



The Warriner School

Newsletter

Issue 85

June 2017

Year 9 Students and the Army

Year 9 Enrichment Day was an eye to the future for many students as they embarked on their GCSE subjects in earnest. When I rang the army to book their Outreach Team I was asked how many I would like to come?... "All of them if possible," I replied. Well we didn't quite get that many, but the guys who came certainly treated our students to a couple of fantastic days; team building and problem solving that provided true challenge and enrichment. Corporal Ingham and the crew guided teams of our students through a multitude of activities that brought out qualities in our boys and girls that perhaps even they never knew existed. Many students who sometimes provide interesting lessons for teachers, demonstrated good leadership skills and others proved to be really valuable team members who could work together cooperatively to solve problems. In all of the groups we found resilience to failure and a persistence to complete tasks which was a credit to our young generation.

As well as the activities, our students were able to find out more about life in the army and the variety of careers that this branch of our armed forces offer. Many students said they would consider the army as a career and hadn't appreciated the further education the army could provide with qualification routes up to degree level. Not to mention no debt but, a really good wage as well. The message from the Army was.. any career you want to pursue ... you can pursue with us '. The most popular activity was the Airsoft Firing Range which provided my personal highlight as I significantly outperformed Mr Lowdell....no seriously... Joseph Williams put in a really good performance... well done Joseph!

Finally thank you to Mr Hawkes for helping out and sparing the Airsoft target (LOL).. and, Mr Lowdell for stepping into the breach and running an afternoon dodgeball tournament when it rained on day 2.

Mr Nigel Smith *Careers Leader*



<i>In this issue</i>	
Oliver Hall Work Experience	2
Sixth Form Latin	2
Duke of Edinburgh Update	3
Multi-Sports Games Area	4
Fundraising for Redwings	5
Year 8 Woodlands	5
Deddington Writing Competition	5
Lost Property	5
Cake Sale for Cancer Research UK	6
Getting the "Edge" in Year 7	6
Penpal Letters	6
School Term & Holiday Dates	7
PE Department—Swimmer News	7
Year 11 ASDAN Travel to Oxford	7
Cake Sale in aid of "Dementia UK"	7
Enrichment Days	8

Contact us...
 The Warriner School
 Banbury Road, Bloxham
 Oxfordshire OX15 4LJ
01295 720777
01295 721676
 admin.4007@warriner.oxon.sch.uk

Oliver Hall Work Experience 2017 Election Year

When I applied to 10 Downing Street for work experience I did it because I thought that although I probably wasn't going to get it, it was worth a try. A few months later, just before Christmas, I found out that I had been successful and that I would be spending a week in central London working for the Prime Minister. I was overjoyed at this news and couldn't wait to get there on May 8th.

On the Monday morning, I was told to identify myself to the police at the Downing Street gates on Whitehall. After this I was escorted down the street to Number 10's door, where I had my photo taken whilst Larry the Downing Street cat sat beside me. Once inside security told me to wait in an adjoining room, underneath a staircase; it was at this point that the Chancellor Philip Hammond was coming down the stairs and he was kind enough to stop and talk to me about the type of work I'd be doing throughout the week. After a few minutes my office buddy took me through to the office where I was introduced to the staff and given a security brief.

My job was to enter all of the incoming post into the database and then pass it on to the different departments. Whilst sometimes tedious, it was interesting to read what people were saying about the Prime Minister's actions and comments on certain issues. On the Wednesday, the Secretary General of NATO was visiting and thus there was a lock-down across the entire street complex. As this lock-down ended, I was leaving for lunch and passed Theresa May in the corridor as I was walking outside of Number 10. It was a surreal experience because as I came out of the door a large group of tourists standing at the end of the street started taking photos of me, assuming I was part of the visiting delegation.

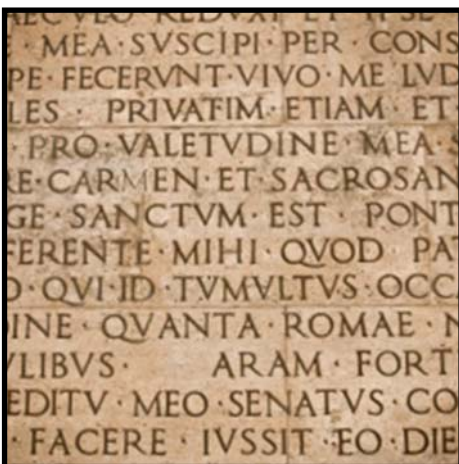
On Thursday afternoon, I was invited to listen to a history speech in the Pillared Room given by Lord Kenneth Morgan; an esteemed historian known for his work on Lloyd George. This gave me a chance to see the stateroom in detail and hear about the history of the building. I found the speech extremely interesting as it discussed the political climate of WW1 Britain.

On the Friday I was able to work with security at Number 10's iconic door. This meant that I opened the door for any people coming in and out, along with the security of the gates. Whilst I was on security, Boris Johnson came through the street to get into the Foreign Office.



Oliver Hall

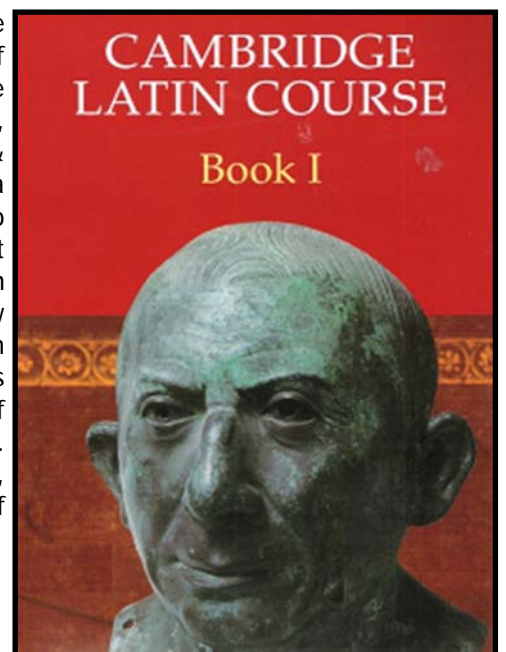
Sixth Form Latin



Successes on the Latin horizon continue to mount up. Another contingent of Sixth Form students has risen to the challenge of learning some basic Latin, and in doing so have gained their 1st & 2nd Cambridge Latin Certificates. In a few cases, the top marks were close to the maximum, with one student achieving an unprecedented 100% in the second test. Students can now include these certificates on application forms, and learning Latin also qualifies as a new skill on The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, at gold level. If there are any more takers out there,

I will be very happy to run a class in this new academic year. Let me know if you are interested.

Simon Lewis
Commander in Chief,
2nd Bloxham Legion (Legio Warrinerensis)





Following on from the article that I wrote for the National DofE magazine in January, imagine our surprise when we received an invitation to the Buckingham Palace garden party on Thursday 1st June 2017. We had been chosen from the DofE South East Region, having excelled in all that we do for DofE at The Warriner School—in fact, we were the only school from the SE Region! In 2015, we drew up a development plan, to put into place in 2018. So far, all our plans have worked out well and as many of you know, we have now introduced successfully Year 9 to Bronze, Year 10 to Silver and will wait until Sixth Form to introduce the students to Gold DofE. To date, we have over 220 students on the award.



Dr Kay and I were extremely privileged to represent the whole of the DofE team at the Garden Party. At The Warriner School, we pride ourselves with the fact that we have a great team leading the students forward—the teachers are committed to expedition training, supporting the students with their activities and assessing them if they are doing an activity that fits in with the teachers skills.

We were blessed with perfect weather—blue sky and a little breeze so that we didn't overheat! We had planned to arrive early and we ended up right at the front of the queue outside Buckingham Palace and so when the gates opened, we were some of the first to enter the palace. It was all breathtaking, from the palace entrance right through to the magnificent gardens, with not a weed in sight! We were able to walk around the gardens, drinking lemon barley water with ice and studying the lovely flower borders and trees, whilst listening to the military band.

3 weeks prior to the event, we had been sent a letter as we had been selected to see the Duke of Edinburgh and so we had to meet in the Bow Room for briefing before standing in line for when His Royal Highness reached our group! It was a nerve-racking experience but we spoke about what we did at The Warriner School. I also had the opportunity to thank him for setting up the award 61 years ago. Following this, we were able to have some refreshments and walk around taking everything in. They handed out tubs of ice-cream as it was so hot! We listened to some more music and then at 6pm we left the palace to wend our way home.

A great experience—we are very proud of how the staff work as a team, providing excellent help for the students on the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Mrs Julie Wood—Duke of Edinburgh Manager of The Warriner School, Bloxham

Silver Practice Expedition

It was a great experience to spend time in the Isle of Purbeck for our Year 10 Silver D of E expedition practice. Each team worked well together navigating the coastline - with a total of around 30km walked over the 2 days. There was great scenery whilst walking along the coast and we were lucky to avoid the rain (mostly!). However, the nights were not as dry and packing up wet tents was not as fun! Despite the weather all the teams successfully completed the challenge and are looking forward to the qualifying expedition in September when we go to the Peak District.

Owen Knox



A Whopping £180,000 Secured!!

Can you help us to complete our Multi-sports Games Area? We've got the talent. We've got the aspirations. But we need the funds to realise our vision for our school and village community...

We have worked tirelessly to raise funds to transform our old netball courts into an all-weather, floodlit, Multi-sports games Area, which will provide 4 tennis courts, 3 netball courts, 1 tournament netball court, 3 5-a-side football pitches and a junior sized football pitch that can be enjoyed all year around.

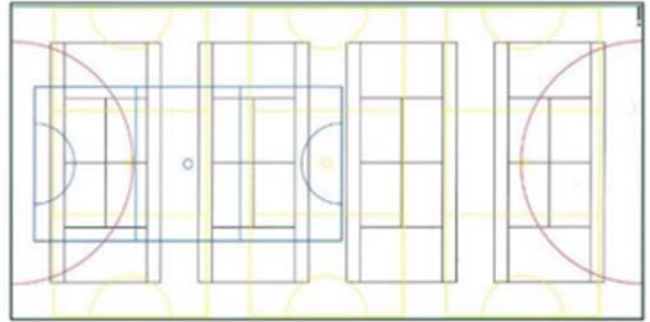
This will be a fabulous asset for both our school and catchment village community and we currently have many local community sports clubs eagerly awaiting its completion.

To date we have secured an impressive £180,000 via Community Sports and Education Section 106 (new housing developer) contributions and school fundraising. We are now running a fundraising campaign to raise the remaining £20,000, where we are appealing to our school, village and business community to help us reach our target.

We would be extremely grateful if you would consider making a donation towards this development which is going to greatly benefit our students. You can donate via www.mydonate.bt.com/events/warrinermultisports/438964. Please contact Esther Rolls e.rolls@warriner.oxon.sch.uk / 01295 720777 for more information.

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED - THANK YOU—Esther Rolls—Development Officer

MULTI-SPORTS GAMES AREA



Congratulations 8D-RLE for the Fundraising that you have raised this Year—Great Work!



Year 8 Woodlands 21st to 26th May

46 Year 8 students spent the week at Woodlands Outdoor Education Centre, for a week full of activities that proved to be both fun and challenging.

Split into four groups they spent the days rock climbing, canoeing, caving, gorge walking and mountain walking. The evenings were spent doing team building activities, orienteering and an evening walk with beautiful views of the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons.

Students also wrote diaries to reflect on challenges, team work, communication and empathy. Not only were the students challenged physically, some achieved things they never thought possible, including living without electronic devices and social media. Life skills and independence being an important part of the course, students learned valuable skills for the future. We were exceptionally lucky with the weather and the students were absolutely fantastic!

Jackie Cunningham



Proud Relatives Attend Deddington Writing Competition Awards Ceremony in Deddington Parish Church

"A writer is someone who has taught his mind to misbehave." Oscar Wilde

Students across Oxfordshire, from Headington School in the south to The Warriner in the north, showcased their creative skills by writing short stories and poems on this year's theme - 'Discovery'. The Warriner contributed with many entries and 17 of our students were shortlisted for awards. The three judges, Jo Eames, John Landaw and David Hingley, all of whom are local ambassadors for creative writing, presented the winning entries and Ellie Garnett read short extracts bringing the written word to life. The following Warriner students came away with fantastic awards:

KS3 Story 2nd place - Charlie Blackmore

KS4 Poetry 1st place - Ellie Alsworth

KS4 Poetry 2nd place - Callum Scott

KS4 Poetry 3rd place - Lauren Campbell

KS4 Story 1st place - Alisha Wood

KS4 Story 2nd place - Evie Woodley

KS4 Story 3rd place - Maisie Swash



The Deddington Writing Competition encourages young writers to 'keep writing!' and considering how talented our students are I very much hope that they do.

Miss Marie Johansson *Teacher of English*

LOST PROPERTY

May we remind parents to ensure that all uniform, sports kit, bags etc. are clearly labelled with their child's full name in permanent ink. This makes it easier to find the person concerned and return their property.

If an item is named a note will be put in the register for the student to collect from the Lecture Theatre.



Steph Bower's Cake Sale for Cancer Research UK

We are pleased to announce that Steph Bower's staff and student cake sales from the last week of term 6 raised a tremendous **£253** for Cancer research UK. Most families have been touched by cancer as it had in Steph's, and she felt it was a very worthy charity to support. Steph Bower thanked Evie, Eppie, Gemma, Erin and Daniella for their help on both days and their amazing baked goods. Steph would also like to thank the teachers and students who supported us by buying cakes! A special thanks to Mr Bedlow, Mr Knowles and Dr Kay for their support and help in making this a successful and fun day. We are pleased to announce the winners of the raffled cookies were Jason Whitton and Scarlett Ross and the winner of the raffled cake was Connor Southwood from the IT Support Office! Thank you for making this such a success, and supporting Cancer Research UK.



Getting the "Edge" in Year 7

During terms 5 and 6, all Year 7 students embarked upon a new strategy called 'Early Edge' Their challenge was to create and carry out 5 different 'experiences', to allow our students to build invaluable life skills - LEADERSHIP, ORGANISATION, RESILIENCE, INITIATIVE and COMMUNICATION. So many Year 7s absolutely threw themselves into this challenge, and almost 50% of the year group graduated with a certificate in tutor time. Tutors were asked to each select one student who completed their Early Edge challenge in an outstanding manner - and they did! We celebrated their successes in assembly, and eight really special students walked away with a certificate, a medal, and lots of chocolate. These are our 'Platinum Edge' winners, here, in this picture:



As the students move into Year 8, they will embark upon 'PIXL EDGE' which is a nationally recognised version of the system we trialed in Year 7. More will come over the forthcoming year on this, but a very well done to all who graduated.

Mr J Knowles *Head of Year 7*

Penpal Letters

Year 8 French and German classes have been lucky enough to begin penpal letter exchanges with our partner schools in Coburg, Bavaria and Collège Charles Mozin, Normandy. We hope that pupils will be offered an exchange to the schools too in the near future.

Miss D Richards *Teacher of MFL*



The Warriner School
School Term & Holiday Dates 2016-2017

Term ends: Friday 21st July 2017 – **12.30pm**
 Holiday: Commences Monday 24th July 2017 to
 Friday 1st Sept 2017 (inc)
 Monday 4th September 2017 (INSET Day)

The Warriner School
School Term & Holiday Dates 2017-2018

Term starts : Tuesday 5th Sept 2017 – **Year 7 and 12 Students only**
 Wednesday 6th Sept 2017 – All students
 Term ends : Friday 20th Oct 2017 – 3.00pm
 Holiday : Monday 23rd Oct 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017 (inc)
 Term starts : Monday 30th Oct 2017
 Term ends : Tuesday 19th Dec 2017– **12.30pm**
 Holiday : Wednesday 20th Dec 2017 – Wednesday 3rd Jan 2018 (inc)
 Term starts : Thursday 4th Jan 2018
 Term ends : Friday 9th Feb 2018 – 3.00pm
 Holiday : Monday 12th Feb 2018 – Friday 16th Feb 2018 (inc)
 Term starts : Monday 19th Feb 2018
 Term ends : Thursday 29th Mar 2018 – 3.00pm
 Holiday : Friday 30th Mar 2018 – Friday 13th Apr 2018 (inc)
 Term starts : Monday 16th Apr 2018
 Holiday : Bank Holiday Monday 7th May 2018
 Term ends : Friday 25th May 2018 – 3.00pm
 Holiday : Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018 (inc)
 Term starts : Tuesday 5th June 2018
 Term ends : Friday 20th July 2018 – **12.30pm**
 Holiday : Commences Monday 23rd July 2018

INSET DAYS - STAFF ONLY TO ATTEND:

Monday 4th September 2017
Monday 4th June 2018
Monday 23rd July 2018
Tuesday 24th July 2018
Wednesday 25th July 2018



Josh Vance 9D-DFA

Josh is a Swimmer and this is a report of how he is currently performing :

Josh recently attended a 5 day Warm Weather Training Camp with his swimming club. Since then, during the May bank holiday weekend, Joshua went to the Regional Championships at Ponds Forge in Sheffield and did very well. Notably, he gained a gold medal for 200m backstroke in the 13/14 age category and was competing with boys a school year older than him. He achieved a personal best time which allowed him to qualify for the British Nationals in the backstroke where he will be competing with the best 25 swimmers for this discipline in the UK. This is in July in Sheffield again. Joshua is very excited about this!

In addition, he also gained a great time for the 400m Individual Medley, and has been invited to compete in the ASA English Summer Nationals in August. As part of this the PE Department recognised his on-going work to become an elite performer and put him on the Junior Athlete Education Programme supported by Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership Programme.

Josh has been swimming competitively since watching the Olympics in 2012 and is now one step closer to realising his goal. We look forward to hearing about future successes for Joshua!

P E Department

Year 11 ASDAN Travel to Oxford

Last term the Year 11 ASDAN group took a trip to Oxford. It was a trip planned purely by them as part of their course and working with others. The students arrived at the train station at 9am and took the train to Oxford. They had a fantastic day walking around the Natural History Museum, and the college parks before heading to an American diner for dinner.

An amazing day was had by all, especially as the weather was so beautiful.

Claire Boyland and Faye Huse



Cake Sale in aid of "Dementia UK"

Dear All, On Friday 16th June, we ran a Cake sale in aid of Dementia at lunch time in WIN.

We are delighted to say that a total of £98 was raised. A big thank you to all who supported it.

Terri Bird Teaching Assistant



Enrichment Day

Year 7 students enjoyed their Enrichment Days immensely. Each group started with a small amount of money and traded different commodities across the globe. We identified a lot of budding entrepreneurs and learnt a little bit about how the world economy works. Whilst the running, miscalculations and weather helped to make things eventful, no impact was observed on the FTSE100 that evening.



The Year 11s participated in various activities to develop their well being prior to the start of their exams, including relaxation, high intensity training (HIT) a nature walk, understand the Banbury Youth Homelessness Project, philosophy & ethics revision activities, mindfulness and Yoga.



During the Enrichment days Year 7 have made us proud, creating a wide range of art such as colourful landscapes and masks. They performed scenes from the Lion King in assembly and danced together. The Art, Performing Arts and Languages Departments organised the days together.

Warriner School French Day

Two Primary schools, Dr Radcliffe's Church of England School and Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School, came to join some of our Year 7 pupils on 17th May to take part in a wide range of activities in French or related to the French culture. This was a fun event where pupils could practice languages skills in different approaches whilst meeting pupils from other schools.

Message about the event from Luis Hill:

Warriner School French hour was a fun array of interesting French themed activities. Two different schools came and there were roughly 40 pupils there in total. They were Year 6 students and they had a wonderful time. We played Pictionary, Snakes and Ladders, Twister, making paper Eiffel Tower and doing the Macarena in French! It was great and we had a lot of fun. Also, some Year 7 students helped to organise by running activities and taking pictures. Overall, it was a fun day and you could see the children enjoyed it as well!



Mr Traore, Head of MFL

