

Holocaust Memorial Day Service

On Friday 26th January, seven Year 9 students attended the Holocaust Memorial event at Havant Civic Offices. There, Tamzin Davies read a beautiful poem that Cowplain students had written to the assembled crowds, including relatives of Holocaust survivors and the Mayor. We then listened to an emotional presentation by Bryan Huberman, the son of a Holocaust survivor, who told us of his father's horrific experiences in slave labour camps, life on the death march and finally being rescued by the Russian army.

Our students listened respectfully and commented on how much grit, yet optimism, those survivors must have had to keep going through those times.

Mr J Beacon, Head of History

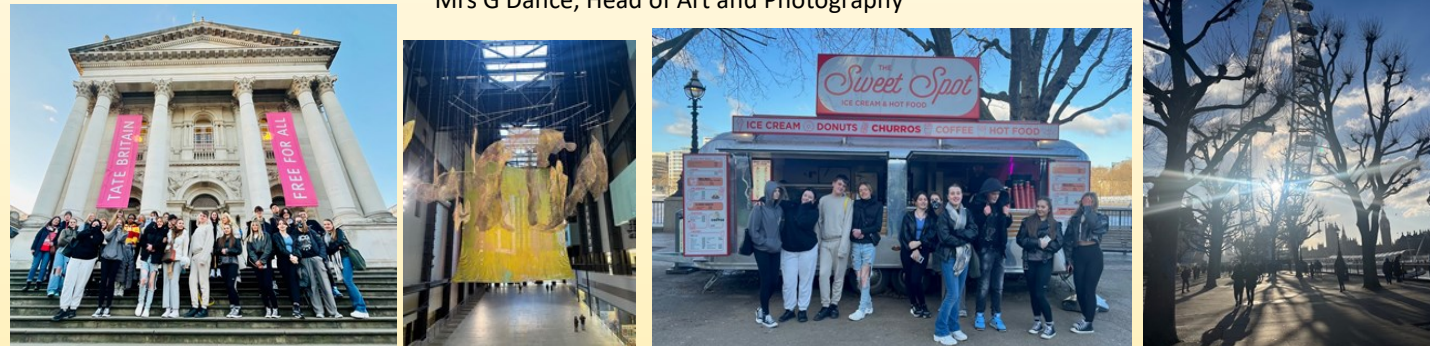


Tate Galleries

A group of Y11 GCSE Art and Photography students enjoyed a day in London visiting the Tate Modern and Tate Britain art galleries. They experienced a wide range of art including sculpture, paintings, textiles, photography and installation art which they will use as inspiration for our current GCSE projects.

The students also walked between the galleries along the South Bank of the Thames, which provided further inspiration and photo opportunities.

Mrs G Dance, Head of Art and Photography



Music Notes

On Friday 19th January, Jacob White and Rebekah Patis organised a charity fundraising gig for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

Jukebox opened the evening with a selection of songs from the 60s through the present and then student-formed band Attica, headlined, playing a variety of rock songs and covers.

Rebekah and her sister Abi provided crocheted goods and Rebekah and Jacob organised refreshments.

The evening and subsequent collections raised an amazing £507.98 so thank you to everyone who came along and supported, and to Caitlin White for the photos and Mr Gunthorpe for sound and lights.

Mrs S Dobbyn, Head of Music



Jukebox

Attica



News

Dear Parents

Welcome to our February newsletter.

The Spring half-term always signals that we are slightly more than half-way through the year. At this point, it's always good to have a reset and make sure things are working as well as they could. So, for example, it might be that uniform needs a bit of an improvement or maybe some equipment has been lost in the first part of the year. I would please ask that, as the majority of you do, you continue to support us with uniform and make sure your child is properly dressed for school. As I always say, our uniform is smart and very good value, probably the least expensive in the area, so please can you encourage your child to ensure it is always worn well.

As always, this newsletter is a record of some of the interesting and useful learning experiences that have been provided for our students so far this term. I would draw your attention to the feature on Dance Live, where we participated twice, the first time in partnership with Rachel Madocks School. Our dancers did brilliantly, picking up a number of awards. In addition, we have run numerous trips, to Sky Studios, the Tate Gallery and others. Finally, we traditionally participate in Holocaust Memorial Day and this year was no exception, with nine of our students attending the event held in the Havant Civic Offices.

Recently, I have been speaking to children about the idea of 'public service' and how our public servants have traditionally not been treated as well as they could, following the recent revelations about how some people who worked for the Post Office were treated. I know many of you work in, for example, health care, the care sector, education, or the police so I wanted to thank you for all your efforts at what is normally the busiest time of the year for many public services. I certainly, on your behalf, want to thank our staff who continue to go the extra mile in support of the children who attend our school.

Best wishes.

Mr I R Gates
Principal

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Honours Programme

The club "How to run a business" is part of the Honours Programme that we run. The club has used the money raised, from selling the candles they made, to buy mince pies and chocolate coins which were added to the Christmas Hampers.

Mr C Dacin
Teacher of Science



Reminder:

February half term:

Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024.

School reopens at 8.15am on Monday 19 February 2024

(Week 1)

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February 2024

Careers

Careers has had a busy start to 2024. We have been lucky to have been joined by HSDC and Ask Apprenticeships as part of Careers Week. Students were treated to assemblies and workshops as well as tutorials focused on future career progression.

In addition, we officially launched Year 10 Work Experience so Y10 are busy securing placements, with deadline for placement forms being Friday 23rd February 2024.

It is also a fantastically busy time for Year 11s with applications to college and apprenticeships. Over 48% of students have now been offered a place for September, depending on grades.

Business Room 1 is open every Monday (Lesson 6), to Years 10 and 11, for a Careers Workshop with support from Mrs Cobbold.

Finally, some of our Year 8s have an exciting opportunity to visit Portsmouth University for a Transition Mindsets day in February where they will have careers-focused sessions and explore different future pathways.

Mrs S Cobbold, Head of Business and Computing and Careers Leader



Dance Live!

For the past three months, 12 Year 11 students have been working and supporting the students of Rachel Madocks School in their Dance Live piece "Tree of Life". All of their hard work and dedication paid off is evening, as they were given the soundtrack award and 3rd place!!!



We are both so incredibly proud of how our students have used our school strands of "thinking hard", "developing character" and "understanding diversity" to perform so seamlessly and make friends and memories they will cherish forever.



You are all such a credit to our school. Well done guys, you shone like the stars you are this evening!

Mrs Leng and Miss Crown



School Production: The Little Mermaid



TCS Productions proudly presented The Little Mermaid before Christmas. Over 90 students were involved in the cast, band and backstage crew. They put in numerous hours and produced a show that was absolutely terrific; the feedback has been amazing. Our Partner Primary schools enjoyed matinee performances before we then presented one matinee and two evening shows to our parents and families, all of which were really well attended.



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported and to everyone involved in the show who worked so hard to make it a success. And no, we haven't decided on what we are doing next year yet!

The Performing Arts Team



Media at Sky Studios

On 29th November, we took 30 Media students to the Sky Studios in London. We saw the Newsrooms and had a talk about the technology they have created there. The students were then also allowed to create short film trailers using proper video cameras, green screens and editing software!

The students all really enjoyed it and created some brilliant trailers.



Miss N Hedges
Teacher of English



Media - Musician visit

We had a visit from a local musician as students study a music unit for media.

Mat Lake gave a talk to 10B Media about his career in the music industry including how he started his music business, DL Entertainment. He explained to students how he recorded two albums with his band in the famous BBC studios at Maida Vale in London. He was able to give students an insight into what being in a band was like alongside talking about the gig industry where he and his bands play at weddings and at a range of functions that included the Clipper Round The World Yacht Race. Mat talked about how the band uses technology to film their promotional videos so that our students could see the skills they learn in Media in action.

The students were fascinated by all the details about how songs were recorded and enjoyed the stories about all the people and musicians that he has met along the way.

Mrs H Bourton,
Head of English
and Media



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