



# DINNINGTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER  
2011

Issue 17

## 'STUDENTS' EXAM SUCCESS' Another Record Year!!

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report to parents that for the third year in a row the school's examination results at GCSE and 'A' level have improved.

For the third successive year I am able to say that these are the most successful results in the school's history. At GCSE the percentage of students gaining 5+ A\*-C grades increased from 63% to 78% and at 5+ A\*-C (including English and Maths) from 51% to 56%.

At 'A' level the pass rate increased from 95.6% to 99% with the percentage of students gaining the top grades, A-C, increasing from 59.6% to 66.3%. Significantly all students who received offers to go to University have achieved their goal.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the continued hard work of all those who have contributed to this success story, the school staff, governors, parents, carers and most of all the young people themselves.

Naturally, my thoughts have already (after a brief period of celebration) turned to how we can build upon this success. I am absolutely convinced that, whilst it will become more challenging, we can still improve further.

Thank you for your continued support.

*P. A. Blachwell*



Doe Quarry Lane  
Dinnington  
Sheffield  
S25 2NZ



Phone: 01909 550066

Fax: 01909 550170

Email: [info@dcsch.co.uk](mailto:info@dcsch.co.uk)

*(please check with reception for personal email addresses of staff)*

### **DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

#### **Heads of House**

Hatfield: Mr. G. Platt ext 498

Osborne: Mr. M. Lovett ext 447

Segrave: Miss G. Pickles ext 432

Athorpe: Mrs H. Butler ext 444

#### **Assistant Head of House**

Hatfield: Mrs Mangham 559535

Mrs Roberts 559558

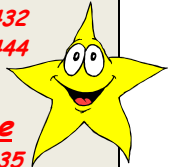
Osborne: Mrs McFarlane 559532

Mrs Kirkham 559546

Segrave: Mrs Henderson 559539

Ms Sell 559531

Athorpe: Mrs Jones 559545



## Single Learning Gateway (SLG)

### ***Want to know if your child gained achievement points today?***

The SLG is a great way to gain 'real time' access to information about your child. You can login to the SLG on any computer with internet access (anywhere in the world) and see a range of information about them, ie. attendance, achievement, behaviour and attainment.

In addition other key information is available about the school, eg. Key dates, messages and useful documents.

If you have not yet applied for your login and password details then please e-mail Mrs D. Burley [d.burley@dcsch.co.uk](mailto:d.burley@dcsch.co.uk) and request them.

## School Development Plan 2011-12

Each year the school sets core targets that will bring about further improvements to school and enable the students to become even more successful.

These core targets provide the focus for our improvement agenda for the academic year, although we will also be driving forward on other initiatives.

### Core targets 2011-2012

1. To continue to improve standards and attainment.
2. To continue to improve the standard of Learning and Teaching.
3. To establish vertical tutoring and the benefits it brings.
4. To ensure the financial efficiency of the school in order to achieve the above targets.

## Senior Leadership Team 'Parental Drop-Ins'

If you have an issue that you would like to discuss with a member of the Senior Leader Team (SLT) and have not had the opportunity to make an appointment, then why not call into reception on a Wednesday between 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm and ask to speak to the member of SLT on duty.

## AFTER SCHOOL BUS

***'Please note that the after school bus, which previously left the bus park at 4.30pm Monday to Thursday, has been discontinued due to lack of use. Should any students attending after school activities find that this will cause them difficulties in getting home, they should mention this to the member of staff organising the activity!'***



SCHOOL'S NATIONAL FISHING COMPETITION 2011

Dinnington Comprehensive School students participated in the National Schools Fishing Competition on 22nd July 2011, resulting in an overall 3rd place position. The team consisted of Luke Tongue, Joe Bird, Reece Kiernan and Thomas Kirkham, who all fished extremely well and should be proud of their achievements.

The following day the team (and their coaches, Mr & Mrs Butt, of the Angling Trust) met with Mr Blackwell and formally presented their trophy to the school.



Attendance and Punctuality?

The School's Attendance team is based in Student Welfare and are: Mr J. Murphy - telephone 552403 Mrs S. Bloor - telephone 552408 Mr D. Caunt - telephone 552418

Attendance target is 96%. ... high attendance = high attainment.

Help your child increase their chances of success..!!

★ EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ★

Table with 4 columns: Day, Lunch, After School 3.15pm - 4.30pm, After School 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Rows include Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday with various activities listed.



Key Dates 2011-2012

Inset days: Monday 5th September 2011, Friday 2nd December 2011, Monday 19th December 2011, Friday 27th January 2012 Tuesday 8th May 2012

Holidays: Half term Monday 24st October - Friday 28th October 2011 Christmas Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January 2012 Half term Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2012 Easter Monday 2nd April - Friday 13th April 2012 May Day Monday 7th May 2012 Spring Bank Monday 4th June - Friday 8th June 2012 Summer Monday 23rd July 2012



Launching

5.....4.....3.....2.....1.....

Recruiting for Rocket Club over the next 4 weeks.

If any students are interested in attending Dinnington's very successful Rocket Club we are now recruiting students from any year group who think they have what it takes to be part of one of the best rocketing teams in the UK, USA and France!

Dinnington currently holds 3rd place position in the UK and the team will be visiting tutor groups over the next few weeks to give you more details and answer any questions or come along to the first meeting in C12 (LL2) at 3.15pm on Wednesday 28th

Congratulations to .....

all the students in Year 11 and 13 on their exam success. All the best for the future!!