



Staff news and farewells

We will be saying farewell to a number of staff at the end of this term. Mrs Yates is retiring after 27 years working in the Science department, as a Head of Year and also finally as a Key Stage Co-ordinator. I know she will be missed by students and parents, many of whom she would have taught during her time at Court Fields. Mrs Shaw, will also be leaving the science department, where she has worked as a technician, after 26 years to enjoy a well deserved retirement. Mr Craig, another member of the science department, is moving to Huish Episcopi school after 3 years working at Court Fields and we wish him well in his new job. Mrs Wood who has worked part time in the MFL faculty this year is moving to Castle school where I am sure she will be a success. Miss O'Keefe, our Intervention Support Assistant, has worked hard this year with a number of students helping them to improve their Numeracy and Literacy skills and has now decided to pursue a career in teaching. Mrs Rowbotham is also leaving her role as an LSA to train to be a teacher in Bristol. Finally, Mrs Thresher left us this term having worked as an LSA this year.

Mr Buckley and Miss Smith will join the Science department as teachers in September, with Mrs Frayling joining science/food as a Technician. Mrs Trott will be taking up her new role as a Pastoral Support Assistant in September having worked as a Receptionist this year.

Although we are pleased to say that he is not leaving, Mr Stark, our Assistant Head, will be reducing his hours next year, but keeping on his Leadership responsibilities.

Finally, we welcome back Mrs Faull from her brief spell supporting another school. We would both like to thank all staff for their hard work in supporting students this year.

School Website

The school is developing a new website which can be found using the usual website address which is www.courtfieldsschool.co.uk.

Although this is currently under development, we are continuing to add information and news events about the school which you may wish to read. It is also where we will post any urgent information about the school should it be necessary.

Reminder of Dates - July /Sept

Enrichment Day	22/07/10
End of term—2 pm finish	23/07/10
Exam Results Day	24/08/10
INSET Day—Staff only attend	01/09/10
Start of Term for students	02/09/10
- Year 7 + Year 10 Mentors	9 am
- all other Years	12.00
Open Evening	28/09/10

Special points of interest:

- Staff changes
- 50th Anniversary celebrations
- Gifted & Talented Conference
- Auction for Haiti
- End of term and Beginning of term arrangements

Sporting Success

Year 9 student Ronnie Wells has had a particularly successful athletics season this term. He, along with Martin Walker, also Year 9, competed in the Somerset Schools County Athletics Championships at the beginning of June. Ronnie took part in the 100m, 200m and relay events; Martin took part in the Hammer event. Ronnie won the 100m and 200m events, easily reaching National standard for the 100m. Martin won his event and was just out the National standard. Thanks to their hard work, both boys are now County Champions. Well done!

As a result of their success, both boys were selected for the Somerset squad to compete in the South West Championships. Although he did very well, Martin was unsuccessful in being selected for the Nationals.

Ronnie went on to the Nationals in Birmingham, taking part in the 100 metres. He ran in a fantastic time of 11.26 seconds, missing out on 1st place by 100th of a second, but he is now ranked second in England for the event.



Sports Day

On Friday 9th July Court Fields held a very competitive Sports Day. Expectations were high and all Houses were very enthusiastic and determined to impress. 10 Radio were also there to record the events that were happening. The weather was sunny, very few clouds in the sky and just the perfect weather conditions for sports day. There were lots of events happening such as: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, discus, long jump, javelin, etc... All Houses were very competitive because they were all determined to stop Emerald winning the Sports Day 2 years in a row. The most memorable

moment of the whole day was when a school record was broken! Amy Johns beat the triple jump record with a jump of 8.74m—this beat the existing record by 1 cm!

By the end of the day all students were tired and had no more energy.

The results of the Sports Day will be announced in the final assembly of the year.

Greg Mugford Sa10 (Yr 10)

Year 11 Prom—A fond farewell to Year 11

We held an excellent Year 11 Prom with over 145 students attending. Students arrived in a variety of forms of transport this year. It is always a privilege to see how these young people have changed from children in Year 7 to responsible young adults by the time of the Prom. It was an excellent evening and Oake Manor Golf Club commented on the very positive and friendly nature of our students. We look forward to seeing them again on 24th August when they can receive their GCSE and other exam results.



Other News

Student Voice Conference

On Wednesday 23rd June Court Fields hosted a primary liaison day with all of the schools in the Wellington partnership and Milverton School attending. Over 60 primary students were involved in the morning working on art/talent projects and environmental issues with a further 30 students attending in the afternoon for a talent show. This was followed up with a few students from each school going to St John's in order to create a newspaper of the event.

Rewards/Celebration evening

The new reward system using stamps has been a great success this year. Students receive a stamp for every lesson they follow our five golden rules. They can receive additional stamps for excellent work, acts of citizenship etc. These stamps can then be traded for vouchers, or in the case of Year 11, for money off a prom ticket. We held two celebration evenings this year, to reward students who had achieved over 600 stamps, with some achieving as many as 1200. Over 350 students and 800 parents/carers attended across the two evenings and the feedback was extremely positive.



50th Anniversary Celebrations

On Tuesday 6th July we celebrated Court Fields' 50th anniversary with many staff and students from the past and present, and even students of the future. Guests were invited to tour the school, with refreshments provided and a cake cutting ceremony. It was pleasing to see so many former employees return and share in the many memories of the past 50 years.

Uniform Reminders

Staff will continue to enforce the correct uniform in September. Can I please ask you to ensure your child attends school in the correct uniform. This is outlined below:

A top with the School logo on it - this can be either

The current blue sweatshirt (black for Year 11)

A blue school fleece (black for Year 11)

A white polo shirt

A white formal fitted shirt

(These items are available from Taunton Uniforms, Taunton)

Skirt Plain black, classic tailored school style and length (not too short - not too long). If in any doubt please contact the School.

Trousers Plain black classic tailored (Jeans, cords, leggings or cropped trousers are not to be worn. Striped or patterned trousers are also not to be worn)

Socks Boys - Plain, White, grey or black socks

Girls - Black, navy or neutral tights or white socks

Shoes Plain black, with no coloured logos or markings (Boots are not to be worn. High heels and/or open-toed shoes/sandals should not be worn for health & safety reasons).

Coat/Jacket Sensible style in plain colour

Denim or leather is not to be worn

A hat and/or scarf may be worn outside only in cold weather - they are to be removed when inside.

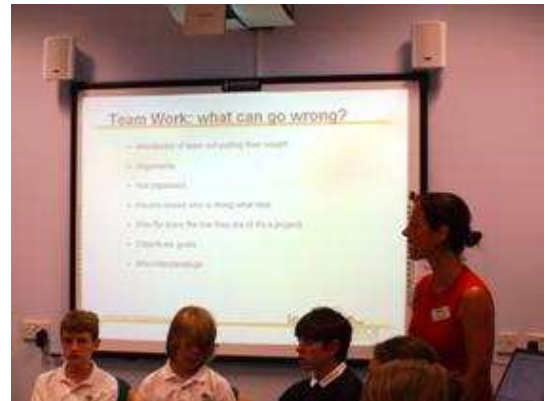
Parents are also reminded that body jewellery is not permitted. Therefore, if your child wishes to have their nose/eyebrow etc pierced, please arrange for this to be done at the beginning of the holiday so that the jewellery can be removed for school time in September. Other jewellery should be kept to a minimum. Fashion items, such as wide, coloured belts, coloured t-shirts and decorated shoes are also not permitted. The full uniform requirements are on the school website and in the school planner.

Gifted and Talented Seminar

On 1st July, a group of high-achieving students from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a Gifted and Talented Seminar, organised by Mr Piper. Here is a report by two participants, Georgia Channon (Em4) and Kate Lockyer (Rb3).

"We assembled in the Conference Room, and were introduced to Tamzen, who was our Tutor for the day. She was very polite and friendly, and showed us how to develop our skills in a simple yet effective way. We did a whole range of activities which were designed to help us apply memory skills through pictures and text. We also learnt about how our brain works, how to organise our notes better and how to co-operate well in a group. Activities included planning a bank robbery (!) through mind-mapping, describing an abstract shape to a partner who had to draw it "blind", and creating little rhymes and sayings to help remember things. In the afternoon, we worked as a group to solve a mystery, developing our communication skills and confidence. We really enjoyed the day—it was very different to our other lessons. We will definitely use and apply the methods learnt to other scenarios at school and in later life."

Georgia Channon (Em4) and Kate Lockyer (Rb3)



General Reminders

Message from the Finance Office

Please could you try to make sure that any money and forms that you send to the Finance Office are handed in in envelopes with the student's name and what the money is for written on the front. This makes it much easier for us to keep everything together and reduces the risk of consent slips etc becoming separated from cheques or cash so that we are not sure who has paid for what.

A big thank you to the parents who already do this. It does make our lives a lot easier!

Lockers

If your child has had a locker this year, please could you ensure that he/she empties it before the end of term. All lockers will be re-allocated for the next academic year so if your child wants to rent one next year, they will not have the same one as they had this year.

Therefore, we need all lockers to be completely empty by the last day of term. Thank you.

Lost Property

The School Office has an assortment of lost property items, including clothing and jewellery. Please send your child to the Office to look for any items they may have lost. All items will be taken to a local Charity shop on the last day of term.

PTFA—Recycled Uniform

If you have uniform or PE kit in good condition which is no longer required, please consider donating it to the PTFA for re-sale. The School Office will accept the items.

Report of the Celebrity Auction for Haiti

During the evening of Thursday 8th of July students from Court Fields Community School hosted a Celebrity Auction raising money for the Haiti Foundation. During the Spring Term whilst the tragic events of the earthquake unfolded in Haiti the students of the English Intervention group in Year 7 wrote to their favourite British celebrities in an attempt to persuade them to donate an auction item.

During their first year at Court Fields the students have been perfecting their persuasive techniques using bribery, flattery, guilt, statistics and professional bodies. Under the guidance of Intervention teacher, Clare O'Keefe, all students put these techniques into action by writing a persuasive letter. The success was phenomenal.

Sporting stars, such as, Steven Gerrard, Johnny Wilkinson and Ricky Hatton, along with TV stars including Hollyoaks actor Ricky Whittle, Eastenders actor Scott Maslen, Only Fools and Horses star David Jason and Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson signed photos, books, t-shirts and posters. Rock star Meat Loaf donated a signed CD, Local MP Jeremy Browne provided a guided tour of the House of Commons and the Oak Meadow Golf Course in Exeter offered 9 holes of golf for 4 people for the highest bidders.

In all, 12 auction items raised an impressive £531, with the Johnny Wilkinson Caricature being sold for a whopping £71 to the Cleland Family. The evening was superbly supported by parents with a number of families making considerable contributions. Other activities during the evening included a raffle; guess the weight of the cake, how many lollies and refreshments.

The final total is confirmed at £566.08, with all funds being sent to the Haiti Appeal Foundation.

Student Support Co-ordinator and auctioneer for the evening Ricky Selway said "This was an outstanding evening for the school and for the Haiti victims. You could see the students urging their parents to keep bidding and the parents were fantastic. Their support made the evening complete with great credit going to Miss O'Keefe and all the Intervention students for their hard work in preparing the event. Only 2 years ago we raised £617 for the RSPCA and the total this year displays the community spirit Wellington has. The students, families and Miss O'Keefe should feel very proud of themselves."

Mr R Selway
Student Support Co-ordinator



Head Teacher Commendations

Congratulations to all students who have been awarded a Headteacher Commendation for excellent work, exam results or good citizenship. These students will receive their Headteacher Commendation certificates during celebration assemblies in the last week of term. Well done to them, and to all students who have achieved success in various ways this year!

Don't forget to sign and return the reply slip giving permission for your child to finish school early on
Friday 23rd July!

Arrangements for the end of term and the start of next term

End of Term Arrangements

Year 10 are involved in Work Experience from Monday 12th July -Friday 16th July. Any queries about work experience arrangements should be directed to Mr Cowling or Mr Stark. We wish them well in this valuable life experience. All Year 10 students should return to school as normal on Monday 19th July. Over the following few days their tutor will be conducting a debrief interview with them about the experience.

From **Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st July** lessons will be as normal.

Thursday 22nd July is an Enrichment Day when students will be off timetable.

Friday 23rd July is our last day of term, and as in previous years, **we will be finishing early at 2.00 pm.** This means that lunch will be shortened to 30 minutes and afternoon registration will be at 1.30pm. Following registration there will be a whole school celebration assembly in the Sports Hall. **Students will be allowed to leave at 2.00pm providing they have returned the signed permission slip at the back of this Newsletter.** If you collect your son/daughter by car you may collect them then. Please would students also ensure they take all of their belongings home for the holidays and remember to clear out their lockers.

Final reminder on body piercings—We do not allow any form of body piercing. If your son / daughter is wanting to have nose studs, eyebrow bars etc, please arrange for this to be done in the first week of the holiday so they may be removed when we return in September.

Exam Results Day—Tuesday 24th August

All Year 11 will be anxiously awaiting their GCSE and other results which will be given out from 10.00—12.00 in the LRC. Students from Year 9 and 10 who have sat their GCSEs early and wish to collect their results may also collect these from the LRC between 11.00—12.00. If you do not wish to collect your results on this day then results will be given out at the beginning of the next term.

Arrangements for start of Autumn Term

Wednesday 1st September is an INSET day with only staff in school.

Thursday 2nd September is the start of the new term for all Years. However, we have a staggered start to this first day:

9.00am Start of the day for Year 7s and their Year 10 mentors only. Students should report to the hall initially before going to their tutor group.

12.00 noon—Start of the Day for all other students. Students to report to tutor groups for House activities.

Friday 3rd September is a normal school day for all.

I would like to wish all our students and families a very happy holiday and look forward to the new term in September.

Reply slips

Newsletters are issued to the youngest child in the family, but please give a reply slip to each of your children to return to their Form Tutor.

NAME: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

I/We have received the final July Newsletter and give permission for my child/ children to leave at 2.00 pm on Friday 23rd July.

SIGNED: _____ (Parent/Carer) DATE: _____

Please return to your child's Form Tutor by Wednesday 21st July 2010

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