

YEAR ELEVEN PROM

Members of Year Eleven got dressed in their finest dresses, tuxedos and dicky bows and hired their stretch limos in order to attend their leaving prom which took place at the Galpharm Stadium. There they sat down to a three course meal followed by a disco as they celebrated the completion of their time at Earlsheaton Technology College. We wish them every success for the future.



GOODBYE TO MR PEACE

Sadly we have to say goodbye to a long standing servant of the school as Mr Peace is retiring from the teaching profession in July. Mr Peace joined the school in 1993. He will be remembered for many things and by many pupils. But his everlasting legacy will be the wonderful Peace Garden that he created in the centre of school with his pupils. We all thank him for his hard work and his sense of humour which will be missed and we wish him well for the future.

Autumn Term		Spring Term		
First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term
Wednesday 6th September 2006 (Year 7 only)	Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2006 inclusive	Friday 22nd December 2006	Monday 8th January 2007	Monday 19th February Tuesday 27th February 2007 inclusive (Monday 26th February is a staff training day)

School will be closed on:

Friday, Monday & Tuesday 1st, 4th & 5th of September for staff training. Also Monday 26th February 2007.
Monday 7th May 2007 for May Day.

July 2006



Dear Parents/Carers

We come to the end of another year having completed what must be the most productive period in recent times. I am delighted to be able to report this view because school is about the development of young people beyond the simple aspect of academic progress. Whilst this aspect is the most important, it would be a poor school that did this and nothing else. Our OFSTED report praised us for the range and variety of enrichment activities offered to our young people; this year has raised the volume and quality of the experiences available even further.

We have produced: a highly successful Technology Week containing many varied activities based on the theme of the Dewsbury Monorail; a school show; a talent show; a highly successful Rock Challenge production; school camp, giving an opportunity for outdoor experience and parents an opportunity for a short rest!!!; countless trips and visits which have given pupils a chance to look at everything from Disneyland Paris, the Yorkshire Show, to life at university; a Prom for the year group leaving this year; a huge increase in sporting activity with a large number of children involved in representative activities. Indeed I have signed in excess of three hundred letters of congratulations to pupils who have represented school in some form or other.

Whilst all of this is going on we have achieved another major improvement in examination performance with year 9 achieving our best ever SATs results in Maths and Science. As yet the English results have not arrived in school. As I write we are anticipating our annual Awards Evening that will take place next week where achievement, progress and effort are recognised and rewarded. Obviously all of the above is the product of great efforts beyond the normal demands of classroom teaching.

Occasionally we have to say goodbye to colleagues and this year Mr Peace has decided to retire after thirty- six years of educating and entertaining the youth of this area. Famous for his ties (" I hate Monday"; "Mr Grumpy" and so on) and for a look that could bring the world to an end, he has in fact been one of the most respected and trusted of teachers. He will be missed, but only for four days of the week. We will see once a week to continue his work in our practical learning in the coming academic year.

To close this academic year, let us wish Mr Harris good luck with his fund-raising sky-dive during the holiday (he is scared of heights can you believe?!). All money raised is going to support probably our most ambitious activity yet, the UNO world sports tour next year. This will sit alongside our second performing arts visit to New York; a production of "Fame"; a whole school review and reapplication for continued designation as a specialist school. But for now

Have a good summer break....

Paul Levey

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



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Awarded for excellence



SPORT ENGLAND

ROCK CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all who helped with the Rock Challenge Final on 2nd June 2006. When we took part in the Northern Grand Final I am pleased to announce we came 4th and won Most Entertaining and the Community Award. Many thanks to Staff, Parents and Pupils who gave up time in their half term to take part. What a great achievement. We will not be taking part in 2007 as we are working on a school production that will hopefully take place in February.



SCHOOL CAMP

Once again the annual school camp took place during June and July. Over three hundred pupils made their way at different times to Criccieth in North Wales. Here pupils from all Year groups took part in a wide range of outdoor activities in the beautiful setting by the sea.

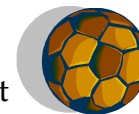
TALENT SHOW

The seventh Annual Talent show rocked the school hall on the evening of the 13th of July. 15 entries in the Lower School, 10 in the Upper School and several staff entries entertained the packed hall. The standards as usual were very impressive and the judges had a very difficult time picking the winners. Eventually, Hollie Cooper and Alex Holderness won the Lower School section and Melissa Gooch won the Upper School section with The Pussy Cat Dolls winning the staff section. A great night was had by all. Well done everybody.

ALTON TOWERS PROJECT

Fourteen pupils from Year Eight Gifted and Talented group accompanied by Mr Qadri, Mr Harris and Miss Jones to Alton Towers to learn about how theme parks are organised.

ON A SPORTING HIGH



The PE department has had one of its most successful years ever. This year more pupils have had opportunities to play and compete in more sports and as a result performances have continued to rise. From 8.00am until 5.00pm the PE department offers pupils the opportunity to enjoy informal and competition sports both in and out of lessons. It is a credit to the commitment of all the staff and pupils who value sport at Earlsheaton Technology College. Looking to the future the UNO World Sports Tour is well underway with fund raising events happening weekly and pupils training hard in preparation to face their Southern Hemisphere counterparts. The pupils will continue to meet up and train twice a week throughout the summer. To keep updated visit www.uno-tour.org.uk



CO-OPERATION

Due to the perimeter fence, all pedestrians must use the school drive. It is important therefore to keep all vehicular traffic to a minimum. Consequently we request all parents when picking up or dropping off pupils to do so outside the main gate.



AWARDS EVENING



This year Dame Wendy Davies Associate Director of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust was our guest of honour at the Achievement Awards Evening in July. Over 200 pupils from all years received certificates of Excellence, Endeavour and Progress. The parents in the audience were also entertained by the Lower School and Upper school winners of this year's Talent Show.

