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Parent Newsletter

A comment from

Mr Deans



The school continues to support an extensive range of school trips and December saw our GCSE Spanish students visit Barcelona. You can read about their experience in the headline today. My wife reminded me over Christmas that this will be the 20th Anniversary of me missing Valentines Day with her as I head out on the ski trip to Italy. However, I estimate that over 40 staff have given their time, to support school trips over the last year, often during school holidays. Why do they do this? A comment from our recent 'Pupil Voice' survey says it all:

"The school is really good, but the thing I'll remember most when I leave is the trips. THEY ARE BRILLIANT!"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18 Jan ... Senior Skiers to Tamworth Snowdome
- 23 Jan ... Bridgstock rehearsals begin
- 25 Jan ... Y10 Pintsize Theatre (in school)
- 26 Jan .. Jnr Skiers to Tamworth Snowdome
- 27 Jan ... Y11 History Trip to Beth Shalom.
- 27 Jan ... Y8/9 HPV Vaccination
- 1 Feb ... Jnr Skiers to Swadlingcote
- 1 Feb ... Y10 trip to Cambridge University.
- 3 Feb ... Non-Uniform Day—Young Minds.
- 7 Feb ... YEAR 7 Consultation Afternoon—Forms ABCD—2.00-5.30PM. Early closure (1.13pm) for Years 7/8/9 ONLY. Y10 and Y11 will finish school at 2.45PM.
- 8 Feb ... Upper School Concert
- 10 Feb ...Y12/13 Progress Reports HALF TERM—SKI TRIPS DANCE TRIP
- 23 Feb ... YEAR 7 Consultation Afternoon—Forms EFGH. 2.00-5.30PM. Early closure (1.13pm) for Years 7/8/9 ONLY. Y10 and Y11 will finish school at 2.45PM.

WINTER SUNSHINE IN BARCELONA—by students Lucy Norwood and Ella Filz.

Staff and Students immerse themselves in Spanish Culture.



From the 6th December to the 10th, the majority of Year 11 Spanish students, went to Barcelona. With alarms set for 1:45am and having to contain immense excitement, we slept for no longer than 4 hours before making our way to Luton Airport with Barcelona awaiting us! Once in Barcelona we were all thrilled to see the sunshine that we had not witnessed for a long time in cloudy England as we drove through the streets of Barcelona to Hostal Fernando where we were assigned to our dorms and given time to settle in. We then went off to explore the streets and allowed some free shopping time, and to look

through the lively, vibrant Spanish markets.

To start day two we went to a language class where we were put into 3 groups and interacted with a teacher who couldn't speak that much English to help boost our knowledge. On that day we also visited La Pedrera, a Gaudi building, the Olympic Stadium and went to a flamenco show which was a great 'Spanish culture' experience. We then retreated back to the hostel where we enjoyed our second and final meal there.

Day three was a holiday day in Spain which meant no school!! Therefore, we had an early start and strolled to La Sagrada Familia, another one of Spain's beloved Gaudi's buildings with a guided tour. [Read more by clicking here...](#)



CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS!

The school runs a highly successful club, with elder pupils mentoring younger ones. This years 'Chess Championships' held before Christmas saw Ben Gilpin in Year 8 beat Asta Knight, also Year 8, in the final and became school champion. In the "plate" competition David Kim defeated George Breen in the final. Chess Club takes part in the winter months in PE1 on Mondays 2.45 -3.45 and new players are always welcome. Coming soon, on Wednesday 8th February, we have a school match against South Nottingham Academy and we wish our chess players the best of luck.



Ben Gilpin focuses on his next move.

PASSION FOR READING? JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF CARNEGIE.

2017 is both the 80th anniversary of the CILIP Carnegie Medal and the 60th anniversary of the Kate Greenaway Medal. Both of these awards are the UK's oldest and most prestigious children's book awards. In order to celebrate this significant anniversary the Learning Centre will be organising a shadow judging panel group to read, and discuss the shortlisted novels. This will be an after-school activity where everyone is welcome to come along and discuss their views on the novels and to decide who they believe should win the award.

If you have any questions please tweet @wbsliteracy and feel free to encourage your child to speak to Miss Simmonds or Mrs Marshall in the Learning Centre. Students who would like to participate in celebrating 80 years of Carnegie, need to collect a letter about the CILIP Carnegie Medal and what it entails.



STOP PRESS! PRESS RELEASE FROM THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY! CONGRATULATIONS STEPHEN GREGORY!



“Stephen Gregory of The West Bridgford School, Nottingham is being awarded one of the Royal Geographical Society’s Excellence Awards for achieving the joint-highest raw mark in the 2016 OCR GCSE Geography A examination.

The Royal Geographical Society Excellence Awards aim to recognise and reward excellence in geographical examinations. It is always appreciated by students, schools and parents when the highest examination achievements are awarded, and to have that achievement recognised by the national learned society for the subject elevates it further still. We have therefore embarked on an award scheme which

promotes the interest and enjoyment of geography by recognising and rewarding high achievers in A Level and GCSE level examinations.

Stephen will be receiving a letter, certificate and cash reward from the Society. We will also be sending a copy of the certificate and a letter to the school.” WELL DONE STEPHEN!

CROSS COUNTRY 2016 LEAGUE SERIES—FINAL REPORT



Saturday December 10th was the third and final Schools League Race at Berry Hill Park, where once again over 40 students represented the school in Cross Country running. This race is the culmination of three league races where students and teams points and positions are added together towards a team and individual prize.

The morning started well with our Year 7 Boys team finishing first team on the day with Tom Southgate 2nd, Alex Vinning 4th, Jack McGowan 6th, James Kamochi 12th and Arthur Winkler 17th all running superbly. The Year 8/9 Girls team were crowned series winners after winning all three events and in addition Beatrice Munro won overall gold. In the year 8/9 Boys race the team, led home by Ed Parry who finished 3rd on the day, finished 2nd overall narrowly missing out on Gold medals.

The Year 10/11 girls fielded a team in all three races and as a result were crowned league winners which is a fantastic achievement. The Year 10/11 Boys on this occasion had a full team led home by individual Bronze Medal winner Toby Percival finished a most credible 3rd on the day and finally the year 7 girls finished in 3rd place on the day and 3rd place in the league series. Well done to all who took part and thanks to parents for their support. A huge thanks also go to the West Bridgford PE staff who give up their time on a weekend, and in the run up to the races, to encourage and support these students. We hope the students continue to enjoy running and we look forward to them taking part in track and field athletics in the summer. Those selected to represent Rushcliffe in the County Championships in February need to confirm attendance with Chris Ballard as soon as possible.

