



COTHAM POST 16 CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is produced to keep Year 12 and Year 13 students and parents informed about our centre. If you have any issues, please contact us on the number below:

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Dear Parents/Carers

New Director of the Post 16 Centre

Karen Cornick, our present Director, is leaving the post at the end of term and is expecting an addition to her family in March.

Our new Director, who takes up the post on 4 January 2010, is Marian Curran. She has considerable Post 16 experience and is at present Head of Post 16 at Wotton Bassett school in Wiltshire. We welcome her to her new post.

Year 13

The autumn terms of Post 16 are a busy time for Year 13 students. As well as schoolwork, coursework and practicals, it is time for students to work on their applications for university, gap years and employment. So far the Post 16 team have sent off over 100 applications to UCAS. The formal UCAS deadline for applications is 15 January 2010 which means our final internal deadline is January 8th.

Students are now receiving offers for courses and some are being called for interview. The Post 16 team can provide 'mock' interviews for these students.

Those Year 13 students who are deciding not to complete an application at this stage, please make an appointment with your tutor to review your present reference. Also, our Connexions adviser is available in Charnwood on Wednesday mornings—please book an appointment in the Post 16 reception.

Points of Interest

New Director

Year 13

Year 12

Student Ambassadors

Charity Events

January Modules

Student Extra-Curricular Activities

Key Dates for Spring



Year 12

November/December has also been a busy time for Year 12 students. After the Learner Review Days at the start of November, we have just completed our Subject Parents Evening on 9 December. Staff have given advice for preparations for the January Modules and developing work for the summer exams.

- **Student Ambassadors**

Our thanks to all Year 12 and 13 student ambassadors who have supported several evening events. Visitors, parents and staff have been very complimentary about your work.

- **Charity Events**

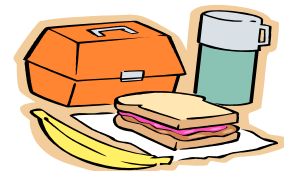
Cotham Post 16 students have raised money for three charities so far this year. During charities week, nearly £100 was raised for 'Children in Need'. The Post 16 Comedy Group have produced a calendar and profits will go to 'Help for Heroes'. Finally, some Year 13 students have been raising money for a local charity, 'One 25 Project', who support young women who have been involved in prostitution.

January Modules

These exams start on Monday 11 January 2010. Enclosed with this newsletter is a final timetable for students. If there are any errors or concerns, students must contact the Cotham Exams Officer, Mrs Sue Batt, whose office is at main school.

Please be aware of the following requirements for exams:

- Morning exams start at 8.45 am prompt. Please be outside the exam room by 8.30 am.
- Afternoon exams start at 1.45 pm prompt. Please be outside the exam room by 1.30 pm.
- The majority of exams will be in Charnwood Hall AL1 but please check your individual timetables.
- Be fully equipped - only black pens can be used in exams now and have pencils/calculators/rulers, etc. where appropriate.
- Please be on time.
- Make sure you that you have had your breakfast or lunch before exams.

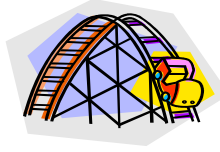


- Student Extra-Curricular Activities and Visits

Students have been involved in lots of visits eg politics visit to a London Conference, Law students have been to Crown & Magistrates' Courts.



BTEC students



went to Thorpe Park,

and there have been several theatre visits by Drama & English students.



Some students have joined the Rucksack Club which had its first Sunday walk in the Quantocks last week.

Lily Drewry is representing the Post 16 Centre as our Gabbler in the local public speaking competition.



At least four students are attending the Medlink conference at the end of term. We also have three Year 12 students who are working regularly at St Barnabas Primary School in St Agnes.

Finally, congratulations to the ten Year 13 Visual Arts students who have formed the Young Arnofini Artists Collective. They have started working collaboratively with the Arnofini gallery in the centre of Bristol.



KEY POST 16 DATES FOR THE SPRING

Monday 4 January	New term starts
Monday 11 January	AS/A2 Module Examinations start
Wednesday 3 February	AS/A2 Module Examinations finish
Friday 15 January	Deadline for UCAS applications.
Tuesday 19 January	Year 13 Parent Support Group- 7.00 pm in AG4
Wednesday 10 February	Year 13 Parents' Evening. This will be held at Redland Green School for <u>all</u> students.
Friday 12 February	Inset Day
15 February - 19 February	Holiday
Monday 22 February	New term starts
Wednesday 24 February	Year 12 Parent Support Group- 7.00pm in AG4
Thursday 11 March	January Module Results in school
Tuesday 23 / Thursday 25 March	Year 12 Learner Review Days
Tuesday 30 / Wednesday 31 March	Year 13 Learner Review Days
Thursday 1 April	Inset Day and End of Term
Monday 19th April	New term starts

May we wish all our students and parents/carers a happy, restful and productive holiday.

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