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### FRESH AIR

To promote healthy living we have decided to make being outside during break and lunchtimes the norm for our students (though obviously this is dependent on the weather), as it is far healthier for them to spend some of the day out in the fresh air. However, as well as having access to 'Refresh' we will still be running break and lunchtime activities such as IT Club, rehearsals, and the Learning Resource Centre.

As well as being healthier, having the majority of students outside means we will be better able to supervise them and we will also be able to make a clear distinction between inside and recreational areas.

We will now be working with the students to develop the procedures around this important change.

David Linsell, Headteacher

### PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Arts Development Officer, **Miz Wells**, and Lyric student, **Curtis Tatner** will be going head to head in a **Staff Vs Student Competition** to raise funds for a local boy recovering from Bone Cancer. They will both abseil down the Congress Theatre on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Whoever raises the most sponsorship gets to publicly splat the other with a custard pie!

Under the banner of cancer charities the Lyric Community are currently raising funds for the Sollomon Andal Trust and we hope the whole school will support us in this fundraiser.

Sollomon is a Year 4 pupil at Tollgate School. Diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (Bone Cancer) just over a year ago, he has been receiving treatment ever since including removing his knee and most of his thigh bone and receiving chemotherapy. The Sollomon Andal Trust has been set up to raise funds to send Sollomon to America for treatment in the event of a relapse as more advanced treatments there result in patients having a higher survival rate. Should Sollomon not require this further treatment then the money raised will provide other families with a child with cancer a free holiday, to rest, re-bond and just be a family again.

**We are asking that you each contribute by sponsoring one of our 'abseilees'. If every student sponsored us £1 that would raise over £1,200 for this local family's plight to save their son and relieve the suffering of other families. A very little help from each of you will go a long way in helping. So return your sponsorship pledges now!! Whichever 'abseilee' receives the most sponsors will have a treat, while the loser will have a nasty surprise...  
...Who wins? You decide!**

Look out for the letter and sponsorship slip coming home via the tutors or complete the details below and return to the Drama Office (in Drama Studio room 216) by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group & Community \_\_\_\_\_

Please delete as required -

I want the staff to win and pledge £\_\_\_\_\_ (amount) sponsorship to Miz

I want the students to win and Pledge £\_\_\_\_\_ (amount) sponsorship to Curtis

**Full sponsorship forms for multiple sponsors are available from the Drama Office**

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

The following extract is from a collection of thoughts linked to our assembly themes throughout the year -

“We believe that all men are created equal because they are created in the image of God”

Harry S Truman

## COMMUNITY CHARITIES

2008-09

Adelphi	Help for Heroes
Apollo	Tuesday O'Hara fund
Globe	Childline
Lyceum	NSPCC
Lyric	Cancer Research

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Y7 Subject Evening

4.15-7.45

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Last day of term 4

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Sponsored Abseil (see overleaf for details)

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**6<sup>TH</sup>-17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**NO**

**SCHOOL**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

First day of term 5

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Neighbourhood Panel Meeting 3.45pm

## Arts Award Drop-ins

for help completing projects and creating your portfolio

All Year 11s have been invited to complete their Bronze Arts Award before they leave Ratton School. To do this they will need to present a portfolio which demonstrates that they have completed the four components of the Award:

Part A:	Explore the Arts as a participant
Part B:	Explore the Arts as an Audience Member
Part C:	Arts Heroes and Heroines
Part D:	Arts Apprenticeship

Arts Award is assessed on - art form knowledge, communication and creativity, so it is important that portfolios are as personal as possible.

We have setup drop in sessions to help students complete their portfolio. They must attend at least one drop in session to be registered to take the award -

- Monday Lunchtimes in Room 204
- Wednesdays after-school in room 222
- Wednesday Evenings 4.30 - 6.30 the Archery Youth Club with experienced Arts Award Adviser Debbie Cadwallender

I urge all students to come along and register for the Award - it is a GCSE level Qualification which will be recognised by further education providers and employers alike!

Miz Wells, Community Arts Officer

## CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to our highest achieving students whose hard work and commitment we are proud to recognise -

Week ended 13<sup>th</sup> March

Veronika Gibbins, Kamil Ondrej, Sian Heather, Eleanor Farrington, Eric Barrell, Summer Donnachie, Katy Lambert, Shianne Paterson, Jacob Ede, Benjamin Beaumont, Trinity Brackley-Henry and Nathan Smith

Week ended 20<sup>th</sup> March

Hannah King, William Chaplin, Jack Baker, Yuandi Wei, Amy Hunnisett, Chelsea Willgrass, Saffron Mann, Emily Nicholls-Nash, Alicia Pettit-Daniels, Casey Hedger, Joanne Ottley, Emily Harris, Jane Bradford, Ruby Tyrell, Chloe-Marie Hazell, Nathan Thorpe and Alex Reed

## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Lost property is kept in the General Office. Please encourage your child to ask if they have lost any belongings. Lost property is disposed of termly.

If your child rings home for you to bring something into school, it may be left at Reception but your child MUST come to collect it - we cannot be responsible for delivering items to students through the day.

Lockers are available for students in Years 7-11 for a non-refundable deposit of £2 (£1 per student) to cover maintenance for the five years. This will be collected in September by your child's form tutor. Students will have to supply their own padlock and will need to share with one other student.



## PFA EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Many super eggs to be won! 25p per ticket or £1 per strip on sale at break and lunch times outside Refresh. The draw will take place at break-time on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March in the hall -

**GOOD LUCK!!**