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Team Henshaws Triumph Again

After weeks of training to perfect their skills, our Henshaws College Boccia teams set out to compete in the Special Olympics Boccia championships held at Bradford at the beginning of April. Once again all the hard work paid off and the teams returned to College with bronze medals. Many congratulations to the teams,



Team 1 – Sam Hindley, Jack Green and Kayleigh Midwood and **Team 2** – Joshua Pearson, Jamie Chiu, Kayleigh Midwood and Umar Rafiq *and* a big thankyou to all staff who supported with training, and to staff and parents who went along to cheer the teams on the day.



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Advocacy at Henshaws

College has, for many years, had good links with the local Advocacy service. This year, our links have been strengthened with a new project, designed to help students leaving College to consider, understand and implement their plans for living after they graduate.

Ascertaining someone's wishes and assisting them to be as independent as possible are key values for both Henshaws and Harrogate Advocacy. Working together, we hope to enhance the transition of our leavers. All students will be offered advocacy services if they wish.



Any enquiries on Advocacy in Harrogate can be made on 01423 547500 or Alison.carter@advocacyharrogate.org.uk

Young Enterprise Competition

The Young Enterprise Team (magic 8 printz) recently had a Trade Stand at the designer outlet in York in competition with other local School/Colleges. The trade stand held a range of goods for Valentine's Day. Throughout the day the Students had a number of secret shoppers to the stand and were judged on their customer service and selling skills.



All the Students did a fantastic job in representing the College and had a great day out!

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Breakfast Meeting with Employers & Official Opening of Print Centre

Henshaws Print Service was officially opened for business this month, when Steve Walker of Kinnarps cut the ribbon



following a keynote address from Kevin Hollingdrake of Hunters Estate Agents. Staff and students had an early start when they were joined over breakfast by a group of employers, from diverse local businesses. The Vice Principal opened the event by talking about the range of services on offer to local businesses through Henshaws Means Business. This



was followed by an address by local MD of Hunters Estate Agents, Kevin Hollingdrake, whose Company has worked with Students and Staff in our Print Service on

promotional materials for Hunters. Steve Walker from Kinnarps, who was greatly supportive in furnishing the new Print

Centre to our specification then officially opened it with a heartening oration before cutting the ribbon.

TV Stars for a Day

News of Nathan, the buddy dog, our newest recruit, has reached the media, and



Calendar news joined us for a day's filming. The feature focussed on Nathan's role in working alongside our Students. The team interviewed Staff and Students,

and the programme was broadcast on Friday 25 March.

Red Nose Day

Once again, Students have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into the spirit of fundraising for others in need.

The Octopus Group, Nicola Hall, Jamie Chiu, Terri-Ann Walker, Lois Scott, Oliver Martin, Clare Donaldson, Sam Price and Hannah Miller, pulled out all the



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stops to organise a range of events to suit everyone, from students (and some staff) strutting their stuff on the catwalk, to a couple of brave souls having their legs waxed. A huge thanks to brothers Dave and Dan for that feat of endurance –

though Dave said 'it didn't hurt a bit'. The prize for 'Best Dressed House' a large chocolate santa claus very kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Chiu, went



to Ouse House. The Octopus Group have had fundraisers all term on a Fair Trade Awareness theme, selling bananas, holding a book sale, Coffee mornings, and 'Coffee 2 Go', which, including Red Nose Day activities, has raised so far over £200.

Events still to come – Hamper raffle, and sale of Fair Trade roses.



School Links

Henshaws has for some time been working successfully with local special schools, and also offering opportunities for learners from 'main stream' secondary settings to enhance their learning & vocational experience in the context of a specialist college. We have seen many fantastic achievements through school links and are delighted to celebrate the success of our learners.

We have established particularly good links with the Leeds Specialist Inclusive

Learning Centres (SILCs) and during the Spring Term 2011, we have welcomed pupils from West Oaks School, who have been attending on a Design and Print Enterprise

Harrogate College

Henshaws students continue to benefit from the opportunity to access Harrogate College, where appropriate. This term, we have students attending 2 different courses with support from

our own Henshaws staff. Peter White and Matthew Gledhill have this term embarked on a 22 week BTEC Edexcel Performing Arts Course. They will ultimately take part in an improvised performance in the



College theatre and in the meantime they are enjoying the journey and increasing in confidence. Other students, Sam Hindley, Ben Kendall, Josh Kirkup, Craig Mulligan, John Pratt and Umar Rafiq have enrolled on the Edexcel in ICT. They have enjoyed the course and the opportunity to experience life in a mainstream College. They hope to gain their certificates soon.

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Student Council

Sophie Allison and Umar Rafiq have recently been voted by their peers onto the Student Council. The Council are fully involved with many activities, both internal and external, including interviewing new staff, attending College management meetings along with staff and College Open days - giving tours of College to new students and organisations. They have also had input into the College Single Equality Scheme which has been produced in an accessible format for all Students. Student Council meetings have been attended by members of staff from all College departments; including mobility, volunteering, marketing, and careers, in addition, a representative from Harrogate Borough Council who were all seeking Student Council views into the policies and questionnaires that they are producing. The Student Council have themselves produced questionnaires on catering/food and leisure.



Thank You to Families

A big thank you to all families who responded to the questionnaires we sent out in support of updating our policies on Relationships and Computer and IT safety. The Relationships Policy has now been updated, and we are in the process of consolidating the feedback on the Computer & IT questionnaire.



A couple of reminders

**Term Ends Friday 8 April
– Summer Term begins
Tuesday 3 May**

**2011 Census – For
Residential Students -
Please return
questionnaires as soon as
possible.**