

Within Nower Hill, Arts College has been working in a variety of faculties.

**Some of the highlights are:**

- The mural in the Maths corridor, depicting famous mathematicians is now complete
- The Science faculty ran special 'active' sessions to help pupils raise their standards for their SATS, and are currently being aided in running an 'Arts in Science' competition
- The very popular 'Poetry' club run within English has been jointly sponsored with Arts College funding
- History, and Government & Politics have benefited from investment in resources, and a new scheme of learning based on the Victorian Music Hall is currently being worked on
- The Classics & Latin department have been assisted in developing a new scheme of work based on the Myths of Greek and Rome. This will involve the whole of Year 8, in forms, producing twelve mini performances for an afternoon of Classics at the end of the Summer Term
- Work with PSHE/Citizenship is ongoing to create schemes of learning and resources
- Additional displays have been prepared and placed in many Faculty areas.



Arts College also ran the Pinner Arts Festival where four nights of performance and presentation took place. This resulted in a small amount of money from the event that was then donated to a children's charity as part of our community commitment. It is hoped to run this event again next year.



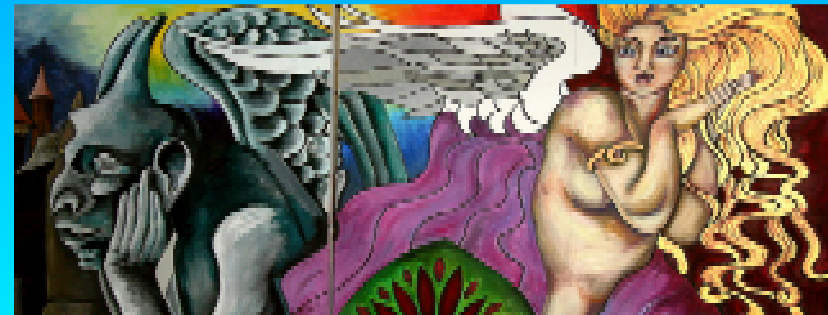
Unfortunately, because of problems with a venue for the Middle School Arts Day, this event did not take place, but local schools have been invited to perform at our Extravaganza at the end of the summer term.

As a specialist school we have to re-apply for status every four years. This involved an extensive audit of what Arts College had achieved in relation to the original aims and targets. I worked on this with Jon Butterworth. It also meant planning the next four years.

A major part of the year has been taken up with re-applications!

The school was judged as having 'substantially met' its previous targets and has been re-designated as a Specialist Arts College.

Nower Hill had to re-apply for the Artsmark award. This happens every three years.



With this new funding it was decided that we would concentrate on projects within our main feeder middle schools and also with Harrow High School.

The award is made by the Arts Council of England for excellence in Arts provision in schools. I worked with Matt Warren on the application.

There will also be twilight classes run for our wider community in many aspects of the Arts.

An audit was made of existing Arts provision and plans made for the future.

**There are three levels of award and we have been fortunate to achieve the highest level of Artsmark Gold.**

Details of classes will appear in our Nower Hill News.





As well as supporting other faculties within Nower Hill a major financial commitment has been made to upgrade the lighting and sound systems within the Main Hall. This is still in the planning stage but hopefully will be completed by July 2008.

Financial input has also been made into the Arts faculty to cope with the growing demand for technologically based equipment. This includes camera and editing equipment for Media Studies and a proposed additional re-build in Music to support the demands of A2 (to compliment the investment from last year in the recording studio).

Outside of school Arts College provided the window display for the bookshop for the Pinner Pantomime based on the theme of Peter Pan. This display will probably go to the new children's unit at Northwick Park Hospital.

In addition more Arts staff have been employed to cope with the extra work involved at other schools. This will help to ensure that delivery of the curriculum to our own pupils will not be disrupted.

If you would like any additional information, please contact **Maureen Chappell, Arts College Coordinator**, at Nower Hill High School.



**Bugsy Malone**  
School Production  
28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
February, & 1<sup>st</sup>  
March  
**2008**

This year has seen the usual workshops and visits to performances and exhibitions. Pupils from all years have participated where possible and many events have taken place outside of school hours to minimise the effect on the rest of the curriculum.

Pupils have also performed at professional venues, both home and abroad, and worked with professional practitioners as well as participating in a programme of performances at Middle Schools – this particularly so for Drama and Music.

Nower Hill runs a huge number of Arts based clubs and events each year:- The school production, the **Summer Arts Extravaganza**, many concerts, dance performances, media events and art exhibitions.

Arts College combined with The Extended Schools Programme are to run a series of workshops at Pinner Wood Middle School to create a DVD to help pupils come to terms with the transition to high school.

The pupils themselves have spread the ideas gained through this experience to other middle schools.



# Summer Arts Extravaganza

**EVERY SUMMER**

