



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,



Year 11 Rewards Trip



The Year 11 rewards trip to Colwyn Bay was a huge success! Pupils went sailing, wind surfing, kayaking and raft building. Pupils played competitive team games on the beach and enjoyed the beautiful Welsh coast. There was a wonderful community spirit and the sun even came out in the afternoon! Thank you year 11 for a great day. Mrs Meersand.



CW Music students perform at some of Birmingham's top concert halls

Dominic McPherson, Prince N'Guessan and Hakim McKenzie all performed at the Birmingham Music Service Gala Concert on Wednesday night. They performed three pieces with the Birmingham Schools Steel Band who opened the concert. In addition to this Yamikani Ajuti played trumpet on Sunday evening at the Adrian



Boult Hall with the Training
Brass Band.

Media Studies at the BBC



On Wednesday 8th July, year 10 Media studies students visited the studios of BBC Birmingham. As part of their GCSE course, students have been planning, researching, filming and editing their own news programmes and so visiting the offices and studios of BBC Midlands Today was an invaluable experience.

Students got to see the studio from which the Midlands' news programmes are broadcast and were surprised by how small the studio was. They also got to see the gallery where the producers, directors, sound and lighting crew sit to produce the programme. Seeing where Nick Owen sits and where Shefali stands to do her weather broadcast was brilliant.

Students also got the chance to present their own news and weather programmes. They sat in front of a green screen and read their script from the auto cue which slowly moves their script up the screen. No need for big pieces of paper!

As well as visiting the news studios and hunting down Nick Owen, students also saw the BBC Radio WM studios as well as the studios where they record radio dramas including the longest running radio drama 'The Archers.' It was fascinating to see how they made all of the sound effects.

At the end of the tour students went onto the set of 'Copicats', a game that features in a children's TV series hosted by Sam and Mark on CBBC. Students enjoyed playing the game they've seen so many times on the TV.

All in all, the experience was invaluable and was an insight to students ahead of the remainder of their Media studies course.

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th – Friday 24th July

Summer School for our new Year 7 pupils

Thursday 4th September – **Teacher Training Day**

Friday 5th September – **Year 7 pupils only – 8.45am**

Monday 8th September – **All pupils in school**



Science Club Trip 2015 by Decklan Prosser

We have studied a lot in science club such as making goo, designing gardens and plant signs. We have had lots of fun.

Last week on Wednesday we went to the Sealife Centre and the Thinktank Museum. This was a good opportunity to explore the amazing wonders of science such as who made the first engine. We also had a try of the Thinktank new BMW app that helps you learn about lots of scientific facts. It also helps you learn about the environment and recycling. For example, the colours of bins and the different materials that can be recycled - this is one way to help the environment. Also at the Thinktank we got to visit the planetarium. Our trip was so fun and we all enjoyed it.

At the sealife centre we got to touch starfish - they were gooey and bumpy, and I enjoyed going to the 4D theatre. At Thinktank I enjoyed going to the planetarium and exploring the wonders of science and going into the Science Garden which had loads of fun scientific activities such as friction between wheelchairs and floors.

I enjoyed finding out fun facts about science and how interesting science is - this is good because I found out why we need science in our lives.



Under-ground – Over-ground

Year 7 pupils were rewarded with a challenging experience in the Peak District. In one day they went into two different caverns and even took a boat trip in Speedwell Cavern.

Afterwards they climbed to the top of Mam Tor in the wind and rain.

Well done to all of the pupils for the impeccable behaviour.



YEAR 9 REWARD TRIP TO ACKERS ADVENTURE

Year 9 students visited Ackers Adventure, which offers a unique range of adventurous activities. The visit was designed to give students an opportunity to engage in team building and problem solving activities in an outdoor environment under supervision from experienced, qualified instructors provided by Ackers Adventure and Cardinal Wiseman staff.

The students had a fantastic day and participated in activities that included, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Jungle Run Assault Course, Archery and Skiing.

Well done to all of you for supporting each other and stepping up to the challenge of these activities!

Mrs Morgan



I am so proud of our fantastic pupils and I hope you agree with me that they are a credit to you and themselves.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mr Neville (chaplain) Mr Lever (cover) Mr Darby (Maths support) Mr Mulcrow (Deputy Head) and Miss Smith (DT) We wish them all the very best in their new jobs and roles for September. I thank them on your behalf for all that they have done here at our amazing school.

Have a wonderful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson