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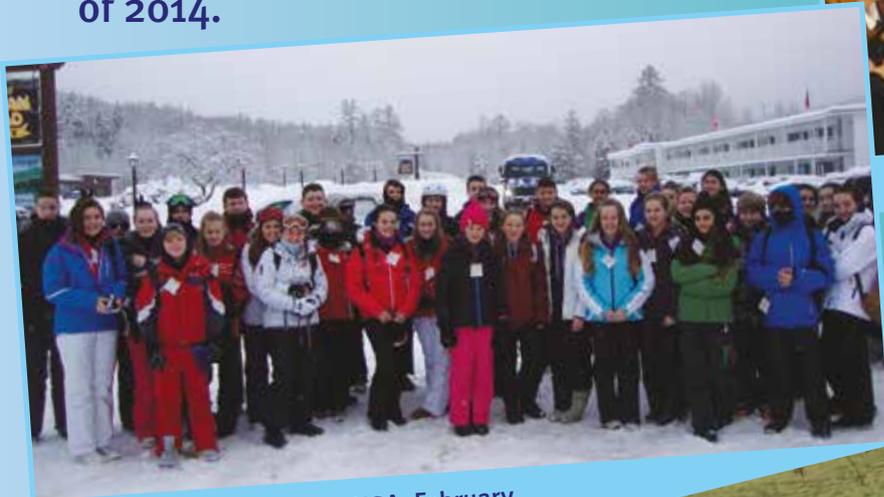
Summer Term Newsletter

May 2014

Welcome to the Summer Term Newsletter which acknowledges and celebrates some of the wonderful events and activities that took place at Wellington during the Spring Term of 2014.



BBC School Report Day with Year 7 & 8



Ski Trip to New Hampshire, USA, February



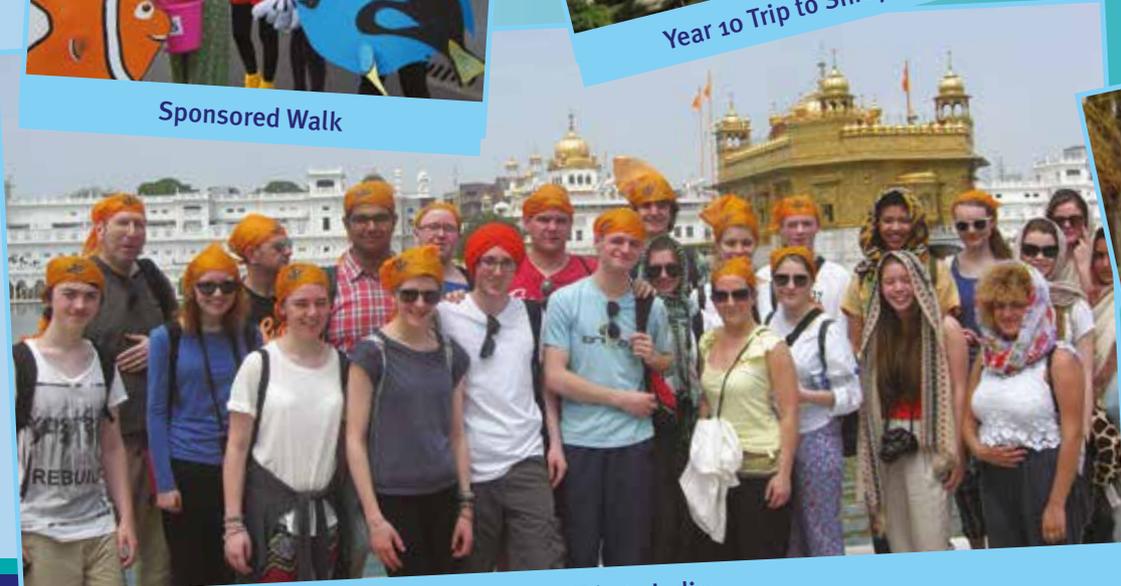
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Year 10 Trip to Shropshire



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Sixth Form Trip to India



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Welcome

Not a term passes by when I fail to be proud of the myriad opportunities Wellington staff provide for students to enhance their learning and life experiences. I know from feedback, that many of you are kind enough to follow my weekly bulletin on the School's website which gives a more timely record of those events, and I would encourage you to have a read each week. This newsletter then, is a 'retrospective glance' at the events and enrichment activities for our students which took place at Wellington last term. Furthermore, it is a wonderful advert for the Wellington community which extends beyond the School gates. So mum and dads, grans and granddads, thank you for your continuing support and you should all take a 'bow'.

A quick look at some staffing news. Firstly 'new arrivals' – literally speaking - congratulations to Mrs Kenny (Costello) on the birth of her son, Kai, a new little brother for Ava and Cian. Mrs McDonnell and baby Arthur came to visit us last week and we look forward to welcoming Mrs McDonnell back in July. Mrs Kearney completes our latest 'new mum' list with the safe arrival of baby Rory. As I write this piece, we hear that Mr Gerschler is now the proud father of baby Rosa Maria. Congratulations to all.

We welcome back Mrs Cook and Mrs Heaton from their maternity leaves and Mrs Harte and Miss Rigby will return after half term. Mrs Bowyer, who left Wellington last year for pastures new, has returned to Wellington and we are delighted to welcome her back as Office Manager and we will shortly be recruiting for a Teacher Support Assistant to replace Mrs Evans who left us recently.

Dr Scales and Miss Fisher left Wellington at Easter and their posts have been filled temporarily by Mr Dryden and Mr Speakman respectively.



Year 10 Geography Field Trip, Shropshire



Sixth Form Trip to India

In addition, we also welcomed Miss O'Malley (Art), Mr Baker (Geography), and Mrs Fairburn (Maths HLTA) during last term. Some staff will be leaving us at the end of Summer Term and we have been busy recruiting to fill their posts.

This year's Sponsored Walk took place on Friday 7th March and, although a little chilly, thankfully it stayed dry for the day. This year's charity is Manchester based 'Moodswings'. I would like to thank all our students, parents, families and friends who have contributed to another phenomenal total. At the time of writing, we have raised just under £30,000 but I am hopeful we can squeeze out a little more before we present the cheque at Awards Evening on Tuesday 1st July. We may even have a special guest in attendance for those of you who follow a particular Weatherfield Soap on TV! If you came to last year's Awards Evening you may recall that we had 'tweaked' the format from previous years, and, following on from that undoubted success, we will adopt the same programme style again this year, so a slightly earlier start, more musical items and a wider selection of awards will be the flavour of the evening.

We are already speeding headlong through another busy term, it feels like we're having to cram six weeks into four this half term, with Sports Day, Sports Award Dinner, Open Morning, New Pupil Day, meetings for the parents of new pupils, primary school visits, sports fixtures, Awards



Holocaust Diary Project in History

Evening, reward trips, internal exams, report writing and of course GCSEs and AS / A Level examinations, all upon us or rapidly approaching. A lot of hard but rewarding work ahead for all of us and very best wishes to all our students undertaking examinations.

Anyway, that's quite enough from me. Enjoy the Newsletter, keep up to date via the website, don't hesitate to contact the School to discuss any of the matters raised and, above all, have a great Summer Term / holiday.

S P Beeley
Headteacher



Sponsored Walk

Who's a pretty boy?

Well I think these speak for themselves!

The class worked in groups exploring markmaking and paint techniques to create these spectacular parrots.



The colours and attention to detail are really well done, a beautiful display 8.4A.

Miss Grey

One slice or two?

7.1B continue to impress me with their hard work.

They recently created this lovely confectionery inspired by the Pop Artist Wayne Thiebaud. We had every variety of cake and gateaux you can imagine.

I love these cakes and I can indulge in these ones as much as I want!

Well done 7.1B

Miss Grey



World Book Day

The Art department couldn't wait to celebrate World Book Day.

Each Year 7 group took part in a one-off literacy lesson. They were writing messages in bottles, mini books, stories and poems based on a variety of different paintings/illustrations.

Well done to everyone who took part.

Miss Grey, Mrs Kearney & Mrs Willingham



Year 7 Portraits

Although initially a little camera shy, Year 7 students have created their own selfies!

Students have been working on the theme 'Portraits' and looking at the work of Julian Opie. Students traced their own images in the style of the artist and applied colour using pencil crayons, pens and paint. These are definitely the best selfies I have seen!

Mrs Willingham



Portrait Perfection

Lets 'face' it, these portrait studies from 7.1B are great!



As well as completing self portraits in pencil, the group have been extensively researching and completing homeworks exploring other artists' portrait work.

'Eye' can't wait to see how these develop!

Miss Grey

World Pi Day

Art + Maths = top work!

Let's face it, with our talented lot the 'probability' of producing some impressive work was 'statistically' high!

To continue our cross curricular alliances, we teamed up with Maths for World Pi Day.

All Key Stage 3 Art classes created a number piece of the digits 3.14 which would be 'added' together to create a 'prime' piece of group work.

The pupils had to 'calculate' which colour combination they would use and use 'multiple' markmaking techniques inspired by the Pop Artist Jasper Johns and his work '0-9'.



Here are just a 'fraction' of the works created which are going to be displayed in the Maths Department.
Miss Grey, Mrs Kearney & Mrs Willingham

Culture Vultures

8.4A created these amazing artefacts from 'another culture' as part of their project based homework.

Pupils went around the world and back again to create artefacts from Egypt, Australia and Africa.

I was really impressed with the ingenuity used by pupils to create accurate depictions of the objects.

They were displayed in our very own cabinet of curiosities and looked fantastic. Well done 8.4A on all your hard work.

Miss Grey



Year 8 Guatemalan Kites

Year 8 have truly brightened up room 14 with their beautiful, handmade kites.

Students have been exploring the Mexican 'Day of the

Dead' festival and looked at how neighbouring Guatemala celebrates with kite festivals. Students worked in groups of eight and all contributed by creating a section of the kite. The students worked really hard in their teams, displaying excellent communication skills and helping each other along. Once the kites were completed they were sewn together and hung to make a lovely bright display.

Mrs Willingham



African Culture

8.5A studied African Culture last term. The pupils worked hard throughout the whole design stage and planned exactly how their mask would look.

The masks were made using cardboard and modroc before finally being decorated in fantastic bright African patterns.

They definitely brighten up Room 12!

Mrs Kearney



Gaudi Clay Work

8-1A and 8-1C have been exploring colour through Antoni Gaudi's famous architecture.

Students had the opportunity to work with air drying clay for the first time. They created fabulous Gaudi inspired chimneys and thoroughly enjoyed working with the clay.

Mrs Willingham



Year 8 Michael Craig-Martin

Year 8 have been studying the artist Michael Craig-Martin.

Students focused on his work based around everyday objects. Students have produced their own Michael Craig-Martin inspired pieces using a variety of art objects and coloured them in using pens and paint.

Mrs Willingham



Lewin Lino's

Well done Year 9 for these fantastic, colourful, lino prints based on the work of Angie Lewin.

They are well worth the weeks of hard work, mess and not forgetting all the washing up!

Mrs Kearney



Bird Song

9.8 created these lovely mixed media bird pieces.

The silhouette was completed in collage, which the group worked really hard on to keep it neat and let the shape have impact.

Well then came the fun part! Now I love a good play on words, but 9.8 gave me some serious competition! 'I'm like a bird', 'Rockin Robin', 'Thunderbird', my personal favourite "Mr Blue Sky", I could go on!

The text was completed using stencils and spray paint and I'm sure you agree, it is very effective.

No 'fowl' work here 9.8! A 'feather' in your cap for such 'cracking' work!

Miss Grey



A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

Continuing the bird theme 9.8 also created these 3D pieces looking at the technique of artist Alice Melville.

The armature was created in card then built up using Modroc which they took to like 'a duck to water' before having these beautiful designs applied.

These are worth 'crowing about', I'm an 'egg'stremely proud teacher.

Miss Grey



Year 9 Bird Printing

Year 9 spent this term exploring lino prints based on the theme 'Birds.'

After looking at the artists Valentina Ramos and Millie Marotta, students designed their own bird inspired patterns to make prints from.

The students used lino and printing ink to create their designs, they look great in room 14 and some have even made it in to Mr Beeley's office! Well done Year 9.

Mrs Willingham



Under The Sea

9.0 have worked incredibly hard this term to produce some personal responses to the work of Hannah Davies.

Each pupil has produced a unique final piece incorporating the theme 'under the sea'.

Well done to all members of 9.0 for all their hard work!

Mrs Kearney



Photography Club

Photography club has had a very successful term.

Students started by working on a competition for the charity, Amnesty International. Students embraced the competition theme of Human Rights, even modelling for each other and coming up with some fantastic ideas. Some of the students even modelled for photographs in Manchester city centre on a great afternoon trip we organised for inspiration!

After the success of the competition students are now quickly taking the role of paparazzi in school being booked to photograph the talent show and sports day.

Mrs Willingham.



Fantastic Fruits

Year 10 have completed some 'Fantastic Fruit' final pieces. The work shows the progress they have made from KS3 to GCSE Art.

I can't wait to see their work continue to develop, Well done 10C!

Mrs Kearney



Drawing on inspiration

Year 10 have been completing a variety of drawing techniques for their latest coursework project.



The students have been using a variety of media and honing their skills.

I'm excited to see what they do next! Well done Year 10, keep up the hard work!

Miss Grey

Robot Club

How fantastic are these robots?

They have been well worth the lunch time mess made by weeks of cardboard construction, papier mâché and paint. They aren't quite finished yet - silver and gold detail needs to be added as well as lots of control buttons. Check out Instagram later in the year to see the finished Robots!

Well done Robot Club for your hard work and dedication.

Mrs Kearney



Holocaust Week in Art

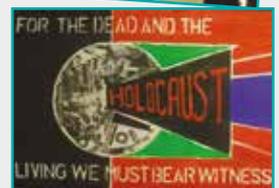
Year 9s took part in a number of Art workshops to commemorate the Holocaust, in conjunction with the History Department and a visit from a survivor who gave a talk about this highly significant moment from our past.

Some classes were inspired by the artist Christian Boltanski and produced some 'Tag Art.' Other groups were influenced by the work of Alexander Rodchenko and painted some giant Graphical style posters. Much of the work created was collaborative and allowed larger scale group pieces to be done.

Our pupils were clearly influenced and moved by the Holocaust speaker and produced some very emotive pieces of work, it was really good to do this cross-curricular work and the artwork was displayed in the LRC for everyone to see.

Well done to all Year 9s for your hard work during Holocaust week.

Miss Grey, Mrs Kearney & Mrs Willingham



Insta-WOW!

Don't forget about the Art Department's Instagram page!

Follow us on Instagram (wellingtonschool_artdepartment) to keep up to date with all our wonderful artwork!

It has been a fantastic way to showcase the work the students do from all year groups.

Well done to everyone who has featured on Instagram. We have uploaded over 300 images and have almost 300 followers.

Spread the word and don't forget to click the like button if you have a favourite!

Miss Grey, Mrs Kearney & Mrs Willingham



Pinterest at Wellington

The department is building a super resource to help all the pupils and students studying Art.

There are folders for inspiration and techniques as well as good quality resources to support subjects. It's developing and being added to all the time. (Team Art are really enjoying putting it together for you!)

Make sure you take a look when you are doing your homework and independent study it could help you build upon projects and other work.

Go on take a look - you will end up hooked like Miss Grey!

Miss Grey Mrs Kearney Mrs Willingham



Coursework of Champions!

A-level Art students have again created some fabulous coursework.

Students have looked at a broad spectrum of themes to inspire their work including cars, architecture, birds and Japan.

We are delighted that four of our students have secured places on an Art foundation course next year. Well done Jessica, Gabriella, Nanami and Mollie.

The best work yet? Or do I say that every year? An amazing display of talent, your hard work has paid off!

Miss Grey



Manga Club

Manga club have been coming into Art since before Christmas working really hard on their manga characters.

I am pleased to say that some of these are now complete and look amazing.

Students started the club by studying manga drawings and facial features; they were then paired up and drew around each other to start the process of creating their life size characters.

The characters look great completed and I can't wait to get them on display!

Mrs Willingham

Year 12 Final Pieces

What fantastic final outcomes the Year 12 students have produced!

Throughout the year pupils have improved their drawing skills and explored a range of techniques. A variety of themes were explored and developed including food, autumnal objects, tools and seafife.

Work was further developed by studying a range of artists.

We are really impressed with how creative all their final pieces are. Well done Year 12, keep up the good work.

Miss Grey & Mrs Kearney



Drawn to this work

Year 12 and 13 are planning for their examination.

As part of their preparation they are completing drawing work and research and have so far finished these lovely studies.

The exam work is certainly going to be worth looking at!

Miss Grey, Mrs Kearney & Mrs Willingham



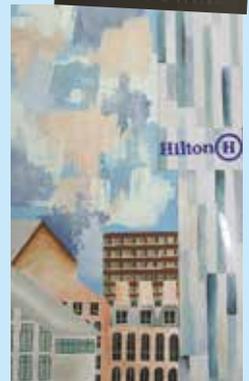
Livingedge Lowry Arts Competition

This annual exhibition is a real honour to be part of. Selected schools in the area get their work displayed at the prestigious Lowry Gallery in Salford Quays

Our entries were by Eve Selwood-Metcalf in Year 7, Elizabeth Jones in Year 11 and Jade Broadbent in Year 12, whose stunning work looked amazing in the exhibition.

Well done. Next stop the Tate!

Miss Grey



Year 7 Product Design

Toy Boat Project

Year 7 students have created a range of bespoke toy boat designs from softwood aimed at a target audience of young children.

Students have developed a range of skills from hand drawn sketches, computer aided design and practical processes to create their toy boat from softwood.

Great job Year 7 - ship ahoy!

Mrs Booth



Year 8 Product Design

Clock Project

Year 8 students have been designing and making a range of bespoke wall clocks inspired by the artist Piet Mondrian. Students have developed a range of practical processes to create a range of modern interior time pieces.

Congratulations Year 8, they are timeless!

Mrs Booth & Mr Travis



Year 7 Food Technology

The influence of Mary Berry has extended to Wellington School where Year 7 pupils have been inspired by the famous baker, to create some mouth-watering Afternoon Teas.

Pupils learnt chopping skills, different cake making methods and basic food hygiene as well as learning how to research topics, design original dishes and how to be an effective team member.

Each group was required to produce an "Afternoon Tea" spread based on a theme. The pupils in each team were responsible for different dishes, which when put together would complement each other.

Pupils also produced colourful menus to display once the tea had been set out.

I'm sure you'll agree that the work is very impressive.

Mrs Ryan & Mrs Booth



Year 8 Graphics

Sustainable Homes for the future

As part of their graphics module, Year 8 students have been developing their skills using the drawing package 'Google Sketch up' to create a range of sustainable homes for the future.

Students have researched sustainable materials and energy to design environmentally friendly homes for young people and families and presented their concepts and ideas.

Mrs Booth



Year 8 Food Technology

Buongiorno.

As you may have guessed, Year 8 Food Technology pupils have been exploring the wonders of Italian cuisine.

Working in teams, pupils developed a set price Italian menu. Each member was responsible for a different course – starter, main meal, side dish and dessert.

Although there were some set recipes, to teach skills and processes, for the final dish each pupil had to develop their own ideas and plan in detail what they would need to do to produce it.

Pupils enjoyed the challenge of creating their own dishes with many adapting the set recipes to produce new ideas.

Congratulazioni per il tuo splendido lavoro.

Mrs Ryan



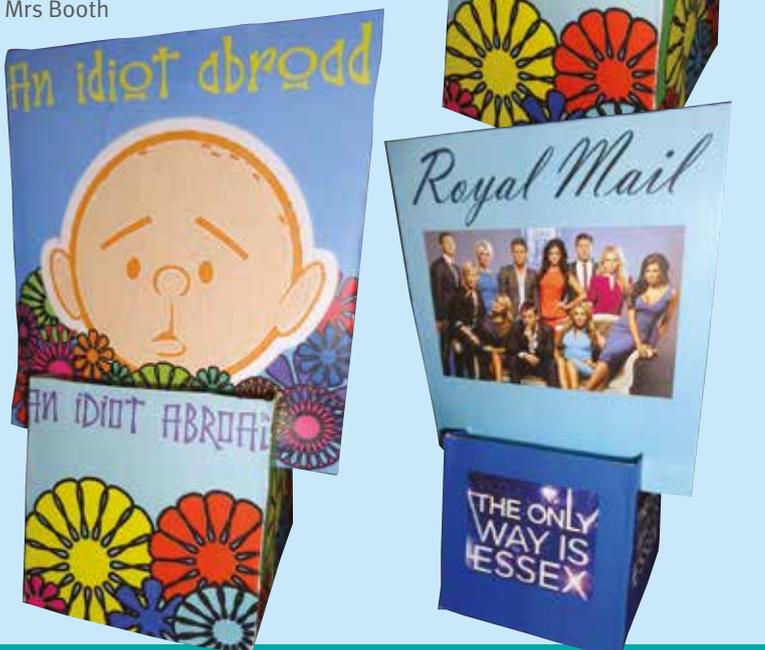
Year 9 Graphics

Graphic Products

Year 9 Graphics students have been creating a range of commemorative stamps to celebrate British TV & Film. Students have explored a variety of computer aided design techniques to create the stamps, packaging and Point of Sale displays.

Congratulations and well done Year 9!

Mrs Booth



Year 9 Food Technology

Asian Cuisine offers a wide variety of dishes, exotic ingredients and colourful products to entice people of all ages.

Year 9 pupils have been producing their own Asian menus to be served in a school canteen. To ensure they created a desirable product, teams had to investigate different styles of Asian cuisine as well as research the strict guidelines that school dining rooms need to follow to promote healthy eating.

Each team developed a detailed specification for their dishes and then used this to design some "interesting" menus. Fusion dishes were very popular, with pupils mixing up the different styles to create original products.

Fantastic work Year 9.

Mrs Ryan



Year 11 GCSE Food Technology

For GCSE Food controlled assessment, pupils had a choice of three topic areas: Themed Eating Places, Ready Meals and Music Festivals.

The majority of pupils chose to look at themed eating places, in particular those linked to other cultures. Pupils worked hard to research various cultures and themes and based on this, produced a wide variety of dishes.

Many pupils took the opportunity to develop new skills by attempting dishes they had never made before. An array of tempting products were made and many pupils and staff commented on the wonderful aromas along the technology corridor.

Well done Year 11 on demonstrating some excellent skills and products.

Mrs Ryan



Year 11 GCSE Product Design

Year 11 Product Design students are coming to the end of their controlled assessment after many hours designing and manufacturing a range of different products.

Using the design group Memphis, as influence for their designs, students have created multifunctional products such as clocks, mirrors, mp3 docking stations, and storage units. The students have identified a target audience & client to ensure all their products have been developed to meet their needs.

The students have put a lot of time and effort in over the past year, working extremely hard in the Design Technology workshops to produce some real quality products to a very high commercial standard.

As the examples show some excellent work has been produced, well done to the year 11 Product Design students.

Mr Fletcher



Year 11 GCSE Graphics

GCSE Graphic Products

The Year 11 pupils have been working hard meeting the deadline for their GCSE Graphic Products controlled assessment work. The pupils have been designing chocolate bars and point of sale displays for their selected target audience. All of the pupils have fully documented their design decisions in their folder of work and have utilised CAD/CAM throughout to manufacture professional feasible prototype solutions. I'm sure you will agree that the outcomes speak for themselves!

Mr Travis



Year 11 GCSE Textiles

Year 11 students have designed and manufactured textile products that reflect a specific brief, that all have a particular function.

The briefs that they could choose from were 'The Swinging Sixties' 'The Age of Punk' 'Sustainable textiles' & 'Educational Children's Toy'. The students have identified a target audience & client to ensure all textile products have been developed to meet their needs.

The final outcomes include a range of Sixties themed bags, Punk style jackets, Sustainable dresses and bags, interactive play mats & educational cubes.



The students have worked extremely hard and have shown real dedication resulting in fabulous work completed to a very high commercial standard. All of the textile products have shown high levels of skill and creativity; I'm sure you will agree!

You should be as proud of yourselves as I am Year 11, well done.

Miss Hudson



Year 12 AS Food Technology

Year 12 have been working on a variety of coursework projects since September. The students have chosen their own design briefs with many choosing to investigate the rising cases of obesity in the UK, with a view to creating an original low-fat product.

Students have worked independently, completing a variety of tasks including research, designing and making. In October, students also had the opportunity to visit Reaseheath College to research commercial product development.

Overall it has been an interesting year with some very pleasing practical results.

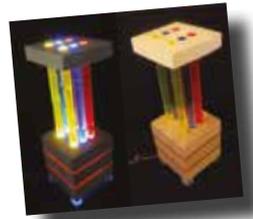
Well done Year 12.

Mrs Ryan



Year 12 AS Product Design

Year 12 Product Design students have spent many hours creating a range of contemporary lighting designs. Using the German design school Bauhaus as influence for their designs, students have created some fantastic and original designs.



The students have worked hard producing Computer Aided Design ideas and then bringing the virtual designs to life in the Design Technology workshops to produce some real quality products to a very high standard.



Some unique and creative work as you can see from the examples. Well done to the Year 12 Product Design students, a great year's work and good luck in the summer exams.

Mr Fletcher

Year 12 AS Level Textiles

Year 12 students have been demonstrating their creativity and flair by creating unique garments for an identified client; these have ranged from high street stores to 'pop' icons.

This year students have produced creative & highly skilled garments, it is some of the best quality work we have seen. Their outcomes are a testament to their talent & hard work.

Well done year 12!

Mrs Booth & Miss Hudson



8.4b's 'The Secret Life of...' Short Stories!

8.4b studied 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty' in their unit on short stories.

This then inspired their own 'Secret Life' stories where they could daydream about anything they wished, exploring the themes of escapism.

Anyway, enough from me: here are some of the articles the pupils wrote about the experience!

Miss Hitchens

Student Review - Sophie Garratt's (8.4b) article

8.4b have worked incredibly hard on their short stories over the past few weeks. The short stories are based on 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty'. Whilst, writing our short stories, we used FAIL, SAIL, TAIL to make sure our stories were perfect. We used many adjectives, personification, similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia, effective verbs and adjectives as well as alliteration to make our descriptions exciting. We also had to include dialogue and description and put in the past tense. We had lots of fun creating these short stories because they were original and very entertaining.



Doctor Who Competition

Mainly because we love Doctor Who and are still reeling over the departure of Matt Smith at Christmas, the inspiration for our latest internal competition was to design new monsters and promotional material to give Steven Moffat a hand with the next series!

Y8 had very kindly suggested the idea at the English Forum and Y7 were very privileged to be the ones to have a go! They worked tirelessly to create adverts, magazine covers, persuasive letters and costume designs for their new creations. If you thought the Daleks were scary then you've seen nothing yet!

Well done to 7.3b, 7.4a and 7.5a who each won a certificate and chocolates and had their work sent to Steven Moffat to view...I wonder if we may get some royalties?

Miss Hitchens



9.7's 'Our Vision' Dystopian Novel

9.7 wrote their own dystopian novel as part of a new unit called 'Our Vision' delivered to Y9. In this unit, every English teacher got to choose a genre they were interested in to teach their pupils about.

As part of the unit, staff were asked to include the collaborative writing of a text (an idea suggested by Alfie Bryce-Clegg at the Y9 English forum). 9.7's resulting work was amazing and is now pride-of-place in the LRC for all to read. Mrs Ware gave it a big thumbs-up too!

I'll hand over to the pupils to tell you more...

Miss Hitchens

Student Review - Bradley Snowden's (9.7)

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been writing a dystopian story about a boy who lives in a nuclear wasteland and a girl that lives safe in a glass dome. The boy, Peter, has no parents because they both died in the nuclear war when a bomb went off when he was 16. Lily escapes from the dome and finds Peter in a derelict building. Outside the dome, there is danger everywhere and Lily and Peter decide to save the world from further danger to come which Lily's father, the President, is responsible for.

Our 'novel' was 8 pages long and everyone contributed to it. It took a lot of team work to make this book happen because everyone had to work together to make sure the narrative flowed effectively. We had to find out what our peers were writing so that the whole narrative made sense. I personally wrote page 2 of the novel and people had to come and see me to see how it would influence what they had to write.

Student Review - Lauren Temple's (9.7)

Over the past couple of weeks, 9.7 have been writing a class dystopian novel. The class looked at a collection of dystopian novels such as 'Brave New World' and 'Nineteen Eighty-Four' for inspiration.

The class were split up into three groups who were given a section of the novel to write. In the groups, everyone had a different role such as leader or correspondent.

The dystopian novel was about the discrimination against the poorer people in the society. The rich and the poor were separated by a glass dome. The richer people kept themselves completely separated from the poor apart from a girl, Lily, who wanted to help them. Her father, the evil ruler, had planned to completely destroy the population outside the dome. But did his plan work? You will have to read to find out! Why not have a look at our work in the LRC? Mrs Ware loved it!



BBC School Report

Wow! What a hectic few months! Today has been BBC School report News day and given it's Wellington's first attempt, we have had outstanding success.

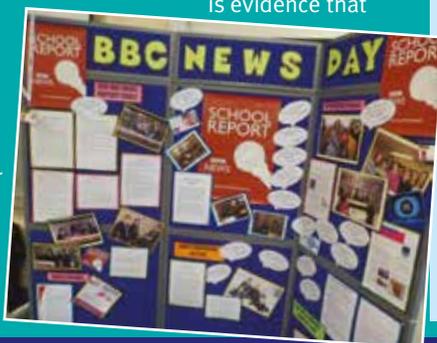
Excitingly, Megan, Iman and Bronte in Y7 have been producing a film alongside BBC producers about Alzheimer's Disease. Our video, edited and produced by the BBC, featured on Radio 5 Live Breakfast, Newsbeat, Newsround and the BBC News Channel. The video and audio are amazing and we hope many of you got to hear or see it at the time – if you missed out then it is available under the Learners tab on the school website too. What an achievement girls and you certainly achieved your main aim which was to raise awareness about the effects of Alzheimer's Disease.

So on to News Day. After pupils watched the BBC report we made in tutor time, the School Report team of Megan, Iman, Bronte, Charlotte, Ellie, Jacob, Sam, Tom, Sharif, Andrew, Katie, Caitlyn, Jess, Rosie, Jasmine and Yasmin got to work. Each pupil had deadlines to meet throughout the day because we had to ensure all of the content was on by 3.05pm. The pupils achieved this in their stride and inevitably it was me that was panicking as we uploaded the final image to the school webpage at 3.05pm!

We were very lucky that Rachel Burden of Radio 5 Live and Andy Sheridan, a former Wellington pupil and actor could visit us so we could complete some celebrity interviews. The pupils involved did a fantastic job whilst being expertly supervised by Miss Seaston. Miss Seaston was impressed by the questions of a number of pupils but in particular special mention to Sharif in Y7 who it turns out has acted on the Royal Exchange stage just like Andy has done. These interviews have certainly made this a varied and even more exciting day so a massive thanks to Andy and Rachel once again.

All in all, the past few months have involved lots of planning, preparation, photography, interviewing, editing and publishing but I'm sure you agree the pupils online content (under the Learners tab), our BBC Report and the giant display of all of our work that we made the Y7 and Y8 team have made this initiative a fantastic success. The BBC themselves and our mentor Rachel Ferguson of BBC Radio Manchester have made this a year to remember!

Miss Hitchens



The Day of the Droogs, International Burgess Foundation

On 29th January, 18 Sixth Formers and I attended a series of lectures about Anthony Burgess' dystopian novel 'A Clockwork Orange' at the International Anthony Burgess Foundation.

The students got to experience a university-style series of lectures, taking copious amounts of notes that will inform their contextual and critical awareness of the text.

The lectures also explored the sociological insights the novel debates and there were talks about modern gang culture, patriarchal masculinity of the 1960s, historical ideas about gang identity and a discussion of the film's exploration of 'cultural capital'.

The students were excellent and enjoyed the day; I have however never seen so much free food consumed by so few!

We have maintained contact with MMU, who co-funded the event, and The Burgess Foundation via our @WellyLiterature Twitter page since and look forward to more opportunities they may offer.

Miss Hitchens

Student Review

And the winner of our Day of the Droogs review competition, winning £15 of Waterstones vouchers is ... Jessica Fairhurst!

Day of the Droogs was an incredibly useful event and we were overwhelmed with all of the new ideas and viewpoints about Alex, gangs and Anthony Burgess himself which we had never even thought of before and which are also going to be invaluable to our coursework! The series of speakers, Professors and Doctors of Literature all had different takes on Burgess' purposes for writing A Clockwork Orange and explained their ideas to us, providing us with a new range of critics but also deeper ideas to support our ideas on the novel. In particular, Dr. Melanie Tebbut (MMU) talked about gang culture and opened our eyes to the fact that not all gangs were really bad for society, but that people tend to stereotype gangs and groups of people into gangs which can then be associated with anti-social behaviour and crime. Unfortunately, we couldn't stay for the whole day as the 'day' ended very late; however, the wealth of information we have gathered will be more than enough to help us write our coursework considering Anthony Burgess' life, intentions and purposes for making Alex's character.

'A View from the Bridge', Liverpool Playhouse Theatre

Miss Hitchens, Mrs Rainford and Mr Williams took 53 Year 10-13s to the Playhouse Theatre in Liverpool on Monday night to see 'A View from the Bridge' by Arthur Miller.

This is a play that is studied for GCSE English Literature and will feature in this year's final exams. The play was fantastic and it was so lovely to hear from the pupils how useful it was to see the play performed

because it offered them more perception into the characters' behaviour. All that came were excellently behaved and a credit to the school.

Miss Hitchens



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Year 12 trip to Blencathra 2014

Year 12 AS Geography Students boarded the mini-bus for an epic few days in the beautiful Lake District, the weather wasn't great but despite this, the students worked incredibly hard!

The field trip to Blencathra in the Lake District is linked to an AS exam on fieldwork, the students were set the task of working out if there was a link between velocity and hydraulic radius. The students completed 2 days of river studies which included collecting data (using a range of apparatus), drawing various graphs and cross sections and results to see if their hypothesis was true or not. The students then completed a 7 mile walk around the local area (I should mention here the rain or high winds did not stop at all during the 7 miles) to look at the impacts/evidence of glaciation. The poor weather did not stop the hard work and the students produced a fantastic photographic diary of the walk which they then created back at the classroom. The final day was spent in the local town of Keswick to look at the impacts of the flooding that took place in 2011. The students returned to school exhausted but still smiling, and all agreed that the trip was incredibly useful but also a lot of fun too!!

Miss English & Mr Whitaker



then analysing the

Year 9 Trip to Disneyland Paris



The Geography department took 50 Year 9 students to Disneyland Paris at the start of March to investigate how the area attracts tourists.

While in Paris we also visited the Montpernasse Tower (the students agreed the views it gave us over Paris were amazing), got to experience the French 'Metrolink' system, as well as spending a day and a half at Disneyland Paris. It was a long, but fun filled adventure, some of our students met the characters like Minnie Mouse and Winnie-the-Pooh while others headed off to Space Mountain while there was no queue! The students were fantastic throughout, completing vital fieldwork to help them with their next topic on Tourism and prepare them with some data collection skills for GCSE.

Miss English



Year 10 trip to Shropshire

50 Year 10 students packed their bags (some of them packed enough for a month, let alone 2 days) and headed south to Shropshire to a small village called Church Stretton.

While staying in a 'haunted' manor house the students took part in a range of activities to enhance their GCSE course (and the famous Geography Quiz)! The students walked for miles, saw lambs that were less than an hour old, stood in an icy waterfall (some brave students stood under it) and completed some important data collection whilst in a very cold river. The students left tired, but definitely not hungry, and incredibly sad to be leaving, despite the lack of mobile phone signal – anywhere!

I am sure the activities completed while there will add to the students understanding of rivers and prepare them for their GCSE exam.

Miss English & Mr Holt



WWII and the Holocaust

This term in History we have been focusing on WWII and the Holocaust. We have also been looking at Hitler's rise to power and how he came to be one of the most hated people in the world.

The holocaust was a time of distress for Jews, people of other ethnicities and disabled citizens. They were brutally killed by the Nazis back in World War II. The mass murder was conducted by gunshot, gas and other horrifying methods of execution. These Jews were treated like animals being caged up behind barbed wire for years on end only to be tortured and murdered by Hitler's ruthless soldiers, some also died through the horrendous conditions, and they sadly died by disease.

On the 23rd January 2014, we were fortunate enough to experience an assembly by a survivor of the Holocaust that took place in Europe during Nazi rule. She talked about many horrifying experiences that she went through including losing her parents, being transported to the ghetto. However, she also talked about the good times when she was liberated from the camp and moved to England with new opportunities and a better life. Plenty of good questions were asked about what the camps were like and her family that were killed during the Holocaust.

To commemorate the 69th anniversary of the Holocaust Year 9 created a project. Researching the information at home made it a lot easier when we came to creating the piece in class. People went down different routes ranging from collages to boxes of images and information. Everyone created unique pieces of work which will come together to make a brilliant display commemorating all that happened in the holocaust.

By Kieran Wood and Matt Gallagher 9MBH



Medical Museum Visit

So the annual History trip to the Medical Museum in Leeds started off as any other. Meet in the Dining Room, prompt 9am departure and the obligatory rainy/windy February weather over the Pennines. But then ... one of the two coaches burst a tyre.

Fortunately, the coach driver had the good sense to pull in at the next junction. It was decided that the second coach would continue the journey; pupils on coach number two certainly were smug as they waved bye to the stranded pupils and staff! However, the coach company were very prompt at sending out a replacement and in on time at all pupils were making their way around the museum, frantically scribbling notes on disease, surgery and public health, which will feature on one of their two GCSE exams this summer. Pupils certainly gained a lot out of the visit, and combined with lots of revision in the next few weeks, it will prove invaluable. Good luck Year 11, and well done on your conduct and attentiveness in the museum.

Miss Tidbury

Holocaust Diary Project

Recently, Year 9 pupils have been studying the Holocaust in their History lessons. As part of their studies, 9.0 and 9.8 completed

an independent project homework where they had to create a diary as if they were a Jewish person alive in the 1930's and 1940's.

Both classes produced some exceptional pieces of work. Their diary entries showed an ability to empathise with the feelings of Jewish people involved in the Holocaust, whilst also being historically accurate. Well done to all pupils involved, I was incredibly impressed with your creativity and maturity.

Mr Gerschler



Further Mathematics Support Program – Year 10 Competition

On 13 March, Mr Armstrong took four of Wellington's best Mathematicians to compete in a Year 10 Maths Competition organised by the Further Mathematics Support Program.

The competition was entered by a wide range of schools from across the North West, including a number of independent and grammar schools. Despite the calibre of the opposition, and the difficulty of the material covered in the competition, the Wellington team of Ruby James, Joe Shaw, Emma Sevant and Peter Mitrev put in an excellent performance to finish ninth overall. All four of the students thoroughly enjoyed the day and left feeling inspired to take their mathematics studies further.

Mr Armstrong

Mathematics Revision Day

Better and more successful than ever, on Wednesday 2 March Year Eleven took part in a special Maths Revision Day event hosted by our very own Mathematics teachers.

Pupils took some timeout of lessons to focus on developing their functional mathematical abilities. This part of the Mathematics curriculum is set to assume more importance, as GCSE courses being taught from 2015 onwards are designed to test students' ability to tackle more complex problems and make proficient use of concepts like ratio, measurement and proportion. Students participated in a variety of activities including shape, bearings, number and algebra, many based on examination papers and materials, with a competitive edge. The morning culminated in a Mathematics Team Relay Race, in which teams used strategies to see which of them could tackle the most mathematical problems accurately, yet in the shortest time. Lots of prizes were awarded to the winning teams.

The Mathematics department, were particularly impressed by the way in which pupils participated in the event and were delighted to hear of the positive feedback around school in the following few days. Let us hope that, together with all the other opportunities they have to prepare for their GCSEs, the event will help Year Eleven gain the best ever results in August 2014. We would like to wish them all the best of luck on 9 June and 13 June!

Mrs Heaton

World Pi Day

Just before two o'clock, on 14 March, is an important moment in Mathematics – a fact which becomes clearer on writing it as 3:14 1:59 (a short step away from 3.14159..., the decimal representing Pi, probably the most important number in Mathematics.

In the week leading up to World Pi Day (it really is called that!), students took part in a variety of problem solving activities during their Mathematics lessons. On Pi Day itself, teachers across the school used numeracy based starters in their lessons. Particular mention should be made of the Art Department, who produced some fantastic posters based on the theme of $\pi = 3.142...$ for display in the Mathematics area.

As in 2013, we staged a competition, the winner of which would be the student who could memorise Pi to the greatest number of decimal places. As those who attended the Talent Show will recall (assuming, that is, that they have overlooked Mr Poole's evident confusion of the words pi and pie), there really was no competition. Step forward Sam Pegg, of year seven, who rattled off the first 200 digits of the decimal expansion of pi. No-one at Wellington (students or staff) has even come close to matching this remarkable feat!

Mr Poole



STEM Challenge

Also on 14 March, Mr Harpham took six Year 10 students to a STEM (Science, Technology and Mathematics) Challenge day.

The day was aimed at getting pupils more interested in and giving more information about careers in STEM subjects. It started with the pupils interviewing professionals who work in different industries to see what drove them to pick a career in that industry. Then the challenge started. Pupils were asked to design and build a 1:5 scale model of the Skelton Bob; an event in which Great Britain's sporting women have enjoyed particular success. The last two Olympic Champions in the discipline have both been British, Amy Williams and Lizzy Yarnold winning gold in 2010 and 2014 respectively. Students built and adapted three different models and, following rigorous testing, entering one of these in the main competition. The model built and selected by Wellington students came a respectable sixth – well done to all who participated.

Mr Harpham

A farmer is making a field for his flock of 100 sheep. Each sheep needs 16m² of grass to graze. The farmer is going to make a rectangular field, using an existing wall to make one side of the field, and buying fencing, costing £15 per metre, from which to make the other three sides. What is the smallest amount the farmer must pay for fencing?



Do you think you can match Sam Pegg's achievement? Here is pi, to 200 decimal places. Come and have a go, if you think you're numerate enough...

3.1415926535897932384626433832
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44592307816406286208998628034
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64709384460955058223172535940
8128481117450284102701938521105
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Arabic Club

After hearing about an exciting opportunity to learn Arabic, a selection of us put our names down to take part in the after school club.

From the very first session it was really interesting to see how different a language could be – for example, in Arabic you write from right to left! Each week we focussed on a specific topic, such as occupations, nationalities and greetings as well as the basics of Arabic like the alphabet. We particularly enjoyed learning the names of countries in Arabic and we played a fun flag game!

By the end of the four weeks, we were sad to see our teacher, Krisztina, go, but it was lovely to meet her and get a glimpse at a new, exciting language. We ended the series of lessons with an Arabic-themed party, complete with Arabic music, baklava and Arabic outfits which some of us wore!

On the whole we are so glad that we decided to sign up for Arabic classes, as it was a fun opportunity to grasp a new language. Thank you to Miss McShane and the University of Manchester for organising the classes, as it has been an unforgettable experience!

Shukram wa ma'a salaama! (Thank you and goodbye!)

Holly Rundle, Isaac Farrell, Gabrielle Cartmell – Year 10



Year 10 French Revision conference

On the 26th February, 42 Year 10 students took part in the Keynote student Revision Conference for French, held in Manchester.

They learned how to improve their French pronunciation and picked up lots of useful tips on how to maximise their grades. Our students were, as always, a credit to Wellington and their excellent conduct was, once again, commented on by the course organisers and even the coach driver!

An extra special mention must go to Beth, Faten, James, Ruby, Joel, Leon, Millie and Aimee who performed in a live demonstration in front of the whole conference which consisted of approximately 500 other students! Faten took part in 'the Weakest Link'. 'Anne Robinson' asked who was 'Tres bon and who should be gone?'. Faten was the strongest link until the final round and narrowly missed out on a bag of mini Crunchies (much to the disappointment of Joel!) but Millie won a £15 itunes voucher for posing the best question of the conference!

Mrs Williams



Essparadies

Miss Warburton and Miss McShane took 30 pupils from Year 7 and Year 9 to 'Essparadies' German restaurant in Chorlton to experience some authentic German food and put their language skills to use! We tried Wiener Schnitzel

We tried Wiener Schnitzel Bratwurst and Käse Spätzle which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Lots of us tried Fanta Cake, another German Speciality, and it went down very well, even with the über fussy Miss McShane!

Miss Warburton



La Tasca Trip

We have been going to Spanish Club since September and recently we have been learning about food.

As a reward we went to a Spanish restaurant called La Tasca at the Trafford Centre so that we could test our speaking skills! We got to taste several different Spanish dishes such as paella, albondigas (Spanish meatballs), tortilla española (Spanish omelette) and croquetas de pollo (chicken croquettes), they were really tasty! We spoke to our waiter, Pedro, in Spanish and he posed for pictures with us!

Afterwards, we got a couple of hours of free time in the Trafford Centre, so we went shopping and some people even went to Laser Quest! After all our fun we met back in the Orient and came back to school.

Alexia Gordon and Scott Topping
7MME

Talent Show 2014

Well, what an evening. In years to come everyone will be asking 'Where were you on the 10th April 2014?' and if you don't reply 'At the Wellington Talent show, of course' then you have missed a treat.



Watch this Space...

Mrs Johnson is preparing the final entry forms for the ABRSM exams, so hopefully we should have some fabulous results to report in the next newsletter!

Jamie Longhsaw 12 AFR kicked off the proceedings in his usual rock star mode and gave Terry Wogan a run for his money as the compère of the year. He even convinced the audience (which included our very own Headteacher, Mr Beeley and a number of school governors) to take a selfie.



The quality of the musical and non-musical performances we saw this year was amazing. Who can forget Taboo Tricks' brilliant illusions? Not to be outdone our compère also managed to perform an amazing mind trick on Mrs Hoogenberg. We had a variety of singers performing different styles: Lily accompanying herself on the guitar, a dance track by Isabelle and Demica, a favourite from Tangled by Grace, a trip back to the 1940s with Sam & Kieran to name but a few.



Each year the talent that we have at Wellington always astounds me, and the frightening thing is I know that there's much more out there. So come and see us in the Music Department, get involved, and if we don't run a musical activity you'd like to do, then tell us!

A big thank you as well to all the staff who took part in the evening. Of course, none of the old faces – sorry familiar faces – disappointed, including Mr C's live video link up from Mumbai and Mr Poole excelling himself with American Pi with a little help from Sam in Year 7.

Once again, a successful evening which really highlighted the wealth of talent here at Wellington. Ardderchog!

Mrs Moorhouse

World Music

Year 7 have been learning about Music from around the world and are creating compositions using some of the instruments we've been using in lessons – can't wait for the final performances!



Composer's Logbook

Year 8 have got into the composing spirit and are creating their own compositions based on some snippets of music left behind by a composer. So far all their responses have been really creative – great to see them work and to listen to their ideas!



Football Frenzy

Year 7

After a long winter break the boys started the New Year away at Sale High School. On a bobbly surface, on a blistering evening, the boys had to grind out a 3-1 win and secure 2nd place in the league and therefore make certain our place in the semi-final play-off for the league. Our semi-final match will be after the Easter break away at Stretford Grammar for a chance to play at Carrington.

In the Trafford Cup, after a farce against Stretford High School, receiving a bye one hour before kick-off we played against Sale Grammar having already beaten them 5-2 in the league before Christmas. The boys put in one of their finest performances. The back five (Goalkeeper and four defenders) were solid keeping their first official clean sheet and yet we attacked with flair and aggression. Tom Carr led the line brilliantly, with Dan Flisk and George Harris-Stelfox always providing an outlet on the wings. A 4-0 victory was the least that they deserved.

In the last newsletter I hoped we could achieve a Cup and League Trafford Double – this has to be our continued aim moving into the summer term.

Mr Harpham

Year 8

What a term for Year 8 football. It has been an emotional rollercoaster both on and off the field. The most memorable being the narrow defeat to Ashton-on-Mersey in the cup. We had a tough tie and the weather on the day did not make things any easier. 15 minutes into the second half we were losing 4-2. I was trying to battle against the wind to get my voice heard on the touchline. Captain Ben Royle rallied the troops and we threw everything at them. We had a good 10 minute spell of very high intensity pressure which paid off; we managed to get the game to even terms at 4-4. The referee stated we had 4 minutes on the clock. This spurred the lads on even more and we managed to take the lead, 5-4. The 4 minutes felt like 4 hours and a high ball from Ashton was taken away with the wind straight to their attacker. He managed to score to take the game to penalties. The whole squad rallied together to cheer on the penalty takers and goalkeeper. Unfortunately it was not enough and we narrowly lost out scoring only 4 compared to Ashton's 5. It was the best team performance I have ever seen from the boys and I am still devastated for them. They gave their all and I cannot praise the team enough. As mentioned, we have been on quite an emotional rollercoaster over the past few

months but like any good team we pulled together when it mattered.

This is justified by the fact that we have reached the semi-final of the league competition. We are due to play Urmston Grammar away on the first Tuesday back (29th). It is going to be a tough tie but I know if we keep our discipline and show the courage and determination we did at Ashton we will come good this time. Victory here would not only mean we have got further than ever but also the opportunity to play at Carrington. Well done, Gents!

Mr Gubbins

Year 9

Post-February half term, the football season continued with the Year 9 team hoping to build upon the unbeaten start they had made. We were drawn against Wellacre in the cup and defeated them 2-0 thanks to goals from Josh Wilkinson. That win helped us progress into the Quarter final against Altrincham Boys Grammar school, an opponent who is historically very strong.

This game proved too much for us as a team, their goalkeeper was in inspired form as we lost 2-0 to an opponent who defeated the team 7-1 in Year 7. Thanks to our sterling, unbeaten league form we had a league semi final to play against Ashton with the winners going to Carrington. It was a tremendous game, full of determination, mutual respect and chances. Ashton took the lead with 10 minutes left of the game and we equalised with four minutes to go. Extra time finished level so it was on to the cruel lottery of penalties. Ashton finished as winners scoring three of their penalties to our two. Jake Howarth, Luke Noble and Scott Milner were brilliant all game and I couldn't be more proud of the team for their effort, team spirit and willingness to learn.

They've progressed from a team that won one game last season to a team this season that got to a Quarter and semi Final. Since I took over this year the lads commitment to training and games has been inspirational and it's been a pleasure taking them.

Mr Tomlinson

Year 10

Mr Morgan and the Year 10 squad set themselves up for this season as Trafford League Winners and they have not disappointed. They are still very much in contention to return to Carrington this year after taking 7 points from 4 fixtures. The Year 10 league is always a greatly contested league with any of the 6 teams in contention

to end as the top 2. Mr Morgan and the team are waiting patiently for the remaining fixtures and are going to treat each game like a cup game, leaving everything on the field as any good winning team should do." Unfortunately these comments were from the Winter Newsletter and were still true until a few weeks ago. Sadly, the Year 10 team have not made it through to the 2nd round of league fixtures after narrowly missing out in the cruellest of manners; goal difference. They have however shown great character in the face of adversity and have set themselves up for a quarter-final cup tie against Altrincham Boys Grammar school. I have no doubt the lads will use their disappointment with the league and channel this into the Cup competition.

Mr Morgan

Year 11

Mr Morgan and the Year 10 squad set themselves up for this season as Trafford League Winners and they have not disappointed. The Year 11 football team have enjoyed a glorious run to the semi-finals of the Trafford schools Cup competition after mediocre form in the league.

The lads cruised through the first round with a crushing 4-0 win over Wellacre; an early goal by Jake Noble followed up by a hatrick from Sam Roscoe. The comfortable win set up a home tie against Sale High in the quarter finals which proved to be a much closer affair. After a fast start from Wellington front men closing down the Sale defence, Sam Roscoe squared a ball into the path of Jake Noble who exquisitely slotted it home from close range. That goal and the lead was cancelled out before half time with two identical headed goals from corners by the Sale High centre back, on both occasions finding himself unchallenged in the Wellington area.

Goalkeeper Joe Cronshaw kept Wellington in the game with a series of fine saves in the second half before Alex Owen smashed home the equaliser with a few minutes left on the clock. Not wanting the game to go into extra time and penalties, Wellington pushed forward again, forcing a late corner which was bundled over the line by Sam Roscoe for his 4th goal in 2 games. Moving on to set up a semi-final tie against Sale Grammar, the team are one victory away from their third final appearance in two years.

Mr Fletcher



Hockey

After the arrival of our astro, hockey has gone from strength to strength here at Wellington. Training at lunch and after school found many super girls and boys all eager for an opportunity to show off their talents.

We finished the year with games against Sale Grammar both home and away. The Year 7 girls A and B team both won, 2-0 and 6-1 respectively. Hannah Smith and Charlotte Mairs received girl of the game.

The Year 7/8 boys won 3-2, with Luke Kelly getting man of the match although our Year 8 girls were not so lucky. It was their first game and there is a lot to learn!

Miss Richards



Year 7 girls tournament at THC with Year 10 leaders as umpires



Year 7/8 boys tournament at THC with Year 10 leaders as umpires

University trip

The Year 12 AS PE group went on a visit in January to Leeds Metropolitan University. The 12 students left bright and early on a Monday morning as we headed to Leeds for a day of lectures.

The students were able to experience lectures and seminars by the principal lecturers in sports nutrition at the university, who also work with some of Great Britain's elite athletes. They were able to deliver information that was not only very relevant to the exam specification, but also related to current athletes. The pupils were also able to meet Tom Bosworth who is GB's highest ranked race walker, he was able to tell us about how he nutritionally prepares for events, including the last commonwealth games in Delhi. Students had a good look around the university, and its sport science facilities including the environment chamber, the anti gravity treadmill and biomechanical laboratories. The day was extremely useful, and has consolidated and extended the knowledge the students have and need for their exams in June.

Miss Hodges

Visit from Anthony Taylor

Year 12 were also lucky enough to meet Anthony Taylor, who is a Premier league and FIFA referee this term. Anthony came in to talk about his job as a professional

referee, his training and his diet and nutrition.

The students were able to look at Anthony's training plans, heart rate data, and meal plans which gave them a fantastic insight into being a professional athlete, and the pressures they face every day to maintain the levels of fitness needed to continue with their job

successfully. Again, all of the information delivered to the students related to their exam specification, which will help them in the long run for their AS exams. I'm hoping we'll see a lot more of Anthony as he hopes to come back into school to do some more work with this group and others!

Miss Hodges

Year 10 leaders

Through two young gymnastics leaders who volunteer around 8 hours a week, Wellington was asked to provide leaders for the Manchester Primary School Games held at the Velodrome. We arrived to the opening ceremony and then received our roles for the day. The key stage 1 and 2 students were very well behaved and even had the chance to play 'duck, duck, goose' with Beth Taylor which they all loved!!

We received many wonderful comments from primary teachers, Greater Sport who ran the event and from Trafford Sport.

One email read, "I would like to thank Abbey-Lea and Beth for their organisation of lots of games for the children. It's a long day but the kids haven't complained once because the girls have kept them occupied. They're a credit to the school".

Lee Whitehead



Christ Church School, Oldham have allowed this picture.

Athletics

In March, Mr Morgan was delighted to take the Year 7 boys indoor athletics team to represent Trafford at the Greater Manchester Championships held at St Peters R.C High School in Belle Vue.



The team were competing against winners from Bury Metro, Wigan, Leigh, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport and Tameside. Competition was fierce with the best athletes in Greater Manchester on show. Sonny Wilcox, Stan Bradley, Jayden Barrington, Daniel Flisk, George Harris Stelfox, Henry Howarth and Tom Carr competed in a range of relays, indoor shot, standing long jump, speed bounce, vertical jump and standing triple jump. I was extremely proud of the boys who performed with skill and determination against a highly competitive field, indeed the size and strength of some of the athletes on show was incredible and it is easy to see where team GB's next crop of athletes could come from. The final results gave the Wellington team and indeed Trafford, a very respectable sixth place out of ten boroughs. Star performance goes to Stan Bradley and Jayden Barrington's first place in the 8 lap relay - they were outstanding.

Mr Morgan



Year 7 Netball

The end of the Year 7 Netball season has been a complete roller coaster ride! The girls played in their Trafford tournament in March.

They were placed in a tough group, which included AGGS and Loreto (amongst others). The girls started off shakily, struggling to get their shots in but improved as the tournament went on. They won 5 out of their 6 group games, only losing to AGGS, which is a fantastic result. Unfortunately we missed out on progression due to goal difference. A special mention needs to go to Hannah Smith who scored the winning goal in the final seconds of our game against Loreto from the edge of the circle!

The girls came runners up in the Trafford League, narrowly missing out in the final to a very difficult Urmston Grammar team. The girls showed some of the best team spirit and sportsmanship I have

seen, and certainly deserved the win, but we have learnt a lot, ready for next year.

The girls also travelled to Bury Grammar school, to play in the Greater Manchester Tournament, where they played against predominantly grammar and private schools. This was the first time the girls have had to really utilise their defensive skills and they were able to keep all of their matches to a very close goal difference.

One last thanks to all of the parents who have come out to watch so regularly. Nearly all of the girls had supporters with them at their final!

The Year 7 / 8 team played in their tournament this term too. It was a great opportunity for the girls who have been coming to practice every week since September. The girls played really well and came 5th out of 9. Girl of the tournament was Pheobe Ross for her fantastic shooting!

Miss Hodges

First Aid

A group of Year 8 boys have been taking part in a First Aid project this term.

The boys who have taken part in the project for the entire term have now gained their first aid qualification and have planned and delivered a session to some Year 7 boys. They were incredibly mature and sensible and taught their new skills to their Year 7 students incredibly well. All of the Year 7 boys who took part really enjoyed themselves and learnt lots of new skills. This has been a great opportunity for the boys in Year 8 to show their sensible side and take part in a really worthwhile activity. The boys have one final task to complete, which is a presentation to show staff what they have achieved this term! Well done boys and thank you for being so committed!

Miss Hodges

Year 8 Netball

This term saw the end of the Year 8 netball season with their final tournament at Stretford Grammar.

Despite the wind and driving rain, the girls showed excellent defensive play and came 3rd in their group. Unfortunately this meant they weren't able to progress to the semi finals but it does, again, show how far they have developed this season.

Miss Hodges

Year 9 Netball

Trafford league and tournament winners, again!

The girls once again had a tremendous year and did the double. The pictures show the League semi-final against Urmston. We then played Ashton on Mersey in the final and won in super style, 27-3!

Alice Buckton-Perkins received girl of the game following a recent change to her position as centre.

Having beaten all our earlier opponents we faced Loreto in the final of the Trafford Tournament.

The girls had lost to Loreto earlier this year, but a 'gee-ed up' team went on to secure victory, 5-4 in extra time.

Miss Richards



FINAL VS AOM



SEMI VS URMSTON



TOURNAMENT WINNERS

The Greater Manchester County Netball Tournament at Wright Robinson

The girls once again had a tremendous year. With what seemed like a very tough group, we approached our first game against Withington with trepidation, having lost already this year to them.

We pulled off a super draw of 4 all! We went on to beat Manchester High, Stockport Grammar, Cheadle Hulme and Hulme School. Finally drawing with St Monica's, 3-3.

This took us through to the semi-finals against Saddleworth even though Nancy Stewart sustained a bad injury part way through the day. An amazing semi but sadly it was not to be our day. Losing 13-6 with Chloe Addis playing more positions than anyone ever has in the history of netball (!) we had a super day and came home very proud of ourselves!

Well done to Chloe who was also crowned Player of the Tournament by the girls!!!

Miss Richards

Rugby Report

I have been delighted with how rugby has developed in only its second year in effect in the 'modern era'. We have run a team in each of Years 7 – 11 this year and played nearly 30 fixtures or tournaments – almost a 10-fold increase on last year.

I am about to circulate an email offering schools fixtures for next season and would hope to increase this further. Any potential rugby players joining us in Year 7 in September, then do make yourself known. Thanks to Messrs. O'Rourke, Gerschler and Tomlinson for coaching and managing teams, and to so many parents who have provided that invaluable touchline support.

S P Beeley

Year 10/11 Rugby

This season saw the creation of a Year 10/11 rugby squad for the first time in many years at Wellington.

We have played games against Stretford Grammar (twice), ACA and Sale Grammar - the lads have shown excellent commitment throughout the games and despite other commitments in school they have always turned up to training. We started the season by blowing Stretford Grammar away by 40pts with particular thanks to Nathan Chandler, Jack Appleby, Sam Warren and Decklan Davenport. I have to say the mutual respect between Year 10 and 11 has been a pleasure to watch.

The Year 11 students have positively supported the Year 10 players through the games and the camaraderie has been fantastic. We then went to a three-way tournament against Stretford Grammar and Sale Grammar - we beat Stretford but this time the game was a lot closer and two tries from Nathan Chandler helped secure the win. Unfortunately we lost against Sale Grammar and losing the pivotal Billy Banks and Nathan Chandler didn't help.

Our last joint year group game was against ACA and it was a case of us losing the game rather than our opponents winning it, we have never dropped as many passes! It has been great watching Elliot Guy, Ed Stenhouse and Callum Mash develop through the season - Callum is a tackling machine.

We did have one more fixture for Year 10 only and our team was a mixture of the 7 players who had played before and 10 players who hadn't. We won the game against Stretford Grammar in a close fought game. Rory Mackenzie was excellent scoring two tries and Ben Williamson scoring a 60 yard special. The game saw Joe Daulby captain the team, with Callum Burns and Liam Raftery standing out in the tackling department.

Mr Tomlinson

Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 team's first competitive outing of the term was in the Trafford Emerging Schools' tournament at Trafford M.V. Rugby Club in January.

The concept of gathering together schools for whom rugby is still in its infancy is admirable, however, our boys found the 7 minute, 12-a-side games on a tiny quagmire of a pitch rather frustrating and unfortunately we lost to Altrincham College of Arts and Stretford GS, having beaten Ashton on Mersey in the first game.

Revenge is sweet, as they say, and just a few weeks later we defeated ACA comprehensively, 30-10, in a 'proper' game. Even sweeter, we enjoyed victory over Stretford GS for the second time this season, 20-10, at Bowdon RUFC in March. These two results were far more a reflection of our potential and our development than the earlier débâcle.

We ended our first very successful season with a 26-4 victory over Lymm High School. Like our pre-Christmas fixture versus St. Ambrose, another nationally recognised 'rugby school', we opted to play their 'B' team. On this showing, we could have given their 'A' team a run for their money.

I won't go into great detail about these fixtures as match reports were provided on my weekly website bulletin at the time. It just remains for me to say what a pleasure it has been to work with this group of young men, many of whom had never played the game before. They have developed significantly and their potential is huge. I thank them for all their efforts and their parents for all their support. I hope as many of you as possible can make it for the Sports Dinner on 19th June at Bowdon Rugby Club, when we will announce the Player and Most Improved Player of the Season.

S P Beeley



Pictured back row: J Buckley; S Whitehead; E Pearce; L Turner; T Bell; H Fallows; D Wiseman; T Redman; S Bradley

Front row: T Palmer; D Flisk; O Tero; L Wright; H Howarth (Capt.); G Thompson; J Gregory; C Stenhouse; M Jones

Not pictured: P Addison; J Barrington; J Drummond; W Elhardello; J Fearon



Swimming

In March the Trafford Schools' swimming gala took place at Sale Leisure Centre.

We took a boys' and girls' team who were competing for points and a guest team of county standard swimmers to show the talent we have, who unfortunately would not be able to progress due to their high performance standard.

The girls' team came second, which was a superb result with fantastic swims from Cara Rushton, Pheobe Ross, Leah Fraser and Ellie Jeffs. The boys' team came 4th with a fantastic swim from Luke Tuner in 50m Butterfly!

Miss Hodges



Wellington Skis in Style

On Thursday, 13th February, 40 very excited pupils departed from school for the ski slopes of New Hampshire, USA.

After flying direct to Boston with British Airways we arrived at the lovely Indian Head Hotel. The hotel itself was amazing and the buffet meals definitely piled on the pounds! Pupils spent their days skiing the cold mountain slopes of Loon and Cannon. There was never a dull moment in the evening with pupils having lots of fun in the games room, hot tub, swimming pool or outside, firing snowballs at each other. Although we were sad to leave the ski slopes behind we were excited for the next leg of our journey, and after a mammoth 3 hour shopping mall trip, we arrived to the bright city lights of downtown Boston. After checking into our hotel we spent the remainder of the evening in the famous 'Cheers' restaurant.

Our final day flew by with a Boston bus tour, walking the Freedom Trail, admiring ships in the harbour and spending our last few dollars in Quincy Markets. It was a great opportunity for pupils and I know many of them made new friends on the trip. I'm sure it is a trip that they will all appreciate and remember for years to come.

Miss MacGlinchey





“An indescribable, breath-taking experience that I would do all over again!”.

Abbey Barry



“ Pictures won’t do the experience justice”

Katharine Tilston



Incredib



Months of planning, anticipation, visa applications and no doubt endless shopping trips had come to an end and the day finally arrived. On the 9th April 2014, twenty one excited A-level students, Mr Cropper, Mr Whitaker and I embarked upon our successful nine day tour of India.

The atmosphere on the coach was electric and the students were full of expectation and excitement for the journey ahead; the staff on the other hand were busy ensuring that last minute Costa coffees and sausage sandwiches were consumed before all things Western were a distant memory.

The tour began in Delhi and the pupils were instantly impressed with both the lavish hotel and the warm welcome of our Indian hosts, including the much loved Monu, our personal guide for the tour. Highlights of Delhi included a visit to Ghandi’s cremation site, a tour of the beautiful Jama Masjid Mosque, the largest mosque in Delhi and also a thrilling hour-long rickshaw ride around the fascinating back streets of Old Delhi.

“My favourite experience was the Golden Sikh temple by a mile! Both our sins and shins were cleansed in the temple’s water”.

Patrick Glitherow

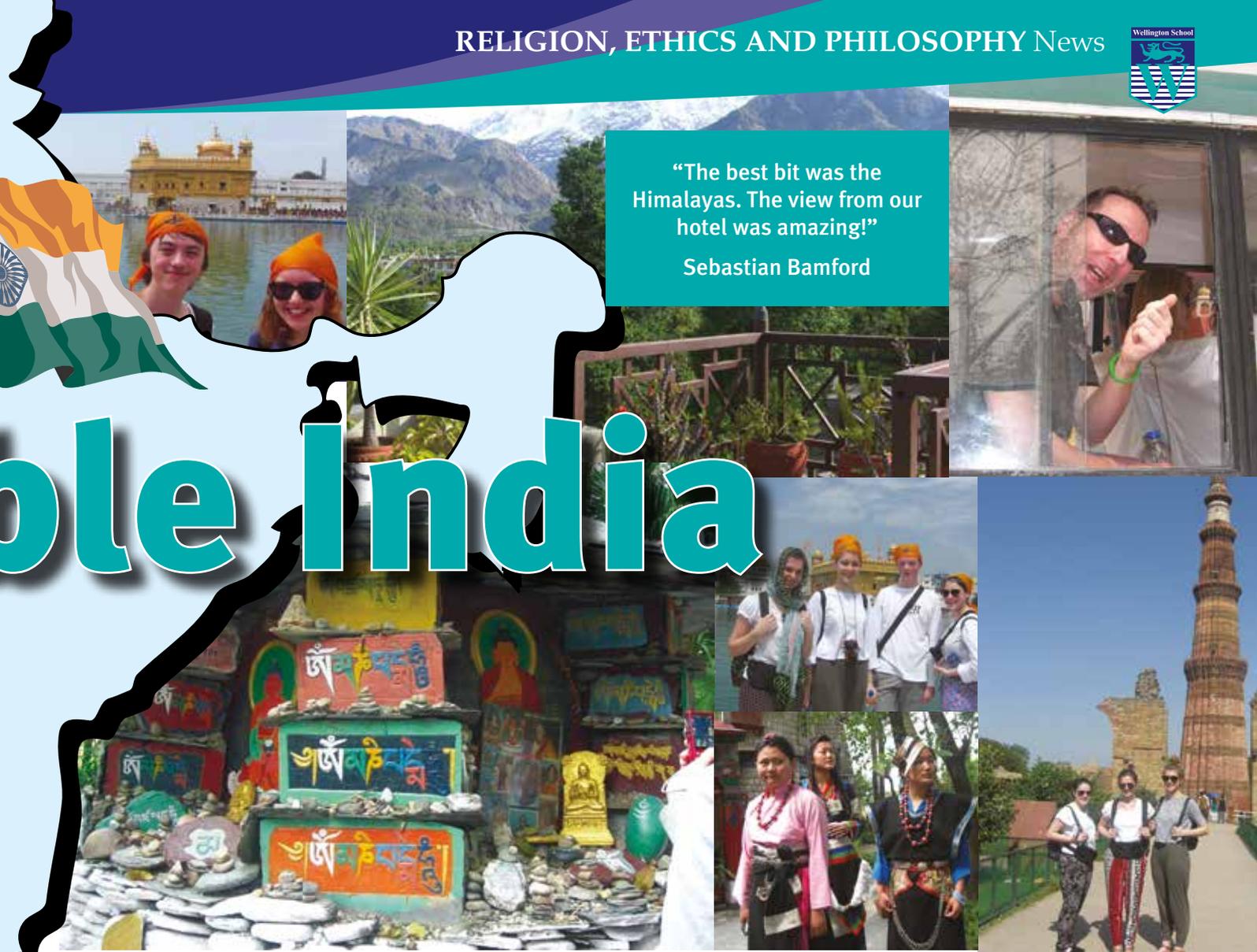
On the third day we arrived by train in Amritsar. Everyone was eager to visit the beautiful Golden Temple, not only the main site of Sikh Pilgrimage but also the most visited place in India. The spirit of brotherhood, equality and generosity pervaded all elements of practice evident at the temple. This was exemplified by the discovery that on average 40,000 people are fed every day within the Gurdwara’s canteens for free, entirely funded by donations. Ashley Headington in Year 13 was nominated to wear the Sikh turban, a task which he relished although he was relieved to hear that his was a lightweight turban in comparison with heavier turbans which can weigh up to 64kg.

The next leg of our journey to the Himalaya region was taken in 4x4 taxis which offered the opportunity to enjoy the spectacular

scenery and varied sights along the way. We shared our stay in the Blossoms hotel in Dharamasala reputed to be the very best in the area, with a Bollywood film star (only the best for Wellington students). The views from the balconies and the roof top restaurant were incredible and I know that Melissa Dando in Year 13 will never forget the setting of her 18th birthday meal.

During our stay in the Himalayas we had the privilege of visiting an orphanage where exiled Tibetan children had been sent when only days old. Seeing the expressions on





“The best bit was the Himalayas. The view from our hotel was amazing!”
Sebastian Bamford

ole India

the children’s faces when they were given gifts of colouring books, stickers, balloons and clothes will stay with all of us for the rest of our lives. Upon leaving the centre, the compulsory head count was essential as the sixth formers did not want to leave and I was also slightly concerned that one of the larger rucksacks may have been disguising a small child (Georgina Dalglish was the main suspect for such an accusation!)

After a two day stay in the beautiful Himalaya region we headed towards Agra with an overnight stop at Chandigarh and the famous rock gardens. Our stay in Agra included a tour of the Red Fort and of course the Taj Mahal where the students heard the romantic and intriguing story behind this breathtaking wonder of the world.

“The rickshaw ride around Old Delhi was fascinating! I’ve never done anything like that before”.
Sophie Davenport

The last night spent in Delhi was marked with a celebratory meal and the girls were treated to a Henna artist visiting the hotel to decorate their hands and arms with beautiful patterns. I, on the other hand, escaped this experience using the excuse of the School staff dress code for Easter School (apologies Mr Beeley).

The journey home brought an eclectic mix of emotions, with some sadness that this exciting adventure was in its final stages and some relief that the meat drought had come to an end at last. This factor was evident when students appeared to eat their own body weight in double cheese burgers at the Burger King Service station outlet on the journey back from Heathrow.

Plentiful welcome home hugs were ready and waiting at the gates of Wellington for both students and staff (thank you parents, I appreciated mine) and I would imagine a few spectacular photo slideshows took place over the course of the Easter weekend alongside the consumption of many Easter Eggs.

I am always proud to be a teacher at Wellington School but never more so



than on this tour where the students that attended were respectful, compassionate and inquisitive. I would like to express my gratitude to all the students for attending the tour and taking part in this once in a life time experience.

“An unbelievable, life changing experience that I will never forget”.
Ashley Headington

Mrs Stephens

Wellington CSI

This Year, the Science department has offered our AS students the opportunity to study Applied Science as an AS option. This vocationally-focused GCE offers students more opportunities to actively experience the scientific environment through work experience, links with local employers, case studies and research.



On Monday 10th March the students were privileged to have a talk from Matthew Stephens who works as a Forensic examiner for LGC Forensics. Forensic science is a subject that fascinates most of us. What makes forensic science so exciting to study is the nature of the problems to be solved, and this provides its own intrinsic rewards.

In the workshop great emphasis was placed not only on developing the skills of forensic examination, but also on their application and on the communication of findings. Students had to identify clues from different crime scenes and were introduced to the different techniques used to solve murder enquiries. This workshop broadened pupils' enthusiasm for the subject, encouraging them to be active, curious learners!

Mrs Hoogenberg

Applied Science Trip

The AS Applied Science group went to Robinsons Brewery for a guided tour to learn about the company and the Chemistry of brewing.

The purpose of the trip was to aid the students in producing a detailed survey about a Science related company. They have already done a lot of research on Science at Work, and this is to be their final report for their portfolio. A good time was had by all (although being underage meant no free samples!), and lots of information was gathered to aid the report writing. A big thank you to the staff at Robinsons, who were extremely helpful.

Mrs G Brown

The Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair

This year 45 Year 9 students attended The Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. The Big Bang is the largest celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) for young people in the UK.

There were many unique opportunities for students to interact with and understand - at first hand - how they could make an impact on the world using Science and Technology. Examples of these included, experimenting with a bionic eye, experiencing how Landrovers are able to climb steep inclines, welding with chocolate as well as meeting the American astronaut, Jon McBride.

Overall, the students thoroughly enjoyed the day and returned with several prizes that they had won throughout the day. Hopefully, it has inspired some of our students to become future Scientists and Engineers!

Miss V Lee

PSA News

They're Off!

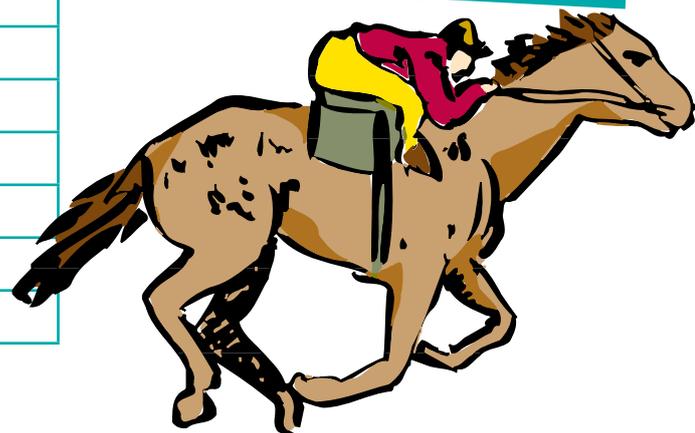
In March the school held its first Race Night. The thoroughly enjoyable and exciting evening raised over £400 for the school.

The lucky 8 winners, listed below, all received £50.

Race	Horse Name	Owner
1	Gannon's Girl	R Gannon
2	Woody	S Mackinnon
3	Tall Birds	I Haley & T Thomson
4	Blue Dome	N Crompton
5	Mani	A Fletcher
6	The Doughty Donkey	S Skellern
7	Clarky's Colt	A Clarke
8	Bank	J English & T Whitaker

Mr Shaw

Some advance notice – the first meeting of the 2014 – 2015 academic year will be held in the LRC on Monday 6th October. At this meeting we will discuss future fund-raising events. New members with 'new ideas' are always welcome.





Primary School Liaison

As well as offering primary school pupils the opportunity to visit Wellington this year we have extended this invitation to primary school staff.

The English Department led the way and invited primary teachers to attend a session on identifying and assessing level 6 written work. This was followed by the MFL Department who invited staff in to discuss the new MFL Curriculum and transition from primary to secondary.

Both activities proved tremendously successful and we are looking to extend our curriculum links next year.

Apprentice Challenge

This Spring, Year 5 pupils from Willows, Navigation, Heyes Lane and Altrincham C of E primary schools have spent a morning at Wellington taking part in our very own Apprentice Challenge.

The fun activity is the brainchild of Mr Shaw (Lord Sugar) and Mrs Mackay (Karen Brady).

It involves the pupils being split into groups of 6 with an initial task of appointing a Project Manager and a Buyer. They are then given a challenge to identify 20 companies such as Nike, Toyota, and Motorola. Each correct response adds £50 to their balance sheet.

The money accrued in the quiz is then used to buy "raw materials" to make model items from washing machines to helicopters. The items made and then sold hopefully for a profit.

The Project Manager determines which items will maximise their profit and takes overall responsibility for motivating their group.

The two and a half hour activity flies by as the teams race to become the 'Apprentice Champions'.

Mr Shaw



Singing Workshops

During the Spring term Year 5 students from Park Road primary completed a number of singing workshops. We worked on developing good singing technique, taking into account good posture and breathing

During these workshops the students also developed their part-singing and score reading skills by learning a medley of songs from The Lion King.

They used these workshops as a basis for their Year 5 assembly. During the assembly they showed the rest of the school as well as their invited guests about all the work they'd done during their time at Wellington. Some students had gone away and used the sheet music to prepare performances on the guitar, ocarina and recorder. They also performed their Lion King medley, singing in 2 parts fantastically well.

I was very impressed with their assembly, and they certainly gave some of our students a run for their money.

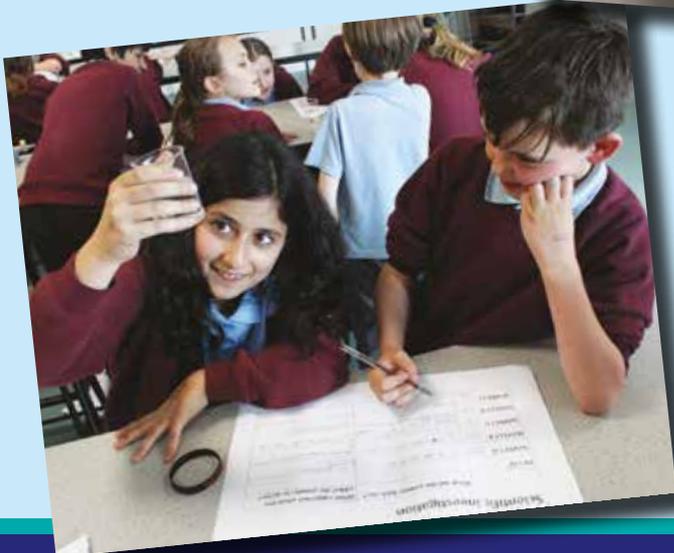
Mrs Moorhouse

WHO DUNNIT?

Year 5 pupils from Heyes Lane, Stamford Park and Park Road have visited Wellington to see if they can solve the 'Wellington Murder Mystery'.

On arrival pupils are given a scenario of an imaginary murder and have to analyse various powders to determine the murderer.

Miss Workman who delivers the activity has been very impressed by the problem solving ability demonstrated by the pupils who have participated this year.



Year 7

Spring term has provided a challenge to Year 7. No longer the 'newbies', students have had to rise to the expectations of being fully fledged Wellington Pupils and adhering to the 'Wellington Way'.

One area that students have been demonstrating their ambition to be 'Excellent in Everything' is through their preparation for the end of year exams that they will complete in the first week back after the Easter break. Students have been developing their memory and revision skills with the production of mind maps and mnemonics to help with independent revision at home.

However, 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy', so of course the Year group have been participating in the latest tutor challenge, for which Mr Crane has kindly provided a 'write up' due to his position as judge for the task...The Eggcellent Challenge!

'When Miss Tidbury invited me to be the eggsaminer of the Year 7 egg dropping competition, you cannot imagine how eggcited I was! On Friday morning I had to eggperience all of the eggcellent entries! The challenge was to drop an egg from the window of Miss Tidbury's teaching room on to the tarmac, without breaking the egg (or the tarmac!).

All the entries were lined up ready and I am not eggsagerating when I say that the effort that had gone into the designs was eggsemplary; ranging from large boxes to parachutes, from bubble wrap to peanut butter and a thermos flask! Only 2 of the eggs broke!

Congratulations to the eggshastive efforts of all the tutor groups, but especially to 7CDE, who won the contest!'

And as you can see from the photograph, Mr Crane took his role very seriously!

Miss Tidbury



Year 9

In the last term, Year 9 pupils were all involved in making their GCSE Options choices. The decisions being made were based on sessions delivered by Heads of Department, where pupils were given the opportunity to ask questions about each subject.

Having made their big decisions in an extremely mature manner, Year 9 are now preparing for the start of GCSE courses in Year 10. GCSE courses have already started in some subjects, such as Science, where pupils are in the process of completing a practical controlled assessment, and languages, with pupils practising their best French or German accents for the speaking exams next Year and in Year 11.

I am sure that all the pupils in the Year group will try to achieve the best they can and get the most fantastic grades possible in 2016. They are already laying a very solid foundation. Believe me, Year 9 will morph into Year 11 before you know it!

Mr Williams

Year 8

There is no let-up in the endeavour and effort of Year 8 students as we enter the summer term. Students are currently in the middle of subject examinations and everyone is aiming to achieve the best possible levels for the start of Year 9. On top of this, students are being allocated the languages that will be studied next year and the realisation is beginning to hit home that GCSE options will be upon us before we know it!

Mr O'Rourke has been encouraging students to improve the overall attendance of the year group and we have seen real success and progress in this area this term – a fabulous figure of 189 students did not miss a single session of school during the last term. Well done all!

Finally, an update on the competition which was run during the last half term during registration period: You may remember that students were asked to produce a project to promote jobs within the National Health Service as a part of their careers programme. I am delighted to report that Yasmin Lee (8AGR) won the North West competition and was presented with a £50 voucher by an NHS representative in assembly. Yasmin is pictured with her winning entry.



Year 10

We have been immensely proud of our Year 10s this Year. They have responded positively to the pressures of their new GCSE timetable and Options subjects.

Students have shown a real 'Get up and Go' attitude – embracing our Year Group motto of "Future Foundations – Building a Better You!". Whilst external exams have loomed over them this year the pupils have remained bright and positive showing good effort and a real commitment to learning. They have been great ambassadors for the Upper School and have even found time to be Mentors to the New Year 7s – a role they took on responsibly and enthusiastically.

There have been lots of successes both in the classroom with effort, homework and academic achievement as well as on the Sporting Fields – notably our Year 10 Football and Rugby Teams. We have individuals in the Year Group who are County/ National champions in Golf, Lacrosse, football and archery and Horse-riding and in Music we are represented in the Halle Youth Choir and orchestra.

As a Year Group we like to celebrate our successes and there have been many. Each month, 'Most Valuable Pupils (MVPs)' are displayed on school noticeboards, posters of charity walks, bike rides and sponsored rock climbs that our students have been involved in, and winners of the weekly attendance and punctuality league – not to mention Boggle and Countdown champions of Tutor time activities. Mr Tomlinson – alias 'Mr Disney' and his weekly Year 10 assemblies are notoriously uplifting – "if you can dream it you can do it", and always reflective of a very proud Director of Year.

Mrs Thomson and Mr Tomlinson



Key 103 Media Bus/Apprenticeships

Monday 17th March 2014

Recent changes in government legislation means that school leavers now have to be in “some form of education” until they are 17. This can be school, college or an apprenticeship.

In 2013 to help with the raising of participation age, careers solutions launched the early application and offer process for young people aged 16-24.

In response to this we were very fortunate to be able to arrange for the Key 103 media bus to visit Wellington to guide interested students through this process.

Students from Years 11,12 and 13 were given the opportunity to receive information and guidance.

They were also able to complete application forms so that their details could be submitted to employers with a view to being offered an apprenticeship.

The students who attended found the event extremely useful and some even took part in a video interview arranged by Key 103. This can be viewed on “TWITTER.com/frompaul.

Mrs Mackay



Summer Term 2014

Careers events in the summer term:

Wed 30 April	Trafford Careers Network Meeting To Be Held At Wellington.
Mon 9 June – Fri 13 June	Year 12 Professional Work Placements.
Thu 19 June	Year 10 Practice Interviews.
Thu 10 July	Year 8 “Dragon’s Den”.
Mon 14 July	Year 10 Stem Careers Event. (Evening At Abgs).
Mon 14 July	Year 10 Enterprise Challenge.
Tues 15 July	Year 10 Armed Forces Event.
Wed 16 July	Year 10 Armed Forces Event.

Connexions adviser John Plaiter will continue to interview years 10,11,12 and 13 students. (3 Days per week).

Skills North West Careers Event

- Thursday 6th March 2014

40 Year 10 students, Mrs Mackay, Mrs Taylor-Crooke, Mr Webb and John Plaiter, the Connexions Advisor, attended the regions’ biggest skills and careers event for 14-19 year olds at Event City, Manchester on Thursday 6th March.

This event, which is held annually, is an interactive careers event designed to inspire, motivate and inform students about the various career pathways available to them. The students were given the opportunity to access over 70 different organisations from every major sector imaginable. With fantastic “hands-on” features, the students could find out all about careers and skills in the best way – by trying them out!

Just a few of the organisations included were:

- Universities and Colleges, where students could find out about all the courses on offer from animal care/ veterinary to wind turbines and fuel cells plus many more Science opportunities with PH testing, crystal growing, health and fitness, sports studies and many more.
- Apprenticeship training and advice providers including Higher Apprenticeships.
- Manufacturing, where students were able to get involved in many different activities, including a “Make It “ stand, showing various types of manufacturing offering exciting and rewarding career opportunities.

Other organisations represented included the Armed Forces, Kaplan, Reaseheath College, GMPT, Airbus operations Ltd, The Co-operative Group and United Utilities, to name but a few.

The students returned to school exhausted, but better informed on some of the career routes available to them. Hopefully they feel inspired for their futures. All agreed that it had been a very worthwhile event.

Mrs Mackay



6th Form News & Events

Another busy term at Wellington Sixth Form; here's just a taste of what has been going on . . .

It's been a busy time for Year 13, with universities offering places to our eager students. Whilst offers are coming in from every subject, there are one or two courses that deserve a special mention. Alice Butler has been offered a place for Midwifery, a notoriously difficult course to get on. Undoubtedly her invaluable work experience at St Mary's maternity unit in Year 12 helped support her application. Ubayda Alshanti has been offered a place on Dentistry, again a challenging course to get on to, but Ubayda has persevered and ensured he has gained the vital experience many courses now insist upon.

Now that the offers are in for Year 13 and choices made, the next step is organising finance and selecting halls of residence. It's a touch one . . . on one hand, a nice, clean, decent facility that costs a lot so no social life - or alternatively a grotty, shared bathroom and accompanying questionable odour, but more 'disposable income' Decisions, decisions! But Mr Cropper and I have said they will get used to the smell!

Interviews for next year's Sixth Form places with Mr Cropper & Miss Grey continued into the new year. It's always really interesting to hear from the Year 11 students and what their future plans are and this year was no different; it was also a bumper crop with nearly 150 interviewed. Offers and places have been winging their way out to pupils and it's looking like another great bunch have sensibly chosen to continue their Wellington journey.

To support the students a variety of study skills have been explored in Tutor periods this term. The demands and expectations of A-levels require different ways of doing things to manage the plethora of information, detail and depth required. New ways of taking notes, memorising and time management were looked at to keep the students study repertoire fresh and to hone new ways of working.

Some Year 13 students spent the day at the Barclays head office in Manchester city centre participating in seminars and activities aimed at improving their employability skills (including CV writing and interview techniques) and finding out about Barclays Retail Banking sponsored degree programme. They returned to school enthused and inspired and raring to get going with their applications for the programme. They all commented that it had been a really useful and worthwhile day and had enjoyed being in a busy and stimulating work environment. Obviously, the delicious free lunch and complimentary coffee throughout the day were given a mention too!

Our annual Sponsored Walk Day brought the usual array of fantastic costumes and sense of fun from Sixth Formers for yet another walk & amazing cause. This year we are trying to raise as much money as possible for 'MoodSwings' a small, Manchester based charity which works to support young people and adults with mental health problems. We've no doubt many of you spotted us on our 10 mile route around school and Timperley – we were the ones in fancy dress costumes, jangling collection buckets! Everyone made a fantastic effort dressing up – check out the pictures! We collected a whopping £1500 on the day – our buckets were pretty heavy by the time we'd finished. It's an amazing amount of money and we'd like to say a huge thank you to the people of Altrincham and Timperley for their generosity.

In March, five Sixth Form Biology students headed off to Manchester University for the afternoon to attend a 'Star Lecture' by John Harris, Lord Alliance Professor of Bioethics at the university. The theme of the lecture was 'Organs, Dead or Alive? The Ethics of Organ Donation'. A fascinating, informative and thought provoking experience – all 5 were in agreement it was a couple of hours very well spent.

Shaun Muscroft has had a great year with his swimming success and commitments. Shaun, as I write, is taking part in the Commonwealth swimming trials in Glasgow, he has been on training events in Berlin and San Diego as well as putting in the weekly time commitment of up to 30 hours in Manchester's Aquatic centre. This is all in addition to completing his studies for his A-level examinations. Shaun proves that with dedication, time management and organisation you can strike a balance and fulfil all your commitments. Well done Shaun, and good luck with the swimming!





In March, the whole of Year 12, accompanied by Mr Cropper and Mrs Wilson, went to Manchester Central for the UCAS Convention. Students came back with stacks of university prospectuses and promotional goodies (including the Glasgow University teal green bag...an event must have! We even picked one up for Miss Grey who'd been back at school teaching all afternoon). Students commented on what a useful day it had been and were really excited by the range of degree courses on offer and the varied post-Sixth Form opportunities available. It gave them a great deal of food for thought and we've no doubt they're already reading up and making plans for Autumn 2015.

Some of our Sixth Formers were volunteers raising funds for Marie Curie Daffodil Month. They spent time at Wyevale Garden Centre and in Hale town centre. Emily Marshall, Emma Dillon-Heywood and Amy Carder collected £80. We received a lovely letter from Marie Curie thanking them for their efforts and contribution to a great and worthwhile cause. Well done girls!

As the exam season approaches, revision should be well underway. This has again been given a revamp with new techniques, methods and styles looked at during tutor period. Everyone learns in different ways, and we need to build on techniques from GCSE to be able to ensure that the depth of knowledge can be managed and then passed on successfully in an A-level exam so our lovely students get the best grades they can. Hopefully with techniques like the 'big 3 o' and 'Diamonds', this will invigorate the dreaded revision and make it both bearable and effective!

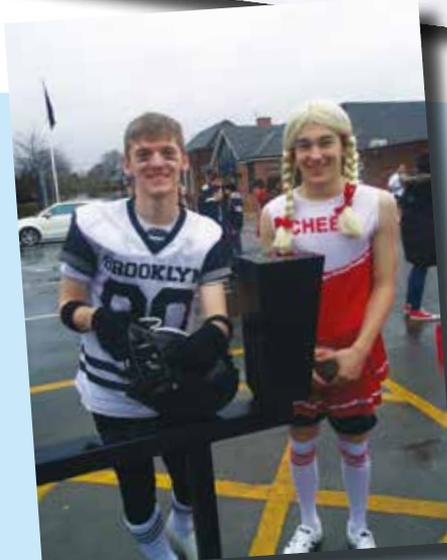
Mr Cropper and 9 Year 12 students attended the Oxbridge Conference at Haydock Park Racecourse. This is a local event allows 6th Form students from across the North West to find out more about Oxford and Cambridge universities. On the day, our Year 12s had the opportunity to attend subject specific seminars and gather information about the admissions process, student life, interviews and student finance. They also had a chance to chat to admissions staff and current undergraduates.

Well done to our team of prefects who have been helping out at lunchtimes, manning the doors and supporting staff in keeping everything running smoothly around the site. It will soon be the turn of the Year 12s to assume this responsibility – application process to follow.

Well, I'm pretty certain I've missed some news and events out! Apologies if that has happened. I know that across school all subjects and staff have been working hard for the A-level students and have provided a huge range of support and extra lessons, so a big thank you to them!

The Sixth Form Team

Mr Cropper Miss Grey Mrs Wilson



Recently, Altrincham Grammar School for Girls hosted a talk by two representatives from Oxford and Cambridge Universities on the unique application process to both of these universities. Our students and their parents were very kindly invited to attend and Mrs Wilson went along too, to hear what the speakers had to say. Five of our students who have expressed an interest in applying to Oxbridge next year attended with their parents. It was an interesting and informative evening and we're very grateful to Altrincham Grammar School for Girls for arranging the event and inviting us along.

Mrs Wilson, our Sixth Form Study Centre Manager, has been as busy as ever. As well as keeping Mr Cropper, Miss Grey and the tutors on their toes and organised, one of her key roles has been working with students individually and mentoring them. The jump between GCSE and AS levels and then AS to A2 can be a challenge and a somewhat daunting prospect, so as well as guidance from other staff, some students get to have regular chats and checks on progress to help them with their studies.



Wellington School

The Governors, Headteacher, Staff and Students are pleased to invite parents and Year 5 primary pupils to an Open Event at Wellington School:

The Headteacher will address visitors at 10.30am and 11.30am in the Watson Hall

Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the School and VI Form facilities and also experience and join in a number of activities from each subject area.

We look forward to welcoming you

Open Morning
Saturday 21st June 2014
9.30am - 12.30pm

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Dates for your diary for the Summer Term:

Friday 23rd May 2014
School closes and re-opens
Monday 2nd June 2014

Thursday 12th June
Sports Day

Thursday 19th June
Sports Awards Dinner

Friday 20th June
Staff INSET Day

Saturday 21st June
Open Morning

Tuesday 1st July
Award Evening

Monday 7th July
Staff INSET Day

Friday 18th July
School closes
– end of Term



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