



# HOPE ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

**“A community of learners of all ages from the local area committed to mutual service where each person can flourish, be his/her best and work for the common good to the glory of God and his creation.”**

### Y7 Netball

Year 7 played their first match of the season following two false starts! This week we played St Augustines. Our A team played first and made a slow start to the game but after a few positional changes managed to pull a goal back. Our B team matched St Augustines even though our GK lost her tooth half way through the game! Overall we won one game, drew one and lost one so not a bad start. Georgia Hughes, Mia Langton and Chanelle Atherton were voted players of the match.

### Help for Heroes

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Year 12 Public Service students ran a stall at Hope Academy Christmas Market supporting the ‘Help for Heroes’ charity. As part of their coursework, the students volunteered their time and creativity into preparing items for the stall such as reindeer dust, homemade cards, cakes, cookies and official Help for Heroes merchandise. With the support of fellow Business Studies students who have kindly offered to donate the cash that they raised from their Christmas stall; we have raised a total of £173.48! The hard work and commitment paid off.

Miss Davies

### Christmas Concert and Market

The Christmas Concert showcased some of the Academy’s most talented pupils. Staff and students joined together in the Singing Squad to sing 4 beautiful songs. There were moving dances from Y7s and 8s as well as a brilliant performance of ‘The Magic Toyshop’. Instrumental Christmas music was performed by Rock School Bands, the Orchestra and the exciting and vibrant Samba Band. As well as having pupils from Hope Academy, students from St Marys, St Lewis’ and Newton Primary joined some of the ensembles. Overall it was fantastic night where the talents of the students took centre stage.

The Christmas Market was a huge success with stalls run by the local community. One parent said ‘The Christmas Market has been brilliant. We look forward to coming next year.’



Fabulous treats on sale at the Market

### Michael Gove Visits Hope Academy

Secretary of State for Education, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP visited Hope Academy on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Academy has recently joined the national ‘Achievement for All’ programme which has a proven record in improving progress, results and outcomes for pupils who face learning challenges. The Minister was met by five ‘Achievement Champions’, members of the 86 Year 9 pupils working with Achievement for All; visited Maths and English classes and talked informally with the Y9 Achievement Champions and their parents.

Michael Gove said: “I was very pleased to see the ‘Achievement for All’ programme beginning to have a real impact at Hope Academy, after just five months. The programme is already helping to track children’s progress and encouraging more structured conversations between teachers and parents. It is crucial that children’s needs are picked up early and the right support is available. The ‘Achievement for All’ programme has a proven record for improving progress, results and outcomes for children. I welcome the fact that together Hope Academy and ‘Achievement for All’ are supporting children in this way.”



Mr Gove receiving the art work

On leaving the Academy the Secretary of State was presented with a piece of artwork created by one of the students that had the words ‘Believe in Achievement for All’ wrapped around the Academy’s logo.

## Welcome to Resources School

Welcome to Resources School! We are a School where being part of a TEAM means everything – Together Everyone Achieves More! We understand the need to conserve and value our world's Resources and endeavour to share this with our School members. We believe wholeheartedly in our pupils and trust that their experience at Hope Academy will equip them with all the skills and attributes they need to lead fulfilled, happy lives.

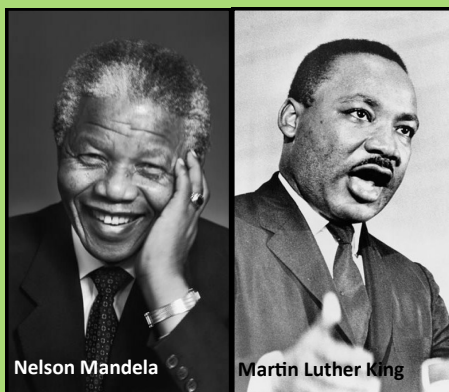
Our House Heroes are Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. These inspirational leaders have changed world history by challenging ignorance and encouraging tolerance. Nelson Mandela is considered a hero for standing up against apartheid and serving 26 years in prison for fighting for what he believed was right.

Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader,

helped move the United States forward by peacefully standing against segregation and motivated millions with his 'I Have a Dream' speech.

In Resources we know and appreciate that each day brings new challenges and experiences, but we learn from them and move on. For this reason, our School motto is, 'Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery, Today is a Gift, that's why it is called the Present.'

Mrs Nash



Nelson Mandela

Martin Luther King

## Diamond Jubilee Tree Planting at Hope Academy

To mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, schools around the country are planting trees provided by the Mersey Forest organisation. Hope Academy invited Deputy Lieutenant Jane Dearden MBE & Deputy Lieutenant Alan Chick JP to celebrate the planting of the oak tree in Hope's Academy's garden. Members of Hope's Eco-Committee (Louise Beddow and Sahra Blackmore), Mr Gannon (Principal) and Mr Bailey (Strategic Leader of Sustainability), also attended to commemorate the event.



Left to right: Mr Gannon, Deputy Lieutenant Jane Dearden MBE, Deputy Lieutenant Alan Chick JP, Louise Beddow, Sahra Blackmore and Mr Bailey.

## On Sale Soon

Tickets for the school musical 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' will be on sale after Christmas in the LRC.

## Upcoming

### Humanities Trips

There are two Humanities trips planned for the summer term, one to Colomendy (Yr8 pupils) and the other to Belgium and Franc (Year 10 pupils). The Colomendy trip is an educational adventure activity weekend on 26th-28th April 2013. The total cost of the trip is £103, if you would like your child to attend a deposit of £25 needs to be paid by 11th January 2013.

The trip to Belgium and France is directly linked to the GCSE Geography and History courses so is available to Y10 students studying those subjects. Students will visit museums and cemeteries in Ypres before visiting Paris and the Somme. The total cost of the trip is £495, if you would like your child to attend, a deposit of £50 needs to be paid by 11th January 2013.

Costs for both trips include travel, full board accommodation and a full programme of activities. Letters have been sent home with more information about both trips. Cheques should be made payable to Newton Academy Trust.

### PE Pupils of the Term

Well done to the following pupils who have received this term's 'PE Pupil of the Term' award. Georgia Hughes and Charlie Tennant from Year 7. Amy Fisher and Ryan Littler from Year 8. Katy Jermy and Joe Heaton from Year 9. Eve Gilchrist and Wes Gaskel from Year 10. Rachel McGoldrick and Jake Swift from Year 11.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all the wonderful things that happen at Christmas; the gifts that we give to each other, the laughter we share with friends and family, the love that is shown for those in need. But above all, as the star shone out above Bethlehem on that first Christmas, we thank you for the gift of your son, the light of the world. As Christmas comes, let us join with people down the ages who have celebrated this event and rejoiced.

Amen.