



NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

23-24 May & 26-27 May	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition
27 May	Year 13 Leaving Day
27 May	LAST DAY OF TERM
5-10 Jun	Year 9 French Trip
6 Jun	FIRST DAY OF TERM
6-10 Jun	Year 8 & 10 Assessment Week

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The nighttime temperatures were low but spirits were high amongst the 107 Year 7 pupils and 10 staff who spent Friday and Saturday last week at Walesby Forest. We managed to pack lots in including a 45ft climbing wall ascent, archery lessons, kayaking, canoeing and raft building. Fun sports and a disco in the evening meant staff and pupils all went home tired and with a bag of wet washing. We talk a lot in school about building resilience and we try to show students that team work and problem solving are skills well worth having. We hope that many will go on to tackle the challenges of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards with us when they are older. My thanks to Miss Duffy and Miss Beckett for their organisation of the trip and to all staff who gave up some of their weekend too at this busy examination time of year.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School



Year 7 Walesby Forest Trip



On the 6th May we visited RAF Cranwell along with 15 students from The King's School in Grantham to take part in some logical, scientific and mathematical activities. The reason for this trip was to help with our teamwork and communication skills as well as to learn and apply some mathematical skills.

First we got split into groups of 6 with the students from The King's School to take part in some teamwork based puzzles like finding solutions to problems using Maths. My favourite puzzle was one where there was a grid filled with cars where we had to move them left and right in order to push a red car into the exit. I enjoyed these activities because they allowed me to talk to new people and to challenge myself with different levels of activities.

We then had lunch in the Junior Officers' Mess. It was really nice and I also liked how we all got encouraged to sit with people we didn't know so we could get to know more people.

In the afternoon we went to do some more challenges, however these ones were more about what things you might do in the RAF. One activity I enjoyed was when we got given a list of items that we had to sort into a pile to fit onto a plane. We could also get rid of items and double others and decide

what we took on. I really enjoyed it because we got to work in teams and also got to walk inside the plane which was really interesting.

I really enjoyed this trip, I think it was a fun way to meet new people whilst looking at different jobs in the RAF and I would definitely recommend this trip to anyone who likes maths or team challenges.

Zoe Lancaster (9L)



'NEW VIEWS' PLAYWRITING COMPETITION

A group of 7 students in Years 11-13 have been working very hard on creating one-act plays to enter into the annual 'New Views' playwriting competition, run by the National Theatre. As part of the process, a professional playwright has been into school twice to work with the students and we have travelled down to the National Theatre to see a production. The students all produced really original and fantastic short plays, and Elinor Cook, the visiting playwright, commented on how impressed she was with their work.

Following submission of the final play scripts, we are delighted to say that Year 12 student Katie Mountford (12F) has been selected for the competition's 'long list' with her play 'Dicktaters.' This is the second year that Katie has made the long list, having also been selected in 2015 for her play 'Intermission'. The competition has well over 300 entries, so this is a great achievement. We will keep our fingers crossed that Katie's play goes on to be chosen for the competition's short list which will be announced in the next few weeks.

Mrs H Raeburn (Subject Leader Drama) and Mrs K Cowell (Teacher of English/Drama)



Katie Mountford (12F)

Junior Maths Challenge 2016

On the 28th April the school hall was full of Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the National Junior Maths Challenge organised by the UK Mathematics Trust, based at Leeds University. We were very impressed with the number of Year 7 students in particular, who volunteered to take part. The challenge consists of a multiple choice paper which lasts an hour and is taken under strict exam conditions. After an anxious wait, the Mathematics Department were excited to receive the results. We are delighted that 3 students: Abby Couchman (8KG), Hazel Richard (8MLA) and Tamzen Brenton (8NP) all scored highly enough to get through to the highly competitive next round of the competition – the Junior Kangaroo which will be held in school on Tuesday 14 June. Seven students scored highly enough to be awarded Gold Certificates, 25 students will receive Silver Certificates and 42 Bronze Certificates. Well done to everyone who took part.

Mrs K Green
(Second in Maths)



Edge Hill University Mathematics Challenge

Congratulations go to the four groups of Year 9 students who have advanced to the next stage of the Edge Hill University Mathematics Challenge. The following students managed to beat a number of entries from various different schools to progress to Stage 2: 'Pythagoras' Pals' - Ella Hansford (9F), Priya Hall (9F), Jessica Fry (9F) and Jayne Morley (9L); 'Easy as Pi' Hermione Marrant (9L), Evie Mansfield (9L), Holly Parsons (9L) and Maisie Lee (9L); 'The Kool Kids' - Zoe Newnham (9L), Amber Swann (9W), Sophie Pacey (9L) and Isabella Stuart (9W); '9S3' - Cara Clack (9A), Emily Shaw (9A) and Hollie Chessum (9A). The girls have been working hard for the past week on answering the even trickier question posed this time. Their use of probability, logic, ICT and mathematical reasoning will be tested and the posters they have produced have been sent off for judging. Good luck girls!

Miss E Turner
Teacher of Maths



Edge Hill University

EU REFERENDUM DEBATE

TUESDAY, 14 JUNE AT 6.00PM

Please come along to a debate being held in our main school hall at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 14 June.

There will be a speaker from both sides of the EU debate.

The event is open to students, parents and staff – full details to follow.

PTA NEWS

Congratulations to the April PTA 100 Club winner with ticket number 40 – Mrs Clare Marshall

Careers News

World of Work Event 2016

The annual World of Work event was held on Thursday 21st April for Year 10 students where 21 different occupations were represented.

Prior to the event, students had to choose the 6 occupations that they were most interested in to find out more about and to hear about a 'day in the life'.

Many of the guests gave presentations and handouts. Some had students doing different tasks, such as walking with crutches and building things. It seems the more interactive the session the more the girls enjoyed it!

One of the objectives of the morning was to help students with the decision making process for their future career path. They may, or may not, have found the 'Career for them' on the day, however all the information they gained will help them decide what they are, or are definitely not interested in. Career decision making is often easier using the process of elimination in the first instance.

Judging by the feedback from the students they all found something that interested them on the day and something that didn't!

Occupations represented were:

The Army – Jobs for Women
Lincolnshire Police
The RAF - Linguistics
GP
NHS – Nursing and Administration
Midwife
Oncology
Law
Interior Design
Primary Teaching – Key Stage 1
Veterinary
Forensic Science
Biochemist
Urban and Town Planning
Hospitality and Catering (including management roles)
Lincs FM Radio – Media
Architecture
Glass Design
'Tom Lane' designer wear (setting up and running your own on-line business)
Engineering for women
Physiotherapist

Year 11, 12 & 13 students are reminded that they are regularly sent emails in regard to current Apprenticeship Opportunities, University open and taster days and any other career related matters; please ensure emails are checked regularly!

Year 8 will shortly be taking part in an exercise called 'The Real Game'. This is a unique exploration programme using a licenced website where students learn about many aspects of real life, including; job satisfaction, budgeting and planning for the future. The purpose is not to direct students to a particular occupation at this stage, it is designed to help them with their exploration skills.

All students should be aware that they may request a Careers 1-1 appointment at any time.



Mrs P Hunter
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Spotlight on Sport

SAILING

We are Daisy and Scarlet Desorgher and we're 14 years old. We have been sailing for around 4 years. Our mum used to sail and her dad was a boat builder so it has been in the family for generations. We train every weekend in the boat but our fitness training continues throughout the week; at least 3 times in a variety of activities. We compete in National competitions, most recently the Inland National Championship and next week we are representing the Midlands in the Eric Twinames. Last year we sailed at the Topper Worlds Competition in Lake

Garda. The road trip across France added to the experience and sailing with different nations enabled us to see how they do things differently.

Our ambitions for next year include qualifying for National Squads and sailing at the Worlds again in the south of France in 2017.

Daisy Desorgher (9A) & Scarlet Desorgher (9F)



DRESSAGE HORSE RIDING

My name is Olivia Mawditt. I am 14 years old and I am a dressage horse rider.

I started riding when I was 3 ½ and have been riding ever since. My mum's friend is a high level event rider, so I used to watch her when I was younger at competitions; I caught the bug from there! I went to a riding school every week for over 5 years and joined the Pony Club Centre. When I was around 8 years old I was lucky enough to get my own pony and it went from there. Training in my sport is very varied, one day I might concentrate on dressage and on another day show jumping. Training is important as you can't just expect your horse to perform correctly if you haven't ridden. I try and train 3 times a week and compete at the weekend, focusing on the different aspects of eventing (dressage, show jumping and cross country).

I compete at national level and have achieved 12th place in the National Pony Club Championships Dressage, 11th place in the National Schools Championships Dressage and I represented the school and Pony Club at the Nationals for Show Jumping. I train with the under 18's Midlands squad and I came 6th in the British Young Riders Dressage Scheme (BYRDS) Championships for the Northern Region. More recently I came 1st in the Pony Club Winter series second rounds and 13th in the National Championships, 7th in the British Riding Clubs Intermediate National Championships and 1st in the British Dressage Team Quest.

I am really looking forward to competing in the Team Quest which is made up of 4 British Dressage Young Riders from the Northern Squad; we have a strong team so I am looking forward to seeing if we get through to the Championships! I also have a lot of One Day Events coming up including the British Riding Club's one day event qualifiers.

Olivia Mawditt (10L)



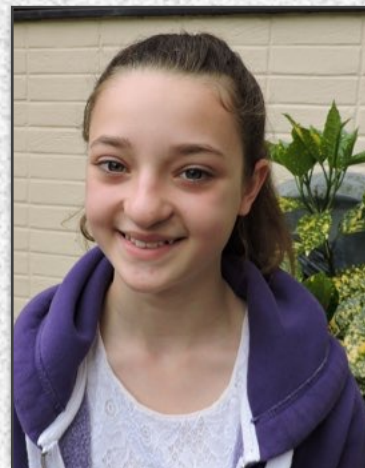
DANCING

Congratulations to Year 8 pupil Rebecca Hebden (8LC) who attends the Go Dance Studios in Sleaford.

Rebecca spends most of her spare time dancing and her dedication and hard work has recently paid dividends in her exams. She achieved a Distinction in both her Grade 4 Tap and Grade 5 Ballet; gaining 96% and 92% respectively.

Well done Rebecca!

Miss M Adams
Subject Leader PE



RUGBY

We are Genna, Jasmin and Jess and we play Rugby for the Newark U15's. We have had an excellent season, not losing a match in either league or cup competitions. We made the National U15's final which we played on 24th April. We played against Winscombe at Banbury RUFC. It was a warm day and the ground was quite hard; we played on the first team pitch which is always a privilege! It was a very tough match, against some really experienced players. Most of Winscombe's players were considerably bigger than ours which we used to our advantage by shipping the ball out to the wingers and using our speed. All but 2 of our players play at county level and 4 of us play at regional level so we used our experience to win with a last play try in the last 40 seconds of the match winning 17-14.

Next season some of us are moving up to U18's rugby but we are hoping to create a Newark U18's team so we can continue to play for the club. Throughout the summer we will have pre-season training focussing on fitness and strength conditioning so we are ready for next year.

Genna Neasham (10L), Jasmin Brankin (9A) & Jess Brown (9A)



Jasmin Brankin, Jess Brown & Genna Neasham

