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WHALLEY RANGE 11-18 HIGH SCHOOL

A Specialist College for Business, Enterprise & Sport



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WELCOME FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER



Whalley Range prides itself on ensuring all students have exciting opportunities to learn and grow as people whilst they are in school. This magazine is full of inspirational people who have worked with our students to create unforgettable memories and experiences. It is so important for schools to be outward facing and engaging with their local community. We are proud of our City and proud of our students for responding to opportunities with such enthusiasm.

I would like to wish staff, students, their families and our community seasons' greetings and a peaceful New Year.

Ms. P. Kane M.A - Headteacher



WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCH

On Friday 13th September 2013 WRHS hosted a Business Lunch for business women affiliated to the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. The afternoon saw the school's Head Girls dine with women from organisations across Manchester and from a wide range of sectors. Headteacher, Patsy Kane, who is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce decided to host the event in response to the

ever increasing need for employers and schools to work in close partnership.

The event was a huge success, David Grimes, Teacher and the school's Learning to Lead Co-ordinator said, *"It was hugely enjoyable event and great to see the girls network with some very inspirational business women. The girls enjoyed the formalities such as swapping business cards and quizzing the women about their rise to the top – many are hoping to continue their new business partnerships by securing work experience with the various companies involved."*



EQUALITY IN JUDAISM

Our A' level class have had two really impressive visitors in to do guest speaker sessions over the last few weeks. The students have been studying the Nature and Value of Human Life in Judaism and have had visits from Mrs Diamond, Head of RE at Manchester High School for Girls and Rabbi Dr Silverman (pictured) from Jackson's Row Reform Synagogue in Manchester city centre, to talk about equality in Judaism and Jewish identity. Both speakers really inspired the students with their enthusiasm and passion for their faith, and gave us lots of useful information on Judaism for our exam. The students had the opportunity to ask lots of questions about Judaism during the visit and really enjoyed the time we spent with them.

FLIP! MAGAZINE SUCCESS

Issue 2 was successfully launched mid-way through the autumn term and has proved to be an even bigger success than the first. Many students have downloaded the interactive magazine from the school website and VLE. The project has yet again proven to be a massive success, creating a real buzz amongst staff and students alike. As Flip continues to grow and develop, Key Stage 3 students have come on board and provided articles and advertising campaigns around school. All the students and staff involved cannot wait for Issue 3 which will focus around the theme of "Live Life Love".



As advertised in the last edition of Partnership News, Flip is a magazine that covers all the relevant issues for teenagers today. It ranges from interviews with celebrities to current affairs and 'what's hot' in society. Check it out on the school website: www.wrhs1118.co.uk/periodicals/flip

To get involved in Flip Magazine please see Mr. Atkinson in Social Sciences for further details.

INCLUSION faculty

CRAFTS CRAZY IN A124

Students flock to the Inclusion Faculty to create, design and learn more about crafts! Mrs Lordache has brilliant ideas to make cards and gifts for special occasions and everyone is welcome! Students also attend the homework sessions at lunchtime and after school, when they can work with Teaching Assistants. A124 is always busy, with lots of exciting activities - come and join us!

ADDITIONAL ENGLISH IN ACTION

All mid term admissions who are new to English have accessed additional English lessons to improve their skills. The students have made amazing progress particularly with their speaking. They have been supportive of each other and have developed their co-operative learning skills. Some of the girls have gone on to be Inclusion Leaders. Well done girls!



KS4 Study Support Sessions

During the last two terms, the Intervention Team have been running Study Support Sessions. Maths and Science teachers have referred students who would benefit from some extra time spent studying a particular topic in the curriculum.

ACCELERATED READING

57 students have started Intervention Accelerated Reading and most are making significant improvements to their reading ages. They are working so well, we have had to order more books! Breakfast Reading Club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays before school is also popular and Mr Lazarou's pastries definitely help!



We would very much like to thank the Sixth Form and external Mentors who are regularly giving up their time to help the students to reach their full potential.

H. Bajwa, M. Quinn, S. Altaf, J. Walsh, M Beasley and R. Abushima.



Writing Challenge

17 Year 7 and Year 8 students are taking the Writing Challenge and most are now, on or above, their target with five more weeks to go.

INTERVENTION TEAM CHALLENGES

The Intervention Team is busy again! Over 130 students are already taking part in Maths Challenge, Writing Challenge, Maths/English Clubs and Accelerated Reading.

47 students have also started the Maths Challenge and all want to significantly increase their levels. Their Sixth Form and external mentors are working hard with them to make sure they achieve this.

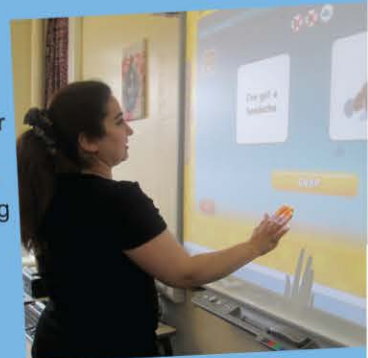
Maths Club

The Maths Club is being regularly attended by many Year 7, 8 and 9 students and hopefully, their end of year Maths grade will reflect everyone's hard work. This takes place at lunchtime and after school.

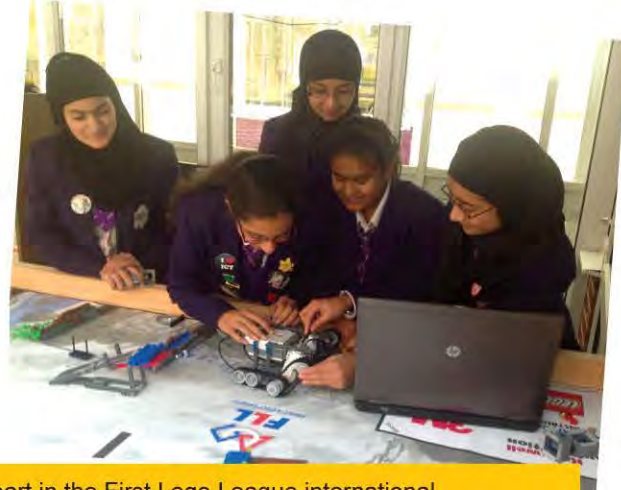


EAL adult class

Mrs Bajwa is taking an after school class on Tuesdays to help parents with their English. This is so popular that she has had to add another class on Thursday afternoons, 2pm until 3pm. Current parents attending the classes speak a variety of languages including Arabic, Pakistani and Somali. Any parent interested should contact school and ask to speak to Mrs Bajwa.



ROBOT CLUB



A team of ten highly skilled students were specially selected in September to take part in the First Lego League international 'Nature's Fury' competition. The team, known as 'Range Robots', have been designing, engineering and programming an all-terrain robot which has to negotiate a special course for the competition.

The team's first challenge is the North West Regional Tournament in January at LEGOLAND Discovery Centre. Sixteen teams from all over the region will be competing to get the most points with their robot and progress to the national final in London. Radia Ahsan in Year 10 said, *"The robot competition gives us lots of opportunities to enhance our computer programming skills. It also allows us to experience what it's like to be a games designer. We thoroughly enjoy attending our sessions."*

The team's coach Mr Begg explained, *"This is the first year that the school has attended this prestigious event and hopes are high that our robot is good enough on the day to progress to the next round."*

EXTRA CURRICULAR AND STUDENT LEADER RECRUITMENT FAIR

During September Mr. Grimes organised an extra-curricular fair to showcase the wealth of extra-curricular and student leadership opportunities we have in our school. There was a session just for Year 7s and then a session for all year groups. Each Faculty and House area had student leaders running a stall from Fashion Rangers to Flip Magazine, and Digital Leaders to Co-operative Champions. Students were really eager to sign up to take part in extra curricular activities, and become subject or House leaders with some subjects signing up around 80 eager Year 7s on the first day! There was a real buzz in the air and was so successful we aim to run it again next year.



Francis House bag sale

Safah, Humeera, Olivia and many other charity leaders sold bags for Francis House to raise money for charity. The canvas bags had the Francis House logos and a beautiful picture of a Manchester landmark on them. We sold them to students and staff at lunch time around school. Staff and students were also really eager to help the charity and made extra donations. We raised over £70. Francis House are a local hospice who take care of terminally ill children and provide a resting place for the families.



Sixth Form Charity Work

There has been a fantastic response from all the Sixth Form staff and students in the past term raising money for both Jeans for Genes and Cancer Research. In September, Sixth Formers paid £1 to wear denim to school, in order to raise money to be used to provide funding for the care and support of children with genetic disorders.

In October, the charity team rose to another challenge – raising money for Cancer Research through an afternoon tea party in the Common Room. Each form was asked to provide ingredients for Mrs Coles and Miss Birchenough to make cupcakes ready to be sold on Wear it Pink Day. There was a fantastic turn-out with the team raising far more money than previous years – over £50!

Keep your eyes and ears open for the next fundraising event.



LIONHEART CHALLENGE REGIONAL FINAL

Tuesday 8th October, Reebok Stadium, Bolton



After competing in the Lionheart Challenge in school, the winning team made their way to the Regional Finals in Bolton on Tuesday 8th October. It was a very early start for Mrs Davies and the girls, with the minibus leaving at 7.30 am! The whole team was up-beat and very positive and were determined not to come away from the event empty handed!

The challenge was to create a product or service which would enable disabled people to participate more actively in sport. The team of Year 10's got to work, allocating job roles playing to the team strengths. They worked tirelessly throughout the day – even having a working lunch! Finally they got to make their presentation to a packed audience.

Our school won the Key Category Prize for 'Product Design – Thoughtful Consideration of the User'

Well done to all the Team: Elis Pashova, Hajra Barkaat, Sarwana Khan, Neha Biben, Evangalin Murmu, Radia Ahsan, Aisha Babar, Sameena Hamid, Shruit Khanal, Raynes Owen.

Sport as Inspiration

On Tuesday 5th November a group of Year 9 students were invited to attend a special event at Lancashire County Cricket Club, organised by Business in the Community. Whalley Range 11-18 High School was one of only 3 schools lucky enough to attend this. Mrs Davies and Miss Gibson went along with the students and everyone had a fantastic time.



Lancashire County
Cricket Club



Students had to think about who their inspirational sporting heroes were. What a wide range were mentioned! Our own Kelly Holmes and Paula Radcliffe got a mention along with Mo Farah, Jessica Ennis and Christine Ohuruogu to name a few.

After brainstorming sporting heroes, students were privileged to meet Daniel Gidney, Chief Executive of LCCC. He gave the students an inspiring and interesting talk on his own career journey and about the aspirations he had as a student.

After all the serious business it was then time for some fun! The students took part in a practical cricket coaching session with LCCC coaches – with varying degrees of success!

Both the students and Mrs Davies & Miss Gibson enjoyed the morning and came away feeling inspired to strive and achieve their full potential.



MY SPECIAL PLACE.....

My special place is full of females aged 11-18, in Years 7,8,9,10 & 11 we HAVE to wear a uniform which is mainly darkish purple. We have our own pledge and get put into different houses, Kelly Holmes, Vivienne Westwood, Paula Radcliffe, Serena Williams or Oprah Winfrey. This establishment is a place for study and education that also specialises in business, enterprise and sport. This is a school. This is a GIRLS' school. It's Whalley Range 11-18 High School. This establishment has been running for 141 years and is the highest performing girls' high school in Manchester. It's MY school. This is my special place because, with me being an only child, I tend to get bored very easily as I'm very hard to please through being giddy and hyperactive. I like it here because I'm very eager to learn and I get to meet new people, for instance my closest friend, Olivia. The members of staff are friendly and so are the other students too. It's an environment where I feel safe and I'm sure others do too.

Written by Shiieanne Oletkett in Year 7



CULTURE CLUB

We are delighted to report that our Culture Club has continued to grow this year with both new and returning members from Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 participating in a range of weekly workshops and sessions. The students have enjoyed discussing such topics as the Pre-Raphaelites, great speeches of the Twentieth Century, Black American writers, The Brontes, the role of women in wartime and the Blues.

We are also very proud of two of our Year 13 Culture Clubbers who have beaten stiff competition from over 600 students across the North West to win the MMU-run 'Postcards from the Past' competition. Having been inspired to enter through activities in Culture Club, Aisha Akhtar and Shannon Barrett (pictured) wrote a postcard from the perspective of a night-shift worker the day that Martin Luther King was assassinated.



Having won, the students have had their postcard professionally illustrated and printed. The students attended a Manchester Literary Festival event to receive their prize from the world-renowned writer of the Artemis Fowl series of books, Eoin Colfer.

Voluntary Youth Manchester

The English Leaders have been exerting their creative skills working alongside Voluntary Youth Manchester. Earlier this month the students spent a lunchtime thrashing out ideas with Jo Lane, one of the key workers for VYM. The charity has decided to launch a magazine specifically aimed at teenagers and our girls have had an input in to how the magazine should be created. They will be submitting their own articles for the magazine which will eventually makes its way around all schools in Manchester.



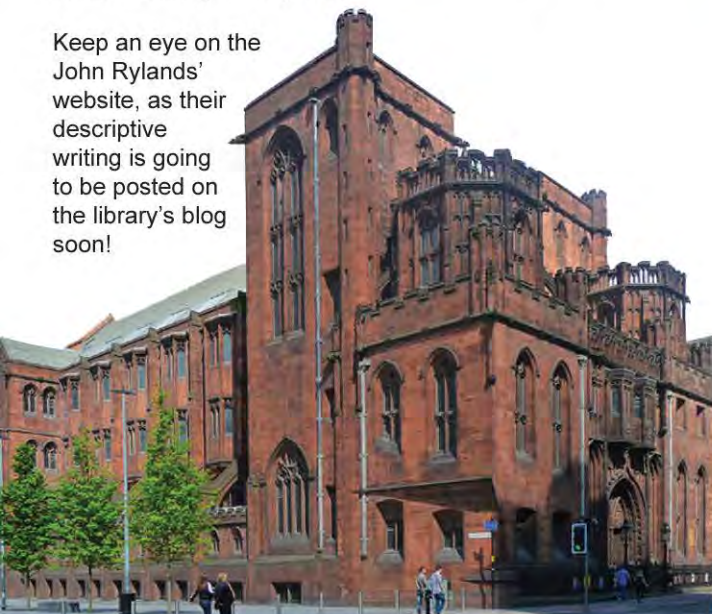
Holly Bourne Book launch at WRHS

First time author Holly Bourne chose Whalley Range as one of the schools to visit when launching her debut novel "Soulmates" in October. A group of Year 11 and 13 students took part in a writing workshop based around the themes of love, soulmates and fate. They were then treated to some readings from the book and the opportunity to ask Holly questions about both the book itself and her career as a writer and journalist. The students found the workshop inspiring and thought provoking.

Gothic Creative Writing

In October, Mrs Chadwick's Year 13 Literature students attended a Gothic Creative Writing Workshop at The John Rylands Library on Deansgate. The visit was designed to help the students prepare for their English Literature A' level examination next year. They were given a tour of the stunning neo-gothic building before using the beautiful architecture to inspire their own creative writing descriptions.

Keep an eye on the John Rylands' website, as their descriptive writing is going to be posted on the library's blog soon!



MESSAGE OF INSPIRATION

In October, we were very pleased to host a talk from the Director of BBC, Helen Boaden. Seventy Year 11 students listened attentively as Helen shared her wealth of knowledge and experience about both the BBC and careers in media and journalism. She answered a wide range of questions about the roles and opportunities for women in the media and about her own personal journey to become the first female Head of BBC Current Affairs and now Director of Radio.

Many thanks to Gill Appleby for helping to arrange this fascinating and motivating opportunity.

Dragon's Den

Throughout English lessons this half-term, Year 7 are designing and creating new, innovative products to be presented to the Dragons for our Dragon's Den competition. The final will take place on the 10th January in front of a panel of Dragons who, after a thorough interrogation of the candidates, will decide whether each design is worth investing in! Each class will select a winner who will present in front of the Dragons; this will enhance their confidence in speaking and listening and presenting in front of others. The Dragons will select one winning pair with a prize to be confirmed.

YEAR 10 DRAMA WORKSHOP

In November, Mrs Chadwick's Year 10 class were visited by actor and director Adam Lannon. The workshop helped and encouraged the students to bring their GCSE Monologues to life through drama skills. The students enjoyed performing their monologues on stage and were given expert feedback and guidance.



YEAR 7 BOOK CLUB

is a great opportunity for younger students to share their love of reading. This half term they have greatly enjoyed reading *Boy* by Roald Dahl. They meet every week to discuss what they have read and share their thoughts and ideas on the book. As part of Book Club, students have also been writing their very own book reviews to share with fellow students.

Year 7 Book Club meets every Monday at 1:15pm in the LRC.

CHILDREN'S LAUREATE VISIT

Our top set Year 7 students were lucky enough to be part of a very select group of people that got to meet Children's Laureate, Malorie Blackman as part of The Manchester Children's Book Festival. The students listened to a discussion between Blackman and Jackie

Roy (novelist and senior lecturer at MMU in English and Creative Writing) before being invited to ask questions. Each of the students got to meet Blackman and received a signed copy of one of her books.



OTHELLO LIVE

On 26th September, for one night only, the National Theatre in London broadcast Shakespeare's *Othello* live to cinemas around the world. Miss Buckle, Miss Connaughton and Miss Jones accompanied 24 Year 11s to the Printworks in Manchester to watch this exciting broadcast. Actors Rory Kinnear and Adrian Lester starred in this production of Shakespeare's exploration of race, jealousy and hatred and these two actors recently shared the best actor prize at the London Evening Standard theatre awards for their outstanding performances. The Year 11 students thoroughly enjoyed the play, which they are studying for their GCSE Literature

SPORTS JOURNALISTS

The Sports Journalists recently took part in a seminar with producer and journalist Helen Murray from the BBC. Helen came in specially to give the students tips and hints on how to be a great sports journalist. The students completed a number of exciting activities with Helen and got the opportunity to ask her some burning questions about all things sport! The students really enjoyed meeting Helen, who has promised she will come in again at some point to see how the students are getting on! Keep your eyes peeled for the students articles which will be coming your way soon!

YEAR 9 trip to the People's History Museum

Students in Year 9 took part in a fascinating and thought provoking creative writing workshop at the People's History Museum this term. They worked with a professional poet, who guided them through some of the museum's most interesting stories in UK and world Political History. The students then created their own poems, inspired by famous political speakers they had been listening to. The responses were diverse, as students developed their own creative responses to what they had experienced. The work will help them develop personal writing skills needed during their GCSE course.





INTERHOUSE WATT BIKE CHALLENGE

During Half Term 1 each house participated in a Watt Bike Challenge. Each House was selected to participate in the challenge on a different school day, cycling 1000m as fast as they could. Seventy students took part. Qamar Musaad (Y10) from Radcliffe House came first with a time of 1 minute 40 seconds and Alaina Iqbal (Y11) was second with a time of 1 minute 41 seconds from Westwood House. Congratulations Radcliffe House for winning the first 2013-14 Interhouse competition!

YEAR 10/11 INDOOR ATHLETICS CITYWIDE COMPETITION

A huge congratulations to Raynes Owen in Year 10 who came 2nd in the 200m at the Manchester Indoor Athletics competition at Sport City. Well done to the rest of the team for their excellent attitude and effort in the competition – Zannab Mughal, Shruti Khanal, Amal Qasim, Qamar Maasud, Ayesha Munir and Monesha Manboard.



KS3 BASKETBALL

The Key Stage 3 Basketball team once again proved they're a fighting force. The formidable squad saw off tough competition from all over Manchester beating many local teams. The results are below:

WRHS 10-0 The Co-operative Academy WRHS 6-2 Manchester Academy
WRHS 8-2 Abraham Moss 8-2 WRHS 4-2 St. Peter's WRHS 4-4 Chorlton

Unfortunately, although they were unbeaten on the night they came second to Chorlton High School on goal difference. Anyone wanting to improve their basketball skills or want to be part of this unbeaten team - come along to basketball training on Thursday after school and Friday lunchtimes.



KS3 & KS4 FOOTBALL

From the start of September we have had an excellent turn out for practice with on average 35 girls attending football club on a Wednesday after school. The students really enjoy their training and both key stages work well together during their skill practices. Places are much sought after due to the high attendance and this has made the teams stronger.

Regular matches against other schools take place here at Whalley Range and to date all of our teams have played with both flair and commitment. We have had mixed results so far but the students never give up and certainly have the will to win with a positive sporting attitude.

Current Results:

KS4 A & B 8th position out of 13 teams
KS3 A 8th position out of 22 teams
KS3 B 6th position out of 22 teams

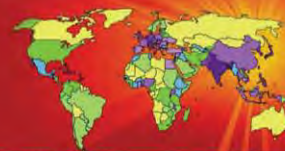


GOING FOR GOLD!

Once again our Badminton Team have made it to the CityWide Finals next month. The team of four- Shruti Khanal, Sana Saeed, Raynes Owen, Neha Sheikh (all Y10)- have been successful for the past two years as the KS3 team and are now shining in the KS4 competitions. Last year, the team were Silver medallists across the City of Manchester and this year they are aiming for Gold!

On Monday 14th October the team entered the qualifying rounds and were unbeaten. Playing a mixture of singles and doubles games, the team displayed excellent determination and teamwork to beat all 20 opponents from four schools. Well done to the B team too- Monesha Manboard (Y10), Qamar Musaad (Y10), Fathma Ahmed (Y11) and Amina Younas (Y11)- who put up a good fight against the A team, considering it was their first Badminton tournament.

World Languages Faculty



European Day of Languages

26th September 2013

The European Day of Languages was celebrated across the school with many different activities happening throughout the day. Members of staff spoke another language for the day, form groups took part in a quiz and some forms won prizes! There were several lunchtime activities running, and students learned Chinese, Italian, Polish, Portuguese and Turkish. Students took part in a European Sports competition in PE and in Drama, students learned British Sign Language. Students were able to try a European Menu in the canteen during the whole week, and the World Language Leaders gave assemblies to promote all the events.



EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

(The Day of the Dead)

October/November 2013

We invited students to learn about this Mexican festival and take part in activities like making Day of the Dead masks, learning Spanish phrases and trying some food associated with the festival which celebrates the lives of those who have passed away.



DIVALI AND LEARN HINDI

November 2013

We held a presentation about how Diwali is celebrated and then students made lanterns to celebrate this important Hindu festival. The leaders also taught other students how to say some key phrases in Hindi and Punjabi.



CAREERS TALK : M FOUR TRANSLATIONS

November 2013

Mr Ramanuj, Communications Support Services Manager, from M FOUR Translation Manchester came to talk about the fantastic career opportunities available in languages. He reminded our students of the importance of studying languages to access higher paid jobs. Mr Ramanuj also offered some work placements to our best linguists in Year 12 and Year 13. We hope that our students will get great benefit from their possible future work placements.



EID MUBARAK

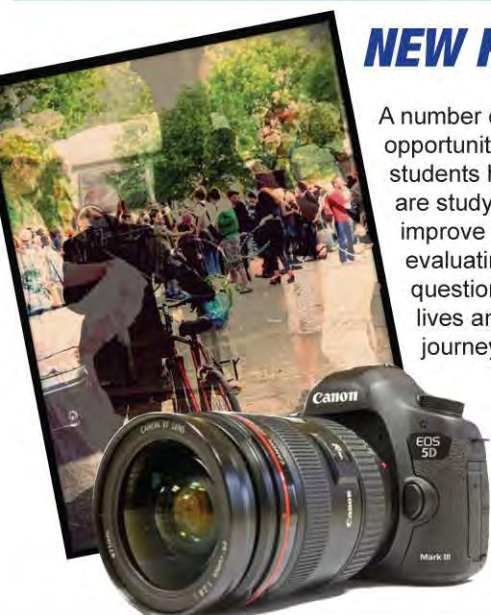
October 2013

We celebrated Eid by giving a presentation about how the festival is celebrated. Students and members of staff also took part in activities such as learning Urdu, henna, looked at some traditional clothes, listened to music and made Eid Mubarak cards.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

A number of students from Years 10 and 11 started a new and exciting opportunity for study within WRHS, the GCSE Photography Course. The students have already produced work related to chosen themes. They are studying the history of photography and answering set questions to improve their skills, not just taking photos but also editing images and evaluating so that they can become better photographers. The first question to find answers to was 'My World'. Students looked at their lives and produced a range of images which took the viewer on a journey into their individual life within the City of Manchester.

Some of the images which the students created are truly spectacular. We are currently looking at Portraiture and producing a series of images over the next four week period, using Andy Warhol's Photo Booth as our starting point. The students have commented on how much they have learnt within such a short space of time and look forward to the next area of study within the GCSE Photography Course.



BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYABILITY

COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

During the month of October several colleges came in to speak to our Year 11 students regarding the courses that they have on offer. Lots of Year 11 students turned up to make the most of this opportunity and asked lots of relevant questions to each college representative.

Mrs. Appleby said *"We want Whalley Range students to have lots of information to help them make the right decisions to take them onto the next step of their journey. With help from Anna and Pete from NorthStar Guidance (our Careers Service), Heads of Houses and Learning Coaches the students of Whalley Range will have completed their application forms before we finish for the Christmas break and be able to concentrate on exams. A big thank you must go to Whalley Range Sixth Form, Salford College, Trafford College, Connell College and The Manchester College for coming into school."*



BARCLAYS BANK EXPERIENCE

Visit to Radbroke Hall

The day at Radbroke Hall Barclays Technology Centre was designed to be fun but also educational. Barclays secured investment bankers from London to 'play' an investment traders game with the students from all the schools, during which they thoroughly enjoyed buying and selling shares. Students also had the opportunity to see some exciting technology that Barclays are looking to introduce to the banking world. All the schools were asked to present back to the audience their experience of working in the branches in the summer and what they learnt from events in the branch. The students thoroughly enjoyed their day with Barclays Bank and I am sure they will be going again sometime in the future.



ENTERPRISE MARKETHALL

The Enterprise Markethall is going from strength to strength. Each Monday Lunchtime in G207 a variety of stalls are running on a regular basis. Students set up stalls selling stationery, jewellery, fancy goods, books etc. The House Leaders also make the most of the opportunity with stalls promoting House Charities and selling items to raise money for these good causes also a regular feature. Since September Mrs Davies has had the pleasure of awarding one Gold Enterprise Badge and 4 Bronze; this is a testament to the commitment of the students turning up each week to man their stalls!

Come along and see what's on offer – there are some really good bargains to be found!



GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

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Global Entrepreneurship Week is an event which is celebrated in over 130 countries. Here at WRHS we have always taken

a very active part. This year started off with the Trust Champions delivering launch assemblies to each of the 5 Houses so that students were prepared for what would be happening. Each Faculty committed to focusing on enterprise skills during their lessons for the week.

Alongside this a number of competitions and activities took place across the whole school. Every Faculty became very creative and inventive with what they were delivering. We recognise that employers are not just looking for great exam results but also other skills in prospective employees. Students were encouraged to log a range of enterprise skills, including teamwork, communication, determination, confidence and more. Next half term students will then log these skills on RealSmart, a software package that creates a full history of students Enterprise journey. This will be incredibly useful to them when it comes to completing college applications, job applications etc.

KS4 ART TRIP TO LIVERPOOL DOCKS AND THE TATE GALLERY

In September 60 KS4 Art and Photography students spent the day at Liverpool Docks. The weather was kind and they were able to spend time taking some creative and unusual photographs as well as making sketches and recording their experiences. They also visited the 'Constellations' exhibition at the Liverpool Tate Gallery which provided a wealth of artist inspiration to help their Art coursework projects. Thanks has to go to Mr Dickinson, Mr Foreman, Miss Sutcliffe and Ms Worrell for supervising the students and ensuring the visit was enjoyable and ran smoothly.

Future Worlds

A group of Year 9 Art students have been involved in an exciting project called 'Future Worlds'. Following a visit from Caroline Daly (a visual artist) students began thinking about what the world might be like

in the Future. Some students imagined a utopian world of their dreams, other students starting thinking about the consequences of our actions on the world and how it might be destroyed. Each pair of students then created this world in a three dimensional box. The results were unique, personal and every single one was completely original. These boxes were then taken to The Royal Exchange and have been exhibited in a collaborative project involving a number of primary and secondary schools. Well done to all the students involved for their creativity, imagination and ability to work to a deadline.



MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY VISIT

Abigail Brown from the School of Mathematics and Manchester University visited the school on Monday 18th November to run an A level taster session for the most able mathematicians in Year 11. 23 students took part in a series of Maths challenges taken from the A' level curriculum. Abigail then gave a talk describing a range of degree options and pathways into potential careers. Finally the students split into teams for the Dragon Maths Competition. The students said it gave them a clearer idea if they would enjoy maths in the Sixth Form and a wider indication of potential career options linked to their A' level choices.

NATIONAL ANTI- BULLYING WEEK

Radia and Aleysa delivered a powerful assembly about cyberbullying to coincide with National Anti-Bullying week. They gave clear messages about the effects of cyber bullying on the victims and also what to do if you are being cyber bullied.

This ties in very nicely for our Year 7 students who are in the middle of a unit of work in ICT, exploring the theme of e-safety. They are looking at how to stay safe online and are creating short movies to explain to other students how to protect themselves whilst using IT responsibly. As well as developing excellent movie editing skills, our budding media stars of the future have been writing short plays, filming scenes and uploading stories to the network.

If you want to find out more about how you can help protect your daughter online, there are lots of useful links from our parental section of the school website.

THE RAINFOREST COMES TO WRHS!

Geography students enjoyed an exciting educational day learning about some of the wide and varied Rainforest animals. Year 9 Geography students recently had the exciting opportunity to hold, touch and learn about Rainforest animals as part of a day long project in conjunction with Zoolab.

ZooLab has successfully delivered imaginative animal handling workshops to children all across the UK for many years and their experience in this field ensured a fun day was had by all the students. The talks included viewing and, for the braver ones, holding a Giant African Land Snail, an African Tarantula, a Giant Millipede, a White Tree Frog and even a Corn Snake named Rizzle.

Mrs Winters, commented: *"Students are currently studying tropical rainforests so they were able to see up close the animals which live in the different layers of the canopy and understand how they have adapted to their environment. The girls asked many questions whilst studying the animals and gained a real sense of how diverse the Rainforest is and really benefited from the unique experience."*



The adventure of a lifetime!

For the first time ever all Year 7 students were given the opportunity to take part in a two day activity residential North Wales.

Kingswood is a well established centre where young people are inspired to learn and grow; where challenges are faced, skills learnt, minds opened and potential nurtured. Our students took part in lots of different activities including climbing, archery, circus skills, night line, orienteering, high ropes and a smoky camp fire to end the day. New life skills were learnt and it was an amazing experience for everyone involved.

"On the way to Kingswood, it was sooo fun! We were all so excited! When we arrived, we were all ecstatic about the fun adventure we were going to have. Through the 2 days and 1 night, we enjoyed ourselves lots. Kingswood was an amazing experience."



"Kingswood was an amazing experience. We did lots of cool activities like balancing beam, circus time, problem solving and lots more. Our rooms were really comfy, big and fun. Kingswood had the most beautiful view I have ever seen in my life! It was surrounded by woods, trees and the weather, mountains and everything else was lovely and outstanding."



"Kingswood helped me to get to know my peers and teacher, and do different activities outdoors. I got to learn new skills and talents. I love Kingswood!"



ATTENDANCE REWARD TRIP TO BLACKPOOL

On 24th of October, 125 Year 8 and 9 students who had received over 95% attendance, had never been late to school and had no behaviour incidents were rewarded with a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach! A fantastic day was had by all and the sun even came out especially for them. This proved to be a great end to half-term 1. Keep up the fantastic attendance girls!