

Newsletter - May 2024

Year 7 Residential Weekend



Year 7 Adventurers at Willersley Castle School Activity Centre in the Peak District in April. They were eager to get stuck into a full programme of exciting activities during this weekend's residential.







Ideagen Visit



Before we broke up for the Easter break a group of 13 students and two teachers visited the Ideagen offices in Ruddington.

Whilst there, students were given a tour of the building to all of the departments, they learnt about the company and participated in a coding activity and a masterclass where students were challenged to design an app which could be used in the sporting world. To finish off the day they met the CEO Ben Dorks and were invited to ask him questions about his career and business.

The students involved asked lots interesting questions and participated fully in all of the activities and represented the school well, a big thanks to Ideagen and Nottingham Forest Community Trust of hosting us.

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Duke of Edinburgh



Gold

A number of our former students attend Buckingham Palace on Friday 10th May 2024 to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The sun was shining and they enjoyed tea and cake in the gardens.



Bronze -Training Weekend

The weekend of 20th/21st April brought over 60 Year 9 students together (in nine teams) to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh training. The weather was kind to us and all students enjoyed the weekend learning new skills.





Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award - Practice Weekend 18th/19th May 2024

Elkesley-Walesby-Eakring

Well done to all of the students taking part this weekend, you did brilliantly. The sun burned off the Saturday morning haze and then stayed with us, making for some very hot conditions carrying those backpacks.

Next stop...Bronze Qualifying.

Thank you to the staff and parents for your support.





London Cultural Trip



Over two consecutive weekends our annual Cultural London trip took place, and a great was had by all.

The weather was nice and dry and students visited the London Dungeons, Tower of London, National History Museum and the Adelphi Theatre to watch *Back to the Future*.





Performing Arts



This half term, our year 12 Performing Arts students literally took to the stage on a backstage tour of the Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham. To support their study of the Music industry and of theatre, they spent the day seeing behind the scenes of the new Bonnie and Clyde musical. They had talks from the technical director, stage manager and programming director. The students asked so many questions and learnt so much about how the magic of theatre comes together and the vast differences between the two venues – from trapdoors and lighting to raked stages, drum isolation booths and wig ovens. The afternoon was spent designing the programme for the next season of theatre, including working out target audiences and how to reach them. A highlight of the day was Kayci performing unamplified from the Royal Concert Hall stage and us marvelling at the acoustics from the balcony – who needs Elton John?!



Sporting Achievements



Football

Mansfield & District Town Cup Final

On a sunny afternoon at Fieldmill both the boys Year 11 and Year 9 sides suffered the same outcome in a 2-1 losses against Quarrydale and Ashfield schools. The Year 11 boys were hoping to make it a hattrick of wins having lifted the trophy the two previous years. Unfortunately, a late goal was not enough to cancel out the two goals scored by Quarrydale either side of half time. The Year 9 team led by Mr Staley displayed a master class in defending with a stoppage time winner for Ashfield preventing what would have been a well-deserved penalty shootout. Although the results were disappointing the PE department would like to thank the students, parents/carers and staff that came to support on the night. Well done to you all in getting to the finals.



Ice Hockey

Harry Molsom (10S2) was in Tilburg, Netherlands representing England boys under 15 Ice Hockey team. A hard fought battle over 8 games saw the England team earn a thoroughly deserved silver medal against some top European competition. Harry's team won the group stages topping the table above France and Germany, before playing in the final against France and claiming the silver medal. Harry was awarded man of the match in one game, and scored his first England goal too.

Harry's talents will be on display again later this May as he competes for the National Championship titles after already winning the Northern League with his club Nottingham.





Equestrian

Lily-Ann Todd (9S1) competed at Pickering Grange Equestrian on 27th April Just for schools.

Coral Bambi's Boy jumped double clear in the 70cm and came 6th and had 4 faults in 80cm and came 14th.

Montana Yoga Sapphire jumped double clear in the 80cm coming 8th and had 4 faults in the 90cm event and came 5th.

Lily-Ann also came 2nd in The Mission Hall, Blidworth art competition. She received £50, certificate and acrylic paint starter set.

