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Week Ending – 26th June 2015

Year 10 History trip to Normandy

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In the March of this year a group of year 10 students, along with Mr Paterson, Mr Sharples, Mrs Oliver and Mr Walker, travelled to Normandy, France. After a long day of travelling, we arrived at our hotel at 10 pm in Caen. The next day we were up early to fit in a busy schedule. Our first stop was Omaha Beach and the Longues Battery. Omaha Beach was one of the five Allied beaches and was held by American troops on D-Day. We were able to walk along the beach to see the journey the soldiers took in order to take control of the beach and the German posts including the Longues Battery. The Battery was a part of Hitler's Atlantic Wall and covered both Omaha and Gold beach. It was destroyed by the Allied Forces.

We then went to the American Military Cemetery. Although many were not buried in Normandy, the cemetery had around 9,500 graves, including two of President Theodore Roosevelt's sons and the Niland brothers (who inspired the film Saving Private Ryan). The cemetery was a highlight for a lot of people as well as the 360degree cinema at Arromanches. The cinema plays a 20-minute film that shows the events surrounding D-Day including those at Arromanches, where many of the troops landed.

On the final day one of the places we went to was the Pegasus Memorial which commemorates the Gliders who played a massive role in ensuring success for the allied forces. The nearby bridge, which the Gliders gained control over, was renamed the Pegasus Bridge after the emblem that the British troops wore. At the Memorial, it was great to see that they have the original bridge and a replica of the Gliders used on D-Day (after used most weren't fit for re-use) as well as the enthusiastic work done by the team there.

The trip was a great experience for everyone and showed us the hard-work and dedication of the Allied forces on D-Day and the months following. I would recommend the trip to year 9's who are taking History next year as its a great way to see how the events happened rather than to just hear about them.

By Daniella Ricchiuti



Student Spotlight

LANCASHIRE SUCCESS FOR BAINES ATHLETIC STARS

On Saturday 20th June six of our pupils were selected to represent Wyre in the Lancashire Schools Athletic Championships at Robin Park in Wigan. The athletes competed in the following events;

George Robinson, Junior Boys, 1500m
Jessica Aziz, Junior Girls, 100m
Gabby Jones, Inter Girls 200m
Nick Aziz, Inter boys Triple Jump
Lawrence Omorere, Inter Boys 200m
Luke Halstead, Inter Boys High Jump

If successful at this event, the athletes had the chance to be selected to represent Lancashire in the prestigious English Schools Athletics Championships, being held in Gateshead this year on the 9th and 10th of July. The athletes had to finish in the top two in their individual events to qualify for the English Schools, but also with the qualifying time, distance or height required for this level of competition.

All the athletes performed exceptionally well; George finished 5th in the 1500m in a time of 4.39.00; Jessica won the 100m with a new personal best of 13.2secs, but missed the English Schools standard of 12.6secs; Gabby won the 200m, but also just missed out on the qualifying time; and Nick won the Triple Jump with 12.50m, which considering he had been injured for 3 months prior to the competition, was a great jump.

Lawrence and Luke however were able to take things a step further. Lawrence finished first in the 200m with a time of 23.2secs, which was just outside the standard, but fortunately he already had the qualifying time of 22.8 secs from a previous competition. Luke won the High Jump with a massive clearance of 1.95m, 5cms within the standard.

Both boys have now been selected to represent Lancashire against the best the Country has got to offer, in their respective events. The English Schools Athletics Championships provides a well established platform for young athletes to launch their Junior International careers, and lots of our current athletic stars have progressed along this pathway.

We are so very proud of all of our athletes for competing so well at this high level, but in particular for both Luke and Lawrence for their tremendous achievements.

We wish them all the very best for the English Schools in July, and for their future athletic careers.

Mrs Blackwell

Student Spotlight

Young Artists Competition 2015

This the fifth year of this competition, which is organised by Blackpool and Fylde College, it is held in the new University Centre exhibition centre, on Bennett Avenue in Blackpool. The exhibition was opened on the evening of 14 May, by Nigel Brown, the Head of School for Arts and Crafts. In his opening speech he stressed how the creative industries are one of the massive growth areas in the economy and how students should consider a career in this field.

This year over 120 entries were received from 14 schools, from this 40 were selected for the exhibition. It was therefore very pleasing to report that four Year 10 pupils from Baines had work selected. Adri Key and Hannah Clayton exhibited work from their GCSE Art course, which was inspired by the seashore. Macauley Tierney had his T-Shirt hung, which he had designed on a computer as part of their GCSE Graphics course. This was inspired by the theme of Urban Style. It was particularly pleasing to see Gabriella Stephenson's photographic work, which was inspired by David Hockney, win one of the two runner's up prizes. She received a certificate and £50 voucher to be spent on materials from the University shop. It was pleasing to see the pupils and parents at the opening and were a credit to the school.

Mr. Biggs



Student Spotlight

Creative Design End of Year Show - 2015

Students studying within Creative Design have recently exhibited their work in the ILC. Over a period of five days the exhibition was visited by many students and featured work from Art, Photography, Resistant Materials, Graphics, Product Design and Catering courses. The exhibition opened on the evening of Thursday 18 June, when many parents, students and other visitors took the opportunity to look at the wide variety of high quality work, which was widely praised by all those who saw it. Many of the pieces could have easily been seen in a commercial gallery. For the first time this year's exhibition also included playing background Music created by GCSE pupils. Many of the younger students, who visited the exhibition during their lessons, were inspired and motivated to work to these high standards and have their work exhibited in future years.



Mr Biggs



Student Spotlight

On Tuesday 19th May, the music department held its annual Young Musician of the Year Competition. Both a Junior and a Senior Competition took place on the day with a variety of performances from students on a number of different instruments.

The adjudicator was Jim Faulkner, a very well established guitarist who has played with a number of well-known musicians such as Sir Cliff Richard. Jim performs regularly with a variety of bands and teaches guitar at the renowned Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA).

Jim was given a difficult task in making his decisions, as the competition was so tight. The performances were of a very high standard and the students that competed all did themselves proud. It was fantastic to see all the talent we have at Baines in a very nerve-racking competition.

The runners up in the Junior completion were Alesha Heald in year 7 who performed on the accordion and Alice Hurt, also in year 7 who played the guitar and sang. The winner of the Junior Young Musician of the Year competition was Megan McGuinness in year 7 who played the guitar and sang.

In the senior competition, there was no runner up as there were so many high-class performances. However, there were two winners. The joint winners of the Senior Young Musician of the Year completion were Alex Boyes in Year 7 who performed on the cornet and Carys Simpson in year 10 who played the keyboard.

The competitions were a great success once again and the winners will be presented with the music shields at the Celebration of Achievement evening in July. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all those who competed.

Junior Competitors

Sadie Kershaw - Y7
Lauren Coop - Y8
Anastasia Smith - Y7
Lia Dudley - Y7
Alys Green - Y8
Megan McGuinness - Y7
Cameron Cooper - Y7
Aimee Loughlin - Y7
Alesha Heald - Y7
Alice Hurt - Y7



Mr Hobbs

Senior Competitors

Erin James - Y9
Erin Creswell - Y8
Alex Boyes - Y7
Carys Simpson - Y10
Leona Higham - Y10
Benji Spore - Y9
Liddy Eccles - Y10
Isobel Cooper - Y10
Ewan Simpson - Y7
Sinead Norbury - Y8



Student Spotlight

Year 9 Product Design

As part of the Y9 Design Curriculum pupils design and make a balancing sculpture. A key part of this project is gaining an understanding of different material properties, learning how they can be shaped and formed but also about their relative density. So in the case of this project pupils also learn about centre of gravity and balance. The quality and imaginative range of work recently produced has been very impressive.



Mr. Biggs

Year 10 Key Rings

As part of the GCSE Graphic Products course, pupils have recently design and made their own personalised key rings using the school's 3D printer. Their initial hand drawn idea was scanned, they then used Photoshop to finalise the shape, before it was turned into a 3D computer model using the CAD software, ProDesktop. From this computer model it is then possible to create its shape using the 3D printer.

Once the shape was made, it was backed onto a piece of acrylic before a hole was drilled for the actual ring. The pupils were very pleased with the results and eager to take them home.



Mr. Biggs

School Information

Diary Dates – 2014/15

Wednesday 1st July	Summer Concert
Thursday 2nd July	New Parents/Carers Pre-Admission Evening – 6:30pm
Friday 3rd July	Prospective Year 7 Induction Day
Monday 6th July	Prospective Year 12 Taster Day
W/B 6th July	Year 7 Activity Week
Thursday 9th July	Celebration of Achievement Evening – 7pm
Thursday 16th July	Year 12 Bowness Trip
Thursday 16th July	Fun Day
Monday 20th July	Iceland Trip Departs

Tuesday 21st July – School Closes for Summer Holidays - 1pm

The World At Her Feet!

We would like to recognise the amazing achievement by one of our Year 7 pupils, Rhianna Parker. Rhianna has been training in the art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for the last 6 years, and for the past 4 years, has held the British title!

If this wasn't enough of an accomplishment, Rhianna is off to the World Championships in Los Angeles in July! We wish Rhianna best of luck, and send her with the best wishes of all the staff and students at Baines!

