

WESTWOOD FASHION SHOW

The Westwood fashion show took place on Wednesday 27th June 2012, in the Main Hall. The House Leaders organised auditions, rehearsals and the actual show!

The models who took part looked absolutely fantastic they choreographed their moves and displayed gorgeous garments and outfits! With help from staff and students we managed to raised £100.65p for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

A big thank you to all who helped out and attended – we look forward to being bigger and better next year!



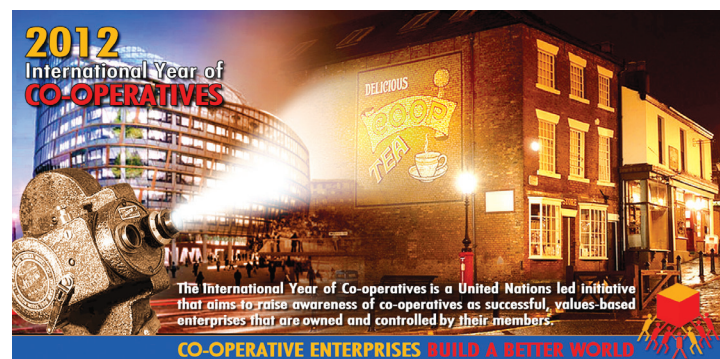
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CO-OPERATIVES

This year is the International Year of the Co-operatives. As a Co-operative Learning Trust School, Whalley Range 11-18 High School is taking part in these celebrations in a number of ways.

There will be a global festival of events and exhibitions at Manchester Central between 29th October – 2nd November 2012. Many of the events are free and it will be well worth paying it a visit! Whalley Range 11-18 High School is supporting the IYC in the following ways:

Music is creating a unique performance celebrating the International Year of the Co-operative. Sixth Form Enterprise Leaders are visiting local co-operatives investigating fair trade and presenting fair trade awards. English have introduced the Co-operative word of the week which will be discussed and investigated during form time and assemblies and P.E. is hosting Co-operative sports days for our local primary schools.

Make sure you make of note of the date of the event at Manchester Central – put it in your diary NOW!



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INVITATION TO ATTEND OPEN WEEK AT WRHS

If you are considering sending your daughter to Whalley Range 11 -18 High School and you would like to view the school and ask questions relating to your daughter's education this is the perfect opportunity.

Open Week will begin on 24th September 2012 and Open Evening will be Thursday 27th September 2012.

To arrange an appointment before open Week please contact Mrs E Haidinger (Transition Co-ordinator) on 0161 861 9727

DISCLOSURE:

If, at any time you would like to withdraw permission for your daughter's image to appear in our school magazine, "Partnership News", please contact the Headteacher through our main school number 0161 861 9727 or via email on: head@whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk.

If you have a story please email: jea@whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk

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SUMMER 2012

WELCOME FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER

It has been another exciting and successful year for our school, as you can see from this edition of Partnership News. Students have enjoyed a wide range of opportunities to extend and enrich their learning. You can share in the life at our school by following us on Twitter and Youtube.

Best wishes for an enjoyable Olympic summer.

Ms. P. Kane M.A.



www.youtube.com/wrhs1118



@wrhs1118

WRHS - JOIN OUR TRUST

As I am sure you are all aware, Whalley Range 11-18 High School is now a Co-operative Learning Trust School. Membership is steadily increasing and we are starting to build good relationships with our Trust Partners, The Co-operative Group, Manchester Sport & Leisure Trust, The Co-operative College and The Chamber of Commerce. We are all

Whalley Range Enterprise,
Sport and Health Co-operative Learning Trust

working hard to provide our students with a wide range of opportunities which will extend and enhance their learning. Becoming a member of The Trust can really make a difference. You will become a member of our school community and have a say in how things are run. It is a great way to become more involved in your daughter's school and education.

The co-operative

For more information contact Mrs J Davies on 0161 861 9727 Ext 113 - REMEMBER ITS FREE TO JOIN!



NEW YEAR 7 TASTER DAYS

For many of our students Tuesday 4th September cannot come soon enough as it will be the first day of their secondary school education. They will become members of, and belong to the community of, Whalley Range 11-18 High School!

On Wednesday 27th and Tuesday 28th June we held our Year 7 taster days which gave new students and parents a chance to view our school and ask any questions they may have had regarding the transition to WRHS.

All the teachers involved with the new students had nothing but praise for them and remarked on their high standard of behaviour and maturity. The students took part in a range of activities in English

and Communications, Maths and Financial Literacy, Science and Discovery, Business and Enterprise, Design, Create, Perform, Global Awareness, Learning Technologies, World Languages and Physical Education and Active Lifestyles.

All in all well done to our new students and our current Year 7 guides. You were absolutely fantastic. You were a joy to work with and you carried out everything that was asked of you with a smile.



INCLUSION faculty

The Intervention Team have been busy this year! Over 120 students have taken part in a Maths Challenge, Writing Challenge, Maths Club and Accelerated Reading. We've achieved some excellent results and as a reward, we're off to the movies and to do some shopping at the Trafford Centre in July.

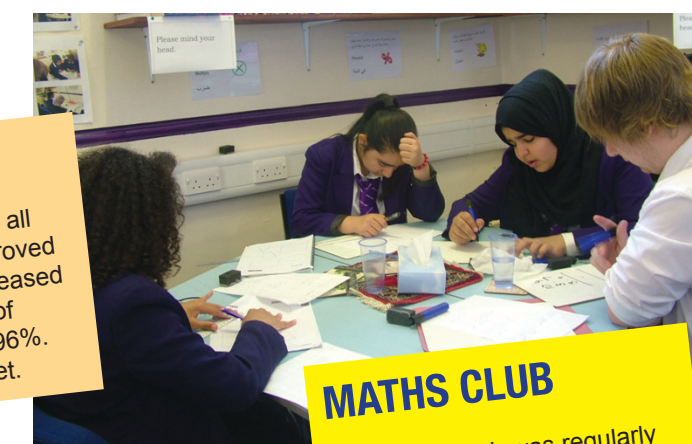


MATHS CHALLENGE

67 students took part in the Maths Challenge and all significantly increased their levels. The most improved students were Elrone Wright of 7PR3B, who increased her marks from 24% to 78% and Marwah Ishak of 7SW3B who achieved the highest test result of 96%. Both students are now working above their target.

ACCELERATED READING

78 students took part in Accelerated Reading and over 98% made significant improvements to their reading ages. The most improved student was Hajer Alrayni of 7VW4B who increased her reading age by 2 years 11 months!



MATHS CLUB

The Maths Club was regularly attended by many Year 7 and 8 students and hopefully, their end of year Maths grade will reflect everyone's hard work.

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. We would very much like to thank the Sixth Form and outside mentors who regularly gave up their time to help the students to reach their full potential. We hope to see them at our KS3 Presentation afternoon which takes place on the 2nd July at 2pm, when Ms Kane will be presenting certificates.

YOUNG CARERS

The young carers spent an afternoon thrill-seeking by going tubing at Chill Factor-E.

The freezing conditions cooled everyone down after a pre-tubing trip to Nandos!



WRITING CHALLENGE

53 students took part in the Writing Challenge and all are now on or above their target. The most improved students are Misan Afana of 7OW4A and Zainb Ben Osman of 7VW3A who worked extremely hard and are both now above target in English.

SEN PARENTS FORUM

Throughout the year, Mrs Zarar and Ms Sumner hold meetings to give parents the opportunity to share ideas, discuss topics and give their opinions on all aspects of supported learning for their daughters. These meetings have become very popular and successful, resulting in many new strategies being implemented and forming close working relationships between staff and families. The meetings are both enjoyable and productive, and all parents are welcome. Come along to the next meeting, details will be available on the school website in September.

ICT WINNERS 2012!

Seven local primary schools were invited to Whalley Range 11-18 High School to take part in the ICT Challenge. The following primary schools took part in this fun challenge: Bichfields Primary School... Chorlton Park Primary School...Old Moat Primary School...St Mary's Primary School...St. Margaret's Primary School and Heald Place Primary School.

The challenge involved each group of representatives to design and create a video to advertise a new technology product of their own choice. It was a very difficult decision to choose the winning team as each group had created fantastic video adverts, showing their creativity and skills in using ICT.

However, there could only be one winning team who demonstrated a lot of creativity and worked extremely hard. Well done to Old Moat Primary School! (pictured above) Congratulations once again!



ICT CLUBS

The ICT faculty have successfully been running ICT clubs during lunchtimes and after school for lower school and Sixth Form students all year round and daily. These have been a huge success as students have been able to take up this opportunity to improve their grades up to a Distinction in OCR and also their GCSE ICT grades. These clubs have been led by all ICT staff. We would also like to thank our fantastic ICT leaders for helping out on occasions.

Mrs Connolly and Mr Mustafa have also been running the Oprah Winfrey ICT club on a weekly basis for students in Oprah Winfrey House, allowing them to do their ICT work. As the ICT clubs have been a huge success this year with a large turnout thanks to the students, these will continue to run next year too.



"GLITTER GIFTS"

"Running our own business is fantastic!"

In March, five Year 10 students met in their "boardroom", A124 in The Inclusion Faculty, to create their own jewellery business, "Glitter Gifts".



This involved each student having responsibilities as a Director, working on business plans, finance, ICT research into suppliers, ordering, production, advertising, retail and, hopefully, profits! Mrs Sumner is very impressed by their achievements! The hard work and attention to detail from **Ruqiya, Zainab, Zahra, Laura and Hafsa** has produced beautiful bracelets and necklaces which are sold at The Business Enterprise Market in G Block at Monday Lunchtimes.

The students would like to thank Ms Sutcliffe and Mr Dickinson for all their invaluable technical support. The "Directors" have really enjoyed this project and will be donating profits to **The Cystic Fibrosis Trust** and **Cancer Research**.

AINSDALE YEAR 12 BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP



A group of twenty five Year 12 students took part in a field studies day at Ainsdale on 20th June. This was part of their A2 Biology course, Unit 4, to investigate succession and plant sampling.



The weather was good (sunny-dry!) and Ainsdale and Birkdale Nature reserve was full of new things to discover from Natterjack toads to Marram grass, sea holly and wild orchids! Students examined the succession of different plants from the beach, inland across the dunes, and recorded the plants present and measured light and temperature. Further studies took place on the effect of grazing and trampling on the plants.

EXPLORING SCIENCE



"Great experience, it was different from the classroom. It was worthwhile coming to see real life Science (Biology)" Rida

"A really worthwhile experience, very enjoyable, would love to come back again" Sidra and Zarah



All data safely recorded, students returned to school to complete further analysis the next day!



DESIGN, CREATE, PERFORM

RENAISSANCE MUSIC

This term the department has expanded its musical instrument collection and is now home to a collection of early musical instruments, including a spinet, several viols and shawms. An early music group is to begin in September which will certainly broaden the girls' experience of renaissance music.

OLYMPIC SONG SUCCESS

This term we held a competition in Year 8 to compose an Olympic song. Each class was divided into 4 or 5 groups and they made up lyrics and a tune, added chords, a bass line and percussion parts, some even added harmony to the vocals. Each class performed their compositions and they voted on a winner. This winning group then taught their song to the rest of their class and we filmed the whole class performances. Four were put forward for the school competition and the winners were then entered into the Manchester schools' competition, where the girls won 2nd prize! They were invited to a gala dinner with the Mayor and several Olympians at Manchester Town Hall on 27th June, and the BBC was there to record the event too.

Very well done to the group of girls, Sanna Nejmeddin (also the soloist), Neha Biben, Naimh Hazeldine, Alishba Chohan and Hajra Barkaat, who composed the winning song, aptly named 'Success'.

Also this term the Swing band, Cuban band and choir have been invited to perform at the Royal Northern College of Music as part of the One Education showcase week. The girls are very excited to be asked to be part of such a prestigious event.



MEDIA CITY TRIP

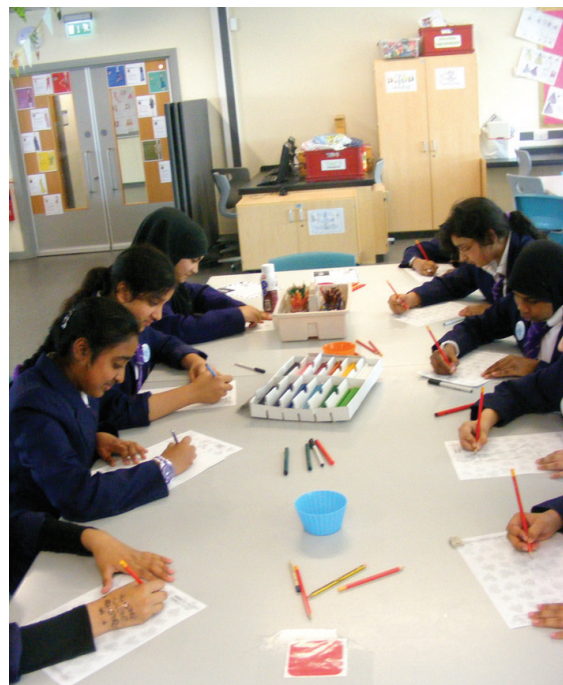
As a reward for excellent attendance and behaviour, a large group of Year 7 and 8 students were invited on a trip to Media City in Salford on June 12th 2012. The group were asked to be the audience for the CBBC show Alesha's Street Dance Stars. The girls witnessed the filming of the show and observed several exciting and dynamic dance crews. They were asked to cheer wildly which wasn't difficult as it was so much fun. Alesha generously gave out autographs to our students and chatted freely.

This was a great opportunity and we hope to continue a great relationship with Media City in the future. The producer was an ex-student from Whalley Range High School and she commented on how wonderfully behaved our girls were.



COSTUME DESIGN COMPETITION

The Fashion and Textiles department held a competition to design a costume for the school production of Alice in Wonderland. We held lunchtime sessions for the students to attend and received lots of very creative and exciting entries. The short list of designs will be displayed in school. The winning design created by Mareen Ahmad 90W5b (pictured) will be made by Mrs Wilkinson and the textiles team and this will be worn for the school production. Congratulations Mareen!!



STUDYING THE LEGAL SYSTEM

The AS law girls were lucky enough to spend the day at Manchester Magistrates Court. This trip was made possible by Miss Rowe who is herself a magistrate at the MCC.



Security is a high priority and we were all x-rayed and searched before entering. Once in we were shown the courts by the senior usher. We were introduced to a number of different staff who all have a role to play in the legal system. Once cases were underway we split into smaller groups so we could go in the public galleries. Cases in a magistrate's court are heard quite quickly

and during the day we all saw a variety of cases and saw the working role of many different people such as ushers, prosecutors, judges, magistrates, victim support and the witnesses.



It was a great opportunity for the law students to see in practice many of the things that had been learning about in the classroom and it certainly helped them understand their studies more. We are hoping to attend Crown Court in Year 13 to witness some larger criminal cases.

A RAINY DAY IN CASTLETON!

Year 8 Geography Field Trip 2012

Year 8 Geography students went on their annual field trip to Castleton in the Peak District on 21st and 22nd June. It began with a walk up part of Mam Tor where students learnt about the history of the Peak District. They formed a human timeline to show that the area was once at the bottom of a tropical sea 300 million years ago. Students then searched for fossils (the dead plants and animals from this sea) in the surrounding limestone rock. They eventually made their way back to Castleton village through very muddy sheep-filled fields. In Castleton students assessed the impact of tourism in the area by conducting people surveys, litter counts and environmental surveys. It rained continuously on both days and everyone was thoroughly drenched but this did not spoil the enthusiasm, enjoyment or learning. It was definitely a trip which students (and teachers) will not forget for a very long time!



On 22nd March, a lovely warm Spring day, twelve Year 10 students joined high achievers from four other schools for a fascinating day at the Museum of Science and Industry, organised by Loreto College as part of their outreach programme. They started off in the Textiles Hall and then had a look at the old steam trains in the Power Hall before heading for the electricity area to look at development of domestic appliances and take part in some fun hands-on activities. The students took photos of themselves, which were immediately displayed around the museum. They also took part in a quiz in the Aerospace Hall, which some people were very determined to win. The afternoon saw us out in the sunshine walking through the excavated Roman fort with a real live Roman soldier, telling tales of gruesome battles and wax tablets. *A day to remember for all involved!*



CONNEXIONS – YEAR 10 GROUPWORK



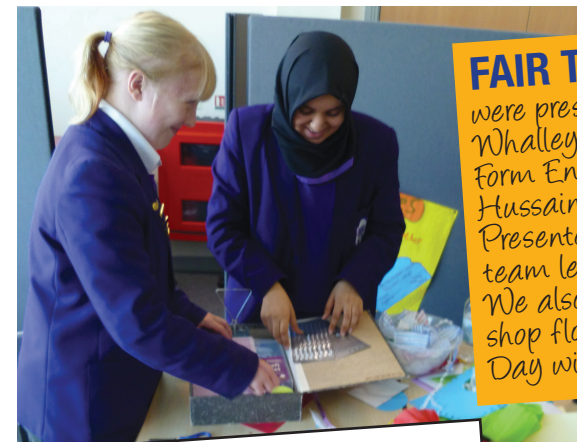
Once again our Year 10 students are meeting with Connexions in preparation for their final year. During the session students have watched an inspirational speech from Steve Jobs (Apple Mac & Pixar Animation) and filled in a personal action plan in preparation.

CONSTRUCTION COURSE AT MANCHESTER COLLEGE

Perry Oakley a Tutor from the Manchester College comes in school on a Tuesday for Year 10 and Thursday for Year 11 3pm – 5pm to teach our students some basic skills in construction, such as tiling, plumbing and joinery.



The Business & Enterprise Faculty have been working with the Learning Technologies Faculty to ensure that students across school are recording their Enterprise skills on Real Smart. Mr Moran and Mr Bashir launched the programme during assemblies.



FAIR TRADE AWARDS

were presented to the Co-op in Whalley Range by our Sixth Form Enterprise leaders: Sumra Hussain and Harvinder Kaur. Presented to Phillip Eve – team leader and supervisor. We also presented Callum a shop floor worker from 8th Day with a Fair Trade Award.



YOUNG CO-OPERATIVES

Students set up a Young co-operative - social enterprise business with Miss Ollerenshaw and her vocational studies group making products to sell at the Enterprise Market Hall. The students are busy planning the next set of products to make - bee houses.



ACCOUNTING SUCCESS

Year 12 Accounting students came second out of 20 teams in the recent Stock Market Challenge at Manchester Business School. A great achievement!



BTEC FIRST BUSINESS

"BTEC First Business students learning how to complete financial documents, profit and loss accounts and balance sheets with Mr Moran and Mrs Raffo. Finance can be such fun – look at the smiling faces of the students. Mr Moran fed back that the students have made a superb start the course, with positive attitudes and an excellent work ethos."

WRHS SPORTS UPDATE WRHS

YEAR 7 ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Year 7 athletics team for coming 8th in the Manchester city wide quad kids athletics competition.



INTERHOUSE OLYMPICS DESIGN COMPETITION

Well done to all the hundreds of entries that we had. It was extremely hard to pick just one winner!!

1st Place – Holmes - Alishba Chohan – Athlete Menu/Information Leaflet **2nd Place** Williams – Sarah Watson - Poem **3rd Place** – Holmes – Retaj Javed – Poster



'CRAM'ALOT

Roundtable Interview with living legend.



Students got to question Olympic Star and TV Commentator Steve Cram MBE. As part of the school's successful initiative with the Business in the Community Charity and link with local business, Morrisons Manchester Working, students were invited to enter a competition to pose questions



to legendary athlete Steve Cram. The school's Conference room was set up with an audience made up from the company, PE Department teachers and eager students who had prepared questions to ask the ex-World Champion and Olympic Silver Medalist.

Deputy Headteacher Greg Barnes told Partnership News, "What a thrill it was to speak with such a respected athlete. Steve complimented the girls on the quality of their questions, which really gave us an insight into the mind and preparation of an elite athlete".

Everyone involved in the event is now looking forward to hearing him commentate on all the races this summer in London and actually feel like we know him personally. Thanks Steve!

SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING

Our annual sports presentation evening took place on Tuesday 26th June. It has been a fantastic year for sport in our school and we are all very excited about the forthcoming Olympic Games. The Sports Presentation Evening



is about a celebration of excellence, friendship and respect,

the 3 Olympic values; and values that our students have demonstrated in a wide range of sporting activities throughout the year. Our special guest was Ahtollah Rose (pictured left), a former student at our school, who presented the awards. Ahtollah is in the top 3 under 20 triple jumpers in the country. We are proud of her achievements and know that she has a bright future ahead. Well done to all our amazing sports winners!



ENGLISH & COMMUNICATIONS faculty

HIP HOP SHAKESPEARE!

On Monday 30th April our top set Year 9 English students were invited to a masterclass with the Q Brothers.

Based at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre - which is dedicated to creating classic productions that unlock Shakespeare's work for audiences from all walks of life - The Q Brothers are America's leading re-interpreters of Shakespeare through hip hop.



We were the only school in the North West to get a visit from the duo; in fact there were only 3 schools in the whole country who had this privilege. The Q Brothers were in the UK for the world premiere of their new Shakespeare adaptation 'Othello - the remix', which was performed at the Globe Theatre in London. These performances were part of the 2012 Cultural Olympiad which included the 'Globe to Globe' project, by the Globe Theatre. Shakespeare's 37 plays were performed in 37 different languages during the course of six weeks. American hip hop is the 'language' represented by The Q Brothers' new adaption of Othello. Our students fully enjoyed the experience; they even got to be interviewed on BBC Manchester live on the Heather Stott show plus appeared in the Manchester Evening News the following week.



DEBATE MATE

The Whalley Range Debating Club has gone from strength to strength, taking on new challenges this term. Firstly, we competed in Deutsche Bank Debate Mate Cup at The University of Manchester. The teams prepared powerful, emotive and convincing arguments for the main debate 'Should the UK intervene militarily in Syria?' winning two debates in the first round. Other topics debated included: are war themes in video games suitable for children and whether having higher qualifications should give you entitlement to more than one vote in general elections. Even the teachers got involved, debating the motion 'Should children be paid to attend school?' Additionally the Debating Club is now preparing to run training sessions with local primary schools. The girls will prepare a debate to showcase their excellent skills and techniques and then mentor and advise the primary pupils.

With such a wide range of activities on offer to develop public speaking and debate some engaging and often controversial topics, the Debating Club urge new members to sign up for next year and try out to compete for the school.



KINDLES IN ENGLISH

Our two top sets in Year 10 English have been using our new English faculty Kindles in order to prepare for their Literature Controlled Assessment on Oscar Wilde's play Lady Windermere's Fan.

Students have found the Kindles really useful in terms of portability and readability e.g. enlarging the font for language analysis. They are a brilliant resource for our students.



LADY WINDEMERE'S FAN

Our top set students of English need their learning to extend beyond the classroom; for this reason we arranged a visit to see Oscar Wilde's famous play 'Lady Windermere's Fan' at The Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester on the 20th June. They will be completing an assessment on this play as part of their Literature GCSE before the end of the academic year. Students and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed this performance.

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

All classes from Year 7 to Year 9 have been taking part in a 'Spelling Bee' competition. Girls were given a list of challenging words; they had to learn the spellings and definitions

as well as practicing using them in a sentence. After highly competitive class rounds each class now has a Spelling Bee champion! Each of these competed in a whole year group competition in the hall for first, second and third place. The overall winners are pictured above. Sana Khan 1st Place, Musfera Mehboob 2nd place and Safiya Ahmed in 3rd place.

This has been a great opportunity for students to develop their vocabulary and literacy skills. Well done to all who took part!



Our Year 12 Media Studies students will be entering this year's prestigious Co-operative Film Festival which is being held in Manchester in November. The girls have really enjoyed filming and editing the

projects completely from scratch, including planning and storyboarding, audience research and film company logo designs.

These achievements are particularly impressive as none of the students involved had done any media work like this before. Have a look at the entries on Whalley Range's very own Youtube channel and keep your fingers crossed for the girls. If you're interested in entering the competition yourself, the festival website has lots of information for you.

www.co-operative.coop/filmfestival



PUPIL LED LEARNING

The English Leaders prepare for Year 6 Day.

English leaders from across the school recently prepared for the Year 6 Taster Days at the end of June. The students planned to deliver fun and engaging lessons that aimed to help Year 6 pupils from the local primary schools to improve their skills and confidence in a range of Speaking and Listening activities. The English Leaders used a variety of resources including flip cameras as an ICT tool to support peer and self assessment

tasks. The English leaders have been excellent mentors throughout this year, supporting Year 7 pupils in improving their Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening skills.

DEBATING TEAM

Fifteen of Whalley Range's debating students have been working extremely hard, dedicating their time to a project which aims to make the transition for primary students to Whalley Range as smooth as possible. The fabulous debating team have visited three local primary schools in the area: Old Moat Primary School; Manely Park Primary School and Stanley Grove Primary School, to showcase their debating skills and mentor and coach younger pupils whilst developing confidence and essential leadership skills. It has been an excellent opportunity for both sets of students to interact and work with other young people in their area!

YEAR 7 ARE BOOKED UP!

Booked Up is a national programme that aims to give a free book to every child starting secondary school in England. The programme is run by the national charity Booktrust. Booked Up's goal is to encourage reading for pleasure and independent choice. During the Spelling Bee launch last half term, Year 7 pupils chose a free book from a range of specially selected titles. Research has shown that children who enjoy reading and spend more time reading for pleasure have better reading and writing skills, a broader vocabulary, and even an increased general knowledge.

