

Sir Robert Woodard Academy

Summer 2014 Newsletter



Doesn't time fly when you are having fun? It is a saying that may create much debate but scientific researchers have concluded that when there is such a perception then the individuals involved tend to be far more positive in their attitude. Indeed for many; students, staff, parents and our community partners, that feeling of positivity is growing. We have experienced a rollercoaster of a year with many changes and initiatives being introduced and established. The big event was being removed from Special Measures as a result of the endeavours of all concerned and none more so than the industrious and conscientious teaching staff who were supported by a record breaking set of GCSE results. We have re-aligned the Chapter and Mentoring system; reviewed all our costs so that we are financially viable; and been involved in several initiatives that have been featured in so many of our previous newsletters. More recently we have been host to several highly successful events including the very first Woodard Arts Festival which saw Academies from as far away as Tynemouth joining us for a feast of performances. This was very quickly followed by an innovative performance of quality of, 'Alice in Wonderland'. All those involved should be proud of their achievement. The Lower School Celebration Evening allowed us to recognize and reward our students for their endeavours. We again hosted, with 'Electric Storm', a fundraising concert which allowed our community to demonstrate their talents and which was a great success. As I write we are preparing for a most exciting Activities Week which will provide numerous experiences for our students. These include a group visiting Paris; a Performing Arts tour to Western France; a Treasure Hunt around Brighton; as well as a sponsored walk across The Downs for all age groups. All these activities, coupled with our Enrichment programme, ensure that all our students are being educated in a manner that allows for the education of the whole child. Long may it last!



This is the time of year when schools bid farewell to staff that are moving on to new experiences or challenges. We are no different and I would, on behalf of all our community, like to wish all of our departing staff all the very best for their futures.

We have a number of new staff joining the team in September, some highly experienced, whilst others are at the beginning of their teaching career. What they all bring is a passion for education and ensuring students are able to realise their full potential. What is certain is that we are at the beginning of the next phase in our development and we are certain that the positive contribution of all our staff and community will lead to our mission of becoming an 'outstanding' school being realised. Many staff currently within the Academy will be taking on new roles and we extend our good wishes to them too. Full details concerning staffing will be published on our website.

I would like to inform you that the Academy re-opens in the autumn for NEW Year 7 and Year 12/13 students on Wednesday 3 September 2014. On Thursday 4 September ALL students should arrive at 8.50am and report directly to their Mentor Rooms. One point that is worthy of note is that the school day will now end at 3.20pm so as to allow for us to accommodate our literacy improving initiative – DEAR (Drop Everything And Read). This drive for improvement was well received at Parents' Forum and I am sure that we will all do our very best to ensure its success.

Finally, I would like to offer special thanks to our committed team of staff, who have all in their own way made this year such a success. They have demonstrated that they are truly professional and have embraced the many changes they have encountered with energy and determination. As this newsletter demonstrates, there is a great deal happening. I would also like to thank all of our community for their support and encouragement over the year and wish you all an enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

*Peter Midwinter
Principal*



Performing Arts Specialism



Fresh, Bright and New!

On 14th May, a packed Alan Strong Studio Theatre was wowed by an array of talent from the Academy for the first ever Woodard's Got Talent. These were the acts that had made it through the auditions and they gave us an evening of entertainment the likes of which we had never before experienced.

From the comedy of our fledgling Year 7 stand-ups 'J2' (Luke Cambridge and George Bartlett) to the magic of Macky (Macky Tanner) and the amazing physical control of Gymnast Freak (Maddie Gillman) this was a feast of variety, surprise and delight. There were so many new faces there that had never before been seen on a stage and there were so many faces in the audience that had made their way to a school show for the first time: the whole event felt fresh and new.

The Judges, led by Simone Scowell (otherwise known as Ms Ahmad) had their knives sharpened ready to dissect the acts. Amidst cheers and boos (although there were many more cheers than boos) they led us through the acts and added an analytical edge to the evening. In fact, the audience felt that the show was better than the television original – certainly the judges were more human and supportive. Mr Fox said: "I think it was one of the most enjoyable evenings I have spent at a school event. I am still smiling and singing 'Starlight Express'."



It was a delightful evening, full of energy and fun, but in the end there had to be winners. The audience struggled with their vote but in the end they went for the fabulous Burlesque (Millie Cronin, Jade Dikken, Connie Franks and Rachel Harrocks) with their original piece of choreography. The judges found it even more difficult and identified five acts, all of which could have won. In the end, the voice of an angel, Luke Bassett, was triumphant. Luke has gone on to sing at the Business Breakfast, the end of term assembly, the KS3 awards evening and of course, the Woodard Arts Festival.

Initiated by the drive of Carolina Mota and compered by our Sixth Formers, Charys Osborne and Liam Pearson, we hope that this fantastic launch pad will be the first of many, an annual event that will bring the Academy to life with fresh, new, inspirational talent.



Greg Bassett, father of Luke emailed the next day to say: "Thank you for such a great evening's entertainment last night! It was great to see so many get up and perform, it's a great opportunity and experience for them, they all did SRWA proud! It has to become an annual event!"

Mr Williams

Adur Arts Festival, Strange Creatures Street Party

On Saturday 24th May a small contingent of Year 7 students took part in the Strange Creatures Street Party which was part of this year's Adur Arts festival celebrations. After a very soggy start the sun began to shine and the students set about creating urban art using stencils and spray cans. The students, who had taken part in a graffiti workshop at the Academy earlier in the term, encouraged passers-by and street party revellers to have a go using stencilling techniques to create a giant community graffiti wall covered in strange creatures made up from the stencils. The completed graffiti wall will be the catwalk stage for the Strange Creatures sock puppet competition as part of the Adur Arts Festival.

It was a really fun day out and the students produced some fantastic work as well as being supportive tutors to younger children who wanted a go graffitiing.

The students who took part were:

Ielyaa Elshahri
Cydney Heasman
Grace Wood



Miss Pigg

Performing Arts Specialism



Big Band News - Drumconner Nursing Home and Blessing of the Boats

On Tuesday 10th June, the Academy Big Band were invited to play at Drumconner Nursing Home, Lancing, as part of the celebrations for the 100th birthday party of one of their residents, Jean. The band played a variety of musical numbers during the afternoon and entertained all the guests at the party.



On Sunday 15th June, the Big Band was out in the community once again, as they performed as part of the annual Blessing of the Boats service, held at Lancing's Beach Green. They accompanied the hymns for the service, which celebrates the historic fishing community in the town, as well as now recognising the other users of the sea, such as the kite surfing community. Father Barry Carter conducted the service, with kite surfer Lewis Crathern speaking on behalf of all the kite surfers in and around Lancing. The Big Band then gave a short concert to the congregation assembled on the beach.



On 18th June, a group of 80, excited Year 7 students set out from the Academy for the Chichester Festival Theatre. We were very special guests as the Theatre has been undergoing a huge refurbishment and has been closed for nearly two years. We were to be part of the first audience to experience the wonders of this fantastic 'new' venue.

The show, 'The Witches', was performed by the Chichester Festival Youth Theatre and it was sensational. The young people were exceptional – the Youth Theatre has a great reputation and many of its members go on to have very successful careers on the professional stage. Roald Dahl's darkly comic story came to life before our eyes and inspired our own youngsters to take to the stage themselves. The tickets were free, allowing many who hadn't previously been to the theatre to enjoy the feeling of sitting in an auditorium and being transported into the world of the imagination for the first time. "Brilliant!"; "I loved it!"; "When can we do this again?" were typical responses from our students.

This partnership with the Chichester Festival Theatre is now well established. Our sixth formers perform every year on the professional stage at the Theatre as part of the 'Light on its Feet' Festival. We also now have a branch of the Chichester Festival Youth Theatre at the Academy. Every Monday evening from 5.00pm to 6.30pm, led by professionals from Chichester, a group of talented students from our area take part in workshops in a wide range of skills and techniques essential for the professional actor.

If you would like to know more about this amazing experience, please contact Mr Williams.

Woodard Arts Festival - 24th June



Minutes after the England World Cup campaign limped to its inevitable conclusion, those fortunate enough to have secured tickets for the inaugural Woodard Arts Festival felt their spirits soar. There is nothing more inspiring than witnessing talented young people sharing their gifts with an audience and on the 24th June over 200 of Woodard's young artists came together for a celebration of youth and creativity. On a hot, muggy night even the most devastated England fans left the building with huge smiles on their faces.

The Woodard Academies are a young family – at five years of age, we are the oldest – and this was the first time that its young people had had the opportunity to meet, to sing and dance and play together. Like families the world over, sharing and appreciating one another are powerful uniting actions and the bonding that took place throughout the day was palpable. Young people from Tynemouth and Stoke, from Maidstone and Littlehampton brought their energy to their peers from Lancing and Sompting.

The Sports Hall was transformed into a professional performance space and the catering team at the Academy provided a delicious hog roast in the early evening sun.

David Carter, the Chair of the Academy Council said: "It was a real showcase of talent and generated a very positive community feeling. I spoke to the West Sussex County Council Vice Chairman who was also very impressed."



We very much hope that this will become an annual event, uniting the Woodard Academies family and touring the country so that all of the communities in which we work can share in the delight of such a fabulous experience.

Performing Arts Specialism cont.

ESY and SRWA - The Sounds of the Summer

On 27th June, a remarkable event took place in the main hall at the Academy. Our students who are going on the Performing Arts Tour to Pays des Olonnes in the west of France, together with members of the community, came together to celebrate the strength and quality of the performance work in our area and to raise money for the astonishing Electric Storm Youth group.

Electric Storm Youth (ESY) has a vision to build a brand new facility for young people on the former Freshbrook School Site right in the heart of Lancing, West Sussex. They want to offer the young people of our community, facilities and services that are right at the heart of youth culture. They want to offer them something amazing, give them a home from home, to see it staffed with people who are deeply passionate about seeing young people learn for themselves, and lead a life that they find fulfilling, rewarding and above all else, fun. The estimated cost of building a multi-purpose centre will be in excess of £2.3 million, this concert was another step in this direction raising funds through tickets on the door, an extensive raffle and donations on the evening.

The audience were treated to wonderful new work from the 'Boundstone Chorus' led by former Director of Music at Boundstone Community College, Aedan Kearney. 'The Sussex Wind Quintet' treated us to five classical pieces. The 'Concerts for Causes' vocal group, gave their time and talent to the event.

However, it was the students of the Academy who stole the show: new physical theatre work that will be performed at the opening ceremony of the International Chess Tournament in Les Sables d'Olonne on 13th July; newly choreographed work to be shared at the same event; the big band playing lovely jazz pieces; the Il Voci vocal group treated us to an Italian version of 'My Way' and with guest vocalist, Martha Franks, took some of us back to the optimistic sounds of the sixties; and the steel band brought their inimitable energy and panache.

It truly brought the community together and left Tim Laughton, the local MP enthusing: "It was a wonderful evening. You have so much talent here."



The BITC Sustainable Art Award

Recently the art club took part in an art challenge in collaboration with Ricardo to create an art piece for the 2014 South East Responsible Business Awards by using materials donated by Ricardo to promote young people's awareness of sustainability and environmental issues. The students created some fabulous sculptures and two designs by Vicky Bellinger and Megan Porter, both in Year 7, were chosen to represent Ricardo and the Academy at the business awards.

This is what Ricardo had to say of all the entrants;

- The Eco Gecko by Vicky Bellinger has most relevant link to sustainability and environmental considerations it is a great art piece and has good use of the materials.
- The Robot by Megan Porter however most closely links to the partnership by representing Ricardo and engineering through the form of a robot, is a visually effective art piece and used waste materials from another local company as well as Ricardo.

Also some special mentions for the other participants:

- Innovative use of materials: Angel Bailey and Charlie Stringer
- Most relevant and descriptive paragraphs: Michelle Hepworth and Jonty Orford
- Use of additional materials: Amelia Strutt

Following the work by Vicky Bellinger and Megan Porter, at the Awards in Havant SRWA was awarded the "Business in the Community Sustainable Art Award". Miss Pigg and her team must be congratulated on this success, as other schools from across the South East Region put up some healthy competition. Business leaders at the esteemed awards commended the work and ideas of the young people. The Academy would like to thank Ricardo for their continued support with projects and initiatives within the Academy.

We now look toward to the National Awards with the BITC to see if the prestigious Education Award can be claimed by SRWA and Ricardo. The strengthening partnership with Ricardo demonstrates how business and schools should work together in the development of young people.



Performing Arts Specialism cont.

Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass - 1st-3rd July



On a glorious summer's evening, the audience sat down to be entranced. Children and adults alike felt a thrill of delight as they stepped through the enormous book that dominated the stage in order to be seated, stepping through a doorway into the world of imagination of a child. Alice, played beautifully by Ginny, struggles to make sense of a world in which the adults are all mad and she is the only sane one. Perhaps this was the way that Lewis Carroll saw things in his day, it certainly seems to be as relevant today as young people struggle with the chaos of the world they are inheriting from us.

Young Alice happens upon a smartly dressed rabbit looking at his watch and muttering, 'I'm too late!' This being an unexpected occurrence, she follows him down a nearby rabbit hole and falls into wonderland where her journey of curiosity begins. For those of us who know the original story, that's just about as realistic as it gets. This wonderful production was just as fantastical, just as surreal, just as delightful as Lewis Carroll's books. It was a true spectacle – a feast for the eye and the soul.

The Vice Chairman of West Sussex County Council, Mr Peters said as he was leaving: "The test of a great show is that you believe. I well and truly believed!" For this was a wonderful show – everyone we spoke to as they left said it was the best performance that they had seen here – and that is high praise indeed. From the sumptuous costumes, to the spectacular set, the ingenious puppets, the music and of course, the acting, this was an experience in a month which has seen a feast of performances.



The students must be congratulated for their performances. They were so disciplined and controlled in a play that brought very new demands to them. They played with typical energy and enthusiasm and their sense of satisfaction on the last night was palpable. They were very proud of what they had achieved and as Mr Midwinter said "the future of our community is safe in their hands".

The technical and design team were extraordinary. The set was a feat of engineering as well as of creativity. The white rabbit, the Cheshire cat, Humpty Dumpty and the Jabberwock were masterpieces of puppetry that both fascinated and appalled. The costumes would have graced the West End Stage and the lighting and sound had the professional hallmark that we have come to expect now from Mr Reynolds and his tireless team.



However, it was Ms Venn and her vision that made this happen. She is indomitable, has endless energy and commitment, she is a creative dynamo, but above all she cares about the young people of our community, together, they are a formidable force. 'Alice' showed just what is possible when everyone shares the same dream – white rabbits or a different world – we can imagine a better place, together.

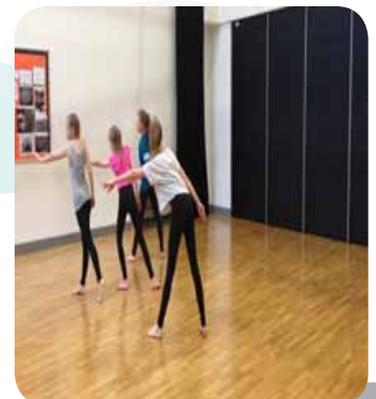
Strive2Dance Academy Performance – 5th July

Strive2Dance had their first Dance Academy Showcase on Saturday 5th July at 2.30pm in the Academy theatre. The dancers had been busy preparing a variety of choreographies which showcased the technical, performance and choreographic skills developed during the sessions. This was a real showcase of their hard work and dedication over the last three months.

Strive2Dance is run by Miss Warren a teacher at the Academy, and is open to all students aged between 8 and 18 years. Sessions are filled with a wide range of activities to help develop stamina, agility, technique and creativity.

A FREE taster morning will run on Saturday 6th September from 9.00am-11.00am for KS2 students and 11.30am-1.30pm for KS3 students, contact Miss Warren for a free space!!

Spaces are still available on all sessions, contact Miss Warren at hwarren@srwa.woodard.co.uk for enquiries and to book a place.



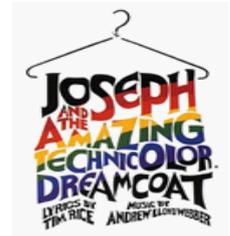
Performing Arts Specialism cont.

Academy Students Successful in Theatre Performances

Worthing's leading Youth Theatre Company (DTS) held auditions for Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. It was a tough process against many students from across various schools in the area, and I am pleased to announce that nearly all of the lead roles will be played by SRWA students. The students who were successful in both the cast and band are:-

5th-7th September at Barn Theatre, Worthing, BOX OFFICE: 01903 872073

Joseph (lead role) – Felix Barrett
Narrator (lead role) – Martha Franks
Reuben – Shaun Williams
Gad/Jacob – Zac Lelean
Dancers – Millie Cronin and Rachel Harrocks



We as an Academy should be so proud of our students making it through and headlining this magnificent show in September. Congratulations to them all.

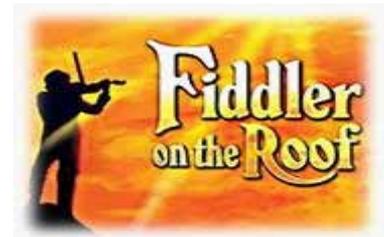
September also sees the Academy once again working alongside Worthing Musical Theatre Company at the Pavilion Theatre, Worthing.

This year, Fiddler on the Roof will be taking the town by storm, as our staff and students work in leading roles and in the Pit Orchestra.

21st-23rd September at Pavilion Theatre, Worthing, BOX OFFICE: 01903 206206

Leading roles:

Tzeitel – Martha Franks
Fyedka – Shaun Williams
Crew members – Simon Parker and Rachel Luff



Pit orchestras' students and staff, across both Shows:

William Moore, Lawrence Pethick, Dominic Lelean, Thomas Russell, Charlie Hepworth, Luke Taylor, James Reynolds, Laura Fauvel, Rosanna Disney and Adam Kempshall and ex-students; Gemma Souter and Nathan Brown.

Musical Director – James Lelean.

Mr Lelean

Mathematics Specialism

World Cup Challenge - Condundrum Questions

Email me with your guesses at: nredmayne@SRWA.woodard.co.uk



- How many players, in total, will be on the pitch during the first round of games of the 2014 World Cup?
- How many matches will be played in total?
- A sphere has a volume of 7200cm^3 , what is its radius and hence the surface area?
- This will be used in Rio this summer, what is it?
- During the entire World Cup, how many penalties will be awarded?
- During the entire World Cup, how many goals will be scored?

Have a guess! Closest answer gets a prize...

ANSWERS WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER AFTER THE SUMMER.

Mr Redmayne



Brunel Chapter News



Sorrento 2014

A great experience was had by all on our trip to Sorrento, Italy during the May half term. The weather, the views, the trips were all amazing and a great way to learn about the history, geography and especially the food of Italy.

Day 1 - We left the Academy at 8.45am for a mammoth journey from Lancing to Rome and then on to Sorrento, where we were to indulge in our first experience of Italian food at the Hotel Albatros in Piano di Sorrento. This was to become a little overwhelming as with all the food experiences and then a three course evening meal, you can imagine how full up we all were.

Day 2 - The adventure began with a rather sombre street market, but all was to change as we headed to Agriturismo La Sorgenta, where we were shown the production of olive oil and mozzarella by the quickly named 'Mozzarella Maria'. After food sampling, by the teachers mainly, but well done to those students who tried all the food on the trip, and who tried something new, we carried on our culinary journey to Alexia House. This was where all the students wanted to stay, as they made their own wood fired pizzas and enjoyed the glorious hospitality of the country. Now extremely full and well inducted into the traditional Italian fare it was time to go back to the hotel for another three course meal.



Day 3 - An early start, and we were off to Herculaneum to discover 2000 years of history. This is the site of well-preserved human remains that perished in the pyroclastic flows in 79AD that killed the residence of this ancient city. Having worked up an appetite it was off to La Fabbrica Della Pasta di Gragnano, for a tour of the artisan pasta factory and to sample a range of the different traditional pastas and sauces. This was then followed by a short coach ride into Sorrento to experience one of Italy's most famous dishes 'Gelato'. We assisted in the manufacture of lemon sorbet (made with lemons from Sorrento of course!) and hazelnut ice cream. We also learnt how to detect the best ice cream and sorbet from the masses of parlours that are everywhere in Sorrento. Just for good measure we were allowed one more ice cream from the counter before we had to leave. Lots of sad faces.

Day 4 - We needed our energy levels high and with the amount of carbohydrates we had consumed over the previous three days, Vesuvius was no challenge. Great views over the bay of Naples and the amazing fact that we were standing on a volcano. After the exertion it was time for a well-earned rest around the hotel pool, dinner and then a trip into Piano di Sorrento.

Day 6 - Our final day, so we were up early and headed to Pompeii our second site that had been consumed by the effects of Vesuvius. This was a beautiful end to a perfect educational visit to Sorrento.

Personally I would like to thank all the students for making the trip brilliant, I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did and that the experiences and memories will make them want to return one day soon.

As a note for those currently in Year 8 and 9, we will be running the trip again next year, so watch out for notices coming soon.

Mr Staples

*Miss Roycroft and Mr Redmayne
Chapter Leaders*



Year 11 Prom 2014 - 4th July

The Prom is a very important event that is planned and prepared by staff and students throughout the year to make it a truly special personal event for that year group.

The evening started with a reception at the Academy where the students could invite family and friends, enjoy a drink from a non-alcoholic bar and have their photographs taken in front of 2014 balloons.

The students then departed the Academy in a variety of impressive transport to arrive at the Worthing Dome greeted by a glass of fruit punch where they mingled and chatted with friends on the beautiful balcony looking out over the sea and pier in the sunshine.

Staff and students then enjoyed a delicious three course meal in the ballroom which was decorated to reflect the Las Vegas theme of the evening, chosen by the Prom Committee who had worked hard to create the vision they wanted for their Prom.

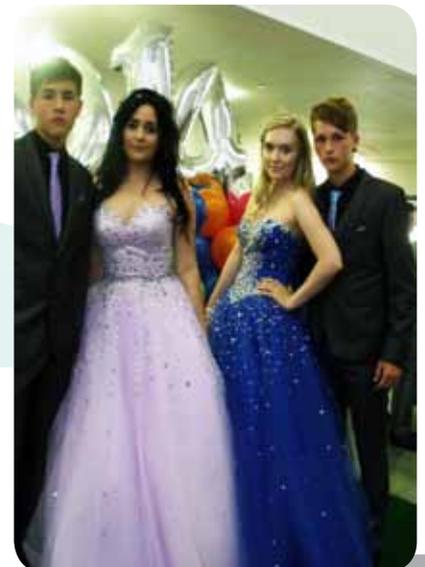
The evening continued with a DJ and both staff and students took to the dance floor. The music had been chosen by the students, a lot of which reflected their memories from the last five years they have spent at the Academy.

Staff voted for a number of awards and the presentation of these concluded the evening. Leah Moore won Best Friend, Zach Harris won Best Smile, Ryan Strudwick won Best Dressed, and Jay Gillett won Best Mover. Prom King and Queen went to Makombo and Isabelle.

It was a really magical evening and a wonderful celebration of the students' achievements and the relationships they have built through their time at the Academy.

The staff will miss them and wish them all the luck with their future.

*Miss Roycroft
Brunel Chapter
Leader*



Nightingale Chapter News



SRWA and GlaxoSmithKline

Five SRWA Bronze Award Industrial Cadets from Year 9 planned, conducted and presented a fantastic assignment at GSK House in London on 26th June. Their project looked at the level of healthy food in the canteen, the acidity of water in our water fountains and the amount of motivation and involvement in sports at the Academy. The quality of their work was fantastic and many of the GSK mentors commented on how impressive their presentation was.

Congratulations go to:- Sarah-Jane Bassett, Jamie Morland, Leah Ingall, Blu Lewis and Peter Davenport.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Nightingale tutor groups have been celebrating their first full year together, and wishing our lovely Year 11s and 13s all the best as they finish their exams and, in some cases, move on to pastures new. New friendships have been formed which we hope will continue to develop through the academy and beyond. Whilst many students are staying within the Nightingale family as they continue their learning journey in the Sixth Form, we will miss those that leave us.



KS3 Stars

Nightingale is bursting with students who go the extra mile and make a massive effort in their studies and outside school, but this half-term we were proud to celebrate the success of some real KS3 stars at the annual KS3 Awards. Massive congratulations go to all Nightingale students who earned themselves a curriculum award across the subjects, and also to the following students who have been all-round winners of Chapter Progress Awards:-

Year 7 – Lauren Redding

Year 8 – Charlie Stringer, Lucy Holmes, Alexandra Butterfill

Year 9 – Lewis Silverson, Ellie Simmons

Special congratulations to Chaila Latham on receiving her Chapter Leader's Award for Outstanding Performance. Her dedication, enthusiasm and talent are an example to all of us.

EYE Eco Summit at Shoreham Academy

The Eco Council took part in an Eco Summit involving over 20 schools from the local area, where they took part in various workshops with a sustainable theme. This included playing music on instruments made from recycled materials. They had a presentation from Nicola Peel, an environmental scientist working on sustainable solutions in the Amazon.



We decided that it would be more environmentally friendly if we cycled to the summit, and were the only school to do so.

Mr Loveridge



*Mrs Pike and Ms Campbell
Nightingale Chapter Leaders*

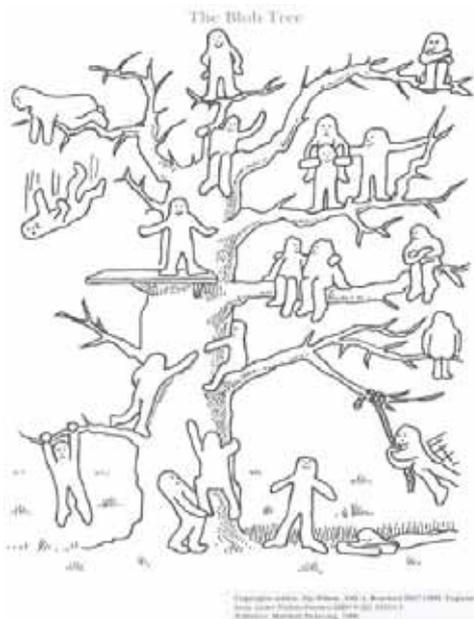
Mandela Chapter News



Mandela News

The new September intake of Year 7 students have been with us for their transition days. Students settled really well and had lots of fun.

At the end of their three days in Mandela, students were asked to highlight a person on the 'blob tree' that represented how they felt about their new school. This was a quick way for us to find out if any of our Mandela students were still feeling shy or had worries about the transition. As you can see from the comments below, the responses were 99% feeling confident, enthused and happy to be here. For those students who need that bit more nurturing along the way, we are on the case!



Here are some of the comments from students starting with us in September:-

Charlie Boniface "I feel amazing".

Ella Hoyles "I have met Millie and Terri. When I play with them I feel like I have known them forever".

Jacob Stoner "I am ok about the SRWA so far. I am having fun and getting a lot of help".

Mandela gets into the Festival Spirit!

During activities week Mandela teachers will be setting up a tented village in the spirit of a summer festival.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities to help build an awareness of cultural diversity. For example, they will learn how beads are used as currency or for ceremonies in some cultures and will get the chance to make beads from recycled paper.

Students will get the chance to experience mindfulness and hear how the ancient art of storytelling is still used to pass on cultural traditions.

Watch this space for photographs in the next Academy Newsletter!

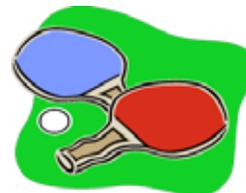


Table Tennis

Table tennis has been a success all year in the Mandela break out space!

Students have thoroughly enjoyed playing table tennis at break and lunch. This has been set up and run by the students and has been very popular with players and spectators.

Staff have also used this as a way to wind down at the end of the day, though blood pressure rises when they are challenged to a match by a student because they usually get beaten!



*Mr Langan and Ms Barr
Mandela Chapter Leaders*

Lapper Chapter News



Achievement, Awards and Attendance

Lapper is currently in second place in relation to the highest number of green cards. Currently our 'top achiever' this term is Zane Brookfield who has gained an impressive 21 green cards while the ever-reliable Lara Hendy and Katie Baker both have 20. Yet again tutor group L6 (Miss Pigg) have the most green cards in June (123). Well done to all students in Lapper who have contributed towards this fantastic result.

We were proud to celebrate the achievements of some of our students in the final assembly of last half term through a variety of awards:

Progress: Daniel Porter and Reece Snow
Effort: Tinashe Madyise and Leonie Hull
Community: Ielyaa Elshahri and Chynna Mold
Commitment: Callum Tattersall and Charlotte Strudwick
Participation: Daniel Dixon and Charys Osborne

We currently have 44 students with 99+% attendance of which 23 have 100% attendance which is most encouraging. Attendance has a huge impact on progress and these students are laying strong foundations for the future.

Student Leaders

In June, we had the pleasure of interviewing applicants for the posts of Student Leaders in next year's Year 10 and 11. All of the candidates took the task very seriously and carefully prepared for the interviews. They came up with many great ideas for how to improve the Academy and brought a passion that suggests that next year we are really going places. Indeed, Charlie, Amba, Frances and Sean have already taken on 'meet and greet' roles at both the Woodard Arts Festival and the Summer Sounds Concert.

The successful candidates from Year 9 were:
Charlie Ellarby, Amba Greenwood, Shaun Miskelly and Frances Romain.

The successful candidates from Year 10 were:
Kelsie Aitken, Abigail Cole, Millie Cronin, Abbie Gander, Ginny Goldsmith and Callum Tattersall.



We were delighted to be able to offer the role of Senior Prefect to Kelsie and Millie who have both accepted the responsibility and will be leading the team next year.

Kurt Smith, Chris Emery – HM Royal Marine Cadets

On 8th July, 500 Royal Marines Cadets were inspected by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, at Buckingham Palace, in celebration of the Royal Marines' 350th anniversary. Two of our students; Kurt Smith and Chris Emery were part of a select group of HM Royal Marine Cadets who paraded in front of HRH Prince Phillip as part of the celebrations. Both Kurt and Chris were very excited and it was a great honour for them to have been selected from the thousands of cadets across the country. They both had to complete a rigorous drill course earlier in the year to be eligible for selection. Prior to their arrival at Buckingham Palace the Cadets had the privilege of marching down the Mall, led by the Royal Marines Bands of Portsmouth and Collingwood. Lieutenant (Sea Cadet Corps) Bill Collier RMR, Training and Development Officer said: "Today has been incredible, for the cadets to be part of the 350th anniversary celebrations, and to meet The Duke of Edinburgh is a dream come true for them, it really highlights the strength of the Corps Family." They will also be part of the annual Trafalgar Parade. The Academy are very proud of these two fine young men.

Brandon Joseph-Buadi Signs for Portsmouth

Brandon Joseph-Buadi has penned a two-year deal with the Blues Academy and we wish Brandon all the very best for the future. We were delighted when Mrs Joseph sent us this link to the Portsmouth FC website. Brandon is now officially part of the Portsmouth Academy and could soon be a household name. Read more at: <http://www.portsmouthfc.co.uk/news/article/pompey-sign-new-batch-of-scholars-1710202.aspx#JF420o5AJ0ASh01S.99>.

The Portsmouth Academy Manager, Mark Kelly said: "It's a proud day for all of the boys who have been signed. They've worked extremely hard to get to this point and deserve a pat on the back for that. But the hard work now begins again because there are a lot of challenges ahead for them in this job. They'll all now be working towards earning a professional contract and we hope they can achieve that."

Dickens Chapter News



News

Kye recently attended a week of training with the Lancing Fire and Rescue Team on the Firebreak Programme. Across the week he learnt drills used in the service, first aid and health and safety requirements for working in this service. Kye impressed the staff with his work in the week and took a lead role in many areas of the work including use of breathing apparatus. He was rewarded for his commitment by being awarded the 'Commitment to Leadership' award.

Congratulations to Kye for his effort and work.



Dickens are pleased to announce the appointment of their new Student Leaders. We had a number of high-quality applications and felt that all candidates merited an interview.

The students acquitted themselves well at interview and gave careful consideration to the questions posed. It was very difficult to select the required number of candidates from such a strong field but the following students have been appointed:

Senior Student Leaders (Year 11): Georgia Overington, Elliot Dollner

Year 11 Student Leaders: Tinotenda Holloway, Rosie Stanley, Ruby Kay, Jake Harris

Year 10 Student Leaders: Amy-Jane Bassett, Sarah James-Short, Harry Lay, Chelsea Riley

We are confident that these students will lead Dickens to a successful year in 2014-15. We are also hopeful that the unsuccessful candidates will seek to take on other student leadership roles within the Academy as they showed huge potential and could be great assets to the chapter and Academy as a whole.

Dickens would like to thank and congratulate the large number of students in the chapter who have been making an effort with their attendance during the last term. At the end of last half term we were rewarded with the top attendance award and as we have consistently been one of the highest attending chapters in recent weeks, we are hopeful that this honour will come our way again. It is wonderful to see that students are taking responsibility for their education and understand the impact of attendance on achievement. Well done everybody and keep up the good work into next year.

Dickens Awards

Dickens' staff and tutors would like to congratulate the following students for their commitment to their work in English, MFL and Business studies and they received chapter awards for excellence at the end of term five.

Meghan Murphy - English - KS3

Amber Furlong - English - KS4

Jessica Logan - English - KS5

Sarah James-Short - MFL - KS3

Sammy Clegg - MFL - KS4

Laura Hart - MFL - KS4

Kelly Rose - Business - KS4

Maisie Bush - Business - KS5

Dickens' students below continue to make us proud with the work they are involved in daily and chapter awards were awarded to the following students:

Progress: Louis Eckert and Talia Van Houghton

Effort: Jake Harris and Emma Brake

Community: Amy-Jane Bassett and Tom Dikken

Commitment: Grace O'Connor and Ashleigh Johnston

Participation: Tinotenda Holloway and Chloe Bird

Congratulations and keep working hard.

*Mr Fox and Mrs Readman
Dickens Chapter Leaders*

English Department

Accelerated Reader Rave Review



We introduced the Accelerated Reader (AR) reading scheme to develop our students' reading skills, making them passionate and confident readers. This will equip them with the literacy skills which will empower them in their studies and in the wider world beyond school.

Parents can find out if a book has an AR quiz by visiting arbookfind.co.uk and click on Advanced Search. By conducting an advanced search, you can generate book lists that contain titles based on the criteria you enter such as book level, topic, interest level, fiction/nonfiction, etc.

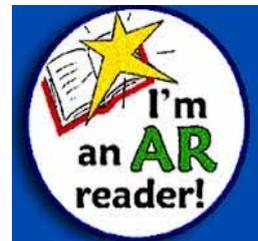
Accelerated Reader uses a programme called Renaissance Place at school. This programme has a special feature called Renaissance Home Connect, which you and your child can access outside of school from any computer with an internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows you, your child and the teacher to share information about your child's progress in Accelerated Reader.

You can log in to Renaissance Home Connect by following this link: <https://ukhosted42.renlearn.co.uk/1928627/>. Students are able to access quizzes at home and search for books, they will need to use their username and password as per usual.

The following must be congratulated for their excellent reading this term:

Year 7 - Words read...
Maia Beveridge - 1,292,916
Phoenix Grice - 480,273
Danielle Pacifico - 829,296

Year 8 - Words read...
Eloise Stevens - 753,141
Jade Lewis - 1,842,545
Jade Smith - 525,579



Mrs Waller

SRWA School Gardening Programme

The programme is still going strong with students now marking out their own plots to grow on, the BTEC Construction students have completed our polytunnel and have begun to landscape areas of the garden. In May we took a group of Year 7 and Year 10 students to the South of England show to explore horticulture in the local area and we returned full of ideas for our school garden.

The Royal Horticultural Society have also invited teachers of the Academy to become involved with a scheme to link with local horticultural businesses offering an exclusive partnership which will give many subject areas access to staff within the industry who can support projects in our school, offering on site visits, workshops and expertise.

These opportunities are fantastic for the school and the students, however we are still looking for volunteers to offer expertise and help tending our garden and keeping the weeds and pests away, if you are interested please contact: sgreen@srwa.woodard.co.uk in the first instance.

The students would also like to say a big thank you to Gardner & Scardifield for donating a variety of gardening equipment for use on the garden plots at school. This will be used by the Gardening Enrichment Club and the Nurture and Vocational groups to grow plants and transform the area.

Mrs Green and Mr Loveridge



Sport Round-up



Literacy and Physical Education Initiative

Since the beginning of the summer term, Year 7 students have been invited to take part in a literacy and physical education initiative which is aimed to support literacy.

Students are reading books with a sporting genre and then taking part in PE to reinforce key words and themes of the book.

Students enjoy a healthy breakfast whilst reading.

Miss Roberts and Miss Waller



Year 7 Boys Cricket

Year 7 boys have taken part in a number of fixtures over the past five weeks, with strong performances against Shoreham Academy and Rydon Community College. Kian Shorter's 25 not out, included a number of fine strokes and put SRWA within touching distance of Shoreham's large total. Izzy Carter and Faye Dowdeswell have both stepped up from soft ball cricket and contributed with both bat and ball and have been excellent additions to the team. Over the next three weeks the boys will continue their league and play out the remaining fixtures.

Mr Dales

Steining Novices

On Wednesday 11th June Mr Matanle and Mrs Hammersley took fourteen Year 9 students to Steining Novices Athletics Meet.

The competition ran smoothly and was a fantastic day enjoyed by all. Highlight performances of the day were by Thomas Souter who came 4th in the 100m final and also qualified for the finals of the 200m and 4x100m relays. April Whiting who sprung herself into 2nd place in the Year 9 Girls Long Jump final with a fantastic distance of 3.78m. Michelle Hepworth was inspiring, gaining 5th in the Year 9 Girls 100m final and 4th in the 800m final.

Mrs Hammersley and I were very proud of all the SRWA students who took part and look forward to leading them into more Athletic meets in the future.

Mr Matanle



Year 8 Cricket

After great preparation in training, the cricket season finally got underway.

The boys were ready and raring to go against a tough Steining side. In memory of Jack Bray the boys wore green armbands for the fixture which was a lovely gesture. They played good cricket and battled hard throughout the game, showing fantastic determination, but unfortunately were not victorious. However, this did not dishearten the team.

In our next game against Shoreham Academy, the troops came out strong with brilliant opening bowling spells by Lewis Gurney and captain Dale Stevenson. They were then backed up by Jack Gander and Kayshaun Marrett to restrict the visitors for just 42. The boys were focused when batting and a strong performance by Shane Pask with the bat enabled Jack Lee-Amies and Dale Stevenson to see the game home with an over to spare.

Mr Matanle

Sport Round-up cont.

Sport Leaders

This half term has been a busy half term for our Year 10 and Year 11 Sport Leaders with many visiting our local primary schools to assist in various sporting events that have been taking place.

On 26th June, Seaside Primary School hosted a 'Health Hearts Day' where all of Year 1 and 2 took part in a Skipathon. Well done to Jordan Ray, Claire Rycraft, Felix Barrett and Colin Parker who helped coach the younger students to skip! In the same afternoon, we had Bethany Loversidge, Jade Dikken, Ashleigh Johnston and Amy Gravestock help officiate a Year 5 and 6 dodgeball tournament where they did a great job demonstrating fair play and good knowledge of rules as a Sport Leader. Later on in the evening, Seaside Primary were also playing host to the local Year 6 Stoolball Tournament. Tensions were high to see if North

Lancing could retain their title, but our Sport Leaders, Chloe Bird, Amber Furlong, Millie Adcock and Raynor Nyatsanza, coped well under pressure to officiate the rules and keep score with excellent leadership qualities and values.

On 3rd July, SRWA invited two local primary schools to attend a morning of sport for the Year 3 Fun Day. Eight activities superbly led by our Year 11 Sport Leaders and Year 13 BTEC Sport students were received with great enthusiasm by the children. The primary school staff were also very complimentary, and said what a fantastic morning their students had and they will definitely be back next year!

If you are a Year 9 student and this sounds like a course you would like to do in PE, please speak to Miss Hammersley.

Miss Hammersley

Careers

Barclays

In March, Miss English and Miss Roberts organised PSHCE day, the focus was on careers. The focus of the day for Year 10 students was how to write a CV and to apply for a job. As part of the day Barclays Bank came in and worked with our Year 10 students, they looked at how to compile a CV. Barclays also worked with our Year 12 and Year 13 students; they covered interview skills and finance. We were able to call upon Barclays as they run a programme called LifeSkills, which is a free curriculum linked programme. It is developed with teachers to help improve the skills and employability of young people. After Barclays had worked with our students they wanted to come back in and make a promotional video for the LifeSkills programme. They came in and worked with eight of our students, Mia Hayes, Daniel Smith, Jemma Galton, Joe Kinsman, Jade Lewis, Abbie McIntyre, Jack Oliver and Callum Tamburri. The video is due to be released shortly.



Microsite Project

Two of our Year 10 students, Abigail Cole and Thomas Matthews are currently working on a new microsite in association with Northbrook College and other schools in the West Sussex area. The aim of the microsite is for the students to develop a careers website for the local area, this is to include photos and landmarks. The students have had two meetings, they have now chosen a name for the website and it is called Pathway – steps to success. At the next session the students will be interviewing employers, they will set the questions themselves, the employers will be videoed and added to the website. The microsite will be officially launched in September.

Work Experience

In July 34 Year 10 students will be going out on a weeks' work experience as part of their Health and Social Care course. The students will be working in nurseries, primary schools and with children who have specific learning difficulties.

Widening Participation

We have now forged new links with Brighton and Sussex University, and the aim of the programme is to make young people aware of their full potential and future options. It is a programme of targeted activities. Membership gives participating students priority for a number of different projects designed to complement their learning. Students join the programme in Y9 and continue their membership through sixth form/college and right up to the point of application to university if they decide to go.

SRWA Links with the Community



The Business Breakfast

The Business Breakfast on 23rd May saw a combination of over 50 people from local businesses, clubs, charities 'friends', staff and SRWA students getting together to celebrate continued relationships within the Lancing and Sompting community.

Rory McCann Director at Gardner & Scardifield, has kindly supported the school gardening group by supplying equipment to help them continue the work that they are doing at SRWA. He is also supporting Chris Colgate from Fire Safety Friends of Russia too.

The next Business Breakfast is on Friday 18th July.

If you are not already on the mailing list and would like to join us at the next Breakfast, please contact the Academy on: tharkins@srwa.woodard.co.uk.

Travel Plan Update

On Friday 13th June, Pene Mather WSCC School Travel Adviser, Lydia Schilbach WSCC Principal Community Officer, Roger Knight from Compass Travel, Tim Harkins and I met on site to look at the current situation on Upper Boundstone Lane. It was agreed that the situation is indeed far from satisfactory and emails between us since confirm that there will be changes made in the very near future. Lydia was present at the first Travel Plan Community Group meeting which took place at SRWA on Thursday 26th June and informed the group of the agreed developments that will be taking place in the first round of alterations.



We now have a community board and the Travel Plan will feature along with articles and photos that will reflect the link between SRWA and the local community. We shall be looking to support both St Barnabus in their Go Brazilian Day, and The Worthing Homeless assault course challenge. Also, there will be an art competition in Activities Week to celebrate 'Green week with Stagecoach' with the winning poster featuring in the Travel Plan itself.

Following several meetings with Adur Voluntary Action Group, we are now in a position to proceed with student volunteers in the local community. Rosemarie Hegarty (West Sussex Locality Manager) will be contacting Ms Scott and Mr Edwards to set up a meeting to take this further.

Mr Bryant

Family Cinema

The family cinema continues to go from strength to strength.

We have now shown six films, the latest, 'Frozen' and 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2' demonstrating that there is a real desire in the community for a facility such as this – recent films at affordable prices with affordable refreshments. Indeed there were well over a 100 guests at the showing of 'Frozen' on the 10th May – almost a sell-out! Our final screening of the year was 'Turbo' on 12th July.



One of the delightful developments of the cinema is the fact that it is now run by students. They are now fully-fledged Business Managers ensuring that our guests are welcomed to the Academy, that the technical aspects of the show run smoothly, that the refreshments are available at the interval and that everyone leaves happy. They do this all with big smiles on their faces – they are true ambassadors for us.

Chaplain's Corner

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As we approach the end of the school year I'm already looking forward to starting my second year as Chaplain to the Academy in September. This year has flown by and I feel welcomed and very much part of the life of the school. I have appreciated working alongside a dedicated team of teachers and support staff and look forward to developing those relationships in creative ways. There are a number of projects I am excited about - not least the opportunity to develop a new 'Chaplaincy Space' adjacent to my room where I can offer groups of students a 'chill out' space during break and lunch as well as specific activities that can enhance our wellbeing as a school community.

Working in a school is a real privilege as we see Year 13 students end their time with us to embark on new experiences - followed by Year 7 students joining us to begin a new adventure. At a recent performance as part of the Woodard Arts Festival hosted by SRWA, I realised what incredible opportunities our students have here for enriching their lives. When I think back to my experience of secondary school in the inner city of Manchester (back in the Dark Ages) it was a very different story. The Woodard motto is Faith, Unity and Vision and part of my role as Chaplain is to help nurture those ideals. When I step back and look at the passion and commitment of my colleagues in the Academy, I feel assured that I can work with them to provide the very best for our students.



Have a great summer!

Revd Hadge

In Memory of Jack Bray

This half term we sadly lost Jack Bray, who gave joy and laughter to so many of his friends, fellow students and staff at the Academy. Jack's classmates led by Ms Alcide created a board on which they displayed their messages to and memories of Jack and held their own remembrance service in the Chapel. On Friday 13th June the Academy held a memorial day to raise money for charities identified by the Bray family. Every member of staff and students wore a green item of clothing, Jack's favourite colour and gave one pound which was donated to Chestnut Tree House and the Brain Tumour Charity. In Brunel they attempted to collect a mile of coins to donate and although we didn't quite manage a mile, we achieved 19 metres and a significant amount of money to donate to charity. During end of term activities week, there is a walk over the Downs and students are encouraged to get sponsorship for the walk (this is not compulsory), and the chosen chapter charities will benefit, including those charities chosen by Jack Bray's family in his memory.

Our thoughts are with Jack's family and friends at this difficult time and we will miss him dearly.

Total money raised to date is £653.93.



Enrichment

The students of the 'Certificate in Personal Finance' enrichment session which has been running since September, have just received their results, and this group of students all achieved 'B' and above in this certificate, which is the equivalent GCSE grades of:-

Fail - 0
C's - 0
B's - 4 students
A's - 5 students
A*'s - 4 students

Congratulations to Mr Ferguson and his group of enrichment students. Well done.

Woodard Enterprise Challenge 2014

The weekend of 5th and 6th July saw the culmination of many months of research, planning and presentations as the students prepared their stalls to trade at the world's biggest charity beach festival on Hove seafront.

On Saturday morning the weather was a bit of a challenge during set up as the team of Year 10 Brunel students prepared their plate smashing stall. However Millie, Kelly and Zak showed great determination as they coaxed the slightly damp punters into parting with their cash for their worthy cause, Freddysmile children's cancer charity. By early afternoon the sun began to break through and the wind died down and the students were in full flow as the excitement of the crashing and smashing of plates drew in the crowds. The Brunel team added celebrity pictures to the front of the plates as additional targets; incidentally Boris Johnson and Harry Styles got a serious pelting! The students were a real credit to the Academy in how they prepared in a professional manner, interacted with the public and as a result of their endeavours they raised over £150 for the Freddysmile charity!



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Sunday morning came the turn of team Atlantica, represented on the day by Year 11 students Katie Townshend and Lois Wakeford. Now while many Year 11 students across the country may be enjoying some well-deserved downtime after the stressful exam period, these young ladies were far from resting, their stall encapsulated all that a community event should with the bunting lovingly prepared by Lois's mum, the petty cash box loaned to the girls by Katie's aunt and with a slight tweak to their original plan, Lois's mum had hand-made colourful bean bags to throw at the glass jars instead of table tennis balls. The format of the stall was delightfully retro with members of the public invited to throw the beanbags at the glass jars and if it went into or knocked over the jar the thrower would win the contents. Their pricing was very reasonable at just 50p for 2 throws or 5 for a £1. The stall attracted many people of all ages and the girls were true to their word that everyone who had a go received a prize as they had prepared a lucky dip box for those off target with their throws. Lois and Katie should be very proud of their efforts as they managed to raise over £120 for the charity Chestnut Tree House which is the only children's hospice in Sussex and cares for over 300 children and young adults from 0-19 years of age with progressive life-shortening conditions.



In all it was a terrific event for our young people to be involved in and it was great for the students to be trading alongside students from two other Woodard academies, Littlehampton and St Augustine in Kent. Despite the valiant efforts of the other academies (including the addition of a sound system and microphone by St Augustine on the Sunday) it was clear that our students were the overall winners of the Woodard Enterprise Challenge by generating the largest amount for their charities.
Mr Colin Langan

Mr Langan
Mandela Chapter Leader





Since the introduction of Accelerated Reader (AR) in September of this year this has had an impact on the number of fiction books issued to each year group in the same time period for this academic year and the previous academic year. The Year 7 and 8 figures clearly show the impact of AR on borrowing from the LRC.

| | <u>2012-2013</u> | <u>2013-2014</u> |
|--------|------------------|---|
| Year 7 | 2383 | 4040 |
| Year 8 | 1529 | 3036 |
| Year 9 | 1389 | 1398 – no AR in this year group as yet! |

Year 10 - book issues have gone down slightly
 Year 11 - book issues have gone up 300%
 Year 12 and 13 issues have more than doubled.

British Library

The British Library in central London is an inspiring place to visit, and on 6th June, fourteen very excited Library Assistants from Year 7 to Year 9 got up very early to join a coach at Shoreham full of other local Library Assistants from Shoreham Academy, Davisons and Worthing High School. They took along the two LRC mascots – Bob the Bookworm and Simon the Scholar – Bob was made by a previous LRC Assistant and Simon was donated to the LRC by another former LRC assistant – they were photographed outside in the British Library courtyard and in front of the sculpture of Newton by Eduardo Paolozzi.

Arriving at 10.30am, two schools at a time had a short tour followed by a workshop on creative writing using some of the key exhibits as inspiration. Students were asked to write short sentences about their feelings as they looked at the Magna Carta, or the original lyrics – written on the back of an envelope – for the Beatles hit 'Yesterday'; the manuscript for Harry Potter, annotated in JK Rowling's biro and the original score for Handel's Messiah to name but a few. They then went downstairs to the education centre where they chose their top ten words and used each word in a sentence to make up a story. One favourite line from their ten line story was then picked and each student in a group collated their one line to produce a poem – full of unusual words and sentiments. Surprisingly, many of the poems made real sense, and had a surprise at the end. Each group performed their poem to the others in turn. After lunch the groups swapped and our students then got to visit the John Ritblat Gallery and very competitively completed a Treasure Hunt, finding the oldest printed book, and the most valuable – a Qur'an worth £59 million. We paid a quick visit to the shop before we began the long drive back to Sussex, but a very enjoyable, informative and educational day was had by all.



6-Up Book Award



The LRC hosted the top Year 6 readers from Sompting Village and Seaside Primary schools on Friday 27th June, along with some of our Year 7 readers, as we discussed, shared activities and voted on the final three shortlisted books.

The Year 6 pupils excitedly worked their way through entangled scientific definitions linked to the plot of 'Itch'; they made their own 'Goblins' language dictionary with some lovely alliterative meanings for new weird words, as well as writing some thoughtful creative pieces based on the storyline of the 'Weight of Water' which incorporates immigration and bullying in a poetic storyline. Each school came to the 'voting booth' in turn and gave their verdict, scoring their favourite book with 3 points, the next best with 2 points, and their least favourite only 1 point. Mrs Driscoll added up the votes whilst each school worked on a very quick 'Press Release' for each title, which they then presented. Mr Crowhurst came to the LRC and handed out certificates to all participants, speaking briefly about the pleasures of reading before Mrs Waton, announced the winner of the 2014 Woodard 6-Up Book Award, which goes to:- **'The Weight of Water' by Sarah Crossan.**

Many thanks to all who took part, and we look forward to starting a new 6-Up Book Award in October 2014.

Mrs Waton
 LRC Manager



GCE and GCSE Results Days

The Results Days for Exams taken in May/June are:

GCE results will be issued: **10am – 12pm on Thursday 14th August 2014**

GCSE results will be available: **10am – 12pm on Thursday 21st August 2014**

GCE Results will be distributed in the Curie Chapter. Access will be via the Curie Chapter doors.

GCSE Results will be distributed in the Sports Hall. Access will be via the main student entrance.

Access to the rest of the Academy will be prohibited unless escorted by a member of staff.

After Results Days:

After the main distribution times above, results can still be collected from Reception any week day between 9am and 4pm.

If you cannot collect your results yourself, then someone else can do it for you. However they must possess a clear written note from you authorising them to collect the results and they may be asked to show some form of Photo ID.

Any queries, please contact the Exams office: jlamb@srwa.woodard.co.uk

Mr Lamb

Message from Canteen - Allergen Advice

As of September 2014, allergen advice on all products sold in the canteen will be available on the school website.

The catering page of the website currently displays all the snack menus and the hot main meal menus for the term. The main meal menus change every half term and run on a three weekly cycle. The allergen advice will be accessible on this page from September 2014. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Catering Manager.

Medical Notifications

1. We have a student in school with a reduced level of immunity who would become seriously unwell if he contracted measles, mumps, chickenpox or any other infectious disease. Please contact Student Services immediately if your child develops these or any other serious infection.
2. Please be aware that if your child has asthma or any allergy for which an inhaler or epipen have been prescribed by your medical practitioner, the Academy need to be informed and will need to hold a spare inhaler or epipen in accordance with medical guidelines. Your child should also remember to take it with them when doing any physical activity such as PE or dance. The inhaler/epipen should be clearly named in a box, with the expiry date of the medication clearly visible.
3. Please note, students should **NOT** carry paracetamol on them whilst in the Academy. If your child needs to take paracetamol whilst at school, please contact Student Services for a Paracetamol Permission Form.
4. Finally, just a reminder that if your child is off school for any reason, please telephone the Academy on the Absence Line 01903 766177 on a daily basis.

Mrs Westgate

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