



## Message from the Head

### 'Time flies when you are enjoying yourself or taking GCSE exams!'

In this edition of Hotline, I hope you will be interested to read about the many extra curricular opportunities which our pupils have excelled in. Of course, Year 11 are in the throes of their GCSE examinations now and we wish them much good luck. They really deserve to be successful as their work ethic and positive attitude are amazing.

Do have an enjoyable half-term break.

Best wishes  
Mrs A Addison



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Leave of Absence requests for family holidays – an important reminder

From September 2010, the school will be forced to curtail the number of leave of absence requests granted because of:

- i. The introduction of very strict Attendance Regulations by the Department for Education
- ii. 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
- iii. The large number of Year 11 pupils taking English and Maths GCSE in November 2010.

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

1. Year 11 pupils – no leave of absence for holiday purposes will be granted
2. Year 10 pupils – holiday leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, providing the dates do NOT clash with an external GCSE examination
3. Years 7, 8 & 9 pupils – holiday leave of absence will be reviewed on an individual basis and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances
4. Pupils with poor attendance records 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:

- i. 10 days is the maximum holiday leave of absence that can be granted and this is at the Headteacher's discretion
- ii. 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.

## E-news....

1. Our SMS text service is now up and running. If you still haven't signed up to this facility, and would like to do so, or wish to know a little more about it, please collect a letter from Pupil Reception or locate a copy on our website.
2. We are still developing our Virtual learning Environment and will update you in the next Hotline.
3. A reminder also that the free computers and broadband offer that we mentioned in the last edition of Hotline is still available. Contact the school (Mr S Crosby) for more information.

## John Teanby Football Tournament

Nine schools attended the Year 7 Football Competition hosted this year by Healing School. The host team had a fantastic tournament and eventually finished 3<sup>rd</sup> after losing out to eventual winners Waltham Tollbar, on penalties in the semi-finals. This was a fantastic performance by the Healing boys. Well done!

## Support your child in Maths event

On Tuesday 27th April, pupils from local primary schools attended an evening of maths. They took part in a variety of maths activities which were thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended. Eleven of our year 10 pupils did an excellent job of helping the primary pupils and their parents. The feedback received was outstanding, and the parents are looking forward to the next event...

Mrs D Portess

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 7th June - Term 6 begins

Thursday 17th June - Languages visits awards presentation

Tuesday 22nd June - Open Evening

Wednesday 30th June - District Sports

Thursday 1st July - Yr11 Prom (Reeds Hotel, Barton)

Monday 5th July - Yr10 Work Experience begins

Wednesday 7th July - N E Lincs Schools' Athletics Championships

Monday 12th July - New Intake Parents Evening

Friday 16th July - Sports Day (Yrs 7, 8 & 9)

Tuesday 20th July - Yr10 Enterprise Day

Wednesday 21st July - Term 6 ends

## KS3 Dance Festival



Well done to all the girls who took part in the inter school dance festival held at Immingham Civic Centre on Wednesday 12th May. The girls performed an exciting routine with excellent timing, impressive lifts and a variety of gymnastic moves. The girls only started Cheer-leading in January 2010 and after hours of lunch time and afterschool practices, their hard work has finally paid off. Out of six schools, Healing achieved 1st place!

## Yr7 Girls Netball

The year 7 Girls became Double Champions last month when they added the title of Grimsby and District Outdoor Netball Champions to their Indoor title, which they won in December. The team remains undefeated all season. Congratulations to the whole squad a fantastic season: Emily Scott, Taya Thompson, Ashton Sixsmith, Ellie Turner, Sophie Coolledge, Megan Hewson, Lilly Cooper, & Emily Lord.



## Poetry Competition

In October 2009 pupils from Healing School were invited to take part in the 'Bust-A-Rhyme' poetry competition organised by Young Writers, an association that works to motivate and inspire pupils to write creatively. For the pupils entering the competition, their mission was to produce a lyrical poem - a short poem that expresses personal feeling. Pupils could write about any subject and in any poetic style or form: the sky was their limit. And our pupils didn't disappoint! The poems produced covered a wide variety of topics from the war in Iraq, to attitudes towards school life and young people and even the silent life of an earthworm. We were elated to hear that nine of our pupils' poems had been selected for publication and would appear in a book showcasing the achievements of other young writers from the area.

Congratulations to Louise Armitage, Charlotte Pickett, Olivia Sullivan, Joshua Wimsey, Nathan & Kieran Sharman, Robert Cooke and Grace McCann and Sophie Swan (who have since left the school) for their fantastic achievement.  
Miss G Woods

## On your Marks, Get Set, Cook!

Year 7 & 8 students were recently treated to a head-to-head cooking challenge, hosted by professional chef Darren Tinkler. Two teams were challenged to produce a healthy, fun meal using the range of ingredients they had been presented with – everything prepared, cooked and attractively served in 15 minutes!

When the time was up the two teams paraded their meals around the hall for all to see, before testers from the audience came out and tasted the two delights.



All staff and students in the hall then voted for who they felt had produced the most appetising and appealing meal – a close call, but in the end it was reds who took the title. This highly successful event was put together in association with Chartwells, the school lunch provider at Healing, with the aim of delivering the importance of a balanced meal and the essentials of healthy eating.

Mrs H Watcham

## Isaac Newton/Galileo

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April year 8 pupils took part in a spectacular performance to enlighten them about Galileo's life and ideas. Actor Peter Joyce told us how Galileo was placed under house arrest for his stubbornness and argumentative qualities and that he was an avid church goer but found it boring at times. This resulted in him 'discovering' the second, a unit of measurement which would help him with his future experiments. His most famous experiment was dropping a range of different sized cannonballs to prove that they would all take the same time to travel to the ground! His experiment succeeded and eventually inspired the Lincolnshire born scientist Sir Isaac Newton to develop his ideas about gravity. The experience was thoroughly enjoyed and was inspirational for the pupils and the supervising teachers.



Written by Sam Gillespie and Abigail Heywood

During the afternoon Peter Joyce brought Sir Isaac Newton to life for pupils from most of our feeder primary schools. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about his life and discoveries. Both sessions were only possible due to the generosity of the Royal Society of Chemistry in sponsoring the event.

Miss N Crosby

More sport reports available on the school website—[www.healingssc.co.uk](http://www.healingssc.co.uk)



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