

NEWSLETTER

October 2009

Dance Showcase

There will be a Dance Showcase taking place in the Theatre on **Monday 2 November**. The show commences at 6.30pm and refreshments will be available before the show in the Community Lounge. The participants are from Year 8 to Year 12 and are displaying class work, set works and their own choreography. The evening should end by 7.45pm, everyone is welcome to attend and it's FREE. Do come along and support your children.

Year 7 Information Evening - Wednesday 4 November

Parents of Year 7 students are reminded that the Information Evening runs from 6.30 – 8pm and reply slips should be returned to Student Services as soon as possible please.

Sixth Form News

The new Enrichment Programme is working well and has been well received by students. Events run in five weekly blocks and, in consultation with students, a new programme is being devised for the next half term. The Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on **Tuesday 17 November** commencing at 6.30pm and prospective students and their parents are invited to attend to meet with staff and students. There will be a talk led by the Headteacher, Andy Evans and other key staff/students in the Theatre, followed by subject displays in the Sixth Form where staff and students will be on hand to give advice on their subject areas.

Mentoring and Challenge Day – Thursday 26 November

Parents are reminded that Year 8 and Year 9 students will be expected to complete homework tasks at home on this day but will also come into school with you for a fifteen minute meeting with their mentor. In the past these academic review days have been successful in focusing students on what they need to do to achieve well and making sure that the school and parents present a united front. Details on how to make appointments will be issued next half term.

Clinic 4 US

This is a drop in session/clinic for all students at JMHS. It is a staff and parent free zone! It is staffed by myself (Dr Debs Hiley) and Julie Johnson (School nurse). For those of you who don't know me I am also a GP at Ledbury Market surgery, working there part-time. I have school age children myself. Many of you will already know Julie from her role as school nurse, and like me, Julie is also a parent.

The clinic runs in the leisure centre area on Monday lunchtimes. There are chairs outside the room we see people in, to sit and wait until it is your turn. We can see and treat or advise on anything from sore feet / sore throats, to spots / sexual health and emotional difficulties i.e. most things you might visit your G.P. or "family doctor" about. Sometimes we treat (possibly prescribing medicines), sometimes we advise. The students are always assessed as to their level of maturity and encouraged to discuss our consultation with their parents(s)/carer(s). The service is confidential and we respect the students' confidentiality at all times unless we feel there is a great risk in not doing so. On such rare occasions we may, after discussions with the student, contact family/ carers or other professionals.

The aim of the service is to provide young people an opportunity to access health care independently. This encourages them to take responsibility for their own health needs both now and in the future and hopefully the students will see health care professionals as friendly people who are there to support and guide on many issues relating to their health, encouraging them to use the services wisely in the future and to look after themselves. It is a service which runs through the Primary Health Care Trust in many Herefordshire Schools working in partnership with education for children.

Both Julie and I look forward to seeing more students at the 4 US clinic in the future. Please feel free to come and see us even if it is just to ask about the service / meet us.

Financial Information for Parents

The Financial Management Standards that apply to schools require us to provide you with information regarding the school's official funds. We have therefore included on our website, within the Parents Information section, a summary of our 2008-9 Annual Expenditure Statement. We have also included in this section of the website information regarding our School Fund Account which primarily exists for the purposes of organising school trips. The Head's Reserve was used in the year ended 31 July 2008 primarily to fund additional resources for extra-curricular activities and to fund additional unexpected costs that have arisen at a late stage on trips which have enabled trips to take place. If you require any further financial information please contact our Finance Officer, Louise Ronan, in writing.

Books for Schools Scheme

The Books for Schools scheme is running again and vouchers can be collected from the Times all week as well as the Sunday Times. We use these vouchers to supplement our Book Club books among other things. Parents can send vouchers in with their children or bring them into school themselves

Fireworks

West Mercia Police have asked us to remind everyone that people under the age of 18 are prohibited from buying fireworks or being in possession of fireworks in a public place and that irresponsible use of fireworks can pose a danger to other people and property. They also offer a timely reminder that egg throwing is particularly anti social and can attract a fine of between £80 - £1,000.

Energy Drinks

May we remind parents and students that 'energy drinks' are prohibited on the school site and will be confiscated from students who are seen to have them in their possession.

Finally, may I ask parents to check the calendar sent out with the September Newsletter to ensure you don't miss out on any vital events. We warmly invite to you attend our Carol Service on Thursday 17 December, commencing at 6.30, and remind you that school will close at 12.45pm on Friday 18 December.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Evans
 Headteacher

<p>Hullabaloo Youth Choir love to sing! at Bosbury school on Fridays from 6-7pm £2.00 per session 11-16yrs welcome <i>We sing cool and funky songs and we love new members!</i> Call 01531 640276 for more details</p>	<p>Dads, Mums, Grandparents, and Carers would you like to improve your maths skills?</p> <p>Please join the FREE Family Learning Course, starting on Thursday 5 November 2009, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, at John Masefield High School. You and your tutor will explore the skills that you already have and the skills that you would like to develop. The course will also cover how maths is taught to children in schools.</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We develop confidence with maths • Helpful, friendly, trained tutor • The sessions are relaxed and easy to understand • Tutor works with people individually and in small groups • Opportunity to take National Tests ONLY if you want to • People find tests less stressful than GCSE exams • This course is very popular with people who feel nervous about maths! <p>For more details and to book a place please contact Jill on 01531 637810 (Ledbury Children's Centre) or Jeanette on 01531 638476 (JMHS)</p>
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