



Swaffham Hamond's High School

A Specialist Maths and Computing College



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Happy New Year to All!

Staff Departed, Starting and Returning

We have now said goodbye to Mr Muffett, Mr Ferry, Miss Wilson and Mr Moyo. Miss Wilson is taking a formal qualification in Science teaching and Mr Moyo has relocated to the East Coast where he will be joining another school to a post of responsibility in their maths department.

Miss Johnson has started her maternity leave and we wish her all the best for her future family. Mrs Crumpton will be returning in May and Miss Thomason in April from their respective maternity leaves. Miss Shervington has now returned on a three day week timetable. Mr Sorento will continue to work with us for the remaining two days per week until the end of term. Miss Smith begins her maternity leave in February and Miss Thomason will take over her timetable.

Mr Wright continues to make good progress and he has responded extremely well to both chemotherapy and radiotherapy. He is talking of being able to return at least in a part time capacity for the summer term.

Swaffham Oscars

At the end of term we held our whole school assembly where we had our 'Swaffham Oscar' awards. This is where we receive nominations for students in the school who have made the most improvements in particular subjects. There is then an award for each department at both key stages. Well done to those who were nominated. And the winners are:

Art: Jodie Smith, Sam Lanchbury

English: Lewis Davis, Amy Wright

Iceni: Joe Manning

Maths: Logan Russell, Vicky Boulter

MFL: Katie Gladd, Jessica Williams

Progress Centre: Marcus Lynes

Vocational: Harry Rissmann

DT: Rebecca Solway, Lauren Purple

Humanities: Jordan Twiddy, Gabrielle Copeman

Attitudes: Amy Fitter

Music: Ewa Giera, Anna Curston

PE: Zineddine Bouilouta, Mitchell McGuire

Science: Danny Manning, Freya Dennison

Highest number credits:

Holkham - Sadie White; **Sandringham** - Lois Chen; **Oxburgh** - Neve Lucas

Admissions Numbers 2012

We are pleased that the number of students who have chosen to come to Swaffham Hamond's High School next September has increased significantly. We anticipate approximately 30 students more than for the previous year whereas the number of students



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in the catchment area remains similar. This signifies a big uplift in the popularity of our school which has also seen unprecedented numbers of students joining us mid term.

Sixth Form Update

All Year 11 students wishing to follow Advanced Level courses next year in Swaffham will have applied to Dereham Sixth Form Centre who will be running at the Swaffham Campus, which will replace our Sixth Form in September. There has been a high number of applications and planning for students to follow courses both here and in Dereham is well underway. Many of our students have applied for this centre and we wish them success in achieving a place. Interviews will be held this term.

Appointments

Parents wishing to see particular members of staff should contact the school for an appointment. Staff usually have timetabled classes or pre-arranged meetings and will find it difficult to respond to parents turning up without appointments.

Energy Drinks

Please note that energy drinks are unsuitable for students in school. They are a great form of quick release carbohydrate energy for those involved in endurance sports activities. They are unhelpful for young people in terms of their concentration and focus in the classroom. We will confiscate any of these inappropriate drinks. We encourage students to bring water into school to drink during the day. This does help concentration.

School Meals

Please note that there are a range of home cooked meals in addition to hot and cold snacks available to our students in our canteen. These meals are reasonably priced, healthy and quite delicious. You may wish to encourage your sons and daughters to use this facility particularly during the cold weather. Once they have tried it, we think they will want to continue.

School Closures: Radio Norfolk and KLFM

Where there is no alternative but to close the school, arrangements will be made to broadcast information on the local radio stations between 06:30 and 08:30 or from 18:00 to 18:30 in the evening. They will also be posted on the Norfolk website:

www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk

Up and Coming Events

Thursday 23 February 2012: Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 22 March 2012: Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening

Half Term

School breaks for half term on Friday 10 February 2012

Students start back on Monday 20 February 2012

You will find a copy of this newsletter on our website at:

www.hamondshighschool.co.uk