

PRESENTATION EVENING



The annual Presentation Evening held on Thursday 17th November 2005 was a great success. Certificates and prizes were awarded to past pupils. This was a very special evening for the school and it was also an opportunity for us to celebrate the success and progress of our young people.



MEDICINES

If your child has to take medicines during the course of the day they should be handed in at reception. It is school policy that medicines have to be recorded and administered by a member of staff.

SCHOOL GATES

The gate to Canterbury Road entrance is now being locked at 4pm. This is for security reasons.



ASDA BAG PACK

On Saturday December 3rd 2005 a group of Year Seven and Year Eight pupils and members of staff spent the day packing bags at the Asda superstore in Dewsbury. After an exhausting day we were delighted to discover that we had collected £918.00 for school funds.

RACE FOR LIFE

Courtney Edwards from Year 11 earlier in the year took part in the Race For Life and raised £796.69. Our congratulations go to her.

EARLSHEATON TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TERM DATES FOR 2005-2006

AUTUMN TERM			SPRING TERM			SUMMER TERM		
FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY	FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY	FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY
Monday 5 th September 2005 (Year 7 only)	Friday 21 st October to Friday 28 th October 2005 Inclusive (Friday 21 st October is a staff training day)	Friday 16 th December 2005	Tuesday 3 rd January 2006	Monday 13 th February to Monday 20 th February 2006 inclusive (Monday 20 th February is a staff training day)	Friday 7 th April 2006	Monday 24 th April 2006	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June inclusive	Friday 21 st July 2006

School will also be closed on:
Monday 1st May 2006 for May Day.

There will also be one more staff training day, date yet to be arranged not included above.

December 2005



Dear Parents/Carers,

We reach the end of another very busy term having made a start on celebrating the fiftieth birthday of our school. There has been an educational institution of sorts on this site for longer; however Earlsheaton County Secondary School was opened in 1955 in order to accommodate the increasing demands for secondary education following the Butler Reform Act of 1944. Grandparents of current pupils may well remember times when cars were few and far between; Mars Bars were a penny, and eight half-crowns made a pound. Indeed some of you will have attended our school at different times in the past and lived through the huge changes that have taken place over a relatively short period of time.

Our first foray into celebration was the highly successful Christmas Show that took music, dance and drama from the 1950's through to the new Millennium, with live performances on stage. The standard of performance was excellent throughout with scenes from "Grease" opening the show followed by a visit to the sixties via the live playing of an excellent Beatles selection. We progressed through the 70's with scenes from "Our Day Out" by Willy Russell and concluded with contemporary dance and songs from pupils and staff together. The quality and commitment shown by everyone concerned is a factor that must be recognised by anyone who wishes to make judgements about the quality of a school. The Performing Arts Department deserves a particular mention for this exceptional success.

Looking ahead we have a very ambitious project starting, designed to take a number of young people to Australia on the UNO sports tour. If there is any way that you feel able to contribute to fund-raising please contact Mr Hodkinson at school.

I should like to conclude by emphasising our role as a centre for the community which we serve. Already we have major recreational and educational activities taking place on a regular weekly basis and have been selected by Kirklees MDC as the focus for further development in this role. If you have any community issues that you would like to promote as worthy of consideration for the further development of our extended school service please contact Mr Stuart Irving at school.

We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Paul Levey

For and on behalf of the Governors, Staff and Pupils of our school



PUPIL REVIEW DAY

As part of our developing programme of supporting pupils' academic progress we shall be holding two Pupil Review Days, the first of which will take place on Friday 20th January 2006.

On this day normal lessons will be suspended so that each student can spend 15 minutes with their Form Tutor to discuss their subject targets and their progress towards meeting them. Behaviour, effort and attendance will also be discussed as well as ways forward to successfully meet subject targets.

An appointment time will be given to each pupil who will be expected to attend punctually. Most pupils will only need to attend school for their appointment. School uniform will not be necessary on this day. Year 10 and Year 11 pupils who are not up-to-date with their GCSE coursework will be expected to attend school as normal on their Review Day to catch up any overdue work. Non attendance to a review meeting without notification will be recorded as an unauthorized absence.

50 YEARS CELEBRATION SHOW

This years Performing Arts Show was a tribute to our school being open 50 years! The school was officially opened in 1955 and we all thought that this would be a great idea for a show which marked the various decades that the school has been open.

The cast of the show was huge with over one hundred performers, lighting crew, stage crew, staff and pupils involved. There were music, dance and drama scenes from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and even the present day. A highlight was watching Mr Qadri and Mr Harris "breakdancing" on the stage with other staff and there were two excellent vocal performances by Mr Smith and Miss Lyons! Well done to everyone involved, it was a huge success!!.

PLAYING FOR SUCCESS

On two evenings during the past term group of pupils have been using the ICT facilities at Dewsbury Rams to support their English and Maths. The sessions are ran by Helen and Elaine who are Extended Learning and Development Officers from Kirklees Community Education Service. Each block lasts for 10 weeks and there are plans to run two more 10 week sessions over the next two terms. Anyone interested see Mr Irving at the school.

YOUNG DEWSBURY PROJECT

Since September a small group of twelve Year 10 students have been spending a day a week working with members of Young Dewsbury at Dewsbury Town Hall. The course has been a very practical and vocational one aimed at developing group work skills, self confidence and esteem as well as dealing with conflict and problem solving.

Help

Rock challenge will take place on May 4th 2006. The theme this time is Australia. If you can help in any way please let Miss Laycock know at the school.

School Crossing

There is a crossing patrol vacancy for the junction of Bywell Road and Canterbury Road. If you are interested in the post then please contact Susan Scurrah on 01484 221166 at the School Crossing Patrol Service for more details.

CAMP

Just a note to say that if you are interested in fun and games there are still places available for Criccieth 2006. See Mrs Edmonds at School for more details.

UNO WORLD TOUR

The proposal is to take 44 pupils to America, Australia and New Zealand in the summer of 2007, to play Football, Rugby and Netball. To make this idea a reality we need to raise £180,000. If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to sponsor us in any way then please contact Mr Hodgkinson at the school. All donations are gratefully received.



CAREERS

The annual post 16 day will be held on January 26th 2006. There will be various colleges and firms attending. Pupils will be given an appointment to visit the exhibition. Parents of Year 11 pupils wishing to attend should contact the school if the appointment time is not convenient.

COLLECTING PUPILS

Could we take this opportunity to remind you of the need for care and consideration when you are collecting children at the end of the school day.

Recent complaints from local residents have caused us problems particularly regarding the blocking of drive-ways for extended periods and also the use of residents driveways as areas for turning vehicles around.

I am sure you will support our school by exercising due care in the future.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to all Year 7 girls who won the Spen Valley 5-a-side football tournament held at Earlsheaton Technology College. They are now through to the next round where they will play the winners of other schools from the West Yorkshire area.

Under 13 and under 16 teams playing 11 a-side girls football are both through to the semi final of the Spen Valley cup and will play their matches in the New Year.

GOOD LUCK GIRLS.