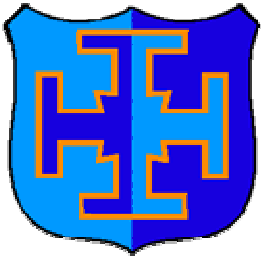


# NEWSLETTER - 15 MAY 2009



**Our Lady and St Chad  
Catholic Sports College**



## OFSTED INSPECTIONS

Both the Diocesan and the HMI Inspectors have prepared the Draft Report of their visit to school two weeks ago. It is currently in their possession for final proofing but I can confirm that it will be available to you for the middle of next week.

It is an outstanding Report. Over 90% of the grade judgements are outstanding and good. This is no mean achievement and I am very proud of the whole school community.

Governors and staff will take time on Friday afternoon to study the Report and ensure that our work in the next half term builds on this success. **To this end, Governors have agreed an early dismissal for students on Friday 22 May 2009 - normal morning lessons will conclude at 12.45 pm - lunchtime will conclude at 1.15 pm - dismissal will have concluded by 1.45 pm.**

Students who normally go out to dinner will be required to remain in school, this will involve them delaying their lunch by 15 minutes and I trust they will understand that a free last lesson is a fair exchange for the time.

Staff and Governors will meet from 2.00 pm until the end of the working day to celebrate the successes of the report and share the detail behind the judgements.

## UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE FOR SIXTH FORMERS

Good news for a number of students who have won places at University Summer Schools. This success is due to the diligence and ability of the applicants:

Cassie Shepherd; Nicole Mayisva; Seline Ladher;

Chris Simmonds; Keri Grant; Krishan Taloy and Ravnita Rayet.

They will spend up to 5 days at Universities around the country, Birmingham, Staffordshire, Warwick and Worcester during July and August. They will engage in courses they hope to pursue when they go to University studying Science, Creative Arts, Sports Science etc.

They will learn about University life and study skills and experience lectures delivered by world experts and other University staff.

Planning for these University experiences is led by Mrs Hosking, Gifted & Talented Coordinator. Please feel free to contact her at school if you would like to discuss these opportunities further.

### **SOLI HOUSE DIOCESAN RETREAT CENTRE**

This week 40 Year 10 students attended the residential retreat in Stratford-upon-Avon. We are awaiting their safe return but already the staff at Soli House have informed me about how well the students are conducting themselves.

These valuable experiences could not be provided if school did not have staff willing to accompany the students and others willing to cover lessons here at school. Fortunately we all know the benefits of Soli House for our young people.

### **GCSE RE EXAMINATION**

This week 250 students sat in the Sports Hall for the GCSE RE examination.

The students in Years 10 and 11 were model candidates and have been working hard in recent weeks to make sure they get the best results they can in the public examinations. Parents please continue to support them through their studies – they need to use time at home during the half term break revising.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009** - **European Elections – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009** - **Year 7 Parents' Evening – 4.30 pm Onwards**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009** - **New Intake Evening – 4.30 pm**