

# Coppice News

May 2009

## New Headteacher

### Welcome back to the final term of 2009

As you may be aware, I will be Headteacher for the next two terms until January 2010. I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead you through a term that is full of opportunities and change.

For many of you this term is a very important time in your academic life, and I would like to wish you all the very best of luck in the forthcoming exams.

I ask that Coppice students continue to apply themselves in all walks of school life to ensure a successful and happy summer term.

*Ms S Kennedy*  
Headteacher

## Year 7 Easter Day

At the end of last term the year 7 students had another themed day following the success of our Halloween and Christmas days but this time it was all about Easter. The students were put into groups and rotated around various Easter workshops. There was an Easter egg hunt around the school grounds following 12 different clues, the students then made a little chick to hold their eggs in. They did Easter word searches and made Easter cards as well as painting eggs. The students behaved very well with the smell of chocolate in the air and produced some excellent work.

## Year 8 Bowling Trip



Fortunately the snow eventually melted and we were able to take the Year 8 students bowling as planned. The visit to the new Bentley Bridge Bowling Alley marked the end of the ICT Bowling Project. Students had used lesson time to prepare adverts, letters & consent forms for the trip as well as researching possible venues and transport. In addition they also made use of spreadsheet software to calculate the costs of the trip and database software to keep track of students attending the visit. Through the bowling experience students were able to learn about customising the user interface, how scores are calculated, how cheating is prevented through the use of sensors and some of the processes that take place behind the scenes.

*Mrs D Walton*  
Head of ICT

Sainsbury's



Active kids is all about giving young people the chance to try new, great fun activities, learn life skills and get excited about having a healthy lifestyle. Thanks for all the vouchers, keep them coming!

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## Astro - Turf Pitch



We are pleased to announce that the new floodlit astro-turf facility is now complete.

The synthetic surface, part filled with sand and rubber crumb to F.A. specification and guidelines, provides a top class surface for football skills development.

Lines have been cut in and marked for full-size mini soccer pitch and two 5-a-side pitches. The goals have been supplied and fitted to F.A. safety guidelines. Six 10 metre high floodlighting columns with luminaries giving an average 250lux have been erected to ensure year round use of the facility.

The astro-turf is now available to the local community and will be let on an hourly basis at the following times:-

Monday to Friday – 17:30 – 22:00  
Saturday & Sundays – 10:00 – 20:00

Please contact the school for further details on 01902 558500.

*Mr M Woodhouse*  
Community Sports Co-ordinator



We have signed up to collect this year's Tesco Vouchers for Schools scheme. We are hoping to collect enough vouchers to further enhance the school's ICT provision. Please send your vouchers into school regularly, no later than Monday 15th June 2009. Thank you in advance for your support.

*Mrs D Walton*  
Head of ICT



The snow-delayed Coppice Idol took place on the evening of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

A strong field of performers from all of the year groups sang to a full house of parents and friends.

For the first time this year a live band, led by Dan Lacey, accompanied some of the singers and also performed several numbers throughout the evening. Their performance brought a new dimension to the event.

As usual refreshments, a raffle and Bingo took place during the interval. Certain members of staff were particularly successful in winning **numerous** raffle prizes and other staff members now intend to sit next to them during future raffles!

This year three performers tied for second place – **Tyler Haynes (Year 9), Eleanor Westwood (Year 10) and Neil Jackson (6<sup>th</sup> Form)** but the outright winner singing 'Halleluiah' was **Amy Goodall (Year 9)**

Every one of the performers sang brilliantly and there were several real surprises and 'ones to watch' for the future.

A big thanks must go to all of the performers, to Steve Clifton and his team for the sound and lighting, to Dan Lacey and his band and to all 6<sup>th</sup> Form students who were involved throughout the day and evening.

*Mr R Wheeler*  
Pastoral Manager

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## New York

During the end of the February half-term a group of Sixth Form students went for a four day trip to New York.

During their time in the 'Big Apple' they visited a number of famous landmarks such as the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. Some students also experienced a show on Broadway while others enjoyed ice-skating at Rockefeller Centre.

All the students made the most of their time in the city ensuring they saw as much as possible as well as doing lots of shopping.

All the students had a wonderful time and it was a pleasure to take them as they were great representatives of the school.

*Mrs S Dulai*  
Teacher of Business Studies

# ICT Vision

At Coppice ICT forms an important role in the teaching, learning and monitoring of students. We are keen to further develop the ways in which ICT is used and have therefore recently considered our vision of ICT at Coppice and would like to share this vision with you.

Our vision of ICT at Coppice is for:

Staff, Students and the Wider Community to have appropriate access to suitable technologies in order to enhance Teaching and Learning.

ICT to be used to promote personalisation of the curriculum and provide access to 24-hour learning opportunities.

ICT to be used to record and report student progress and achievement and for this information to be more readily accessible to parents.

Details of how we are hoping to achieve this vision can be found on the school's website at [www.coppice-school.org.uk](http://www.coppice-school.org.uk) by viewing the ICT page from the list of Curriculum Areas.

# Careers Fair

The Careers Fair held at Coppice on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 proved to be an extremely successful event. Providers from local colleges, universities, training providers and members of the Armed Services were available to offer information, advice and guidance to students in Years 9 to 13. Comments from both students and providers were very pleasing. A Year 10 student commented that she found the event "Very good, informative"; a Year 9 student stated that she had been in discussions with a training provider adding "We spoke about what I want to do when I'm older and it really boosted my confidence."

The training providers found the event successful. A representative from the University of Wolverhampton said "Very pleasant surroundings, a good atmosphere in school. All visiting groups have been interested and well informed – obviously the staff are doing the right things! Well done!"

A representative from Mercia Management added "Students were well motivated and focused on their future."

*Mrs K Lane*  
Assistant Headteacher

# Year 10 ICT Visitor

Year 10 ICT Students were fortunate recently to receive two separate ICT talks from local business men

The first was from Mark Yorke, MD of Born Communications. Mark set up a design business based at the Science Park in Wolverhampton and he specialises in publications for print and web design.

He came into school in March and showed students examples of his work and talked to them about how to prepare thumbnail images, prepare work for commercial printing and what types of qualifications would be needed to enter the design industry.

Students are now applying what they learnt to their own Desktop Publishing unit of work and gave very positive feedback about the talk.

The second visit was from Stephen Ibbs, Managing Director of Data Developments, also based at the Science Park. He came in to talk to students about the database systems which he designs for churches to use. His talk and professional examples helped students to consolidate their understanding of database systems and made them think about possible solutions to complex database problems

We are hoping to arrange further talks for students to link to future units of study.

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# Exam Invigilators Wanted

If you are interested in becoming an Exam Invigilator at Coppice please contact the Schools Exams Officer, Mrs T Davis on 01902 558500.



# COPPICE PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF FOOTLOOSE COMING MARCH 2010

## Diary Dates



### May

- Fri 1st & Sat 2nd: Coppice Dance Festival
- **Mon 4th: School Closed for May Day Holiday**
- Tues 5th - Fri 8th: Year 9 Tests
- Mon 11th: Main Exam Period Starts
- Wed 13th: Year 12 & Year 13 Biology Trip
- Fri 15th: Year 7 Science Trip
- Mon 18th: Year 8 Reports
- Mon 25th - Fri 29th: School closed for Half Term

Please note that some of the Performing Arts events have revised dates. Please see insert for further details. We apologise for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

### June

- Fri 19th: Year 10 History Trip
- Fri 26th - Wed 1st July: French Trip

### July

- Thurs 2nd: New Intake Parents Evening
- Fri 3rd & Sat 4th: Art Exhibition
- Mon 6th: Global Cultural Day
- Mon 6th - Fri 17th: Dance Tour
- Fri 10th: Year 7 Reports
- Mon 13th: Sports Day
- Mon 13th - Fri 17th: Year 10 Work Experience
- Tues 14th & Wed 15th: Coppice Performing Arts Festival
- Fri 17th: Students finish