

Newsletter

March 2013



Whitecross Hereford
A High School and Specialist Sports College

Message From The Headteacher

The Spring Term saw the start of a new era for Whitecross as the school became a converter Academy. There really has been little visible change to speak of as our staff, expectations, commitments, uniform, term dates and school timings remain the same. However we now have flexibility regarding funds allocated by the Department of Education; who we choose to buy services from and of course greater autonomy over what we teach.

The opportunities we offer for extra curricular activities continue to grow giving our students a variety of fantastic experiences to choose from and proving there really is something at Whitecross for everyone.

This busy term started with our unique exchange trip to The Heritage School, Kolkata, India and more foreign travel followed with a memorable ski trip to Italy in February half term. Through the Easter holidays over 60 students will be heading to Spain for a sport filled adventure and language students will be travelling to Saverne, France. We have also given students from France and Japan a taste of life at Whitecross when they visited us recently.

The arts are thriving at Whitecross as Creative Arts students visited Croome Park on a photography trip and we welcomed over 250 Year 5 and 6 students from our partner primary schools for a

fantastic full dress rehearsal of Alice in Wonderland, which then played to a packed house on two evenings in February.

It's not unusual for Whitecross staff and students to excel at fundraising and Comic Relief day brought out such hidden talents with our very own Tom Jones, aka Mr Thomas from the English Department. There was a bake off, cake sales, joke detectives and the staff Harlem Shake featured at lunchtime. A fantastic £365.88 was raised!

The term has been packed with other events such as the Year 11 final school photographs, World Book Day and celebrating achievement at a Praise Lunch for students collecting the highest amount of praise points during the term. We held our biggest event of the year in February with the Year 9 Options Evening running simultaneously with the Careers Convention for Years 10 and 11.

At the Herefordshire Winter Games in February our students performed extremely well winning many medals and cups. Our sporting successes will be featured in next month's newsletter.

Lunchtime and after school homework clubs continue to flourish and are popular as we head towards exam time with revision being a much talked about topic by both students and staff.

The PTFA launched the new 100 Club and with this newsletter comes exciting news of our first ever Ceilidh and Hogroast to be held here at school on Saturday 18 May 2013 – do come along and enjoy the fun.

As always, your support is much appreciated; we look forward to seeing our students back for the Summer term on Monday 15 April 2013.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

D S, Headteacher

Value Of The Month For March

Honesty

Ceilidh & Hog Roast

Saturday 18 May 2013

7.00pm - 11.00pm

Tickets £5 each



Have a fantastic Easter holiday.

We'll see you back at school relaxed and ready to learn on Monday 15 April