



**CHELMER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2012**



FLYING WITH THE FALCONS – 2011



It never ceases to amaze me just how enthusiastic and dedicated the young people are who make up what has possibly become the UK's top gymnastic display team.

Whatever and wherever they perform, they always exceed my expectations. It is true to say that not all team members are fresh-faced students; we have a large cohort of "senior" members who form the core of the team. It is their professionalism and ability that is the driving force behind the success we have enjoyed in recent years. They provide the inspiration for the many talented younger gymnasts that are coming to prominence. It is also true to say that the Blue Falcons is equally reliant on the services of our Adult Support Group and if Mr Cameron wishes to see his "Big Society" in operation he has only to interrupt his busy schedule and pop into one of our training sessions. We are deeply indebted to the services of this amazing group of people!

Throughout the season, we were heavily involved in skill development, not only directed at our junior team, The Fledglings, but at the senior team members who constantly re-evaluate their skill levels and seek to develop them further through constant practise; a number of whom have successfully passed the demanding British Gymnastic Club coaching award. This qualifies them to take the reins when the time comes and thus ensure that the Blue Falcons will continue to fly on into the future.

As in previous years, the 2011 season was extremely demanding. We cast our net both near and far, entertaining crowds at events just down the road and as far afield as Folkestone, when in November we performed at the Remembrance Festival at the Cliffs Pavilion and at the end of the display we received a five minute standing ovation

from the 800 strong audience. The season came to a crescendo in mid December when we performed displays on consecutive days for the International Military Tattoo at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham. A combined crowd of 12,000 witnessed two thrilling displays and as a consequence the team received much complimentary feedback.

I am more than confident that our very special and unique group of young (and not so young) gymnasts will continue to go from strength to strength, secure in the knowledge that they have the encouragement of a marvellous group of adults combined with the support we always receive from our Headteacher, the staff and the parents of Chelmer Valley. As always, we look forward to another successful season – our thirty-ninth!

Mr M Ford
Team Manager

PTA News



The popular Year 7 & 8 Disco will be held on Friday 3rd February from 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the school Hall. Please note that Ultra Violet lights will be used during the evening.

Tickets are £4 which includes entry into raffle.

Sweets and drinks are available to buy on the night.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 30th January at breaktime only in the Quest Foyer.

Numbers are limited so please get your ticket early to avoid disappointment.

Please be prompt in picking your children up after the event.

Mrs J Hampel
PTA

NEW STAFF

A warm welcome to the following members of staff who have joined us recently:

Mrs E Austin Pastoral Administration

Mrs J Metson Administration

DANCE

DC49 Dance and Cheer are providing FREE sessions for Years 10 to 13 after school on Mondays until 4.30pm in the Hall.

Whole school dance club is on Mondays and Thursdays until 4.30pm in the Gym to prepare for the Annual show on Tuesday 27th March.

GCSE Dance rehearsals will continue on Wednesday evenings until 4.30pm to prepare for the final exam on Wednesday 28th March.

Mrs L Abbott
Head of Dance

SCIENCE

Olympics 2012

As part of the build-up to this summer's Olympic Games, Year 10 Triple Science students recently took part in an event in London focusing on "The Science behind Sporting Success". They attended a variety of workshops including "Limits to Human Performance", "Elements of the Olympics" and "Psychology of Stress". These support topics that they will cover during their Science lessons and helps to put the students' learning in context.

Mrs S Mycock
Science Department

ART

Artists of the Month of January

Ryan Ashwell, Alice Arnold, Mignon Leonhardt and Bailey Carswell.

Postcards home for excellent work

Year 7 - Harry Allen, Isabella Roy, Danielle Raimo, Mark Seymour, Almera Khan, Jenna Dinnes, Annabella Loraine and Olivia Page

Year 8 - Katie Foreman, Ryan Boyton and Nathan Copping

Year 9 - Sam Skinner, Chloe Maynard, Eleanor Fitch, Sophie Brown and Emily Ringrose

Year 10 - Jamie Chignell and Daniella Tubbs.

Also congratulations to Year 8 and 9 'Gifted and Talented in Art' students who produced shrines to their teddies in the style of the artist Grayson Perry - Tara Dalby, Katie Foreman, Lucy Giblin, Megan Williams, Isabel Sexton, Sophie Brown and Connor Venton. They will be presented with certificates and a prize in the very near future.

Mrs J Watson
Head of Creative

MEDIA

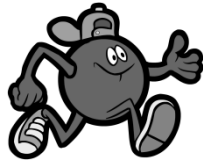
Christmas Concert DVD's

Christmas Concert DVD's will be ready for purchase by the end of January. If you have pre-ordered DVD's your child will receive a note in the register explaining when they are ready. Once the note is received payment will be due. Each DVD is £3.00 and of high quality, showing the true talents of all who performed in the Christmas Concert.

Miss G Peacock
Head of Media Studies



CAREERS



Year 9 Careers lessons

Careers lessons for Year 9 were run by Mrs Storer and Mr Forrester this month. The students logged onto fasttomato.com and had fun finding out which jobs suited their personalities. This programme is internet based and is a useful tool as the student's progress through their school years. It provides information on a wide range of jobs, courses, course providers and websites for further research. Each student created their own login and were encouraged to keep these details for further use where they have internet access. During these lessons they were shown the literature in the Careers library where several students have since visited during lunchtime to research their career ideas. It has also been useful for them to start thinking ahead about the choices they are about to make Post-14. Information on choosing options can be found on the Fasttomato website under 'education' in the resources drop down menu or you can speak to the staff at CVHS during the Year 9 Choices Evening on Thursday 23rd February 2011.

Year 11

Careers information and guidance interviews with Mr Forrester will be continuing this term for Year 11 students. Any students with immediate concerns about their future should come and see Mrs Storer in the Careers library as soon as possible. As well as literature on career ideas we also have a selection of college prospectuses with application forms in the Careers office.



Apprenticeships

Students in Years 11 & 13 who are interested in taking up apprenticeships in September should by now have registered with the website

www.apprenticeships.org.uk; any students needing help in doing this should see Mrs Mycock as soon as possible. Vacancies in the Chelmsford and surrounding areas are

beginning to be advertised and students should be checking the website frequently to avoid missing deadlines for the various opportunities; help in completing applications etc. is available from Mrs Storer (in the Careers Department) or from Mrs Mycock. In addition the website also contains information for Parents and Carers including a "Frequently Asked Questions" section.

Sixth Form Work Experience – a reminder!

Students in Year 12 are required to undertake a one week work experience placement from July 16th-20th. This should be relevant to their current studies and/or future career plan. The responsibility for finding such a placement lies with the students themselves and it is important that, if they have not yet done so, they begin to contact relevant businesses, organisations etc. Any student requiring advice about this process should contact Mrs Mycock as soon as possible.

Mrs S Storer
Careers Coordinator

ENGINEERING NEWS

Following the launch of our LEGO Innovations Studio last month, students at CVHS have begun to use a range of the products to enhance their learning in lessons. In Technology, Year 7 students are using the 'Mindstorms' kits to explore how computers can be used to programme and control robotic models. Year 8 students have enjoyed investigating the Maths involved in a variety of mechanical models and Year 11 & 12 Physics students have used the 'Simple & Powered Machines' kits to further their understanding of a variety of concepts.

Mrs S Mycock
Director of Engineering

MATHS

At the end of each half term the Mathematics department set a test for the students. As a result of these tests, two awards are given per year group. Mathemagician is awarded to the student with the highest test grade of their year group and Most Improved Mathemagician is nominated by the class teacher.

Here are the results for December 2011:

Mathemagician

Year 7	Joseph RILEY 7E
Year 8	Owen THOMAS 8V
Year 9	Jon KING 9E & Jason LEIGH 9M
Year 10	Matthew BROWN 10R
Year 11	Grace PICTON 11L
Year 12	Alice TUSTIAN 12V
Year 13	Joshua SMITH 13C

Most Improved Mathemagician

Year 7	Callum SCARFF 7V
Year 8	Marie WARREN 8E
Year 9	Billy PRIOR 9R
Year 10	Nathan UZZELL 10L
Year 11	Sharrel DEVENISH 11E
Year 12	Nathan PINE 12V
Year 13	Catherine CLEMENT 13M

Congratulations to the students!

Mrs C Robbins
Head of Maths



DRAMA

Drama Talented Students

Very soon, students from all years will be given an opportunity to enter a Drama competition for the NHS. This is a nationwide competition and there are some great prizes for the winners! All Drama Talented Students will be invited to a meeting with Miss Peacock on Friday 27th January at break time to discuss this opportunity and future Drama Talented events.

GCSE Drama Examinations

These will take place between Monday 19th March and Wednesday 21st March. All Year 11 Drama students will be performing their final Unit 3 performance on these dates.

BTEC Performing Arts - West End Theatre Backstage Trip

On Friday 20th January 2012 Year 12 and 13 BTEC students made a trip to London's West End. They visited The Dominion Theatre (home of 'We Will Rock You') and the Theatre Royal Drury Lane (home of 'Shrek the Musical') and they watched Shrek the Musical in the evening. The trip built on the student's knowledge of performance and backstage job roles and gave them an insight into how a professional theatre works.

Miss G Peacock
Drama Department

**THE SCHOOL PRODUCTION
THIS YEAR IS**



Our House The Musical - Based on the songs of Madness!

It will run from **Tuesday 17th April until and inclusive of Friday 20th April 2012 at 7pm every night.**

Please come along and support the students – it promises to be a great night out.

Tickets will go on sale week beginning 6th February 2012 for all cast members, they will be released on public sale the week beginning 20th February 2012.

They will be available from Mrs Dixon in Reprographics.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



PTA SPRING BALL

We are pleased to announce that a Spring Ball is to be held on Saturday 21st April at Chelmer Valley High School from 7pm – Midnight.

This is a formal black tie event to which all over 18's are welcome.

The hall will be professionally decorated and lit, dancing to a live band and a quality buffet with "fizz" on arrival.

Cost will be approximately £30 per head. Tables seat 8 to 10 people. Why not get a group of friends together and make up a table and be part of what promises to be a fantastic fun filled evening.

Ample free parking.

For further details please contact Sarah at sqwheeles@googlemail.com or Mrs J Hampel 01245 440232 ext 206

KEY DIARY DATES

Friday 3rd February

Year 7 & 8 PTA Disco

Thursday 9th February

Year 9 Parent & Student Consultation Evening

Monday 13th - 17th February

Half Term

Monday 20th February

Inset Day

Thursday 23rd February

Year 9 Choices Evening

All calendar entries can be found on the school website chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk

