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Welcome to our end of term newsletter, as another extremely busy and successful year draws to a close. As expected, we received a visit from Ofsted and gained a very good report. Of the 31 judgements made, over half were judged to be good or outstanding. It is well known that our school places an enormous emphasis on ensuring our students are safe and well looked after, leading them to be happy and having the ability to believe that they can achieve well, despite the possibility that they were disappointed following their tests at age 11. I was, therefore, especially pleased that Ofsted judged our Pastoral Care to be Outstanding along with our emphasis on ensuring that our students are safe. In fact this was the first time that the Ofsted team had awarded a grade of outstanding for safeguarding. We are also the only school in the whole of Wirral who have achieved this judgement, at a time when Ofsted places a huge emphasis on this area.

I was immensely proud of, not only the 70 students that were interviewed by Ofsted, but also their survey answers where they reported that they have a high regard for their school, feel safe, behave well and are keen to support each other. Our parents also showed tremendous support for the school, and I wish to thank them for this, as a school can only be successful with their help.

Our curriculum was highly commended for its innovation, allowing all of our students to maximise their learning and achievement. This has been a major focus for development over the last five years which has led to transformational improvements in the students' successes placing the school in the top 37% of all schools nationally. We already know that our standards are going to show another huge leap forward this year with over 40% gaining 5 A* to C grades including English and Mathematics. In fact, we believe that this will be closer to 50% once all of the results are in. Remember, this figure stood at 16% six years ago. Our aim is for the school to be in the top 25% of schools in September, which would be a tremendous achievement for an all ability school that is in a selective catchment area.

Another area of success has been our Sports Specialism which was again highly commended, not only in the way we support our students, but also the whole community.

Barton Shows the Way for Wirral Talent!

Wirral's star junior swimmer, Thomas Barton, visited a special Gifted and Talented enrichment event at Bebington High Sports College recently. Tom, who lists amongst his greatest achievements, winning the Lancashire Individual Championships 4 years running, and also being selected for the national squad, came to Bebington High to offer advice and support. The event, organised by Wirral School Sports Co-ordinator, and ex-Olympian hockey star, Carolyn Reid, gave the young stars of the future advice and tuition from Body Solutions Gym, Wirral Athletics Club, LJMU and local consultancy 'Success Through Character.' The enrichment days were devised and developed by ex-Everton FC professional football legend Derek Mountfield, who stated "I think it is really important that our local, talented youngsters



get as much guidance and support as possible. The enrichment events give pupils a chance to ask questions in workshops and receive valuable advice from sports stars past and present"



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“NorthWest Volleyball Stars”



Agata & Ola Potoka

Ola and Agata Potoka, were the only girls from Merseyside selected to represent the North West region, in England's Volleyball Inter-Regional Championships. The Championship is volleyball's biggest national junior competition, with representative teams from nine English regions and Wales, it was held at National Volleyball Centre at Kettering over two days - 1 May & 2 May. Agata played for North West girls under 16's team, alongside girls from Manchester, Lancashire and Cheshire, while her sister, Ola played for the North West under 14's B team (regions enter A and B

teams in this tournament). Agata's team won the Under 16 event, to become the North West 2010 Inter-regional champions, beating teams from Wales, the North East, East Midlands and London in their qualifying pool. They then went on to beat the South West team in the final competition, a very close match which went to three sets with the North West just beating the South West. Ola's team also got to the final in their pool, but lost to a strong Yorkshire team in the final. BHSC are very proud of their volleyball stars.



Bebington High Hula for Sport Relief

On Friday 19th March, Bebington High Sports College students took part in a Hula mega challenge in support of Sport Relief 2010.

The students hula hooped their way to prizes, in the school sports hall, gathering sponsor money for sport relief on the way. Each form had the option of paying to enter the competition, as a Hula Hooper or a Hoopist supporter and donating sponsor money.

Wiggling away at 9am, the whole school gathered in the hall to watch as Director of Specialism, Ms Jennings, led the way by spinning two hoops around her waist at one time. Mr Jordan, Headteacher said, "As a sports college, we love getting our students and school actively involved as much as possible with Sport Relief, and this year's emphasis was to get the students up and active, as well as making them aware that the money raised through Sport Relief will help people living incredibly tough lives in this country, and poor countries around the world. All our students are really enthusiastic and could not wait to do their bit!" The staff also got into the swing of things dressing up for the occasion and competing against students. Mr Jordan plus a number of Teachers and Heads of Year, raised money by agreeing to wear the opposing football team's shirts of their favourite team, if the students & staff raised enough money.

To an enormous cheer Manchester United fan Mr Jordan, and Everton fans Mr Dutton and Mrs Deans, all had to put on Liverpool Shirts in front of the clapping crowd. Other members of staff wore a range of alternate football clubs shirts, staff even dressed up for the day, some as students in full uniform, to the amazement of all.

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Winners of Annual Year 7 Schools Rugby Final

At Anselmians RUFC, 13 students from Bebington High Sports College, recently participated in the annual Rugby finals, competing against other students from schools who qualified from the Wirral Floodlight Tournaments. The finals were played in a 'Round Robin' league format, with BHSC securing victory, after playing a series of matches resulting in 5 wins and 1 draw. Captain, Kyle Harrison, was instrumental in the squad's success, but it was Ben Glover who achieved Bebington High Sports College's Player of the Tournament. Team coach Mr Murray commented "I am extremely proud of the players; they have displayed tremendous character all season, and thoroughly deserve their success". The number of pupils playing rugby in the local community is growing each year, which is tribute to Bebington High Sports College's outstanding school-club links. The standard and quality of rugby played was astounding and a testament to the tremendous work of the teachers and coaches of all the schools who took part. The year 7 & 8 squads are now looking forward to defending their title, and travelling to Ireland on a Rugby Tour in 2010.



"REAL" Chinese for Year 7

In order to support cultural awareness and understanding of China, and as part of the REAL programme, the whole of Year 7 recently went to visit Liverpool's Chinese community. The visit was sponsored by MerseyTravel who kindly donated train passes to all the students. The students visited China Gate and observed the impressive arch which is almost 50 feet high, and is reputed to be the largest of its type in Europe. The Gate commemorates the twinning of Shanghai with Liverpool. Having walked to the Victoria Galleries and Museum at Liverpool University, the students were treated to fan dancing, Kung Fu, T'ai Chi and a talk on the Shanghai Expo, as well as learning a little more of the Chinese language. All the activities were prepared and performed by the Confucius Centre, as part of our continuing link with the Centre and were thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

Having worked up an appetite, all 115 students and 14 staff then took over the whole of a restaurant in China Town to sample the delights of a Chinese buffet. All the students excitedly tried new foods, experienced eating with chopsticks and thoroughly enjoyed the day. The students will use their experiences from this day to complete their project on China, which will culminate in a video documentary, produced and edited by the students themselves. Bebington High S C has also recently opened their own Confucius unit which provides a learning point within the school for Chinese culture, language, theatre, history, art, food and music. The centre is run twice a week for an hour, with the aim of focusing on new and innovative ways of teaching and learning and offering students a chance to develop their skills, experiences and open up new horizons for their future.



As ever, students represented the school incredibly well during the trip. Members of the public commented on how quiet they were, appropriately behaved plus respectful whilst travelling on the train, to and from the event, and when watching the thrilling performances.



For a full list of staff changes please download our organisational chart from the website www.bebingtonhigh.com

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Bebington High Sports College Co-operative Community Trust



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'Machismo 2'

At Pacific Road Theatre, Birkenhead, over 100 Boys from different schools recently took part in Machismo 2, which is a regular event celebrating boys' dance, as opposed to the usual girls or mixed dance performances. Six boys from Bebington High Sports College boarded the mini bus with their dance teacher Miss Reynolds and were thrown into learning a dance routine based on being able to break away from the crowd and be individual. The students created powerful performance pieces, using breakdance to explore issues that affect them in a physical and positive way, breaking down some of the negative stereotypical issues there are about dance. The hard work, energy and commitment from Tom Edwards, Daniel Smith (both year 12), Stephen Hudson (year 10), William Major, Ellis Doughty, and Dominic Bassnett (all year 7), was fantastic to watch and they proved a real credit to Bebington High with their impeccable behaviour and effort. The performance went without a hitch and the Bebington High Boys performed brilliantly. comments from the audience after the show were extremely complementary.



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Students bowled over by cricket visit



Bebington High Sports College recently had a visit from former international Zimbabwean cricketer Henry Olonga, who entered the record books as the first ever black cricketer to play for Zimbabwe. Olonga who could generate speeds of 90mph regularly, was also the youngest ever Zimbabwean to play for his country. The purpose of his visit, aided by Wirral Youth for Christ, was

to speak to Bebington High Sports College students about sport, politics and Christianity and in particular, how Henry sacrificed his position within cricket and his country to do something he hoped would make a difference. The students of the Sports Council at Bebington High were enthralled by how his black armband protest, to denote the "death of democracy", with colleague Andy Flower, against Robert Mugabe at the 2003 opening game of the World Cup, saw him branded a traitor, sentenced to death in his absence and forced to dramatically flee his homeland, sending his family into hiding.

Henry explained to students, that the most difficult thing for him as a sportsman, was facing the potential consequences of their actions and how he had to come to terms with it. He explained that his beliefs as a Christian helped him to realise that if you believe strongly about something you know is right, then you need to follow that path.

The Student Sports Council then quizzed Henry about issues surrounding his life. Henry spoke of his love of travelling, how he now plays for a club called 'Lashings' which is an all-star cricket team, similar to basketball's "Harlem Globetrotters". With their motto of "fun, first and foremost" and wearing their unique black and gold clothing, they aim to raise the profile of cricket throughout the world while helping others less fortunate. Headteacher, Mr Brian Jordan said "It was an awe inspiring talk by Mr Olonga. Cricket is one of the most universal sports around and our students saw how passionate Henry was, not only about cricket, but also his faith and humanity" Before he left, the star chatted to students, explaining how to use sport to build bridges in life. It was a brilliant day; a perfect innings for the Bebington High Sports College students.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday	21 July	Close for Summer	Wednesday	20 Oct	Inset Day (closed for students)
Thursday	2 Sept	Inset Day (closed for students)	Friday	22 Oct	Close for half term
Friday	3 Sept	School Re-Opens for Yr 7 & 6th form	Friday	1 Nov	School Re-Opens
Monday	6 Sept	School Re-Opens for Yr 8, Yr 9, Yr10 & Yr11	Friday	03 Dec	Inset Day (closed for students)
Tuesday	21 Sept	Inset Day (closed for students)	Friday	17 Dec	Close for Christmas

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