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Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Expedition Weekend



On Friday 17th April, 13 Year 11 students began their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition. The expedition started after school, with the students being dropped off by Puttenham Golf Club. The students then worked in their teams to navigate through Puttenham Common, the Sands, Waverley Abbey to our campsite at Garners Field. The camp site is owned by Farnham Scouts and is in a fantastic location with great facilities, including space for a camp fire. Upon arrival the students immediately got their tents up and their dinner on before chilling out by the camp fire.

The second day was a circular route in great weather, the students travelling down to Tilford, onto Frensham Great Pond and over to Hankley Common. As ever, the staff were impressed by the students navigational skills throughout the day. Following a cold nights sleep, the students were up for the final days walk. This took the students to Tilford, Frensham Little Pond before finishing in Alice Holt. Although tired from three days walking all the students completed the walk in good spirits.

With the focus now turning to the GCSE Examinations, the students have their Assessment Expedition in the New Forest at the end of June to look forward to.



*Mr M A Baines
Head of Mathematics/Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator*



Tin Shed Theatre Company Visit Ash Manor

This year we have been fortunate to have The Tin Shed Theatre Company in to perform two popular GCSE texts. Firstly they performed "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck and are returning to present "An Inspector Calls" by JB Priestley.

We have been impressed by the quality of their production and flexibility in giving workshops. Tin Shed have given our GCSE preparations a welcome boost. The performance of 'An Inspector Calls' will be on May 12th in time for the examination.

Of Mice and Men was a terrific performance by Tin Shed Workshop who stuck closely to the novel with what I thought was some great acting, they truly brought the book alive. I very much liked the presentation of innocence of Lenny that was brought through to the stage. I have found this an amazing help with revision towards my English exam. A massive thanks goes to the English Department who had organised their visit. I hope to see more of their performances in the future

Hugh Lofting Year 10

Trampolining Competition



On Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April 2015 Ash Manor School took 30 pupils to participate in a Trampolining competition at Weydon School. In attendance were Weydon, All Hallows', Farnham Heath End and Glebelands which made for a tough competitive environment. Being their first competitive experience, all of the gymnasts performed exceptionally well and showed excellent resilience. Of the 30 pupils participating, four came away with medals against tough competition in the form of club gymnasts:

- Gemma Marlor (Year 11) – 2nd Place
- Sophie Brown (Year 11) – 3rd Place
- Catherine Coles (Year 10) – 2nd Place
- Ethan Goulding (Year 8) – 2nd Place

Congratulations to all those who took part.

Mr N Rooney

Numeracy Day at Windsor Racecourse

On Monday 13th April, 23 students from year 7 took part in a Numeracy themed day at Windsor Racecourse.



The day consisted of lots of exciting activities across the different areas of horse racing, from before the race to after.

Students started the day familiarising themselves with horse racing and in particular the different silks; which

they got the opportunity to wear for the entire day.

We then ventured into the Jockeys weighing room and changing rooms. Students gauged an understanding as to how important it is for the Jockeys to stay within a set weight bracket and what was done to ensure races were fair.

Overall, the day was a fantastic success and students gained a greater understanding of where key mathematical skills are used within the wider world of work.

Miss Marshall
Teacher of Mathematics



Austria, Ski Trip 2015

Day 1 - Travelling

Despite travelling for 24 hours on the coach, broken only by a short ferry ride from Dover to Calais, we still had a lot of fun watching movies and socialising with each other.

Day 2

After breakfast and a few more hours on the coach we arrived at the destination we were looking forward to for the past several hours. We all unpacked our luggage and headed to the ski shop to rent some boots, skis, poles and a helmet.

Day 3 - Learning to ski!

Once at the slopes we were told to put ourselves into three different groups with people with varying skiing experiences. The three groups were intermediate,

beginner and advanced. Once we started skiing we were moved up or down a group to suit our skills.



Day 4 - Cutting our day short

After our second day skiing we were told we had to go back to the hotel earlier than usual due to heavy wind and snow. We skied down and after many minor accidents we arrived at the hotel and ate chips and chilled before skiing again. The quiz that night was great fun!

Day 5 - Swimming fun

After another full day of skiing we went to a swimming centre which had lots of luscious pools. We all had a great time, despite being very tired!



Day 6 - Ice hockey match

Although there were three brawls on the ice hockey ground, it was a close game and fun to watch as we all cheered on the teams. We all enjoyed the game and the entertainment as well as a full day of skiing.



Day 7 - Fancy dress

After our last full day of skiing we went to a posh pizza restaurant in our Wild Wild West costumes! We all had amazing costumes and lots of fun for our last full day on the ski trip.



By Kiera Payne

Plentycost Nothing Party 7th June 2-5pm, Ash Centre, Ash

Come along for an afternoon of song, fun and games for families and friends. Cakes and refreshments provided too AND its all free!

Local churches are hosting this party for our community celebrating Pentecost which marks the birthday of the church.



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children, from tinies to teens. Listen to fascinating stories, have a go at the crafts, get your face painted, work off the cake doing the games, relax with a cuppa... and most of all...enjoy yourselves!

Hopefully we'll have sunny weather again, so feel free to bring a picnic for the recreation ground outside.