

BEBINGTON HIGH SPORTS COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents and Students
December 2010



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Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are again at the end of yet another busy and successful term and moving towards Christmas. The year started with our open evening in September, we received very positive comments from prospective parents with regard to our outstanding examination successes, which place us in the top four schools in Wirral and top 20% of schools nationwide at GCSE. Our success rate at Sixth Form also places Bebington High Sports College high up in the league tables in Wirral. We have done so well this year that the Department for Education National Strategies team has visited to discuss our strategies that raise achievement so that they can be shown to other schools. This level of success at our school is the result of a number of years of hard work by all the staff. Following on from our outstanding examination results last year we held superb celebration evening. This year we changed the format of the evening, very similar to an Oscar night, which proved to be highly entertaining and successful. Four speakers MP Alison McGovern, Lee Charles, Isla Parry and Bill Connolly gave entertaining and informative talks which were very much appreciated.

We have held a number of extra-curricular trips but in particular all Year 7 visiting Leeds Armoury as part of the leading edge curriculum REAL. Out of school visits are key to our students wider educational understanding as well as having a 'day out', which brings me to our drama production this year 'Bebs Day out' held in mid December. I would like to thank Miss McGough and all staff involved in this highly successful production.

Our Trust status is moving on a pace with excellent projects with Tranmere Rovers Football Club, Liverpool John Moore University and the Co-operative. Students have visited the Liverpool John Moore University, and Edge Hill, whilst Tranmere Rovers Football Club continue to support our Playing for Success literacy programme. Enterprise events have been held for full days or in form time with our very own Dragon's Den to develop Co-operative businesses.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Mr Brian Jordan
Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Tuesday | 04 January | Re-Open |
| Friday | 18 February | Closed for Half Term |
| Monday | 28 February | Re-Open |
| Thursday | 24 March | Inset-Closed for students |
| Friday | 15 April | Closed |
| Tuesday | 03 May | Re-Open |
| Friday | 27 May | Closed for Half Term |
| Monday | 06 June | Re-Open |
| Friday | 22 July | Closed for Summer |

"At all levels of leadership, teamwork is of the essence and the Headteacher, ably supported by a talented and committed senior team, works tirelessly to drive ambition and to raise the aspirations of staff and students alike".

(OFSTED April 2010)



Bebington High Sports College Co-operative Community Trust

Celebration of Achievement Award Ceremony

Students, parents and teachers came together to experience Bebington High Sports College's 'Celebration of Achievement' awards evening on Thursday 30th September. It was a night to remember for all who attended, with over 50 awards on the night, marking the successes of the students across the board from academia to sport, community and the arts.

A number of prestigious guests shared in the excitement of the evening, including representatives from our five trust partners of the school, namely Barnardos, The Co-operative Trust, Liverpool John Moores University, Merseyside Sport Partnership and Tranmere Rovers. Furthermore four guest speakers, Bill Connolly (Chief Executive from Royal Liver), Ilsa Parry (winner of Design for Life), Lee Charles, (current World Kick Boxing Champion & Liverpool Echo's Pride of Merseyside award winner) and Alison McGovern (Member of Parliament for Wirral South and private secretary to Gordon Brown) gave motivational talks to the students about achieving one's goals in life before presenting the deserving winners of each category with their engraved awards.



The atmosphere throughout the evening was electric, with the video and audio clips bringing to life the subject departments and the lighting and sound system creating a 'state of the art' setting. Whistles and cheers filled the hall as the award winners were announced and the students climbed the steps to the stage to be greeted by our prestigious guests.

Past Poets

Future Voices' Competition Winners

Bebington High Sports College are proud to have submitted some of our students' work for the 'Past Poets – Future Voices' Competition.

Twenty four of our students had their poems selected for publication on the basis on perception, imagination, expression, good use of language and interpretation of poetry. The 'spirit' of the poem was also taken into account along with the poets' age.



The students' poems have been printed in a softback glossy book called 'Past Poets – Future Voices Northern England', which will be stored in libraries across the UK and Republic of Ireland providing a lasting record of their achievement. During lessons the students had discussed different types of poetry and taking this into account chose their own style of poetry to write about. All the students who had their poems selected for publication were extremely pleased at the outcome and excited that their hard work had been acknowledged.

During the evening two great dance sequences took place, one was performed by the GCSE dance group, in full 70's costume, with a piece entitled 'Celebration', which had everyone clapping and singing along.

Some of the award recipients had overcome personal difficulties, some had achieved outstanding results whilst all had achieved great success and were worthy of the congratulations and praise. The awards gave Bebington High Sports College the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of its students and it was wonderful to see local celebrities taking the time to celebrate and mark the occasion with their presence.

Following the event the guest speakers posed for pictures, signed autographs and stayed to speak with the students, parents and staff; our GCSE catering students served a variety of tasty, well presented canapés and refreshments that they had prepared.

Everyone concerned put in so much effort into the event which was a great success; as one parent stated in a letter to the headteacher, "The entire evening demonstrated the level of commitment that staff & students give to the school.

The school & everything achieved within it, is a credit to you all".



Children in Need

This year students from Bebington High Sports College decided to join forces to raise money for Children in Need.

Three students from Year 11, Hannah Doran, Charlotte Davies and Alisha Pritchard arranged decided to organise for Children in Needs 'Pudsey Bear' to come into the school and visit each of the classrooms to meet all the students and staff. The three girls, with the help of Senior Year Manager Andrea Deans displayed posters around the school advising everyone that Pudsey would be visiting their classroom and collecting donations.

On arrival Pudsey waved and hugged his way around the classrooms whilst collecting donations in buckets from the students for other children less fortunate than themselves.

The hard work and commitment from the students towards this event was fantastic and they proved a real credit to the school.

If you would like to make any donations to this worthwhile cause via Bebington High Sports College, feel free to contact the school via the details below.

EDUCATION MATTERS



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It is a real testament to the exciting curriculum offered by the school and Bebington High Sports College are not only very proud of their budding poets, but also thrilled by the students' commitment to the task.

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