



Australian dream summer for former Montgomery Student

Former Montgomery physics whizz, Ocean Bach, has won a place on an elite science programme, jetting off to Sydney for the summer.

Ocean, 17, now studying at Blackpool Sixth Form College, entered the Ogden Trust competition to try to secure a place at the International Science School. He did this on the advice of his physics teacher, Mhairi Mitchison, by writing a research proposal on using a high speed camera in a practical situation.

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The Sun is Shining on Science



Photography is Outstanding



Drama Students out to Scare



Principal: Mr S. Careless

As the academic year draws to a close, it is with great satisfaction that I reflect on an excellent year at Montgomery High School. The achievements of our student body have been outstanding, as highlighted in this newsletter, and demonstrate what a talented group of young people we work with on a daily basis. We have won numerous competitions in the sporting arena as well as spelling bees, STEM challenges, enterprise and even go-karting.

MONTGOMERY STANDARDS

We have been working hard to both reinforce and tighten our Montgomery Standards with particular focus on uniform and the use of mobile phones. This is going very well. Students are smart and know if their mobile phone is seen, it will be confiscated until the

end of the day. On the excellent Year 10 Ambition visit to the Sixth Form this month, it was commented upon that we were the smartest and best behaved of all the local schools who attended. Every day is a Montgomery Standards day and our high expectations will continue when we return after the summer. This would not have been achieved without the full backing of our very supportive parents, so we thank you.



Our Year 11 have finished their exams and are already enjoying their long summer break. 255 students sat a total 4469 exams over 5 weeks. The maturity of the majority has been excellent and it was great to see their smiley faces at the Prom on the 30th June. What a lovely bunch, we will miss them! You may have seen the Leavers' video on YouTube, directed and edited by the Student Leadership Team. We are currently on 11,500 views, but Rick Astley, unfortunately, couldn't make it to the Prom. The current Year 10 have been earning their new Year 11 blue ties for good

behaviour and attitude to learning.

I would like to thank our superb staff for their fantastic work in offering our students the opportunities to expand their horizons and excel. We are proud to be members of the Montgomery Family and are committed to offering even more opportunities and raising standards even higher next year. In 2017-18 the school will concentrate upon the FCAT core values of Respect, Resilience and Pride. There will also be a strong focus next year upon students' work-ethic in class.

This week has also seen the new Year 7 students join us for Transition Week. It has been an undoubted success with lots of great activities happening in many different subjects. Students have mixed well and they have started to learn their way round. We look forward to seeing them again in August.

This term four celebration evenings have seen hundreds of students win individual prizes, and the last week will see many students attend Rewards visits for their outstanding effort and contribution to school this year.

It has been a pleasure to see the multitude of achievements at Montgomery this year and I look forward to working with the Montgomery Family again next year, to achieve even more.

Mr. S. Careless

Have a safe SUMMER

Here at Montgomery, on the 13th June, we held a special assembly to 'promote' the current year 10 students who consistently "get it right" up to Year 11 five weeks early. They received their distinctive Year 11 blue tie and they are now wearing them with pride.



Ocean is off on his Adventures



Images from Oceans adventure so far

"Initially I was tasked to write a 1000 word research proposal saying how I would use a high speed camera, of certain specifications, in an experiment," said Ocean. "I chose to do this on making internal combustion engines more efficient."

Ocean was whittled down to one of 20 shortlisted applicants and went to the University of York for a day of interviews. He will join four other UK students at the event, alongside 140 students from across the world. "I was obviously very nervous but the interview went well. They challenged me on my essay, asking how my ideas could be applied to other areas of physics," said Ocean. Ocean joined the other candidates in team building activities in York with the director of the Sydney summer school and worked on laboratory experiments. "It was really fun getting a taste of university style experiments with some great students," he added. "I couldn't believe it when I received the email telling me I was one of the five selected for Sydney."

Physics tutor, Mhairi Mitchison, who coordinates a regional partnership of schools and colleges for the Ogden Trust (including Montgomery), who promote physics education said:

"Ocean has a real thirst for knowledge and for whom learning is an obvious and likely to be lifelong passion. He is intellectually curious, mature and has a generous character. He is an individual who clearly inspires his peers and younger students alike." Ocean's aim is to read physics at Cambridge University and work in the science or maths field after completing his degree.

We now have over a 1000 followers on twitter. Keep up with us @MontyHighSchool

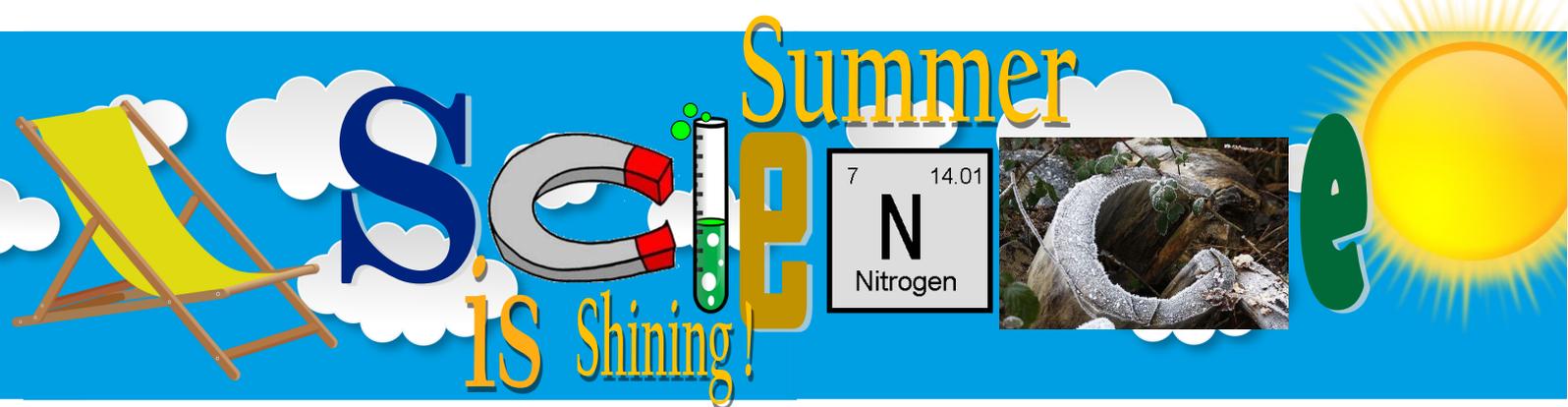
From everyone at Montgomery, well done Ocean! You are an inspirational and talented young man who other students at Montgomery can look up to!



For all information on Summer Sporting activities available to students over the holidays contact:

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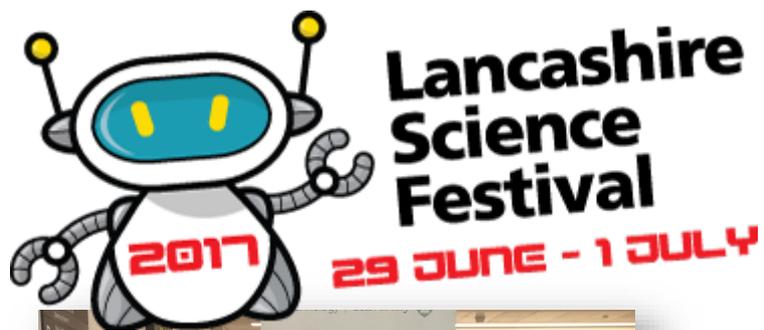




The Science department at Montgomery has finished the 2016-2017 academic year strongly. We continue to enrich the learning experience of our students by offering as many extracurricular activities, trips and events as possible alongside our blossoming curriculum. The aim is to enthuse and inspire our students to share our passion for science and build an inclusive team ethos in the curriculum area; a culture that we believe will allow our students to reach their full potential. As well as our popular and established STEM and Science Clubs, we have continued our collaborations with the Institute of Physics, the Ogden Trust and the Royal Society of Chemistry and have also strengthened links with Blackpool Sixth Form College and several universities in the North West. Here are the highlights of a fantastic summer term for our students:-

Year 8 Salters' Festival Of Chemistry

Led by Mrs Bach and Dr Paden, four Year 8 students attended the prestigious Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry at Lancaster University. The aim of such events is to excite pupils through practical Chemistry and give them the responsibility to conduct formal investigations like a real Chemist. The activities within a university department promote team working and develop problem solving skills. Our students performed brilliantly on the day against teams from across the North West and Cumbria. Montgomery students came 3rd over all and each received a prize of some Molymods. All in all, it was a great experience for our students and, indeed for our school.



Lancashire Science Festival 2017 – University of Central Lancashire




On Thursday, June 29th, Miss Chadwick led a fantastic trip, with a group of Year 7 students, to the Lancashire Science Festival at UCLAN. Supported by Mr Bradshaw, Mrs Bach and Miss Healey, our students were able to explore all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Highlights of this Science extravaganza were the exhibitions, 'This is Chemistry' and 'What's the Matter?', the Science of fireworks lecture and the Everest lab. Students also loved the Science floor show where they were able to engage in several different interactive demonstrations. This inspiring event is a must for next year!



Also in June, Mr Mathers and Miss Walker accompanied thirty Year 7 students to a Planetarium sponsored by the Ogden Trust and Lancaster University. It was hosted at Aspire Academy and as well as the planetarium itself, there were numerous thought provoking demonstrations and interactive displays for students to try. Our students returned to school with a real buzz about the event. This bodes well for introducing and enthusing students to areas of physics that they may not have known about previously.



The Science & Maths Excellence day

On Tuesday, July 4th, Blackpool Sixth Form College hosted a Science and Maths Excellence Day for four of our Year 10 students. The aims of this day were to provide students with advanced level workshops in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths. These stretch and challenge sessions provided the students with a brilliant insight into what further study could look like in these highly academic subjects. As well as completing each individual session, our students were also able to speak to students from the college and find out about their

Excellence Programme, Science Club, and both the Medical and Maths societies. It was a great event, and will most definitely enthuse our students to achieve the very highest grades in their GCSEs next summer.



The Scholars Programme - Brilliant Club

Brilliant!

Throughout this term, twelve Year 10 students have taken part in The Scholars Programme, which has been organised by the Brilliant Club. It started in June with a launch visit to the University of Manchester with Miss Willan and Mr Jacks. Students were given a tour of the campus, a question and answer session with some of the current students, a study skills session and also had their first meeting with their PhD tutor. This project will last for 6 weeks and over that time students will have a weekly meeting with their tutor. The project is studied university-style, and our students will learn how to critically analyse resources and how to gather information for a formal assignment. The students are really enjoying the programme thus far, and are learning much about life at university. In July they will submit a 3000 word assignment on a specific topic and results will be available later in the summer. Good luck to all those taking part!



The Science and MFL curriculum areas are teaming up to potentially run a cross curricular educational visit to Paris next year. More information to follow in the next exciting edition of the Montgomery newsletter – Oui, Oui, Oui!

A Year in the Life of our STEM CLUB!

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) is a curriculum based club run by Mrs Bach and Mr Byrne. We meet every month for a practical lesson after school. Backed by our most excellent Science Curriculum Area, and with support from Mrs McMullan and Mr Mc Mullan, we've not only learned

how to make and race mini- hovercrafts using CDs and balloons, but planted seeds, made glue, constructed air-powered rockets, made cookies and lemonade (with Miss McKenna) among a whole range of other activities!

Earlier this year, we won £500 for the Science Department when we came 'Runner up' in the North-West "STEM Club of the year" competition. We've also been on visits to the Sea Life Centre, and to a STEM Day at Blackpool & Fylde College, as well as a Spectacular Science event here in school.

Three of our students won "Outstanding contribution to STEM Club" trophies at their respective Celebration Evenings this year.

We are really looking forward to the 2017-18 season already, and plan to take first place next February to become STEM Club of the Year 2018!



Coming up after the break!

The summer break that is! As 'Runner up' in the 2017 Tomorrow's Engineers Robotics challenge, we have automatically been included in next year's competition. Nearly 200 schools from across the country will be competing using LEGO Mind-storms kit, and the new theme will be **AVIATION!**

Mr Byrne and Mr Harwood are convinced that we can improve on our finishing position, especially as one of our site supervisors, Bryan has joined the team and constructed for us a superb practice table to ensure our students can perform at the highest level!

In September, we will be choosing students to join in from Year 8 and our new Year 7. They will also be getting extra support & advice from our Year 9s and Year 10s who have the experience of being previous competitors.

Young Musician of the Year

The Blackpool Young Musician of the Year competition was held on Thursday 22nd June at the Springfield Methodist Church. Montgomery had two students involved, Mark, (Year 11) who was our KS4 entry and Sophia, (Year 9) who was our KS3 entry.

Mark performed one of his own compositions on the piano and Sophia played her own arrangement of a Justin Bieber song on the guitar. Both students were amazing, but the competition was tough. After a nail-biting wait for the results, it was announced that Sophia had been awarded second place in her category and Mark was awarded first place in his category, achieving the overall title of Blackpool's Young Musician of the Year.

Montgomery now holds this title for the fifth consecutive year. We have some incredibly talented students at this school, so the win is very much deserved!



Keep up to date with events by visiting the school website www.montgomeryschool.co.uk

spelling

BEE Success



English Department

On Friday 30th June, six students from Montgomery represented the school at the FCAT School's Spelling Bee, held at Blackpool Sixth Form. The Year 7 team – Ilyria, Oscar and Sarah – and the Year 8 team – Rebecca, George, and Keira, – competed against teams from Hodgson, Unity and Aspire in a succession of team and individual rounds.

Despite having the smallest number of team members, Montgomery led from the very first round, eventually reaching the final against Hodgson. In a surprise rule change, both schools were only able to select one of their teams to compete in the final, with the Year 7 team volunteering to represent the school against Hodgson's Year 8 team.

In a nail-biting final, Montgomery took an early lead, eventually beating Hodgson by two points and securing, much to Ms Slade's excitement, Montgomery's very first spelling trophy.

Special mention must go to Ilyria of Year 7 and Keira of Year 8, who took part in the individual rounds: with no writing allowed, these rounds required both girls to stand in front of the whole audience and spell some unbelievably challenging words out loud.

The competition ended in a particularly nerve-wracking round in which the teachers were challenged to spell words chosen at random from the dictionary: inspired by the success of the students, Mrs Walmsley managed to correctly spell endothelium and keep Montgomery's spelling pride intact!

Time to say
Good Bye!



Some teachers are leaving us this year, some of whom have been training with us on the "Teach First" programme. We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Griffiths, (English) Mr Lewis, (geography) and Mr Donnelly, (mathematics) and wish them all the best in the next stage of their careers.

We are also saying goodbye to an ex student, Miss Norton, (mathematics) who is going on to experience teaching in an international school in Dubai and Miss McEvoy, (science)

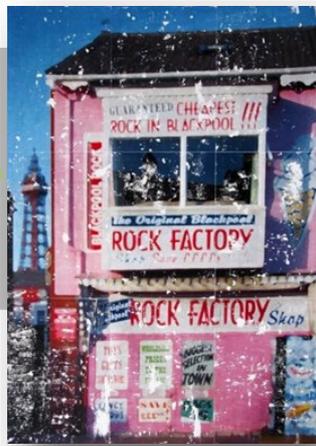
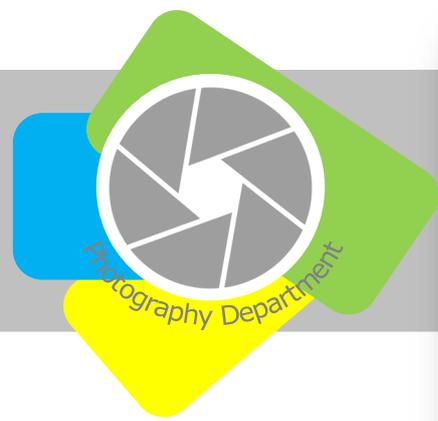
Catering may never be the same again as our multi-talented teacher and chef Miss McKenna moves on from DT and, like Mr Mathers, (science) she has been with us since 2012. Mr Mathers has landed his dream job and will be involved in outdoor education somewhere in the wilds along the east coast....

Meanwhile, another scientist is waving bye – bye this year. We'll certainly miss Mr Thomson who has worked here for 6 years

ICT will also be saying good bye to Mrs Griffiths after a 10 year stint at Montgomery High School. We wish her well in her new post at a Lancaster school.

One of our Administration team is also moving on. Our current award winning Exams Officer, Mrs Anderson, is moving on to the post of Business Manager at a Blackpool primary school. We wish her well and thank her for making Montgomery a centre for excellence in Exam management.

Finally, we would like to wish our Cleaning Team Leader, Mrs Smith, all the very best for her retirement. She's certainly earned it.



VISIT FROM ALISTAIR PARKER

In June Year 10 photographers worked with a local Photographer and Mixed Medium artist, Alistair Parker, to help add some context to their studies. Alistair uses local landmark photographs and then edits them in Photoshop. He then transfers the images, using a digital wet polymer transfer technique. As part of the "Britishness" topic, students have researched Alistair Parkers and his technique and visited Blackpool and Fleetwood to gather photographs to edit in Alistair's style. As part of his visit, students learned about his techniques and how he uses Photoshop to edit his images and then they completed a practical task to process their own images; we look forward to seeing how they develop!

YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2017

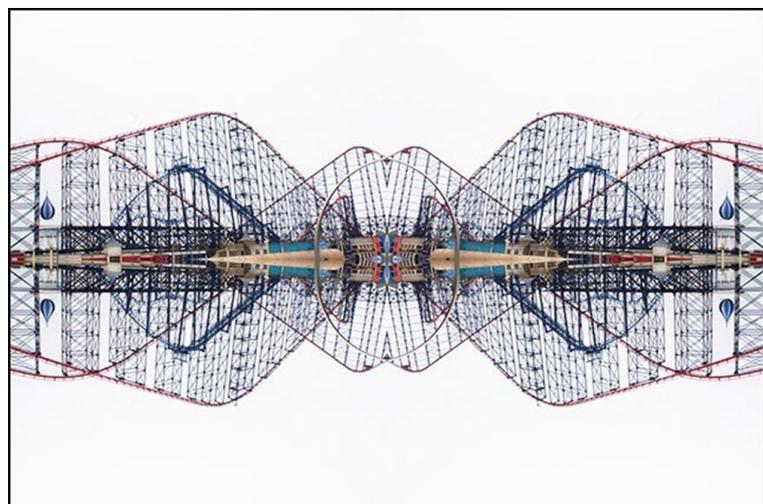
GCSE Photography students entered Poulton's Photographic Society Young Photographer of the year award in May. The competition was open to young people from all over the Fylde coast and was setup this year by the society's new Publicity Officer, Christine Storey. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 submitted photos which were all on show at Poulton Library and in the Masonic Hall on their Gala Day. The following students gained awards: Alana (Year 9) commended, Brandon (Year 11) commended, Isobel (Year 10) commended, Tiegan (Year 9) commended, Elysia (Year 11) highly commended and Ryan (Year 9) highly commended. Students from Montgomery also scooped 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in the senior section of the competition! David (Year 10) came 1st with a prize of £25, Daniel, (Year 11) came 2nd and Alex (Year 9) 3rd, winning a prize of £10. Well done to everyone who entered and thank you to Poulton Photographic Society for encouraging us to enter! Here are the 3 winning photos alongside the judges' commentary.



First Prize - Senior Section: David
Instant impact. Very strong composition. Exciting use of light and shade. Very adventurous crop - works well.



Third Prize - Senior Section: Alex
Items dropped in - technically difficult, well executed. Excellent composition.



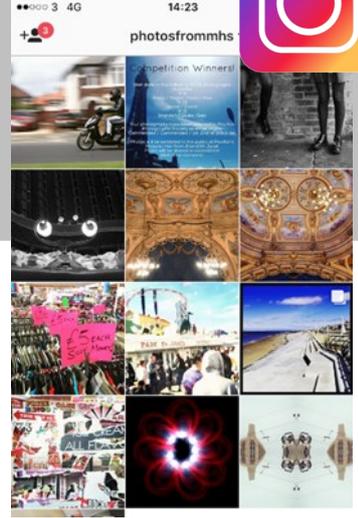
Second Prize - Senior Section: Daniel
Good processing of the original image. Simple graphic, eye-catching. The white background works well.

<http://www.poultonps.co.uk/Junior17.asp>



GCSE Photography is now on Instagram

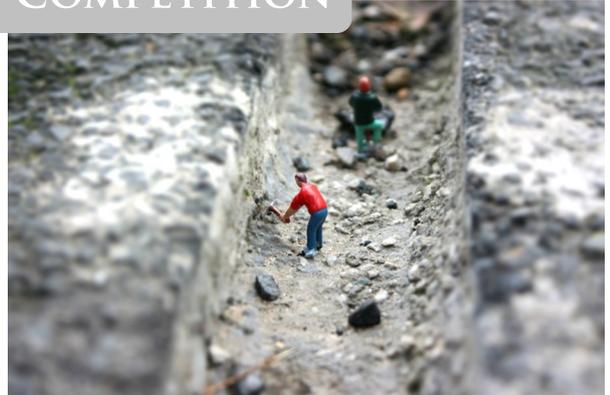
Earlier this year when the GCSE Photography students from Year 11 were taking photos for their exam, there were some fantastic images being produced. What better way to share student's photos than Instagram! Since April @photosfrommhs was born, and we've been sharing Year 9, 10 and 11's photos, with the world, each week. We've had a fantastic reaction from both local and global photographers appraising Montgomery High School students' work and giving them "a like!" Please do follow our account and keep up to date with students work.



BLACKPOOL SIXTH FORM 'YOUNG AT ART' COMPETITION



On the evening of Monday, 19th June, Blackpool Sixth opened its doors to art lovers, fashion enthusiasts, parents and students for its annual 'Young at Art' exhibition and fashion show. 'Young at Art' is



a prestigious graduation show for students from the Sixth Form's wide range of art and fashion courses.

The Sixth Form's large, open-plan art studio, the Frame, housed the exhibition of stunning work from A level students from fine art, combined art, graphic design, photography and textile courses. This year's show featured an amazing variety of photographs from Montgomery's current Year 11 students.

Four of whom received 'highly commended' and will be awarded art starter packs, if they join Blackpool Sixth Form in September. Well done to Shannon, Nathan, Mark and Daniel.

The Sixth Form are also arranging for this work to be displayed in Sainsbury's Superstore in Blackpool. Please keep your eyes peeled for them if you visit the store!

CAPTURING MOVEMENT IN SHUTTER SPEED

Year 9 photographers have been experimenting using a variety of shutter speed with their cameras, using a range of shutter speeds from 1/10th second up to 3 seconds, in order to capture blur and motion.

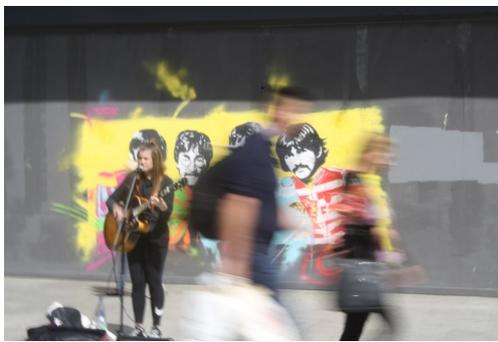
They have experimented with cameras on tripods and used a technique called 'panning' to move with a subject, like cars, to keep the focus on the subject and blur the background. Students have then used a range of adjustments in Photoshop to edit their images!



Year 10

Liverpool

Photography visit



On Monday, 26th June, Year 10 photography students joined geography students on a visit to Liverpool. During the course of the day, students took photos to supplement their 'Britishness' themed coursework. Students covered over 7.5 kilometres of the city on a walking tour that took in lots of the most iconic sights Liverpool has to offer.

We started at the perimeter of Albert Dock with students heading to the Bluecoat Chambers, which is considered one of the oldest buildings in Liverpool. Originally constructed as a charity school, the premises is now home to an arts centre. This is an amazing place to photograph symmetry in architecture, as the building sits in a beautiful small courtyard. From here, we headed up to Liverpool Lime Street and took in the views of the city, photographing the Radio City Tower and then crossing to take in the building which is considered the centre of the city, St. George's Hall. The large pillars and horizontal lines make it an imposing building, and great subject matter to experiment with shutter speed photos! A sigh of less than anticipation was heard when students were told that the next location we were going to photograph was the central library. However, when we arrived in the Picton Reading Room students were blown away by its beauty! The reading room was originally designed in 1879, however, recently the building underwent a huge redevelopment that took 5 years, which was designed to bring the old building up to date. Perfectly preserved in time, it was Harry Potteresque!

Our next location was the famous Cavern Club. The original Cavern Club opened as a jazz club, later becoming a centre of the rock and roll scene in Liverpool in the 1960s. The Beatles played in the club in their early years. The original Cavern club closed in March 1973 and was filled in during construction work on the Mersey Rail underground rail loop. The Cavern Club re-opened on 26 April 1984 and was rebuilt using many of the original bricks and to the original plans. Students were able to recognise some bands, which was quite surprising!

From here we visited the Queen Victoria Statue and then we meandered our way to the Liver Building, which houses the famous Liver Birds on its roof, one male, looking back across the city, the other female, looking out to sea. From here our whistle stop tour around the city was nearly complete. We then took in the Albert dock before students enjoyed some free time for lunch and free time to photograph Liverpool One. A fantastic and successful day was had with some amazing photographs taken! Well done Year 10!

Montgomery High School



Who would have thought it? All you have to do is hum the first bars of "Never going to give you up", because Rick Astley rules, and a number of Montgomery teachers, who probably should know better, end up as Youtube stars.

At the time of going to press the video recorded by our very own Student Leadership Team for use in their Leavers Assembly and then posted on Youtube, has had 11,482 "hits." It just goes to show that even the most unlikely people can become an internet sensation.



No not the film with Robert Downey Junior but the real thing.

People say “you must be crazy to work in a school”, but not as crazy as Mr Addison’s latest challenge. Mr Addison, who is our Design Technology Technician, has decided to challenge himself by taking part in one of the most difficult multi-sport endurance events called the “Ironman.” The Ironman challenge is about taking part in a long distance triathlon event which consists of a 2.4 mile swim in open water, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run, (yes a marathon!) all in one day consecutively, one after each other, all within a cut off time of 17 hrs.

Mr Addison has spent the past 30 weeks training for the event, he has even had to wake up at 4am just to get the training in over this time period. He has already spent over 200 hours training and completed over 2000 miles cumulatively across the three disciplines. Mr Addison’s challenge is taking place on the 16th July, 2017 in Bolton. We wish him the best of luck.



NCS is a government-backed summer programme that builds confidence, new friendships, CVs and UCAS forms, all at the same time. NCS Northwest have visited Year 11 this term in order to promote and to offer them the National Citizen Service and their summer 2017 programme. There are two waves of events that are available to Year 11’s this summer; 13th July – 4th August and 1st August – 23rd August. The three phases, which are run over approximately three weeks with a break in between, are; Phase 1 - Adventure, Phase 2 - Skills and Phase 3 - Social Action.

The National Citizen Service have showcased their programme to Year 10 students at Parents Evening and have been in school over lunch times.

If you would like some more information or would like to apply then you can visit www.ncsnorthwest.co.uk.

Please contact Mr Hegarty if you would like to attend but would struggle to pay the fee. Email: R.hegarty@montgomeryschool.co.uk

Ambition Points

Have you given 100% every lesson, every day?

A - Attendance

M - Montgomery Way

B - Bonus Points

I - Involvement In Extra Curricular

T - Tutor Checks

I - Involvement: Charity Events

O - Outstanding

N - Next Steps



Sports | Report

Cricket:

Leather on willow!

Congratulations to our Year 8, 9 and 10 cricketers who each took part in a tournament this term. They faced St. Mary's, Highfield, Unity and St. George's. All year groups showed off some great bowling and devastating batting skills.

The Year 8 team narrowly lost both games with the "Man of the match award going to Spencer.

The Year 9 team were victorious in both of their matches with the "Man of the match award jointly shared by Jamie, Matthew and Liam.

The Year 10's won one and lost one; "Man of the match" was Ben.



Rounders: The Year 9 rounders' team were, once again, victorious and crowned the Blackpool School's Champions for this academic year. Each player took to the pitch with a fierce and determined attitude on a glorious sunny June evening. Outstanding performances came from Keisha, who demonstrated exceptional fielding skills on 2nd base, Ella, who was consistently bowling hard and fast balls to her batting opponents, making it almost impossible for them to hit, and Sophia, who was "slogging" the ball as far as the eye could see.

Well done girls! You all played amazingly well and represented school in an impeccable manner. Let's hope we bring the trophy home for a 4th time next year, when we return as Year 10 competitors! Each and every one of you are an absolute pleasure to teach/coach. Keep up the hard work.

Football

In a keenly contested Year 9 Blackpool and Fylde Cup final, Montgomery played Millfield. Montgomery took the lead with an excellent goal from the outstanding Liam. Further goals from Ellis and Kyle gave Montgomery a 3-1 advantage. Millfield valiantly came back into the game and scored in the last 5 minutes to make it 3-3. In the last minute James Burgess made a great save and started an attack in which Ellis was fouled, 40 yards from goal. This allowed Liam to step up and launch a hopeful punt into the goal area, it caught the wind and sailed over the stricken goalkeeper to win the match with the last kick of the game. Well done boys!!



Year 8 Lancashire Cup run

This year, the Year 8 football team represented their school in the Lancashire Cup. With over 60 teams involved in this year's competition we are very proud to say that our run took us to the quarter final stages where we were beaten by the eventual winners. It is fantastic to say that the Year 8 Montgomery team are one of the 8 best teams in Lancashire.

1st Round: Penwortham Priory 2 – 3 Montgomery High School

2nd Round: Montgomery High School 5 - 4 DACA

3rd Round: Longridge High 4 – 5 Montgomery High School

QF: Montgomery High School 1 – 14 Moorland



The great footie double cup run!



Year 8 Fylde Cup run

The Year 8 team also did extremely well in reaching the final of the Fylde School Cup. The road to get there was short but sweet, having a bye in the first round, then a convincing victory against Hodgson in the semi-final meant that our Year 8's came up against a strong Lytham High team in the final. The final itself was a fantastic spectacle of football which was unfortunately influenced by the weather. It was a game of two halves, as Montgomery got to half time 4-1 up. However, with the wind during the second half, Lytham came out the winners by 6-4. The lads can take immense pride in their performance on that blustery evening and we are sure that had the weather not played a major part in the game then we may have come out on top.

Squad of Players: Francis, Declan, Josh, Lloyd, Ben, Dan, Isaac, Conna, Taylor, Donny, Ethan, Spencer, Lewis-George and Joe.



I am Learning



All students at Montgomery have access to I am learning.

I am learning is a games based revision and assessment system, its aim is to engage learners by allowing them to complete homework and access revision exercises for all subjects. To log into I am learning visit iamlearning.co.uk the login credentials for students are:

SchoolID: monfy2

Username: **firstnamesurname**

Password: **D.O.B (ddmmyyyy)**

Throughout the year the following students have been the highest users of I am learning. It is great to see that they are spending many hours enhancing their knowledge and understanding.



Year 7	Ceara	31 hours
Year 8	Elizabeth	14 hours
Year 9	Konna	30 hours
Year 10	Jodie	14 hours

Figure 1 The home screen when a student logs on

Outdoor Adventure Weekend



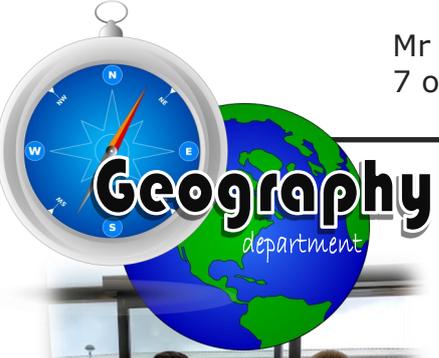
On Friday 30th June Mr Lewis escorted a group of Year 8 students to camp in the woods at Cholmondeley in Cheshire. Many of these students had been year long members of the Explorers Club, our geography extra-curricular club.

The students showed great resilience and teamwork across the two days – building their own survival shelters, which many of them slept under, making animal (and teacher!) traps, learning how to light a fire and cook a meal in the great outdoors. We congratulate the students because they all got stuck in and did amazingly well as a group.

The instructors commented on the high energy, good spirit and character of our students, saying that they had the most fun working with our school compared to any other. This is a testament to the good nature and character of Montgomery students involved.



Mr Lewis would thoroughly recommend the two day experience for Year 7 or 8 cohorts in the future as it was a great success.



We took four of our Year 9 Humanities students to a quiz hosted by Blackpool Sixth Form. Montgomery were represented by an array of talent who have opted to study a variety of Humanities subjects at GCSE; Hannah (studying R.E.), James (Geography), Katy (History) and Charlie (History & Geography). After a brief pep talk from Mr. Chandler about the position of their hands by the buzzer and not worrying about looking silly, the students took their place at the table. They acquitted themselves admirably and were involved in some very close rounds, especially against Unity. Before the semi-final Hannah took the role of team cheerleader, as her competitive side began to take over. Unfortunately, thanks to two members of Hodgson's team who wouldn't have looked out of place on the "Eggheads" programme, we were outclassed and exited the

FCAT Humanities Quiz at Blackpool Sixth Form

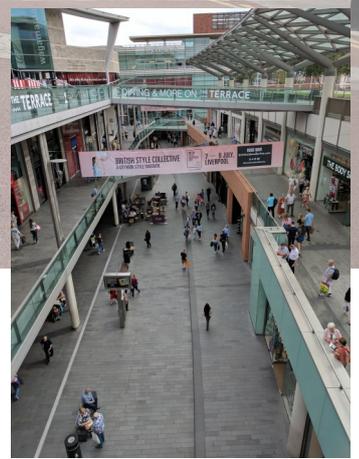
competition at the semi stage, losing to the eventual winners. We would like to thank the students for agreeing to take part, and we begin the "scouting" for next years Montgomery quiz team in earnest.

Cooking up an African Storm!

Mr Jacks' Year 7 class took part in a special treat on Friday, 9th June. As part of their current country study of Ghana in geography lessons, they ventured down to T Block to have a go at making their own Ghanaian cuisine. Students put together two different meals to taste test. Firstly, there was fufu with red pepper soup that is a very dry dough, with a spicy soup followed by fried plantain with a side of red beans. You could say Africa's take on chips with baked beans. The students had mixed opinions on the taste of the food, but they loved the opportunity to sample and learn how to cook it themselves! Special thanks go to Miss McKenna and Mrs Berry, for helping us use the fantastic catering facilities in T3 for the morning. Another geography lesson that will last in the memory.



Year 10 Geography Visit



ALBERT DOCK



On June 26th, the Geography department took 50 students on an educational visit to Liverpool in order to reinforce their understanding and knowledge of a UK urban study. Excitement for the visit had built quite early on for some students, and not a lesson went by without Caillum and Liam asking when we were going on "holiday". Luckily the forecasted rain had been pushed back to later that evening, so the day was set fair. We began our tour at the Albert Dock, a fine example of the regeneration of Liverpool's waterfront. Here we visited the International Slavery Museum and Museum of Liverpool. These museums allowed students to understand why Liverpool had grown as a result of the slave trade and then to understand the reasons for its gradual decline. The Museum of Liverpool had some excellent displays on what makes Liverpool a 'special' city to inhabit including; football, music and film.

We then made our way over to what most of the students wanted to see and experience and that was the regeneration case study of the retail centre— Liverpool One. As part of our time at Liverpool One we were given an excellent guided tour of the site by a member of the management team, during which the guide explained the growth and decline of Liverpool and the need for Liverpool One due to the decline of retail visitors to the city. The students also learned how much it cost and who funded it, why it was built and laid out in a certain way in order to increase footfall. The tour provided all of the knowledge needed by the students for their GCSE studies. While in the Central Business District, the students also fulfilled some of their own personal wishes too, whether that was a pair of JD shorts (Caillum) or a Wagamama's Lunch (Caitlin and Holly).

We know that this visit helped the students to see for themselves what they had studied in the classroom and for many, it was a wonderful experience of visiting a city new to them, whilst the sun cracked the flags!



Fact File



Where did you study geography?

The University of Liverpool from 1978 to 81 and I was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in 1988 and remain so to this day.

What or who inspired you to study this subject at degree level?

I actually studied Ecology and did so after reading an article in sixth form that was written by Howard Thomas Odum, a US Ecologist born in North Carolina in 1924. It was all about ecosystems. When I left university in 1981 there was a world economic recession and no jobs available for ecologists! The environment is always the first thing to be forgotten when there is no money. That's why I ended up teaching.

What is your favourite national geographical location and why?



This is a tough one! There are so many to choose from. The Giant's Cause Way in Northern Ireland. It's magical. I'll probably change my mind in the next few minutes though!!!



What is your favourite international geographical location, both rural and urban, and why? The Black Hills of South Dakota in the USA, though there are some stunning national parks to visit there, plus Hawaii; Maui in particular with its stunning volcano, Haleakala..... and for the urban location? I would be split between New Orleans in the US and Rome, the Eternal City. I adore Rome; the people, the food, the culture and the history.



What is your favourite local geographical location and why?



As I come from Barrow in Furness I would name a place more local to there than anywhere on the Fylde Coast; The Duddon Estuary in south Cumbria.

What geographic location that you haven't yet visited is top of your bucket list and why?

I want to visit Tierra del Fuego at the tip of South America because I would like to see the glaciers merging into the active volcanic landscape as well as the penguin colonies.



Which geography topic do you most like teaching and which do you dislike and why?

I love all aspects of geography but prefer to study the impact that people have on their environment, for better or worse. I think that's why the topic I least like to teach is glaciation. Not many people live in glaciated regions, but it's the actual physical formation and features of a glacier that I find least interesting.

GCSE RESULTS DAY 2017

Thursday 24th August

10AM -11AM

In the sports hall

Please note - after 11am results can be collected via main school reception

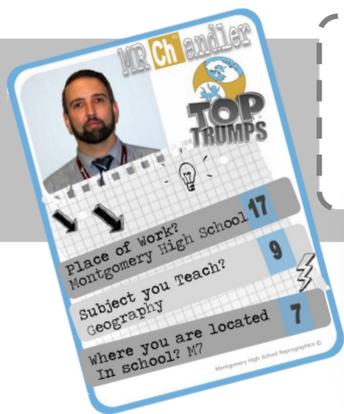


"Geography is a subject which holds the key to our future."

Michael Palin

English Comedian, Actor, Writer and Television Presenter.

I definitely agree with Michael Palin's sentiment.



Where did you study geography?
University of Hertfordshire



What or who inspired you to study this subject at degree level?
Travelling to and learning about other places around the world.

What is your favourite local geographical location and why?

Wyre Estuary – Good for walking with the kids and watching the jet skis and speedboats



What is your favourite national geographical location and why?

London – I love cities and the change that takes place within them, from historical, derelict industrial to skyscrapers.



What is your favourite international geographical location, both rural and urban, and why?

Rural – Iceland!! The place is amazing, really barren volcanic landscape with natural bubbling mud pools and geothermally heated pools to massive waterfalls and black sand beaches. A geographer's paradise!

Urban – Venice! Amazing place, messes with your head that you have to get a boat everywhere like a bus. Architecturally beautiful.



What geographic location that you haven't yet visited is top of your bucket list and why?

The Maldives - beautiful, hot, laid, back, won't be here much longer!

Which geography topic do you most like teaching and which do you dislike and why?

I hate glaciation!! BORING!
Love teaching tourism or urban changes – these topics are all around us.



Where did you study geography?
Leeds University

What is your favourite local geographical location and why?

I find the beach a relaxing place to unwind, particularly on a calm summer evening!

What is your favourite international geographical location, both rural and urban, and why? The Grand Canyon in Arizona, for its breath taking backdrop. Dubai has always fascinated me as it is at the forefront of futurism.



What or who inspired you to study this subject at degree level?

I have always had a passion for the natural world. My enthusiasm was further developed by my high school teacher, who I have the pleasure of working with today! I loved how geography answered so many of the questions I had about the world around me.

What geographic location, that you haven't yet visited, is top of your bucket list and why? I would love to go to the rain forest but my fiancé hates creepy crawlies!

Which geography topic do you most like teaching and which do you dislike and why? The "changing economic world" topic highlights human's thirst for wealth. It shows that many are willing to sacrifice the very world they live in to gain power and experience economic growth.
I most enjoy teaching tectonics as it shows Earth's ever changing nature and highlights its awesome power. Topics like this make you realise that humans will never truly control the earth.

LIGHTS! CAMERA!



BOO!

These students have become the first young actors to be trained and to perform at The Blackpool Tower Dungeon.

The Year 11 Montgomery School students enrolled with the Dungeon's Acting Academy and performed a scary show after months of coaching from the ghoulish character actors.

They spent 6 weeks training under the guidance of the actors, who play the eerie roles to tens of thousands of visitors each season.

After a dress rehearsal, the students performed a special show for friends and family at a closed performance worthy of critical acclaim.

The students were thrilled by the experience of rehearsing and performing in the Dungeon and celebrated with their VIP audience, after the show in the Hangman's Tavern. Speaking after the show about her debut, Emily said: "It was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I'll remember forever."

Budding actress Chloe said: "It's been the most amazing experience and has made me think about where I want to go in the future."

Jack beamed: "I never believed such an incredible opportunity would be so close to home."

The Blackpool Tower Dungeon Academy is a special package offered, to secondary schools, for students in Year ten and above.

Students have the opportunity to experience The Blackpool Tower Dungeon Tour, work with actors to improve drama skills and confidence, and, most importantly, to perform.

Sharon Lancaster, Performance Manager at The Blackpool Tower Dungeon, said: "We are so proud of the Montgomery School students, their performance was flawless, spooky and fun."

"We have seen the children blossom in their roles and they loved every minute of it. There were no nerves on the night and they performed like true professionals."

"Our cast of characters have been amazing teachers and gave the students a real masterclass on acting and I hope they are inspired to follow in their footsteps into the performing arts."



Lines learned, rehearsing done, make up and costumes on – ready for action!

WHO ELSE IS UP FOR IT?



tasty

We recently sent our catering manager and a representative from our Human Resources team to investigate the food that would be on offer to all our students from September, 2017.

Our new caterers will be Chartwells. A sample menu has been included in this report. We are pleased to report that our intrepid tasting team found what was on offer to be "absolutely delicious!" We can't wait to try it all out.



Chartwells
EAT LEARN LIVE



With its backside freshly stuffed with boiled sweets, chocolate and joke false teeth...

It has survived everything from Danny running off and tossing it over the school fence, to a young Chloe, relieving it of a stash of sherbet lemons because she announced she needed lunch.

Yeah - a **free** lunch, Lady!

After the final history exam, it started to look as if "El Pinata" would retain its charmed existence!

How "it" laughed at the wafts of fresh air Connor attempted to demolish it with...

It guffawed in the face of Joe - despite Morgan pointing exactly to where the Donkey was hanging!

"It's there, Joe. Why, it's right there in front of you! Hit it with the stick - yes, that very stick you have in your hand, Joe! Just... just hit it. Oh, give it to me, then! Do I have to do everything around here?"

It didn't even bother to swing around and acknowledge the fruitless vapour-like swats of James.

Even with Morgan potentially breaking into a minor sweat, the vertically challenged Equidae remained positively disinterested...

But cometh the hour... **COMETH THE Special Support Assistant Social Media** will be awash with rumour that Mrs Evans took him down in one swipe...KAPOW!!!!

We agreed then... it hasn't all been tears and frustrations ... somewhere along the years, jolly japes were had!

SAMPLE MENU

Monday

Cottage Pie
Penne Pasta Vegetable Bake
Twice Cooked Crumble with Custard

Tuesday

Piri Piri Chicken Thigh with Spicy Rice
Bean and Vegetable Chilli with Spicy Rice
Peach Melba Slice

Wednesday

Twice Cooked Belly of Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy
Cauliflower and Creamed Corn Bake with Roast Potatoes
Apple and Blackberry Pie with Custard

Thursday

Katsu Chicken Curry with Wholegrain Rice
Sweet Potato & Bean Coconut Stew
Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard

Friday

Lemon and Lime Battered Fish and Chips
Spicy Bean Burger with Warm Berry Compote



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Chartwells
EAT LEARN LIVE

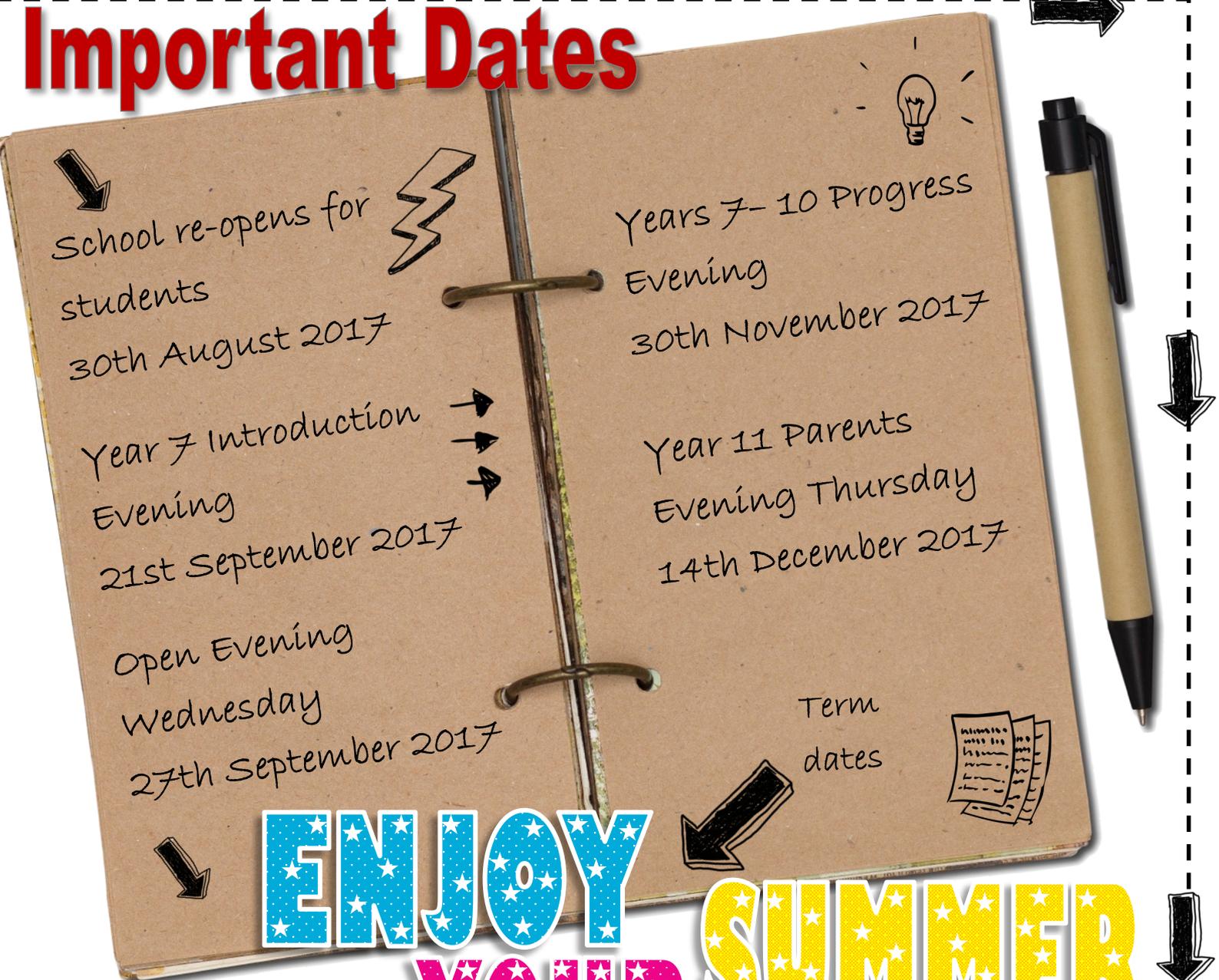
Time to say... Good..... Grief? Good riddance?? Or Good-bye!!!!

Nothing like a good leaving ritual! As the last four Year 11 students that Mr Byrne worked with in the Student Support Centre left the pitch...

Almost five years we've been waiting to say 'Hasta La Pinata' to this piece of multi-coloured... cardboard.



Important Dates



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER
See you at the end of August

Dates for your diary

Autumn 2017 Term

Tuesday	29th August	Inset Day
Wednesday	30th August	School Opens
Monday	23rd October	Half Term
Friday	3rd November	Closure (inclusive)
Wednesday	20th December	School Closes
Thursday	21st December	Inset Days
Friday	22nd December	

Spring 2018 Term

Monday 8th January	School Opens
Monday 12th February	Half Term
Friday 16th February	Closure (Inclusive)
Friday 23rd March	School Closes

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