



Dear Parents and Carers

I think we are all looking forward to our holidays at the end of a very busy school term. The excellent results achieved by the school in the summer of 2009 now seem a long way away and, in any case, we are working hard to make sure that our current students leave with even better results. This has also been a term during which our students have had a great deal of fun and enjoyed a number of enrichment activities.

For Year 11 and the Sixth-form, the Christmas Holidays will need to be a period of hard work—as they prepare for either Trial examinations or ‘the real thing’ in January. I wish them all well with their studies.

For those of you who do get a break during Christmas—we hope it is a happy and relaxing one.

Paul Burluraux

Holiday Closure

**Please note
that the school
will close at
1.55pm on
Friday 18
December.**

**Students
should return
to school on
Monday 4
January 2010.**

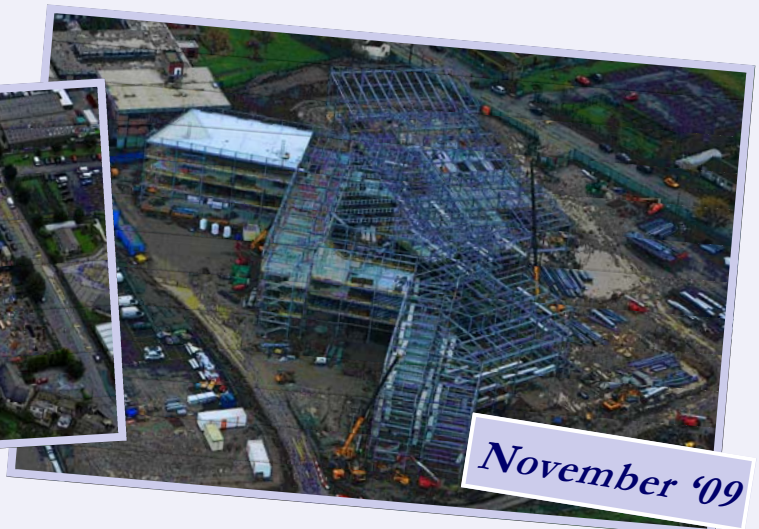
New School Building

It has been very exciting watching the new school building grow over this term. From foundations in August—as I write, the steel frame of the building is virtually completed. Floors, wall and the roof will soon be constructed. Last week, a few of us had the opportunity to walk around the site—it was a very satisfying experience after more than 5 years of involvement in the process. The design we spent so long developing with architects is, as a building, shaping up as a fantastic place to come to school and learn and we expect to move in during the Spring of 2011. You can see from the photographs below the progress that has been made on what we are told is the largest school development currently under construction in the country.

August '09



November '09



Winning Christmas Card Design

As promised in our last newsletter, the winning design for the Lord Mayor's Christmas Card Appeal is shown below.

The Lord Mayor's Appeal Christmas Card for 2009, featuring a wintry looking Alhambra Theatre was designed by Henna Jabeen in Year 11.

Pupils created designs for the card using a variety of different media and technology. Twelve designs were selected by the College from which the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress selected Henna's winning design.

Henna and fellow GCSE Art students from Grange Technology visited Ernest Cummins Printers, a family business based in Bradford for 100 years, to see her design brought to life.

All the short listed designs have been on display in the Reception of City Hall and the students met the Lord Mayor in City Hall on 12 November to talk to him about their ideas and the techniques used to create their designs.

The Lord Mayor, Cllr John Godward said 'We are very lucky that students from Grange Technology College have supported our Appeal this year in a number of ways and once we started to think about ideas for a Christmas card they very quickly volunteered to hold a competition in school as part of their Art GCSE. Choosing a winner was not an easy task as there were some wonderful designs, from the traditional to the very contemporary, but we thought that Henna's image of a Bradford landmark looking suitably festive was outstanding.'

All profits from the sale of each pack of cards will be going to Little Heroes and Bradford & District Senior Power.

The Lord Mayor's Appeal Christmas Card is on sale at Tourist Information Centres and City Hall or by calling the Lord Mayor's Office on 01274 434965 or email alexis.jenner@bradford.gov.uk.



Students visit Police HQ in Wakefield

Year 10 Students visited the Operations Support Unit at Carr Gate Police in Wakefield. They saw mounted police, dog sections and the air support unit.

Attendance Officer, Jo Barker said the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



Tanzania Teachers Visit GTC

In November Grange hosted a two week study tour for five teachers from Meserani Education Centre and Ensue Community School near Arusha, Tanzania. During their time in the UK, time was spent in classes meeting students and staff. Lots of time was spent expanding their skills and knowledge of teaching and management of schools. They all had the opportunity to meet with key people outside school like the Lord Mayor and heads of local schools and colleges.

It wasn't all work as we felt it was important for our guests to experience as much of the UK and some of the amazing attractions it has to offer. Excursions were arranged to London, The Deep in Hull, bowling with our students, cinema and a fireworks display. Students in the Tanzanian schools will love to hear about these visits.

Feedback has been that Grange is a very welcoming school and that our students are very lucky to have all the opportunities that we offer.

One comment that made us realise the impact of what we have achieved was *"I feel that I have walked from the darkness into the light and now see how I can change things."*

Grange has run several activities this term led by staff and pupils to raise awareness and funds to enable this study tour to take place e.g. skydive, creating tree decorations in DT, sponge a teacher, sports events, sponsored silence to name but a few.

Thank you to everyone for your support with Grange's project in partnership with Working in Tandem, a Nottingham University student-led organisation.



INFORMATION

Careers Fair Tuesday 2 February 2010 Parents Welcome Between 2 – 3pm

As in previous years students in Years 9, 11, 12 and 13 will be visiting the Careers Fair on 2 February 2010. This will help them with their course / subject option choices and increase their awareness of courses, apprenticeships, jobs and opportunities for when they leave GTC.

This year we are extending the Careers Fair until 3pm for the parents or guardians of GTC students.

You are welcome to take the opportunity to attend to help you support your child, experience a school event or for personal interest.

Illness / Absence

It is important to let us know if your child is ill and is not attending school. Please ring the school before 9.00am and give your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence.

Thank you.

Please note that the price of a school meal will increase from £2.00 to £2.10 with effect from 4 January 2010.

School holiday dates for 2010/11 will be issued to parents/carers in January 2010.

DIARY DATES

FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER
CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS
BREAK @ 1.55PM

RE-OPEN
MONDAY 4 JANUARY
2010

CONTACTS

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Year 10	Jo Hampshire	Jamil Hussain
Year 11	Matt Williams	Kamran Ali
Year 12/13	Derek Radcliffe	Naz Khatoun

Please remember to inform us if any of your contact details have changed.