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Holy Trinity International News

Free School status

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Last Wednesday evening there was a very productive and informative discussion about the school's decision to apply for Free School status. Dr Tate, chairman of IES, and Mrs Leek-Wright presented to a packed audience the rationale behind the decision. Understandably there were questions raised but the audience left the meeting in a positive mood and reassured about the 'family' ethos of the school continuing along with its academic standards remaining high. The main points to come out of the evening were:

- ◇ The application to be submitted by 24th February.
- ◇ Free School status starting September 2013.
- ◇ Classes to be capped at 22 (Year 3 to Year 11) and 20 (Reception to Year 2).
- ◇ Students on the school roll as at July 2013 will have a place in the school.
- ◇ Steering Group will consist of Senior Management and also parental representation. The parents who have kindly agreed to be part of the Steering Group are Mrs N Reeve, Mrs Marlow, Mr Murphy, Mrs Elcock, Mr Bridge and Mr Rhodes. There will also be parent representation from Kindergarten.

It is an extremely exciting initiative and the verbal feedback from parents the following morning was very supportive. It is important that the parents have their view recorded and we would ask all parents to complete the questionnaire as soon as possible.

On the piste!

During the last week of the Autumn Term pupils and students from Year 4 through to the Sixth Form took part in a ski-trip to Austria.

The season had been short of snow but the weather changed for HTIS and the slopes were just right for our intrepid skiers.

The trip was organised by Mrs Pioli and she was accompanied by Mr Brunt, Miss Lloyd and Mrs Johnston.

From those who had never skied before to seasoned veterans the week saw some challenging and well earned awards. The hotel accommodation was superb and all those involved in the visit were impressed with the cuisine—not only delicious but plentiful!!!

Mrs Pioli took over 400 hundred photographs and she is more than willing to share these with parents—just make contact with her and she will gladly comment on each and every sporting star. The pupils and students expressed their thanks to all the staff who made this adventure possible acknowledging their dedication. Well done!!!





The Big Bang Theory

BBC Learning have created a constellation of ways to bring astronomy to life in the classroom. On the 19th January, school children across the country had the unique opportunity to put their questions about space, stars, planets and the universe directly to one of the nation's favourite science

teachers, Professor Brian Cox.

The curriculum in the Senior School became very flexible on that afternoon and students in Year 9 and 10 English and Science lessons took part in this live broadcast on BBC TV.

Professor Cox presented a dynamic live, interactive lesson from Jodrell Bank in collaboration with The Big Bang Fair, 'You, the Universe and Me.' Schools from around the UK joined in on the BBC Stargazing website and via the BBC Red Button.

Sports Report

Netball

v Bromsgrove B teams

Year 4 & 5 won 7-2
won 4-1

Years 5 & 6 lost 1-4
lost 2-6

v Edgecliff

Year won 8-2

v Heathfield

Year 7 lost 0-10

Year 9 lost 3-6

Amnesty International Youth Group

As part of their RE Studies students in Year 9 have formed an Amnesty International Youth Group. They have voted for a management team led by Stephanie, Lydia and Jenny.

The school has funded the venture and over the coming months the class will be leading campaigns to make the school community aware of the work of Amnesty International.

With Mr Dunnington they are discussing in RE lessons the various cases exposed on the Amnesty website and are in the process of choosing the campaign they wish to highlight.

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 24 January

Year 9 "Options" Evening

5.30pm—7.30pm

Friday 27 January

Whole School Assembly—Music—parents and friends welcome 8.45am

Tuesday 31 January

Year 11 Parent Consultations

5.30pm—7.30pm

Thursday 2 February

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

Friday 3 February

Whole School Assembly—Year 7—parents and friends welcome 8.45am

Tuesday 7 February

Sixth Form visit to Houses of Parliament

7.30am—10.30pm

April-Lina's Website

As part of her English project, Year 9 student April-Lina, decided to create a website about magic. She use animation with moving images and also created an A-Z information file on magical creatures and places. Please take the time to view her website, you will be enthralled:

www.yellowmagic.webs.com



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