

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Saturday 28th January – Year 6 Entrance Assessment

Monday 30th January - HPV Jabs Year 8 and 9

Friday 3rd February – Year 8 Science Trip to Winchester Science Centre

Friday 3rd February – FROGS Quiz

Monday 6th February – Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 8th February – SnowSport Training Day – Years 9-11

Thursday 9th February – GCSE Drama Exam

Friday 10th February-18th February – Ski Trip

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – Half Term

Monday 20th February - INSET Day (school closed – staff only)



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Inspirational Explorer



Last week, as part of their programme of events, our High Performance Learner students enjoyed a fascinating talk from Sir Ranulph Fiennes at the Salisbury Playhouse. It was an inspirational and amusing talk complete with lots of gruesome photos of frostbite!

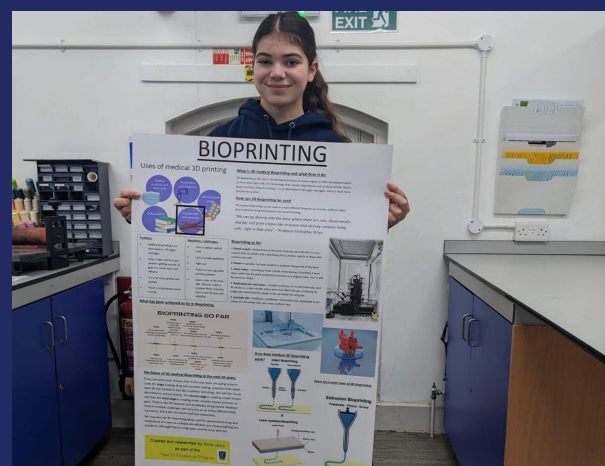
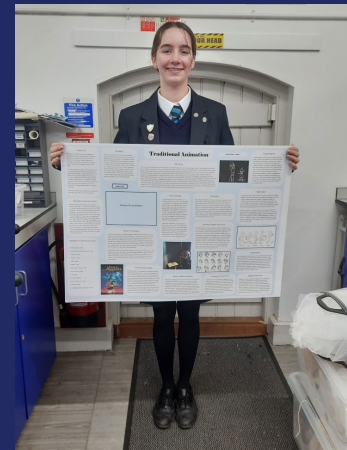
A truly incredible person and our students were completely absorbed by his tales.



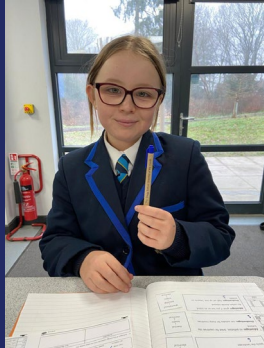
Also, as part of their Year 10 Excellence Program Carrie F and Alina L have both produced fantastic posters which are now on display in the Art department.

Carrie's shows her research into the history of animation and Alina's her research on bioprinting and medical 3D printing.

Excellent work Carrie and Alina.



Scientists of the Month



Congratulations to Key Stage 3 student Klara D (Year 7) and Key Stage 4 student Hannah T (Year 11) who are Scientists of the Month for January.

Klara has shown superb effort and enthusiasm in Science and Hannah achieved an outstanding mock exam grade in Biology.

Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to Naina N (Year 9) and Hien L (Year 8) who are our first two students to receive their Headteacher's Commendation Award from Mrs Sellers this year.

Naina N received the Commendation for outstanding French work and Hien L produced an amazing piece of music to help support a friend. We are very proud of them both.



Nifty Netballers

The Under 12 netball team played their first games on Tuesday and had a fantastic win against Oasis Mayfield with a score of 6-0. Well done girls!



Swim Star

Good luck to Year 7 student Noah H who is racing with his swimming team the Fareham Nomads in Portsmouth this weekend and in a county race on the 5th February.

Noah also competed in county relays last weekend, completing his first race, the 200m relay freestyle, in 35.20m.



In the 200m medley relay, Noah swam the last leg front crawl and smashed his earlier personal best in 34.62 seconds. The team came fifth overall out of the 22 clubs that took part.

Expelliarmus!

The Magical Harry Potter Tour



On Monday 23rd January, Year 8 went to Harry Potter Studios, in London, to be surrounded by the magic of the movies! Our journey began at the almost unseen time (for many of us!) of 7am in the morning. Despite this, we were excited, anticipating the experience to come.

After a long two hours, we finally arrived and began our tour of the actual location where the Harry Potter films were made.

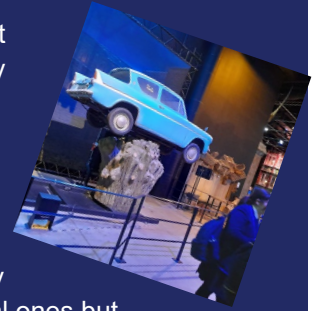


Our first stop was the scriptwriting room where we were able to handle the props used in the movies and get some hot tips on how to write a film script. Hagrid's large face (not the real one, obviously!) sat intimidatingly watching us as we worked.



At the end of the session, we were told about the two Hagrids (Robbie Coltrane and a 6ft 10in rugby player). We saw his shirt and trousers and four of us could easily have fitted inside each.

After walking through the Great Hall and a fake firework display we were soon immersed in the incredible scenery, with all of the real props and room sets surrounding us, including the Gryffindor dormitory and Dumbledore's office. The many costumes we saw were the real ones but fortunately the potions in the potions class were past their use by date!



Having made it through the forbidden forest – so many spiders – we landed on platform 9 ¾. Sadly, as Muggles, we couldn't make it through the wall!



Next came a taste of Butterbeer: just like cream soda, frothy and delicious, although the ice cream tasted just like vanilla. Next was Privett Drive and the Dursley House – realistic if you ignored the flying paper. Also realistic was the demonic scream of the mandrakes in the Greenhouse when you pulled them out.

In the next room, we were welcomed by the lifeless bodies of Dobby, the goblins and a few dragons before moving on to Gringotts Bank, which was unsurprisingly luxurious with mesmerising chandeliers. This did not prepare us for the destruction and ruin to come, and the holographic, fire-breathing dragon who got a bit too close for comfort!



Disappointingly, the shops in Diagon Alley were closed but you could still go window shopping. The final spectacular sight was the incredible replica of Hogwarts Castle. The minute detail was extravagant and breath-taking and could be viewed from many angles. Then it was a quick stop off in the shop before the journey home.



It was a great opportunity – thank you to the English Team and the other members of staff who came with us. Class 8X1

Making Music



There has been much excitement in the Music Department this week, with the arrival of eight new Mac Minis with Logic

Pro software for students in all year groups to use for composition. Year 9 students have been using them to create film music, while Years 7 and 8 have been creating 4-chord pop songs. Year 10 are working on some more complex Baroque compositions.



Come and Play!

All our ensembles are busy rehearsing for a spring event in March. New students are welcome to come along – no auditions required!

Music Clubs - all abilities welcome!

- Flute Choir - Wednesday: breaktime (room 19)
- Junior Choir (Yr 7-9) Wednesday: 12-13.15 (room 19)
- Senior Choir (Yr 10-11) Wednesday: 12.20 (practice room 1)
- Concert Band (all Yrs) Wednesday: After school (room 19)
- Ukulele - Thursday: KS3 Lunch (room 19)
- Music Theory - After School Thursday (room 19)
- KS4 Jazz Band - Friday 12.20 (practice room 3)
- KS3 School of Rock - Friday 13.15 (room 19)

All about Tutor Academic Monitoring (TAM)

Last Monday marked our first Tutor Academic Monitoring (TAM) Day. The aim of the day was to allow tutors to have important discussions with each member of their tutor group about their academic progress alongside a day of PSD and mental health activities.

Both Year 7 and 8 were immersed in survival skills as they faced a zombie apocalypse where they had to plan a supermarket sweep, build a tower that could face an earthquake, create their own silent shoes to evade the zombies and finally create a method of spreading an anti-virus into the infected area. Students also had the opportunity to learn some basic First Aid, which included how to use an automated external defibrillator.





Year 9 had a day focussed on careers and their futures. We were delighted to set up a Business Networking Event where five employers, including an Ecologist, a Lawyer

and representatives from the construction, finance and retail industries came into school to talk about their respective roles. The visitors were incredibly impressed with the questions the Year 9 students posed and their engagement in the sessions.



Students also completed an online questionnaire giving them ideas about possible careers, researching into some of them to aid focus for their options. An employability and interviews skills session was followed by activities to give students the opportunity to relax after a busy morning including football, glass painting and art.

Year 10 had a day looking at "Risky Behaviour". Their first session with Youth Options covered drug and alcohol misuse, the second introduced the story of Shaun Attwood whose life story is one of academic success, moving to America to work on the stock markets with a net worth of £2 million where his addictive nature for highs led him to become involved in Ecstasy trafficking. Shaun talked very openly about his life choices and their

consequences for him and his family. Year 11 enjoyed a morning of mental health activities including sports, movies and quiet work spaces as well as a First Aid session teaching them basic lifesaving skills. After lunch students joined Year 10 to hear Shaun speak whilst others

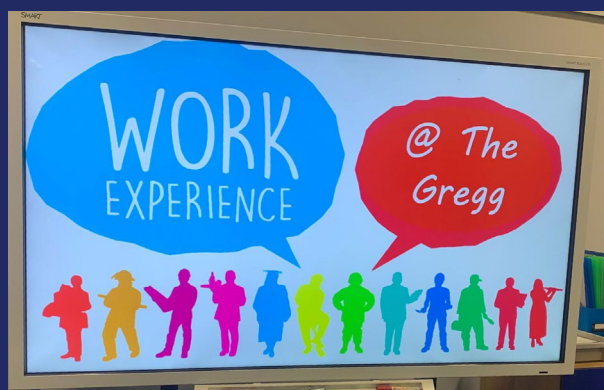


spent time preparing for their Maths GCSE. Plans are already underway for our next TAM Day in May. Mrs Crowther

Experiencing the Workplace

We are delighted to confirm that Year 10 students will be undertaking Work Experience during Camp Week in July.

Parents of Year 10 students have received an invitation to an Information Evening on Monday 6th February.



House Rugby

Year 8

Match 1 – Trojan Vs Spartan

What a start, both teams went out enthusiastically and keen to be the first to score. Trojan were denied 2 tries early on but that didn't stop them! Yasin and Sam linked some great passing and footwork which allowed Jamie to finally open the scoring for Trojan. Spartan kept themselves in the game with some excellent defence from Zac, Miles and Ollie.

In the second game we watched Yasin use his speed to gain ground on the defending Spartans and finished off with a stunning try. Zac slipped 5 tackles to get Spartan in with a chance of scoring but a turn over and Finley showing off his strength and speed left Trojan on top. Final score Trojan 4 – Spartan 0.

Match 2 – Roman Vs Trojan

Roman had a flying start with Henry charging through and scoring within the first minute! If that wasn't enough, Trojan immediately countered with Sam A-R flying through the defence for their first try. The game went end to end with both teams showing superb skill, fast footwork and strength through the tackles. Keeping the score close with a full-time score 3-3.

In their second game great defence by Trojan denied Roman another quick score. Rory kept Roman in the game with unselfish play, passing to allow Mark to score. End to end play kept the spectators guessing and perseverance from Trojan got them an equaliser. Finley outwitted the defence scoring what we thought was the match winning try for Trojan but Roman didn't give up and Henry pushed through scoring a last-minute equaliser. Full-time score 5-5.

Match 3 – Spartan Vs Roman

Roman started strong with a first minute try from Wickham and solid defence making Spartan work hard to gain ground up the pitch. Finally Spartan broke through the Roman defence with Ollie A getting their first try. Great pace and agility from Zac levelled up the score for Spartan and Nedal showed great strength pushing through the

Roman defence to put Spartan ahead.

The second game was another spectacle of great play, Spartan turned over the ball but were held up by fabulous Roman defence. Finally Zac opened up the scoring and Roman fought back with a great try from Mark but they were no match for Spartan and Ollie A broke through to score the final try of the game. Full-time score Spartan 5 – Roman 3.

Trojan were the overall winners with Spartan in second place and Roman third.

Year 7

Match 1 – Trojan Vs Spartan

Trojan dominated the rugby with some fancy footwork and great speed around the Spartan defence. Declan opened the try scoring for Trojan slipping through the Spartans, and although Spartan defended hard they were no match for the mighty Trojan.

The second game showed how Spartan were not going to be walked over and their persistence paid off with a try from Euan. The score this game remained tight, but Trojan showed why they were the team to be feared with Noah getting a hat-trick. Full-time score 5-1

Match 2 – Roman Vs Trojan

Trojan again opened up the scoring with another smashing try. Roman used their powerhouse Harrison to drive them to the line for Henry C to score their first try. However, Trojan were not to be disheartened and Archie and Declan flew through the defence for 2 more try's. Roman did not give up but Trojan's defence were just too strong.

The second game was much of the same Noah again dancing his way through the defence for another try and Harry L showing his skill with 2 more try's. Dickie got an amazing last-minute consolation try for Roman. Full-time score 6-2 to Trojan.

Match 3 – Spartan Vs Roman

This match was all about second place. Spartan's Sam set up the first try with excellent movement and speed which allowed Euan to finish it off with the score. Rory showed amazing strength in both

attack and defence, keeping Roman at bay. An evenly matched game, well contested with some great teamwork from both sides kept the spectators on the edge of their seats.

The second game saw amazing defence, both sides stopping tries and keeping the games level until the very end. But a last-minute turnover from Spartan and a full length of the pitch sprint from James sealed the game for Spartan. Full time score 3-0.

Trojan were again the overall winners with Spartan in second place and Roman third.



Holocaust Memorial Day

Friday 27th January once again marks Holocaust Memorial Day. This week students have had assemblies discussing this year's theme - 'Ordinary People', reflecting on how so many of the people involved in the Holocaust and other genocides in the years following were "ordinary people", doing things because they were following orders.

This included Henryk Gawkowski, a train driver who deported over 18,000 Jewish people to their death at Treblinka and the persecuted like Rudolf Brazda, the last Concentration Camp Survivor who was deported for homosexuality and who went on to live an 'ordinary' life in France.

We are reminded that we have the opportunity to be extraordinary in our actions to challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred and speak out against identity-based persecution.

Today students took part in 'Light the Darkness' lighting a candle in our windows to take part in the national moment marking Holocaust Memorial Day.

Mrs Crowther

THE FROGS QUIZ NIGHT!

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023



SUPPORT THE FROGS FOR A FUN NIGHT OF QUIZZING! GET YOUR TEAMS TOGETHER UP TO 8 PEOPLE!

YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINK, BEST DRESSED TABLE COMPETITION, LOTS OF PRIZES! REFRESHMENTS & BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE!

ONLY £2 ENTRY PER ADULT & £1 FOR UNDER 16S 6.30PM FOR 7PM START!