

## All Through the Year



### Trust Update

#### Dear parents, students, staff and governors

As the academic year ends today, we are pleased to report on another half term of Trust activity across the curriculum. It has been a busy end to a busy year in and out of the classroom. Pupils from Horringer Court, Westley and year nine at County Upper took their first public examinations following a very successful year for our Trust Latin clubs. The day-to-day work of pupils continues to reflect the many advantages of an all-through curriculum and assessment system and this newsletter celebrates the main extra Trust activities since June.

Government funding for premises is allowing the Trust to spend well over

a million pounds across its campuses this summer including vital work on rooves and boilers, new kitchen/dining facilities and complete refurbishment of laboratories and sixth form areas.

As the year ends, we thank all the staff who do so much for the Trust's pupils and we especially thank Mrs Johnson who retires today after eleven years of excellent service to Horringer Court and who has been instrumental in developing the Trust since its inception in August 2011. All that remains is for us to wish everyone a relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 6th September.

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# A great summer of sport

Our year long programme of sport culminated in **multisports festivals for the middle phase, crazy golf in the primary phase and sports days**. At Barrow, Tollgate and Horringer Court, sports leaders from County did a fantastic job of organising the festivals and sports days while every student in years nine and ten took part in County's sports day. The multisports festivals involved the whole of year five and six who tried a wide variety of new sports as well as learning a dance with a World Cup theme. **Every pupil was a credit to the Trust. Over a hundred leaders** were involved and the following comment was typical:

*I just wanted to email and tell you how complimentary our staff have been about the County students. All the staff commented on how good they were with our children, their enthusiasm and their organisation. They were keen to take the lead and showed true leadership. They were quick to pick up which children needed a little extra support and took the responsibility of doing this. Having them lead sports day certainly makes our lives a lot easier.*

**We congratulate all those involved and thank the PE staff across the Trust for all they do.**



# The able and talented day for Art

**Year seven students** from across our middle phase worked with staff and students from County on two projects **devised by year nine students** as part of their Arts Award from Trinity Guildhall. The day involved drawing and different types of printing in the style of famous artists. Everyone completed some very successful work to take back to their home campuses for display. We thank **Mrs Masterman** for organising it.



# The model United Nations day

County have continued to participate very successfully in the national model United Nations conference weekend and, once again, this experience was extended across the Trust with one of two special days held this half term. **Year eleven and sixth form students ran the event for pupils across years**

**six to ten.** The whole day was run as if it were a real UN conference and 'delegates' arrived having been briefed on this year's **theme of child slavery.** The resolution which was debated was a proposal to make education compulsory to age fourteen across the world and certainly made all those who

took part think about how lucky they are. **We were proud of the way all the participants engaged with the day and the leadership exemplified by the older students was superb.** We thank all the staff across the Trust for an excellent day.



# The music playing day

This is always one of the many highlights of the Trust's busy music calendar. **Forty students from the Westley and Horringer Court campuses came to County Upper for the Day. They worked in small groups, with twenty year ten GCSE Music students, to compose, perform and record an original soundtrack for a film, using specialist music software on the iMacs. The day started with all sixty students performing and recording the "opening titles" using music - specially composed for the day by Mr Jermy, our Trust music co-ordinator - and it finished with the premiere of the finished film in the Studio Theatre. We thank the music staff across the Trust for another excellent year.**



# Share and grow!

With **end of year musicals** across our middle and upper phases we have taken the opportunity to share each other's expertise. Students from across years nine and ten helped Horringer Court and Westley with



their performances of **'Molly and her Incredible Dancing Shoes'** and **'Aladdin'** respectively; at Horringer this being the culmination of early morning support for dance. Meanwhile, two



hundred and fifty pupils from across the middle phase were treated to a special performance of County's **'Singin' in the Rain'** at The Apex. We congratulate all involved.

# Activity Days

Following the activity days at County for our Westley campus pupils in May, it was the turn of students from Horringer Court in June. Pupils undertook a carousel of activities including **science, drama, computer graphics and sport** all of which were well received. The middle phase pupils were excellent and the upper school leaders did a superb job. Well done!



# The STEM Conference

It has been a superb year for STEM activity across the Trust. It culminated with a special conference day offered to pupils across the region. Pupils from the Trust's **middle and upper phases** participated enthusiastically while the **senior students** were excellent ambassadors helping throughout. The Institute of Physics and twenty STEM companies were involved and there was a mix of practical activities and careers information with an emphasis on avoiding gender stereotyping throughout. **We congratulate all who took part and thank the staff who made it possible.**

