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**FINANCIAL YEAR END: GIVE THANKS** that our income has exceeded expenditure for the year just past, enabling us to reduce the deficit by almost £10,000!

## COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

**An opportunity to discover the college and the courses available for yourself.**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 6:30pm – 9:30pm**

**Come and go as you please**

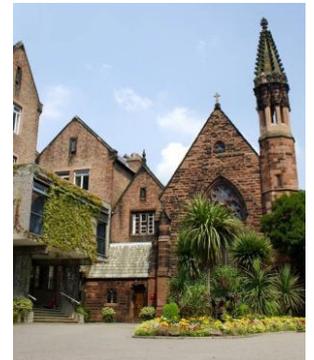
**See the premises – meet staff & students  
PowerPoint presentations; Course Information  
Tea/Coffee and an opportunity to chat  
Prospective students, friends, supporters,  
**ALL Welcome****



**NEW UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP:** you will have been praying with us regarding a new partner university after the University of Wales, Lampeter indicated that it would be closing down its programme in July 2010. Following a detailed process to identify a new partner, the College Management Committee has given its approval that we enter into a partnership with the University of Chester, Department of Theology and Religious Studies (TRS). The University of Chester was founded in 1839 as a teacher training College. It now has full University degree awarding status with 14,000 students studying a wide variety of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. TRS Chester has developed significant research and teaching strengths notably in practical theology, ethics and the study of religion in the contemporary world.



The transition to the University of Chester will be seamless from our students' perspective. We are also confident that the study programmes will remain as they are, with little or no change. In addition Chester offers excellent student support facilities, this can only enhance our students' experience. A number of further stages need to be processed as representatives of the University of Chester visit IBC and work through the approval of our College and its programmes in anticipation of the new academic year in September. Please continue to pray and we will keep you informed of progress.



**PLEASE PRAY** for 16 new students for the September 2010 intake. For the last two years we asked for prayer for 12 students and God gave us 14 and 17 respectively. So please intercede with us for this new intake.

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