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Dear Parents/Carers

Last week we celebrated our exam results so this week it is right that we celebrate achievements by girls outside of the classroom. I am delighted to report that Hayley Ladd (year 11) has been chosen to represent the Welsh national side in an international football match in Belgium. This is a real honour and we are very proud of Hayley's achievements. We wish the team well.

Also on the sporting front we have learned this week that Hayley has also been selected as one of our 2 new Sporting Young Ambassadors. Francesca Miller is the other one and she has the tremendous honour of being selected as Partnership Ambassador and will attend a special national conference in Twickenham next week.

Well done to both girls on these tremendous achievements.

*Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher*

## ANNUAL OPEN EVENING

Our Annual Open Evening this year takes place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009. School will finish at 12:05 and no lunch will be available. Girls staying to help should bring a packed lunch and make their own travel arrangements for getting home. Please check with your daughter if she has been asked and make separate arrangements for her transport home.

The evening begins at 6pm and should end for student helpers at approximately 9pm. Because of this late finish on Wednesday school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October will not begin for students until 9:30am. After registration students will start with the subject for period 2.

Therefore we would like the students to be collected at 12:10 on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October we would like the students to be collected from their normal bus stops **one hour later** than usual. The students will be informed of these revised arrangements.

The 84 bus service is a scheduled route and therefore no changes can be made. Girls using this bus service will either need to make their own arrangements or bring a packed lunch and stay in school for the afternoon.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation during this time.

*Mrs B Clunie, Admin Manager*

## **PARKING IN AND AROUND SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

We have been asked by the local police to remind parents that they should not be parking or waiting at the end of the school day in local roads which have parking restrictions. This includes Sandridgebury Lane and Green Lane as well as other roads on the New Greens estate.

I would also ask that you be aware of local residents and do not park in, or across their gateways or driveways.

The police have told us that they will issue parking fines to the drivers of any cars who park illegally. Thank you for your co-operation

*Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher*

## **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Year 9 and year 11 students will have their individual photograph taken on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon. Year 7 students will have their individual photograph taken on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon.

Year 11 students are permitted to wear their own clothes to school on this day but they MUST adhere to the 6<sup>th</sup> form dress code. Failure to do this will result in them being asked to wear a second hand school sweatshirt for their photograph and for the remainder of the day.

*Mrs B Clunie, Admin Manager*

## **MAGIC VOICES – SCHOOL OF VOCAL ARTS**

Magic Voices School of Vocal Arts, based in North Watford, is headed by Andy Rumble. Andy is the ex-Musical Director to Barry Manilow, Musical Director for several television shows including Michael Barrymore and The Royal Variety Show, as well as many musicals. He is a talented and accomplished pianist, accompanist and vocal tutor and leads an experienced staff. All staff are CRB checked.

The Saturday school is for children between the ages of 7 and 17 and it will focus on singing, performance and some dancing. The dancing aspect will feature street dancing/hip hop as well as more conventional choreography for musicals.

The Sunday school is for adults and two separate classes will cover "Jazz, Soul and Pop" and "The Musicals".

Learning to perform, and singing in public, helps to instil confidence and self-esteem in both adults and children. It builds teamwork and friendships and obviously helps immensely in musical education. Who knows, we might even find some new stars!

There are free open days on Saturday 12th September 10am - 1pm (7-17 year olds) and Sunday 13th September 10am - 1pm (for adults). Places are limited so registration is encouraged on our website or by phone on 01442-345070

<http://www.magicvoices.co.uk/us.htm>

## **FOR OUR KEY STAGE 3 STUDENTS**

We are introducing a set of fortnightly themes that will be discussed during form times. The first theme will be 'Personal Strengths' and the quote for the fortnight is:

**“Be yourself. Above all, let who you are, what you are, what you believe, shine through every sentence you write, every piece you finish.”**

**John Jakes**

***Mrs Levy and Mrs Swanston (KS 3 Co-ordinators)***

## COURSEWORK DEADLINES – YEAR 10 – 2009/2010

### OCTOBER 2009

Art	Distorted portraits	October half term
English	Task 1, either original writing or 20 <sup>th</sup> century drama	Friday 23rd

### NOVEMBER 2009

Science	Module tests	Thursday 19th
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### DECEMBER 2009

English	Task 2, either original writing or 20 <sup>th</sup> century drama	Friday 18th
Music	One composition per term	End of term

### JANUARY 2010

ICT full course	Project 1	w.b. 25th
History	Controlled assessment in school time	During spring term

### FEBRUARY 2010

PE	Active lifestyles task	Monday 22nd
PE	Practical videos (offsite sports)	Monday 22nd

### MARCH 2010

Child development	Research task	Tuesday 30th
Science	Module tests	Wednesday 3rd
ICT short course	Project 1	w.b.29 <sup>th</sup>
Music	One composition per term	End of term
Media studies	Assignment 1	End of term

### JUNE 2010

Science	Module tests	Monday 28th
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### JULY 2010

Art	All Y10 coursework	End of term
ICT full course	Project 2	w.b.5th
Music	One composition per term	End of term
Media studies	Assignment 2	End of term

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## COURSEWORK DEADLINES – YEAR 11 – 2009/2010

### SEPTEMBER 2009

French	Les vacances	Monday 28th
Child development	2 research tasks and child study	Tuesday 29th
Food technology	Objective 2	w.e.18th
Textiles technology	Objective 2	Wednesday 9th

### OCTOBER 2009

Textiles technology	Objective 3	Wednesday 14th
ICT key skills	Project 3	w.b.19th
Media studies	Film	Half term

### NOVEMBER 2009

Spanish	Holidays	In mock examination
French	Le monde du travail	In mock examination
German	1 <sup>st</sup> piece	In mock examination
Food technology	Objective 3	w.e.13th
ICT short course	Project 2	w.b. 30th
Drama	Written portfolio “Power” max 3000 words Final draft	Wednesday 11th
Geography		Tuesday 3rd

### DECEMBER 2009

History	Votes for women	November/December
ICT full course	Project 3	w.b. 7th
ICT key skills	Project 4	w.b. 14th
Music	One composition per term	End of term
Textiles technology	Objective 4	Wednesday 16th

### JANUARY 2010

Food technology	Objective 4	w.e.8th
Business & economics		Wednesday 27th

### FEBRUARY 2010

Spanish	Free time	Friday 5th
French	La santé	Monday 22nd
German	2 <sup>nd</sup> piece	Friday 5th
Art	All coursework	February
English	All 5 pieces = complete coursework folder	Friday 12th
Food technology	Objectives 5,6 4	Friday 12th
Media studies	Coursework folder	Half term

### MARCH 2010

Textiles technology	Objectives 5,6	Wednesday 10th
Drama	Written portfolio “The Crucible” max 3000 words Final draft	Wednesday 10th
ICT full course	Project 4	w.b. 1st
German	3 <sup>rd</sup> piece	Friday 19th
Music	One composition per term	End of term