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## YEARS 10 & 11

### Preparation for Working Life Exam (PSHRE)

(Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May ~ 9am)

Please come and see Miss Sturgeon in M31 to receive a **FREE** revision booklet

You will need to bring a memory stick!

I must do my revision  
I must do my revision  
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## PARENTS' HOUR

Andy White is available to be seen by parents, without appointment, every morning 7.15am until 8.15am and Thursday evenings 5.15pm until 6.15pm.

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## Duty Pupils

To the following Year 8 pupils who have acted as Duty Pupils, thank you very much for all your hard work.

Toni Collins	Vicky Collins
Sian-Louise Dockerill	Leon Evans
Courtney Graves	Daniel Grimes
Chloe Hamberger	Jack Healey
Reece Holland	

## FIXTURES

Wednesday 27th April 2011  
Year 11 Boys - GCSE Swimming  
at James Hornsby



## DIARY



Monday 11th - Monday 25th April 2011  
EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 26th April 2011  
START OF TERM - 8.45am start  
NON UNI FORM DAY

Wednesday 27th April 2011  
NON UNI FORM DAY  
Drop a Day (5)

Thursday 28th April 2011  
NON PUPIL DAY FOR YEARS 7-10  
(Teacher Training)  
Year 11 Art Exam Day 1  
Year 11 Languages Exam

Friday 29th April 2011  
ROYAL WEDDING - Public Holiday

# Woodlands Weekly

~ Keeping You In Touch With The School ~

8th April 2011

Assembly Theme for Next Week  
"Healthy Lifestyles"

Issue No. 781

## Wood-lads Make a Right Exhibition of Themselves

David Thomas reporting...

'Put on the white coat and come on in, the experiment is coming to an end'. On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 50 boys from Year 8, another 50 from Year 10 and a specially invited group of teachers and governors had the opportunity to experience the culmination of three months hard work and cultural exploration by our intrepid group of Year 10 Wood-lads.

You may recall that we have been working in collaboration with Creative Partnerships on a cultural project aimed at encouraging a small group of boys from Year 10 to develop confidence, improve behaviour and explore art and culture. The end of this project was to create and curate an exhibition that celebrated the different aspects of the project and the journey that the boys have taken.

Upon entering the room, guests were asked to don the science lab coats just like the ones the boys had to wear as part of the alien role play they took part in during the residential before half term. They also symbolised the cultural experiment the boys have been in.

Once suitably attired the guests were taken around the exhibits with special explanations and talks given by the boys involved.

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## HAPPY HOLIDAY

At the end of a long but very successful term could I wish everyone an enjoyable and restful holiday – the exception to that is Year 11 pupils who I hope will enjoy the holiday but forget about rest and ensure they revise thoroughly for their forthcoming GCSE exams. Pupils deserve their break from school in that by and large they have worked very hard this term. Thank you to families for once again being very supportive of the school and of course ensuring that pupils have kept up their high attendance and excellent effort. Reflecting back on this term I can honestly say that although it has been hard work it has also been highly successful. Year 11 are on target to record excellent exam results, Year 10 are doing well in their GCSE courses and at Key Stage 3 pupils have been making very good progress. **Thank you to everyone for all your efforts and have a very good Easter.**

## NEXT TERM

Next term commences on Tuesday 26th April at the normal time i.e. 8.45am for registration. Lessons will start as normal at 9am. I list below some important dates for next term – families please note.

### Date

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

### Event

Start of term – Pupils to arrive at 8.45am  
Charity Non Uniform Days (£2 per family to charity)  
Drop A Day  
School closed to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils (Staff Training)  
Year 11 in school for GCSE Art and Languages exams  
School Closed – Bank Holiday for Royal Wedding  
May Bank Holiday – School Closed  
Year 9 start exams  
Year 9 end exams  
Year 11 start study leave and GCSE exams  
Year 10 Parents' Evening  
Half Term holiday  
Year 10 start Trident Work Experience  
Activities Week  
Year 8 Parents' Evening  
Year 10 start exams until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Year 7 Parents' Evening  
Sports Day  
Year 7 Awards Afternoon  
Year 10 Enterprise Day  
Year Group trips  
Last Day of Term

HEADLINES by Andy White

# Wood-lads Make a Right Exhibition of Themselves

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Once they had finished walking round the exhibits, guests were invited to take a seat in the special viewing area where they were treated to a feast for the ears and eyes. First they listened to a special podcast that used music and comedy to create a unique look at perceptions of boys and culture in Basildon. Greg Lawrence, a stand up comedian and one of the Creative Partners was full of praise for the boys while working with them in the recording studio. **"They were so brilliant, it would be great for them to remember how brilliant they were. Sam Byne (10PRI) has a career as a voice over man ahead if he chooses, Perry Parker (10NTa) a career in comedy and music, Che Chesterman (10SKe), what a voice... and all the lads really got into the spirit of things."**

This was followed by a fantastic short film that documented the professor's murder/alien invasion role-play where the boys had to work as a team and use all their intellect and guile to defeat an alien invasion that threatened our very existence. On the way out of the exhibition the guests were led through a reconstruction of the professor's room where they could take in the murder scene and begin putting together the clues, just in case they too were called into action to save the World!

The Year 8 and 10 boys also got to take part in a workshop that encouraged them to focus on personal perceptions of themselves as well as how they think other people in the school and their lives perceive them. This is an eye opening exercise and we hope that as a result of this exhibition, and the project as a whole, some of the boys at our school recognise the power that culture can have on them and how they in turn can influence their culture.

*Many thanks to Mr Gibbon, Mr Reay, Mr Newton, Miss Pearce, Mr Sherwood, Miss Scott, Mrs Debs for all their hard work during the exhibition and all the staff who have been patient and supportive of the boys during the entire project.*



# Comenius inspires us to overcome all Obstacles

*Gemma Fordyce reporting...*

Last week Woodlands School hosted visitors from Greece, Poland and Estonia to look at the role of equality in sport. This was the second of eight visits looking at the Olympic and Paralympic values of 'Courage, Friendship, Equality, Respect, Excellence, Determination and Inspiration' as part of the European funded Comenius programme aiming to bring countries together on joint projects.

Five Year 10 pupils were chosen to represent the UK and won their place on the trip by designing a mascot to represent Woodlands School. The group were based at the Danbury Outdoor Centre and undertook various activities such as mountain biking, archery, bowling, ice-skating, tree top walking and completing obstacle courses while tied together. The pupils worked in mixed groups and points were awarded to the winning country after each event.

The current medal board sees Poland in first place, followed by Estonia and the UK in third place and will be updated during the next trips to Poland in April and Greece in June.

Rebecca Collins really enjoyed her experience on the trip "The best bits were making friends from other countries and working together."

"I enjoyed the obstacle course because it was something I had never done before and as the other pupils didn't all speak English, we had to communicate in different ways." Charlie Lee Groves agreed.



# THE WOMAN IN BLACK YEAR 10 GCSE DRAMA TRIP



Unfortunately Shannon didn't get to go and see 'The Woman in Black' at The Fortune Theatre, so she asked Casey and Rosie to tell her about their experience with the show.

## What was the performance about?

The play was about a man who was telling a ghost story about a woman who had died and haunted a house. The story focused on a horrific experience he had and the events that followed.

## Why was the performance scary?

It was scary because of the lighting, sound effects and special effects used throughout the play. A lot of it was set in the dark with low lights and lots of shadows. There were several sound effects of screams used and a smoke machine created a spooky atmosphere. The acting was excellent and always had us on the edge of our seats.

## What was the best bit of the show?

The way the set was used in lots of different ways was very clever. For example the way the graveyard turned into a child's nursery and the music box was playing a scary child's tune. We just knew something bad was going to happen but was not sure what!

## Did any of the actors come into the audience?

Yes!!! The woman in black came through the audience and the torch light from another performer was shone into our eyes. We were always made to feel we were a part of the story and I think that's why it scared me so much.

## What bit made you jump the most?

The worst bit for me was at the end when we thought everything was going to be alright and that all the characters were safe and then suddenly the ghost came through the curtains! It really made me jump.

## What did you think of the play?

Many people found the play very jumpy and quite scary at many points in the production. At different times throughout the play you didn't know what was going to happen. It constantly built to a climax and kept the whole audience gripped throughout.

## Would you recommend this play to other people?

Yes definitely to people that like horror and enjoy being scared. Even if you don't it's a great show and the whole class enjoyed it.

*Reported by Rosie Bird (10Cle), Casey-Ann Parker (10NTa) and Shannon Jennings (10KHe)*

# Mathematician of the Month February 2011

## Winners:

- Year 7 **Vikki Thomson**
- Year 8 **Maria Barsoom**
- Year 9 **Elliott Jennings**

## Nominations

- Year 7**
- Tsvetan Stoikov
  - Rachel Smith
  - Luke Paul
  - Lewis Bullard
  - Taylor Ward
  - Anju Abraham
  - Paige Caskie
  - Ryan Boniface
  - Cheyenne Barratt
  - Remi Felicien
  - Ella Gaish

- Year 8**
- Sharan Raju
  - Sam Mason
  - Ben Quinn
  - Mason Illsley
  - George Crockford
  - Jack Miller
  - Regan Mead
  - Katie Lacey
  - Kelsey Gray
  - Keir Fletcher
  - David Barter

- Year 9**
- George Peck
  - Olivia Turp
  - Ricky Copping
  - Shabnam Nezarati
  - Drew Theobald
  - Joshua Attard
  - Mitchell Langley



**Congratulations to everybody nominated – Keep up the good work!**