

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER NO 276



December 2001

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to bring the following items to your attention :

Monday 24 December 2001 – Friday 4 January 2002 inclusive	CHRISTMAS VACATION
Thursday 24 January 2002	4.00 – 7.00 pm Year 11 Parents'
Evening Thursday 24 January 2002	7.00 pm Governing Body Annual Report to parents
Thursday 31 January 2002	4.00 – 7.00 pm Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 7 February 2002	Year 9 Options Evening
Monday 11 February 2002	Year 10 Geography Trip
Monday 18 February 2002 – Friday 22 February 2002 inclusive	HALF TERM DIRECTED DAY (Literacy Day)
Monday 25 February 2002	

**** Please note that Literacy Day has been moved from Friday 15 February to Monday 25 February 2002 ****

EARLY CLOSURE – FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 2001

Please note that school will close at 12.35 pm on Friday 21 December 2001. However, the canteen will still be open until 1.15 pm in order for students to take lunch if they so wish.

NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Following an application in respect of the above, and there being no others, Mr J Chapman has been duly admitted to the Governing Body with effect from the Spring Term 2002.

NEW SITE MANAGER AND ASSISTANT SCHOOL KEEPER

Mr M Farrell has this term joined us as our new Site Manager following the retirement of Mr B Southgate.

Mr A Rendell has also joined us as an additional member of the site management team to help cope with the increased work which is due to the growth of our school.

VACANCIES

MIDDAY ASSISTANT

A vacancy exists for a Midday Assistant to join our existing team of ladies. Hours are 12.30 – 1.45 pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

If you are interested in this vacancy, please can you contact the School Receptionist who will arrange an appointment for you to discuss this role in more detail.

I still have some revision guides for sale for any student in Year 9. They are £2.00 each and cover all work done in each set in Year 9.

Miss H Shepherd, Mathematics Department

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

YEAR 10 GNVQ ICT STUDENTS

Have an examination on 'Presenting Information' on Tuesday 15 January 2002 (pm).

All students who are taking this subject must attend as it goes towards their final grade.

YEAR 10 KEYSKILLS EXAMINATION (ICT) LEVEL I

This will take place on 23 January 2002. The examination will last for one hour – all students will be involved.

YEAR 11 KEYSKILLS EXAMINATION (ICT) LEVEL II

This will take place on 23 January 2002. The examination will last for one hour – all students will be involved.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE DATES

22 April – 3 May 2002 - **Two weeks**

CAREERS

Year 11 opportunities on the internet
Mondays 4.00 – 5.00 pm. Look up jobs, universities and more.

Mr R Hulbert

SCIENCE SETS

As from the 7 January 2002 Year 7 will be taught science in sets. Students will be informed of their new science groups during the last week of term.

A few alterations to Year 8 and 9 science sets have also been made. Students involved will be notified as to these changes by letter.

Any concerns or queries, please contact the Head of Science.

Miss E Turner

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

From Friday, 18 January 2002 the English department will be holding a book club for Year 7 students on a regular basis. The club will be held during Friday lunchtimes (12.45) and will focus on reading different texts, creating displays and discussions. Pupils are allowed to bring along their lunches.

The English department is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of an anthology of students' work. This will include short stories and poetry from all years and levels. More details will be available later in the year.

Ms L Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS

Wesley Douglas (9 SKS) has been picked to be a member of the Essex Football Team. Wesley is a keen footballer who has played regularly for the school team since Year 7 and also for the district team. We wish Wesley every success.

Michael Lewis (8 TGS) is a member of the East Ham based Gurumu Martial Arts Academy. Recently he was a member of the academy team that participated in the British Tae Kwon-Do Championships in Doncaster. In his section Michael won a silver medal (one of nine obtained by the whole team). Congratulations to Michael on his achievement.

Well done to the Year 7 netball teams who have played their first set of matches this term. Their results are as follows :

'A' Team won = 3 lost = 2 drew = 1
'B' Team won = 3 lost = 1 drew = 1

Also a big THANK YOU to the parents of Years 7 and 8 students who have helped with transport and supporting the teams in their matches.

Miss L Kingdon, Miss J Gray and Miss H Shepherd

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

We offer our congratulations to the following Year 7 students who have been elected to serve for 2001 / 2002 :

Ben Hartman, Stephanie Prowse, Opey Solaja, Hayley Rose, Ryan Parrott, Nikki Barham, Stuart Flack, Joanne Berryman, Sean Wilson, Sarah Gillick, Alex Blackburn, Jay Williams, Kraig Marsh, Daisy Burr, Adam Gray, Refecca Chuck

Year Representatives : Opey Solaja and Sarah Gillick

On behalf of Governors and staff of the school I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2002.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT W SHEFFIELD
Principal

