



The Earls High School

Newsletter



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EARLS SUMMER

MUSIC FESTIVAL 2009

WOW! What a fantastic night we all had last Tuesday at the summer music festival. Parents, audience, staff, friends and most of all the students experienced a real treat.

The concert programme took in a variety of genres including a beautiful harp solo (Hannah Parker), to a highly technical and impressive drum kit solo (Emily Holland) right through to a mind blowing electric guitar solo (Adam Barker).

The choir took on a massive challenge in 'Come what may' and did themselves great credit and followed this up with a rousing medley from 'Mamma Mia'. (soloists were Scott Colcombe, Philippa Coley and Michelle Jones). Lacisum were simply awesome with their accapella programme.

The Jazz and Soul bands livened us all up and got the feet tapping with original versions of 'I feel good', 'Dancing in the street' and 'Son of a preacher'.

The little big band played delightfully as always and showed yet again the success of the wider opportunities project and the evening finished with the Earls Wind band which has grown both in number, stature and quality over the past twelve months.



EWB rocked the house with 'Crazy little thing called love', a medley from 'The Little Mermaid' and finished with a stunning performance of 'Live and let die.'

The encore was a noisy but equally brilliant rendition of 'Celebrate good times come on!'. This involved all the students and even the audience had a go!

Richard Toomer (Head of music) commented, 'We are all very very proud of the musicians who performed here this evening. They showed great confidence and professionalism in the way they played and sang. I hope the students feel as proud as we do. Well done everybody!'

Wind Band Students

Just a reminder to students going to Edmond Hall that their deposit needs to be in by 10th July 2009.



Important information

Students will be finishing school at 11.45am. on Friday 10th July and Friday 17th July, due to necessary end of year staff meetings. For those students who have free school meals they can pick their tokens up from resources at breaktime on those days.

PLEASE NOTE 7TH SEPTEMBER
YEAR 7 STUDENTS START AT
NORMAL TIME 8.40.
YEARS 8-11 RETURN AT THE
START OF PERIOD 2 (9.50.)

A BIG THANK YOU!

DANCE NEWS

The Dance Department would like to say a huge thank you to all the students who participated in 'An Evening of Dance' on Wednesday 24th June. As most of you are aware, the Deputy Mayor of Halesowen and his wife came to see the show and were very impressed with your performance— well done to you all!

We would also like to thank ALL students who have performed or assisted with shows, GCSE and AS Level performance coursework, and of course the BTEC Performing Arts students for their help with lighting and sound.

All dance clubs are now finished until next school year although some groups are still rehearsing for Dudley Dance Festival at Himley Hall on Saturday 4th July. When we return to school in September rehearsals will begin for the Gym and Dance Show. Don't forget to join a dance club if you want to be involved!

Have a great summer!
From Miss Burke and Miss Haagensen



IMPORTANT INFORMATION YEAR 9 & 10

Science Exams!

Parents of present Year 9 and Year 10 students please make a note of the dates below. These are set by the exam board and are, at present provisional.

In Year 10 students will take core GCSE Science Exams.

In Year 11 students will take the additional GCSE Science and some will take core GCSE Science Exams.

Core Science GCSE Exam Dates 2009-2010

- Friday 20th November 2009
- Friday 5th March 2010
- Thursday 24th June 2010

Additional Science GCSE Exam Dates 2009—2010

- Mon 16th Nov 2009 written paper
- Wed 18th Nov 2009 multiple choice paper
- Wed 3rd March 2010 written paper
- Thurs 4th March 2010 multiple choice paper
- Wed 9th June 2010 written paper
- Wed 16th June 2010 multiple choice paper.

Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience fortnight begins on Monday 6th July, if placements **HAVE NOT** been finalised then those students concerned **MUST** report at school reception at 8.40am. to sign in wearing smart casual clothes. Students will go to the LRC to research possible placements, make telephone calls and possibly attend a short interview with the employer. Once arrangements have been made students will then be able to attend their placement.

All students need to take their work experience logbook each day as their visiting teacher will need to see it. Employers and parents both have sections in the logbook also for completion during the placement.

IMPORTANT If students will not be at their work experience placement due to illness then **BOTH** school and the employer **MUST** be notified. If a student will be on an offsite visit at the main placement address then please inform school, in advance if possible.

Best wishes to all year 10 students for the next two weeks.

Mr Mills



Earls Collegiate News!

Facilities

Work is now under way on the suite of rooms for the Earls Collegiate. These rooms have been designed by the students themselves.

Year 10 Taster Days

Year 10 students attended a Collegiate Taster Day at Halesowen College on the last two Thursdays.

This involved an introduction to the Earls Collegiate and a subject taster session of their choice. These included A levels in law, psychology, business and sociology as well as vocational courses such as a dance, childcare, beauty and catering.

As members of the Earls Collegiate students would have access to all the facilities at the College as well as the Earls.

If you would like any further information on the Collegiate please contact me at the school.

Mrs Begley

Year 11 Exam Results Day!!!

Students will be able to pick up their exam results on Thursday 27th August 2009 from 10.00am in the dining hall.

CLASS OF 2009

FRIENDS OF THE EARLS

TRIP TO THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

Following an early start from Earls and with the weather looking ominous we arrived in Windsor just as the sun came out! It was the start of a truly fantastic day with so much to see and do ranging from the Castle and Windsor Great Park to the lovely river cruises and great shopping centre. The town was full of people from all nationalities who were there to see the splendid historical buildings and to soak up the 'olde' English atmosphere. We were very fortunate as the weather was hot and sunny all day and everyone had a brilliant time with many saying that they would like to return.

The Friends of the Earls are planning two more trips in the Autumn term: The BBC Food and Drink Show and a Christmas shopping trip to London. These trips have run before and demand for tickets is usually high so make sure you book early!

Mrs Kemble.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3rd Sept- Staff training days
Friday 4th Sept

Monday 7th Sept -All students return to school

HALF-TERM:

Monday 26th Oct - Friday 30th Oct

CHRISTMAS:

Monday 21st Dec - Friday 1st Jan 2010
**ALL STUDENTS RETURN
MONDAY 4TH JAN. 2010**

HALF-TERM:

Monday 15th Feb - Friday 19th Feb



HAVE YOU LOST ANYTHING?

All lost property will be available until Friday 10th July 2009 then it will be taken to a local charity shop. Therefore, if you have lost anything this term please check with reception before this date.

