



BEBINGTON HIGH SPORTS COLLEGE

SHINE

ISSUE 1 NEWSLETTER MAGAZINE



Our Prom Night - an Evening of Glamour

Our Outstanding Examination Results

Bebington High Sport College becomes a Co-operative Community Trust

WELCOME to our NEW

school magazine



Welcome to our new Magazine 'Shine'.

I hope that you enjoy reading about the wonderful events and achievements that the staff and students at Bebington High Sports College have been engaged in during the past year. Our vision for Bebington High Sports College is that our students are both happy and successful, I believe after you have read the following pages that you will agree that we are achieving this vision.

Our school community has again excelled itself in so many ways, be it sporting achievements, creative arts, excellent exam results and community involvement.

Bebington High Sports College is set to become the leading community school in the area over the next year due to the establishment of 'Trust' status with our partners Barnardos, LJMU, Merseyside Sports Partnership, Tranmere Rovers in the community and Co-operative college. If you have enjoyed this magazine, or would like to become involved in the schools' development, please do not hesitate to contact us.

B Jordan - Headteacher

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OUTSTANDING EXAM RESULTS

75% of students
gain 5 top grades
at GCSE



For the past 5 years Bebington High Sports College has been improving the achievement of its students to record levels for the school.

The improvements made this year however can only be considered as awesome. We achieved a 22% rise in the number of our students gaining 5 top grades at GCSE. Now 75% of our students gain these top grades.

Brian Jordan , Headteacher says that these results are testament to the hard work of all our students and staff. They demonstrate that our vision of having happy well cared for students in a pleasant environment is not only well founded but an essential quality needed for students to achieve their best. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and the parents for their continued hard work and support for our young people. I would also like to say WELL DONE to our students for believing in themselves and working hard to realise their potential.

CONGRATULATIONS

MEET THE HEAD



Interview with Brian Jordan

Name
 Title
 Time in post
 Song on iPod
 Hobbies
 Leadership style
 Favourite Food
 Favourite book
 Favourite Pastime
 Tea or Coffee
 Rugby or Football
 Favourite Holiday Destination
 What did you have for your dinner
 If I wasn't a teacher I would be
 Hero & Why

Brian Jordan
 Headteacher
 4 Years
 Keane's Perfect Symmetry album
 Motorcycling & bird watching
 Passionate, caring, hands-on
 Fish
 The Kite Runner
 Flying my Power kite
 Tea
 Football
 Maldives
 Spaghetti Bolognaise
 Working for the RSPB
 Mahatma Gandhi because he showed the world you change things without violence



IMPORTANT DATES

2nd October	Inset Day
23rd October	Close for Half Term
2nd November	School Re-Opens
20th November	Inset Day
17th December	Student Review Day
18th December	Closed for Christmas
4th January	School Re-Opens
12th February	Close for Half Term
22nd February	School Re-Opens
26th March	Closed for Easter
12th April	School Re-Opens
3rd May	May Day Holiday
4th May	Inset Day
28th May	Close Half Term
7th June	School Re-Opens
28th June	Inset Day
29th June	Student Review Day
21st July	End of Term



Did You Know?

Our heart beats around 100,00 times every day.



Did You Know?

Stone quarried at Bebington was used for the construction of the Empire State Building in New York City.



Did You Know?

It is a common mistake to say that The Great Wall of China is visible from outer space. It is too thin to be noticed from such a great distance. The only two man made structures visible from space are: The Pyramids of Giza and the Hoover Dam.



SCHOOL NEWS

A new era for Bebington High Sports College began on the 1st April 2009 when it became the first co-operative, or mutual model, Trust School in the borough and the whole of Merseyside.

The new co-operative structure will give everyone in the school and the wider community an opportunity to be involved in the running of the school and further raising the achievement of its students.



NEW ERA DAWNS FOR BEBINGTON HIGH SPORTS COLLEGE

The co-operative or mutual model is based on open membership, equal democratic participation (one member, one vote) and the clear accountability of those in charge to those for whom services are provided. Bebington High Sports College has 4 supporting partners in the Trust: Liverpool John Moores University, Barnardos, Tranmere Rovers in the Community and Merseyside Sports Partnership. These partnerships are integral in improving further the support for all of the students, thereby ensuring the highest levels of achievements and personal development.



Brian Jordan, Headteacher said: "The formation of the charitable trust is the result of 18 months of hard work with all of our partners. The fantastic partnerships and community ownership will ensure that our students receive the highest quality of education and support, enabling them to lead successful and fulfilling lives. It provides the parents of Wirral with a fantastic opportunity to send their daughter or son to a school that has co-operative values and principles at its heart".

Did You Know?

Professional footballer
Dixie Dean (1907 - 1980)
lived in Higher Bebington.



THE KEYS TO OUR SUCESS AND HOW OUR TRUST PARTNERS WILL SUPPORT US

Making a positive contribution to society

All our partners are supporting our drive to raise positive self worth and self assertiveness by our students increased participation in whole school and community life e.g. Youth Parliament, use of Junior Sport's Leader Award and Community Sport's Leader Award, working with primary pupils. The Co-operative community forum will be integral to delivering the vision and ethos of the school.

Economic Wellbeing

All our partners will support widening curriculum opportunities, raised achievement and leadership activities, preparing our students for future employment progression with a focus on co-operative mutual values for the economic success of all our community.



IN THE FUTURE



EVERY CHILD MATTERS IS THE FOCUS OF OUR SCHOOL

Our Vision and Values for Bebington High Sports College

We are creating a holistic and fully inclusive education at Bebington High Sports College with a central focus on raising achievement for all our students. In achieving this vision, we are becoming the centre for the development of life-long learning for our community. We are passionate about improving and enhancing the life chances of our students and stakeholders with particular focus on high levels of achievement, promoting and supporting health and well-being, sport, arts and career progression. We aim to develop our school site into a 'first class' facility that our students, parents and the wider community are happy and proud to access in order to enhance their own academic fulfilment as well as facilitating their ability to strengthen their own physical social and mental fitness.



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ENJOYING
& ACHIEVING



Co-operative values are the foundation of all we do

SELF HELP - We will develop all our students, staff and all members of our community to be able to lead independent lives.

SELF RESPONSIBILITY - We will ensure that all our students, staff and all members of our community understand and live their lives taking responsibility for their actions

EQUALITY - We will ensure that our students, staff and all members of our community understand fairness and equality for all.

EQUITABLE - We believe that all members of our community have equal value and that no one has more worth than another.

SOLIDARITY - By developing a community ethos, we support all our members in a mutual way, becoming a caring society.





CHANCE OF A LIFETIME



At the beginning of October 2009, seven girls from Bebington High Sports College and nine boys from Mosslands School, will be going on a Chance of a Lifetime Tall Ships, Young Explorers Voyage. The students will set sail from Swansea and travel the coast of France for 8 days navigating and sailing a Tall ship called Stavros Niarchos. As the students have to pay for this trip themselves, the Girls from Bebington High Sports College recently took part in the Wirral Coastal Walk raising over £600 towards their fund, they have also taken part in a sponsored Car Wash at Birkenhead Fire Station, with the help of Des McDonald who is the Fire Service Liaison Officer for Bebington High Sports College. The students had a fantastic day, working hard, cleaning cars and vans all day, impressing people with their team spirit and enthusiasm.

The students were aided by Asda, Tesco, Motorworld and Macdonalds restaurants who donated equipment and refreshments for the day to aid the students with their task. The girls raised £250 for the fund, a portion of which they chose to donate to Claire House. They plan to raise more money for their trip by bag packing at Asda, in the meantime two of the girls from Bebington High Sports College, along with two boys from Mosslands School, took part in a radio broadcast at Wirrals, 7-Waves radio, on the teen line hour giving their thoughts on their experience so far. They will be taking part in another interview after their voyage to tell everyone about their amazing life changing experiences.

YEAR MANAGERS

Mrs Hodson

My highlights of the year were learning that more and more students are being involved in Champions League and gaining more credits than debits. The boys who were involved in Living for Sport, learning new golfing skills and the two girls who were involved in a Term Time project with other pupils from the Northwest being complimented on their well informed opinions which added useful points to the debate. The year has been filled with colourful characters and a real sense of achievement.

Ms Sleeth

The highlight of the year for me was the Prom, the students looked amazing and behaved brilliantly. My Low point was realising that I was saying goodbye to my year group for good and not being able to persuade Mr Jordan (headteacher) to have his legs waxed with the Year 11 boys when they were raising money for the Prom.

I look forward to welcoming the Year 7 intake and know we will have great success in the years to come.



AN EVENING OF GLAMOUR



Mrs Smith

The highpoint of my year was The KS3 Rewards evening - seeing so many of our students being acknowledged for their achievements in so many different areas of school, as well as seeing them being able to share their talents with parents and guests with their excellent performances! My low point was having to miss the Beb's got talent final after being on the judging panel & particularly missing the Year Managers performance of 'Don't blame it on the boogie!'

Mr Cooper

A massive first year, where my year group demonstrated what a motivated, hardworking and dedicated set of student they are. My highlight was winning at dodge ball, whatever team I was on! My low point was running poorly at the first part of the relay leg on sports day and letting the student team beat the teachers.

Mrs Deans

My year group have made massive progress this year. From the fresh faced new intake, they have now fully taken their place in the school community.

My highlight was watching the celebration at the end of the REAL programme.

My low point was missing their first assembly as Year 8. I am really looking forward to September and all we will achieve.



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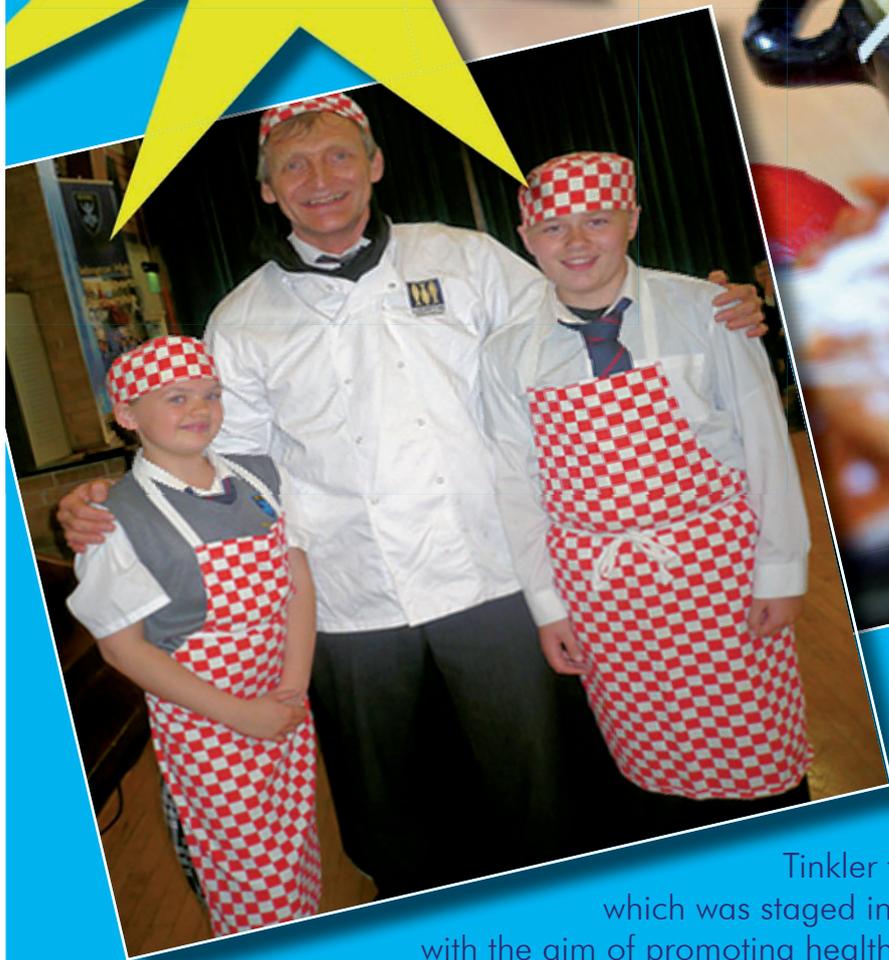


WELCOMES YOUNG VISITORS FROM CHERNOBYL

Bebington High Sports College has hosted a visit from a group of children from Chernobyl and put on an afternoon of sports activities for them. The School's junior sports leaders helped to organise the event and joined the visitors in a game of football, as well as teaching them a new game - dodgeball. Sue Ashley, a teacher at Bebington High Sports College, who set up the visit, said: "It was a valuable experience for all the children - and dodgeball seemed to quickly become a firm favourite. "Our Sports leaders learned how to demonstrate and teach the rules of the game, even with the language barrier and, because all the visiting children had different sporting abilities, they were able to assess them quickly and adapt the activities to suit them. It was a great afternoon for everyone and we are now hoping to organise a similar event next year, when hopefully we will also be able to include some of our year seven students' in the fun."



GET SET COOK



Bebington High Sports College yet again actively promoted healthy eating within the school. With the success of the TV show Ready Steady Cook, they decided to hold their own version of the show called 'Get Set Cook'. Chef Mr Darren

Tinkler from Scolerest led the exciting event at the school, which was staged in the Main Hall in front of the Year 7 students, with the aim of promoting healthy menus and cooking with fresh ingredients.

Headteacher Mr Jordan headed up the Red team with Yr 7 students Rikaya Blakeborough and Kallum Paul who created from their ingredients chicken on a bed of rice, with a ragu sauce, wilted spinach and scallion onions.

The Green team headed by Mr Berry with Year 7 students Chandler Loughton and Courtney Herbert, created a spicy vegetable Balti with a side dish of bombay potatoes. Answering questions, food tasting and voting for their preferred dish, the fun filled hour included all students actively participating. They supported the lead chef and cheered on their favourite team. The competition was a great success with Mr Jordan's Red team winning the final vote from the students. Bebington High Sports College students enjoyed the event so much that the school now plans to host a Master Chef competition in the near future, building on the enthusiasm that the students have shown.

Did You Know?

St Andrews church yard features the lamp-post that was supposedly the real-life inspiration for the lamppost in the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S.Lewis



BEBINGTON HIGH SPORTS COLLEGE HOSTED



SPORTING SPECTACLE

PRIMARY LINKS



Bebington High Sports College hosted a Primary Festival of Sport recently for students in 9 local schools. The event was run by Bebington High Sport College PE staff, Community Coaches and Young Leaders.

The event ran over 2 days on Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July 2009 and over 320 Year 5 students got involved in a variety of sporting activities, which included Basketball, Tag Rugby, Dance and Trampolining. Students were involved in competitions to score points for their schools and all points gained were tallied together to create a final league table.

Parents, Headteachers and other guests joined the students in the main hall for a Celebration of Sport, where Former GB Olympic and Commonwealth Hockey Player, Caroline Reid and Ex Everton FC & Tranmere Rovers FC player Derek Mountfield both were on hand to present certificates to all the participants.

The ceremony also included a dance performance, digital sports presentation and a closing speech by the Headteacher of Bebington High Sports College, Mr Brian Jordan.

The winning schools, Heygarth Primary and Stanton Road Primary, both received medals and winning trophies. Director of Sport Debbie Jennings said "The event was fantastic. It is our aim to promote sport and celebrate participation, and with the help of our staff and young leaders we involve lots of youngsters in these activities". Bebington High Sports College were delighted with the brilliant feedback from the Primary School pupils and staff, who said it had been a really enjoyable, exciting couple of days. We now hope to make this an annual event.





MEND - Mind, Excerise, Nutrition....Do it!!!

Mend is a free fun programme held at Bebington High Sports College, for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier. Mend is a lifestyle change programme which helps get kids between the ages of 7 -13 on the road to being fit and healthy in 10 weeks, and helps them stay that way!



BREAKFAST CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Bebinton High Sports College is very proud of its Morning Breakfast Champions League Club. The students whom attend between 8.20 and 8.50 are grouped into teams and awarded points for their team, based on their academic achievements, behaviour, attendance and performances. By being placed into teams the students have developed a shared sense of responsibility and a competitive element to all the sessions. The students have also become highly motivated to achieve and succeed in their academic lessons. The club is geared towards sport, with students participating in various sporting pursuits, whilst also being provided with a healthy nutritious breakfast each morning, which improves concentration levels during their mornings lessons. The club also ensures punctuality and attendance, as the students are ready and eager to start their first lesson on time. As a reward for giving up their time voluntarily a select number of pupils are also invited to go on a rewards trip. Places are offered to students who have accumulated the highest points during the school term.

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**SATURDAY NIGHT
5-7PM**

WIRRAL YOUTH SPORT AND ACTIVITY NIGHTS

ALL SESSIONS **FREE** OF CHARGE

Open to Girls and Boys 11-17 years
AVAILABLE WEEKLY
Various Sports Available
Basketball & Football etc..
Health & Beauty WorkShops
Nails, Make up & Hair



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CONTACT CRAIG NALL
Telephone no: 645 4154 Ext 224



YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

WINNERS

FOR THE GREEN POETRY MACHINE BOOK SERIES

Recently Bebington High Sports College submitted some of our pupils' work for the Young Writers' The Big Green Poetry Machine book series. The Young Writers received in excess of 25,000 entries for the competition, from all over the UK and Overseas. We are delighted to announce three students from Bebington High Sports College have had their work selected for publication in the book series. Rachel Hellon, Chloe Dodgson and Ryan Jones, all Year 7 students, have had their poems chosen for publication in a softback glossy book called Talkin' 'Bout My Generation-Young Voices, which is scheduled for publication on the 30 September 2009. The Poems were selected for publication based on perception, imagination, expression, good use of language and interpretation of poetry.

The 'Spirit' of the poem is also taken into account along with the writers age. During lessons the Year 7 students had discussed the types of poetry from all around the world and taking this into account the students then chose their own topic and style of poetry to write about. All three students who had their poems selected for publication were extremely pleased at the outcome and excited that their hard work had been acknowledged. It is a real testament to the exciting curriculum offered by the school. Bebington High Sports College are very proud of their budding poets and thrilled by the students commitment to the task.

LAW AND LEADERSHIP

From the moment students arrive at Bebington High Sports College they are offered the opportunity to gain confidence and train to become leaders, through the leadership programme which is run at the school.

Students are encouraged to climb the five steps of the "Leadership ladder", whilst at school, gaining t-shirts and certificates along the way, each step getting more advanced until they become full leaders. Student leaders help out at break times and conduct activities for younger students, they take coaching qualifications such as vocational GCSE's to National Governing Body Awards in disciplines ranging from cheerleading to young netball leaders, which in turn run hand in hand alongside normal lessons helping to motivate the student and offer development skills.

As well as students leading and volunteering during school hours they also help oversee the Saturday morning "All Active Club" which fits into the schools efforts to promote inclusion and involves students offering activities to children with learning difficulties. This helps the young leaders learn how to interact and communicate with the students through other methods, such as sound rather than vision for the visually impaired students. Student leaders can also pick up a small wage as assistant coaches. Break times at Bebington High Sports College also offers leadership skills through the Active Playground scheme, by the leaders handing out equipment to students from footballs to other items for the outside dance stage, they also have to take control by ordering replacement items as and when required.

Leaders at the school have worked with peers from a visiting school in Madrid and neighbouring Wirral high schools to organise activities for more than a hundred primary students, plus they have also been trained by coaches from Everton FC through the Mini Kickers programme, which means they are then able to lead football sessions to younger students at Bebington High Sports College. GCSE student leaders also take PE lessons alongside teachers and by the time the students reach 6th form; they lead classes in not only sport but Art, Modern Foreign Languages and Maths, during their own scheduled timetable.

Art leadership students' research art and exhibits such as Greek pottery at local galleries then in turn act as tour guides and take primary students' around sharing their knowledge.

Bebington High Sports College have high aspirations for their students and believe that the leadership ladder helps students with their organisation and presentation skills which will in turn prepare them for their future adult life.



TERMTIME YOUTH COUNCIL LIVE DEBATE

Two students from Bebington High Sports College, Kathryn Warrington and Abigale Vine, were both recently invited by 'Termtime' to attend the North West Youth Debate. Twelve young students aged from 11 -16 from different schools from all over the North West, were picked following a selection process to secure a place on the youth council, and take part in a live debate.

To secure their place the students had to answer three questions, on either:- what is your view on schooling in the 21st century?, If you were Prime Minister, what would you do for young people in the UK? Or what does cool means to you? Plus they had to write why they should be on the school council (What skills they could bring or what issues you want to talk about!),

These students were invited to Liverpool to visit the Toxteth Television Studios, where the students', along with 2 presenters and a live Television Studio packed with camera operators, sound technicians and directors, produced the "2009 High School Live Debate". To discuss the most common issues that had emerged from interviews' with school councils and youth Groups over the previous month, which were Bullying, Careers, Pressure, Exam Stress, Violent Crime and Media Stereotypes.

The Bebington High students were really excited about the day and they enjoyed all the cameras, microphones and interaction that took place. The debate started off gently with a few ice breakers and a discussion on what 'Termtime' was all about, and then they went live on the internet. Bebington High Sports College are very proud of their budding future Prime Ministers.

The full debate can be seen on the 'Termtime' website.

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Brian Jordan is the Headteacher of Bebington High Sports College Co-operative Community Trust, which is an 11-18 Co-educational all ability school. Our school is uniquely supported by a charitable trust with a range of excellent partners including Barnardos, Liverpool John Moores University, the Co-operative College, Tranmere Rovers in the community and Merseyside Sports Partnership. These partners compliment our ethos of community involvement, ownership and caring for the individual child.

Mr Jordan States that *'it is our vision to ensure that we have happy successful students in a pleasant environment. I believe that we have achieved this aim as our students achieve well and following a multi-million pound rebuild through Wirral's PFI scheme we possess excellent facilities.'* Our ethos is to ensure that we meet the needs and aspirations of every student at our school. Our most recent Ofsted acknowledged this ethos by reporting *"the Headteacher's determination to create an inclusive school where all students have opportunities for personal growth and success, underpins his hands on approach to leadership"*. The schools continuing success is testament to the high expectations and excellent skills of all the staff. The students display the highest standards of dress, work ethic, punctuality, attendance and behaviour.

Our overriding priority is our students' achievement, over the past five years and now stands at 75% gaining 5 top GCSE grades. The percentage of students achieving five or more top GCSEs has more than tripled. In addition our Sixth Form numbers have increased three fold. These achievements are the result of the hard work commitment and dedication shown by both the students and staff.

As a sports college we are the hub of sports development within our family of schools, where we exceed all sporting and leisure targets set by national government. New developments at the school include outstanding gymnastics facilities, media editing suite and extended opening hours for the use of community sports clubs.

To learn more about our school visit our website www.bebingtonhigh.com or contact the Mr Jordan on **0151 645 4154**

