

# PEPA Newsletter



October 2017

## GCSE Music Solo Performance Recital

This term saw the first Solo Performance Recital Evening. On 18 October twenty GCSE music students performed a wide range of pieces on a variety of instruments in front of an audience of students, parents and staff. We heard rock drumming, jazz piano playing, pop music singing, as well as more traditional classical pieces. Their performances were a culmination of a six-week rehearsal programme which built on their previous musical ability. Every student demonstrated the hard work and effort needed to be successful when performing music. Some students overcame their anxieties and nerves around performing in front of an audience and, as a result, are much more confident which will definitely improve their controlled assessment grades. They should feel a huge amount of pride with their achievements so far.

## Cross Country Success!

On 18 October our students took part in the annual Amber Valley Cross Country Competition at Alfreton Park (bottom right). The competition consisted of HGSC students from Years 7-10 competing against schools from the local area. Our students really showed their quality with some fantastic individual achievements, most notably Megan Emerton who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in her age group, along with Oliver Hallam who finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 7 boys' race. Well done to all our students who took part.



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## BBC Young Musician of the Year

Fingers crossed for Abbie Neave in Year 12 who is awaiting the result of her audition for BBC Young Musician of the Year. There will be huge competition for Abbie from the best young musicians in the country, but it is highly inspiring for all our music students that someone in our school is able to participate in such an event.

## Year 9 Girls Netball Winners!

HGSC Year 9 girls (below) won the Amber Valley Netball tournament. The girls beat a number of strong opposition including a 5-3 win over Ecclesbourne School. Well done girls!



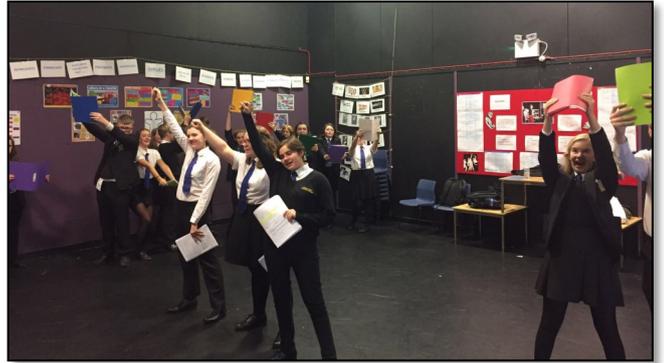
## Rehearsals for 'Back to the 80's' going excellently

Rehearsals for 'Back to the 80's', the next school show, are going excellently (below). All the cast have put in many hours of rehearsals so far and Act 1 is now complete. The show is not until February, but a performance of this scale takes a lot of preparation and everyone is 100% committed to learning lines, dance routines and lyrics. Costumes and props are being ordered shortly – watch this space for mullets and dayglo eyeshadow, with some appearances from your favourite teachers.

## Boys' Football News



This year saw the Year 9 and 10 boys' football teams entered for the FA Schools' Cup. The staff and students at HGSC were optimistic about the teams doing well and progressing through the competition. The Year 10s were handed a tough draw in the first round as they travelled to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar school. Having made a positive start to the game they were soundly beaten 5-0 by a very good footballing side. The Year 9s favored slightly better playing host to Toothill School. This game was much closer but goals from Joe Herring and Millen O'Donnell were not enough as the boys were beaten 4-2.



## HGSC staff show the way in charity football match

Friday 20 October saw staff at HGSC play against a team of Heanor Town Legends at the town ground (above). The event was set up as a fundraiser to support the Tanzania 2018 trip, which aims to raise money for a young girls' orphanage and it proved to be a huge success. The game really caught the eye of the local community, attracting a huge crowd. HGSC staff ran out winners 3-1 with Principal, Mr Huntington, amongst the goal scorers.



## Christmas Concert



Our next public event will be our Christmas Concert, which is scheduled for Monday 18 December. Tickets and more information will be available closer to the event. We hope to see you there!



Extra - Curricular Activities	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Table Tennis	Football	Rugby (Y7,8,9)	Basketball
	Netball		Handball	Badminton