



**CHELMER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2011**

**LIVING IN  
GREAT OR LITTLE LEIGHS???**

**ENTERING THE 6<sup>th</sup> FORM OR  
GOING TO UNIVERSITY OR  
COLLEGE OR  
GOING TO DO A VOCATIONAL  
COURSE OR  
APPRENTICESHIP???**

**If you can answer “YES” to one  
of these questions you may be  
able to obtain a grant for books  
and equipment from the Great  
and Little Leighs Educational  
Trust.**

**A leaflet giving further  
information is available from the  
School Office**

**TESCO AND SAINSBURY VOUCHERS**

Please send in all the vouchers you  
have collected as it's time for the big  
count up!

If you would like your vouchers to go to  
a specific house please mark your  
vouchers with which house they are to  
be counted for.

There is a collection box in the library.

We also collect Nestle Box Top 4 Books,  
they are on the top of Nestle cereal  
packets.

**Mrs J Key  
Library Manager**

**HALF TERM DATES**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**REQUEST FOR UNWANTED SCHOOL  
UNIFORM**

If you have any unwanted uniform that  
will no longer be worn, but is still in  
good condition, please would you mind  
donating it to the school.

Many thanks.

**Mrs V Frost  
Medical Ancillary**

**VICKERS**



Vickers' House has  
raised £920 for their charity, The J's  
Hospice, since September.

The J's hospice gives care to young  
adults with limited life expectancy.

This is an amazing achievement.

8V raised the most money, so will be  
presenting the cheque on behalf of  
Vickers' House.

We are very proud of ALL the students  
who have raised this money; and at  
times have sacrificed breaks, and  
lunchtimes to achieve it.

A big thank you to everyone involved.

Well done Vickers!

**Mrs L Roberts  
Head of Vickers**

## **NRA EVENING**

We had a wonderful evening celebration on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May where we awarded Year 11 students with their National Record of Achievements. Many students performed musical numbers. A big thank you to all the performers, Year 11 students themselves, parents, staff, and governors. We wish Year 11 all the very best for their forthcoming examinations.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

5<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011

All students who have submitted their choices online have had one of their placements approved. Letters have been sent to the employers for their confirmation. Some companies have refused placements due to staff shortages or restructuring in September which is resulting in students having to re choose. There are still placements available online but if a student wishes to find their own placement this must be done by the 27<sup>th</sup> May, this is the final deadline for the 'own find' form.

Those students who have made choices and have not submitted them need to do so now. Letters need to be sent to the employers and it can take time for confirmation to be received.

Confirmed placements: Placement paperwork will be in registers shortly. Upon receipt students should contact their employer and arrange an interview.

Consent forms: There are still a few consent/medical forms outstanding. Please hand your completed form in to the careers office or your tutor as soon as possible.

Any queries regarding work experience please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mrs Storer**  
**Careers Coordinator**

## **MATHS**

YEARS 7-10

As this is such a short half-term, we will not be setting an end of half term test.

The final tests for the year will be in the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

BOOK AMNESTY

Please could all Year 11 students return their Maths text books to school  
*and*

Please could ALL students return any Maths books that may be cluttering up their bedrooms.

**Mrs C Wood**  
**Maths Department**

## **DANCE**

The **only** after school Dance sessions will be for GCSE Dancers on **TUESDAY evenings until 5pm** after half term in the Sports Hall.

The final GCSE written exam is 8<sup>th</sup> June. Good luck to all students involved.

DVDs from the 'Let's Celebrate Dance' showcase are available from Mrs Abbott in PE, £15 each, cheques made payable to BVP Productions.

**Mrs L Abbott**  
**Head of Dance**

## **SIXTH FORM**

Year 13 students start study leave on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

There will be a 'Leavers Lunch' to celebrate the end of their time at Chelmer Valley on this day.

After half term, students will then be encouraged to come into school to complete revision lessons following their normal timetables.

As previously advised Year 12 have no study leave. However, once their AS examinations are complete they do not need to come into school until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June when their A2 courses will commence.

A date for your diary is 23<sup>rd</sup> June when Year 12 students will be attending the Higher Education Superfair at the University of Essex in Colchester.

Finally we would like to wish all students the best of luck in their forthcoming examinations.

**Miss V Lucas & Mrs C Mills  
Sixth Form**

### **CREATIVE**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May Broomfield Primary School students are coming in to work with Mr Young on a computer Art project and with Mrs Bedford to work on wax batik work.

We have a number of our excellent students working with them, namely, Mignon Leonhardt, Toby Kruger, Elizabeth Pearson, Jordan Knight, Samara Moston, Joshua Card-Gowers, Evie Gardiner and Eleanor Churchman.

Also, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Miss Russell is taking some members of the senior choir together with the Year 12 BTEC students to perform to Broomfield Primary students in their assembly.

This is part of Broomfield Primary's Creative Arts week and Chelmer Valley High School is happy to join them in their celebration of the Arts.

Many thanks to our trusted and highly skilled helpers.

**Mrs J Watson  
Head of Creative**

### **ART**

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011 13 Talented in Art students will be visiting Broomfield Grange Nursing Home to meet with the residents.

The purpose of this visit is to find out what kind of images they would like to see on painted canvases for their reminiscence room. These will then be painted back at school in special workshop sessions and at Art club.

**Mrs S Bedford  
Art Department**

### **SCIENCE**

In April we saw Dr James Endicott come to the school to do an after school lecture on space imagery. The students were engaged and impeccably behaved throughout the talk. This should hopefully be the start of a series of science/engineering based lectures aimed at Year 10 to Year 13.

Our GCSE Astronomy class spent a seminar session at Anglia Ruskin University on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. It was hosted by the Chelmsford Engineering Society and consisted of 3, 15 minute lectures followed by a small fair. This session revolved around the space industries and gave the students the opportunity to see the potential futures available to them. As always their behaviour was exemplary and was commented on by many at the event.

This week we saw a loan of Moon rocks from NASA via the STFC. Year 7 and 8 engaged in an exciting scheme of lessons, where they examined the Moon in greater detail and got to join a very small percentage of the world's population who have actually handled and seen pieces of the Moon.

**Mr J Hannan  
Science Teacher**

## **ENGINEERING**

### **Product Wars**

Year 7 students took part in a Product Wars Inter-House Competition on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May run by the Maths department.

Within their tutor groups they produced recipes and designs for a Smoothie, including the nutritional information and a 3D model of its container; they also conducted a market research to help with their ideas. Each tutor group selected a winning idea and produced a PowerPoint presentation of their product.

Presentations and samples of their smoothies were shown to the judges in the style of 'The Apprentice'. The board of judges were Mrs Mycock, Mr Franklin, and two representatives from the analytical department at Britvic.

The overall winners were a team from 7V, led by Ben Dodd, with their smoothie called 'Breeze'.

"This was a great and fun way to show our students how Maths is used in a business environment. It was an opportunity for them to gain a greater understanding of Maths within their lessons."

**Mrs M Cush**  
**KS3 Maths Coordinator**

### **Mr Numbervator**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Mr Numbervator visited Chelmer Valley High School to work with year 8 students, including those from St Peter's College.

Each group spent an hour being amazed by new, quick ways to do certain bits of Maths and then finding that they could do them too!

This was not just an observation session all students were involved in activities from quick multiplication, through angle problems without a protractor, to predicting outcomes, as well as solving a few GCSE questions in

the blink of an eye. With each new insight, students were encouraged to think about how to extend it to other numbers. They were taught how to do a 'magic trick' with adding up three digit numbers and lots of other interesting facts, including that Mr Numbervator, aka Isaac Anoom, is a Guinness World Record holder!

As always, the percentage/decimal/fraction version of Twister was a huge success, with a total of 12 students managing to fit onto the mat by the final session of the day.

"Mr Numbervator has been a firm favourite with Chelmer Valley students for nearly 10 years now. He got the students enthused and showed them that Maths can be both fun and fairly easy if you use more of the power of your brain. It was nice to see some of the current sixth form remembering when Mr Numbervator worked with them and coming up to say hello."

**Mrs K Cohen**  
**Maths teacher**

## Year 11 Structured Revision Timetable

All students are expected to attend the structured revision sessions for exams that they are taking this summer. School uniform is to be worn. Please sign in/out at reception.

Who	Subject	Date	Teacher	Room	Time
ALL	English Lang Foundation	13 <sup>th</sup> May & 17 <sup>th</sup> May	JS PCL EE	N10 N4 N7	9-11am
ALL	English Lang Higher	13 <sup>th</sup> May & 17 <sup>th</sup> May	JS PCL EE	N10 N4 N7	9-11am
Triple Scientists	Biology	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Science staff	O13 & O14	10am-12pm
ALL	English Lit Foundation	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	JS PCL EE CR	N10 N4 N7 N8	9-11am
ALL	English Lit Higher	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	JS PCL EE CR	N10 N4 N7 N8	9-11am
Triple Scientists	Chemistry*	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Science staff	N27 & N28	1.20-3.20pm
Triple Scientists	Physics	26 <sup>th</sup> May	Science staff	N27 & C2	10am-12pm
ALL	Maths Foundation	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths staff	N1 & N23	10.30-12.30
ALL	Maths Higher	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths staff	N32 & N33	10.30-12.30

\*We are aware of the clash between PE exam and Chemistry revision. All Science resources are available on the FROG system.

### Rooms for independent study 16<sup>th</sup> May-10<sup>th</sup> June

In addition to structured revision sessions, the following rooms will be made available for **independent personal study**. There will be a member of staff to supervise. Do not wander around the school looking for subject staff who may be teaching at these times.

B week	16 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May
P1	O14		N4	C1	C2
P2	N13		T8	O13,O14	C2
P3	O13	N27	T8	O13,O14	N20
P4	O13	N27	N4	T8	N22
P5	N10	N27	N13	C1	N27
A week	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> May	27 <sup>th</sup> May
P1		O26	T8	N4	N18
P2		O25	T8		T8
P3	N20	C1	N4		T8
P4	O13		N14	T8	N4
P5	N17		O14	N4	O14
B week	6 <sup>th</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> June	8 <sup>th</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> June
P1	O14	N34	N23	C1	O23
P2		N34	O13		O14
P3		N27	N24		N20
P4	O14	N27	N22	N31	N22
P5	N34	N27	O25	N25	N31

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