

## MORTIMER COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

### **MORTIMER STUDENTS WOW THE SPECIALIST SCHOOLS and ACADEMIES TRUST (SSAT) NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

We were really proud, as the only school in South Tyneside, to receive an invitation from the SSAT to present some of the really exciting creativity work we are doing in school. Students, Rachel Clark and Courtney Peel, accompanied by Ms Mullane and Mr Heath absolutely stole the show and were a credit to themselves, their parents, the school and indeed the whole Borough of South Tyneside. Well done!

### **Attendance remains at an all-time high!**

12.12.11

Attendance reaches a record high for the term of **95.3%**

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

Staff and students are once again supporting the 'Shoe Box' appeal in aid of Eastern European needy children. 60 boxes were collected which will really light up a child's Christmas Day.

### **A- Mazing Maths**

Ms Ward-Graham and Mr Hayward have been helping Stanhope and Westoe Crown Primary School top maths pupils with their level 6 work! Wow!

### **Film Director Focuses on Talent in Mortimer**

Film director James De Marco came into school to give year 10 students vital tips on how to succeed in the Creative and Media industry. Later he went on Facebook singing the praises of the students, saying how bright they were judging by the quality of their questions to him!

### **The Kids Care at Mortimer**

Young Carers held three monthly drop-in sessions during the half-term, supporting Young Carers in school and at home. Well done!

### **Poetry in Motion**

Craig Bradley, poet, author and comedian delivered two hugely entertaining and informative workshops, one in November and one in December, to yr7 & 8 students about appreciating language.

### **'Geordie Gadgie' Draws Big Crowd to Stadium of Light**

Alex Millar, artist and affectionately known as the 'Gadgie Man' drew a big crowd to the Stadium of Light for the school's annual Awards Evening. A fantastic night was had by all as he entertained us and inspired students to aspire to achieve their dreams.

### **'She's Behind You!'**

Drama teacher Ms Dawson is certainly not at the back of the queue when it comes to talent. She's currently starring as the 'Slave of The Ring' in Aladdin, at South Shields Customs House.

### **Parents Sing Our Praises**

In recent surveys parents said:

- Their children feel safe at Mortimer.
  - Their children enjoy being in school.
  - This is a good school and they are proud their children come here.
- That's really nice to hear. Thank you!

## **Sporting Success**

### **Trampoline:**

- Ex-student, Daniel Fawcett, represented Great Britain in the World Age Games in Birmingham.
- G Smith, S Harkins, A Ninkranz, G Collinson & D Kenny, with the S/Tyneside team, came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Regional British Schools Trampoline finals.

### **Rugby:**

- Ex-student, Katy Mclean, captained the England women's rugby team to a 10-0 victory over the world champions, New Zealand.
- Yr 9 boys have qualified for the under 14 Tyne and Wear Rugby League finals.

### **Basketball:**

- Mortimer's under 14 boys basketball team are currently joint top of the South Tyneside league.

### **Badminton:**

- The yr 9 girls badminton team beat Whitburn and Boldon to reach the finals of the South Tyneside tournament.

## **Dates for your diary:**

### **Examinations: A full list of January exams is now on our website!**

**English:** yrs10 & 11 'The Writer's Craft' and 'The Writer's Voice.' Foundation & Higher Tiers.

### **History Examination: Paper 1 (17.1.12)**

yr 9,10 and 11 students have been given a revision guide in preparation for the first of two history exams on 17.1.12. Two hours revision required per week between now and then. Little and often!

### **Geography:**

Unit 3 controlled assessment starts in January 2012. Keep-up sessions are held every Monday and Thursday after school. If your child studies geography they should be attending these important sessions.

### **Science Examinations:**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan: (am) Science Core Unit 1\* (Double Award) and Biology Unit 1 (Triple Award)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan: (am) Science Core Unit 2\* (Double Award)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan: (pm) Science Additional Unit 4 (Double Award)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: (am) Biology 2 (Triple Award)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb: (pm) Science Core Unit 3\* (Double Award)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb: (am) Physics 2 (Triple Award)

## **MORTIMER has the X FACTOR!**

A huge well done to former student Perrie Edwards, who won the X Factor final, as part of girl band 'Little Mix.' It just goes to show that when talent is given the opportunity to develop at Mortimer, students can achieve their dreams! We're all really proud of Perrie and we wish her good luck for the future.