



# MARYHILL HIGH SCHOOL

## A Media Arts College

### NEWSLETTER

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#### HEADTEACHER'S LETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

Fourteen school weeks have already passed, in what is the longest term of this academic year.

For the month of November some brave and generous male members of staff have been growing a range of moustaches and beards for Movember. This is a charity that wishes to raise awareness of prostate and testicular cancer. The students and staff have enjoyed watching the various styles and colours from Mr Rolling's RAF "Wing Commander" style to Mr Nicklin's "Blackadder" goatee style, which he dyed red at the end of the month, to raise extra cash. So far the men have raised £280.69.

The first Trinity Sixth Form Open Evening at the Maryhill Centre in early November was a huge success. Students spent an evening discussing course options and details with staff from all four schools of the Trinity.

Two Year 13 students Josh Brayford and Matthew Sherman addressed the hall of parents, staff and students, explaining what the benefits were of studying 'A' level and BTEC courses in a school, as opposed to a college. On the night I received many compliments from staff from the visiting schools about Josh and Matthew and indeed about the focused nature of conversations that took place with students and parents. If your son/daughter has not yet applied but would like to do so, please see Mr Bygrave for an application form.

Lastly I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Please see the attached newsletter re details for the end of term.

Yours faithfully

F. Hewardine  
Headteacher



# End of Term

## Keystage 3 and 4

Term will finish early on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at around 1pm. (If you wish your child to remain in school until the usual time of 3pm, please write a note in your child's planner and we will supervise them until the end of the school day).

## Sixth Form

Formal lessons will finish on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December but all Sixth Form students are welcome to assist with Pace Day Activities on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December or attend for Private Study until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. (As part of fire regulations please ensure you sign in and out).

# Dogs Trust



Students in Year 7 to 11 have raised enough money to allow us to support five dogs again from the Dogs Trust. This charity is very special in that it never puts a healthy dog down even when it cannot be re-homed. Our dogs for each year group are as follows;



Year 7 Jason



Year 8 Belle



Year 9 Skippy



Year 10 Arnie



Year 11 Jess

Other fundraising this term has included:

- Children in need £50.00 – Paige Dale-Denton Year 8.
- "Movember" – Prostate Cancer Awareness - £280.69.
- Year 10 Cake and Bracelet Sale for the Lee Spark NF Foundation - £151.78.

# Strike Action – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Apologies to all parents who were inconvenienced when the school was closed to students on this day. Due to the high number of teaching and non-teaching staff from a range of Unions, who withdrew their labour, I was left with no alternative but to close the school to students. I sincerely hope that this matter is resolved as soon as possible.

# Snow Procedure Reminder

If we have bad weather and we are forced to close the school please remember that you should;

- Listen to Radio Stoke
- Listen to Signal Radio
- Consult the school's website
- **Do not phone the radio station or the school**

When listening to the Radio stations please do not confuse us with the Primary school next door or Berryhill High (This has happened in the past).

If snow falls during the day we may have to close early. Please make sure your child knows what to do in this situation so that he or she can get home safely.

# Student Safety

## Dropping Off Students

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE consider where you drop off your child if they come to school by car.

Please avoid turning into the school drive entrance when dropping off your child. It is dangerous as staff cars are turning in at the same time, as students are crossing the entrance, as well as several parent cars are leaving or performing U turns. Try to make your drop off either before or well past this congested area. It is an accident waiting to happen.

# Uniform



The vast majority of the students do look very smart indeed. I am though a little concerned over a few students who are wearing canvas type pumps. Firstly these are not in keeping with the formality and smartness of the rest of the uniform and secondly will prove totally unsuitable once the weather worsens.

# Staffing Update

- Mr Bromley, Caretaker and Mr Bunting, ICT Technician are retiring at Christmas, we wish them a long and happy retirement.
- Farewell to Mr Marchington, ICT Technician, who is moving to pastures new at Christmas. We wish him well and every happiness in the future.
- Congratulations to Mrs Peach who gave birth to a little boy named 'Joseph'.
- Farewell to Mrs Bullock, Clerical Assistant who is starting her maternity leave but will be returning later in the school year.

# School Website

Please visit the school website [www.maryhill-high.co.uk](http://www.maryhill-high.co.uk) for our latest events/information we currently have information on the following topics;

- Fundraising for Lee Spark NF Foundation
- Springhead Primary Technology Christmas Workshop
- Ceramic Tile Display in Kidsgrove Town Centre
- 8MH Science 'Cells' Homework
- 1940's Memorial Day Dance
- Attendance Paintballing Reward Trip
- Performing Arts Trip to Victoria Hall
- Paris – Je T'aime (Pairs I love you)
- Harvest Festival
- Choir to Perform at Kidsgrove Christmas Fair
- Under 16's Netball Results