

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter as a newly enhanced Specialist Arts College.

Thank you to all the students and families who have supported our 'new look' dress code. You look really good, especially with our vibrant new logo on display!

The new facilities of an Art Gallery and a Music Recording Studio are now taking shape, and the Learning Resources Centre already has a nice bright, new ambience.

Congratulations to so many of you who did brilliantly well in your GCSE and A Level examinations. It was a real thrill to be here in August and see so many happy people who were pleasantly surprised by the contents of the 'dreaded' envelope.

We look forward to another very successful year and no doubt 'We Will Rock You' in December will be well worth the wait, and all the commitment of so many of you.

With every good wish for a successful College year.

Mrs Lee

HIND LEYS WELCOMES...

The Communications Faculty at Hind Leys welcomes a new Head of Modern Languages, Mrs Sarah Whiteman. Our previous Head of Modern Languages, Ms Penny Capoare, retired in July after 27 years as a teacher and leader of Modern Languages at Hind Leys. We thank her for all her hard work at the College and in the Community during this time. Mrs Whiteman teaches French and Spanish and is currently teaching Spanish to Year 9 students at our high schools, in preparation for the introduction of GCSE Spanish here at Hind Leys College.



In July, 20 Hind Leys College pupils took the trip of a lifetime to Honduras in Central America. The pupils, mostly in year 12 and year 13, had spent the previous year fund raising in preparation. On the 14th July the waiting was over. We left college at 1.00am in the morning. 30 hours and 4 flights later we arrived in San Pedro Sula in Honduras...

For the first week of the fortnight-long expedition the group worked as data collection volunteers helping staff from Nottingham University and students writing dissertations to collect data for various projects. We braved torrential down pours and treacherous slops to lay collecting traps for small mammals, survey the rainforest habitat and hunt for snakes in the undergrowth. One group found a Pit Viper, one of the most venomous snakes in the world. We slept in hammocks, slung between trees, with only a small canopy between us



and the elements and took showers under a waterfall on the nearby river.

At the end of the first week we travelled out of the jungle and made for the coast. En route we spent the night in the Caribbean village of Rio Esteban, a community descended from a slave colony that commandeered a slave ship in the mid nineteenth century. The villages were very welcoming and the evening was spent dining on local food and dancing local dances with the villagers.

The following morning we took a boat to a small island off the Caribbean coast of Honduras called Cayos Cochinos. The week was spent diving in the day and sleeping in tents on the beach at night. We dived with sting rays, sea turtle and barracudas and even dived on wreck of a World War Two fighter plane. The group took a PADI Open Water Divers and most of us left the island as fully qualified divers.

It truly was the trip of a lifetime. We faced tough conditions and enormous challenges but came through them all admirably. Everywhere that we went people commented on how friendly and enthusiastic Hind Leys Pupils were. It will be an experience that stays with us all for a long, long time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank David Crossley and Sabrina Arundel, without whom the trip would not have been possible.

The Honduras Group

Dates for the Term

Tuesday 14 October	Year 10 Progress Review
Friday 17 October	Year 11 Enterprise Day
20 – 24 October	Half Term
Wednesday 29 October	Post 16 Information Evening
Tuesday 18 November	Year 11 Progress Review
Thursday 20 November	Year 10 Science Module Exam
Tuesday 2 December	Post 16 Progress Review
Week Commencing 8 December	'We Will Rock You' performance
Friday 19 December	End of Term
Tuesday 6 January	Start of Spring Term
Tuesday 8 January	Awards Evening

HIND LEYS COLLEGE
presents
WE WILL ROCK YOU
Tuesday 9th to Saturday 13th
December 2008; 7.30pm
Saturday Matinee 2.30pm
Tickets: £7 / £5 from Reception

BTEC ART VISIT TO LEICESTER



On Friday 12th September the P16 BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design group visited Leicester New Walk Museum and Art Gallery. As part of their first coursework project the students are studying animation. They visited Leicester to see an exhibition of models and sets from the film 'Wallace and Grommit – the Curse of the Were-Rabbit' by Aardman Animation.

MATHEMATICS IN PHOTOGRAPHY

To celebrate the award of Arts College status a group of year 11 students completed a project to bring mathematics to life through photography. Striking photographs of everyday objects and locations around Shepshed are combined with original questions and problems to challenge students at all levels. As a taster of the work produced, here is a poster designed by Jade Roworth, Amy Brandon and Jack Harcourt, the rest can be seen on display in the Maths department.



All flowers have a fibonacci number of petals.
A fibonacci number is found from the following sequence..
1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...
How do you work out a fibonacci number?

STUDENT COUNCIL AMBASSADORS AT 'CURVE'

Ten members of the Hind leys student Council had a fantastic day at the new Curve Theatre in Leicester where they were able to speak out about how they would like to develop the arts in the local community. The students experienced a day watching professional acts involving music, dance and acting, as well as being introduced to the idea of being represented as an ambassador for the arts. This took place at the Curve Theatre studio and it was the first time anyone had used it.

In the afternoon, the students attended a workshop (see picture) working with "2funky arts" and then performed on the new stage. One student said 'it was great to watch such brilliant acts on the stage and then create a piece ourselves. When can we do it again?' The county council is pledging 2 million pounds to be spent on the arts with projects becoming available to all schools in the near future.



Hind Leys Students From Shepshed Youth Dance perform at the Youth dance England Platform, Peacock Theatre in London

Seven students from Hind leys college performed in June at the Youth Dance England platform and were one of only two groups to represent the East Midlands. They performed a piece entitled 'remorse and retribution' and spent a weekend working with professional dancers, including the Royal English ballet. All the students had an amazing experience and came back having learnt a lot about performing at a large venue as well as meeting lots of other dancers from around the country.

YOUTH DANCE AT CURVE

Hind Leys and Shepshed Youth Dance students were invited to perform at the opening of Curve Theatre. Emma Harrison and Matt Canny were the dancers performing at the event and were interviewed by Leicester sound afterwards. Look out for their picture in the Leicester Mercury.

New Contemporary Issues and Debates (C.I.D.) course launched with Year 10

In conjunction with our status as a specialist arts college, this new course allows a more flexible approach to learning whilst still covering National Curriculum requirements.

It is good to see our students beginning to engage with this course which includes a broad range of topics Sex and Relationships, Our World, Health Issues, Rights and Wrongs and Agents of Socialisation.

C.I.D. aims to provide our varied learners with opportunities to contribute to the college and wider community and equip them with the skills for adult life in the 21st century.

SCIENCE NEWS

5th November - Know Chemistry at Nottingham Trent University for Gifted and Talented students in Y11.

Students will experience hands-on experiments, interactive workshops, exciting demonstrations and careers info.

6th November- Top of the Bench Chemistry Competition at Astra Zeneca.

A team of 4 students, 2 Y9 from SHS, one Y10 (James Bottomley) and one Y11 (Duncan McGregor) will take part in the Leicestershire County heat to include a quiz and tour of AZ. Successful teams then go onto the Regional Final at Leicester University in January, and then the National at the Natural History Museum. Winners in the past have been to Heston Bluminthal's Fat Duck restaurant to participate in the chemistry of cooking.

WORK EXPERIENCE

It is extremely important for our students to have a chance to sample the world of work but we always need loads of places!

- Can you offer a work experience placement for a student?
- Do you know or work with someone who can?
- Do you want to know more about work experience for students?

Please call or leave a message for **Jessica Mudima** (Work Experience Coordinator) and/or **Mrs Angela Moreton** (Work Related Learning Coordinator).

Some simple checks will have to be carried out before registration as a provider, but it is worthwhile.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM REWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have all received awards during the term simply for being consistently, all round good students. Well Done!

10JW

TAYLAH CATLOW
ELLIE GEARY
CARL HALL
CHARLIE LAVERICK

10DC

ANTONY BERRY
JORDAN BLYTHE
LIZZY BROWN
NATALIE ROBINSON

10RT

FRANK ANDERSON
WILLIAM HALLIDAY
ISABELLE PERRY
AMBER DAWSON

10MB

LEWIS JENKINS
BETH PRESBURY
JAMES SPRINGTHORPE
TAYLA DOBSON

10MMC

EMILY MATHEWS
AIDAN SOARS

10LSJ

REBECCA BELL
ANDREW GIBSON
HELEN OLIVER
ALISTAIR GREEN

17 SEPTEMBER 2008

11CHA

JAMES CURTIS
SOPHIE BUCKNALL
TOM GOODGE
HANNAH BAXTER

11SA

TOM HALFORD
LIAM GARTSHORE
KATHRYN AUCOTT
REBECCA DOBSON

11HW

CONNOR SHEARWOOD
DAVID NOAKES
RACHEL BURTON
CHARLOTTE MATTHEWS

11RW

RACHEL CURTIS
VICKY LINTHWAITE
TOM PARKER
KARL BESWICK

11SW

ADAM BREMER
SOPHIE WHITE
SHELLEY CLARKE
TOM CLULOW

11AK

PEARCE THORNLEY
ROBERT BENNET
KATIE SPRASON
HOLLY COLMAN

11CB

JOSIE ROCHE
RAUIRI MCKAY
MICHAELA GRIFFITHS
EDWARD PETT

11KH

OLIVER WHITTAKER
JOSH TAYLOR
ALIX CROSS
MELISSA WOOD

11SMY

JAMES FLAHEY
ELLIOTT DISNEY
JULIA DOWNEY
SARAH ALLEN



ARTS AWARD!!!

OVER 70 STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 AND POST 16 HAVE SIGNED UP TO TAKE PART IN ARTS AWARD AT HIND LEYS!!!

As part of the colleges Specialist Arts Status we launched the 'Arts Award' to students at the beginning of the new school year. The Arts Award supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders through taking part in practical, fun activities. The Arts Award focuses on the individual young person. It is flexible so can fit around commitments, like school, part time jobs or a busy social life. It is a nationally recognised qualification at three levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The award is almost all practical although students must keep a record of their endeavours through notes/photos and the practical work they produce. There is a vast range of activities that can be part of the Art Award - music, drama, dance, painting, drawing, photography, animation, graffiti, circus skills, writing, film, magazines, journalism, singing, theatre design/technical support - it's so broad almost every student should find something of interest.

Lots of students are already doing activities that could be counted towards the qualification; taking part in the college production, helping with year 8 Induction or open evenings, being a member of a band or dance/drama group, taking part in graffiti workshop (last year), going to a gig, concert or show or doing drawing, photography or films at home. Arts Award is a way of recognising what students achieve and getting a qualification for it!

Lots of staff at Hind Leys have been trained to be 'Arts Advisors'. When a student signs up to take part in the Arts Award they will be allocated one person will become be their own personal 'Arts Advisor'. They can help with the portfolio and tell students where to go to take part in activities.

Thursday after school is 'Arts Afternoon' 3.30 - 4.30 pm. Students will be able to take part in activities and meet with advisers for help or advise. A late bus is provided. Lots of other activities will take place during the year, some in school time and lunchtimes.

The Arts Award will be offered to year 10 students to participate in after Christmas. For more information see www.artsaward.org.uk or Lucy St John.

RIVER OF SILK

On Thursday 4th September 2008 Year 11 and 12 Dance students took part in a performance of a 'River of Silk' in Leicester as a celebration of the opening of the new Highcross shopping centre. The college was invited to take part due to their success in recent other Leicestershire ventures when they performed 'The Boardroom', an anti-smoking play, for the comedy festival in 2007.

The students had to attend a workshop on the Sunday previously in Leicester and they only had two hours to learn the routine.

One student commented - 'it was really difficult to hold the silk and dance at the same time'

The event was very successful despite the rain and thousands of people from Leicestershire came to watch the parade. The students were tremendous as they kept going even though the rain caused the colours of the silk to dye their hands and faces!

Students involved were Katharine Donnelly, Rebecca McCaughan, Astin Storer, Josh Sly, Emma Harrison, Robyn Boyer, Rachael Burton, Sian Plummer, Laura Francis, Charlotte Law, Michaela Griffiths and Neha Puntambekar.

SPORTS NEWS

We are offering basketball training sessions for boys and girls every Monday after School. The session will be led by a Leicester Riders Basketball professional and should be a really exciting experience for all concerned.

Basketball fixtures

Girls U16

13th Oct King Edward (away)
4th Dec Groby (away)
11th Dec Sir Jonathan North (home)
15th Jan John Cleaveland College

Boys U16

Oct 8th or Nov 5th Babington (away)
Nov 17th Groby

Check the PE notice board for Football, Rugby and Badminton fixtures

Extra Curricular Activities

8.00 - 8.30am	Monday Friday	Indoor Football Dodgeball
13.30 - 14.00	Monday Tuesday Weds Weds Thursday Friday	Yr11 Inter Form Netball Inter Form netball Yr11 Inter form netball Climbing Wall Yr 10 Inter Form competitions Badminton Swimming
15.30 - 16.30	Monday Wednesday Thursday	Basketball Club Running Club Football Training (Boys and Girls) Kickboxing Club

Sam Parker is competing in a regional biathlon event and Izzy Perry is taking part in the Schools Cross Country. We wish them both the best of luck.

POST-16

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS 2008-9

The main period for university applications has begun and many students have already registered on the UCAS website. All applications for higher education are now completed electronically via the UCAS site and students need to have completed their applications before 15th January 2009.

The higher education application process is managed by Carole Hunt and parents are welcome to contact her or visit the College website if they require more information

CHANGES TO STUDENT FINANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2009

One of the most common worries students (and parents) have about higher education is whether they can afford to go to university. Student loans are available to cover both tuition fees and living expenses but it is also worth noting that many students are eligible to claim grants, bursaries or scholarships which do not have to be paid back. These payments are means tested and it is not always easy to tell if you are eligible or not so our advice is to apply if there is any chance!

All applications for loans and grants will be made on the internet via the website below. There is a link for this site on the UCAS site and students will be led through the process.

COURSEFINDER AND LECAP

Leicestershire Connexions service has developed an impressive new service for year 11 students who want to stay on into education or training post-16. This can be divided into 2 parts:

Coursefinder- this is a data-base of all post-16 courses in the county, including those at Hind Leys. Students and their parents can find all the information they might want on this site. It is very easy to use and can link into the LeCap form.

Further information is available from Nicola Burrows, Assistant Director of Post-16

YOUTH CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Senior Club is for young people aged 13+
We are open Mondays & Thursdays 7 – 9pm
It costs 50p entrance. All activities are decided & agreed by the young people who attend.

Some of the activities on offer are:
arts & crafts, sports, trips & residentials, projects.
You can also get health & relationship advice plus free condoms & pregnancy testing.

Junior Club is for young people aged 11 – 13
Open Tuesdays 4.30 – 6.30pm
Cost 50p entrance. As with Senior Club all activities are decided and agreed by the young people who attend.

The girl's group official name is Las Chicas which is Spanish for The Girls. We look at women's issues and have some fun.

LeCap- the "Leicestershire common application form" can be used for all applications from year 11 students to post courses anywhere in the county, including Hind Leys. Applications are made online on the website below; the service is free and it is very easy to use. We hope that all year 11 students will use it.

All information from Hind Leys post-16 will appear on the coursefinder site and students can apply for courses on the LeCap site.

APPLICATIONS FOR POST-16 AT HIND LEYS

We hope that all students in year 11 will consider staying on into post-16 here and that many of them will decide to do so. We have an open access policy and there is a place at Hind Leys for all students who do want to stay with us. The application process is concerned with matching students to the courses that are right for them.

Key dates are:

29th October 2008 - Post-16 information evening

18th November 2008 - yr 11 parents evening – post-16 handbook available plus consultation table in foyer

19th November 2008- careers convention

17th December – LeCap internal deadline

For further information please contact the college.

Carole Hunt, Director of Post-16

CLICK INTO LEARNING- NEW COURSE IN POST-16

This year we offered a new course in post-16 aimed at those who wanted to stay on into post-16 to improve their qualifications generally. The course is now running successfully and we will be offering it again next year. It is based around a qualification called COPE which can be offered at level 1 or 2 (ie equivalent to GCSE). Students on the course can also take other qualifications (eg numeracy and literacy qualifications, health and safety in the workplace, the Arts Award etc).

NORTH CHARNWOOD OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

Tuesday 18 November 2008
At Loughborough College,
Radmoor Centre Sports Hall
9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Organised by The North Charnwood Local Partnership, especially for students in Years 9 & 11; the event offers advice, guidance and information about the different ways in which students can gain skills, find jobs and explore further opportunities.

OTHER STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE WELCOME THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

Local and National Exhibitors including:

- Companies and Businesses covering many occupational areas
- Training, Further Education and Higher Education Agencies
- Specialist Youth Organisations
- Public Service & Armed Forces
- Legal organisations

AVAILABLE IN ALL GOOD BOOK SHOPS...



Although not yet as famous as the crime writer Mark Billingham, our own Mark Billingham has recently had his first book published by Nelson Thornes. The Director of Humanities & Social Sciences has co-authored two text books; one is out now and one is due out later in the year. Students following the new Psychology A-Level course are using the books as part of their studies. Year 12 student, Ellie Hampson, said of the book; "It is very informative and easy to read." Mark explained why he was commissioned to write the book. "I've done a lot of work with the exam boards over the years, and they wanted to use people who had insight into the assessment process as well as expertise in their subject area. It is very satisfying to see my work in glossy print!"

HIND LEYS SPECIALIST ARTS COLLEGE SHOP



For all your Stationery, Art Material and Revision Guides etc.

Opening hours 1.10 pm to 2.10 pm
(Monday to Friday Lunchtimes)

(Don't forget to check out the 'Offer of the Month')