



# Westcliff High School for Girls

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## Galloping to Success

Congratulations to Bethany-Rose Horobin, 7M, who took part in the National School Equestrian Association Dressage Finals and won the Elementary Test. Katie Hazle, 7P, Sophie Hazle, 9D, and Frankie-Lee Kew, 7P, also took part in the competition and came 7<sup>th</sup> as the WHSG team.

### Poetry Competition Winner

Year 7 pupil Kiera Jenkinson has won first place in the Tales of the Road Poetry Competition, run by the Department of Transport.

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### Public Speaking Victory

Months of preparation and practice has paid off for a team of WHSG girls, after they won the first heat of the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition earlier this month.

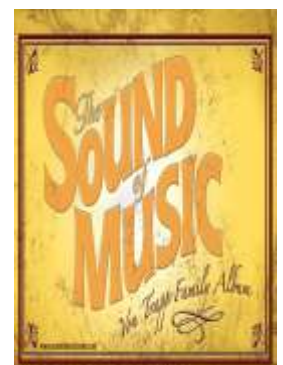
The team, comprising Basma Osman, Gemma Wood and Hannah Taylor, will go forward to the East Region Finals in March. The girls competed against teams from Westcliff High School for Boys, Sweyne Park, Greensward Academy, Southend High School for Girls and Futures Community College.

A second team, comprising Lyndsey Nicoll, Amy Hopkins and Cissy Chhoi, also took part in the competition. "Not only have we had the chance of improving our speaking and listening skills, but we have made new friends in the support sessions with other schools," said Cissy. "I am usually quite a quiet person but my confidence has grown so much from this," said Lyndsey. The girls were keen to thank Miss Webster who helped to coach the teams.

## The Sound of Music

A production of "The Sound of Music" is to take place at Westcliff High School for Girls at the end of March.

Girls from years 7 to 13 are performing in the musical which will be held in the school hall on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the school office at a cost of £8 (£4 for concessions).



## Engineering Students visit Anglia Ruskin University event

A group of 17 WHSG pupils visited the Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford earlier this month to view the latest engineering innovations. The students, comprising

some Year 10 engineering pupils and the school's own Young Engineers Club, visited the university on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The event, which was organised by

Chelmsford Engineering Society, enabled the girls to meet and talk to engineers and users of the latest engineering developments. The day's events focused on how

engineering developments are enabling injured servicemen and women to take part in sporting activities, such as skiing competitions.

## News in Brief

### Dodge ball game raises £1,300 for BHF

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 have raised £1,300 for the British Heart Foundation by playing a sponsored, continuous dodge ball game. Well done girls!

### New Parent Governor

Congratulations to Mrs Elizabeth O'Brart who has been elected parent governor in the recent elections.

### Thanks to PTA

The school would like to thank the PTA for their generous donation of 180 new exam desks. A great deal of hard work was involved by the PTA in raising the funds to pay for them.

### English Competition

Pupils are invited to enter a house story writing competition. The task is to write a Valentine mini saga in no more than 50 words. The deadline is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Happy writing!

## Holocaust Memorial Day Commemorated



Holocaust Memorial Day was commemorated at Westcliff this month when the girls watched a short film documenting the personal experiences of several Holocaust victims. Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated on 27<sup>th</sup> January each year and marks the day Soviet soldiers liberated Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945. Auschwitz-Birkenau was the largest Nazi concentration camp, where approximately 1.1 million men, women and children died. Each year, the Holocaust

Memorial Day Trust, a charity, urges people to remember the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and those affected by subsequent genocides. The aim of showing the film was to remind pupils about past events with a view to ensuring that they are neither forgotten nor repeated. More information about the Holocaust Memorial Day can be found on the HMDTrust website - [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk)

## New Building Nears Completion

WHSG has taken possession of the new building from the builders and it will be ready for use after the forthcoming half term.



Further information on dates and events, PTA news, buildings updates and Headteacher reports can be found online at [www.whsg.info](http://www.whsg.info)

## Arkwright Scholarship Applicants

Four Year 11 pupils have applied for the prestigious engineering award, the Arkrwright Scholarship, which is run by the Arkrwright Trust. The aim of the scholarships is to encourage high ability students to take up careers in engineering. They are funded by partners in industry and charitable trusts. Successful applicants receive a £500 scholarship over two years and are matched to a local sponsor. Other benefits include: the opportunity of networking with other scholars through the Arkrwright Alumni website; the offer, by their sponsor, of work experience and even the possibility of sponsorship through university. The four applicants are: Jessica Higgs, Emilia Hollington, Emily Whatton and Alexandra Fogg.