

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 30th (Mon) -
February 3rd (Fri)
Healthy Week

February 2nd (Thurs)
Inter. Maths Challenge

February 7th (Tues)
Year 9 Pathways eve-
ning

February 9th (Thurs)
PFA Quiz night

**February 13th - 17th
SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM HOLI-
DAY**

February 27th (Mon) -
9th March (Fri)
Year 10 Exams

March 14th (Wed) -
Hairdressing Competi-
tion

March 15th (Thurs) -
Spring Concert

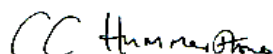
Message from the Headteacher

A Happy New Year to you all!

We have already had early good news about student success. In the Sixth Form, Rhianna Cearns has been offered a place to read German at Lincoln College, Oxford University. Many Sixth Form students have had public examinations this month.

In Year 11, 76% of the year have now achieved a grade C or higher at GCSE Mathematics; many have also sat other GCSEs. (See inside for full Mathematics report).

We congratulate all young people in their academic achievements so far and wish the very best to every student in 2012.



*C C Hummerstone
Headteacher*

GCSE Maths Results

Many students found themselves celebrating on Thursday 12th January this year when they picked up their Maths GCSE result having sat the exam in the November. Over 76% of students in the year have now achieved a higher level pass to add to the GCSE results they will get in the Summer time. In addition, over 30% of students have gained a Grade A* or A in Maths. Both figures are well above the National average for the subject.

Naturally the Maths department is extremely proud of these achievements resulting from the hard work of students and teacher alike.

A number of students who didn't quite make the higher grade pass now have another opportunity to re-sit later this year, hopefully resulting in even greater success.

Extended Learning

The Arnewood School and our partner schools in the Arnewood pyramid are working on ways to make attending after school and holiday activities easier for those without transport. In partnership with Community First we are hoping to build a bank of voluntary minibus drivers in the community who are able, on occasion, to transport pupils between school sites outside of school hours and during school holidays.

These do not necessarily need to be parents but could be anyone in the local community who would be happy to take on occasional voluntary work.

All volunteers will receive free MiDAS training and will be entitled to claim expenses to get them to and from minibus locations.

Interested applicants should have a D1 entitlement on their driving licence (this should be present on the licence of anyone passing their test before 1st January 1997) and will be subject to a Criminal records check .

If you'd like to know more please contact Hazel Dyson at Community first on 01425 482773 or email Donna Lenton Extended Services Co-ordinator
d.lenton@arnewood.hants.sch.uk

PFA News

The PFA raised a considerable amount of money at the Christmas market, where students in Year 7 had stalls for each tutor group. They raised a total of £401.96 and Year 7 raised £213.10

Political Journalist comes to Arnewood

A media legend gave Year 11 and 12 the benefit of a lifetime in politics at a special talk at the end of term.

Chris Moncrieff spent over 40 years bringing the nation tales of political intrigue and scandal from the Houses of Parliament during his stint as Press Association political editor.

He outlasted seven PMs, interviewed Enoch Powell without socks, had the House of Parliament press bar named after him and still writes for the Daily Mail.

Divulging some of his political insight, from the Thatcher days to the current coalition, Moncrieff gave around 30 students in Years 11 and the Sixth Form a rare glimpse behind the scenes of Westminster during the talk.

His adventures included being saved from falling off the Great Wall of China by PM John Major, and narrowly escaping the IRA's Brighton bomb in 1984, not to mention a few state secrets.

A vote of thanks was given by Fenella Cannings-Jurd who, along with some eager sixth form media studies students, now have the chance to develop that potential contact with Moncrieff to help them pursue a career in the media.

