

# Solway Community Technology College Newsletter No:5



May 2011



## Young Firefighters

I was so impressed at the presentation by the teamwork and professionalism on display. Our pupils were a credit to themselves and made their families and friends so proud when they demonstrated their new skills and abilities on Saturday.



They have spent every Wednesday evening for the past 10 weeks as well as two full days at the fire station, learning the drills and procedures, including a Heart start course. I would like to pass on my grateful thanks to all the fire crew who have willingly given of their time to support this programme. Our pupils will have gained enormously from the experience. Well done to you all.

Lois Baird  
Headteacher



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values



## Bird boxes

Over the winter Mr Hailwood took home a bird box made by Dionne Blake. He is pleased to share that some bluetits have moved in and are now calling it home. Well done Dionne!



## Chess sets

If anyone has any unwanted chess sets they could donate to school for our chess club would they please drop them into reception. We would be most grateful; regardless of condition!



## Maths

Could all parents please ensure pupils bring a calculator to school everyday.

We would recommend the '**CASIO fx-83GT**' as most pupils find it easy to use. It is a vital piece of equipment and it is important pupils are familiar with their own calculators before GCSEs start. The correct equipment also includes protractors, compasses and rulers too.

If you would like to buy a calculator from school then please ask.

You can buy them from school for £5.



## Theatre by the Lake Trip to see Arthur Miller's play, "A View from the Bridge"

The latest cultural trip for our Year 11s was to see the famous Arthur Miller play, "**A View from the Bridge**". Set in Brooklyn, New York, it's a tale of illicit love, jealousy, betrayal and revenge which builds to an inevitable but shocking climax.

We managed to get the best seats in the theatre, and the play was riveting stuff, enjoyed by all those who went, staff and pupils alike.

We'll keep our eyes open for further opportunities like this and let you know.

Thanks to Mr Green for driving the minibus and all the organization.



## Jewellery and uniform

A reminder to pupils and parents;

### No piercings are allowed.

Only one set of stud earrings, in the earlobes, is permitted. All other jewellery should be left at home.

All exams are taken in school uniform. Please ensure your child follows our dress code appropriately.

After half term we allow pupils to wear the school polo shirt instead of their usual white shirt and tie if they wish, however they should bring another for their PE lessons. In September they will be back to the shirt and tie.

**New uniform order deadline 4th July**



## Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

# Solway Community Technology College welcomed to London 2012's Get Set network

Pupils and teachers celebrated when they were officially welcomed in to London 2012's Get Set network, in recognition of their commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic Values.

The school council worked hard with **Mrs Baird**, **Mrs Wise** and **Martin Death**, link consultant from GE the official team GB sponsor, to reach the regional finals of the 'Design my break' competition. The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) awarded Solway Community Technology College a plaque and certificate to acknowledge their involvement in the London 2012 education programme. Solway is now a part of an active London 2012 community of schools and colleges across the UK- the Get Set network - and will receive access to exclusive competitions and 2012 Games related opportunities over the coming years.



**"Pupils at Solway Community Technology College are excellent examples of how London 2012 is helping to spark young people's imagination and inspiring them to get involved and make a difference. They have clearly demonstrated that London 2012's education programme extends far beyond PE and sport and I hope they will motivate other young people to join their journey."**

**Sebastian Coe**, chairman of LOCOG, said: "When London won the right to host the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, we made a clear promise to use the power of the 2012 Games to inspire young people. I am proud to welcome Solway Community Technology College in to the Get Set network for their exciting work around the Olympic Values of friendship, excellence and respect and the Paralympic Values of inspiration, courage, determination and equality."

**Lois Baird**, Head Teacher, said: 'I am delighted that we are a part of the build up to the Olympic Games. The pupils all contributed to our project including brain storms,

research, photography, surveys and assemblies as well as song writing, around the eight key themes of Get Set +, working towards a redesigned lunch break which captured their interest. We can now look forward to accessing resources and Olympic tickets from the Get Set website, for the benefit of all our pupils.'

The school council team travelled to Cramlington to make their presentation where they were excited to meet **David McNamee** who is hoping to be part of the GB triathlon team for 2012. A student at the University of Stirling, its campus home to triathlonscotland's national performance centre, David finished ninth in the European U23 Triathlon Championships in Portugal and represented Great Britain in the World U23 Championships. We also had a wonderful opportunity to have a guided tour around the huge Cramlington GE Oil and Gas site looking at potential careers in science and engineering. The education logo was designed by Reiss Evans (18), a design student from Canterbury College, who won a national competition to create an education-themed infill for the London 2012 Olympic logo.



## SOLWAY MEXICO LINK

The Solway Mexico Link is an established pupil exchange programme between our school and our partner school in Mexico City. The next exchange is planned for Easter (in Mexico) and July (in the UK) 2013.

Given the current economic climate it would seem to be sensible to launch this planned programme now well in advance of the proposed year to enable pupils to register their interest in the Link and to start fund raising activities which part-fund the programme.

I should like to invite all pupils and parent interested in finding out more about the programme to an introductory meeting in school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm.** Do come along and find out about this life changing experience.



### **What we (the pupils from the 2010 exchange) have gained from the link:**

Cross year working and caring for each other.  
Better relationships in school.  
Confidence to speak out about what we have seen.

Widening of horizons.

Forming our own opinions – which are based on fact and experience as opposed to hearsay.

A willingness to find out what people are like, as opposed to taking first impressions as gospel.

The realisation that people are people and we have a lot in common with people from other cultures.

The feeling of being part of a team with other pupils, teachers, parents and members of the local community.

Seeing and experiencing things we never even dreamed of.

**Wonderful memories**





## STANWIX

Year 11 had another great night out at Stanwix this month. Miss Jones and I were delighted by the way our pupils conduct themselves and enjoyed the excellent food (Indian this time, thanks Graham !) and the bowling and pool competitions.



The staff at Stanwix are always pleased to see us and certainly do us proud – thanks to Claire and Lindsay.

This was our last trip out as a group and we wish them well in their next venture in life.

## Art News

Well done to year 11 who recently sat their art exam. All year 11 GCSE art work will be displayed in the art room on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 from 5pm.

All Welcome.

### Art Award

Year 8 and year 9 pupils are studying for their Bronze Arts Award. The bronze Arts Award is a Level 1 National qualification that can be taken by young people between the ages of 11 to 25. There are four main objectives which include taking part in an arts activity, being an audience member of an arts event, researching an arts hero or heroine and sharing an arts skill with others.

The Arts Award encourages young people to develop skills, explore their interests in the arts, reflect on their

progress and produce a portfolio of evidence documenting their journey.

Mrs Bell



## **M**egan Jumps to County Gold

**Megan Wise** has become County Champion in her first year of competing in the triple jump at under 17 level.

Megan, who competes for Carlisle and Aspatria and Team North Cumbria, competed for the first time a week before the championships at Blackpool achieving a creditable second place finish. The following week was the County championships where Megan won with a jump of 9 metres 18 cms. She eclipsed this on May 22<sup>nd</sup> when competing for Team North Cumbria by jumping 9metres 48 cms which is a national Grade 4 distance; adding 30 cms to her personal best.

Megan is hoping to make the County team in the upcoming County Schools championships in June. A fabulous result Megan! Well done!

## **O**CR ICT AWARDS – Mrs Quinn

Congratulations to all our pupils who were entered for the OCR National ICT exam. They were all awarded either a Distinction, Merit or Pass when the moderator visited school on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Mr Green and I were delighted by the quality of the work:

The following grades are equivalent to a GCSE grade:

Distinction - grade A

Merit - grade B

Pass - grade C

# **SOLWAY PROM 2011**

**For one Night and one Night Only,  
The Oscars are coming to Solway!**



**16<sup>th</sup> June 2011 7pm – 10pm**

**Only £7 per ticket!  
(This includes entry and buffet)**

# Maths Packs

The mathematics department has created an excellent resource for all year 10 pupils. Maths Packs are designed to give pupils everything they need to revise at home, so there are no excuses! The contents are shown in the photograph below. Both foundation and higher level packs are available. If you would like one then please send £12 into school.

List of all the Objectives and Grades.

Practice Exam Papers

Workbook to keep all your hard work in one place.

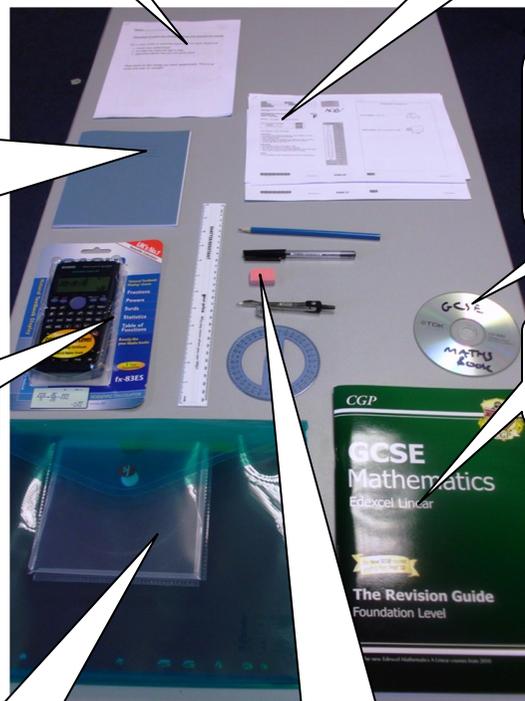
CD with example questions and help.

Scientific Calculator

Revision Guide

Plastic Pack with CD Wallet and Dividers

Ruler, Pencil, Pen, Rubber, Compasses, Protractor.



CANCER RESEARCH UK

# Race For Life 2011

Take part in the UK's largest women only fundraising event. Enter our local 5k race at :- **The Sheepmount, Carlisle on Sunday 10th July at 11am** and help beat cancer. Join the girls and enter today.

Race for Life



Fundraise in memory of a loved one  
Get motivated and fit!  
Dress up and have fun  
Be informed—know how to look after yourself

Together we will beat cancer

**Event Details**  
Carlisle on Sunday 10th July 11am  
Entry cost £14.99 per person  
Arrange transport to and from event  
See Mrs Middleham for more details

The girls from Solway Community Technology College have entered this event in support of CANCER RESEARCH UK for the past 5 years .

Every year the girls say how pleased and proud they feel after they have completed the 5K walk, jog or run. So come on girls, keep up the tradition , help others and have fun!

## Y11 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE – SUMMER 2011

Date	MORNING	AFTERNOON
<b>Half Term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Mathematics B (Modular) Module 5 (non-calculator) Paper 1 1h 15min
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> June	History B Unit 1 1h 45min	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Mathematics B (Modular) Module 5 (calculator) Paper 2 1h 15min	
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> June		History B Unit 2 1h 45min
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> June	BACs – Unit 8 1hr Resit	
	Health & Social Care – Unit 1 1h 15min	
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Modules - Resit for Yr 11s. New for Yr 10s. BL1AS, BL1BS, CH1AS, CH1BS, PH1AS, PH1BS All 30 min	

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**G** **CSE results**  
will be available  
on  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**H**alf term is from  
**30<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**S**tudy leave:  
From week beginning Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June, Year  
11s need only attend for their examinations.

**Remember : Full school uniform is vital, as is all exam equipment.**

**R**OAs will be sent home on  
**10<sup>th</sup> June** for Year 9s and on the  
**15<sup>th</sup> July** for Years 8 & 7.

**Y**ear 10 Science GCSE Exams are on line on  
the morning of Tue 28<sup>th</sup> June

Science Modules:

BL1AS, BL1BS, CH1AS, CH1BS, PH1AS, PH1BS  
All 30 min

**W**ork experience week for Year 10s is from  
**4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July.**

The preceding week will be a full week of  
preparation for the pupils, including applications,  
interviews, health and safety workshops.