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Henry Beaufort School

Autumn Term 2009

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Another gold medal for our “Award winning school”

Over all school results **77% A* - C**

A* - C Results

Maths - 76%

ICT - 74%

French - 73% pass rate in Year 10

RE - 89% pass rate in Year 10

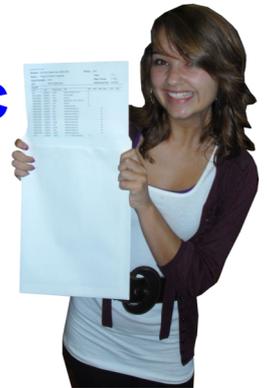
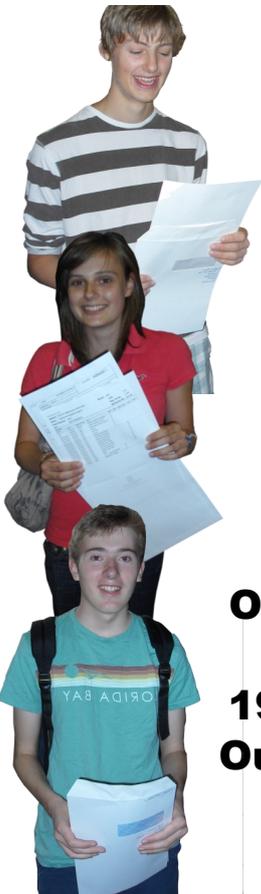
Over 50% of students gained at least 1A*/A grade

Half of all grades A*-B

19 students in Year 10 banked up to 4A*/A grades

Our Gifted & Talented students took an average of

12 GCSE's and 70% of grades were A*/A



Gifted and Talented Enrichment Programme

Maths has never been so exciting for school students - or some would say when they hear that a group of our brightest mathematicians took on the challenge of dealing with a virus outbreak in London earlier this term (fictitious of course).

Under the guidance of Miss Emer Murphy our Advanced skills teacher in Maths, 25 of our year 7 students used a software programme to undertake three tasks -

- Using Pythagoras Theorem and bearings they located infected victims.
- Using ratio, percentages and fractions they developed antidotes.
- And using an excel spreadsheet they selected victims to receive each antidote.

“The student response was fantastic” said Miss Murphy, and students felt that it was both topical and highly relevant to real life with the spread of swine flu actually reaching global proportions as they were working.

Four students even managed to complete the challenge - so congratulations go to Ben Narang, Finn Johnstone, William Woodman, and Tom Corcoran.

Mrs S Lemon



Gifted and Talented German Challenge

Miss O'Brien was ecstatic about the way our Gifted Year 7 linguists set about the challenge of doing a "Crash Course in German" in just one afternoon.

With gusto they first took on learning how to introduce themselves, and describe their family and pets. Then they enjoyed a food tasting session with such delights as schwarzbrot, salami, and frikadellen - followed by German schokolade! After this, they had to role play using transactional vocabulary, visiting a restaurant- all in German! "The students' behaviour was superb and I was astounded at the speed with which they were able to pick up the new language", said Miss O'Brien. Gordon Hawkes and Hannah Field made a special impression so well done to them, and to all the students who took part.

Gifted and Talented Technology Challenge Day

On 7th July 12 lucky Year 8 students found themselves selected from the whole year group to undertake a day of design and technology with a particularly sustainable theme. Focusing on the six identified areas that D&T will be incorporating from September, this group took Reduce and Rethink seriously as they looked at ways to reduce the need for fossil fuels in designing ways to make the renewable energy of wind power more efficient in a wind turbine. They had to research current wind turbines, use CAD CAM to design proposals for increased efficiency blades, and Laser Cam to precision cut the blades they designed. Mr Gareth Williams who ran the day said, "There was intense concentration and thought in the morning, followed by a high competitive element in the afternoon as the students measured the energy their designs produced." He was delighted with the way the students responded to this difficult challenging task, and students feedback that they had really enjoyed the day and this extended opportunity to explore and develop their own design ideas.

Gifted and Talented Drama

This term we have tried a new approach to developing confidence in students to perform to an audience. We deliberately chose to select a 'boys only' Year 10 group of very able students to spend a day with Miss Jones, Head of Drama.

Their focus was on producing a performance with the theme of Pantomime - but in groups of six they also had to operate a complex lighting deck and incorporate sound into the finished product.

Miss Jones described how the boys responded really well, and there were "no passengers" as the day progressed at a rate which was highly pressurised in meeting time deadlines, and which required team work, but which gave time for individuals to respond and allowed everyone to contribute.

Confidence was developed as some of the quieter boys "blossomed", and despite the time limits all achieved their performance by the end of the day.

Zak Southward, whose performance was "memorable" - commented that it was a great day- and one which all the boys enjoyed.

The impact of enrichment days such as this is obvious, and we hope to repeat the format next year - giving academically able students the opportunity to rise to a new challenge in areas they may not find comes to them naturally.

The Young Interpreters Scheme



This term, 22 students became one of the first groups of students in Hampshire to become Young Interpreters. Students were selected on the basis of whether they were already bilingual, or gifted and talented in Languages. The students selected could speak over 11 different languages between them including Arabic, Nepali, Tagalog, Cantonese, Mandarin, Hebrew, French and Hungarian.

The scheme was given by Ms Astrid Gouwy from HEMTAS (Hampshire Ethnic Minority & Travellers Achievement Services) and equipped students to be Young Interpreters to represent the school in activities such as Open Evenings, Parental meetings, guided tours, buddies for new arrivals, mentors and parents evenings. To qualify as a Young Interpreter, students had to cover 4 sessions; 1) Being bilingual, 2) What is a good interpreter? 3) Having a go at interpreting and 4) what next?

The interpreters were a credit to the school and Ms Gouwy stated how impressed she was with their enthusiasm, attitude, and professionalism during the training sessions. I would also like to thank the staff and students for their time and enabling this scheme to take place. I will be meeting with the Interpreters regularly to update them with new arrivals, events and community projects to undertake.

Miss Y Lam

English as an Additional Language Coordinator/French teacher

The Henry Beaufort School

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES Half Term October 2009



Arts and Crafts

Come and be creative using Art & Crafts with a
Creepy Hallowe'en theme!!

Mon 26th, Tues 27th, Wed 28th October
10.00 - 3.00pm in our Art Room
1st Floor of the Beacons Art Centre
Bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks
£19.50 per day



Spooky Cooking

Thurs 29th October *Spooky Pizza and Scary Cookies*

Fri 30th October *Cheesy Witches hats and Hallowe'en Gateaux*

10.00 - 12.30pm Cookery Room, Rome
£14 per morning (ingredients included)

Places must be booked by 19th October

Please wear old clothing, bring a container and something to drink
Suitable for 7 years and over (under 7s with a responsible adult)

Multi Sports and Football Coaching

Free Football sessions 12th & 19th October 6.00pm

Half Term Multi Sports only £35 for 3 days!

And Term time courses provided by R&R Sports Coaching

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with vast experience in coaching all sports at all levels

All abilities, including girls only sessions

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Seweasy



Exciting new sewing class for adults over 16 years

Mon 7.00 - 8.30pm 2nd to 30th November Cost £40

Practice pattern instruction, make a bag
and an appliqué cushion.

Suitable for complete beginners and those with some
experience needing refreshment.

**Please ring to
reserve any of the
these courses**

**Community Office
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