

## Business

Mrs Booth, Head of Business has been working with a number of Senior Prefects, **Kieran Ralph**, **Megan Sanders**, **Ranzel Nunez** and **Maddie Crews**, on a project to teach Year 9 and 10 students the business of life. Feedback from Student Voice told us that students wanted to learn more about jobs, budgets, saving and how to get a mortgage.

The students worked with Mrs Booth to create a game called *Life After School* which was played during Reflection Time. The charity *Work Out Your Money* also spent some time in school to give our students further information about interest rates, borrowing and budgeting.



## History



**Can you answer these questions?**

Who is the woman on the left, born in 1820?

In 1919 a group of German politicians arrived in Paris to protest at how the victorious countries were treating Germany by signing which treaty, to end what war?



## News

I hope you enjoy our latest monthly newsletter which again showcases some of the fantastic work our students have completed at Cowplain. Over the last month we held a fantastic art exhibition and our students are also busy preparing for end of term events. One of these is the collaborative concert, *Explore*, which we are undertaking with our local infant and primary schools. This has been a huge undertaking and the final event will see hundreds of local children from the Cowplain area performing together at the Kings Theatre in Southsea. Obviously, everyone will witness the final conclusion of the work, when we showcase the talents of all the students. However, the performance sees the culmination of over 6 months of Art, Drama, Dance and Music workshops during which our staff and students have worked tirelessly with their younger colleagues. The concert takes place on Thursday 13 July and tickets are available from school Reception - I strongly urge you to buy one! We should have some great pictures of the event in our last newsletter of the year.

As always, I would like to thank you for your support and wish you and your family well.

**Mr IR Gates, Headteacher**

## Ethics and Philosophy

Year 9 students have been enquiring into the concepts of *Sanctity of Life* and *Quality of Life*. Students have been using clay to create their own 'individuals' and think about the value attached to life. They have been questioning whether the value changes if something traumatic happens to their individual, eg they get a terminal disease or commit a murder. Students have been asking whether someone has the right to take the life of the individual or whether you have a right to take the life of someone else's individual. This will lead into an enquiry into teachings about euthanasia and abortion.



**Work hard. Enjoy learning. Achieve highly.**



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## Art

The Art department recently participated in the Havant May Day Arts Trail. This is an exciting local event where many local artists exhibit their work to the public. We exhibited Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Art and Photography work alongside our local primary schools which was positively received by the public. Cllr Elaine Shimbart, the Mayor of Havant, and her Consort attended this event and were very impressed by the standard of work.



# Modern Foreign Languages

Year 5 pupils from Hart Plain Junior School enjoyed a taste of France at our French Café - they were even able to order their food and drinks in French!



Congratulations to our top ePraise winners for the Spring term. The following students won a prize for their excellent attitude to learning French and Spanish!

- Year 7: Callum Murfin
- Year 8: Kyle Ashman, Zak Truscott, Tilly Young, James Warnecke
- Year 9: Rhys Bridger, Max Caddick, Ryan Clarke-Bell
- Year 10: Arvind Bains, Penny Hammond

## Paris Trip

A couple of days before half term we took a four day trip to Paris. We visited numerous famous landmarks including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, le Louvre and l'Arc de Triomphe. We experienced the culture of Paris by enjoying crêpes outside Montmartre, whilst listening to live music from one of the French Voice contestants, and saw the majestic views on a boat trip down the River Seine.



One of the highlights of the trip was the day at Disneyland Paris, it was magical!

To top off the trip we had a lovely bunch of students and teachers alongside us and we'd love to do it all over again!

Article by Chloe Finlay and Gracie Aston, Year 10 students.



# Music

The Music department has been asked to perform at a variety of local events this term and was also asked to provide the music for Cllr Elaine Shimbart's mayoral inauguration at Havant Plaza; a huge honour.



The group of students from Years 8 to 10 performed some songs from musicals as well as the *National Anthem* for the new mayor and invited VIP guests. The students have already been booked to perform again at the inauguration ceremony in 2018!

## Performing Arts

After months of rehearsals, our Performing Arts students recently performed their GCSE Drama piece *The Land of Curiosities* to the GCSE moderators and students from Years 7, 9 and 11. The piece was put together by the students for a literacy festival and incorporated books such as *Alice in Wonderland* and *Peter Pan*. The students were superb in the final performance and did themselves, and the school, proud. The moderators were very complimentary about the performance commenting that it was "creative and clever". The students have now submitted their portfolios evidencing their development of the piece and are waiting for the results in August.

