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HISTORY BATTLEFIELDS TOUR

By Mr Speakman, Fionnuala and Rae.



As the sun set on Tuesday evening, some of Year 9 were settling into their Boarders' supper ahead of an early night and an even earlier start! The sun was still asleep when most of the Year 9 group gathered to catch our coach to head off to the continent. By 8:30am, we made it, through snow and rain to Folkestone and then onwards to France and Belgium.

We arrived in snowy France and Belgium and set off and soon we were making our first stops, at Lijssenthoek Cemetery, some German trenches at Bayernwald, Essex Farm cemetery famous for where the poet John McCrae worked as a

surgeon and Canada Farm cemetery, where a relative of Mr Browning was buried. At Lijssenthoek cemetery, there were a couple of centimetres of snow on the ground which made it look particularly beautiful. From there we were on the coach and off to the hostel for dinner and to drop off our luggage. After dinner, we had some time to ourselves in the Games Room and then it was lights out, after a very cold and long day.

On Day 2, following breakfast and making our day's packed lunch, we made our way to one of Ypres' famous chocolate shops, which was amazing!

After we filled our bags with chocolate and sweets, we were off to the main museum in the centre of Ypres, where we could find out lots about the war. The rest of the day was a whirlwind of visits: First to the museum at Hooze Crater, which was great. Then to the Sanctuary Wood Museum, where we could explore the fantastic, muddy, wet trenches. Everyone 'loved' exploring the tunnels and trenches, though it was particularly brilliant when it began to rain really heavily, and we soon realised how tough it must have been in the trenches deep in a cold, wet winter. After lunch, we made our way to two different cemeteries.



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Firstly, we went to Tyne Cot cemetery where everyone was astonished by the size of this British cemetery. It is the biggest in the world. We laid a cross of remembrance for a Woolverstonian fallen soldier, Private George Cattermole. Finally, we went to Langemark to the German cemetery where the difference between the two sides was interesting and surprising. The Germans were not allowed as much space as the Allies resulting in very different looks; the gravestones were stone slabs laid down on the ground with a mass grave of 30,000 men.

After heading back to the hostel for dinner, we were back on the coach to Ypres where we participated in the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony. It starts at 8pm every night, all through the year - even during the Covid lockdowns. After some

buglers played the Last Post, Hettie and Jude laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Though quick, the ceremony was very serious and thought-provoking. We had some free time in groups in Ypres main square and then back on the coach to the hostel for bed and lights out.

Wake up call was 7:15, though some of us were surprisingly up earlier! After breakfast, we cleaned our rooms and packed and we were off for our final part of the trip to the Somme, 2 hours away in France. It was 'blowing a hooley'! We had a tour of the Newfoundland Memorial including going into the preserved trenches. From there we made our way to Lochnagar Crater, but it was so windy we couldn't risk wandering around the crater

in case we got blown over the edge. We were warned it would be big, but we were amazed at how deep and wide it was. Our final stop was Thiepval memorial which was enormous. The memorial has almost 75,000 names on it for the missing British soldiers from the Battle of the Somme. Then back on the coach for the start of the trip home!

What an amazing trip. To come here makes it all so real. When we learn about the war in class, it is difficult to comprehend the scale of it all. A really memorable experience where at times it was thought-provoking and sad, but at other times it was definitely fun!

Thanks to Mr Tope, Mrs Hill and Mr Browning for coming along and helping Mr Speakman with the trip.



Prep School News



Swimming Gala

The first swimming gala of this year took place against Ipswich Prep school. The U11, U10 and U9 teams won all three year groups which meant we had an overall win at Ipswich High School.

Most swimmers achieved a personal best in their races, which is an outstanding achievement! The team were outstanding but special mention must go to Isla, Emelia, Becca, Stanley and Darcy.



Jimmy's Farm Trip

Year 1 had an absolutely wonderful day at Jimmy's Farm. They enjoyed learning about animal classifications and finding out lots of facts about birds, mammals, and reptiles. They all had the opportunity to hold a snake, a tortoise, a hissing cockroach and got to feed goats.

Wooden Spoon Characters

As part of Science Week, Woolverstone Hall Nursery completed the lemon volcano experiment. They learnt that lemon and lime juice contains citric acid which when mixed with baking soda reacts. This causes the liquid to fizz and bubble!

Colchester Zoo

Year 2 and Year 3 had such a great time at Colchester Zoo. The children enjoyed a workshop about the Big Five safari animals and then visited lots of the African animals they have been learning about: elephants, lions, warthogs, rhinos, zebras and gazelles. They also loved the train ride and the play park!

Science Shadows

6S have enjoyed their latest science experiment involving measuring shadows.

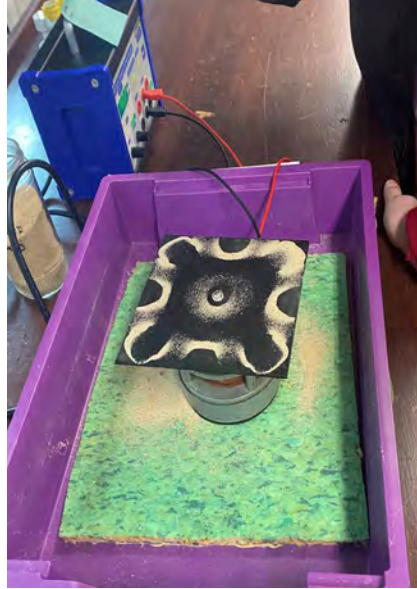


Senior News



MFL Spelling Bee

Year 7 French and Spanish students have competed in a Spelling Bee challenge. They have been practising the pronunciation of the alphabet in French and Spanish and spelling words out loud. Last week we held a competition to find the best speller in each of our four language classes. The students worked in small groups, testing each other on a selection of words before the grand finale. The winners were Barney and Alev in French and Isabella and Lily in Spanish.



Art Meets Science

This week some lucky Year 11 art students were offered the opportunity to experience the incredible patterns that can be produced with cymatics, the study of visible sound and vibration. One of the GCSE art themes this year is 'The senses' and in researching how a sense such as hearing might be visualised as an art piece the art students came across some videos of the phenomenon in action. A couple of quick emails between the Art and Physics Departments and our fabulous Physics technician Mr Sturman, had created a demonstration which the artists were able to experiment with and help develop their art projects. The two students tried sand, water, graphite, corn starch and finally Brusho – a powdered fabric dye which produced these fascinating prints. The Art Department is very grateful for the support of Miss Pettit and Dr Ling and especially Mr Sturman.



Easter Themed Cake

Year 8 made and designed their own Victoria sponge with the theme being Easter or Spring. There were some incredible creations!



School News



Move It - Dance Trip

On Friday last week, 35 students from Years 7-13 headed to the ExCel centre in London to attend Move It. One of the biggest dance events in the world; it showcases hundreds of performances from the leading colleges and universities for dance in the country, along with a plethora of masterclasses and workshops ranging from West End show choreography to commercial dance. Within the exhibition, students can visit stands for colleges and universities and gain invaluable careers and educational advice linked to dance and the performing arts industry. Celebrities from the dance world are also in circulation for those all-important selfies. There is a freestyle stage where dancers can compete for a place in the freestyle final each day, and Isaac from Year 13 was the first to grace the stage for the whole event with some break dance. Our students were fortunate enough to be taught by the likes of Dane Bates, Jennifer Ellison, London Studio Centre and Matthew Harding from Kingston University.



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We are continuing to support The Hygiene Bank to give the gift of clean to people in need in the Ipswich community. Please support by donating hygiene products to help us fill bags of essentials suitable for a male, a female or a baby.

Drop off your donations in Reception, form time or MFL office from now until Friday 24th March.

Y7 & Y8 will be busy decorating the bags with pictures and slogans celebrating Spring in languages from around the world.



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Unsung Hero Award

Mr Wayne Avery, our Catering Manager from Wilson Vale, received an Unsung Hero Award this week in recognition of his hard work and dedication over the last three years.



St Elizabeth Hospice Event

St Elizabeth Hospice held a charity event at Ipswich High recently and two of our students played music throughout the event.

Fiona from St Elizabeth commented to say "We at St Elizabeth Hospice are incredibly grateful to Ipswich High School. The two students from Ipswich High School helped to create a wonderful ambience with their excellent piano skills."



UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Before half term, some Year 10 and 11 students took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This required students to demonstrate mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. A huge congratulations to the following students, who were among the highest performers in the Challenge, where the Bronze represents the top-scoring 50% of participants, Silver is the top 25% of participants, and Gold is the top 10%. Special congratulations to Lily who also received Best in School.

Bronze: Krishnav, Evangeline, Katie, Grace and Amelie.

Silver: Lucy, Fay, Alina and Eniko.

Gold: Madeline, Christina, Lily.

Here are some questions from the Challenge if you would like to try them:

The mean of p and q is 13; the mean of q and r is 16; the mean of r and p is 7.
What is the mean of p , q and r ?

- A 12 B 13 C 14 D 15 E 16

The sum of the lengths of the three sides of a right-angled triangle is 16 cm.
The sum of the squares of the lengths of the three sides of the triangle is 98 cm².
What is the area, in cm², of the triangle?

- A 8 B 10 C 12 D 14



LRC News



Prep LRC

We had a super surprise in the Prep LRC this week when Stanley Johnson in Year 5 very kindly donated his whole collection of 'Beast Quest' books to share with his fellow pupils. Thank you, Stanley for your kindness, we cannot wait to put these out on display.

Senior LRC News

A second chess set has been added to the Senior LRC as this is very popular at break times. If anyone has any additional chess sets or games such as 'Uno' or 'Uno Flip' at home that they would like to donate, the LRC would gratefully receive them.

In Need of Support?

During school hours, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms Extance or, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Finch (Prep School), Mrs Offord (Senior School), Mrs Vickers (Sixth Form) - on 01473 780201.

With out of school hours support below:

YoungMinds: 24/7 - Text YM to 85258

Samaritans: 24/7 - 116123

Kooth: kooth.com

Sexual assault: NSPCC - 0800 136 663 / help@nspcc.org.uk

Sexual assault local contact: The Ferns - 0300 123 5058

Childline: Call 0800 1111 or 1-2-1 chat online

NHS Mental Health Support: 111, option 2

Online bullying: thinkuknow.co.uk



Careers Week - Careers Speaker Series

We had a fantastic set of Careers talks last week during Assembly and Enrichment 1 which all Senior School pupils and Sixth Form students attended. These were led by industry specialists; they offered an opportunity to learn how the speaker got into their career and what skills and attributes are required to excel in the

sector they are in but also offered insightful information about how to prepare not just for their chosen career but lots of careers in general and the world of work. Speakers were:

- Mr Steven Pryke – NHS & Private Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Dr Beth Mosely MBE – NHS Clinical Psychologist
- Liam Hendry – Prettys Solicitors
- Katie & Nicky - Ryder Davies Vets

Feedback from Ali in Year 8 was: "I liked the careers talks as they gave us a range of jobs and what you do in them. I also liked how we were allowed to ask questions about them so we can enrich our knowledge".

We have resources to aid parents to support their child's wellbeing, on [our Firefly page](#).

