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Head Teacher's Comments

I am delighted that the hard work of the students, staff, parents and governors has been recognised in Ofsted's latest publication 'Twelve outstanding schools. Excelling against the odds'. Whilst there are many outstanding providers in the region, I am very proud that Harton Technology College was the only school singled out in the whole of the north east. (See www.harton-tc.co.uk/news_flash/ofsted for details)



Cheerleading

Year 9 Cheerleading Group came **2nd in the UKCA Regional Cheerleading KS3 POM Dance** - held at Mortimer School on 23 March.

Follow this link www.harton-tc.co.uk/news_flash/6th_form_building to see an amazing three minute clip which will show you the site plans for the future and also give you a virtual tour of the new 6th Form, Technology Block, Learning Resource Centre and Dining Facilities. We are very excited about how the plans are progressing and this virtual tour makes all of the hard work begin to seem worthwhile!

Opening September 2010 - New 6th Form



Final planning applications have been submitted for approval. Hopefully, if all goes to plan, Carillion should commence work on site on 21st June 2009. Building work for the new 6th Form is then expected to be completed for the

GCSE Examinations - 2009

The main GCSEs will take place between May and June. Most students from Year 10 and all of Years 9 and 11 will have exams during this time. Students need to check the school website as to when these exams take place but all students will have been given a personal examination timetable. Could we please ask parents to encourage their children to revise and not to plan any holidays during the months of May and June. Any issues should be addressed in the first instance with the relevant subject teacher or Mr Brooks-Tyremen, Examinations Officer.



Netball Champions!

Harton have walked away as CHAMPIONS of ALL of the South Tyneside Schools Leagues this year. Year 7 are Champions of Yr 7 League, Year 8 are Champions of Yr 8 League and runners up in the Yr 9 League. Year 9 are Champions of the Yr 9 League and also Champions of the Senior League and the Senior Tournament. What an Achievement!



Ski Trip to Austria

We took 41 students on a skiing trip to Austria during March. The group, most of whom had never skied before, were amazing and after a few days on the nursery slopes were skiing across a vast area. The students who had been skiing previously also had a fantastic time exploring the whole area of Alpendorf, Wagrain and Flachau. It was a holiday of a lifetime where students experienced fantastic skiing, foreign cuisine and socialising with different nationalities. Next trip - Austria, March 2010.



Girls Volley Ball



Well done to Amy Patterson, Amy Scott, Sophie Gibbons and Ellie Harris who represented the school and area at the National U-14 Volleyball Championships held at the Sugden Sports Centre in Manchester on Sunday 22nd March. The girls competed extremely well, especially since they only started training earlier this year, and were up against teams who have played

for many years at both school and club level. Our girls should be very proud of themselves - they were a credit to themselves and the school. We predict they will finish 12th in the County!

Pastoral

This year's new Spanish exchange to Colegio Lourdes in Madrid went very well. The Spanish visitors were here from 25th February for one week. During that time they visited Newcastle, met Xisco and Jose Enrique at NUFC, spent a day in Edinburgh, had a morning in school, experienced school dinners, went to the Blue Reef Aquarium and had fish'n chips in Tynemouth. The week ended with a farewell meal at Martino's Restaurant in Seaburn and tears were shed when they went home on 4th March. A fantastic time was had by all! We are looking forward to going to Madrid on 11th May for a week, in the meantime, we are emailing our partners regularly to keep in touch.



School Holiday Dates

- **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.
- **Half Term** holiday starts 26th October 2009, return to school Monday 2nd November 2009.
- **Christmas Holiday** commences Monday 21st December 2009, return to school Monday 4th January 2010.

Enterprise Project

Many schools across the North East of England entered a competition for 'Future Fabrics for Functional Clothing'. The idea was to design an innovative product for the future Olympics. The girls above all took part and designed products that would prevent injuries,



aid in cooling down athletes and help to sense wind speed and direction. Five of the girls:- Hannah Gribble, Emily Gribble, Rebecca Stobbs, Rachel Smith and Abbie Minchell were selected to tackle a 'Design and Make' challenge on 3rd April. They were 'pipped at the post' by 1 point into second place! **Well Done Girls!** Thanks go to Miss Johansen and Miss Walker who taught the girls about clever material and how they work on the body.

Production of 'Calamity Jane'

Rehearsals Every Tuesday Night - 7:00pm/9:00pm!



The cast have been working extremely hard and are beginning to see the show take shape but it hasn't been easy. There is a lot of dialogue and some of the cast never leave the (Deadwood) stage and have hundreds of lines to learn but this Block Buster of a Western Comedy with a romantic heart is starting to whipcrack-away!

Pastoral Corner

Many thanks once again to all parents for your support in ensuring your child is correctly dressed and equipped for school. We do, however, need to remind students about what is acceptable in order to continue with our very high standards in and around the school. Students have been reminded of the following via their year assemblies:-

- The 'V' hair-style which is shaved at the sides is not allowed in school. Also students should not spike their hair down the back to accentuate the 'V'.
- Boots should not be worn after the Easter break - black outdoor shoes (not trainers) should be worn.
- Skirts must be worn at an acceptable length.