



In the Academy:

On 6 February a number of Year 11 and 12 students spent the day in Science as an opportunity to improve their grade on their controlled assessment. They designed and carried out investigations which were written up as formal reports and supplemented by exam papers. All students involved have improved on their previous performance and will go into the summer exams with a head start!

Clubs:

Breakfast club: From 8.00am in the canteen free breakfast for all, get a good start to the day

Homework Club: Monday to Thursday after school 3.10 until 4.30pm in the Library

Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Sunday 1 March Mr Truett and Mrs Thatcher took 6 students out for a D of E practice walk. The students used map skills successfully to navigate their way from Alpha Park to Sharp's Barn. If anyone is interested in signing up for the Duke of Edinburgh award talk to Mr Magan, Mr Truett or Mrs Thatcher.



Dates for Diary:

10	11	12	13
7	18	19	20
	25	26	27

- Year 12/13 Subject Evening – 5 March
- Year 10/12 Computer Science Trip to London – 10 March
- Year 7 Subject Evening – 12 March

Year 11 Media Students go back to Nursery



Why was the Teletubbies so successful? Why do young children like Balamory and Tikkabilla? Year 11 Media students have been finding out the answers to these questions and then working in a group to plan, film and edit the first three minutes of a new children's television programme.

In groups of 3 to 5 they chose topics of decorating gingerbread men, making paper hats and lion masks, exercising and telling stories. They included bright colours, spoke slowly and clearly, used mid shots for dialogue and close ups for detail as well as using repetition and personal pronouns to engage a young audience. In fact they all became excellent Cbeebies presenters.

Students also used their editing skills to add music, sound effects, animated sequences and title screens. Some even made themselves appear, as if by magic and added a 'ping' sound effect for added impact. Another group wrote and performed their own theme song and other students created individual title screens for each presenter to suit their stereotyped characteristics.

We are very proud of the hard work the students put in and the mature way they organised themselves and worked to time limits and deadlines.

As well as enjoying themselves it counts towards 30% of their GCSE and they all agreed that learning had been a lot of fun.

China Day

The International Tutor group have been travelling... to Anglia Ruskin University to take part in China Day! The event was arranged by Routes into Languages East and the Jiangsu Centre to celebrate the Spring Festival – or Chinese New Year – which, this year, fell on 19 February and marks the beginning of the Year of the Goat.

First, we had an assembly where we learned about the culture and traditions of the Spring Festival, and even got to join in with some of them, such as Lion dancing (sometimes called dragon dancing - Jordan and Liam were lucky enough to be chosen to bang the drums for the dragon!) and cloth spinning - it's harder than it looks! Many of the decorations for the Spring Festival are red because in Chinese culture it is believed that the colour red will frighten away evil spirits, bringing good luck and prosperity for the year to come.



Next, we split into groups and took part in different activities including Tai Chi Fan, Chinese Calligraphy and Mandarin taster sessions (Rob was so disappointed when he realised that this didn't mean tasting different Chinese dishes!) where we tried out one of the hardest tongue twisters we've ever seen! Even so, when asked if they had had a good day, the group replied: "It was awesome!"

Wednesday 25th February 2015

The year 8 and 9 girls Netball team took on Sawtry and Longsands at home this Wednesday evening. This was the girl's first Netball fixture this year, so their main aim was to establish positions and work cohesively in their teams.



NEXT FIXTURE = Ivo/ St Peters

Unfortunately the year 9 team were beaten by a well-conditioned Longsands and the final result ended 12-1. The half time break gave Ernulf the opportunity to change tactics and work on our defence. This resulted in fewer goals conceded and even a consolation goal for the team!

The year 8's also suffered the same fate against Longsands, with the final score ending 13-0. Despite their initial losses, both Ernulf teams were able to establish areas for improvements and came back fighting against Sawtry! Both teams showed excellent spirit and team work to improve on their initial performances in the first game. The 9's beat Sawtry 9-7, whilst the 8's finished with a 4-4 draw!

Netball practice will run as usual after school on Monday, with the hope to build on Wednesday's performance...

Well done girls keep up the good work!