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Head Teacher's Comments

The school was very proud to host the recent South Shields Annual Lecture (sponsored by Northern Film and Media) on behalf of the Right Honourable David Miliband MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

The guest speaker was Professor Patrick Stewart OBE, a world renowned actor, famous for his roles in Star Trek – The Next Generation, The X Men, and as Captain Ahab in a 1998 version of the film Moby Dick. The evening was a huge success.



Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year. I do hope that many of you are able to attend the Christmas Carol Concert on Thursday 18th December at 7:00pm.

Ken Gibson
Headteacher

GCSE Examinations in January 2009

- 12 Jan – Biology Unit 2 Tier H
- 15 Jan – Chemistry unit 2 Tiers F & H
- 15 Jan – Applied Science Ext Assess Tiers F & H
- 19 Jan – Physics Unit 2 Tiers F 7 H

Hamsterly Forest Sponsored Orienteering

Year 11 Prefects took part in a sponsored orienteering day at Hamsterly Forrest in October and raised £620 for the Glen Corner Trust Fund. A special thank you goes to Christina Johnson who raised an amazing £72.



10LY's 'Pantomime of the Year'!!

During Assembly on Tuesday 9th December, students from Tutor Group 10LY performed in the pantomime 'Babes in the Wood' with all proceeds going to 'Children in Need'. What a Performance!!



Christmas Carol Concert

**Harton Technology College's
Christmas Carol Concert
is being held on**

Thursday 18th December at 7:00pm

Tickets £2 each from Mrs Maguire or the Music Department



End of Term Arrangements

We break up for the Christmas holidays at 12:15pm on Friday 19th December, all students and staff return to school on **Monday 5th January 2009**

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks for the kind donations received from students and parents. This year we collected 92 shoe boxes in total and in addition, there were many individual items also contributed to the appeal.

2nd USA Cultural Exchange

Over the October half term, students from Harton Technology College returned to Ithaca High School, USA for the second cultural exchange and it was an amazing visit! Our students stayed with families in Ithaca for 6 days and then spent 4 days in New York City. The exchange included a day going to lessons at the High School, a day at the 'Ivy League' Cornell University and a trip to Niagara Falls where we boarded the 'Maid of the Mist', which sails right beneath the Falls. In New York City we visited Central Park and two of the nearby museums, along with a ride on the Staten Island Ferry past the Statue of Liberty and, of course, a trip to Macy's and Bloomingdale's for some shopping! Evening activities included a Broadway Show – 'Avenue Q', Madison Square Garden and more.

2nd USA Cultural Exchange



'Calamity Jane' Yeee Ha!



Rehearsals for Calamity Jane are well underway. Calamity and Wild Bill Hickcock along with many more of their friends are riding The Deadwood Stage each Tuesday night to prepare the show for March 2009.

School Dates

- **In-service** training day for teachers takes place on Friday 6th February 2009. Students do not attend school.
- **Half Term** holiday starts Monday 16th February 2009, return to school Monday 23rd February 2009.
- **In-service** training day for teachers takes place on Friday 3rd April 2009. Students do not attend school.
- **Easter** Holiday commences Monday 6th April 2009, return to school Monday 20th April 2009.
- **May Day** Monday 4th May 2009.
- **Half Term** holiday starts Monday 25th May 2009, return to school Monday 1st June 2009.
- **Summer** Holiday Commences Monday 20th July 2009, students return to school 7th September 2009.
- **In-service** training days will be held on Thursday and Friday 3rd & 4th September 2009. Students do not attend school on these days.

Enterprise

Global Enterprise Week - 17.11.08

21 Year 9 Students took part in the national '**Make YOUR Mark Challenge**'. The challenge was to 'Create an entrepreneurial idea inspired by the Olympic & Paralympics Values': **Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Courage, Determination, Equality and Inspiration.**

The winning Idea and Team: The O.V.B. (Olympic Value Bracelet) Nahiyan Azad, Callum Flett, Jane Hogg, Jamie Hughes and Alex Scott. The team also got to go to the regional finals at Lumley Castle and were up against 9 other schools:



A small Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 18th December during break and lunchtime in the reception area. Christmas gifts will be on sale such as Gift bags, Christmas tree decorations, glassware and candles with sandblasted designs which have been created and the businesses set up by Years 7, 9 and 10's. All proceeds are divided between the schools charities.