

Young View “A Drug Free High”

Global Rock Challenge

For the past three years Burford School have entered a team for the Global Rock Challenge competition; this consists of choreographing and performing an eight minute dance/drama routine promoting the Rock Challenge’s theme; “A drug free high”. We held auditions in January and due to the overwhelming response, 40 girls and boys aged 13-18 were chosen.



Laura Pye, Theo Gouldie, Caroline Cox, Alicia Corley, and Ellysia Ridley

The Pressure of Alcohol

This year our dance/drama piece was entitled: “Pressure on the Rocks”. It showed how five girls battle to fight the pressures of alcohol. We believe this to be a very important issue; binge drinking amongst young people is currently a great concern. Two year 13 students, Laura Pye, Caroline Cox and me arranged the choreography and drama content of our piece, with Mrs Parsons helping with organisation and transport. Ellysia Ridley painted the scenery and will use it as part of her “A” level course-work.

First Prize!

On March 2nd all 40 dancers, 10 stage crew and 5 helpers left by coach for Southampton where the competition was being held. After a day of rehearsals, we

were picked to be third on stage. Despite big nerves all round, everyone performed well, and much to our delight we came first!

We also got four other

awards; “best drama skills”, “best context interpretation”, “best drug awareness” and finally “best spirit of Rock Challenge”, which was voted for by all the participating schools.

We were all extremely pleased and some of us got quite emotional.

We are now looking forward to the Southern Grand Final which takes place in Bournemouth on May 11th.

We all hope that we may be just as successful there although the competition will be a lot harder.

Alicia Corley

Richard Adams, picture framer of West End, Witney, and a regular advertiser in The Wychwood has recently retired. We wish him good luck for the future.