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Aimhigher Science Competition

Mrs Robinson, Curriculum Director of Physics, took a group of Year 10 Gifted and Talented students to Huntcliffe secondary school, for the Aimhigher Science Competition.

Throughout the whole day, we participated in a series of Chemistry, Biology and Physics challenges. The theme of the day was being stuck on an island and finding ways to perform everyday tasks. An example of one of the challenges was the water tower. We had to build a water tower out of 8 art straws and selotape, which we did successfully. However, we had some problems; for the robot building task we lost a key piece of the kit and it was irreplaceable. Bar this task, we got full points for every task conducted. We were also the only school to get maximum points for teamwork and conduct, and had the least amount of points deducted for safety breaches. All in all, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it was a great day out. We were so eager to win, that we even wore correct uniform! **We won.** Tom Phillips IOHB



Britain's 'Big Tidy Up' Campaign...

..is a national campaign bringing community groups together to help 'Tidy Up' their local environment. Taking part in the Big Tidy Up is our chance to make a difference to our local area and help rid our streets of rubbish. Volunteers from the Endeavour House have risen to the challenge. As seen in the picture they did a tidy up around the school and its environs. Well done Endeavour!



Continuing with the theme Year 9 students were happy to participate in a tidy up around Nunthorpe village prior to the judging of the Nunthorpe in Bloom competition. Many of our students were involved in the planting of the tubs and containers.



Karen Deen is seen here carrying one of the scarecrows that our students made and are entering in the above competition. Good luck to all the entrants!

Nunthorpe Apprentice

Ten Year 9 students have been taking part in 'The Nunthorpe Apprentice' – our version of Sir Alan Sugar's BBC TV show. Each week the teams (Ignite and Empire) are given a task which they need to complete. The tasks involve skills in teamwork, creativity, budgeting and finance, amongst others. The winning team are immune from being fired, the losing team each week go into the boardroom to battle it out with Sir Alan Sugar, Nick and Margaret. Two hopefuls each week are fired, until we find The Nunthorpe Apprentice! Find out who has been hired in the October edition of the Specialist.



Enterprise at Nunthorpe:

Nunthorpe School was well represented at a recent Business Enterprise day at Middlesbrough Football club. On 15th July this year 16 students from Nunthorpe competed against 3 other schools in a Business Enterprise T-Shirt Design Challenge. All 3 Nunthorpe teams performed very well in the task with “The Kings of Dragons” team (Robert Tombling, Peter Green, Jonathan Cummings, Josh Rae and Luke Wilson) winning the overall event with a profit of £540.00, beating their nearest rival by nearly £200. In order to achieve the win they displayed real talent in a variety of enterprise skills including teamwork, time management, creativity and negotiation skills.



Triumph House take the Challenge

Over the past 3 months Triumph House has been raising money for the Vantis £50 Enterprise Challenge. Collectively, the house was given a £50 note (then turned into £60 by Mr Bailey) and each form had to come up with a unique, imaginative way to raise as much as possible from £5. Overall, Triumph house managed to raise a staggering £2496.72 through various stalls, sponsored events and more. By far the best, however, was TBMS who raised an unbelievable £1200, which included a bag pack at Tesco; many of the form gave up their free time in the holidays to attend. All of the money raised is divided equally between Zoe's Place (Triumph's House Charity) and the Hartlepool Hospice.

Mr Bailey – Second from right front row - receiving the Trophy



Team Staff triumph in Nunthorpe's Ryder Cup 2009.

The Ryder Cup certainly captured the atmosphere that past Ryder Cups have previously experienced. The event was enjoyed by all and proved how talented both Team Staff and Team Student truly are. Despite Team Staff being labelled as the underdogs, they managed to challenge the vibrant and enthusiastic Team Student to the bitter end. Congratulations should be given To all involved and we are already looking forward to the next chapter in this golfing tale...

Matt Stirland Event

The Enterprise team were approached by a local entrepreneur Matt Stirland, a former student, to organise an event promoting his work with youth organisations. The team were given a budget of £1500 to work with and enthusiastically began to discuss and plan the event with unput from representatives from the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI).

The team of Tamsinne Hatfield, Chloe Hayes, Megan Iley and Beth Golding actively sought sponsors and gained support from the Co-op, Tesco and M&S who supplied healthy foods for the catering. In fact so successful were they that they brought the event in well under budget. The day went well and all the team gained valuable experience in how to organise an event, skills which will serve them well in the future. Congratulations girls!



Final Word.....

As we rapidly approach the end of the academic year it has given me great pleasure to look back at the successes and achievements of many of our students and staff in the ever widening range of Science, Business and Enterprise activities we have been involved in. There have been too many highlights to mention here, although I would like to thank everyone who has been involved including our Business, Industry and Community partners, our teaching and support staff, parents and of course our wonderful students. The current issue highlights some of the work we have been undertaking within the pastoral arena and our local community and this will remain a key focus as we move into 2009-10, as will the transition of several of our enterprise projects into our VIth form. Once again Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Specialist School programme this year, have a well earned rest over the Summer and we look forward to another exciting year ahead!

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