



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL Specialist School Newsletter

DAVID KIDNEY MP CONGRATULATES WALTON ON LINKS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

David Kidney MP visited Walton High School's PE Department on Tuesday 30th September 2008 to acknowledge and celebrate the variety of good school clubs/links established within the community.



The PE Department is supported and encouraged by the Stafford and Stone School Sport Partnership. He met with Gina Wallis, Partnership Development Manager; Mary Robertson, Walton's School Sport Coordinator and Helen Spiers, Walton's Young Ambassador. He also met Neil Finlay, Headteacher and Greg Valentine, Head of Physical Education.



He toured the Gym to observe Walton Chasers Orienteering Club assist Oakridge Primary and Berkswich Primary with map reading skills. He visited the swimming pool to meet Stafford and Stone Canoe Club who have been working with students since June and will coach students throughout the year. Finally, he met more Walton Chasers working with Oakridge and Walton students on the school field who took part in orienteering competitions.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL
STAFF AND STUDENTS AT WALTON**



PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7S' EXPERIMENT IN THE SCIENCE LABORATORIES

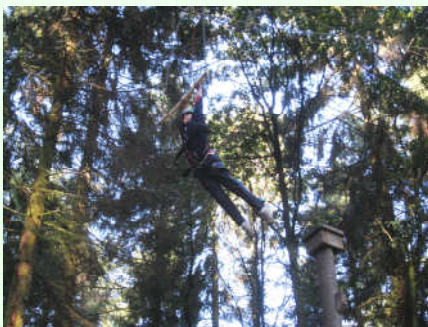
Thursday 16th October 2008 saw our prospective Y7 parents and students visiting the school for an Open Evening. The Headteacher and the Deputy Headteacher addressed students and parents in the Hall providing them with information on the school. This was followed by a tour of the building to see the work carried out by different departments and a chance to talk to staff and observe current students at work across the curriculum areas.



ADVENTURE BREAK FOR YEAR 7

Prior to half term the majority of Y7 students undertook a three day trip to Boreatton Park in Shropshire.

They took part in a variety of outdoor activities including canoeing, the trapeze and climbing.



There are 240 acres at Boreatton Park for students to explore, including a river, two lakes and a 20ft sandstone cliff for abseiling. There are also five zip wires, abseil towers, a high ropes' course, Jacob's ladders, two quad bike tracks, six giant swings and an indoor swimming pool.

The Soton Challenge



Southampton University and Bletchley Park National coding centre have again set a coding challenge for schools across the country. Walton High school has entered five teams from Y7 to Y12. Pictured here are members of a Y7 team calling themselves "The Spiders" cracking the code set in week three of the challenge. At the end of week two they were joint first with other competing teams.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 4th March 2009 will see Walton High School hosting it's annual Community Event to coincide with the National Science and Engineering Week. One of the events will be a mobile 6 metre **STARDOME** planetarium. Booking on arrival at the event is advisable as spaces are limited.

