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A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Whilst our 'core business' may be seen as delivering subject based curriculum courses, ultimately leading to qualifications, we firmly believe that we also have a responsibility to prepare our students effectively for adult life in an ever more complicated world. Much of this newsletter is given over to reports on an activity day which took place in the week before half-term, aimed at doing precisely that.

Y11 were engaged in activities supporting success in their GCSEs. However, even here they were learning important life skills; the PE students, for example, were busy running a selection of sporting activities for children from our local primary schools. Y10 were out of school undertaking work experience, and feedback from employers suggests that this was the most successful work experience ever, with our students showing themselves at their very best.

Y9 took part in a business and enterprise day, setting up and marketing a new hotel business. So committed were they that even lunchtime was a hive of activity, as the teams sort to outdo each other and win the prizes, including a day at one of the local hotels supporting the venture. Y8 were enjoying a one world day, exploring various aspects of the many world cultures, and Y7 were undertaking 'The Real Game', in which they struggled to fit their lifestyle aspirations into the reality of some very real financial constraints!

It was an exciting and rewarding day for both staff and students, and has certainly whet the appetite for our next activity day; the Science Challenge Day in July.

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Science

2009-10 SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES

Thursday 25th March 7:30pm

"Searching for the Heart of The Matter - at the CERN Large Hadron Collider"

We are all made from three simple building blocks namely up and down quarks and electrons. In experiments at CERN and elsewhere high energy collisions produce many heavier quarks and leptons as well as bosons that carry the fundamental forces between particles. The lecture will briefly summarise our knowledge of these particles and discuss how massive detectors, the size of a six story building, will be used to search for new particles and phenomena at the CERN Large Hadron Collider.

Professor Peter Watkins is head of the Particle Physics group at Birmingham University and has worked on a wide range of experiments mainly at CERN. These include the Nobel prize-winning UA1 experiment at the CERN antiproton-proton collider and the OPAL experiment at the LEP electron-positron collider. Most recently he has been working on the ATLAS experiment which is a massive general purpose detector constructed by a world-wide collaboration to search for new particles and phenomena at the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC). He is very active in Particle Physics Outreach work and is currently the UK representative on the European Particle Physics Outreach group.



ACTIVITY DAY

On Wednesday 10th February students of years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed a whole school activity day.

YEAR 7 - THE REAL GAME

Year 7 students spent an exciting Challenge Day with their form tutors playing 'The Real Game'. This gave them an interesting insight into their possible future careers. During the first two sessions, they were involved in activities that looked at jobs, occupations and careers and took part in discussions about what type of lifestyle they wish to have in the future – they chose houses, cars, leisure activities and leisure items. The favourite type of accommodation was a mansion, and high-performance cars appeared to be the most popular form of transport!

However, reality hit before lunchtime as students were allocated their own jobs. Firstly, they looked at



“Year 7 students enjoyed the opportunity to learn about careers and budgeting for their lifestyles “

the type of qualifications required for their own job, what their working day would be like and how their career might progress, which they explained to the rest of their team. Then they had to use their monthly income (after deducting tax) and calculate how much money they would have remaining after their lifestyle expenses were taken away – this proved something of a shock to many pupils!

In the afternoon, they were again involved in team-building activities and in looking at other factors that affect people's careers and job opportunities. Students were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the day and will hopefully have a clear opportunity to explore issues that will affect them in adult life.



YEAR 8 - ONE WORLD DAY

Students in Year 8 took part in a day aimed at developing their cultural awareness.



There were a number of workshops on offer for the students to choose from including: Italian Cooking, Street Dance, Brazilian Drumming, African Drumming, Commedia dell'arte and African Mask Making. In each workshop the students learnt about and took part in the cultural practise.

In the afternoon the pupils congregated in the Main Hall to watch and participate in a showcase of the work produced in the morning.



“Year 8 students showcase their cultural activities in an afternoon performance.”

YEAR 9 - ENTERPRISE DAY

The challenge set for our year 9 students was to turn around a failing hotel by developing a marketing strategy. They were required to consider their target market, the hotel location and the star rating.

The students created trade stands to present their ideas to the judges who judges were managers from three Northamptonshire hotels. Each hotel had offered a prize of a day out at the hotel including a meal in the hotel restaurant.



“The ideas the students developed were really imaginative.”



The students were exceptional – their enthusiasm and excitement throughout the day created a great atmosphere. The ideas they developed were really imaginative and showed a great level of skill. The presentation to the judges was of a high standard and all judges commented on how hard it was to find a winner per house.

The climax of the event was on the Friday morning when the winners were announced in year 9 assembly. The excitement felt almost tangible and it was an all inclusive celebration of success.



ARE DOGS A THROW-AWAY COMMODITY?



A group of year 11 English students undertook a GCSE speaking and listening project considering: "Are Dogs a Throw Away Commodity"

The project commenced with a visit to the school by Hayley, a representative from Wood Green Animal Shelter along with her golden labrador Marley. Hayley talked to the students about the Animal Welfare Act, and how to be a responsible pet owner.

The students were shown the micro chipping process and given information about case studies such as Rusty, who was rescued in a very poor condition, and nursed back to health by the Shelter, but it cost £6000 and because he wasn't micro chipped, there is no way to trace the owner and hold them accountable for their neglect and cruelty. The students also discussed the celebrity culture of "posh pets" and how pets become a fashion accessory.



The follow up trip to the shelter enabled the students to see first hand how the Shelter rescues and rehomes all sorts of animals, and educates the owners on how to be more responsible. They also learnt about the screening process that potential owners have to go through before re-homing a pet. They learnt about the reasons why animals, particularly dogs, come in to the Shelter in the first place. They then had a question and answer session with Sue Ketland, Head of Dog Section at WGAS, in which they discussed the Animal Welfare Act, and all the work the Shelter does, as well as asking Sue's opinions on the celebrity pet culture, and how dogs are becoming a status symbol for gangs. In their Speaking and Listening Coursework Assessment, they discussed why these cultural changes are happening and how we can all work towards becoming more responsible pet owners.



WOOD GREEN

ANIMAL • SHELTERS



LEADING ANIMALS HOME

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

During this term, open evenings have been held for parents and students of years 9 & 11 to help examine their options as they move into a new phase of their education. The following information may be useful to any students who were unable to attend.

CONNEXIONS SERVICE YEARS 9 - 11

Any students in Years 9 – 11 that have questions or concerns about what they plan to do in the future have the opportunity to see Ruth Axtell (Connexions personal advisor) at the drop on Tuesday lunchtimes in the careers room (opposite main reception) The drop in is open to Year 9 students with queries about options.



Alternatively she can be contacted by students or parents at:

Email: raxtell@connexions-northamptonshire.org.uk
 Daventry office telephone number: 01327705831

Website: <http://www.connexions-direct.com>

YEAR 11 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Most of our Year 11 students have or are in the process of finalising their plans for after Year 11. College places do get taken very quickly, therefore it is important any students who are interested in going to college but haven't applied do so now.

MOULTON COLLEGE

www.moulton.ac.uk



Careers advice day – Saturday 6th March 9am – noon.
 This is an opportunity to speak to staff about courses but the college will not be open to look around.

NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE

www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk



Open evenings - Wednesday 10th March 5pm – 7.30
 Thursday 6th May 5pm – 7.30pm (Booth Lane only)

Students and parents will be able to look around, talk to tutors and be given advice on careers and courses.

SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

Any students wishing to apply to the school sixth form must hand their application form in by 5th March 2010



SPORTS @ MOULTON

BOYS INDOOR ATHLETICS

Congratulations to:

Adam Johnson	8A2	Jake Barden	8S1
Jonny Longland	8R1	Matt Astle	8A2
Matt Bridges	8A2	Alex Webb	8S1

Who were part of the boys indoor athletics team that won the Daventry and South Northants indoor athletics tournament and will go on to represent the district in the county finals.

UNDER 12 DISTRICT FOOTBALL

Our under 12 boys football team have got their season off to a great start, beating Kingsbrook 5 - 2 in the first round of the district cup.

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS FESTIVAL

Teams from Brixworth, Moulton, Walgrave and a mixed team from Pitsford, Harlestone and Overstone all competed in the Moulton Family Sports Hall Athletics Festival.

After a fun filled time the mighty Brixworth team triumphed for the third year in a row and will go on to represent the Moulton Family in the Daventry & South Northants finals on Feb 10th in a bid to defend their title as County Champions

RESULTS

1st	Brixworth
2nd	Pitsford, Harlestone & Overstone
3rd	Moulton
4th	Walgrave

A big thank you to our year 10 & 11 leaders who helped run the event.

GIRLS HOCKEY & NETBALL

Congratulations to our years 7 & 8 Hockey teams who achieved their first victories of the year over Caroline Chisholm school winning 1 - 0 and 3 - 0 respectively.

Our year 9 netball team remained undefeated with a 21 -18 win over Caroline Chisholm, leaving them 3rd in the Daventry & South Northants league table with 2 games in hand.





Science

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Science Lectures will be held in the hall at Moulton School.

Tickets for all the science lectures in our series are **free of charge**.

Requests for tickets are limited to a maximum of 4 for each lecture

For your tickets and for details of the full lecture series.

email:
lecturetickets@moultonschool.co.uk

Tickets can also be collected from the school reception

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DIARY DATES



	23rd	February	School Re-opens	8:45am
Year 9	23rd	February	Holocaust Survivor Talk	
Year 11	24th	February	Art Visit to Tate Modern	
	24th	February	Governors Curriculum Meeting	4:00pm
	24th	February	Astronomy Observation	6:30pm
Year 11	25th	February	Parents Evening	4:30pm
	25th	February	Science College Public Lecture	7:30pm
Year 7	1st - 5th	March	Longtown Residential Group 1	
	3rd	March	Governors Finance Meeting	4:00pm
Year 7	8th - 12th	March	Longtown Residential Group 2	
	10th	March	Governors Staff & Student Meeting	4:00pm
Sixth Form	11th	March	Achievement Evening	7:00pm
Year 7	15th - 19th	March	Longtown Residential Group 3	
	17th	March	Governors Finance Meeting	4:00pm
	17th	March	Astronomy Observation	6:30pm
	18th	March	Moulton Variety Show	7:30pm
Year 7	22nd - 26th	March	Longtown Residential Group 4	
	25th	March	Full Governors Meeting	7:00pm
	25th	March	Science College Public Lecture	7:30pm
Year 12	30th	March	Higher Education Conference UofN	
	31st	March	School Closes	3:20pm

HELP THE PROJECT TO CLIMB MOUNT KILIMANJARO FOR KIDS

Nicola Kerr, an ex-Moulton School student studying at the University of Leeds, will be venturing out on a project for the acclaimed **Raise and Give Society** on behalf of the charity **Childreach International**

She will be going to Tanzania on June 27th 2010 to climb **Mount Kilimanjaro**, the world's largest freestanding mountain at 5,895 feet in just six days. Part of the project will also be working with the children who will benefit from the charity. In order to complete this challenge she must raise £2300 for the charity.

She would really appreciate your assistance so she can do her bit to help those who don't have a good way of life or basic sanitary conditions, by logging onto www.virginmoneygiving.com/nicolakerr and making any donations you can.

