



Wheatley Park News

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Headteacher Spring News

School Website Looking Good

Have you checked out Wheatley Park's website lately? We have been inundated with positive feedback recently from parents and friends of the school who have noticed the regular updates, the selection of photographs, the curriculum information and lots more. Don't miss out: have a look for yourself at www.wheatley-park.oxon.sch.uk.

Staff Changes

At the end of term we say farewell to Mrs Esther Taylor who will be taking maternity leave as her second child is due in April. Mrs Louise Robertson will also be leaving to work in a post in the private sector. Mr Colin Clarke has been at Wheatley Park for ten years but will be packing his bags to relocate to Liverpool to be closer to his extended family. We all wish him well with a new life in the North West.

An important new face in the school after Easter will be Mr Simon d'Angelo, Senior Assistant Headteacher. He was Assistant Headteacher at Lord Williams's in Thame but has just worked for four years as Vice Principal of Rangitoto College in New Zealand. He is a

Mathematics specialist but has a broad interest in teaching and learning and a specific interest in Special Needs.

New appointments for September 2007 include Ms Sarah Knowles (Mathematics) and Mr Adam Riley (Science).

Investors in People Award

Wheatley Park is proud to have achieved this award in recognition of the standard of professional development for all staff in the school. Congratulations to all involved.

Year 11: Full Steam Ahead to GCSE

As the exam period draws ever closer Year 11 students are working hard to get into peak condition. 'Positively Mad' led sessions recently on developing revision techniques, and all faculties are offering revision materials and support alongside a team of mentors and tutors who are adding pressure and encouragement. Normal lessons will continue into the exam season and a special flexible programme will be published for the month of June. Keep an eye on our website for details

KateCurtis
Headteacher

The Two Minute Challenge



The Two Minute rowing challenge took place on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd March with pupils and teachers competing to see how far they could row.

Mr Ingledew managed an impressive 578m on behalf of the staff! Now its time to get that all important sponsor money into school. Please hand in all cash or cheques (made payable to Wheatley Park School) to student reception as soon as possible.

Calendar & Events

30 March	Last day of term
30 March - 8 April	Ski trip to USA
31st March— 3rd April	Battlefields trip
12th April	Garsington Concert
16th April	Start of term 5
18th April 7.30 pm	GCSE Concert Main Hall
19th April	Year 7 Parents' evening
23rd April	Year 10 exams week
26th April 6.30pm	Junior Maths Challenge Year 12 Higher Education information evening
7.30pm	AS Concert Main Hall
4th May 7pm	Band Wars
6th May	French exchange students arrive in the UK
7th May	Bank holiday
8th-11th May	Year 9 SATS
8th May	GCSE Drama exams
11th May	GCSE Art exams
14th -18th May	Woodeaton week
16th May	Year 8 reports go home
21st May	Year 10 RE exam
23rd May	Student voice conference
24th May 3-6pm	Year 13 leavers' event
24th May - 2nd June	First Challenge Morocco
25th May	Last day of term
4th June	First day of term 6

