Youth Parliament 2012

This year, Alice in 9A is running as a candidate in the Youth Parliament, for the Selly Oak and Hall Green area!

If successful, she will run two terms as a UKMYP (UK member of Youth Parliament). All young people age 11–18 years olds who live, work or go to school in Birmingham are invited to participate fully in the democratic activities of UKYP. Voting will take place in school week beginning 6th Feb. UKYP gives the young people of the UK a powerful voice which is heard and listened to by local and national government, providers of services for young people and other agencies who have an interest in the views and needs of young people. The UK Youth Parliament has over 600 representatives (369 seats for elected MYPs (Members of Youth Parliament) and over 230 Deputy MYPs, all aged 11-18. Good Luck Alice!

If you did not vote in assembly using a ballot paper, you can vote by visiting Alice’s profile at:

http://www.myvotes.bgfl.org/57/

Trampolining Competition vs Bishop Challoner

A team of 6 enthusiastic Year 10 pupils took part in a Ks4 advanced competition. They performed both compulsory and voluntary routines which involved skills from a seat landing to back somersaults. The girls were confident and performed with great fluency winning us 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Thanks to all of you for all taking part and a massive well done particular to our winners charlotte, Blue and Tanesha!

Students Phoning Home

Please note that that if a student wants/needs to phone home during school time it is important that pupils use a school phone and not their mobile phones.
ESU Public Speaking
On Thursday 9th February Mariam Lalldin, Sweeta Pillai and Zainab Akhtar took part in the first round of the ESU Public Speaking competition at Council House. All of the girls were wonderful and performed very well against stiff competition from eight other teams.

Special congratulations to Mariam, as her implacable performance as questioner, especially in the face of a tough grilling from King Edwards, won her the award for best personality of the evening.

Photo Mania
At the start of the academic year, two sixth form Photography students started Photo Mania a club for budding Year Seven and Eight photographers. The first term was a great success as all the students took excellent final photographs. Students were introduced to the basics of Photoshop and developed their ideas into a final photograph, which, will be displayed around the school. Due to high demand of Year 7s and 8s, the club has continued into the spring term. The students are currently producing photographs to be entered into a competition for the 2012 Olympics.

There are ten pupil spaces per term, a couple left for the current term. If your daughter is interested in taking part please encourage her to sign up for the summer term and get snapping.

Timing of Parents’ Evenings
Many parents have asked if we would make Parents’ Evenings a bit earlier to help them with looking after younger children who have to go to bed early.

So, we thought we would give it a go – to see if you like it and to see if it helps more parents attend Parents’ Evenings. Year 10 Parents’ Evening is on Tuesday 2nd May and we will run it from 5pm – 7.30pm Then we will ask parents what they think before we make any further changes.

Again, if you have any thoughts on this idea please email us at enquiry@swans.bham.sch.uk

Letters Home
Do you find that letters from school sometimes don’t find their way to you? We are hoping to make it easier for you to receive all letters and messages from school.

How?
By putting everything on the website and then sending you a text or email to let you know there is something there for you to read.

How you can help –
Please make sure we have your up-to-date mobile number.

Also, you will soon receive a questionnaire asking for your views on this idea and also your email address.

Any ideas? Email us on enquiry@swans.bham.sch.uk

Year 11 Prefect Room
The new Year 11 Prefect Room is the ideal place to chill out and get away from the stresses of school. The Year 11 prefects and student leaders have been rewarded with this new room for the effort and dedication they put into their roles. The Student Leaders and Prefects were given the opportunity to design the room with a budget of £1000, from which amongst other things beanbags, lockers, chairs and decorations have been bought. It is hoped the room will be passed down the years for future prefects and student leaders to enjoy.

Parental Forum
At Swanshurst we value feedback from parents and the school is looking to set up a parental forum. The forum will be used as an opportunity for parents to meet staff and discuss key whole school issues. This is an opportunity for parents to have a valuable impact on school life. If you would like to take part in the forum or would like to find out more information, please email the school or call the school on 0121-464-2400 and ask for Ms Saleh.