



## Message from the Principal



I am delighted to tell you that New Rickstones Academy has won the 2009 Good Schools Guide Award Girls taking Drama at BTEC at an English School. The aim of the award is to highlight excellent teaching and to recognise post-16 performance results. I have congratulated all the teachers involved and will shortly be writing individually to all the successful students. Well Done!



A good time, therefore, to announce our great Summer of Arts programme at New Rickstones Academy which involves a Sixth Form / Year 11 Tom Stoppard play, a classical event in our own amphitheatre led by Year 7 and a special end of year Novelty "Strictly Come NRA Dancing".



### "The Real Inspector Hound"

Tom Stoppard's famous murder / mystery / thriller - at least! Directed by Neil Arbon and performed on Monday and Tuesday 6 and 7 July at 7.30 p.m. Ticket details to follow.

**Year 7 Classical Greek Theatre** - Tuesday 14 July -  
Performance by Year 7 to Year 7 in the Amphitheatre.  
Periods 1 and 2. (Weather permitting).



### "Strictly NRA Come Dancing"

Strictly under wraps at the moment, but an end of term extravaganza for all students featuring mystery staff dancers.

We are all looking forward to all these Arts Specialist events.

Best wishes

J. Gillard

# Shine Arts Festival



As promised, here is our exciting line up of Arts performances which contribute to a National Arts Festival at the end of July called "Shine". It is our chance to celebrate our students' talents and to share them with members of the community and to globally celebrate our excellence in the Arts. All events are going to be recorded by our brilliant Media Department and a montage of footage will be available for all to view through Radio Waves at the end of term. It would be lovely to see as many students, family and friends as possible at these wonderful events.

Mrs Davis

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| Saturday 27 June  | - | Arts students including musicians and Fusion Gifted and Talented Dance group perform at the Medieval Fayre, Chipping Hill.                   |
|                   | - | Evolve Gifted and Talented Dance Performance Group perform at High Voltage Dance Platform, Ipswich (representing dance excellence in Essex). |
| Thursday 2 July   | - | Community Arts Programme. Tickets £2 on the door. Doors open at 6.30 for a 7.00 p.m. performance.  |
| Saturday 4 July   | - | Evolve perform at London Youth Dance Day at the Scoop Theatre, City Hall, Tower Bridge, London.  |
| Monday 6 July     | - | The Real Inspector Hound (Sixth Form play) directed by Mr Arbon, Dance Studio at 7.30 p.m.   |
| Tuesday 7 July    | - | Richard Coombes Puppeteer Workshop with Performing Arts Students - period 4.   |
|                   | - | The Real Inspector Hound - Dance Studio 7.30 p.m.  |
| Wednesday 8 July  | - | Cast and crew of WWRV Theatre Trip to see "Wicked"   |
| Thursday 9 July   | - | African Arts One World Vision Day  |
| Friday 10 July    | - | Media Arts Exhibition in Sixth Form Block (showcase of media, film and animation).   |
| Monday 13 July    | - | Music Concert - Hall   |
| Tuesday 14 July   | - | Year 7 perform Greek Theatre to peers - period 1 and 2.  |
| Wednesday 15 July | - | 6th Form Summer Variety Show - 7.30 p.m. - Hall  |
| Thursday 16 July  | - | Music Concert - Hall   |



## Theatre Trip

To celebrate the success of WWRV and the hard work of our talented students, Mr Gillard has kindly supported a theatre trip to London for us all. The show we are going to see is "Wicked" on Wednesday 8 July. We are leaving at 3.15 p.m. for an evening performance. Everyone should have received a letter in their register and tickets are reserved for you on a first come first served basis so get your replies in as soon as possible.

Mrs Davis

# Academy Community Friendship Group

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to those parents who joined us at our last meeting on Thursday 21 May. Following on from our barbeque, we had lots to discuss. The next meeting is due to take place on Thursday 11 June at 5.30 p.m. in the Library of the Academy, please feel free to join us at this meeting.

If you have any queries regarding the Academy Community Friendship Group and are interested in joining us please come along or contact the Academy for more information.

Many thanks

Steve Harwood (Governor)

## Come and join in today!!

**African Cultural Celebration at NRA - Thursday 9 July from 3.00 until 4.30 p.m.  
On the Playground Area by Student Reception**

**One World Vision for our Academy and the Local Community**



African Food. Music and Dance

Following on from student activities during the day.

Parents and Carers welcome to come and see our students' achievements.



Mr Pulman

The following pupils have been selected to represent the District in the Essex Schools Athletics Championships:

Connor Mennell (Triple Jump)

Louise Deer (Triple Jump)

Melanie Deer (100m)

Daisy Solomon (800m)

Well Done to you all!

Miss Pasquale

**SPORTS DAY**

A reminder that Sports Day is on Thursday 11 June.

Please ensure you return the slips on the bottom of the letter as without this you will not be permitted onto the field to watch the events.

Thank you.

Miss Pasquale

**A reminder that Thursday 25 June is Academic Mentoring Day and Friday 26 June is a non-pupil day.**

## New Rickstones Academy - Reward System

At NRA we feel it is vitally important that students are rewarded for exceptional behaviour, effort and homework and classwork. Students throughout the year are encouraged to collect credits which can then be exchanged for a reward of their choice. This is done via a shopping system where students order and purchase their rewards on a Tuesday lunchtime. The sorts of rewards they can achieve are as follows:

- Cinema vouchers
- Clothes vouchers
- Music vouchers
- Calculators
- Book vouchers
- Earphones
- Memory sticks
- Lunch vouchers

Students will soon complete a questionnaire regarding the rewards system as it is important that they feed back on the effectiveness of rewards and how we can improve it further.



NRA has won the 2009 Good Schools Guide A Level Award for Girls taking Speech and Drama at BTEC National Certificate for an English School.

These awards are made on the basis of the data underlying our post-16 performance table results for the three years 2006, 2007 and 2008 combined, and in particular on the basis of the popularity of each subject relative to similar schools, and of the success that pupils achieve relative to the other examinations that they take. The aim is to highlight excellent teaching in individual subjects.

Well done to all!

## Aim Higher

45 students who have either the ambition to attend University or just want to know exactly what Higher Education means, visited the University of Essex at the end of May. They were given a tour of the facilities and had the opportunity to hear about the vast range of courses that are now available at universities; not just Essex but all over the country. Following discussions and development activities the final task was to produce their own university prospectus with the aim to encourage others to want to continue their education beyond 18.



All the literature produced was of a very high standard but two winner pairs were finally chosen. Each of the winners showed a little more imagination in developing their own courses and had taken on board the essence of encouragement of others. The winners were Luke Gilvray / Steven Catlin and Lauren Ball / Jaydee Dixon.

The next Aim Higher event will be a visit to Ipswich Town Football Club to look at the types of careers that are associated with the football industry, other than those we see on the pitch.

Mr Cross