

# Harton News

## The Harton Technology College Parents' Newsletter

### Head Teacher's Comments

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, governors, staff and students for their continued support during what has been another very successful academic year.

I have highlighted the many successes during the recent prize evening ceremonies and I am delighted at the continued progress of the school. I hope that everybody enjoys some sort of break over the summer although I am sure that, for many parents, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September is a significant date to look forward to!

The staff return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September with a professional development day. We welcome the Year 7 students at 8:30am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and the remainder of the students at 10:15am on the same day.

**We finish this academic year on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 12:15pm** in order to allow staff presentations to take place in the afternoon.

We wish Mr Cranna, Mr Atkinson, Mr Swinburne and Mrs Maughan all the best in their retirement. We also wish Mr Devlin and Mr Barclay every success in the future as they leave Harton Technology College for pastures new. Finally, our best wishes go with Mr Horton and Miss Walker who have been covering the maternity leave of Mrs Morgan and Mrs Pattison respectively.

### GCSE Examination Results



Students can collect results from School on: **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2007**

(Year 11 – 10:00am)

(Year 9/10 – 11:00am)

### School Dates

We break up for the **Summer holidays** on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007** and students return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September **2007**.

- Half Term holiday commences Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007, return to school Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007.
- Christmas holiday commences 24<sup>th</sup> December 2007, return to school on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
- In-service training day for teachers takes place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Students do not attend.
- Half Term holiday starts Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008, return to school Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008.
- Good Friday Holiday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2008
- Easter Monday Holiday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2008
- Easter Holiday commences Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008, return to school 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008.
- May Day holiday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008.
- Half Term holiday commences Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008, return to school Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008.
- Summer Term ends on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

### SUMMER CONCERT!!

**THURSDAY**

**19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007**

A '**SPECTACULAR**' *Summer Concert* will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00 pm** in the School Hall. Our Students have produced a **tremendous** evening of **Singing, Dancing & 'Rock'** entertainment.

**NOT TO BE MISSED!!!!**

(Tickets £2 each from Mrs Nicol or Music Dept.)

### Yr 11 PROM at Hallgarth Manor



We booked our Prom at the same venue as last year after seeing the lovely photos of students strolling in the sunshine through the beautiful and extensive grounds of Hallgarth Manor. Alas and alack the weather was not as kind to us this year! However, the rain could not dampen the spirits of our party goers even though there were some anxious thoughts about dresses, hair and makeup as the heavens opened just after five pm (the buses were due at six). Luckily the rain eased off enough to let proud parents take hundreds of photos of their fabulous looking sons and daughters.

Photos, videos, dancing and a good dinner were to follow. Every student and member of



staff who attended had a thoroughly good time, and all too soon the coaches were waiting to take us home. Bus 2 had an extra 'treat' as Mr Brooks-in Frank Sinatra mode-serenaded us all the way home. I can't wait for next year!  
(Liz Parnaby, Director of Learning)

[www.harton-tc.co.uk](http://www.harton-tc.co.uk)

**Reminder to all of our Year 11 Students** – make sure you check out the school website – leave your details so that we can keep in touch!

## Activities Week

**Art & Design:** A company called Planning Aid North, (part of the Royal Town Planning Institute) worked with our Year 10's, helping them to "Design Their New School". Our students developed their ideas and built their own model schools!



The Planning Aid team and teaching staff were all really impressed by the enthusiasm of the students, delighted by the models they produced and also

equally impressed by the way the students all worked together in teams. Further details on school website.

## Gifted and Talented

**Charlotte Blenkinsop** (Yr 8) reached the finals of The Open Zone Idol Singing Competition held at the Customs House where she performed the song "Cheek to Cheek". Unfortunately she didn't win but Well Done to Charlotte for making the Finals!



### Enterprise and G&T Summer School:

Summer School is 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007 this year and the theme is "**Enterprise : Create and Market a Product**". Students will be creating sports merchandise such as bags, t-shirts, caps and trainers for their own company. Their task is to create a mini-business plan including composition/ recording of music for a TV commercial. At the Open Zone, the students will direct, produce and star in their 'created' TV commercial. A 'Celebration Event' will be held (11:30am - Main Hall -Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July) - an ideal opportunity for parents to view the students' achievements and to meet staff and mentors involved.

## Lost Property

We are currently holding many lost school bags with contents ranging from swimming/PE kits, school coats in many sizes and colours and countless blue Harton sweatshirts/polo shirts, etc. If your child has misplaced any property, please call us on 456 4226 extn. 261. Alternatively, ask your child to see Miss Carson or Mrs Mizen at 8:15am or 3:15pm.

## School Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with school uniform. However, there are a number of issues that I would like to bring to your attention:-



- ✚ The new school logo will be phased in gradually over a period of time. Some suppliers may well be selling polo shirts and sweatshirts displaying the new logo but students will still be able to wear items of uniform embroidered with the original logo.
- ✚ Black trainers are not permitted in school. If students come to school in trainers (and we are not able to have their shoes brought in) they will be instructed to wear shoes from a supply that is kept in school for this purpose.

## Sporting Highlights

**Rounders:** Congratulations to the Year 10 Girls' Team for winning the South Tyneside Schools Area Rounders Championships. Well Done!

## Barcelona Exchange Trip

The first leg of our Spanish Exchange to Barcelona 17<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June has been a huge success. The students stayed with Spanish families for 2 weeks experiencing Spanish life first hand. They attended lessons with their Spanish partners and had school dinners - an unforgettable experience!



We toured Barcelona on foot, by coach and boat, went to Port Aventura, the Nou Camp Stadium (where many of the students bought Barcelona FC tops), the Dali & Picasso museums, the world famous Sagrada Familia and managed to fit in the occasional visit to the pool and beach! An unforgettable experience was had by all and we currently have our Spanish friends here on the return leg of the exchange – update to follow!