

# THE HOLLY LEAF

## Message from the Head

### WELCOME BACK

It's good to have the lighter nights and the buds about to burst into leaf on Elm Avenue: makes one feel so much cheerier! I trust you all had a good Easter break with your children and that the girls are back into school routine and working hard.

### A Message from Nottinghamshire Police

Although across the city there has been an increase in the number of mobile phones, iPods, mp3 players and laptop computers reported stolen, there has been a corresponding increase in the amount of these items recovered by the police. Research has also shown that 60% of all victims and offenders in mobile phone thefts are between 12 and 17 years of age.

The police are recommending that in order to increase the chance of reuniting phones and other hi-tech items with their owners you should consider recording the details of the items on *Immobilise*, a property registration scheme which is free to use and can be accessed by logging on to [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). The system is very easy to use. The user inputs their name, address and contact details along with the unique serial / IMEI number of the product. All police forces in the country can access this service. The IMEI number for a mobile phone will be displayed by dialling \*#06#.

If a phone or registered item is lost or stolen, the database is updated and a marker added. When an item is recovered, the police check the database and reunite it with the rightful owner.

### Social Networking Websites

Since I last wrote in March, there has been much press attention given to social networking websites: Bebo, Facebook, MySpace, MSN, Tagged, Netlog and Hi5.

As part of their beginning of term inset training, all staff have been introduced to the sites and their opportunities and dangers discussed. Whilst none of the sites can be accessed through the school network, we are increasingly concerned about home usage and urge parents to heed the advice of Ofcom:

- If your child is 14 or under, check whether you feel the site is appropriate
- Set rules
- Check your child's profile

There is a lot of additional advice available online about security settings, privacy, online bullying - for example:

[www.safesocialnetworking.com](http://www.safesocialnetworking.com)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Year 7 RS Visit

- Wednesday 23rd April
- Buddhist Centre
- Periods 1, 2 and 3

### Year 11 General Studies Visit

- Wednesday 23rd April
- Magistrates' Court

### Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Practice Expedition

- Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th and Monday 28th April
- Derbyshire

### Year 10 History Visit

- Tuesday 29th April
- Quarry Bank Mill
- 8.30am - 5.30pm

### Junior Maths Challenge

- Thursday 1st May
- Years 7 and 8

### Year 11 CACHE Group

- Friday 2nd and Wednesday 7th May
- First Aid Course

### Theatre Visit for Years 5 and 6

- Horrible Histories
- Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th May

Although D&P have plenty of Hollygirt blouses in stock at the moment, due to unforeseen supply problems there may be a hold up in future orders of blouses. If any parents would like to pass on old Senior School striped blouses to our Second Hand Uniform Shop they will be gratefully received. Just bring them to the School Office and you will eventually receive 75% of the sale price when the item is sold.

FOR OTHER NEWS AND GIRLS' SUCCESSES PLEASE LOG ON TO OUR WEBSITE.

## Year 7 Religious Studies Visit to Nottingham Buddhist Centre

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

As part of the Religious Studies syllabus Year 7 will be visiting the Nottingham Buddhist Centre in the Lace Market. The visit will take place during periods 1, 2 and 3. The girls will be walking to the Centre accompanied by staff leaving school at 9.15am. We expect to return to school at approximately 11.00am. As we are walking, girls need to be prepared for wet weather conditions.



## Year 10 History Visit to Quarry Bank Mill

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
8.30am – 5.30pm

The coach will be leaving school at 8.30am and returning for 5.30pm. Girls will have to ensure they have arranged transport to and from school for these times.



Traditionally Hollygirt has investigated the impact of Quarry Bank Mill at Styal in Cheshire on its local area. Girls will be participating in activities led by site staff in The Mill and The Apprentice House.

**Packed lunches and clipboards needed.  
School Uniform to be worn.**

Year 11 **CACHE** girls will be taking part in the St John Ambulance Community First Aid Course being run by Mr Darren Allcock on:

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 2.30pm-4.30pm &  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am-10.20am**

as part of their course. This will be a valuable certificate to have in their Record of Achievement, especially those girls who are going on to do the Diploma / Level 3 qualification at college.

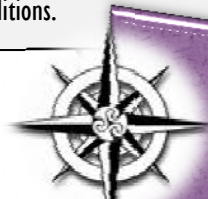
### **CREST**

Congratulations to all the Year 9 girls who completed the CREST Challenge and their profiles. Certificates are to be presented on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May** and Group 1 consisting of Yasmin Andrews, Holly Atkinson, Katie Bartlett, Kamilla Bigos, Amber Bullen and Alice Engler have been selected to go to the regional finals in September. Congratulations girls!

The Junior School are still collecting Computers for Schools Vouchers from Tesco. Thank you for those received so far... and please keep them coming!



**Issue 5 due out on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**



### D of E Practice Expedition

- Silver Award
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> to Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April
- Derbyshire



## Junior Maths Challenge

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Years 7 & 8, Set 1

The *Hollygirt* Maths Challenge will run from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April for a week. This is open to *all* pupils in Years 7 and 8 and correct answers will be entered into a prize draw. Watch out for more information on the Maths corridor.

### Year 11 General Studies Visit to Magistrates' Court

The General Studies group will be visiting the Magistrates' Courts on the afternoon of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Umbrellas might be useful as we will be walking!

Hollygirt Old Girls Association (HOGA) are holding a Pâté and Cheese Supper at school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm onwards to coincide with the Art, Design & Technology Preview Evening. All former pupils are welcome. Please contact Ms Sarah Allan on email: [sarah.allan@live.co.uk](mailto:sarah.allan@live.co.uk) for details.

If your daughter has recently achieved success then please let us know so this can be mentioned on our website.

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