

BEBINGTON HIGH SPORTS COLLEGE

Newsletter to Parents and Students
Easter 2011



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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for reading our most recent newsletter, I hope that you find it interesting and informative. As always it has been a busy term for all our staff and students. You will see in this bulletin many of the highlights that have occurred.

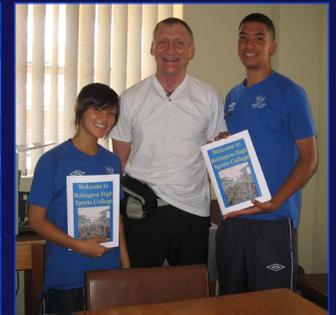
In March our school achieved full recognition for its improvements at a national award ceremony at the Royal College of Physicians in London. Our award was for being one of the most improved schools in England which has been sustained over the last three years. This was a tremendous achievement which our staff and students richly deserve.

In the February half term I was lucky enough to be invited to Cape Town in South Africa in order to visit a number of schools. I was accompanied by the Miss E Gibson the Headteacher of Stanton Road Primary and Mr Tony Lacey the Headteacher of Brackenwood Junior School. Our aim was to develop links with three schools in Cape Town in order for us to share experiences in education and to learn from each other. The trip was a resounding success and we are now preparing for a return visit in September of teachers from our linked schools in Cape Town. Further details of this visit can be found on our website and displays in the three schools.



As you are aware we are a Co-operative Community Trust school, one of 130 such schools in England. This term we have held a number of events for students, staff and parents outlining the shared values of the Co-operative movement and our schools. In September we will be opening up membership of the co-operative to all parents, students and staff for the princely sum of £1.00. Membership will embed our links with local organisations, including hopefully our uniform supplier, and offer special benefits. If you wish to know more please do not hesitate to contact Mr W Brooks.

Mr Brian Jordan
Headteacher



Co-operative Trust Membership at BHSC

A recent 'Community and Parental Co-operative Workshop' was heralded a great success by all those stakeholders attending. The purpose of the evening was to explore the potential benefits of co-operative membership in our school for students, staff, parents and members of the local community. A focus on working alongside our Trust partners - Liverpool JMU, Tranmere-Rovers, Barnardo's, Merseyside Sports Partnership and the Co-operative College - was at the forefront of all discussions as we strive to build upon and enhance our Co-operative Trust status.

As well as background information to Co-operatives locally and on a global scale, participants discussed the potential benefits to themselves and the students in our care. A membership scheme is planned for launch in September 2011 and will be open to all stakeholders of the school; membership benefits, curriculum experiences and additional enrichment for students will all be underpinned by the co-operative values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity.



Bebington High Sports College Co-operative Community Trust

Born to Run

Two students of Bebington High Sports College could well become stars of the future.

Year 11 student Emily Atkin recently came home with a trophy following her representation for the Merseyside under 17's team in the inter-counties cross country in Birmingham, which has just been shown on Sky Sports 3.

In the summer Emily competed in the under 17's women's event in the National young Athletes league, Northern Senior League, Junior League and Cheshire Leagues at the 300 metre distance and improved by over 2 minutes.

During the Autumn Emily ran in the Wirral Multi-terrain senior race over 4.5 miles with fellow student Lauren Brett who eventually won the race. Emily took part in 5 races in the under 17's Cross country league before running in the Merseyside team inter-counties cross country champs in Crofton Park, Birmingham on 5th March.

Fellow Year 10 student Lauren Brett improved her running so significantly she ran for the Merseyside under 15's team in the English schools cross country championships in Nottingham. Last year Lauren ran on the track in the National young athletics league, Cheshire league and various other open meetings' reaching a personal best of 2 minutes 27 seconds for 800 metres. She also ran in the Seaside 5ks with a personal best of 19 minutes.

These committed athletes are striving to improve even more and are certainly names to look out for in the future.



"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)

Asia Day

Aiming to help the next generation gain a greater understanding of Asia and its various cultures, Bebington High Sports College recently ran a host of workshops with an Asian focus.

All Year 7 students were divided into several groups for the activity-packed programme and were offered a range of different experiences as part of the schools 'Respect, Engage, Achieve, Literacy' programme. Chinese character writing, Thai chi, Yoga, Meditation, Lantern making & Asian geography lessons helped the students discover the diversity of Asia.

Learning about the Asian culture and languages is an important skill for future generations as the continent is becoming more and more influential in the world and our students embraced this experience with great enthusiasm.



EDUCATION MATTERS



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IMPORTANT DATES

Close	Friday 15th April
Easter Holiday	Monday 18th April - Friday 29th April
Open	Tuesday 3rd May
Close	Friday 27th May
Half-Term	Monday 30th May
Open	Monday 6th June
Close	Friday 22nd July



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