



ROSEMARY MUSKER HIGH SCHOOL

'A Specialist School of Technology'

January 2009 Newsletter



Taster Sessions

The school is hoping to run a few taster sessions in the forthcoming months to encourage parents to gain a better understanding of how they can help improve their child's learning and literacy skills. There may also be an opportunity for parents to study English and gain a qualification at either GCSE or A-level.

Please indicate if you would be interested in taking part in any of these opportunities by contacting the school office and further information will follow.

Portuguese Lessons

Any students and/or parents who would like to learn Portuguese, maybe for a forthcoming holiday, then please contact Mr Rushton or Mr Francisco at the school



Call to parents about successes outside of the School.

If your child is involved in any noteworthy activity outside the school please let us know. Often we do hear of successes but it would be lovely if parents let us know so that we can recognise all the achievements of our young people. Please see Mrs Price or contact the school office.

Would you like to be a Parent Governor?

We have vacancies for Parent governors and are seeking nominations of parents/carers interested in taking up this role. Letters have been sent to all parents/carers. Being a Parent Governor can be very enjoyable and rewarding and it is an extremely important role. Parents/Carers who are interested do not need to have a knowledge of education – just an interest in the education of all students in our care. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Chris Hunt at the school.

XL Group News

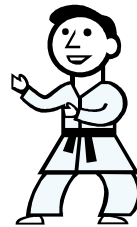
On Christmas day fire fighter Mark Keddie, his family, Thetford Fire Brigade, myself and some year 11 students visited Laburnum Grove Care Home, to deliver the Christmas hampers to some local elderly folk

We had a sing song and the students handed out the gifts, bringing smiles to many faces. All of the XL group wanted to join in but due to family commitments were unable to attend. A special thank you to Billie-Jean Collins, Joey Nammontree, Terrissa Kent and Tee-Jay Collins.

Miss Green

Karate Success

Congratulations to Daniel Newman who was awarded Student of the Year – 2008 for his dedication, motivation and commitment to his Karate Club.



School Meals

We have a great selection of school meals on offer and a huge number of students do use the school meals service. An increasing number of students are forgetting to bring their dinner money and asking the school office to lend them money for lunch. Our school meals are now contracted out and the company do not allow for meals to be provided without payment. **Please ensure that your child has sufficient money to cover the cost of their school lunch as the school is unable to lend students money.** Thank you.



Our Chinese New Year event was a huge success – the food was fantastic.

PE Department

PE Extra Curricular Programme

If you would like your child to participate in any of the following activities, please contact the PE department for more information. We are striving to give your child the best opportunities to try new sports. Without their participation these events will not happen, so please help us to support your child.

Volleyball, Tuesdays 3.00-4.00pm until March 2009 – professional coaching from Mr Tomasz Morawski.

Rugby CSLA 16-19 year olds – starts Tuesday 20 January 2.00-4.00pm – professional RFU coach

Multi Sport 16-19 year olds – starts Monday January 1.00-3.00pm – Breckland Sports Centre.

Yrs 10 & 11 Table Tennis Tournament, 3.30pm at Wayland, Wednesday 28 January.

Girls' Football – starts Thursday 29 January until 26 March – professional FA Football Coach.

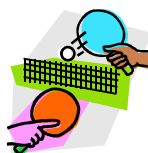
Kick Boxing (self defence) starts Friday 30 January until 27 March, 3.00-4.00pm – 14 years plus.

Launch Breckland Leadership Academy – Monday 9 February, consisting of Step into Sport – volunteer programme and emergency first aid course.

Tuesday 24 February – Partnership Hockey Festival – all years – 1.00-3.00pm – Breckland Leisure Centre.

Wednesday 18 March – Sixth Form Badminton Festival – Breckland Leisure Centre – 12.00-3.00pm.

Wednesday 8 July – Extreme Golf Competition at Thetford Golf Club – 12.00-3.00pm.



Day	After School 3pm – 4pm
Mon	Yr 7 Football - AST KS3 Rugby- MPT
Tues	All Years Hockey - LHN/MRE All Years Table Tennis - MPT All Years Volleyball
Wed	All Years Trampoline - LHN Dance – MCK GCSE PE Rm 46 - ETY
Thurs	KS3 Netball - LHN/ETY All Years Girls Football - CSP KS3 Football – MPT All Years Badminton – AST
Fri	KS 4 Kickboxing (Elite Martial Arts)

Cross Country

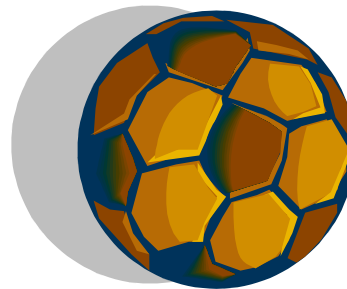
Two Year 9 students, Ryan Skipp and Megan Norry represented the school at the Norfolk Schools Cross Country Championships and came 2nd and 7th respectively. Both students will continue to represent the school at the Anglian finals to be held on 7 February in Lincolnshire. Congratulations and good luck.

Other runners included Year 7 students Shey Spears (34th), Callum Crabb (76th), Year 9 student Zoe Moore (77th). Senior runners included Johnny Mead (20th), Jordan Greenwood (21st), Joao Costa (46th), Connor Meen (60th) and Jamie Peaceful (62nd).



Congratulations and good luck to Ross Bailey and Luke Mannion who both had Norfolk Football trials recently.

Well done to all!



Academic Review Day

Letters have been sent to all parents/carers to make an appointment for Academic Review Day on Friday 27 February. It is most important that all students attend with parents/carers and the sooner you make your appointment the more likely it will be to get the time of your choice.

New Build

The building of the new administration block is on schedule and we hope it will be up and running after the Easter break. The admin staff will benefit from this much needed area but parents and students will also benefit hugely from much improved facilities. Thank you for your continued patience with our temporary arrangements.



Ipods

Please encourage your child to leave Ipods and valuable belongings at home. **Ipods should not be seen in school and definitely not used.**

Lost property

There is quite a collection of lost property in school and it would be most helpful if you could encourage your child to check the lost property we have for any belongings they may have lost recently. Any lost property which remains unclaimed by February half term will be disposed of.



Lateness to School

We are concerned at the number of students arriving late to school. Students begin lessons at 8.30am. We are now operating a detention system for those students who are late to school twice or more during a week, without justification. We trust you will support us in reinforcing to your children the need to arrive to school on time.

Mrs P MacDonald-Brown

The School Day

8.30	P1 – students register
9.35	P2
10.35	Break
10.55	P3
12.00	P4
Lunch	1.00 – 2.00
2.00	P5
3.00	End of school



Term Dates 2008/2009

Term	School reopens	School closes on
Spring		3 April 2009
Summer	21 April 2009	17 July 2009

Half Term	School closes on	School reopens
Spring	13 February 2009	23 February 2009
Summer	22 May 2009	1 June 2009

May Day Monday 4 May 2009

Professional Development Days 2008/2009

5 January 2009
20 April 2009
20 July 2009

Whole School Academic Review Day

Friday 27 February 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

This is a busy half term with many events taking place. One we need to prepare for is whole school Academic Review Day (ARD) which takes place on 27th February. Letters have been sent out and you will need to make your appointments fast. We aim to see 100% of parents on that day. Prior to ARD all year 11 and year 9 students will have received their full academic reports. Year 11 received their mock results on 17th January. All now need to learn from this and be actively encouraged to really 'go for it' as we begin the run to the final exams. We know they can succeed if they do their bit too!

We are investigating an online reporting system currently and have one in mind that looks fantastic. It uses the information staff enter daily into our system and converts it into user-friendly information for parents. You will be able to see what your child has done on a day to day basis in terms of positive points and negative points and check attendance. All reports and progress reviews can be delivered this way. I am looking for volunteer parents to road test it! If you are interested, please contact Chris Hunt, my PA, at school. Thank you.

Liz Redpath
Head teacher

