

Trips to France and Germany

In March a group of students went to Saint Vincent in France for a week of skiing.



Welcome – Mardy Smith, Principal

Welcome to the second edition of the NCW Newsletter. It provides just a brief summary of just some of the activities and achievements of our students over the Spring and Summer Terms. Opportunities for the students are many and varied and it is a credit to them that they access these and succeed so effectively.



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I am delighted to announce, that having undertaken an internal audit and been subject to an external assessment with regard to our

inclusive practices, we have been awarded the SSAT (Specialist Schools and Academies Trust) Inclusive Schools Award at the highest level, Leading and Transforming. It is central to our work that the needs of students are identified and addressed on an individual basis, in order that they are fully included in all aspects of life at NCW, so it was very pleasing to have this recognised and accredited in this way.

All of the guides worked really hard to ensure the students had a good experience. The hotel, its friendly staff and excellent food were as fantastic as ever. Many of the students made excellent progress with their skiing, met lots of new people, experienced a different culture and had an all-round excellent week.



Jack Wins Sport Personality of the Year



Jack was overwhelmed to receive the Male Sports Personality of the Year award at the prestigious npower Disability Sports Awards 2010. The nominations were announced by Cyril Regis, ex WBA Football star and the award was presented by Lee Pearson, one of Britain's most successful Paralympic Medal winners.

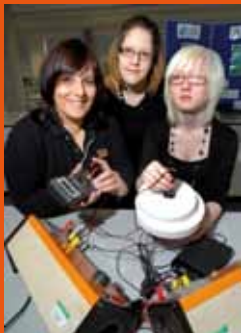
Jack attended the event along with 500 guests, including many Paralympic

athletes, Aston Villa players and many officials and stars from the world of sport. Having had a successful 2009, Jack is working towards the 2012 Paralympics by continuing to focus on his training and improving his Personal Bests.

A group of students and teachers also flew to Frankfurt in order to spend a week at our partner school in Marburg. They had a wonderful week with excellent hosts, one of our Year 13 students, Meg said: "It was an amazing week and I'll never forget the fantastic experiences I had in Marburg. I'm hoping to go back there for part of my gap year."



NCW Students Win Prestigious Science Award



A group of NCW Science students took part in a Science challenge and gained a prestigious CREST (Creativity in Engineering, Science and Technology) award at an event hosted by the University of Worcester.

They worked in teams with sighted students from a local mainstream school, on a challenge which involved producing insulating bricks from reclaimed materials. The event was supported by STEM ambassadors who work in industry and give their free time to inspire young people in Science, Technology & Design, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

Sarah Hughes, Head of Science at NCW, said: "Our students were really excited to do this project and they worked really well with students from other schools, alongside STEM ambassadors from QinetiQ. She added that one of the STEM ambassadors was visually impaired, providing a "fantastic role model" for the students.

BBC Children In Need Donate £83,074



We are delighted to announce that BBC Children in Need have donated £83,074 to NCW to help us refurbish one of our Independent Living Skills rooms. Work is due to start on the rooms in July with completion set for September 2010, when BBC Children in Need cameras will be joining us to follow up on the project.

Donations

Our thanks go to the following organisations:

- The Ogden Trust - £4,250
- Worcestershire County Council 'FLOSS' projects - £5,000
- The Rowlands Trust - £15,000
- The Baron Davenport's Charity - £2,000
- The Barbara Ward Children's Foundation - £25,000
- Usborne Publishing - £500
- Specsavers / Sony – 6 new headphones

We also recently took delivery of a new seven-seat MPV, with a towbar and a trailer from The Vision Charity and we are very grateful to the Trustees and the President for their generous support.

BBC - The One Show



We were very excited to welcome a BBC film crew, when Peter White, a former NCW pupil and Radio 4 presenter, returned to the College to talk about his old school days. In a feature called "My Old School" The One Show

invites well known media personalities to return to their former schools and talk about their experiences and memories.

Peter and the film crew spent a day at the college filming and we even found an old school report of Peter's in our archive and many pictures of the school, classrooms and dormitories from the 1950's and 60's. If you missed the broadcast, it is available on the College website.

Parliamentary Candidates Join Us For Mock Elections



NCW took part in a Mock Election at the same time as the General Election. Four brave student candidates came forward to stand in the Mock Election for the main parties and we were lucky enough to have a visit from both the Labour and

Conservative parliamentary candidates for a debate and NCW students gave them a real grilling!

The following day saw our own candidates put on the spot by the electorate in a very lively assembly. They all performed with passion and conviction and it is evident that many of our students are determined to get involved and make a difference to their communities.

Date For Your Diary!

NCW Fete and Car Boot Sale on Saturday 26th June from 12 - 4pm. Everyone is welcome!



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