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Dear Parents

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Walk



Year 9 pupils demonstrated strong navigation and camp craft skills last weekend in a practice run for the forthcoming Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition. A group of 28 pupils walked 16 miles from Harewood to Burley in Wharfedale, staying overnight in self-assembled tents at Bramhope Scout Camp. They encountered new experiences, discovering talents (and muscles) they never knew they had. The pupils' behaviour and attitudes were exemplary throughout the expedition. They ate only the food that they carried: rice and pasta featured highly on many signature menus. The expedition practice was a great success, helped by a warm Saturday night spent in tents. Pupils were required to carry all the equipment and supplies they needed for the weekend activity. Congratulations to: Trisha Amores, Grace Armitage, Benjamin Boam, Rebecca Booth, Niamh Cassidy, Ellie Cavanagh, Mia Cavanagh, Nicholas Claassen, Charlotte Clough, Maeve Darley, Chloe Facun, Jacob Furness Wiles, Caitlin Graham, Jennifer Harrington, Keyano Heyliger, Alannah Hornsey, Cameron Jackson, Lillie Joseph, Ruby Joseph, Shona Martin, Jake McDermott, Molly McWilliams, Carolina Ranning, Sebastian Rea, Teegan Shires, Kripa Varghese and Isabelle Webster. Thanks to Mr Milner for leading the weekend and preparing the pupils in advance and to Mrs McBrinn, Mr Thornley, Mr Coldwell, Miss Higgins, Miss Blanc and Miss Bishop for their support on the expedition across the two days. An assessed expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award takes place on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 July. We wish our pupils every success for this activity.



Stephen Lawrence
EDUCATION STANDARD

Geography in Grassington

Year 9 pupils enjoyed a field work visit to Grassington on Friday 6 May. They were blessed with sunshine as they collected data in preparation for the new style GCSE Geography examination which pupils will sit in summer 2018. Activities included data collection by methods such as surveys of land use and environmental quality, pedestrian counts and scrutiny of cross sections to measure footpath erosion. The investigation was based on a hypothesis that 'Grassington is a popular tourist destination'. 65 pupils were accompanied by Miss Thomas, Mrs Powell-Wiffen, Mrs Hansbro, Mr Milner and Mr Coldwell.



Badminton Finalists

Congratulations to James Harland, Dominic Coverley, Oliver Ross-Collins and James Tom. Our KS4 badminton team were runners-up in the Leeds schools badminton championships, following a keenly fought final versus an outstanding team from Garforth Academy.

Salters' Festival of Science

Congratulations to the Cardinal Heenan team of Anna Szuba, Chloe Eyre (both Year 7), Carmel Allinson and Megan Debenham (Year 8). Judges awarded our girls the top prize in the Salters' Festival of Science at the University of Leeds on Tuesday 10 May. Their challenge was to reproduce particular combinations of a range of colours using only acid, alkali and a universal indicator. Teams competing included The Grammar at Leeds, Gateways School and Prince Henry's Academy, Otley.

Bus Passes

All pupils using school buses since September should have been showing a *Young Person's Photocard* (half fare pass) to the driver on boarding the bus. This card entitles the traveller to pay half the normal fare. Service operators have informed the school that pupils without this pass will be charged full fare of £2.40 instead of the £1.20 half fare. Pupils may pay in cash or with a pre-paid *School Plus* ticket. All those travelling on a special school bus service are also required to produce a yellow boarding pass and to travel only on the school bus indicated on this pass. The only exceptions to the rule are those pupils who have a *Zero Fare* pass. Failure to show the correct passes to drivers and inspectors may result in a refusal of access to travel on school buses. Please remind your children of the rules in order to avoid distress. It is likely that inspectors will board buses in the coming weeks to check compliance with the rules.



Leeds Youth Council

Parents please remind your children of an exciting opportunity to learn about democracy in our city by joining the Leeds Youth Council (LYC). Any young person who lives in Leeds (aged from 10 to 18 years old or up to 25 for those with additional needs) may become a member of the council. Members sign up for: opportunities to have your say on the issues that affect you; free training workshops; a welcome pack of 'freebies' and information; a weekly email telling you about events, new groups and consultations; opportunities to win prizes, shopping vouchers, hoodies, tickets and more; make new friends and learn new skills. Get involved by downloading the LYC membership form by clicking on this link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B13zGRTI7UT_U2p5cFgtTIFZc2c/view?pref=2&pli=1

Return the completed form to atvic@leeds.gov.uk by email or to the postal address on the form. Further information is available from Year 10 pupil Scarlet Rowe who is a member of the Leeds Youth Council. Scarlet was also elected earlier this year to represent Leeds at the UK Youth Parliament.

Reflections in Refugee Week

The school is delighted to host an event in partnership with the Leeds branch of The Council of Christians and Jews next month. Dr Casey A. Strine will give a lecture entitled *Reflections in Refugee Week, How Involuntary Migration Shapes the Book of Genesis* in our school hall on Thursday 23 June at 7.00pm. The lecture will be of special interest to pupils in Years 8 and 9 who will be undertaking an in-depth study of Judaism and The Old Testament as part of the learning in preparation for the new GCSE in Religious studies. Dr Strine is a Vice-Chancellor's Fellow and Lecturer in Hebrew Bible at the University of Sheffield. The event is free of charge. All parents and pupils are invited.



Yours sincerely

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Headteacher