



### ASPIRATIONAL & ENJOYABLE ENRICHMENT -

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In this week's newsletter we focus on just some of our many events, competitions and extra curricular programmes outside of lessons. These help to make our student's seven year journey full of unforgettable memories and aspirational opportunities, such as our Year 7 visit to the University of Birmingham. Offering a rounded and diverse extra curricular and enrichment programme is extremely important to us, with our community enjoying opportunities across the curriculum and beyond during their time outside the classroom.

I would like to congratulate our Year 7 rounders team for their performance in this week's tournament, it is a privilege to represent the school and the students were a credit to our community with their attitude and determination. In addition, this week many of our Duke of Edinburgh Award students celebrated as they reached key milestones, receiving their Bronze or Gold Awards. This nationally recognised award programme allows our students to build a wide set of skills, highly prized

by future employers, as well as enjoying a taste of exploration and adventure. They should all be incredibly proud of their achievements.

Best wishes,

**Lisa Hickman, Headteacher**

### EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AT ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT



On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, girls from Year 7 took part in a rounders tournament between Hinckley Academy, St Martins, Market Bosworth, Hasting and Redmoor.

"It's the first time any of these girls have played in a fixture and with only a few training sessions we were a little nervous, however, we really stepped up with some fantastic catches, superb strikes and plenty of rounders," said Mrs Cheney, Teacher of PE.

The team ended up finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, with an excellent performance by all students.

Mrs Cheney and Miss Lewis would like to say a big 'Well Done' to everyone who took part!



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# STUDENTS EXPERIENCE UNIVERSITY LIFE

This week Year 7 students enjoyed a visit to the University of Birmingham to get a taste of university life. In this week's newsletter, our Year 7 marketing ambassadors share just some of their trip highlights...

## Lapworth Museum

"During our University of Birmingham tour we visited their on-site museum, called the Lapworth Museum. In the Museum they had all sorts of exhibits such as; dinosaurs, fossils, gems, old books, paintings and more!! As we entered our ambassadors led us through the grand doors and the first thing you saw was a ginormous Allosaurus. As we ventured further into the museum we saw a large collection of gems and many different colours! One was even neon yellow! One other thing we saw was a large collection of beautiful paintings!



Our time at the University of Birmingham was amazing and such an incredible opportunity to actually go to a university and see such an amazing campus!" - **Charlotte, Year 7**

## Games in the lecture room

"One of the first activities in the impressive University of Birmingham was a fun selection of games in teams led by our ambassadors. First of all we experienced a university quiz game called 'spin to win', with luck deciding our scores and where we were in the exciting leader board of universities competing. This involved answering questions and spinning the wheel to see how many points your team got.

We were delighted with the competitive aspect to these first few hours and the fun continued with a subject themed game of Pictionary. This is a simple game of thinking as fast as you can. One student would see a subject on a card selected by an ambassador. The student would then draw the subject how they wish and see if their team could figure it out. This was an enjoyable task for all in the early hours of this exciting trip." - **Henry, Year 7**



## The Campus

"During the trip to the University of Birmingham, we were given an exclusive tour of the extensive campus. We viewed many notable locations like the Main Library, the bridge that generated electricity as we walked on it, the famed sports hall which has been used for some events at the Commonwealth Games, and the mighty clocktower that stands at a whopping 328ft in height!" - **Noah, Year 7**



## Lunchtime

"After the fun games we got a selection of food: chicken, jacket potato, nachos, burritos and sandwiches with a wide selection of drinks to choose from. We sat outside to eat our lunch in the sun and got to chill for a while, also taking picturesque photos to show our family." - **Isabella, Year 7**



*Photos taken by Year 7 students and staff*

# DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD NEWS

## Bronze

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme finished this week, to celebrate we played different team games including group skipping, Kim's game, human knot and more. Groups made hot chocolate using the Tranigia for the last time and our final game involved everyone running around to capture the flag. Our young people were all presented with their first aid certificates and those that had completed their full Bronze award received their certificate and pin badge. Congratulations and well done to all. —**Amy Fennell, DofE Co-Ordinator**

## Awards

Congratulations to the following young people in Year 10 who have completed their Bronze awards this week:

Maggie
Sophie
Emily
Holly
Harriet
Alistair
Jack
Rhys



## Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Achievement

Congratulations to Maggie who has recently achieved her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, she will now be invited to the palace at some point this year. Maggie has now completed all three levels of her Duke of Edinburgh's award.

**Volunteering:** Maggie volunteered for 12 months, at her local Brownie unit, where she helped to provide a fun filled programme for the 7 to 10 year olds. From sports and games, to arts and crafts, Maggie's leadership and communication developed with confidence.

**Physical:** For 12 months, Maggie has continued to improve her overall fitness and stamina by trampolining weekly at a local club. Her assessor indicated that Maggie has really grown as a trampolinist over the time, practising different routines has enabled her to enter competitions with a successfully outcome.

**Skill section:** Maggie decided to use this opportunity to become more independent and improve her cooking ability. For 6 months, she has produced a variety of vegan treats for her family including cakes, biscuits, pastries, bread and puddings. To finalise the section, Maggie produced her very own cookbook.

**Residential:** Maggie attended a Geography field trip course in Somerset for 4 nights and 5 days. This experience involves meeting the other members of the group for the first time, often stepping out of her comfort zone and working together with people she did not know.

**Expedition:** Maggie was part of a team of 6 who took on Snowdonia for their walking adventure, they set themselves a challenging route which tested their physical and mental stamina. They coped with and overcame all the challenges to complete a very successful expedition. As the expedition developed, they learned the importance of good teamwork and all grew in maturity.

Maggie made an excellent team member. Her team members recognized someone who was always interesting to talk to and entertaining, she boosted her team's morale and helped them bond.



**'Congratulations on becoming a Gold Award holder Maggie, well deserved. Well done!' - A very proud DofE team.**

# BEAVER BUS REMINDER

A reminder for all parents that the **deadline to sign up for travel on the Beaver Bus is 01/08/2022**. Please sign up before this date by using the following link [www.beaver-bus.co.uk/school-buses/](http://www.beaver-bus.co.uk/school-buses/)

Beaver Bus Company are now also able to accept entitled passenger reservations for 2022-23 by using the following link [www.beaver-bus.co.uk/school-buses-entitled-reservation-form/](http://www.beaver-bus.co.uk/school-buses-entitled-reservation-form/)

## EXCELLENT WORK IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

We are proud to share an update regarding the hard work of our Year 9 students in their Design and Technology lessons with Mr Pitchford. Two weeks ago we shared that the class were hard at work producing metal statuettes to celebrate an event and are delighted to share that more students have now completed their figurines with fantastic results, as you can see from the photos on the right.

Students researched the type of figure they wanted to make by collecting images and turning them into stick people, they then marked out metal bars so they knew where to bend and then hammer their figures into shape. The heads were then permanently connected to the body using brazing.

In addition, Year 7 students have also been enjoying their Design and Technology lessons by making an apprentice piece that demonstrates that they know how to use the following tools; rule, tri square, bench hook, saw, pillar drill and the disk sander. The project gives students confidence and skills in using machines and tools in the workshop. Keep up the great work!



*Year 9 students produce celebratory statuettes in Design and Technology*



*Some of our Year 7 students have started making an apprentice piece to showcase their use of tools and to build confidence*

## UNIFORM

Please note that all students are expected to return to wearing their full uniform with pride from Monday 20th June, including their school tie and blazer.

**DATE REMINDER**  
**INSET DAY -**  
**29th June 2022**

A reminder that our original INSET Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled and therefore our students are expected to be in school as normal on this day.  
However, our INSET day on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June will continue as planned.