely pleasing considering the current economic climate. A huge thank you to the pupils, their families and Healing School staff for being so charitable and thinking of the less fortunate during this time of year.

Mr L Hirst



Healing's Got Talent

I would like to thank everyone who helped make Healing's Got Talent a success. The comperes were very professional and the Judges made encouraging and supportive comments. Fran McNally and Charlotte Waterman (Year 8 Drama Club) scooped a well deserved first place with their scripted performance 'Itch' All the staff who worked back stage were great and encouraged the pupils to work as a team and share each other's success. Miss Crosby's refreshments were well organised and executed. Mr Crosby and his team did a fab job on the lighting. Well done mentors, these acts were so much better than at the audition stage.

The Premises Staff must also be thanked for being so helpful and supportive as always. It was a fantastic evening and the pupils now want to know when we are doing the next. We raised £359.01 for Clic Sargent—a cancer charity in memory of Emma Smith who sadly passed away earlier this year.

Mrs Ranyard

Cycling Safety

Worryingly, a recent inspection revealed that a number of pupils' cycles were unsafe, several of which had faulty brakes. Pupils are urged to ensure that their bikes are well maintained and to take extra care during the winter months.

Tips for cycling maintenance:

- Both brakes should be working
- Tyres need to be pumped up and wheels shouldn't wobble sideways
- Handlebars and saddles should be straight and tight
- Front and rear reflectors and wheel reflectors should be included
- Both lights should be in working order
- Cycle helmets are strongly recommended.



Stop the Press!

Franklin College Welcomes Healing BTEC Media Students

A group of thirty Year 11 BTEC Media students were given the opportunity to visit Franklin College and participate in a number of workshops organised by the College's Media tutors. The first of these workshops involved creating news stories written for specific audiences in a tabloid or broadsheet style. In the second session their newspaper front pages were completed and printed –off ready for display in the Media classroom at Healing School. More exciting workshops are planned for the future which will involve students shooting and editing their own short films.

Shane Harrison, the Media tutor at Franklin College responsible for organising

the curriculum-enriching experiences said:

I think that the recent liaison activities were extremely important as enrichment for the students. They already have fantastic literacy skills and the journalism workshops gave them the opportunity to demonstrate this in a creative way. I was massively impressed by their ability to produce entertaining news articles under the pressure of a strict deadline. I hope the relationship between Franklin College and Healing will continue for further fun and exciting workshops.

Mr Allenby

Y10 Parent's Evening

Thank you to all 122 sets of parents who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 6th December and to those who completed the questionnaires.

The majority of parents were pleased with all aspects of the evening, but there were a few suggestions for improvements and these will be implemented at future evenings.

The dates of all parents' evenings can be found on the school website under the "Diary" section. All parents who left contact details on the questionnaire have been contacted by Mr Knapton or Mrs Ranyard.

Mr Knapton

What is Behind the Mask?...

Unveil the performing arts potential!

BTEC Performing Arts Year 10 actors are presently embracing exciting, enriching explorations into new performance training territory. This term we have been introduced to the challenging and experimental world of mask theatre, gaining the benefit of visiting practitioners from both *Trestle* and *StrangeFace* Theatre Companies.

We also put on performances of our '20th Century Social Drama' plays in the New Hall on 11th and 12th November. The pupils all enjoyed the buzz of performing to a live audience again which included their parents. The community also got to witness the ever-improving standards of drama at Healing, and also helped raise a figure of £128.74 for 'Children in Need' into the bargain – *brilliant!*

Also in Performing Arts, our two Year 9 groups gained much from their Chorus and Movement workshops, delivered by the talented actor and director Emily Bignall, from *Shooting Fish Theatre Company*.

Alongside the really enthusiastic and emerging talent of the Year 7 Drama Club, they delivered a thought-provoking assembly to Year 11, applying their new drama skills – the Year 11 gave them several rounds of spontaneous applause – *not bad for a Monday morning!*



Gold Standard Award

Recently the Gold standard for Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) was awarded to the Academy by the IAG Group. Healing Academy regards such awards highly and sees it as a positive reflection of the information, advice and guidance that we provide to our pupils within the Academy.

The Academy was reviewed over a period of time and was assessed on nine key criteria. During this process Connexions-Humber ensured that all sources of information were up to date and accessible and that all practitioners worked closely together to provide a high quality service to meet the guidance needs of all of our pupils.

Humber Teaching School

A ground-breaking, regional education partnership has been launched at an inaugural meeting in Healing. Humber Teaching School has been formed by a group of high-performing education establishments, led by Healing School. Healing became one of only 57 secondaries in the country to be given Teaching School status by the Department of Education in September. The Teaching School status is a major policy initiative from Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove, who sees the schools at the forefront of raising standards. The designation entitles Healing to lead the training and professional development for staff.



New Building

Opening of the New Art Room

The new Art room has now been officially opened by the Deputy Mayor Councillor Melanie Dickerson. The new classroom has been constructed to match its next door neighbour, the village's original Wesleyan Chapel. It, records show, was converted and opened in January 1909 as a schoolroom to serve the growing village. Now, just over 100 years later, it is joined by the new room which, architecturally, has aspects that match the chapel.

"The new art room is a terrific addition to the school," said Mrs Addison.

"It provides a wonderful learning environment, combined with the latest technology. It also includes facilities for our digital photography courses which are really popular."



New Art Room opened by Deputy Mayor, Melanie Dickerson above.

Global Entrepreneurship Week Event

inc. represents e-factor's early enterprise initiative which is a youth friendly brand developed to excite students towards enterprise.

A key part of the e-factor initiative is to give students and young people within North East Lincolnshire exciting opportunities to learn about enterprise and develop skills outside of the class room. **inc.** have also been awarded, by Enterprise UK, The Outstanding Impact Award 2010 for Global Entrepreneurship Week Events.

In November Mr Midgley took six Year 9 pupils to the **inc.** Global Entrepreneurship Week Event. The scenario was to develop a business based on a variety of materials and products from Tanzania with a view to give some money back to the suppliers to help them develop further.

The event was held at GIFHE who gave the schools open access to top rate facilities in the new University Centre. Pupils had to manage their time well since they have radio advert, TV advert, logo design and business plan appointments with all the specialists and would not be given a second chance.

One month on from that fantastic day on the evening of the 14th December there was an **inc.** Oscars award event presentation with inspirational guest speakers. The team won 'Best TV advert' and for the second year running won the overall prize of 'Most enterprising team', beating Havelock, Immingham and Tollbar. There was an extra award to be won at the event this year and team member Elli Turner won an award for tenacity, as they said at the presentation 'she would not give up and would not take no for an answer'.

The whole team were excellent and we should be extremely proud that they represent us.

Congratulations to the six pupils who put their enterprising minds to win the top prize;

- Harvey Allenby
- Lee Baume
- Tillie Cook
- Jordan Etheridge
- Lilly Hartley
- Elli Turner



ATTENDANCE - IMPORTANT NOTICE (Particularly for Y10 Pupils)

From September 2012, the school will be forced to curtail the number of leave of absence requests granted because of:

- The introduction of very strict Attendance Regulations by the Department for Education
- The increase of modular GCSE examination courses (where exams are taken at intervals throughout Years 10 and 11) e.g. Science, Technology, History, Geography etc

For clarification, please note the school's policy is as follows:

- **Year 10 – no leave of absence for holiday purposes will be granted commencing September 2012**
- Year 11—no leave of absence for holiday purposes will be granted
- Years 7, 8 & 9 pupils – holiday leave of absence will be reviewed on an individual basis and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances
- Pupils with poor attendance records (below 90%) will **NOT** be granted holiday leave.

We apologise for any inconvenience this causes but obviously we are bound by statutory regulations and we have to fit round the Examination Boards requirements!

Finally, please remember:

10 days is the maximum holiday leave of absence that can be granted and this is at the Principal's discretion

All holiday leave of absence requests need to be accompanied by a letter from the parent's employer confirming the necessity of taking annual leave in term time.

Mrs Croft, Assistant Principal



Y11 Football

The Year 11 boys' football team recently made it through to the last 32 of the 742 schools that started in the English Schools' cup. Mr Norman captures the excitement at Glanford Park ...

If St Lawrence thought that playing at Glanford Park might overwhelm Healing, little did they know that it was going to take more than a stadium to make these cool heads melt. Oliver Kauss again opened the scoring in the first half. This is how it stayed until half time. After the break, St Lawrence came out fighting. Healing's back four fought off a number of attacks. The ball was quickly shipped out wide to Ryan Birkett who beat a number of defenders before crossing into the box. The defenders could not get the ball away and it fell to Alex Starkey who smashed home 2-0. Just when Mr Norman thought he could relax, St Lawrence dug deep and pulled one back to make it 2-1. Was Healing's ice cool temperament going to melt in the last 5 minutes? Not a chance...

Healing's third goal came again from a counter attack : Grantham found Starkey on the right who beat two players before coming inside onto his favoured left foot. From the edge of the box he unleashed a wickedly curling dipping shot that went into the top left corner of the goal giving the keeper no chance. That should have been it but again St Lawrence dug deep and scored. Other sides might have melted but not these ice cool boys! Healing held out and went through as 3-2 winners and into the last 32.

Not only did the boys play fantastic football, they were also a credit to the school off the pitch as well.

Mr Norman



Y11 Football Team

Competition Time!

The school is running a competition for pupils to design two new logos: one for Literacy and one for Numeracy. The logos should reflect something about the aspects involved with Literacy and Numeracy and must be produced on a software package available in school. The closing date is the 6th January and the first prize is a £20 voucher.

Cheerleading Competition Winners!

Well done to the Healing High Flyers Cheerleading squad who performed in the annual Cheerleading competition on Friday 9th December at Wintringham School. All of our hard work, fake tan, and false eye lashes paid off and we came a very impressive 1st and 2nd place out of nine other fantastic teams. We also won two out of the five extra awards for the most impressive lift and the best synchronicity award.

Well done girls
Mrs Yeadon



Coming up in the next half term...

Saturday 7th January—English revision 9:30—12:00
January Exams:

- 10th January English Year 10
- 12th January Biology Year 10
- 13th January Food Technology Year 11 (AM)
- 13th January English Literature Year 11 (PM)
- 16th January French Listening and Reading Year 11
- 17th January History Year 11
- 18th January Chemistry Year 10
- 20th January Physics Year 10 (AM)
- 20th January German Listening and Reading Year 11 (PM)
- 24th January Biology Year 11
- 25th January Electronics Year 11 resits
- 26th January Chemistry Year 11
- 30th January Physics Year 11

Forthcoming Arts' Events

"Book in a Day" project—Ian McMillan and Tony Husband - 16th January (Year 7)
John Hegley poetry workshop 24th February (Year 8)