

# SPOTLIGHT

SPROWSTON COMMUNITY HIGH SPECIALIST SCHOOL FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND MEDIA



Issue 16 June 2010

*A life without love is like a year without summer. – Swedish Proverb*

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Welcome back!

I trust you all had a really enjoyable half-term holiday and had the chance to spend some time together with family and friends.

My son spent most of the holidays revising for his AS Level examinations so I know with first hand experience how the exams can affect the whole household. I did find it very amusing to be asked to turn my music down though as it was too loud and that he couldn't work! I do hope home life is o.k. at the moment during this exam period. If you wish to talk things through, you know that we are always here for you.

It will be another very busy end to the summer term with our focus on supporting our new Year 7 students in readiness for their September start with us.

Thank you for your continuing support – it is very much appreciated



Andrew John  
Headteacher

## YEAR 8

### All Talked Out

### Year 8 End of term disco and party at The Talk

Sadly there was not enough support for this event so we are returning any paid monies/ cheques. If you have paid for this event and have not yet received a refund please contact Miss Cook or Mr Sewell.

We are obviously disappointed that this event was not supported by the students. We have challenged the students to organise their own disco/ party for the first term of Year 9. They would then need to come to speak to us about their proposal. This would be a great opportunity for student leadership.

### VIP Awards

The following students have been given a VIP certificates for their work in;

#### VIP Maths

Amy Turner  
Lauryn Whitmore  
Hannah Martin

#### VIP English

Natasha Lee	Adam Dyson
Heidi Smith	Sophie Macdonald
Liam Page	Scott Warr
Aleesha Nabarro	Ruben Wilson
Angelo Reid	Lucas Wilkinson
Hannah Martin	Sadie Tooke
Nikki Mouncer	Jack Scott
Molly Kerkham	Georgia Moore
Ashleigh Moore	Liam Page
Isobel Seeley	Kieran Cooksley
Emily Seeley	Tom Cranston
Hannah Atsumi	Ryan Hare
Billie Bell	Freya Hagen-Palmer
Minty Bereket	Chloe Haines
Hannah Bolt	Oliver Harman-Howes
Melissa Bowling	Alex Ferguson

#### VIP Technology

Freya Hagan-Palmer	Ailbhe McCann
Tara Reid	Minty Bereket
Ben Townsend	Alex Hare
Heidi Smith	Naseemur Rahman
Ellen Archer	Jake Norton
Alex Kearns	Lane Taylor
Aleesha Nabarro	Sophie Clark
Tara Reid	Liam Page
Jack Guyton	
Robyn Nash	

## Year 8

### Poetry Performance

A number of our Year 8 students took part in a poetry recital at Sparhawk Infant school. This event was organised by Mrs Henderson and Mrs Gibling. Some of the students were;

Molly Kerkham  
Jack Guyton  
Emma Copley  
Maya Hunneyball  
Benjamin Townshend  
Jaimee Towers  
Conor Durrant  
Sophie Macdonald  
Eleanor Hepburn  
Ashleigh Moore

### Water

Please ensure your child attends school with a water bottle and encourage them to drink regularly during the day. The bottles can be refilled at break and lunchtime. Dehydration is so easy in hot weather and a drop in concentration and focus are the first signs of this.

### Pleasurewood Hills

This fantastic summer event is fast approaching (July 16th) and we are pleased to announce that we have had to put on an extra coach to meet the demand. Anyone that would still like to go on this trip needs to make sure that all monies are returned to Julia Owen in the school office by Friday 18th June 2010. We need to stress that students who misbehave and spend some time in the inclusion unit will not be invited on this trip and all monies will be refunded.



Anna Cook,



Pete Sewell



Sue Worley

### The Year 8 Team

## Art Show

It is that time again. The annual Kett Art Show is coming soon. This year's exhibition will feature a wider variety than before including; Photography, Sculpture, Graphic Design, Printing, Textiles and Painting. Students who have been studying Visual Art courses at Sewell Park College, Open Academy and Sprowston Community High School will be exhibiting work. As usual the standard is exceptional.

The exhibition opens to the public on Monday 21st June and is held at St Margaret's Art Gallery on St Benedict Street in Norwich. We open at 10am and close at 6pm each day apart from the final day on Saturday the 26th when the exhibition finally closes at noon.

Entry is free and all are welcome.

There is an invite only Private View for the artists and their invitees on Monday the 21st June from 7-9pm.



**Elaine S Humpleby**  
**Head of Creative Arts Faculty**

## National Family Week



On Monday 31st May 2010, Sprowston Community High School took part in the second National Family Week by hosting a picnic event. Having been selected by National Family Week to host one of just eight flagship picnic events, it was set to be a jam packed occasion, offering something for everyone. Unfortunately the weather was not kind and with a rainy day ahead, it was a quick rush to get as many activities inside as possible. A last minute LIVE radio broadcast on BBC Radio Norfolk, tried to inform as many people as possible that the event would still go ahead. Despite the rain, over 400 people braved the weather and got to enjoy an inside picnic with a host of activities. These included; inflatables in the sports hall, fun and giant games in the gymnasium, music workshops in the cafeteria and atrium, and story telling sessions by BeWIL-Derwood in the main hall. When the sun finally came out, families enjoyed visiting the Fire Engine and Police Car. There were also refreshments and snacks on sale. We also had a visit from our Norwich North MP Chloe Smith (see attached picture). Can I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that came and helped on the day, which made the whole thing run smoothly and made it yet another memorable event. You can see more images by visiting [www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk](http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk)

We are also about to release a new 'Community Events' e-newsletter which will discuss everything that happens outside normal school hours, including looking at our current clubs in more detail and highlighting forthcoming events. We are going to try and get as many people as possible to sign up to receive this e-newsletter by submitting an email address, so please encourage students and parents to sign up this and let me know if you would like to sign up yourself.



**Many Thanks  
Malcolm Johnston  
(Community Events Coordinator)**

## **WORK-RELATED LEARNING: WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Work-related learning refers to the extent to which the learning of students draws on, and links to, real world contexts and working environments. In this way it is about preparing students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to function effectively in a working environment.

The following characteristics are regarded as important features of WRL:

### **Students:**

- Recognise, develop and apply their skills for enterprise and employability
- Use the experience of work, including work and part-time jobs to extend their understanding of work
- Learn about the ways that business enterprises operate, working roles and conditions, and rights and responsibilities in the workplace
- Develop awareness of the extent and diversity of local and national employment opportunities
- Relate their own abilities, attributes and achievements to career intentions and make informed choices based on an understanding of the alternatives
- Undertake tasks and activities set in work contexts
- Learn from contact with personnel from different employment sectors
- Have experience of different working practices and environments
- Engage with ideas, challenges and applications from the business world.

As a school, we are working hard to ensure that we do everything we can to support the Work Related Learning of our students. This includes:

- Making sure our lessons make links to real world contexts and businesses
- Using Collapsed Curriculum Days to give students opportunities to practise and develop skills such as enterprise, team working and personal learning and thinking skills.
- Where possible, inviting in specialists from the world of work to lead and support activities
- Using extra-curricular activities to develop the leadership and organisational skills that aid employability
- Providing a programme of work experience for Y10 students and a programme of Work Shadowing for Y12 students. We also provide long term work experience placements for KS4 students following Foundation Learning programmes.
- Developing our Careers and Information and Guidance (IAG) programme so that students of all year groups have access to good quality, impartial careers advice and guidance

We need your help!

We are aware that many of you have a wealth of knowledge and expertise in your professional roles that we have not always tapped into. Could you:

- Take part in lessons, offering to share your expertise in a given field?
- Offer opportunities for our students to do work experience/work shadowing at your place of work?
- Act as a business mentor to our students, especially those at KS4/5?
- Deliver an assembly to students about your field of work and how to gain a career in it?
- Take part in our Collapsed Curriculum Days, leading and supporting groups of students?

If you feel you, or someone you know, can help us in any capacity please either:

- (a) Fill in the form below or
- (b) Get in touch with me directly at School via my PA Lara Golden

We would be absolutely delighted to hear from you. We believe passionately that understanding the world of work is crucial in engaging students and making them aspirational about their futures.



**Miss Liz Wood**  
Deputy Head, Every Child Matters

**WORK RELATED LEARNING  
AUDIT OF EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS  
PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CARERS**

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>DEGREE/PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (if any)</b>	
<b>CURRENT JOB/PREVIOUS JOBS/WORK EXPERIENCE</b>	
<b>AREAS OF SKILL/EXPERTISE (CURRENT OR PAST)</b>	
<b>WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE WITH OTHER TEACHER'S/STUDENTS?</b>	
<b>WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD OFFER OTHER COLLEAGUES/STUDENTS IN RELATION TO WRL?</b>	
<b>ANY OTHER COMMENTS?</b>	