



ASH MANOR SCHOOL Newsletter

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Surrey Skills Trip

Friday 6th February 2015

"An enjoyable day, I learnt so much about so many different careers I could do"

"I got loads of information on the different forces I could go into and what I need to do to get into the forces, like what courses I need to do at college"

"I had no idea there were that many jobs out there... and the free give-aways were good too!"



Year 9 were lucky enough to go on a trip as a whole year group to Surrey Sports Park for the Surrey Skills Fair on Friday 6th February 2015. The Year 9 tutor team accompanied the year group on coaches to and from the sports park. At the sports park the

students were wowed by the extensive college, university and careers information laid out around the park on stalls. The experiences stretched as far from holding a Ferritt (Level 3 animal management at Merrist Wood) to singing on the Karaoke Machine

(The Academy of Contemporary Music) to completing an assault course (the army). There was an astonishing amount of information available to the students on so many different careers. A successful enjoyable day was had by all.

*Miss Kettlewell
Head of Year 9*

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

On Thursday 5th February, 76 of our most talented Mathematicians in Years 9 and 10 sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a national competition designed to stretch and enthuse students about their mathematics and involves them solving mathematical problems.



20 Students received either Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificates. The Best in Year 10 Certificate was awarded to Lauren Southall and the Best in Year

9 and Best in School Certificate was awarded to Hugh Whitehead who has also been selected to go through to the next round of competitions.

For students who enjoyed these activities, we run a UKMT Mentoring Scheme on a Thursday afterschool where students work in teams to solve these Mathematical Problems in room 109.

*Sarah Jackson
Teacher of Mathematics*

Business Excites Battling Entrepreneurs

On 10th February, students from Ash Manor, Weydon, Farnham Heath End and The Abbey School took part in the TFN Business Games in order to enhance the skills that are crucial for success in the 'business world'. The students were divided into 10 groups in which they were appointed one of six roles. In addition, each group had students from Farnborough Sixth Form College assisting them through the process.

The hall was packed with enthusiastic students all striving for success, both within their groups and within their appointed roles.

The aim of this day was to create a booklet that intrigued the 'buyers' (sixth form students). The ultimate goal was to earn as much money as possible. Having started the day with £12 in cash (Monopoly money) and a variety of tools and materials, the students were left to their own devices to make sure their business ideas flourished.



The driver behind the TFN Business Games is to bring out enterprise skills such as teamwork, budgeting and working to a deadline, which are vital to the future careers of young people. Richard Allen, a former journalist, who was involved in the day commented that "I really think it's skills people should have, no business operates successfully with just one person, everyone needs to know how it works". All the students thoroughly enjoyed the day reflecting that "events like this really help inspire us whilst giving us a real insight into the demands and skills needed for being successful in business".

Miss Raeburn, coordinator of the event and Head of Year 8 at Ash Manor commented that, "this was a fantastic day for our students as well as those invited in from the other schools. It was wonderful to see our students getting so involved and showing such maturity and focus". The school is looking forward to building on this event in the future. It inspired and educated year eight pupils of Ash Manor, Weydon, Farnham Heath End and The Abbey School about the importance of business in everyday life.

Written by Nishu and Paris (Year 10 Students)



STEM Science at Ash Manor School

The experience was a collaboration between Holly Lodge and Ash Manor Schools. It was an opportunity for year 6 students to experience a flavour of what to expect in secondary school with a specific session delivered by the Ash Manor School Science Department. The session linked to what the year 6 students are studying currently in their Science curriculum at Holly Lodge. Lois Malbon and Bethany Cuthbertson supported the year 6 students and the event representing Ash Manor School as Science Curriculum Leaders.

These are quotes gained from students at Holly Lodge following the event:

Ben: *I was amazed at all the equipment here. I loved it and hopefully I will go to Ash Manor.*

Amelia: *The teachers are lovely and the equipment is great. I would love to come here in September.*

Tilly: *I learnt lots of new things about mirroring and reflection and also I loved using new equipment which I will be using in seven months.*

Alyssia: *I enjoyed myself at Ash Manor. I enjoyed doing the experiments. My favourite would be where we had to position a mirror, with playdough and try to see somebody round the corner.*

Natalie Lewis

Key Stage Three Coordinator

Duke of Edinburgh Training Walk 2

Sunday 8th February

The second training walk for the Duke of Edinburgh Award took place on Sunday 8th February, with the weather far more sympathetic to the students this time! Although it was chilly, there was blazing sunshine throughout the day, allowing the students to keep their waterproof jackets in their bags.



The students met at Sainsburys in Farnham. Their walk took them through Runfold onto Moor Park, where they were able to see the caves and the Second World War gun placements built to delay a German invasion from the coast. The students then carried into the village of Tilford, famous for its cricket green in the middle of a triangle of roads. The green provided a great place for the students to enjoy their lunch or sit by the stream that flows to the side.

After lunch students walked through Crooksbury Hill and the surrounding Forest before returning to the Sands and onto Sainsburys. The walk was the final opportunity for the students to refine their navigation skills ahead of the Bronze Assessment at the end of June or the Silver Practice Assessment in mid-April.

Thank you to all the staff who supported the event.

Mark Baines

Head of Mathematics and Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Numeracy Day at Sandown Park Racecourse

On Friday 13th February, 22 students from years 8 and 9 took part in a Numeracy themed day at Sandown Park 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; of 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.

Because we visited on a special Race day (Royal Artillery Day) the crowds soon began to flock in, but equally so did the rain. But despite this the students remained high spirited and keen to see some actual races for themselves.

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.

The day finished on a high, with a little glimpse of the Duchess of Cornwall as she presented the prizes to the winners. Unfortunately, and to their disappointment, none of the students managed to get a selfie with her, although selfies were definitely present throughout the day.



*Miss Marshall
Numeracy Co-ordinator*



Peter Pan - The Prequel

Once again the hall at Ash Manor was filled with sound of laughter, song, bad jokes and strangely high voices as our annual student/staff pantomime took to the stage this term. With an audience of nearly 500, the Ash Manor School Pantomime is now an established part of the Christmas calendar here in Ash.



This year's twist on a tale was 'Peter Pan – The Prequel' and our Year 11 Performing Arts students demonstrated the full range of their abilities as they told the story of how an ordinary boy turned into the hero we know of and how the bumbling Captain came to get the nasty name he so desperately wanted!

Charlie Green was every inch the hero in the role of Peter with Lucy Dixon providing excellent comedy support as Tinkerbell. It wasn't long before they were joined by a directionless group of Rodney the Rambling Rabbit Junior Ramblers played by Emma Young, Miss Alman Talbot and Miss Michibata.

Every group of heroes needs a villain and Mr Sultana made his way through a multitude of costumes on his search for the right evil name. Esme Smith and Kiya were a great double act as first-mate Smee and no-mates Syou, with Sam Graham, Stephanie Goddard, Mr Stawarek and Miss Smith making up the crew.

Joe May and Naomi Kenton provided the love story this year and Megan Tyler, Tobias White, Chloe Crook and Jessica Jones breathed new life into Tiger Lily and her band of Red Indians.



Luke Speers' first stage appearance truly showed a young, talented actor who has clearly been bitten by the acting bug as he switched between characters and Mr MacSween brought the house down as wrong-costume man who kept making random appearances.

This only left Mr Smart the job of playing the Pond Sprite but, the old saying there are no small parts, only small actors was shown to be true as he performed with confidence and provided a whole new take on the pantomime fairy.

Mr Milner and Mr Swan were this year's dames and their ear-bursting version of 'It's Raining Men' should have been an instant iTunes smash.

Special mention must go to the set and costumes this year. The pirate ship and scenery built by Mr Pack and Mr Bristow set a new standard in school staging and the costumes, single-handedly stitched by Miss Macey were incredible.

A stage crew of Year 7 students ably led by Kai Rooney and a live band featuring Ashmina Lamichane, Paul Nield, Jack Mason, Sydney Roberts and Jack Geary; all under the watchful eye of Miss Matthews provided further proof of the wealth of Performing Arts talent here at the School.



If you can, get a copy of the DVD, and make sure to book your tickets early for next year's show!