

Burford School News

Over 40 Y12 and Y13 Burford School students took to the catwalk on the evening of Thursday 28th November to model clothes for SCCWID. (Sophie's



Campaign for the Children's Ward for Interesting Things to Do). A charity set up in 1997, by Sophie Watson, aged 14 (a Burford School student), who was being treated for cancer in the John Radcliffe Hospital.

A Spectacular Success

The SCCWID catwalk show was a sell-out and raised a spectacular £3,900 on the night, and with more orders for clothes flooding in, the total raised is £4,506.45 (see photograph). All the funds raised will go towards raising the 'Quality of Life' in the teenage unit at the JR Hospital.

Liz Denny, Head of Burford School Sixth Form said, "All the credit must go to the students, as they did all the organising, selling, modelling and collecting money for SCCWID, with little help from staff. We all enjoyed coming to see the students be models for a night and some of them looked as if they enjoyed it so much they will continue modelling after they leave school!"

The whole evening was organised by the students and credit must go to all the models, those working hard backstage and to Emily Buck, Rhian Stephens,

Abbi Tipping, Emily Downes and Sophie Parry-Billings for organising and putting on such a spectacular show. Reading Week will take place during **2nd to 6th March 2009**. Events will include a Poetry

Slam, a Mystery Book Lucky Dip, a writing competition; Readathon (Sponsored Read), announcement of the Oxfordshire Book Award shortlist for 2009, a visit from bestselling author Marcus Sedgwick and a trip to Oxford for some lucky students to meet American author Rick Riordan, (writer of the Percy Jackson novels).

Bright Sparks

The Science and Technology club members had a competition to name their club and Scott Evans was the winner with 'Burford Bright Sparks'. The club meets every Thursday after school. Over the next few weeks, our Bright Sparks will be finding out about fractals in nature.

We Will Rock You

The audition process for the musical *We Will Rock You* has finally been completed with over 120 students auditioning for a part in the show. If you would like to see the show then tickets will be available from the school office in January.

Show dates are: **Tuesday 31st March - Saturday 4th April 2009** with a matinée performance on the Saturday afternoon.
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