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Well Done To Our Young Authors

Our students proved their skills when their 'Blue' anthology was published through Amazon's Young Author Project. The book, named after the tale penned by Fraser Sutherland in Year 10, features work by 29 of our students aged between 11 and 18.

Jenny Darley and Daisy Gibbons from Year 7 were among those taking part in the project. Jenny said, "We had fun writing it together and found it good practice for our writing skills." Daisy added, "We like the fact that we are actual published writers."

The 'Blue' anthology is available from Amazon in both Kindle and paperback editions.



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Year 10 German Trip

During the half term break, some of our Year 10 GCSE German group visited Cologne. We departed at midnight on Sunday, with plenty of Starbucks and McDonalds breaks. Finally, we arrived at the A&O Hostel Köln Neumarkt on Monday. We then had an enjoyable evening walking around a local park and catching up on sleep.

On Tuesday, we visited the Sports and Olympics museum where we got to experience sports through the ages. Next, we stopped at a shop where we indulged in Köln's finest chocolate. After a short bus journey we arrived at the famous Köln Cathedral. In the afternoon we practised our German by ordering delicious cakes and followed it up by a long afternoon filled with shopping. To end the evening off we had a fun night of bowling.



On Wednesday, we went to Siegfrieds Musik Kabinett which is a museum filled with historic mechanical musical instruments from a range of time periods. We then went on a cable car ride over a vineyard and took in the amazing views. We had a stroll round the small town and ordered some refreshing ice cream.

On Thursday we went on a river cruise along the Rhein and got a glimpse of the beautiful scenery bordering the river. We then visited the Romanticum and experienced first-hand the history of the area.

On Friday we travelled home. On the way, we stopped off in Ypres, Belgium. In Ypres, we visited the Menin Gate and a luxurious chocolate shop.

We were so excited to get home but we were disappointed our trip was already over.



Year 10 Silver DofE Expedition 2019

Well done to this year's Silver DofE students who recently completed the Expedition section and formal presentation to leaders, assessors and parents. The Expedition was carried out in the Forest of Dean again this year.

The last day started on a real dampener with heavy rain but, once groups had found shelter for breakfast and got started, they took it all in their stride realising you could not get any wetter - 'character building' we told them! After a long and demanding walk, they all got back and enjoyed a takeaway and a bath at home. This was all they had needed as a driving force!

Our students once again have shown fantastic effort and a great work ethic through all the build-up walks and the training day in school. We are now encouraging them to finish all the other elements to complete their award. The Presentation Evening was a great time to celebrate their success and toils and they can now really look forward to the summer!

For the staff, we now look forward to starting again with Year 9 - talk about painting the Forth Bridge! Thanks to all the staff and students who helped out and participated in making DofE Silver an enjoyable experience for everyone this year.



Rainy days and sunshine....



Inspired by Harry Potter!

On 8th July, all of the Year 5 students from Holywell Primary visited Waseley for an English and Science morning. The aim was to inspire students to read and to encourage students to complete Science practicals by following instructions and working safely.

With the help of our Sixth Form students, we conducted a potions lesson, much like Professor Slughorn's lessons! The students also made their own broomstick bookmarks to use for their summer reading.

The Holywell students worked extremely well and enjoyed a truly magical Monday!



Waseley Bake-Off Helps Children In Malawi



KS3 winners for Rome - Miss Crowther-Green, Emily Wormald & Ella O'Kane

Well done to everyone who took part in the Interhouse Bake-Off this term as it was for a very good cause - the Friends of Sick Children charity. The Bake Sale raised £41.60 for children we help to support in Malawi. A couple of their stories are highlighted here.



Friends of Sick Children in Malawi is a UK charity which aims to improve the care of 90,000+ sick children admitted to or seen each year in the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Malawi.



KS4 winners for Sparta - Mr Blatherwick-Hindmarsh, Immie Williams & Sarah Crockett



Miss Horton and her Troy team - Alyssa Gallagher and Chloe Bentley

6-year old Bridget from Nawera village has cerebral palsy quadriplegia. She stopped going to school in early 2017 because of mobility challenges. She did not feel good seeing her friends going to school while she stayed at home lying on a mat or crawling. She now has a wheelchair and can return to school and socialise with the friends she has missed.

15-month old Mayeso from Tumeyo village lives with cerebral palsy which means he has poor head control and a weak trunk. He has been supplied with a home chair which helps with both those issues and means he is not confined to a life on the 'floor'.

Speak And Be Heard



On Thursday 13th June, Speakers Trust visited the school. They specialise in enhancing students' speaking and communication skills.

Thirty selected Year 10 students participated in a full day of programmed activities, concluding with all participants writing a speech about a subject that they were passionate about. This speech was then presented to the rest of the group and three student judges: Lauren Bent (Head Girl),

Joshua Roberts (Deputy Head Boy) and Rebecca Venables (Deputy Head Girl).

There were three winners: William Higgins, Ben Johnson and Immie Williams who all won a £20 amazon voucher. There were also four honourable mentions: Niamh Garstang, Sarah Crockett, Davina Sandhu and Mackenzie Moore.

One of the winners, Immie Williams, said, "It was a really useful workshop. It helped boost my confidence and the skills I learnt will help me moving forwards."

Head of Year 10 Mr Blount said, "The day pushed students well out of their comfort zone. The change in confidence levels throughout the day was clearly visible and I want to give my congratulations to everybody who made a speech."

Jamaal O'Driscoll, AimHigher

Sixth Form Garden Project

Mr Mitchell and his Sixth Form students have been putting their backs into a monumental effort to prepare an area of the school site near the old mobiles for their own use as a Sixth Form chill-out space.

Shrubs and small trees have been removed, grass cut and general tidying up has taken place to make the area suitable. They plan to install seating and are also considering approaching local plant nurseries for donations and sponsorship.

Blood, sweat and tears (particularly from Mr Mitchell) have gone into this project – now we just need the weather for students to be able to enjoy it!



Year 7 Chess Players



Chess has always been very popular in the library. This term, Year 7 chess players took part in a chess workshop with chess player Nigel Towers. Nigel was impressed with their knowledge of and enthusiasm for the game and is hoping to come back next term with an ex-pupil who is now a chess grand master.

The students really enjoyed the time with Nigel and Mrs. Amato, School Librarian, has noticed that the games following his visit have even more of a competitive edge.



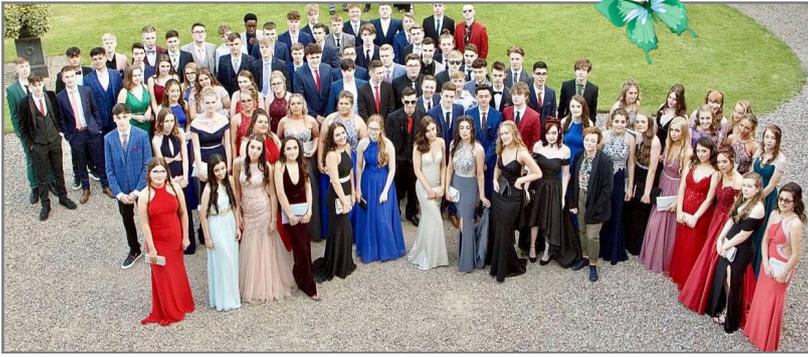
The ICT/Computing department is once again proud to be participating in the inspiring international 'iDEA' programme led by the Duke of York.

iDEA is an online programme that helps people of all ages develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free.

Through a series of online challenges, you can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised awards that help you stand out from the crowd.

At Waseley, Years 7-10 are encouraged to work on each of the challenges to earn points for the Bronze and Silver awards. A Gold award is soon to be launched.

Year 11 Prom



Year 11 have been working hard this term and have now completed their GCSE exams. On 27th June, we held the annual Year 11 Prom at Grafton Manor in Bromsgrove to celebrate with the year group.

This year, students have had the opportunity to earn Prom awards each half term through study effort and commitment as well as attendance and achievement.

Prizes included vouchers for local beauty and hair salons, money off the Year 11 Yearbook, hoodies, prom dresses and suits as well as extra goodies on the evening for themselves and friends. They also had the opportunity to win golden tickets for the evening.

We would like to thank local companies, namely Elegant Gowns, Hidden Beauty Lounge, Benessere Beauty, Grass Roots Barbers and Marks & Spencer for their contributions.

Be You Graduates

The fantastic 'Be You' Project involved thirteen of our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils meeting every Tuesday to develop their team skills, leadership and confidence. The project included in-school activities as well as community work and visits.

Graduation day was 9th July and the pupils celebrated their successes by bravely showcasing their achievements and feelings in speeches to an audience of teachers, family and friends. We hope they will continue to build on our school ethos of *Aspire, Invest, Respect*.



Sixth Form Prom



Sixth Form Prom was held on Friday 5th July at Henley-in-Arden Golf Club. The weather was beautiful and the students looked fabulous as always.

Troy Triumph!



We have had another successful Sports Day again this year despite the unpredictable weather at times. Lots of students got involved with both track and field events and enjoyed representing their houses.

Quite a few school records were broken, in particular by Hollie Sheppard who now holds the Javelin record in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10! Congratulations to Troy who were the winning house yet again!

Final Scores:

- 4th = Rome 1130 points
- 3rd = Athens 1220 points
- 2nd = Sparta 1240 points
- 1st = Troy 1650 points

And finally - a big congratulations to Amy Roadknight who has been appointed an Archery GB Young Ambassador. It will be her task to help raise the profile of archery across the UK.