



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 10 and 11 visit to Normandy and Belgium on the 70th anniversary of the D-day Landings and the Centenary of the Great War

Fifty five pupils from Years 10 and 11 and five members of staff spent the last week of half-term in France and Belgium, visiting the sights of the D-Day Landings and Great War battlefields. The first sights to be seen were the beaches code named Juno and Omaha, along with the small coastal town of Arromanches which contains the remains of a temporary harbour created to allow the Allies to land troops and equipment following D-Day.



The American military cemetery at Colleville

The American military cemetery at Colleville is sited precisely where the soldiers came ashore. It bears testimony to the tremendous sacrifice paid on D-Day.

We then travelled across the border to Belgium to visit several different battlefields and their accompanying memorials and cemeteries. The spectacular monuments at Vimy Ridge and Thiepval brought home the sheer scale and cost in human life. The beautifully maintained cemeteries provided pupils with an opportunity to survey the sights of the battles themselves – especially that of the Somme.



Canadian memorial at Vimy Ridge



British military cemetery at Tyne Cot

The Cloth Hall in Ypres contained an astonishingly detailed exhibition entitled 'In Flanders Fields', after the famous poem written by John McCrae in 1915. The astonishing numbers of artefacts were accompanied by video footage and the stories of individuals from both sides of the conflict. Following a day in and around Ypres we joined the crowds at the famous Menin Gate for the sounding of the Last Post at 8pm. A ceremony which has taken place every night since the 1920s!



Outside the Cloth Hall in Ypres

Year 8 English writing project trip to Birmingham museum and library – Miss Hennessy

On Tuesday, 31 pupils in year 8 visited the Birmingham museum and library to encounter some memorabilia and novels surrounding the topic of war and remembrance. The children gained some extra knowledge in order to help complete and write their own remembrance poems as part of the forthcoming English writing project. They were joined by their year 4 buddies from Maryvale Primary school and proved to be an absolute credit to themselves and the school. It was a wonderful trip to be part of and I hope the writing project will be a continued success.



Art on a Grand Scale!

Miss Gamble (Head of Art) had an amazing three days with year 10 and 11 Art students. Over 30 students turned up to do art and help paint the room. They were excellently behaved and they have transformed their Art room. This well and truly shows the passion that these art students and Miss Gamble have for their subject.



Stars of the Week
nominated by Miss Gamble.

Year 11
Savannah Nesbitt
Kieron Cullen
Keyleigh Savage
Parmis Hashmezadi
Cameron Smith
Jordan Powell
Jordan Hall
Tia Barratt
Harry Kirby
Kaine Harrison
Molly Gallagher
Natalia Brown
Kajal Patel
Bethany Mallett
Courtney Harper
Courtney Jarvis
Brandon Cole
Chloe White

Year 10
Nisa Prosser
Jack Leigh
Mathew Hegney
Billy Booth
David Shanahan
Areej Bibi
Jessica Amos
Katie Barr
Chloe Dolton
Alice Ringanayi
Kelis Rowe
Chantelle Taylor
Leah Markland
Demi Hodson
Demi Moore

Independent Learning Projects


Pupils in years 7 and 8 are currently working on their ILPs as part of their homework.

Year 7 are currently doing their Art ILP and Year 8 are going their History ILP. They should spend between 1½ to 2 hours on these projects per week. Please ensure that you encourage your child to create the best project that they can by showing an interest in the work that they are doing. The deadline for these projects is the week beginning 17th November.

Don't forget that it is a teacher training day on Monday 10th November.

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
10 th November – Teacher Training Day	
Wed 19 th November – Catholic Partnership Year 7 Maths Challenge	
20 th November – Year 11 Parents' Evening	



STAR OF THE WEEK!

Rebeca Karaliunaite (8Be)

for being polite, helpful and efficient on Reception Duty.

Nominated by Miss Bayley



STARS OF THE WEEK!



Pupil name	Class	Teacher	Reason
Bereket Mario	10(4)	Miss McNamara	For demonstrating independent learning in History.
Kerryann Brannigan	10 (4)	Miss E Edwards	Excellent attitude towards learning in her History lessons. She is a pleasure to teach.
Hayley Gordon Ruzena Farbarova Chelsie Richards	7W1	Mr Beckett	For working hard on their targets in Drama and proving that they can project their voices when performing. Well done!
April Barlow George Bath Jake Billington Ben Campbell Connor Coley Kaine Cooksey Chelsea Reeves Jahmaiah Richard	11Be	Mrs Grant	100% Attendance
Callum Brookes Kristal Ramdeen Samuel Yowhannes	11Bo	Mrs Grant	100% Attendance
Liam Bardsley Kurtis Brooks Rushane Brown-Edmondson Kieran Cullen Katie McDonald Kajal Patel Shanelle Paul Keyleigh Savage Aiden Thompson	11Ne	Mrs Grant	100% Attendance
Kayla Barlow Julia Wasowicz Jack Purcell	7E1	Miss McNamara	For making excellent progress in History because of a very good attitude & perfect behaviour every lesson!
Rebeca Karaliunaite Manuel Atzeni	8Be	Amy Grattidge Lucy Hurley	For using her language skills to help a new student and being an ambassador for the school. For offering to help the new student with English in lessons and give support.

Niamh Desmond	10	Miss E Edwards	A marked improvement shown in her History lessons.
Jordan Booker Francene Brennan	9 8	Mr Crawford	Overall English stars of the week for being dedicated to their studies, polite and resilient.
Sian Gaynor	10F	Mr Crawford	For being considerate of the feelings of others and supporting the learning of her peers.
Corey Arnold Cara Bellingham Lauren Taylor Kane Murphy	yr9 BTEC	Mr Matthews	For making good progress in GCSE PE because of a very good attitude & good behaviour every lesson!
Joseph Purcell Abby Conlon Spencer Clougher Krystian Zych	7E2	Miss Hennessy	For portraying a consistently excellent attitude in their English lessons
Ayida Evans Oliwia Bednarek Chad Bushell Matthew Fleming Lewis Carless Suraj Kandel Liam White James Lawler Anopaishe Johwa Tysha Richards Zahlemah Douglas-Wright Decklan Prosser Janun Alley Mugthalana Allet Lina Koubli Lois Owusu Nicole Cullen Kerry Bowen	8E1/8W1	Miss Hennessy	For behaving exceptionally well during the English writing project trip to the Birmingham museum and library this week. They were a credit to our school and were excellent role models to their year 4 buddies!
Kathryn Deakin Jordan Hall Matthew Jeffries Kezia Jones-Carbado Bethany Mallett Savannah Nesbitt Owens Rehbaum David Shanahan	11TE	Mrs Grant	100% Attendance
Eghosa Ogea Decklan Prosser Ellie Russell Manuel Atzeni Neve Bessant D'Andre De Costa David Aigbe Reece Seager Joshua MacMillan	Year 7 & 8	Miss Penn	For wonderful bonfire night experiments at science club.

Tyler Prosser			
Jade Taylor	8W2	Mr Allen	Huge improvement in attitude to learning in English.
10W English	10W	Miss C Edwards	All of the class have demonstrated an outstanding attitude during their Controlled Assessment.
Francene Brennan Louis Prom Ethan Baker-Nesbitt Ignacy Krokos Pawel Gwozdz Shanay Teale Alan Tulej Ben Stroud	8E2	Miss Kelly	Excellent attitudes towards their English lessons
All of 7W1	7W1	Miss Kelly	Consistently displaying wonderful attitudes to both their daily English lessons and daily DEAR sessions.
Matthew Hegney Connor McGuinness	10S	Miss Hennessy	A huge improvement in attitude to learning in English.
Emily Hastings Luke Arlington Rianne Smith Hayley Arkley Paige Barton Lauren Westcarr-Smith	9	Mrs Henman	Consistent hard work and effort during lessons and challenging themselves to improve.
Chantelle Taylor	10	Mr Beckett	For being encouraging and supportive to her sister with her homework.