

# THE HOLLY LEAF

## Message from the Head

Singing 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' in assembly this week reminded me that seasons come and go and that as sure as rain falls, the 'cold winds of winter' will turn into the 'bright summer sun' if we can just be patient. Still the snowdrops have braved it to face the world...

It's good to see the Year 11 girls back in class after their lengthy post Christmas study leave. I hope they all used their time wisely and felt what it feels like to have a 'proper exam season'. Results will, doubtless, be varied and I am pretty sure that those who genuinely worked hard on their revision will have seen the results of their labour in their grades. Of the rest, who can admit now to not having done quite as much as they'd hoped, you may or may not have got away with it - but all can take comfort from the 'mock' experience and recognise that there is plenty of time to get it right in the coming months as staff prepare you well for the 'real thing'.

The Open Day we held in January saw a pleasing number of prospective parents look round Hollygirt with their daughters. We thank you for your recommendations. We are running a further assessment morning for our next year's Year 7 entry on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. If you know of anyone who is still a little unsure about which school to choose for their daughter or who is panicking about the sheer size of some senior schools, or who has some special concerns about their daughter's educational future, please put them in touch with us.

We have been trying to realign our marketing message to more accurately communicate something of the essential nature of the school to a wider community and over the next few months will be rolling out a campaign aimed at increasing public awareness about Hollygirt. Maybe you can help us by letting us know if you spot any of our advertisements or which ones make more of an impact on you. We will let you know more about this over the next month or two.

Senior girls are getting a little short in the skirt - if your daughter has had a growth spurt, please can you look to her hem. The Second Hand Uniform Shop, next open on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February has a good range of skirts and is a great way to recycle: you make money (selling), Friends of Hollygirt make funds (25% of sale), you save money (buying)...

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Year 9 Parents' Evening

- Mon 1st Feb
- 4.15pm onwards

### Year 11 Food Coursework Practicals

- Mon 1st Feb (am only)
- Tues 2nd Feb (am only)

### Intermediate Maths Challenge

- Thurs 4th Feb

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

- Fri 5th Feb
- 2.30-5.00pm

### Senior School Recital

- Mon 8th Feb
- St. Jude's Hall
- 7.30pm

### Year 10 and 11 Religious Studies Visit to a Mosque

- Tues 9th Feb
- pm only

### Year 10 Parents' Evening

- Wed 10th Feb
- 4.15pm onwards

### Year 11 Reports to Parents

- Fri 12th Feb

### Ski Trip Departs to Austria

- Fri 12th Feb
- Returns on Sat 20th Feb

## HOPE FOR HAITI

Today the girls across the whole school supported the appeal for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Girls in each house were allocated a letter to spell out the word HOPE which they covered with coins. This was a fantastic team effort for a very worthwhile appeal - well done everyone!

# Hollygirt Celebration of Dance Day Sunday 2nd May 2010

Mrs Pietrantonio is organising a *Celebration of Dance Day* on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010 for girls in Years 3 to 6 from in and around Nottingham. The idea is for girls to sample a cross-section of dance such as Street Dancing, Indian Dancing etc and ultimately to put on an informal presentation to parents at the end of the day. If you know of any dance students/teachers/contacts who might consider giving up some of their time in order to teach and promote a style of dance, or even if you are able to teach a form of dance, please contact Mrs Pietrantonio by email: [elisabethstraw@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk](mailto:elisabethstraw@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk).

As we are supporting Nottinghamshire Hospice this academic year, we are happy to promote this forthcoming event.



Anton Du Beke will be coming to Nottingham to support the Nottinghamshire Hospice on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

'Dinner with Anton' will take place at the Crowne Plaza. Tickets cost £39. For more information please contact Mel on 01908 209439 or email [mel@loquendi.co.uk](mailto:mel@loquendi.co.uk)

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**The Debating Society** started again on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Come along to Room 10 at 1pm if you would like to join - new members are very welcome so come and see what we talk and debate about!  
*Mrs Griffiths*

**Dance Club will be starting after half term on Tuesdays from 3.45-4.30pm. This club is open to all girls in Years 5 to 7**  
Please see Mrs Pietrantonio in the Junior School if you would like to join

## **Year 10 and 11 Religious Studies Mosque Visit**

Girls will leave school at 1.45pm and return for 3.15pm. Girls need to wear trousers and have a scarf to cover their heads. School uniform must be worn to school and girls can change into their trousers at lunchtime.

Some of our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 girls will be participating in a cross country race on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at Wollaton Park.

There will be two cross country races - one for girls in Years 3 and 4 and another for Years 5 and 6. We will be competing against other schools from within the county and also from further afield. The distances will be demanding but well within the girls capabilities and the emphasis will be on enjoyment.

**The Year 11 Prom will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
Further details to follow

## **Exhibition of Year 8 Hollygirt Artwork at New Art Exchange, Nottingham**

The exhibition is planned to run for two weeks starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The gallery is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 7pm and Saturdays from 10am to 5pm.

**Amendment to Calendar Dates**  
Please make a note of these athletics competition date changes:  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - ISA Senior Athletics  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June - ISA Junior Athletics  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - National ISA Athletics

## **Senior School Spring Recital**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
7.30pm  
St. Jude's Church Hall  
Woodborough Road  
Nottingham

This term's recital includes the final of the Senior House Music Competition.

£3 Admission on the door including refreshments.

We will be welcoming our new Part Time School Secretary, Mrs Lisa Costall, to Hollygirt when she joins us on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Year 11 CACHE girls are doing a Healthy Eating Activity with Year 3, looking at the healthy eating food wheel, discussing and thinking about ways to make our eating healthier and producing a wonderful pasta dish full of vegetables!

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**  
Opening Dates for this Term

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
2.30-5.00pm

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
2.30-4.15pm

If your daughter has recently achieved success then please let us now so this can be mentioned on our website. Please email: [lucyr@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk](mailto:lucyr@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk)

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