Messages from the Principal

Fundraising Activities

It's great to see so many groups of students raising money for a range of charities and we will, as a college, support you in all of this. However there is a process to follow to ensure that activities are properly risk assessed and that money is collected effectively. From Monday 28 November, students wanting to raise money can pick up a fundraising form from Student Reception.

Proposed Strike Action: 30 November 2011

You may already be aware of the planned strike action on 30 November by teachers and other public sector employees in opposition to proposed changes to pensions. This day of action will affect the ordinary operation of the college. It is likely that most teachers will not be at work on that day. Because of this, buses have been cancelled on that day and college will be closed for students. College will be open as normal the following day, 1 December.

Investors in Diversity Award

The college is working towards accreditation for the Leaders in Diversity standard, the highest level of the Investors in Diversity Award run by the National Centre for Diversity. The Investors in Diversity Award is recognised as a prestigious quality mark and is an all-encompassing approach to managing equality, diversity and inclusion effectively.

Working Towards Leaders in Diversity

We need your help with the first stage. We need all students to complete the online survey supplied by the National Centre for Diversity. Your Progress Tutor will provide you with the link in the week beginning 28 November or you can access it yourself at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N3SLFZ8. Please complete the survey by 5 December.

Do you have anything (within reason) that you want to advertise or need to get a message across? Why not print it in the Tutorial Bulletin!
Contact the Resources/Reprographics Office, email **repro@ncpontefract.ac.uk** or contact your Student Assembly representative. Deadline is Thursday 9:00 am.

Careers and Higher Education Update

Year 13

A reminder that the College's deadline for UCAS applications was **Friday 25 November. Students must now submit their applications as soon as possible.** Although we **cannot guarantee** forms declared after Friday will be sent within eight working days as per our normal high standards of service, we will try to make sure forms declared before 2 December reach UCAS before Christmas.

We cannot guarantee that applications will be sent to UCAS before the Christmas holidays if they are **submitted after 2 December.**

Students need to be working on personal statements with their tutors and asking tutors to check completed forms **before** hitting the pay and send button.

On **Friday 2 December**, there will be no **pre-bookable appointments** with members of the careers team. It will be a drop-in service only, so students can turn up and wait for their UCAS forms checking. The Careers team will only deal with UCAS applications on that day.

Mock Interviews

If students are asked to attend an interview at a university, we strongly recommend they have a mock interview in College. Students need to come and see one of the careers team so we can arrange this. Please ask students **not** to sign up on our timetable if they need a mock interview.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Wednesday 7 December - We need your help!

We need students to:

- **pour tea and set tables and clear away afterwards - sign up sheets in A Block near Student Reception**
- **donate presents or money - you could get together as a Tutor Group to do this**
- **invite guests - maybe your Grandparents would like to come! (letters available from Student Reception)**

Morning lessons will finish at 12:35pm. The Cafeteria will serve food until 1:10pm, and the canteen seating area will close at 1:30pm. The Common Room will close at 12:00pm. Access to the shop will only be through the back of stage as directed. No access through Common Room.

CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW!

★ Music ★ Dance ★ Drama ★

Castleford Academy

Thursday 1st December 2011

7.30pm

£5.00 (tickets available from Student Reception)

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Sports Results
Wednesday 16 November

RUGBY
NEW College 18 Calderdale 26
A gritty and determined effort was given by all the players with some outstanding individual performances but unfortunately this wasn't reflected by the final result. Tries scored by; Jed Goddard, Luke Hobson and Brad Hepple all expertly converted by Josh Walker.

FOOTBALL 2nds
NEW College 0 Notre Dame 4
A slightly disappointing display against Notre Dame 1st team. Man of the match Chris Patterson

FOOTBALL 3rds
NEW College 1 Notre Dame 4
This game will be remembered for the Goal of the Season scored by Christian Simpson.
Man of the match Sam Simpson.

LADIES FOOTBALL
NEW College 6 Bishop Burton 0
A comprehensive victory with debuts handed to Natalie Lindsey, Lauren and Leanne Swailes. Abbie Collier with an outstanding performance with Beth Coney in great form.

NETBALL
In a friendly game the Firsts beat Silcoates comfortably 23-15 whilst the Seconds lost 4-13.
In the league game NEW College 23 Greenhead 14. This result puts NEW College top of the league and unbeaten. Outstanding performances from Emily Capless and Liz Fleming. This result was all the more pleasing as several of the first choice players were on University visits and College trips.

MIXED HOCKEY
NEW College 0 Notre Dame 6
The score did not reflect the game. NEW College had several chances to score but missed the wide open goal, hit the post or had the shots saved. Notre Dame had 7 attempts and scored all but one. Good performances from Bryony Beedle and Jessica Lloyd.

BASKETBALL
NEW College 36 Notre Dame 29
A pleasing victory against a team higher than NEW College in the league. A great team performance with the squad playing a more disciplined game. Gervas on top form and Murray Harrison top rebounder.

FOOTBALL 1sts
NEW College 4 Boston Spa 2

On Wednesday the NEW College 1sts football team continued their march up the table with a third win on the bounce with a 4-2 victory against Boston Spa.

In a game that Pontefract dominated from the first minute the only surprise was that the score line was not bigger. The first half saw two excellent headed goals, the first a well-placed header by Liam Threlfall after a perfect cross from debutant Mitchell Pearson. The second, a bullet header off the underside of the bar, from the ever dangerous from set pieces Oli Hopwood, from an excellent delivery from Jordan Walker.

In the second half Pontefract were sent out to be tight for the first 15 minutes expecting an onslaught from Boston, only to get an early 3rd. The dominant Dale Tepper won the ball on the half way line quickly putting an inch perfect pass through the centre of the Boston defence for Liam Threlfall to run onto. Liam collected the ball and after holding off the defender slotted the ball past the keeper into the bottom corner. After missing many more chances including hitting the post, Boston gave themselves hope with a backpost goal from a soft free kick.

With 10 minutes to go Pontefract restored their 3 goal advantage with Jordan Hutchinson finishing off a great move down the left hand side involving Tom Cotton and Mitchell Pearson. In the last minute Boston made the scoreline look respectable for them after a defensive lapse.

Excellent performances across the park not least Billy Wainwright, Oli Hopwood and Dale Tepper but the man of the match has to go to Liam Threlfall for his two well taken goals and all round display.