

Pupils take part in West Notts perception survey

A SMALL group of Year 11 students recently took part in a perception survey for West Nottinghamshire College.

The students were interviewed on their thoughts and ideas about the services offered by West Nottinghamshire College and the image that it portrayed.

The students all conducted themselves excellently and we received positive feedback from the survey. Each student received a £10 HMV voucher for taking part, additionally the College received £50 which has been put towards the Year 11 Prom to be held in July.

● Sports News – The Year 8 Girls' Team are the West Nottinghamshire Champions at seven-a-side football. Michael Hewitt recently played for the Midlands Under 18 Football Team v Australia and Peter Alvey will soon

Garibaldi College

be representing England at Ice Skating in Holland. Year 9 student Claire Talbot represented Nottinghamshire in the Inter-County Schools Athletic Championships, which were held at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham.

● Thirty-nine Year 10 students from Garibaldi College, Meden School, Warsop, and Manor School, Mansfield Woodhouse, took part in a Functional Skills on Thursday 7th February at Mansfield Town Football Club. Throughout the day the students attended various workshops where they had to use skill areas in English, Maths and ICT. They worked in small groups to create their own football brochure, which they had to present to the rest of the group. They had a

tour of the ground and also had a press conference and got the chance to interview four Mansfield Town Football Club players. Awards presented by the Mansfield Town manager were given to outstanding students, Danny Carr, Andrew Judd, Lawrence East and Paige Matthews. Well done to them all.

● Outstanding Achievement of the Year Awards. Around 500 people gathered to honour sporting heroes at the Nottinghamshire Sports Review of the Year awards ceremony held recently at the East Midlands Conference Centre at the University of Nottingham. Sport commentator Andrew James hosted the event. Guests included Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club's Mick Newell and

Nottingham Panthers coach Mike Ellis. Year 8 student Emma Dallman who won five medals at the World Transplant Games in Bangkok when she competed in both the athletics and swimming was awarded the Outstanding Achievement of the Year. Congratulations Emma.

● Year 11 Applied Art GCSE students recently had a very enjoyable day, working with Raku Artist, Andrew Mason from Masons Ceramics of Derby. All students produced a ceramic tile inspired by the Cubist art movement and learnt various skills about the Japanese glazing technique and the Potters' wheel.

● On 24th January, the whole of Student Support took part in 'The Big Hush', a sponsored silence for one hour to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. This event was a great success and the students managed to

Horsing about with police

Sherwood Hall

YEAR 10 Prince's Trust XL Groups visit to the Nottingham Police Mounted Section. Why the long face? Only horsing about!

As part of their project on law and order, the Year 10 Prince's Trust XL group visited the Nottinghamshire Police Mounted Section.

Pc Peter Daynes gave them a talk explaining the duties and equipment of the section. All paid great attention to this whilst keeping a wary eye on the section's vicious cat which was dozing on a chair.

The groups were then treated to a tour of the stables in a wind seemingly from the Russian Steppes!

Despite this the group thoroughly enjoyed their visit. They were introduced to several four-legged members of the section and 'Lion Heart' was taken from his stable to strut his stuff.

Standing at over 16 hands to the withers the crusader's namesake commanded instant respect from his admirers. Closer inspection of the stables brought the only complaint of the day as the students had not realised that horses do not use deodorant!

● On 8th February a number of Year 11 students went to the Thackray Medicine Museum in Leeds. The museum (located near St. James' hospital) has been specifically designed to supplement learning in the



Medicine Through Time aspect of the GCSE course. The museum includes a mock up of a Leeds side street in the 1840s (complete with smells), several film shows and a wealth of displays of medical artefacts and

equipment. The students who went were a credit to both themselves and the school and will have gained valuable knowledge and understanding of one of the major topics in their forthcoming exams.

It's time to stick with God

I AM writing this short article four days before Easter. By the time that you read it Easter will be no more than a vague memory for most people.

But it will still not yet be Ascension Day, when we celebrate Jesus' return to the Father. A number of weeks passed between Jesus' resurrection and his ascension.

Jesus' return from the dead was an overwhelming event for his friends and even terrified some. But it soon became the key motivator

for Jesus' followers.

Today, the resurrection is still the key event for Christians and our faith stands or falls on it. Without the resurrection, Jesus was no more than a good man and possibly a deluded one and Christianity would collapse. With it, Jesus was vindicated as the Saviour of the World and the implications for all people are immense. Through Jesus the power of death was conquered. All who follow him will still die but pass on to a heavenly

life. Every true Christian may face heavy responsibilities and demands in this life, but the consequences will be unimaginably wonderful, in this life and the next.

Many dream of riches, fame and worldly success and we do all have to pay the bills. Through Jesus, God has offered to every single human being the opportunity for eternal life, a reward of infinite value. It is Easter every day as long as we take up God's offer and stick with it.

— Rev Phillip Stead



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