

Hope Herald

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On Wednesday 26th June staff, parents and students gathered at Parr Hall in Warrington for the Academy's Annual Awards Evening. The evening started at 7pm and kicked off with a performance from the Samba Band. After a warm welcome from Mr Hill and a prayer led by Miriam, we were treated to a performance of two extracts from Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers'. After the Principal's Address the guest speaker of the evening was introduced, Andy Reid. Andy Reid, from St Helens, used to be a soldier until he stepped on an IED in Afghanistan and lost 3 limbs. He now is a motivational speaker who talks to young people about achieving their hopes, dreams and aspirations. We were then delighted by performances of 'Super Trooper' and 'I Dreamed a Dream' by the Academy Orchestra and a drama performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' before the subject awards were given out. Pupils from Y7-13 received awards in every subject for their outstanding progress or outstanding achievement. Before the special awards were given out two self-choreographed GCSE Dance pieces were performed by four of our Y11 leavers.

The first of the Special Awards were given out to pupils from each of the houses who have been model pupils throughout the year, always being polite, punctual and always putting effort into their school work.



Head girl Rebecca Cotterill

The next awards were for 'Spirit of Hope', given to pupils who embody the values of the Academy and make a true difference to the lives of the people in it. Then awards were given out for: endeavour; sporting prowess; sixth form achievements; contribution to the Academy's production; contribution to the sustainable work of the school; the Principal's Award; the Rotary Club Prize and the LiverpoolHope Award for Academic Excellence.

After the awards there was a performance of 'Robot Man' from this year's production 'Return to the Forbidden Planet', a Vote of Thanks from Head Girl Rebecca Cotterill and a performance of 'Bitter Sweet Symphony' from the Rock Band. The evening finished with a performance of Puck's final speech from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Overall it was a true celebration of the varied talents and achievements of the pupils here at Hope Academy.



Rocking Out

Returning to the Forbidden Planet



AWARDS EVENING 2013



Going For GREEN



THREE CHEERS FOR Hope Volunteers!

On Saturday 22nd June, thirteen selfless 6th form students gave up a full day of their weekend to volunteer with the emergency services. The daring students were 'made up' by members of the RNLI with fake wounds, blood, cuts and bruises to look like real life casualties. The day began with the scene of a makeshift nightclub; a smoky, music filled container with music blaring out and flashing strobe lighting.



Drama Queen

Students danced the morning away whilst various injuries occurred and teams of emergency services had to enter the club not knowing what to expect, deal with the chaos and rescue the injured!

After being treated to pizza galore, the students then took their places for the afternoon

events. An underground pit where there had been an explosion trapping a number of casualties in need of emergency treatment. In gruelling conditions the teams entered the site and brought many of our students out to the 'casualty tent' for treatment, once assessed by medical professionals the seriously injured had a ride in the ambulance to A & E!

Next up was the RTA (Road Traffic Collision) with one lucky student being cut from the wreckage by a team of highly skilled fire fighters. All of these activities were controlled and managed by fully trained and experienced emergency services teams and observed by trained instructors of the course. I would like to give special thanks to Mr Charnock for taking the amazing photographs from the day and to all the students who gave up their time for this amazing experience: Adam Hazeldine, Jason Somerset, Alex Wilcock, Winstanley, Nicole Walker, Jasmine Vernon, Chelsea Miszczak, Nicole Edwards, Rebecca Brown, Danielle Winrow, Bethany Stevenson-Crinks and James Atherton. Without volunteers this type of emergency service training would not be possible so THANK YOU for giving your time!

If you would like to become a volunteer for **any type of voluntary work** or if you are already a volunteer PLEASE see me (Miss Davies) for a registration form to log your hours.

Please note...No students were harmed during this training day!

Miss Davies

The Eco Committee applied for the Eco-Schools Silver Award this half term and we are very pleased to announce that they achieved it. We were awarded the Silver Award in recognition of the work the Eco Committee has done to work towards a sustainable lifestyle. This means we can go one step further and now apply for the Green Award next half term! Well done to the Eco Committee!



Family Group

The Family Group will be holding their end of year party on the 23rd July. All are welcome to attend!



Changes to School Meal Prices

Due to changes in the St Helens Council budget from September next year there will be approximately a 2.5% increase to the meal prices in the cafeteria.

Uniform Appeal

If any students or parents would be willing to donate outgrown uniform back to the Academy to help others please see Mrs Gorman in Climate.



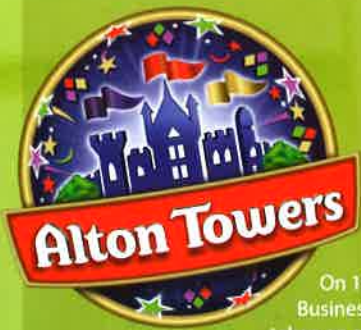
Playing the Victim



Our annual trip to Rome will be leaving in February 2014, any pupils interested in going on this should see Mr Brankin in the RE office.



92% of parents and carers state that their child is well looked after at Hope Academy



On 19th June Y10 and Y12 BTEC Business Studies students were taken on an educational visit to Alton Towers theme park. The purpose of the trip was for the students to research Alton Towers as part of their Unit 3 BTEC project, which is to set up and market a micro business within Alton Towers. Whilst there, the students attended an educational talk where they were shown marketing and promotional materials that Alton Towers use to ensure their success as a business. The students were then given a series of tasks to complete throughout the day which involved researching the existing businesses at the park and also identifying marketing materials which they could adopt for their unit of work.



CULTURAL EVENING

James Atherton said "I had a great time at Alton towers, it was very insightful and very exciting. The thing I enjoyed the most was spending time with my friends and getting to go on the rides. I hope we will get to go again!"

It was a very successful visit.The sun shone and the students and staff had a fantastic day!



All smiles on The Smiler

Thank you to all staff who attended and supported the Business Studies department!

Miss Roberts

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Well where to begin!! It has been an extremely busy half term in the Chaplaincy. I have visited many of our local primary schools to meet their Y6 students and I am very excited to welcome them to Hope Academy in September. Alongside working with the Y6 students, I have also had the privilege of working with local Y5 students at our Ethos and Environment days. I ran a creative prayer space which looked at the importance of our world and how we can protect it for future generations.

With the excitement of welcoming new students, there is the sadness of saying goodbye to our Y11 and Y13 students. Y 11 had a very bitter sweet farewell assembly where Mr Betteridge had the students on their feet after singing his very own version of 'New York, New York.' Y13 had a leavers mass in the Chapel which was led by Father Fedigan and it truly was a celebration of their time at Hope Academy. We wish all our leavers the very best for the future.

Speaking of the future, we have lots of exciting things plans for the Chaplaincy so why not be the first to find out by following me on [Twitter @HopeChaplain](#).

Hope you are all enjoying the sunshine!



Ethos and Environment Day

On 3rd July 2013 Hope Academy held its second annual Cultural Evening, organised by the Creative Arts faculty. The evening was a showcase of the work in performing and visual arts from our talented pupils. The audience were surrounded by a display of art and photography work by pupils from all years, and one hundred and thirty dancers, singers and actors took to the stage. The entire evening was ably compered by two A level Theatre Studies students, Jack Beswick and Faye Millard both adding their own brand of humour to the evening. The acts ranged from political takes on the fairy tales of Cinderella and Hansel and Gretel performed by Y10 GCSE pupils to a highly accomplished performance of 'The Climb' by our recently reformed Singing Squad. Daniel Richards from Y7 did a very impressive display of yo-yo tricks to music and there was a range of beautifully choreographed dance pieces from pupils across the school, which included several GCSE pieces and work that pupils from KS3 had developed in their dance classes. Drama pupils from Y8 excelled themselves when performing their own improvised versions of scenes from Willy Russell's 'Our Day Out' and Shakespeare wasn't left out as Y10 performed an extract from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The variety of music demonstrated the range of talent that we are so fortunate to have amongst our pupils, the evening began with an explosion of sound from our Samba group which had the audience clapping along, the orchestra had them on their feet and the rock bands blew everyone away. There was also a very skilful performance from members of Y10 of the 'Four Chord' song. A very special moment came when Courtney Summers of Y7 took to the stage to perform a solo oboe piece from 'Titanic'. The highlight of the event was the final moment, when all one hundred and thirty pupils took to the stage to give their rendition of 'Great Balls of Fire'. This was followed by a truly reflective moment when Georgia Milanovitch stepped forward to deliver Puck's final lines from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', ending what was an evening to remember and one that demonstrated the importance of the arts for our young people.

'Explosion' of talent



Miriam

SPORTS News

Merseyside Schools Athletics Championships

Susan Shirling, Gemma Kinsley and Erin Kimber all represented St Helens in the Merseyside Schools Athletics Championships held at the Oval Stadium on The Wirral.

Schools and Athletics clubs from St Helens nominate their best athletes for this event and they compete against the five other boroughs, Liverpool, Sefton, Knowsley, Wirral and the Isle of Man. The event is of an extremely high standard as athletes are competing against other boroughs and are attempting to meet the standards for the English Schools Athletics Finals. If athletes meet the English Schools standards they go on to compete against the best athletes from all secondary schools in England.

I am really pleased to report that Erin Kimber was 8th in the 300m final, 4th in the High Jump final and 2nd in the Triple Jump final. This is an amazing achievement, being so highly placed in three events. Susan Shirling is following in the footsteps of Matty Shirling and is developing into a strong distance runner; Susan was placed 3rd in the 1500m final. However the performance of the day belongs to Gemma Kinsley who not only won the shot put and the discus events but she also achieved the English Schools standards in both with a measure of 29.40m in the discus and 10.97 in the shot. This is a fabulous achievement and I would like to take the opportunity to wish Gemma the best of luck in the English Schools event.



Sportin Star Gemma Kinsley

National Schools Sports Week

National Schools Sports Week is celebrated throughout the country by both secondary and primary schools. The idea behind the week is to promote the benefits of participation in sport and physical activity. During the week at Hope Academy we have organised a class quiz for tutor groups and we have worked hard to promote all the after school clubs. The week began with rounders club on Monday and each night there has been a different activity including basketball, athletics, badminton and a charity run. Those who have attended the clubs have been given a raffle ticket and a prize draw will take place. Winners to be announced! Well done to all those who have taken part!



Newton Le Willows Junior Anglers Association are looking to recruit new members in the Under 16 age group. If anyone is interested in this activity details can be found on their website: www.newtonangling.com.

St Helens Rounders Tournament

Hope Academy were represented in the under 13 and under 15's rounders tournament held at Ruskin Drive in St Helens. The under 13's were in a strong section with De La Salle, Rainford and Sutton. The first game was closely fought with Hope emerging as narrow winners by 5 rounders to 4. Next up De La Salle and again another even closer game as the scores were drawn at 5 all. So the girls needed to win their final group game against Sutton. This time they won easily 7 rounders to 2. As winners of the group the girls went through to the semi-final against Haydock and in the first innings Haydock scored just 4 rounders. However Haydock showed some strong fielding and stumped out a couple of our key players. The score finished 4 rounders to 2 to Haydock. A brilliant effort was made by all the team, in particular Megan Glover who was captain and player of the tournament. Caitlin Owen deserves a special mention for her excellent fielding along with Leia Maguire. The under 15s team played really well, only losing to De La Salle in the first match before they got into the 'swing of it'. The player of the Tournament was Hannah Waterman who showed great tactical awareness as well as skill. Another notable player was Lauren Greenall, who was very quick thinking with exceptional fielding skills. The team finished in the Runners Up position and were delighted with their performance overall.

Table Tennis Leaders Award

On Wednesday 22nd May pupils from Hope Academy took part in a table tennis leader's award here at Hope. A coach from Preston Table Tennis Club led the award, which teaches pupils to deliver table tennis coaching at a basic level. The pupils practised developing their own table tennis skills as well as learning how to teach the skills to others. Well Done to Millie Manfried, Bethany Large, Joe Clyne, Rob Smith, Michael Potter and Connor Whitehead.

Hope Academy Prayer

Father, we bring before you the community of Hope Academy,
Asking that we might be worthy stewards of your creation:
caring for the environment, and sustaining all that you have given us.

Help us to reach out to others, to support growth, development and justice
at home and abroad, ever mindful that our true strength lies within, in our
young people.

They are the hope of today and the hope of tomorrow:
Builders of a better future for our world and its people.

Amen



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