

NEWSLETTER

Seasons Greetings to you all,

First and foremost, congratulations to everyone who took part in the marvellous production of 'We Will Rock You.' In the true Hind Leys arts tradition this was another spectacular effort that gave the audiences a truly memorable experience. Thank you to everyone who was part of it: the cast, the technicians, the props and costume providers, the musicians and the production team. Your commitment and enthusiasm was tangible and thoroughly worthwhile.

Well done, also, to all the students and staff for the part everyone played in our successful Ofsted inspection, just before the October half term holiday. It was a great delight that the inspectors found students' attitudes, behaviour and attendance to be good as these are pivotal to individual and whole college success. Please let's have more of the same. Equally they noted that, even though it's early days, specialist arts status is already having a positive effect on the whole of College life.

In that connection, I'm thrilled to see the Gallery nearing its completion. It will be a wonderful addition for exhibitions and other arts multi-media experiences. We are looking forward to officially opening the Gallery in the New Year, on the evening that we are holding to celebrate student achievements. I look forward to welcoming a number of you to that occasion.

As we approach the end of term, we sadly have to say farewell to Ms Michelle Ford, leader of Media Studies and teacher of English. However she is leaving for the happiest of reasons, as a few days after Christmas she will be getting married and moving to London to be with her husband. We wish her every happiness and success in the future and thank her for all that she has done during her time at Hind Leys.

With every good wish to you all,

Yvonne Lee
Principal

Excellent Learners!

Hind Leys would like to congratulate the following Year 11 students for achieving an average Learner Mark of 2 in their Autumn report. This shows that in each of their lessons their approach to learning is excellent and is allowing them to make a very good level of progress.

Well done !

Jade Beedham	11SA
Robyn Boyer	11SMY
Milly Hardy	11CHA
Katie Hutchinson	11AK
Victoria Linthwaite	11RW
Charlotte Matthews	11HW
Connor Shearwood	11HW
Olivia Smith	11HW

Hind Leys Awards Evening 8th January

We will be holding our annual awards evening on Thursday 8th January at 6.30 in the college Theatre. This is a special event where students are recognised and awarded for their consistent hard work and outstanding contributions to college life. The event will be attended by Andy Reed MP and the lord mayor of Charnwood Cllr. Stephen Campbell – who will be presenting the awards to our students.

We will also be opening the new College Gallery on that evening at 6.00pm so please come along and join us if you can.



COLLEGE DRESS



Now the cold weather has well and truly arrived students are feeling chilly and an extra layer of clothing is needed. The range of uniform items includes a zip-up fleece with a logo and a warm sweatshirt. There is also a very practical outdoor coat which is waterproof. All the items are available at the Schoolwear Centre in Loughborough. All students in Years 10 and 11 should come to College in our uniform colours – black, navy or white tops, (with or without the College logo) and plain dark jeans with no rips or other fashion trends. Our students look very smart, appropriately dressed for a learning and work related environment.

Thank you for your support.

Travel Plan

As part of the College's Healthy Schools Status, we are beginning the process of writing a travel plan. This policy will aim to encourage more students to walk or cycle to school and examine safety implications, storage facilities for bicycles etc. We would welcome the views of students, parents and other members of the community. For further information please contact the Healthy Schools Co-ordinator, Nicola Burrows.

Dates for the Term

6 January 2008	Start of Spring Term
8 January 2009	Awards Evening
20 January 2009	Year 10 Maths Module Exam
13 February 2009	Year 10 Enterprise Day
16 – 20 February 2009	Half Term
W/C 23 February 2009	Year 11 Reports Sent Home
4 March 2009	Year 10 Science Module Exam
9 March 2009	Year 11 Maths Module Exam
W/C 30 March 2009	Post 16 Reports Sent Home
3 April 2009	End of Spring Term
20 April 2009	Start of Summer Term

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Boys Results

King Edward 46 Hind Leys 20
Hind Leys Most Valuable Player
Steven Kirton

Groby 32 Hind Leys 49
Hind Leys Most Valuable Player
Aiden Soars

Basketball Girls Result

King Edward 28 Hind Leys 25
Hind Leys Most Valuable Player
Millie Hardy

Up and coming fixtures:

Basketball girls 4 & 11 December,
January 15
Girls & Boys 22 January
Girls Football 1st December
Badminton boys & girls 25 November,
2 December
Hockey 12 December

New Year Extra Curriculum Clubs

AM
Monday - Friday 8 - 8.30 Dodge Ball
Lunch
Monday 13.30 - 14.00 Badminton/
S Tennis
Tuesday 13.30 - 14.00 Dodge Ball
Competition
Wednesday 13.30 - 14.00 Climbing Wall
Thursday 13.30 - 14.00 Dodge Ball
Competition
Friday 13.30 - 14.00 Climbing Wall
Badminton/
S Tennis
After-School
Monday 15.30 - 16.30 Girls Football
Tuesday 15.30 - 16.30 Hockey
Wednesday 15.30 - 16.30 Running Club
Thursday 15.30 - 16.30 Basketball



When Hind Leys announced that their 2008 production would be We Will Rock you, the buzz of Bohemian Rhapsody could almost immediately be heard weaving its way through the corridors. And when they promised a West-End standard production, they certainly were not joking. The hard work of staff and students combined over the past 3 months definitely paid off.

As the enticing drone of Innuendo filled the theatre, the audience knew they were in for a treat. The leading roles were divided between two teams alternately; team X and team Y. Richard Camp /Craig Nash as Galileo both developed very diverse and individual characters. They managed to dominate the stage in their solo numbers and blend well with Louise O'Donnell / Astin Storer as Scaramouche in the duets. Both leading ladies played a feisty yet, at times, suitably restrained and sensitive character throughout. Both sang with grit and conviction and looked comfortable on the stage.

Alongside Scaramouche and Galileo were Danielle Draycott / Katherine Nudd as formidable Killer Queens and Robin Popley / Chris McKnight as intense and haunting Khashoggis. Daniel Lucas / Tom Memmory played Britney with command and sensitivity and Bethan Evans / Laura Johnson played Meat with strength of character and managed to execute a very powerful singing role. The well respected Pop was played by Darren Bowley / Josh Sly with charisma and confidence.

The show was also brought to life by the live band consisting of talented students from Hind Leys. The arrangements of the classic Queen songs were confidently played with strength throughout. The lighting design was also impressive, incorporating atmosphere with dazzling effects that really set the scene throughout the show.

However it is important not to forget the chorus whom without which the show would not have been possible. The 'Stepford wives' style of the Ga Ga dancers intimidated the audience, from start to finish with their realistic, simultaneous choreography. The chorus were also able to carry off the anarchic individual characters of the Bohemians.

The performance concluded with a rapturous Bohemian Rhapsody which was a suitable finale to a fantastic show.

All in all the performance was carried off with conviction and confidence by all involved and it was an impressive display of the talent and capability that Hind Leys should be extremely proud of.

By Emily Boneham Year 12

WHATS ON IN THE THEATRE

Shepshed Junior Dance.....29-30th Jan
Christchurch G& S Society
'The Mikado'.....10-14th Feb
Act One 'Disco Inferno'.....25-28th Feb
Coalville Amateur Operatic
'Mack and Mabel'.....9-14th March
Shepshed Spring
Dance Festival.....4-9th April

HIND LEYS – THE GALLERY



On Thursday 8th Jan we will be officially opening our new Gallery. This is one of the first capital projects of our Specialist Arts Status and is an exciting venture for Hind Leys. The Gallery will give us the opportunity to display student artwork and photography, exhibit media projects and display the work of local and national artists.

The Gallery will be officially opened at 6.00pm by Andy Reed MP and immediately followed by our Annual Awards evening at 6.30 in the Theatre.

TRINITY COLLEGE SUCCESS FOR CHRIS!

Congratulations to Chris McKnight (Yr 12) who has won an award for gaining one of the highest Distinction marks in a practical exam for Speech and Drama.

Chris has received a cheque and a Hand-Inscribed certificate for his outstanding efforts.

Winning Photography!

Tomasz Ogrodzinski aged 17 from Shepshed has been selected as a regional winner for the Midlands and Wales in Sightsavers International I-click awards 2008.

Tomasz's photo, selected from over 600 entries submitted by aspiring young photographers across the UK, was displayed in a special exhibition at the.gallery@oxo on London's South Bank last month.

The theme for the competition run by leading blindness charity Sightsavers was 'the senses', with the aim of raising awareness of the scale of global blindness and what it might mean to live without a sense such as sight. Tomasz, a Year 13 Visual Media student created the image as a self-portrait depicting elements of the senses. Tomasz was selected as a regional winner in the 16-18 age category.



Charity News

The Post 16 Charity Committee have had a very productive and successful term. They organised events which raised £255.90 for Breast Cancer Research and held a cake sale which made £45 for Children with Leukaemia.