

# CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL



## *Newsletter*

**September 2006**

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## **Introduction**

Welcome back to the new school term. I would like to welcome the following new staff:

Mr T Elphick, Design Technology  
Miss K Gillanders, History  
Mr A Lewis, KS3 Co-ordinator in English  
Mr R Marshall, English  
Mr P Osborn, Science  
Miss H Simpson, History  
Mrs A Stringer, Food Technology  
Miss J Tudor, Head of RE  
Mr P Fullard, ICT Technician

I would also like to welcome the new students who have joined us in Year 7. They have settled into life at Cannock Chase High School really quickly. I would also like to welcome those students who have returned and joined our ever increasing Sixth Form.

## **Successes of 2005/06**

- 1 **OFSTED:** The highlight of the year was our OFSTED inspection which stated that the overall effectiveness of the school was good and outstanding in the Sixth Form. As stated in earlier letters, this is the best report of any school in the Cannock Chase District and is one of which we are justifiably proud. We shall continue our push for ever increasing standards of achievements and we shall make sure that the school continues to move forward.
- 2 **Teaching and Learning:** A significant amount of staff training took place during 2005-06 using external consultants and this has made a real difference to the quality of teaching taking place in our classrooms. We have embedded our system of target setting and review and have continued to develop work with gifted and talented students and work to improve the achievements of boys.
- 3 **Assessment Policy:** A new Assessment Policy has been introduced with corresponding Key Homeworks.
- 4 **The School Council:** The School Council has gone from strength to strength and last year raised a massive amount of money for various charities. They also conducted two whole school surveys.
- 5 **Staffing Structure:** A new staffing structure was developed and implemented along national guidelines.
- 6 **Investor in People:** The school gained further recognition as an Investor in People.
- 7 **Chase Highlights:** A new magazine "Chase Highlights" was produced and launched.
- 8 **Facilities:** There has been a rapid growth in the number of interactive white boards within the school and staff are undergoing training to be able to use them to greatest effect
- 9 **Trips & Visits:** The number of trips and visits organised from school was a record in 2005/06. Highlights were Year 8 Camp and a trip to Washington, USA.
- 10 **Community:** The community dimension of the school continues to develop with a large number of community activities involving Cannock Chase High School students.
- 11 **Refurbishment:** We have continued our refurbishment of the buildings, new boilers have been installed at lower school. Four Maths rooms and four English rooms have been refurbished and the windows in the lower school canteen and lower school reception have been replaced.

## Examination Results 2006

2006 was another extremely successful year for Cannock Chase High School students.

### GCSE Results

These were the second best in the history of the school with 51.2% of Year 11 students gaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C. The table shows the overall improvement over the last five years.

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Percentage achieving 5+ A*-C grades	43.1	44.2	47.4	58.3	51.2
Percentage achieving 5+ A*-G grades	84.0	88.5	95.1	95.0	93.9
Percentage achieving 1+ A*-G grades	90.1	94.6	97.7	99.4	99.4
Percentage achieving 1+ A*-C grades	70.3	73.2	78.4	80.7	75.6
Average points score per pupil	33.1	36.3	37.3	43.4	43.1

The results have meant that a record number of students have returned into Year 12. These results are a testament to the hard work of students and staff.

There were some excellent performances by individual students including:

	<b>Full Course</b>	<b>Short Course</b>
Monica Fan	6A*, 3A	2A*, 1A
Laura Thomas	6A*, 3A, 1B	2A, 1B
David Testill	6A*, 2A, 1B	2A, 1B
Georgia Pigott	4A*, 4A, 2B	1A*, 1A, 1B
Caroline Foster	3A*, 5A, 1C	1A*, 1A, 1B
Darryl How	3A*, 5A, 2B	2A, 1C
Jodie Griffin	2A*, 4A, 2B, 1C	1A*, 2A
Hannah Cross	3A*, 5A, 2B	2A, 1B
Sarah Smallman	1A*, 5A, 4B	2A, 1C
Sarah Foster	2A*, 4A, 3B	2A
Sarah Jones	7A, 2B	1A*, 1A, 1D
Aaron Billson	1A*, 7A, 1B	2A, 1C
Michael Smallman	8A, 2B	2A, 1B

There were some excellent departmental performances. The Citizenship results were outstanding with 75% of students gaining A\*-C grades. Short Course RE maintained its excellent performance of last year with 60% of students gaining A\*-C grades. There were some excellent results in Design & Technology, French, PE, Art and Child Development, to name but a few. The proportion of GCSE grades at A\* and A continues to be at a similar level to 2005.

We are delighted with these results. Our congratulations go to students and staff.

### 'A' Level Results

2006 saw the highest ever pass rate with 97.6% of entries gaining a pass grade. This is higher than the national average.

Again the major statistics show the improvements over the last four years:

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
A – E pass rate	94.8%	96.4%	97.0%	97.5%	97.6%
A – C pass rate	53.8%	56.5%	54.3%	57.5%	57.6%

Individual performances include:

Rob Downes	4As	1B	
Jodie Jones	3As	1B	1C
Helen Hibbert	3As	1C	1E
Manpreet Matharu	2As	1B	1C
Amy McDonald	2As	1B	1C

Jodie Jones has gained a place at Oxford University to read History.

All Year 13 students wishing to do so have gained placed at a university of their choice. We wish them every success.

### **AS Level Results**

80% of AS level entries resulted in pass grades, with over 40% of grades being at A, B or C.

Exceptional individual performances include:

Emily Lloyd	4As	1B	
Gary Westwood	4As	1B	
Steven Higgs	3As	2Bs	
Tom Truby	3As	2Cs	
Vicki Cantrill	2As	3Bs	1C
Danielle Parry	2As	2Bs	1C
Ben Farbrother	3As	1B	2Cs

The retention rate from Year 12 to Year 13 has been excellent.

### **Key Stage 3 Tests**

Mathematics is celebrating the best ever results gained at Cannock Chase High School, with 78% of students gaining level 5 and above. In Science the results obtained were the second best in the history of the school with 70.1% gaining level 5 and above.

**Finally – Congratulations to all students and staff involved in these achievements.  
You have done brilliantly!**

## **PTA Annual General Meeting**

The PTA Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 October 2006 at 7.30pm in the Sixth Form Centre at Upper Site.

The PTA is a dedicated group of people who raise significant amounts of money for the benefit of the pupils in the school.

We always have an enjoyable time and organise a number of social activities. Please come along and get involved. I look forward to seeing you on 3 October.

## **The Year Ahead**

During the course of this year we will continue with a range of initiatives designed to improve still further the achievements and development of students at Cannock Chase High School. We shall continue to embed our Assessment Policy and focus on ensuring that students know exactly where they stand in their current work and precisely what they need to do to improve. This will run along side the implementation of Key Homeworks in Key Stage 3. In addition, all students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be issued with targets so that they know the level to which they should aspire.

We shall continue with activities designed to further improve teaching and learning and we shall be embarking on peer coaching for our staff.

We shall be further developing strategies for pupils in danger of permanent exclusion along side a review of our Behaviour Policy and the further development of a Prefect system.

We shall be working collaboratively with other schools in the area on 14-19 developments, including the new Vocation Diplomas.

We shall continue to work with County Catering to bring in the Government's requirements on school meals. The change to health eating options from September this year has gone successfully and there is a wide variety of healthy foods available to our students.

We shall continue to use Science Specialist School funding to refurbish classrooms and provide enhanced ICT facilities and community opportunities for our students.

## Useful Dates for 2006-07

Prospective Parents' Evening	Tuesday 26 September 2006
School Closed for Staff Training	Friday 29 September 2006
PTA AGM	Tuesday 3 October 2006
Family Learning Week	9-13 October 2006
Year 7 Parents' Evening (Tutors)	Thursday 12 October 2006
Autumn Half Term	Break up at the end of school on Friday 20 October School recommences on Tuesday 31 October 2006
Year 10 Parents in Partnership	Tuesday 7 November 2006
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 15 November 2006
6 <sup>th</sup> Form Information Evening	Thursday 23 November 2006
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 29 November 2006
Year 9 Careers Day	Friday 1 December 2006
Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 5 December 2006
Year 11 Mock Exams	Thursday 7 – Tuesday 19 December 2006 (inclusive)
Christmas Show	Friday 15 December 2006
Christmas Holidays	Break up at the end of school on Wednesday 20 December School recommences on Thursday 4 January 2007
Exams	Wednesday 3 – Wednesday 31 January 2007
Year 11 Stepping Up Evening	Thursday 18 January 2007
Year 9 Parents' Evening (BU, HK, LH, NS, RH, SM)	Thursday 25 January 2007
Year 9 Parents' Evening (JA, MI, RS, SB, WS, KB)	Wednesday 31 January 2007
Year 9 Mock SATs	Monday 5 – Friday 9 February 2007
Spring Half Term	Break up at the end of school on Friday 9 February School recommences on Monday 19 February 2007
Key Stage 4 Options Evening	Wednesday 21 February 2007
Year 11 Study Day	Friday 23 February 2007
Year 12&13 Fees & Loans Evening	Monday 5 March 2007
Year 8 Parents' Evening (BH, CS, DM, DR, JT, SL)	Wednesday 21 March 2007
Year 10 Enterprise Day	Friday 23 March 2007
Year 8 Parents' Evening (AH, LA, LR, NA, PB, SA)	Thursday 29 March 2007
Easter Holidays	Break up at the end of school on Friday 30 March School recommences on Monday 16 April 2007
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 7 May 2007
KS3 SATs	Tuesday 8 – Friday 11 May 2007
Summer Exams	Monday 14 May – Friday 29 June 2007
Summer Half Term	Break up at the end of school on Friday 25 May School recommences on Monday 4 June 2007
Sports Days	Week Commencing Monday 25 June 2007
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 28 June 2007
New Intake Evening	Monday 2 July 2007
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 2 – Friday 13 July 2007
New Intake Day	Wednesday 4 July 2007
PE Awards Evening	Thursday 5 July 2007
Awards Evening	Wednesday 18 July 2007
Summer Holidays	Break up at the end of school on Friday 20 July School recommences on Tuesday 4 September 2007