



# The Neale-Wade Community College

*A Mathematics & Computing Specialist College*

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the first half of this term, I would like to update you on some important information, events and achievements.

## Important Dates – a reminder

Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 12/13 Parents Evening	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Parent Teacher Partnership Meeting	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
End of the Spring Term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April

## Investors in People

I am very pleased to announce that in January 2009 the College was re-designated as an Investor in People.

## Inclusion Quality Mark

The Inclusion Quality Mark is a prestigious award that schools can achieve by demonstrating how they try to include everyone who works in and attends school. An external assessor spent three days talking to students, staff and parents and also observing lessons and reading written evidence.

I am delighted to say that Neale-Wade has been recommended to receive the award, which is mainly due to the huge contribution made by students, parents and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved. The award should be presented to us later in the year.

## Sporting achievements

Year 7 Rugby:	District Champions
Year 8 Rugby:	Second in the District
Year 9 Rugby	District Champions
Year 10 Rugby	Fourth in the District
Year 7 Footballers	Played County and National Cup Games. In the County Cup Quarter Finals
Year 8 Footballers	Played in the National and County Cup
Year 9 Footballers	Played In National Cup and are County Cup Quarter Finalists
Year 11 Footballers	County Cup Runners Up
Year 7 Girls Football	District League Winners, District 5 a side Winners at the David Beckham Academy
Girls U13/14 Footballers	District and County Champions
Girls U16 Footballers	District and County Champions, playing in the National Cup

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### **Fast Track to Prosecution**

I would also like to remind all parents of students in Years 8 to 11, and inform parents of students in Year 7, that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 Neale-Wade has been involved in the "Fast-Track to Prosecution" scheme. It is intended to apply only to the small minority of parents who persistently fail to ensure that their children attend school regularly.

Cambridgeshire County Council, together with other local education authorities, has been advised to operate this scheme in its schools as part of a national drive to reduce truancy and improve levels of school attendance. According to the Fast-Track scheme, parents whose children fail to attend school regularly and who are unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for their child's absences, are given 12 weeks in which to improve their child's attendance. Should they fail to do this the County Council may, through the Education Welfare Officer, without further delay, prosecute them in the local magistrates court where if convicted they could be fined up to £2,500 and/or, in extreme cases, sentenced to up to 3 months in prison.

### **Medical Issues**

Following a reminder in my previous letter as to our procedures for sending students home if they are unwell, I would like your support in ensuring that your children do not bypass this system. Please tell your children that if they are unwell they should go to the medical room for help and not contact you directly by mobile phone. We are in loco parentis and need to be sure that we keep your children safe.

### **Disability Equality**

We are trying to update our records to provide the best possible support for all members of our families. If you have any specific requirements due to a disability, please let me know so that we can plan in advance how we can best meet your needs.

### **The Big Event**

The Big Event takes place at College on the morning of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009. It will be an exciting event where students from College and pupils from Year 6 in our Partner Primary Schools can find out more about further and higher education and career opportunities both locally and nationally. The Fenland Partnership and the County Council's Office of Children and Young People's Services are staging the event and over 30 employers, professional bodies and educational institutions will be attending.

Finally I wish you all a happy half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Hitch', written over a horizontal line.

Mr T Hitch  
Principal