

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Hotline

Dear Parent/Guardian/Friend of Healing School,

We have just completed our first seven weeks of the 2011/12 academic year and already we have lots of news to share with you! I hope you enjoy reading these articles and in particular, I would like to welcome our Year 7s' mums and dads to Hotline, our parents' newsletter. This group of parents will especially enjoy the article 'Our First Day' where some of our brand new pupils have written about their first days at Healing School.

Thank you, as ever, for your support.

Mrs A Addison
Principal

ROAD SAFETY—Winter Warming!

As pupils are travelling to/from school in the dark, please stress again to your son/daughter the need to be:

- ◆ suitably attired when riding a bike—reflective clothing, cycle helmet, etc
- ◆ extra cautious when crossing roads, even at pelican crossings
- ◆ diligent in going straight to/from school

Special note to parents whose child crosses the road at the Aylesby junction—we have had a complaint from a motorist who was involved in a near miss with one of our pupils. Please, please emphasise again the need for your child to be very conscious of other road users, even when your child may be busy chatting with his/her friends!

Sex Education

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

Attendance Policy

Please see the paragraph below from our attendance policy. Can I re-iterate that holidays are discouraged during term-time and that these can only be granted in exceptional circumstances, at the Principal's discretion.

'New regulations brought in by the DfE require more stringent checks regarding parents who, due to work requirements, can only take holidays during term-time. Therefore, written documentation must now be provided to this effect before we can agree leave of absence. Leave of absence may be granted by the Learning Director on behalf of the Principal, however 10 days holiday is not an entitlement and consequently leave of absence can only be granted in line with current national regulations. A pupil may be granted leave of absence where an application has been made at least two weeks in advance by a parent with whom the child normally resides, or the school considers that leave of absence should be granted due to the special circumstances relating to that application. With effect from September 2010, no pupils in Year 11 will be granted Leave of Absence for family holidays, due to the increasing number of external examinations sat throughout the year by all Year 11 pupils.'

Pupil Premium Monies

A special thank you to those parents of pupils who are in the forces or who are eligible for free school meals—as a result of the information you provided to us, we have received additional funding from the Government. This funding has been used to employ an additional Teaching Assistant in our Learning Support Department. If you think your child may need additional help with learning, please contact Mrs Baxter (SENCO) on Tel (01472) 502437. Thank you again.

Smart Futures

The 'Smart Futures' Programme, in conjunction with HETA, gives 30 Year 9 pupils the opportunity to have hands-on experience to explore an aspect of renewable energy. HETA will be in school on Tuesday 15th November 2011 to hold a workshop and presentation day. This will allow the pupils to work towards the BA Bronze CREST Award and 4 lucky pupils the opportunity to go to Hull University to present their thoughts about the challenges facing the renewable energy industry. These 4 pupils are part of the STEM club and will work towards their Silver BA CREST Award, which is the highest accolade they can achieve in secondary school KS4!

OUR FIRST DAY

My first day at Healing was very fun. I met loads of new, kind friends who were very nice. The older people in the school were very helpful as they helped me. The teachers were very generous. I had a fantastic day. I cant wait for tomorrow. (Leila Ammari 3B1)

My first day at school was fantastic! At first I was worried about friends, strict teachers and...everything! But when I did arrive, the teachers and the Year 8's were very helpful and kind. They were also very helpful with us not knowing where to go! The lessons were easy as we were just learning who the teachers are, where we were sitting and what sort of things we are going to go through in this term. When I look back at my first day, I ask... "why was I worried?" (Megan Underwood 3B2)



Before I went to Healing on my first day I was very worried and I thought I would get lost all the time. When I arrived it was nothing like that, I found my way around using a map and all the teachers were very kind and helpful. As I found out I enjoyed all of my lessons. When it came to lunch I thought I wouldn't like anything but then it turned out to be one of the nicest meals I ever had! After lunch I had French and realised a lot of my friends were in that lesson. I enjoyed my first day at Healing School and couldn't wait for the day ahead of me! (Courtney Leonard 3B3)

Before I came, I was a bit unsure about how the day would go. I loved my English lesson and began to feel a little better about my day. I ate a hot lunch and loved it all - I had pasta and a chocolate pudding—very, very nice. Drama was the lesson I like best, I enjoyed all the games we played - cant wait until the next drama lesson! History was ace. I found my way around the school with help from a few prefects, they were all very nice. By the time I left, I couldn't wait for the next day. (Lucy Howes 3B4)

My first day went well. I thought I might get lost on the way to some lessons but I didn't. I'm also pleased with my teachers so far because they all seem kind and friendly. (Tom Carroll 3G1)

On my first day I was worried that I wouldn't be able to find my way around the school but when our tutors and buddies showed us where to go I felt better about whereabouts to go for my lessons and now I remember most of the way. Now I'm not worrying about anything about school. The things that I enjoyed a lot was trying hot school meals because I never had them before and they were really nice.

(Emily Farrant-Harris 3G2)

The night before I started I was very nervous, I had butterflies. When I first stepped out of the house in my brand new blazer and uniform I felt very smart. When I got to school I was nervous but excited at the same time. When I met my



tutor for the first time I found he is very nice. Overall it was a lovely first day. (Marie Hayward 3G3)

When I walked through the playground towards the 'New Hall' I felt a buzz of excitement go down my spine. It was the first day of Healing Science Academy! First I sat in the hall whilst the Principal welcomed us back and went through the rules of saying "Sir" and "Miss" to teachers. Then we were sent off to our tutor groups to start our lessons. My teacher, Miss Woods, is a very lovely, fun and encouraging teacher. After she showed us around we were sent off to English, lunch, PE and Geography. But then we had to go home and I was looking forward to the next day of School. (Sidney Wright 3G4)

My first day at school was truly remarkable. I enjoyed every single thing, although I was a little nervous at the start. However, as the day went on I felt proud to be at this school. (James Martin 3R1)

My first day at Healing School was very scary. I was nervous and I thought I would get lost. In my tutor I got paired with a buddy called Matthew, he showed me where to go and I suddenly felt reassured. First we went to PE and we talked about what we were going to do and I thought it sounded very exciting! I definitely enjoyed my first day at Healing School. (Abigail Randell 3R2)

All summer I was anxious to start secondary school! As I was walking down to the bus stop with my friends, we were all nervous. We thought we might get bullied, told off by teachers and not like the food. But when we arrived at school all my worries disappeared! In reality, it wasn't as bad as I thought, in fact it was brilliant. We didn't get bullied, we didn't get told off and I really enjoyed the food! At the end of the day I felt relieved, excited and very much looking forward to the next day. I think I am going to enjoy my time at Healing School. (Annabelle Devaney 3R3)



My first impression of Healing School—I thought "Wow". I walked through the playground thinking to myself "deep breath". I came into my tutor room and saw my tutor, I was worried what he would be like and he turned out to be nice and I felt like I didn't have to be worried about starting secondary school at all. I met up with my Y8 buddy, Emily. She helped me a lot, she showed me my classrooms, the lunch hall and where I could top-up my dinner money. Now I know that I can count on Emily whenever I'm stuck, worried or unsure about anything. (Emelea Dixon 3R4)

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Zoolab

On Friday 7th October, pupils from each year group enjoyed a presentation by members of the ZooLab company, an organisation that promotes learning through practical demonstration. The exciting activity involved a close-up look at some extraordinary animals. Mr Lambie commented: "For lower years in particular, this program has heavy links to our work regarding classification."

The presentation seen by our reporters focused heavily on the classification. The 'guests' were well received by pupils, with only a few individuals allowing their phobias to get the better of them, with the tarantula causing the largest stir!

Being a snake owner, Mr Lambie's favourite by far was the corn snake whilst the rats appeared to attract the most favourable reaction amongst the pupils.

Pupil reaction was very positive. Shannon Anderson rated the ZooLab program as ten out of ten and the suitably satisfied Cauren Webb gave the experience a nine out of ten.

Thomas Herring



Year 10 PSICHE

This half term Year 10 have been looking at the topic of Managing Social Relations. In particular they have been looking at positive and negative behaviour in social situations. Students were asked to design two i-Phone Apps to show how, in schools, positive behaviour can be used and how negative behaviour can be prevented. Students' ideas included a new reward system, more school trips and a new house system. Here are some of the students displaying their Apps.

Mr McCrae



Y10 Geography Trip

On Friday 30th September, 131 Y10 GCSE Geography pupils went to Lincoln to collect data for their controlled assessment. It was very hot but the students enjoyed the day, especially walking up Steep Hill. A member of the public commented how well behaved the pupils were and that they are a credit to both themselves and the school.

The Geography Department



School Council

The School Council has started meeting again, with representatives from Y8, Y9, Y10 & Y11. The School Council does make a difference to how the school works:

All of the pupil toilets around school either have been, or are in the process of being completely refurbished. The new art room has been built, allowing more students to choose art as an option. We also meet with the school meals provider and after our last meeting 'grab a bags' and salad bars have now been introduced. We also helped in the design of the new school ties and blazer badges. At the moment, the School Council is preparing for Children in Need which has been designated as a non-uniform day and also for Operation Christmas Child. The School Council is working hard to improve the school for everyone.

William Sellers
Secretary of the School Council

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Three Cheers for Healing School Cheerleaders

Well done to all the girls who performed in The Inter-School Dance Competition on Wednesday 20th July. The Junior High Flyers achieved a fantastic top 3rd position out of ten outstanding teams from local schools. The girls performed in Black and Gold Specialist Cheerleading kit all the way from America and with Gold pom poms which were sponsored by Healing Parish Council.

The squad has recently been on a school trip to watch the National School Championships in Manchester which demonstrated some high level cheerleading. This has now motivated the girls to work even harder and their aim is to compete at the Championships next year.

Mrs Yeadon



Y8 & 9 Boys Football

The year 8 and 9 football teams have got off to an unbeaten start this season. The year 9's have picked up league victories over Wintringham and Ormiston Maritime Academy, whilst also securing a safe passage into the 2nd round of English Schools Cup with a 7-3 win over Malet Lambert School of Hull. The year 8s have also beaten Wintringham and Ormiston Maritime Academy in the league and beat Havelock in the 1st round of the English Schools Cup.

U16 Girls English Schools Football Cup

The year 10 & 11 girls have won through to the second round of the English Schools Football Competition in an awesome game by beating Archbishop Sentamu Academy 7 – 1. Goals coming from Cauren Webb x2, Emily Rose Young x2, Holly Smith, Louise Armitage and Ellie O'Connor. The girls now travel away to George Pindar School in Scarborough.

Well done to the whole squad:

Olivia Newell (captain), Cauren Webb, Emily Rose Young, Holly Smith, Louise Armitage, Ellie O'Connor, Lauren Scott, Abigail Jack, Natasha Harrianto, Page Usher, Belle Rimmer, Francesca Clark and Beth Laws.

U14 Grimsby & District Netball Champions

The year 9 Netball team played in the Grimsby and District Netball Tournament on Thursday 15th September at Toll Bar school. The girls played some excellent Netball beating all the schools taking part; Humberston, Havelock, Toll Bar, Oasis Wintringham and Cleethorpes Academy. This means the girls have now won through to the English Schools' County Netball Tournament on Saturday 12th November in Lincoln.

Well done to the whole squad;

Ellie Turner (Captain), Lily Cooper, Taya Thompson, Ashton Sixsmith, Melanie Taylor, Megan Henson, Sophie Coolledge, Chelsey Ammari, Emily Lord, Harriet Nadin



Tammy is a Gold Ambassador for Sport in NE Lincolnshire

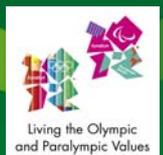
Tammy Spencer, in Year 11, has been selected as a Gold Ambassador for the North East Lincolnshire School Sports Partnership. For the last year Tammy, along with Jennifer Bates, has been an adiStar Ambassador for the school. They have both helped at Primary School festivals where they made welcoming speeches.

Tammy then went on to achieve qualifications in the following : Foundation Umpire Award – Hockey, Young/ Beginner Umpire Award – Netball, Young Netball Organiser Award and 4 Hour Emergency First Aid.

Tammy plays in almost all the school teams, for her age group, and also plays in a local ladies' hockey team. It is because of this dedication to sport that Tammy has been selected as a Gold Ambassador.

As a Gold Ambassador, Tammy's first challenge will be about increasing the amount of participation for other young people in sport and physical activity and promoting healthy active lifestyles. However, in order to give her some initial ideas and inspiration, Tammy has been invited to attend a Young Ambassador Conference which is being held at York Racecourse. At the conference she will spend time working with Olympians and Paralympians exploring the role of a Young Ambassador, as well as spending time with current Young Ambassadors, learning about their experiences of the role. Tammy will also be presented with Adidas kit to identify her as a Gold Ambassador.

We wish Tammy all the best in her exciting role as Gold Ambassador, in the forthcoming year.



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