



Autumn Term 2015

# Highlights



## Ending the term with a medal and a Big Bang!

A couple of weeks ago we learnt that the talents and hard work of our fantastic sports teams had been recognised

- 1 (2) Northampton School for Boys
- 2 ( ) Judd School
- 3 (1) Aylesbury HS
- 4 (3) Coopers Company & Coborn School
- 5 (8) Altrincham GS for Boys
- 6 (12) Christleton HS, Chester
- 7 (11) Southend HS for Boys
- 8 ( ) Chelmsford County HS for Girls
- 9 ( ) Hartpury College
- 10 (6) Barking Abbey College

by School Sport Magazine who declared us third best state school for sport in 2015. The two schools ahead of us are boys-only so we are again (in our minds at least!) top school in the country —a great tribute to everyone for their inspiration and perspiration.

Last week we officially opened the new Science labs with a ceremony involving a balloon, some hydrogen and a flame on the end of a very long pole. An excellent speech from Professor Gupta of Oxford University enlightened us all about how she is tackling infectious diseases and then we were able to talk with former and present students in the new labs to complete a great evening.

Meanwhile, the school has had an exceptionally busy term with many Highlights so do enjoy reading about them and have a great break.

Alan Rosen

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## 2 RECENT SUCCESSES

### Young Chef Competition

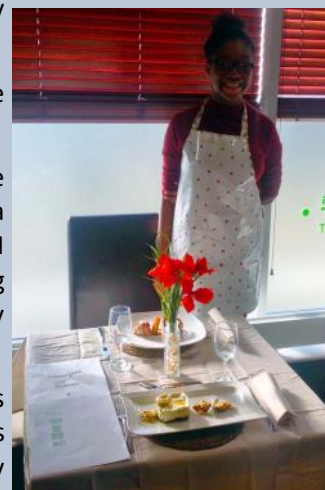
On Saturday 21 November I competed in the Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds Young Chef Competition at Harding's Restaurant, Aylesbury College. I had previously sent my recipe for a two course meal to the Young Chef Judges and I was selected to cook my meal for them alongside nine other finalists from schools in Aylesbury Vale.

For my main course I cooked a Chicken Roulade served with baked plantain and a barbeque glaze and for my dessert I made a Mango, Ginger and Passion Fruit Cheesecake.

I arrived at the venue at 9:30am and I was given 30 minutes to lay my table and prepare myself in the kitchen. It was very exciting just being in, let alone finding my way around a commercial kitchen. At 10:00am I started cooking and I had 2 hours to complete my dishes. I had to work quickly and strategically in order to finish on time but it was very nerve-racking being watched by the judges. I was not only being tested on the taste of my food, but also my cooking skills, presentation, hygiene and attention to detail.

After all the contestants had finished cooking, Aylesbury Hundreds Rotary Club presented us all with certificates and then placed the top 3 chefs. I came second - by only half a point! I was awarded lunch for four at the Harding's Restaurant as a prize. Overall it was a fantastic day and I really enjoyed the experience.

Sophia Brown 11H



### Yasmin wins the 2015 English Contact Karate Association Light Continuous Nationals.



On 7 November, along with a group of eager competitors from Bletchley Dragons Karate Club, I headed off to Coventry to compete in the 2015 English Contact Karate Association (ECKA) Light Continuous Nationals. We were joined by clubs from all over the country, from Hereford to Coventry and some coming from as far as Wales to participate. We had been training tirelessly for the last few weeks and we entered the competition knowing that even though we had worked rigorously, our head guards could not protect us from having our noses broken (as one unlucky victim soon found out). We were categorised on age, gender and height meaning that I fought under-16 girls between 4ft 8in and 5ft, and yes, I am that short! After watching all of the smaller children fight, I warmed up and got suited and booted, ready to prove that this midget has some fire in her. The scoring is simple:

the referee has a clicker in each hand and clicks once for every punch landed to the head or body, and twice for every kick landed to the head or body. The person with the most points at the end of the 1.5 minute round wins, providing that they don't have points deducted for excess force or contact. Reflecting on the whole experience, I realise that I not only won because of the hard work, amazing support from my club, and over-enthusiastic cheers from my Dad on the side-lines, but because I was able to set aside and take control of my thoughts and feelings and just focus on achieving my goal. I now have a big, shiny trophy, not only to show my ninja skills and what I have achieved, but to represent that a healthy mind means a strong performance, and I have control over both.



Yasmin Bali 10W

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

We have had another record-breaking year with 86 girls in Year 11 completing their Bronze Award and many of them moving on to Silver.

We have also had a record number of girls in Year 13 completing their Gold Awards before they are 18. A Gold Award is an excellent achievement and to achieve it before your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday is amazing. The picture shows some of our new Gold Award holders

Well done to everyone, and thanks to all the parents and staff who helped.

Mr Torpey



## English-Speaking Union Competition

On Wednesday 3 December, Mahi Joshi and Lily Pople represented the school in the prestigious ESU Schools Mace Debating Competition against Dr Challoner's Grammar School. The standard was extremely high and the students had a challenging topic of "Non-custodial sentences for criminals" to propose. The pair dove-tailed perfectly making perceptive and detailed arguments while also eloquently rebutting the opposition. When all was said and done they successfully won the debate and will be continuing to the latter stages of the competition in the New Year.

Mr Fiahlo



## Reading Scholars and Pathways to Law Programme

The University of Reading's outreach programme, called the Reading Scholars Programme, has recently announced which students they have selected for the forthcoming year.

The Scholars programme is a fantastic opportunity for young people to experience of what studying at university is like, by attending masterclasses at the university's campus and getting to explore their subject of interest in greater depth. The students will also receive an e-mentor each who is an undergraduate student at Reading and will be available between January and July to help support the students with decisions related to university choices, applications and student life.

This year a fantastic 14 students from Aylesbury High School have been selected for the programme - so well done to Zoe, Lucy, Abbie, Megan, Ellie, Nashrini, Lily, Sarah, Sandali, Ashleigh, Amy, Sophie, Helen and Daisy. We are also delighted that four Year 12 students have been selected for The Sutton Trust's Pathways To Law Programme.

Ms Chubb



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## 4 HOME & AWAY

### Boppard 2015

On Wednesday 2 December, 40 students from Year 9 went to Boppard in Germany as part of a trip, probably the best trip any of us have had so far. The 11 hour coach journey was very long but it was worth it when we made it in time for dinner on Wednesday evening. The hotel was quite pleasant; we had large rooms and lovely food. On Thursday we walked around Boppard and went to our first Christmas market which we thought was huge at first... until we saw The Christmas Market in Trier! Our second day out was to Cologne. There we saw more Christmas markets and we also went to the Lindt Chocolate factory where we bought loads of chocolate and went ice skating! On Saturday we visited a Castle and an awesome music museum. Throughout the week we had many fun challenges. We had to get the tackiest hat, the stupidest comment- this featured such comments as "It's a fire candle" and "How much is it? 2 dollars?" And the tackiest postcard. We finished off the week with a talent show.

Gul Kaur 9M



### Being a ball girl at the ATP world tour finals

Three years ago, I decided to go to a trial to try out to be a ball girl for the top 8 players at the O2 arena. Unfortunately, I did not get selected, nor last year where I progressed further in the trial selection but still faced disappointment. This year, I worked harder on my skills and fitness as well as my confidence and body language which led to a place in the squad of 30 ball girls and boys for the prestigious international tennis event in November.

During October half term, we all travelled to Southampton for a week-long training camp. Two weeks later we arrived at the O2 to check into our hotel, get our kit and step out onto court for the first time. The strangest part was thinking that it was a normal tennis court that I play on every day but tomorrow the best players in the world will be playing on it with thousands of people watching.

The next few days rushed past in a blur but I clearly remember the first run out onto the court when the loud speaker announced "please give a big cheer for your Barclays ball kids". As the doors opened and I led my team of 6 onto court my senses were bombarded with pulsating bright lights and noise. Although I got to ball kid for many of my heroes, my favourite moments on court were seeing the Bryan brothers do their chest bump and getting right up close to Rafa Nadal when he asked me to sort out his water. My favourite moments off court were meeting my hero, Pat Cash, because he was such a genuine guy and he even signed my bandana. Because I was a team captain, I had the privilege of hitting on the court with him on the morning of the final.

To top off the week, on the last day, the coaches and Pat Cash sat all the ball kids down and announced the Ball Kid of the Year which goes to the person who has been judged to have worked the hardest, been the most professional on and off the court and who best embodies the 'true spirit of the game', voted by all the ball kids, the coaches and the chaperones. As the tent went silent, my name was announced and I felt extremely shocked, overwhelmed but also immensely proud. When I went up to collect my trophy, Pat Cash gave me a hug and one of his own signed bandanas. It was undeniably, the best week of my life and I am so grateful that I had this opportunity. I have made some memories that will stay with me for my lifetime and some amazing friends who I will never forget.



Isabelle Marshall 10H

## Maths Challenge



On Thursday 26 November, Alice Digby, Shreeya Bhogle, Niamh O'Callaghan and I got the chance to go to John Colet School and compete in the Senior Team Maths Challenge. We participated in three rounds: firstly a team round where we completed 10 challenging questions together; a cross number - a cross word but with numbers (my favourite - it's the one I could actually do!) and finally a demanding, fast-paced relay round. The relay was certainly the most challenging - but managing to guess the answer to a question that initially looked simple but was actually anything but, was definitely a highlight!

Unfortunately no prized chocolate oranges made it our way as we came 11th out of 18!

Nevertheless, thank you so much to the rest of the team and the Maths department for offering us this opportunity!

Ashleigh Stent 12O



## Art Trip – Year 12



On 16 October our class travelled to both the Tate Modern and the National Gallery, looking for artists to inform our work. On arrival at the Tate Modern, we divided into groups to explore the collections on show to the public, including; *Making Traces* (centred on Mark Rothko's Seagram Murals) and *Energy and Process* (focusing on the radical Italian Movement, arte povera). Displaying artwork of all mediums from film to fashion and sculpture to painting, visiting the Tate Modern provided us with an insight into what 'art' can be defined as, encouraging us to be more experimental and original with our personal responses to the stimulus. We then moved onto

the National Gallery, exhibiting much older paintings with very different subjects - often more religious, more realistic and naturalistic - allowing us to consider how objects have been used in art throughout history. As we now begin to develop our final piece relating to objects, we can draw upon the artworks we saw on show in both galleries to create an insightful response to the theme.

Zoë Berkeley 12O



## Leeds University Engineering Talk

On 20 November I attended a career talk given by Dr Kerry Baker from Leeds University, who had kindly come in to talk to us about engineering. She was very inspiring as she was a mechanical engineer herself and could give us information about engineering not just at university level, but within the wider world after university also. We started the session with a factual quiz and found many surprising statistics that related to how useful and important engineering is in today's world. After the quiz Dr Baker went into detail about the different kinds of engineering which included mechanical, electrical, computing science... the list went on. We all picked up on the fact that Maths A level seemed particularly preferable to universities offering the courses and many of the sixth formers who attended the talk were already taking it. At the end Dr Baker had brought some examples of how engineering is used currently, and personally I found the knee replacement very interesting as you could see how it worked exactly like a normal joint. To conclude, a big thank you to Dr Baker for giving a very inspiring presentation that has left us all looking forward to the future of engineering!



Megan McLoughlin 11H

## 6 CURRICULUM

### Design and Technology House Competitions

Each year the department competes against other schools in the local area in an annual Design and Technology Rotary tournament. To make it fair when choosing the teams to compete they participate in a house competition.

This year we had some exciting competitions with some excellent design and manufacturing abilities shown.

#### Year 7 - The quality cube challenge

In the quality cube challenge, students were provided with materials required to make a wooden frame, 10cm x 10cm x 10cm. In 40 minutes, the girls were tasked with creating a cube which would be awarded points for speed of construction, accuracy of size, strength and efficient use of materials.

Out of the six houses, third place went to Hughenden, Ascot came second, and well done to Alex Smith, Ashbeigh Socrates, Rebeca Klecan and Aditi Narayanan from Stowe, who will be going forward to the Rotary Competition in February!



#### Year 8 - A ball holder

Students in Year 8 faced the volleyball challenge. They had to use a selection of materials to hold a volleyball as high off the floor as they could. The ball had to be secure and stationary for at least 30 seconds. Points were awarded for height, design, and efficient use of materials. Hughenden came first, displaying excellent teamwork and thoughtful consideration of design.

Well done Lauren, Michelle, Abi and Rebekah

#### Year 9 - Flying Eggs

The Flying Egg challenge taken on by the houses in Year 9 involved producing a device to prevent an egg cracking or splatting when dropped from a height of 2½ metres. At the bottom of the drop was a target and points were also awarded to those getting close to it. The students could use only the resources supplied and had around 40 minutes to complete the task. There were some great designs produced and very little cracking when tested. The winning team was made up of Amy Awujo, Omololu Obembe, Faiza Jalil and Gaby Munien from 9W. Well done to you all for working so hard.



Mr Potkin

### Science Club



I have been to nearly every science club, and I have found it extremely fun. One week we studied constellations. We had a packet of chocolate stars between a pair, and we were asked to make a certain constellation. We had to put the chocolate stars in the positions that the real stars would be in. If we got it right, we were allowed to eat the stars! In the Halloween Special we looked at an 'Elephant's toothpaste' pumpkin and a Frankenstein hand. The pumpkin had foam coming out of it, but we had to stand away while the chemicals were being poured in, as it made the area around it very hot. The Frankenstein

hand started to lift up as a gas was created from two different chemicals.

Verity Lemon 7A

## University of Warwick Languages Taster Day

On 4 November, 25 students from AHS and 20 from AGS, went to the University of Warwick for a language taster day. After a journey of an hour and a half, we took in the vast campus and the buzzing atmosphere of student life. We were split into groups for a tour of the campus from the Student Union to the Library, as well as subject buildings and student accommodation. For many of us, it was our first time visiting a university, so it was very interesting to see how it differed from school life.

The morning sessions consisted of an insight into a new language, including Russian and Arabic. I took Russian, which was different to anything I have learnt before, because it has a different alphabet. We enjoyed learning new phrases and cultural facts about Russia. During lunch, some student ambassadors explained their degrees and what they consisted of. This provided us with the opportunity to ask questions regarding course possibilities. We were then separated into our GCSE language groups and had a lecture from language professors. The content of the lectures included German Memories of WWII, French Film Studies, Spanish Language and Culture and Italian Idioms. These gave us a feel for how lectures are conducted, as well as the different modules within language degrees. The day concluded with a quiz and further information about career options after university with a language degree.

The experience was thoroughly enjoyable and we all came away having learnt something new. Thank you to the language departments of both our schools for organising the event.

Sneha Mallya 11A (assisted by Harriett Robson, Adanna Ewuzie and Betty McLaren)



## Suffragette

126 girls and 12 teachers crowded into the Odeon cinema, to view 'Suffragette' on Wednesday 18 November, in our very own private screen. After much fussing and rearranging, and sweet exchanging, everyone was seated. The lights dimmed, the screen lit up and all fell finally, blessedly, quiet. 'Suffragette' began in a laundry factory where our heroine, Maude Watts was introduced. The film tells the tale of the working class suffragettes, detailing a new viewpoint on the events of the suffragette campaign pre-World War 1. Starring Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter and Anne-Marie Duff, it brought new life to the fascinating debate about how far people will go for justice. It was a wonderfully gripping film and contained many historical events within the suffragette movement that we have recently been studying. It exposed the difficulties of the working class women and their fight for equality. And it was enlightening to explore the experience of the lower classes, particularly in comparison to the educated elite. All in all, the film was a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable experience, and I'm sure every student who attended would like to say a wholehearted thank you to the history department.



By Pippa Prendergast-Coates 10H

## Regulatory Affairs Careers Talk

Most of us had no idea what 'regulatory affairs' meant when Helen Barker came to give us a careers talk on 27 November. In relation to a career in chemistry, Helen concisely explained that it encompasses a wide range of activities around controlling the safety and efficacy of medicines and the licensing and marketing of drugs.

This kind of work is relatively new because legislation about drugs over the last few decades has become much stricter in order to avoid disasters such as the 1960 thalidomide scandal.

Helen was very approachable allowing us to ask any questions and explaining that although a specific degree in regulatory affairs is possible, it is not necessary and a pure Chemistry degree would be sufficient. The job sounded interesting because it was hugely varied involving statistical analysis, writing leaflets for medicines, tracking side effects through drug users and evaluating scientific data.

Posy Sugden 12I



## Spanish Food Tasting



All of Year 7 study French but also spend half of the year learning German and the other half experiencing Spanish. As part of the topic 'A holiday in Spain', the girls get to try authentic Spanish food and can be seen here tasting chorizo, tortilla and anchovies. ¡Qué aproveche!

Kate Oatley

## Christmas Concert



A huge thank you to Miss Raven, Ms Skordji, Mr Lemon, Mrs Boulter, Mrs Molloy, Mrs Stahlmann and our talented students for all the work they put in to create such a wonderful Christmas concert and Ccrol service. We were treated to a diverse range of pieces from Holst's Jupiter to traditional Indian songs to the Year 11 rock band. A fabulous start to the festive season! Mrs Queralt





## Ascott Wins House Dance 2015

The stimulus for House Dance this year was a picture of a suitcase, and I expected the houses to explore themes of travel but was pleased to see that they had all 'thought outside the box'. Ascott presented a dance about the slave trade; Claydon set their piece during World War 2; Hughenden's dance was about a 1960's time capsule; Missenden explored the topic of runaways; Stowe's interpretation was a bag of memories and Waddesdon's piece was about women at work. All six houses worked extremely hard in the lead up to the event and produced a fantastic show full of exciting choreography, energetic performances and engaging using of costume, lighting and props. The judging took place at the Friday show and all of the dancers came back into the Harding Hall to hear the judges' feedback. They were impressed by all of the houses and commented particularly on the slick performances and attention to detail. Stowe took third place, Claydon were second and Ascott were this year's winners. Congratulations to all dancers, choreographers and technical teams on all your hard work and for putting on a fantastic week of shows.

Miss Heninghem



## Felicity Hewitt Memorial Bake Sale

On Wednesday 25 November a group of Year 13s organised a bake sale, to raise money to fund a memorial for our friend Felicity Hewitt and her brother Harry. The day was a great success, raising a staggering £434. We are now hoping to order a bench and tree as parts of the planned memorial. Additionally we are planning to create a fund for an award in Felicity's memory. We would like to thank everybody that kindly donated as well as the delicious homemade cakes! If anybody else wishes to donate, please send donations to the Finance Office, marked clearly for Felicity Hewitt Memorial. Thank you for the continued support throughout the fundraising process.

By Sereana Chima 13C and Amna Qamar 13G



## Community Christmas Party



On Monday 14 December Year 12 students put on a Christmas party for some of our elderly neighbours. Our visitors were welcomed by the AHS string quartet and then entertained by a selection of acts, including Sarah Smethurst on her trumpet and a 1950s style carol singalong led by Cait Boon and Grace Dunn. They then tucked in to mince pies and Christmas cake. Thank you to all the Year 12s who helped decorate, the hall, organise acts, make sandwiches, entertain our visitors and clear up afterwards! The guests thoroughly enjoyed the whole event.

Mrs Jarrett

## Fundraising Week

Year 12 put the fun into fundraising this week and did an excellent job of organizing a week of activities including Teacher Karaoke, the staff panto based on *Tangled*; and 'The A Factor'. As we go to press we are still counting the money raised, which will all go to local charity, MASKS (Make A Special Kid Smile) who provide specialist equipment and therapies and provide clubs such as dance, yoga and swimming for children with special needs in Aylesbury. For one of the organizers, Year 12 Sarah Shepherd, MASKS is very close to her heart: 'I have seen first hand how much MASKS have helped my sister. The money raised will make a huge difference to MASKS as they are such a small charity.' Well done to Year 12, to all students who supported the events so enthusiastically and to Mrs Jarrett for all the work she has put in to overseeing the week.

Mrs Queralt



## National Cross Country Finals

On 5 December, the AHS inter and junior teams ran in the ESAA National Cross-Country Finals in Bedford. The conditions were harsh and consisted of cold weather, strong wind, lots and lots of mud and over 140 runners in each race, pushing, shoving and elbowing each other in order to claim a good position. Our Inter runners were Olivia Lowrie, Year 9 and Danielle Kidd, Jemima Taswell-Fryer, Tilly Green, Morgan Davis, Hannah Alexander and Georgie Morley, Year 10. Overall, they came 19th out of the top 25 schools in the country.



Running for the Juniors were, from Year 8: Hatty Bell, Olivia Robson, Lucy Perkins, Emily Johnston and Nikki Melsom, and from Year 7: Millie Carey and Millie Lowrie, finishing 16th in the country. Everyone ran extremely well, giving it their absolute all, particularly Hatty Bell, who had a great position, considering she ran with a fractured shoulder! We are all incredibly proud and had a great day, which finished with a celebration in The Works in Aylesbury!

Millie Carey 7A

## English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA) National Secondary Team Finals

On Saturday 21 November, our AHS Swimming Team set off for the London Aquatics Centre. Though it was a cold, wet start to the day we could barely contain our excitement about swimming at the Olympic pool! We travelled with the AGS team and as soon as we arrived we were very keen to get inside for our pool familiarisation in preparation for our races. The thought of all the world record holders and swimming champions who have swum in that pool is incredible, but it was an amazing reality for us. We knew it would be a hard competition as we were up against the best swimming schools in the country. Even in Europe! But that didn't stop our determination to do the best we could.

All of our six teams made it into the final: Junior Freestyle, Junior Medley, Inter Freestyle, Inter Medley, Senior Freestyle and Senior Medley. For most of the juniors it was a first time at the ESSA swimming finals. It was great to have them on board, swimming against some tough competition and they swam extremely well. The Inter team swam last year, but the new addition of Molly Bradley this year added a fresh face to our team. The Inter Freestyle race was a very strong one. We swam amazingly well together and were placed 13th nationally which was a great achievement. We then had a short wait for the Medley and performed well against strong teams, coming a good 15th nationally. The senior team also performed superbly, placing 13th in the freestyle and 15th in the Medley. The day left us with memories that none of us will forget!

Chloe Osili, Year 10



## Basketball Development Day



### Blue Team

A group of Year 7 students were selected to attend a basketball development day at Stoke Mandeville on 5 November. All of us were in a team together and represented our school very well. Some of the best bits were playing and watching the feisty matches and getting points for Team AHS. We played a lot of matches and by the end of each one everyone was very tired, but we didn't get much time to rest. We played match after match and did our best in each one. It was a very eventful day with some highs and lows and we enjoyed every second of it.

### Pink Team

We had a good start by winning our first match by so much we were motivated for our second one. Luckily we played really well and won again, by quite a lot. We had a tough opposition in our third match and people were screaming on the bench. After a lot of hard work we won by a very small margin.

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## Year 7 and 8 Basketball v Hawks

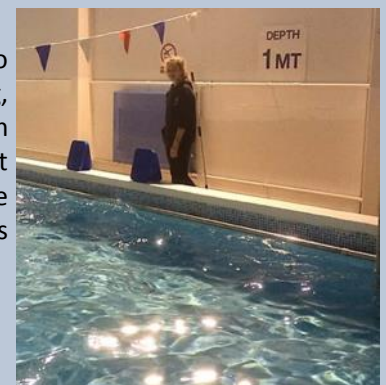
On 3 December, players from Year 7 and 8 set off to London. We were all very excited, but nervous and the mini bus was buzzing! After a good hour's journey we arrived at Hillingdon and met up with Coach Jenner, who was as determined to win as we were! After some lay-up and shooting drills, Coach showed us our formation, picked the first 5 and off we went. We started well, passing confidently and scoring baskets. After another pep talk we were ready to win even more and at the end of a tough game we emerged victorious, with a score of 38-24. We were thrilled at our win!

Francesca Lainé 7C

## Aquatic Club

Aquatic club is a fun, enjoyable swimming club open to all Year 7 pupils. The girls get to take part in a range of activities such as: water polo, synchronised swimming, diving, improving technique, lifesaving and fun swimming galas. We, the aquatic leaders, run the club and are from either Year 10 or Year 11 and we hope that the girls have fun but also learn more about swimming. The club runs on a Thursday after school at the Grammar School pool, and it ends at 4:45. We would love to see lots of new swimmers next term!

Hannah Alexander 10A



## Hockey

The first half of the hockey season has been busy and one that the girls should be extremely proud of. After Christmas we have the continuation of our Winter hockey training at RAF Halton. Currently 60 girls are participating and gaining valuable experience of playing on astroturf. On Monday 4th January Year 8 and 9 have the opportunity to take part in an 'indoor hockey master class' with Aylesbury Junior coach Tristan Hardy and the opportunity to be fitted with a fitted mouthguard. In addition we have the continuation of the league for Year 7-11 outdoor. See Mrs Rust for further details.

The **Year 7** hockey team are doing extremely well in the league, with our top goal scorer, Millie Carey slotting 4 goals away this season so far. With wins against Beaconsfield High School and Dr Challoner's under our belt, we are looking forward to the rest of our games.

Following a win against Beaconsfield High School, the **Year 8** hockey team have also beaten Waddesdon and Dr Challoner's this season. We are also looking forward to the rest of the season and games after Christmas. Congratulations to top goal scorer Olivia Robson.

Mrs Rust.

On 8 December 13 **Year 9** hockey players set out to Beaconsfield to play Chesham grammar school. All were in good spirits as we did our team warm up, before the opposing team arrived. After practising a few tactics the game began. We played having majority possession with Chesham only breaking our defence a few times. The game was going strong, continually driving towards the goal and just 5 minutes into the game we conceived our first goal, scored by Emily Whelan. We continued to play strong right up until the half time whistle when we gathered back together to talk tactics. Once our team discussion was finished and our subs switched, we commenced the second half. Motivated by our first goal we continued to push hard but Chesham put up a tough fight. Time and time again we tried for our second goal with our extra supportive "cheerleaders", Imi and Joss really helping us to stay strong. Five minutes before the final whistle we got a second goal, finishing the game at 2-0 to us. Well done Natalie Grant who got player of the match and thank you Mrs Rust for your continued support! What a great way to end the year!

By Emily Critchlow 9S



Congratulations to the **U16** Indoor hockey squad who, with only 9 weeks' indoor training behind us, got through the County and Regional Heats to reach the Regional Finals tournament at St George's School last month. A valiant effort from all girls meant that we got here in the first place! Cranleigh won our pool and went through to be eventual winners with Sir William Borlase going through to Nationals as Runners up. Millie Glenn, Ellie Kiely (c), Annabel Denly, Vanessa Bond, Abigail Lawrence, Lucy Robson, Hannah Kerr, Amani Hoque, Alyssia Melsom and Charlotte Strong (Year 9) made up our talented squad. Well done to you all.

Mrs Rust

# 14 India Dance Tour 2015

In October Half Term, eleven students, with Mr Rosen and Miss May, were discovering new sights, scents and tastes in India on our dance tour. Despite the incessant stares, the rat-riddled hotels and a few episodes of Delhi belly, we had an amazing and unforgettable trip.



We started off in Amritsar where we visited the Golden Temple and Wagah Border, and had our first insights into India's diverse religions and culture. Soon after we travelled to Ludhiana where Wylie Memorial High School, AHS's link school, is based, to perform at their Dance Festival. We learnt some traditional Indian dance moves and performed our 15 minute routine, which was challenging in the unfamiliar heat, but the large audience was very appreciative.

Obviously when in India you must visit the Taj Mahal in Agra and so we did, with lots of posing and jumping, as well as appreciating a true wonder of the world. Our penultimate destination was Jaipur in Rajasthan where we rode elephants up the hill to Amber Fort. Our final stop was Delhi, with the most packed streets we have ever experienced and a chance to do some shopping, and all too soon it was time to board the plane back home.

Stephanie Seymour 12C

