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Geography Malham Fieldwork Trip

On 22nd and 30th September, a Geography fieldtrip took place to Malham involving learners from Years 9, 10 and 11. The trip was organised



by Miss Scholes as part of the learners' GCSE controlled assessment and is worth 25% of their final Geography GCSE examination mark - "Tourism has a negative impact on Malham".



Everyone involved had a great day and bonded well. The weather was very kind and stayed sunny at all times. One learner, Chloe Hocking

said "It helped massively for our controlled assessment fieldwork. We gathered the data successfully and I enjoyed the walking and views whilst at Malham Cove and in particular, the top of the cove and limestone area where a scene from Harry Potter was filmed! Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the day and all of Malham's natural assets". Another learner, Georgina Crowe said "It is important to get out of the classroom and see for yourself what you are learning about so I really enjoyed it rather than researching it on the internet. I enjoyed being able to ask tourists and residents about Malham by giving them a questionnaire and doing environmental surveys to see how tourism affects different areas in Malham. It was a very useful trip".

Loyalty Card Promotion –School Meals



Castlebrook now runs a Loyalty Card Promotion. For every £2 or over spent in a single transaction, each learner will receive a stamp on their loyalty card. When the card is full, it is put into a weekly draw and the winner will receive a £2 I.Tune voucher (drawn by Mr Roberts).

On Wednesday 12th October, an Indian theme took place in all high schools in Bury. Some learners dressed up for the occasion. The event is aimed at encouraging learners to take the meal of the day and to try different dishes.

History Department

The History department would like to congratulate our two volunteers from last year on their success in the summer. Nicole Duthie achieved a 1st class honours History degree and is now training to be a History teacher. Tom Connelly achieved excellent A level results and is studying History at Bangor University. Ryan Cornick and Andrew Gregoriou also achieved fantastic A level results and are studying History at Anglia University and the London School of Economics respectively.

Year 7 D&T/Enterprise Giant Tetrahedron



On 26th and 30th September, all Year 7 learners took part in a Giant Tetrahedron activity. They were all excited to participate in

this construction challenge and ultimately, each group successfully produced a 9m tall tetrahedron.

Well done to Mr Dallow's group who won the Monday challenge and Mrs Mundy's group who won the Friday challenge. All winners received certificates celebrating their achievements.



Castlebrook awarded OLYMPIC GET SET NETWORK status

We are delighted to inform you that Castlebrook has successfully been accepted as a member of London 2012's UK-wide reward and recognition scheme, the Get Set network, and we are now eligible for a number of exciting rewards from London 2012, including free tickets to the Games!

Get Set (london2012.com/getset) is the official London 2012 education programme, and through

this programme, our students will be learning about the Games and the Olympic and Paralympic Values.

We have now been recognised by the London 2012 Organising Committee as a school that is demonstrating its commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic Values, and have become a member of the Get Set network.

This means that we are now guaranteed free tickets to London 2012.

In addition, we will also:

- have the right to use the London 2012 education logo – look out for this on our letterhead and website;
- receive a plaque and certificate to show we are part of the London 2012 family;
- and we'll be in with the chance of winning visits from athletes and the London 2012 mascots;

Over the coming months, we at Castlebrook will be getting ready for London 2012 by linking more work to the Games and ensuring that our students feel that they are a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event.

We look forward to updating you on this exciting work.

Out of Hours Study Club

After half-term learners who come to the 'Out of Hours Study Club' without previously handing in a permission slip will **not be able to attend**. Learners who have brought back permission slips should have, or will, receive a pass. They can show this on entering the ILZ showing they have permission to stay after school and make their own way home.

Letters can be obtained from the main office or from the ILZ after school. Once a reply slip is returned, learners are able to attend from then on. Passes are issued within a couple of weeks after the reply slip is returned. This is due to the time it takes to make and distribute them to the various learners. Learners waiting to receive their pass may still attend; the member of staff supervising will check the reply slip records to see if the learner has returned one.

Can parents and carers also be aware that learners are to attend the 'Out of Hours Study Club' to catch up on class work, homework or to do coursework. Once they finish their work, learners are asked to leave to allow other learners to use the facilities and to help maintain a quiet working environment.



Some learners are coming to the Study Club to wait for lifts, for parents or carers to arrive home, to avoid bad weather or to wait for friends when they have no work to do. As a result, other learners are being turned away due to numbers, or being distracted by those who are not there for the right reasons. These learners are asked to leave if this is the case.

Visit by Mr M Kelly, Chief Executive, Bury Local Authority

We had the pleasure of hosting a visit on 11th October by Mr Kelly, Chief Executive of Bury Local Authority and Councillor M. Connolly.



Mr Kelly, Cllr Connolly and Mr Roberts in the Independent Learning Zone

They enjoyed a tour of the school where they had the opportunity to talk to learners and staff.

They commented after their visit that they were both blown away by the exuberance and dedication of the staff in providing the very best educational opportunities for the learners. They pledged to continue to support our school and the outstanding work and achievements being made on behalf of our learners.

PE/Enterprise—The Rugby Super League Grand Final, Old Trafford, St Helens Saints v Leeds Rhinos

On 8th October, 11 learners and 4 members of staff were treated to one of the best Super League Grand Finals in a long time!!

The atmosphere was fantastic and all had a fabulous time. At the interval, St Helens had a commanding lead and everyone dared to believe that this could be their time to win the trophy. Even Mr Hewitt could feel the game slipping away from

Leeds!! However, Mr Hewitt had the last laugh as Leeds fought back in the second half and won 32—16!

In addition to a fantastic match, the other highlight of the trip was Casey Kay (Year 11) leading the singing on the minibus as we made our way home—a new singing talent has been discovered!! All are looking forward to next year's Grand Final.

Miss Boardman branches out in the Art world!



Miss Boardman is now working in her studio for two days a week pursuing her interest in painting. She had two paintings in the

XI gallery in Bolton in the 'transitions' exhibition and has done her first commission. Check out her website: wbstudioart@weebly.com. Keep an eye out for work in the new gallery in Bolton where the side exit to Woolworths used to be.

Celebration of School's 40th Anniversary Open Morning



Castlebrook opened its doors to welcome members of our local community to join in our 40th Birthday Celebrations. Amongst the invited guests were Rev. D Williams from St George's Church (Hollins), Rev L Bullas (Governor), Mrs Chadwick and service users from Sunnybank Community Centre, Mrs Branch, Headteacher at All Saints Primary School,



Mrs Chadwick from Sunnybank Primary School and pupils from Whitefield, Sunnybank and All Saints primary schools.

Guests enjoyed seeing photographs and DVD clips of the school, both past and present, as well as enjoying a tour of the school before tucking into a piece of the celebratory cake made specially to mark the school's 40th Birthday. One of the pupils said "It was really good and we enjoyed coming here. Thank you. Happy Birthday Castlebrook!"

GCSE Presentation Evening Y10 & Y11



Ricky, Mr Roberts, Martina & Mrs McGuire

The school hall was packed once again as learners, parents/carers and invited guests came along to celebrate the GCSE successes of our current Year 10 and 11 learners. Our special speaker, Mrs C McGuire, Deputy Principal of Holy Cross College, gave a warmly received inspirational speech on how dedication and ambition can support us to achieve our goals.

Mrs Mason, Governor, gave an emotional closing address sharing her delight at how the school is progressing and encouraging all learners to continue to strive to achieve even greater success in their GCSEs next summer.

Congratulations must also go to Ricky Nacarlo (Head Boy) and Martina Gregoriou (Head Girl) for their vote of thanks.

School Uniform

As detailed in previous Newsletters, uniform is compulsory for all learners and the co-operation of parents/carers in ensuring a high standard of dress is requested. No jewellery or make-up is to be worn except a watch and at most one small stud in each ear for pierced ears. Outer coats should be plain black or blue and must not be worn inside the school building. Hoodies, leather or denim jackets are not allowed.

Suitable footwear should be worn by all learners, ie sensible black leather shoes. Boots, trainers, pumps or canvas shoes are not suitable for school.

Year 9 Guided Vehicle Challenge

Sixty learners rolled up their sleeves to complete a most challenging project based on railway



technology. The purpose of the task was to design a bridge for a train to pass over it, also allowing another train track to pass underneath the bridge at right angles and finally producing a motorised train to go on the track.

The learners involved put Railtrack to shame as the results of the project were astounding! Based on limited resources, all of the twelve groups managed to complete the project. The winners, judged by a panel of experts, were Ellie Holland (2G), Eleanor Boyle (2B), Helena Lee (4Y), Louis McKain (7G) and Daniel Walsh (2B).

Holidays in Term Time

We would like to remind all parents/carers that in accordance with Bury Local Authority's policy, holidays and extended leave during term time will not be authorised unless in very exceptional circumstances. We would ask that **no** holidays are arranged during term time.

Dates for your diary

Day	Date	Time	Event
w/c 7/11 November GCSE Exams			
Wed-Fri	9/11— 11/11		Year 7 Residential
Fri	11/11		Armistice day— Challenge Cup Event
w/c 14/11 Children in Need week & Anti-Bullying Week			
w/c 14/11 Y7 & Y8 Key Assessment Weeks			
Wed	16/11		Eid al Adha
Fri	18/11		Anti Bullying Day— Challenge Cup Event
w/c 21/11 Y9, 10 & 11 Key Assessment Weeks			
Fri	25/11		School Closure— 1 day

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