



REEPHAM HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

*A Specialist Science, Applied Learning and Mathematics & Computing Centre*



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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to wish you and your family a healthy, happy and successful New Year also to bring you up to date with events at school/ college.

### **Closure due to bad weather on last day of Christmas term**

I know the students enjoy greatly the last day of the Christmas term and as a staff we had some special activities we wanted to share with them so you will understand that I was extremely reluctant to close the school/ college. I left home for school before seven o'clock in the morning in order to check the journey was safe only to find that the A47 was like a sheet of ice and it was hard to drive in a straight line. Thinking of what it would be like on the lanes, I returned home in order to post the closure notice on the Local Authority's website, which automatically triggers closure announcements on the radio. However, the website was down so I telephoned the Authority who kindly said that they would place the notice. Unfortunately they were not able to do so for quite a time, hence the very late announcement. I am certain that for safety reasons the decision to close was right. It was the lateness of the announcement which was the problem and for the inconvenience this must have caused to many people I can only apologise.

### **Reepham High School and College Review**

Issue 44 of the RHSC Review went to the printers before term ended so we should be able to distribute it shortly. I am confident that you will enjoy what is an action packed issue, full of pictures of and articles about the vast array of activity that our young people were engaged in between September and December. The Review certainly evidences an extremely busy and full term which saw Reepham operating as an 11-19 institution for the first time. I hope that it also shows what a successful term it was with the High School and College learning to work together for their mutual benefit.

### **Easter term 2010**

We return to what is a relatively short term, 12 weeks. As always, it will be an intensive term so let us hope there are no further weather problems!

One of the tasks we will be embarking on this term is the recruitment of additional staff for September 2010 when we anticipate admitting a further 130 students into the sixth form. The recruitment process has been extremely positive. It would appear that we will be oversubscribed with large numbers from beyond the High School wishing to join us. Therefore, I would urge any member of our Year 11 who wants to join Reepham College to submit their application immediately.

On the staffing front there is one major change. Mrs Crawley has resigned her post as a teacher of geography in order to focus on a career change. Mrs Crawley taught in Reepham for fourteen years and she will be missed though it is hoped that she will keep a link with us through the sixth form. She will be replaced this year by Mrs Lisa Roast, a geography graduate who has previously taught in Sewell Park, Norwich.

As a consequence of Mrs Roast's appointment and some internal adjustments there are one or two changes relating to form tutors. Mr Gibbs will be writing to parents/ carers of children affected.

Finally and as ever I wish to thank you for the support which you offer. It is an absolutely vital ingredient to the school's success.

With best wishes for 2010,

Yours sincerely,

Chris Hassell  
Principal