

FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2012

Dear Families,

A belated Happy New Year to everyone and we hope that 2012 is a successful and fulfilling year for all of you.

For the Year 11s and some of the Year 10s it was straight back into the 'thick of it' with English, Maths and other GCSE exams within days of the start of term. We have been delighted with the attitude shown by all the pupils who seem to have been taking their revision very seriously. There are more exams continuing throughout January and into February.

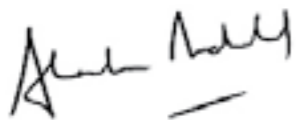
On the first weekend of the term the Science Department took over 40 Year 11s on a residential weekend focused on revision and preparation for their exams. It was a great success and a big thank you to Mr. Khan and the Science Department. The usual Saturday classes have also been taking place in Maths, English and ICT and again a big thank you to all the staff concerned.

The highlight of the term so far took place at the Barbican last week. About 40 of our pupils and a few ex-pupils were performing as part of a major production involving Hofesh Schechter, a leading choreographer, and Antony Gormley, one of Britain's leading artists. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to be involved in such a major event. Well done to everyone who took part.

Finally, some really excellent news. Selsabil Amine, from Cambridge Heath Sixth Form, has been offered a place at Cambridge University for Autumn 2012. This is fantastic news and great for us to have, in only our third year of existence, a pupil being successful in such a competitive situation. In addition, at least 3 other ex-Morpeth pupils have also been offered places. A real tribute to the pupils, their parents and our teachers.

It was good to see so many parents from Year 9 and 10 MORP on Wednesday and we look forward to seeing the other half of the year group in a weeks' time, on Wednesday 1st February.

Yours sincerely,



Alasdair Macdonald, Headteacher



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YEAR 10 STUDENTS

A massive well done to all Year 10 GCSE drama students. Ms. Begum says your behaviour on the theatre trip last week to see 'Blood Brothers' was excellent.

Fantastic behaviour too by Year 10s during their study skills day this week.

Lots of revision tips to put into practice!

Well done Year 10s.

FILM CLUB AND BOOK CLUB

Don't forget Film Club runs every Thursday after school and Book Club every Tuesday lunchtime - all welcome. Please see Ms Jones if you are interested.

AUTISM AMBASSADORS

The Autism Ambassadors are looking for new members. The Ambassadors meet in S1 on Monday after school. This term they will be making a film about Autism at Morpeth and getting ready for Autism Awareness Week at the end of March.

All welcome. For more information please see Ms. Rublowska or Ms. Khanom.

MORPETH, GORMLEY AND HOFESH AT THE BARBICAN!

Between 12th and 14th January The Barbican hosted a remarkable collaboration between Composer and Choreographer, Hofesh Shechter and Sculptor, Antony Gormley for a show called "Survivor".

This was Shechter's first collaboration with Antony Gormley for the creation of this new work for the Barbican Theatre. Survivor is also Shechter's first work to focus on his music, rather than his choreography, bringing more than 180 musicians together to perform the work live. The show which ran from 12 -14th January involved more than 40 drummers from Morpeth School.

Since September the drummers from Morpeth School have been rehearsing in The Music Department's World Music Room. Led by Jo Wills and Ross McDouall pupils learnt an original score by Hofesh Schechter. It involved many hours of hard work, sometimes rehearsing for many hours over the weekend. Pupils from Morpeth gave an amazing performance and rose to the challenge of performing on a professional stage.

