The staff and students’ at Sir Christopher Hatton Academy would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Summer

Sir Christopher Hatton
Academy Newsletter - SUMMER 2013

Here comes summer...

As another busy and fulfilling term draws to a close our students and staff look forward to a well deserved rest this summer (with hopefully plenty of sunshine!). Some of our students and staff will move onto pastures new this summer and I hope you will join me in wishing them well for their future.

As our examinations season draws to a close, we wish our pupils every success with their examinations results. Details of examination results days are included in this edition.

Hot off the press, in the last fortnight, the Academy has been re-accredited with Inclusion Quality Mark, a quality standard which demonstrates our commitment to ensuring all students achieve at Hatton. We have also been re-accredited with the Leading Partnerships for Parents Award, which demonstrates the value we place on building strong relationships with our parents. More detail of these two awards will appear in the next edition of our newsletter.

I would like to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the Academy community to our new Year 7 students joining us in September and their parents / carers. The transition days have run smoothly and I am pleased that many students have expressed how much they enjoyed the days, despite their early nerves. Please note that our term dates for 2013/14 have now been posted on the Calendar on our website www.hattonschool.org.uk. We have a skeleton staffing structure holding the fort in the holidays so please do not hesitate to contact the Academy in the summer holidays if you have any queries. I look forward to seeing all pupils ready to learn in their smart new uniform in September!

Victoria Bishop, Principal.
Silver Award for Anti-Bullying

As a result of the hard work and dedication of the students and staff at the academy we have won the Silver Award for Anti-Bullying. The Local Authority Panel stated:

“SCHA are clearly a model of excellence…. please take every opportunity you can to publicise this fact across the County”.

We have worked tirelessly to minimise bullying. Some of the strategies we have employed include:

- increasing the size of our peer buddy team
- setting up a 1:1 peer led program
- mentoring for victims and aggressors
- introducing Bus Buddies (points of contact for any issues on the school bus)
- introducing a direct email address which can be used to report bullying concerns (bullyproof@hattonschool.org.uk)
- our peer mentors/buddies will soon be visiting Junior schools in order to support students there.

We are now working to achieve Gold Award status and hope to being you news of our success soon!

Energy Drinks At SCHA

A lot of research has been carried out on the effects of “energy drinks”. A 250ml can of energy drink has the equivalent caffeine and sugar content of three 330ml cans of Coke. For this reason the sale of these items to children under 16 is now deemed bad practice by retailers.

As part of Sir Christopher Hatton Academy’s goal to have a healthy and safe environment for all the students and staff, I would like to make all parents and carers aware that any type of energy drink is not permitted on the school site.

Thank you for your support.

Paul Welton
Catering Manager

Recycled Old Uniform

If you have any clean, used uniform that your child no longer needs, please donate it to the Academy for use in our Learning Zone and PE Department.

Thank you.

Stop Press Stop Press Stop Press

*Don’t forget to check out the new SCHA Website where you will find all the latest news and information including the Academy Term Dates for 2013-2014*

www.hattonschool.org.uk

Our Links With You ……

Sir Christopher Hatton Home School Association’s next meeting, including AGM, takes place on Monday 23rd September at 7 pm. This is an opportunity for all parents/carers and staff to be involved with fundraising and social events for the school. Please come along and join us - all funds raised go towards valuable resources for the academy.

Hatton Parents’ Voice next meeting takes place on Tuesday 22nd October at 7 pm. This is a termly meeting for parents/carers to be more involved with the day-to-day life of the academy, receive news updates as well as hear from regular guest speakers. We hope you can join us.

Further information is available on the website or contact Vanessa Forbes, Extra Curricular & Community Manager - 01933 231270 or forbesv@hattonschool.org.uk.
Expect Respect

During the summer term all of our Year 8 students have been taking part in a town-wide project called Expect Respect. This is being delivered to the students by staff from Wellingborough Homes and Women’s Aid. The lessons focus on the importance of safe, healthy and appropriate relationships. The students have responded really positively to the lessons.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Following on from the success of the first Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness Week, run for young people, by young people, the Academy was delighted to be awarded the “Shout Out Loud” Award for the work that has been taking place. The students were presented with a certificate and a prize of £200 for the school by Tessa Parkinson, one of the facilitators of the project.

Wellingborough Careers Fair – 27th March 2013

Year 9 Business Students were invited to The Castle Theatre in Wellingborough for the annual Wellingborough Careers Fair. The students had the opportunity to speak to employers from Siemens UK Northamptonshire, Police Cadets, The Royal Air Force and Northants NHS, as well as students from the University of Northampton and representatives from Tresham College, Connexions and the National Apprenticeships.

Katie Maizey-Batchelor Wins Moulton Award

Katie Maizey-Batchelor won this year’s Governors’ Award for the ‘Best Student for the School Link Programme, 2013’. Throughout the year Katie took part in a variety of units of work, ranging from carpentry to horse care. Katie has worked extremely hard individually as well as supporting her fellow students, all of which have made her a worthy winner of this prestigious award.

Katie received her award from Alex Copeland, Head of Sports Development at the British Equestrian Federation. Well done Katie on your fantastic achievement!

Year 9 Physics Competition Success

Daniel Gunn, Jananie Nikawala, Siraj Karir and Priscilla Wilson competed in the Inter-school Physics competition on the 5th July against 30 teams and were placed in the top ten!

*Date for your Diary* SCHA Arts Festival, Thursday 18th July 6-8pm, All Welcome.
National Architecture Competition

Congratulations to Nathan Hardy, Oliver Lane and Robert Percy who won third place in a National Architecture Competition run by Bloor Homes. Your can read the full story on ‘The Road to Architectural Success’ — by Nathan Hardy in the news section on our website.

Year 8 Options Results Evening

On the 19th June Year 8 families were invited into school to find out their children’s GCSE options along with guidance on helping families to learn. It was a packed event with over 200 people in attendance. Parents/carers found out about the school’s new FROG VLE, and attended sessions on BTECs, Revision Games, Home Learning and Aiming for A*.

We have received great feedback from those that attended and plan to make this an annual event.

Wellingborough Schools Quiz

The Quiz is a yearly event for schools from all over the county to compete in finding the team/school with the best trivia/general knowledge ability from their year 7 and 8 gifted and talented pupils. Our pupils undertook a number of internal rounds to identify the best 6 pupils who then went forward to represent the academy. In the first elimination round they were pitched against Southfields School for Girls and put in a competent victory. In the second round they were pitched against one of the favourites, the hosts Wellingborough School. Despite a valiant attempt their opponents were just too strong. However the teamwork was fantastic and they did the academy proud.

Wellingborough Schools Quiz Team:
Nat Birch (Captain), Wojciech Grodecki, Solomon Hughes, Shaylan Patel, Hope Blackburn-Elliot, Jason Rice.

Talented Designers on a Winning Streak in Design and Technology!

The Schools Starpack Packaging Design Awards encourage students to take up a career in the exciting world of consumer packaging design. Aimed at Key Stage 3,4 and AS Level, the school awards, form part of the Packaging Society’s Annual Awards programme which also includes the Starpack Industry Awards and the Student Starpack Packaging Design Awards for Colleges and Universities. Four Hatton students gained awards as follows:

Gold award: Jananie Nikawala Widanalage
Silver Award: Daniel Cumley and Jacqui Wong
Bronze Award: Nathan Hardy

All four students will travel to London in July for the awards ceremony. Congratulations on your success! Check out the News Section on our Website to see the winning designs and more information about the competition.
6th Form News

Year 13 officially left on May 24th and, as is customary now, a Leavers Assembly mostly devised by the students themselves was held in the Hall. This was followed by a barbeque which owing to the great British weather was held indoors. It was a double celebration as Mr Pinkney, Head of Sixth Form, celebrated a ‘big’ birthday during half term week and was presented with a birthday cake with candles on. We shall see Yr13 again on July 6th at their Leavers Prom in Northampton.

We wish all 6th formers the best of luck with their exams and hope their hard work pays off, results day is the 15th August 2013.

Please visit the 6th Form area of the website for a diary of forthcoming events.

Year 11 Prom

You will have all seen the great picture on our cover page of the the Year 11 Prom which took place at the Kettering Park Hotel on the 4th July, the American Day of Independence. Perhaps a fitting date given that these students will now feel a measure of ‘independence’ now that they have completed their GCSEs.

Arrivals at the hotel were quite ‘Hollywood’ and ranged from some very expensive and classy cars to a double decker bus and an Army half-track vehicle. The students were turned out in spectacular style with so many fantastic dresses and suits that I am sure that the photos taken will take pride of place in many photo albums. The venue proved to be as good as its reputation and the dancing went on through the night, supported by as many Staff as I have ever seen at a Prom, which was just as well as this was the biggest Prom ever held by Hatton, so they were needed!

We all trudged off home at midnight – or later – and can feel that our Prom was carried off with some style. Thanks to the Prom Committee and the Staff who turned out to help.

The Big Book Quiz

On Monday 1st July 2013 Sir Christopher Hatton Academy hosted this year’s book quiz. The quiz consists of six categories each having twenty multiple choice questions. This is a hugely popular event with 13 schools across Northamptonshire taking part with a total of 30 teams consisting of 4 students each. SCHA entered 3 teams, a great time was had by all and the overall winners were The Corby Business Academy Read-O-Holics.

Work Experience 17th – 28th June 2013

Year 12 students took part in work experience during 2 weeks in June. Students had the option to work with a set list of employers or an employer of their choice, (subject to approval by the academy). The range of work experience opportunities for students included working in accountancy, retail, events management, recruitment, community radio, pharmacy, information technology, supporting teachers in schools, and engineering.

Five year 12’s went to Frankfurt for work experience at Robert Half International. Jake Jones, Manisha Patel, Piumi Nikawala, Hannah Livingstone and Sonali Tanna took part. ‘We all had a fantastic time in Frankfurt and got such an amazing experience out of it and had some nice weather while there! The work placements were all very nice and they treated us really well. They helped us with developing our German skills and we gave them a hand with their English!! Overall we had an amazing time and if you get the chance to visit or even go on work experience here do NOT turn it down!”

Jake Jones—Yr12
MVP Awards Term 5

Every term the male and female student with the most points from each house are invited to a Most Valuable Person lunch with either the Principal, Vice Principal or Chair of Governors where their efforts are celebrated and they are presented with a medal for their achievements. A letter and photograph is also sent home informing parents of their success.

Eva Smalley Yr 10  Payal Patel Yr 7

Erika Norkute Yr 8  Daniel Gunn Yr 9

Jhanavi Patel Yr 7  Saffron Patel Yr 7

Jahnavi Monya Yr 8  Paige Cooper-Murdin Yr 8

Gifted and Talented – Egyptian Themed Family Challenge Evening

Year 7 Gifted and Talented Students and more able pupils, identified by departments who have excelled in their subject, participated in an exciting Family Challenge Evening with an Egyptian theme. The event was excellently received and enjoyed by all. Families worked together to solve various challenges in the fields of Maths, English, Science and Humanities. Over 90 people were present at the event and feedback was excellent.

The challenges placed the pupils under pressure and engaged the families to use their higher order thinking skills. The overall winner was Ajay Joshi with runner-up Tahlia Palmer. Prizes were also given out to the winners in each themed area - Maths Ajay Joshi, Science Shreya Bechra, English and Humanities Meaka Wheatley.

The Ink Links Trip

On the 7th May 2013 Kelsi Bowes, Carly Smart, Liberty Benfield-Clark and Ciara King attended the Ink Links Events at Huxlow representing the academy. The Ink Links are a group of Huxlow students who have had a fiction book published that they have collectively written called ‘Reflection of Evil’. During the event all the visiting students were given the opportunity to design a character and participate in a story writing workshop. Kelsi won 1st place for her character design, Carly & Kelsi came 3rd and Ciara & Liberty came 2nd for story writing.

All four girls received a signed copy of the published book to keep.
Year 10 Sports Leadership at Hatton!

Students who opt for BTEC Sport are fortunate to study a unit on Sports Leadership. In the first instance students are taught the skills and qualities of effective sports leaders. They then put their skills into practice amongst their teaching group as part of assignment tasks. The unit concludes in the summer term where students are given the opportunity to assist and lead a variety of sporting events. These are listed below as recognition of the students hard work and commitment throughout the year.

- March – Feeder school high 5 Netball festival
- 28th June – Victoria Primary Sports Day
- 5th July – St Barnabas Multi Skills morning at SCHA
- 8/9th July – Yr 6 Transition days
- 11th July – Northamptonshire School Games
- 16th July – Supporting Yr 7 and 8 Sports Day

"Leadership gives a great opportunity to enhance communication and organisation skills". Alex King—Yr10

Staff Changes for 2013/14

As this academic year draws to a close we would like to wish the staff who are leaving for pastures new good luck and to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the academy. Congratulations should be given to Mr Danks, Mr Gray, Mr Hall and Mr Pay who have all secured promotions with their new jobs.

We have a number of new teachers joining the academy. We hope they will be made to feel very welcome by the whole community as we are delighted they have chosen to work here.

- Mr Berardi – ICT
- Miss Chudasama – Science
- Mr Lane – D&T
- Miss Morton – RE
- Miss Mott – Science
- Mr Musavengana – Maths
- Mrs Penny – D&T
- Mr Poulton – Geography
- Miss Powell – PE and Health and Social Care
- Mr Roantree – PE & Maths
- Miss Rosenthal-Campuzano – MFL
- Mr Wright – English

Easter Competition

The answer to the Easter competition was ‘FABERGE’

The winner of the Easter Egg was Amy Whittam—8R5
Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 18th July 2013 — Summer Arts Festival
Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July 2013 — Sports Days
Friday 19th July 2013 — Academy Closes at 3:00pm for Summer holidays

Exams Results
Thursday 15th August 2013 — A2/AS Exams Results for students
Thursday 22nd August 2013 — GCSE Exam Results for students

New School Year 2013/14
Thursday 5th September 2013 — Academy re-opens to students
Friday 25th October 2013 — Academy closes
Monday 4th November 2013 — Academy re-opens to students
Friday 22nd November 2013 — Parent Tutor Day
Friday 20th December 2013 — Academy closes for Christmas
Wednesday 8th January 2014 — Academy re-opens to students

Summer Competition
For a chance to win a pair of tennis rackets answer the following question:
Who was the last British male, before Andy Murray, to win the Men’s Wimbledon Singles Championship Title?

Answer: .............................................................................

Name: ................................................... Form:............... Parents signature:............................

Please return this slip to reception by lunchtime on Friday 19th July 2013. Good Luck!