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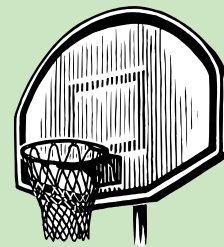
Weekly Message From The Principal

Hot on the heels of the fantastic news about Mr Spiller's success at getting through to the Teaching Award's Eastern Region Final for "The Ted Wragg Lifelong Achievement Award", we recently heard that Pete Tompkin, Head of Science, has been successful in reaching the same final. Mr Tompkin's category is for "The Best Teacher in a Secondary School". Any of you that have seen one of Mr Tompkin's open evening demonstrations will get a flavour for what his lessons are like. They are accompanied with as many flashes and bangs that he can muster. His experiments with liquid nitrogen are legendary. He also leads on innovation within the Science Department who have recently taken ownership of nearly £30,000 of new equipment.

We wish Mr Spiller and Mr Tompkin well in the judging days which are coming up very shortly and we will find out if they have reached the national final in October if they win the regional final in June.

Basketball Update..

The PE department started off their inter-house sports programme on Wednesday 25 February with a lunch time basketball competition. The year 7 students all shot well and had support from other students in their house which gained them extra points.



The winners of the shoot out were the blue team with 52 points, 2nd place went to the green team with 31 points, the yellow team followed in 3rd with 20 points and the 4th place went to the red house with 18 points.

The top scoring girl of the shooting competition was Ella Martin-Smith from the red house who managed to score 28 baskets in 2 minutes. The top scorer for the boys was Thomas Johnson from the green house who scored an impressive 36 baskets in 2 minutes.

Thursday 26 February lunch time was the year 8 house competition. There was a full blue team, but it was the green house that triumphed thanks to outstanding scoring by Taylor Jones. Green house were 1st with 41 points, blue 2nd with 40 points, in 3rd place was the red house with 14 points and in 4th were the yellows with 13 points.

Top scoring boy was Scott Hill from the green house with 25 baskets being scored. The top scoring girl with a record score of 46 baskets in 2 minutes was Taylor Jones for the Green house.

Dates To Remember...

3 April — Ski Trip Departs
11 April - Ski Trip Returns
6 to 17 April Inclusive - EASTER BREAK
24 April - Target Setting Day



Community Links Through The RE Department

The Langley House Trust is a national, christian charity. It's mission is to help people lead fulfilling and crime-free lives and, in so doing, help protect the public. Two staff members came to the academy to speak to students in a year 9 tutor group with Mr Mugford about the work that they do. An article in The Langley House Trust read:-

“On Friday 13th February 2009 Melinda Grahn and Mark Farrer from the Shrubbery had the opportunity of visiting the Maltings Academy in Witham Essex to talk to students aged between 13-14 (Year 9) about the work we do as a Christian organisation undertaken with our residents.

Melinda initially introduced LHT to the students – giving a brief overview of the history of the Trust and then talked about the different types of projects within the Trust today and our aim as an organisation etc. Mark then shared his experiences as a teenager and the hardships that befell him through poor choices he made; Mark stressed the importance of talking to responsible people around you before making life changing decisions, which could impact lives very negatively. This struck a chord with the students as on the feedback forms received.

The students were very attentive and asked good probing questions. Melinda and Mark enjoyed the day immensely and would welcome further visits to local schools. Thanks to the Maltings Academy for the invitation”.

Listed below are some of the Comments received from the students:-

The presentation Mark and Melinda gave was very interesting. It gave me a different perspective on how some ex offenders feel and why they might have done the things they have done. The Trust seems like a good idea to help people change their life. KH

I didn't realise that people could turn their lives around so drastically with just a little bit of help from a friendly face. I didn't realise that somebody could care about a total stranger. RC

Maltings Academy takes over Colchester Zoo!!

Over 50 students on the Travel and Tourism and Asdan courses from years 10 and 12 visited Colchester Zoo on 25 February. They listened to a presentation about the organisation and how it promotes itself and trains its staff. The students then worked in small groups around the zoo on research for their respective courses. Feeding the elephants was an essential diversion from their work just before lunchtime.

The students worked really well together and the staff who went with them were proud of their exemplary behaviour. We even managed to bring all the students safely home, although the orangutans took a liking to some of the students!!!!!!

Mr Mugford

Year 7 Horticulture

Dear Parent/Carers

Do you have any spare plant pots or seed trays that you would mind donating to the academy for the year 7 horticulture students? If you can help, please leave items at main reception for either Mr D White or Mr J Kalisz.

Thank you.

Bus Passes

Please note that next term's bus passes for Hatfield Peverel, Silver End and Braintree can be collected from the Finance Office at break and lunch-time from Monday 30th March 2009.

Thank you.