

SPORTS TRIP TO MALTA

Fifty students went to Malta during the Easter holidays to compete in Rugby, Football, Hockey and Netball tournaments. The Rugby team played in the Malta Invitation 10's tournament which included the Malta under 16's National A and B teams, Northampton Grammar School and Guilsborough High School. Impressive displays by the whole team led to them winning the tournament scoring 145 points and conceding only 17.

The tour included a day at a water park, a day on Golden Bay, training and revision sessions for upcoming exams.



DISTRICT SPORTS SELECTION

Throughout June our students practised and tested their physical skills in athletics as they competed for a place in our highly successful District Sports team.

James Butler became the District Champion for Javelin and Sam Cooper, the District Triple Jump and 200 metres champion.



SEE IT FOR YOURSELF
Come and meet our staff and students on
OPEN DAY
Saturday 29th September 2007
10.00am - 2.00pm

GIRLS IN ICT

The CC4G girls are currently working on the 'Fashion Topic' on the CC4G website. They have designed their own nail art and created a database in which they have stored images and information about the designs so that they can easily find the right nail design for the right occasion!

Spreadsheet software was used to make a chart to find out which make-up colours went best with various skin and hair shades. The girls created a button for each type of colouring and set-up macros so that when the buttons were clicked, the chart automatically appeared. Using graphics software the girls have designed their own CC4G merchandise and are currently creating their own CC4G websites, which will include advanced features such as short stop frame animation, rollover buttons and jump menus.

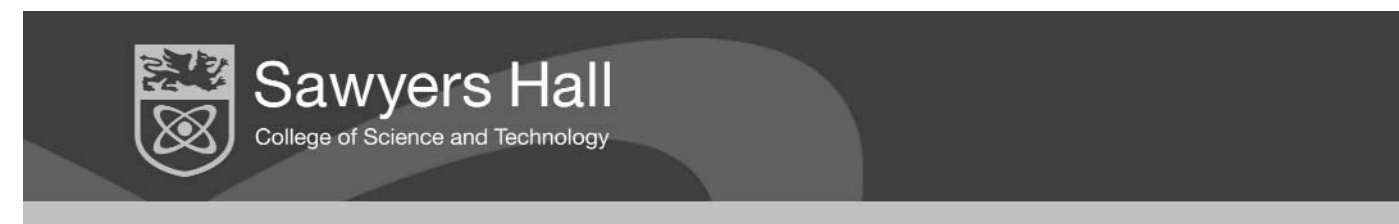
Organised activities this term have included a photo shoot with a local photographer and a trip to Ford Motor Company at Dunton.



BOXING CHAMPION

David Meeajane has been boxing for one year at Brentwood Youth, Hutton and has been entered in many bouts. He won a gold trophy on his first official fight and since then has been in other shows. His ability as a fighter has been nurtured by his trainer, Bill Bush, and everyone at the Club.

The blood, sweat and tears David put into boxing was spotted by Brentwood Talented 100. As a result he was presented with a cheque for £100 from the Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr. Frank Kenny. David donated this money to his club.



Mr John Keller - Principal

NEWSLETTER JULY 2007

Welcome to our July Newsletter. So much has been happening this term at Sawyers Hall it has been difficult to choose which stories to include, so here are just a few of the very many activities that have taken place.



YEAR 5 MASTER CLASSES

Our Year 5 Master Classes continue to be well supported by our Primary School Partners. In this issue the photographs are of Larchwood pupils at a Science session looking at exotic foods (including mealworms) along with pupils from St. Thomas's enjoying Crazy Chemistry and Cooking sessions in our state of the art Science and Catering rooms. Our students act as hosts during these weekly Master Class sessions.



Miss Montgomery and students from Larchwood Primary School stir fry some meal worms with garlic during a Science Master Class after school club.

NEW DEPUTY HEAD JOINS THE TEAM

At the beginning of May, Mr Bristow, joined Sawyers Hall as a new Deputy Headteacher. He is seen below sampling the delights of the Science Club food Exploration Master Class actually eating a cooked meal worm! Yuk. One of his key roles is to help develop new and engaging courses for our students to follow in Key Stages 4 and 5. He will also help to work closely with Primary Schools.

Further after school activities are planned including *"Do you know what 'Da' means? It's all Russian to me!!"* - Introduce yourself to Russian course and *'Le petit chaperon rouge', (Little Red Riding Hood)* - French/Drama Club.



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A 21st Century Learning Community



Peter Shipton and Trevor Cox (Fire Safety Officers)

Backfire

Fire Safety Education Officers visited the College on Monday 21st May to present 'Backfire' to Year 7 students. The aim of the presentation was to get students to understand the consequences of fire-setting, the meaning of arson and hoax calls.

The lesson was class-room based with students working in units and centred around the characters in a DVD. The DVD finishes with a mother who lost two children in a house fire to reinforce the message.

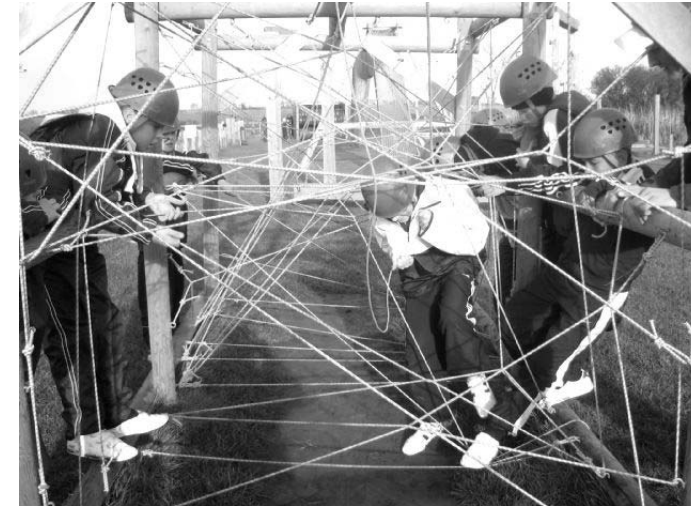
At the end of the session students realised the real dangers of fire, the risks involved to the public and to the fire-fighters and that arson can result in a prison term.

A question and answer session was held covering all aspects of **Backfire** and the Fire Service.

SKI TRIP

50 students across Years 8-12 together with six members of staff went skiing for a week during February half term to Andola in Italy. The group included both beginners and experienced skiers.

Although there hadn't been much snow, ski-ing conditions were good due to the excellent snow making in Andola. Excellent progress was made resulting in everyone gaining a badge and a ski level from the ski school instructors.



YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 RESIDENTIALS

Year 7 students spent two days at Mersea Island Outdoor Education Centre where they stayed in log cabins which had a sea view. Over the two days they were involved in a wide variety of activities including rock climbing, high ropes and archery. Year 8 students spent two days at Hopehill Centre, Meopham in Kent. They experienced a rich educational diet as well as working and living with other members of their tutor group. The students enjoyed archery sessions, visits to the National Maritime Museum and Rochester Castle



BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Six of our students set out on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition which involved a two day, one night, hike and camp. Students used the skills that they had been taught during training to read maps and walk across the Essex countryside to Skreens Park Camp site. They did get a little lost when they first started out, but soon realised their mistake and made good time for the rest of the day. On arrival they had to pitch their tents and cook dinner and prepare themselves for another walk.



BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Construction Awards - 100% A*-C

The fifth annual Built Environment Award, sponsored by Countryside Properties plc, took place at the College on 30th April. The award is part of the on-going support that Countryside gives to this area of our curriculum. This is the first group of Year 11 students to enter the Level 2 qualification in Construction Technology and the Built Environment and they have received a wonderful **100% A*-C pass rate**.

Students were set the challenge of taking a real Countryside development at Takely near Stansted Airport and arranging the site compound to ensure that all facilities for personnel, materials and transport were catered for. They then had to work out the sequence for building a house and putting that into a chart to work out the phasing of the construction so that it was completed over 150 weeks, which is the time the developer has allocated to the development. Consideration had to be made for the show houses, the marketing suite and public access.

Judging was carried out by Mette McLarney, the Head of Architecture and Urban Design. Presentations were made on behalf of Countryside Properties by David Aplin, the Project Manager of the development who praised the students' work. The winning student was Daniel Oakford who in addition to receiving his own personal trophy collected a cheque for £50. Runner-up was Jamie Warne and third place went to Michael Tattoo.

