



# Maltings Newsletter

To make our best better

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## Weekly Message From The Principal

My thanks go to all parents/carers of Year 9 students who attended the options evening on Wednesday 4 March 2009.

The turnout was superb and I hope that the evening answered any queries that students may have had regarding next years subjects.

My thanks to Mr Gee, Vice-Principal, who organised the event. A reminder that option forms should have been handed in to form tutors by now.

## Year 7 EEL Day

Just before half-term, Year 7 students enjoyed a whole morning of science investigations. For a couple of hours students applied their skills as forensic investigators by trying to discover the perpetrator of a dastardly crime. They analysed ink and blood samples, uncovered secret writing, looked at fingerprints and identified a selection of unknown powders. Excellent skills were demonstrated by all and everyone eventually managed to solve the crime.



For the next couple of hours, students took part in two further investigations designed to push their practical investigative skills to the limit. Rather than reach a final end point, students were encouraged to discover how science works. This included designing fair tests, accurately recording results and making predictions and conclusions. The first of the investigations looked at natural chemical indicators, which were then used to identify acids and alkalis. Students had the opportunity to make their own indicators from a range of fruit and vegetables and then tested them for their effectiveness. The second investigation looked at the swing of a pendulum and the variables involved. It was specifically designed to make students consider what makes a fair test and how to effectively collect data.



Overall, a good day was had by all. Special thanks go to the science team and, in particular, the technicians for making the day such an enormous success.



# CLEANING OPERATIVE VACANCIES

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6.00 - 8.00 a.m. and/or two hours between  
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**Closing date: 24/03/09**

# Numeracy Corner!

The numeracy focus for this term is time and we would like to invite parents/carers to encourage students in telling time, looking at timetables, etc.

Can you solve the following puzzles!?!?!?

### How many days was he away?

- Tom took off from Gatwick at 12 noon on 7th September 1999, heading for America. He returned from his gap year at 12 noon on 8th August 2000. How many days was he away?
- Tim took off from Heathrow at 12 noon on 10th December 1998, heading for Australia. He returned from his travels at 12 noon on 11th January 2001. How many days was he away?

# Dates To Remember...

18/19/20 March — School Production “We Will Rock You”  
27 March — Year 7 EEL Day “Get Into PE”  
3 April — Ski Trip Departs  
**6 to 17 April Inclusive - EASTER BREAK**  
**24 April - Target Setting Day**

