

News and Views

SHAPING THE FUTURE

May 2019

St Omer Trip



Students had a fantastic time in St Omer France, see more photographs of their trip on page 2.

It is great to see our playing fields being used from morning until evening. Summer sports such as our Cricket team are enjoying a great revival this year. In addition thanks to Mr Pillay for inspiring so many budding tennis players. The teaching staff at Belfairs are an inspiration to our young people and aspirations are high.

The Photography and Art Department have been using the community to facilitate some amazing art/photography work, which was recently viewed by Sir David Amess on his visit to the academy. Old Leigh and Belfairs woods feature heavily in the art work in many of the A level students work. We are having our biggest ever showcase of all our students work on the 18th of July, a date which needs to go in all of our diaries.

Both our choir and orchestra are making a big impact at all our events and practice hard during the week, big shout out to Mrs Hall and Mr Dixon. I spent an enjoyable couple of hours watching our Drama and Dance GCSE and A level groups showcasing to the examiners, the result of five years' hard work.

It is great to see so many students enjoy the creative aspect of our curriculum.

We are working closely with St Michaels church in celebrating their centenary, where two of our students designed the motif which is being used on all of their posters. Our students are working with Father David to put together the history of Belfairs school and the links with the local area.

Thank you to all who have supported us on our launch of the children wearing helmets when cycling to school, without your support we could not be as successful. We have the largest amount of students and staff who cycle to school in the area, a great indicator of wellbeing awareness.

Enjoy the sunshine over the bank holiday and I look forward to welcoming you to the academy over the next half term at the events we are holding. Have a look at our website to ensure you do not miss out any of the celebrations.

Mrs Williams Principal/ CEO Legra Trust



St Omer Trip cont.



On Friday 26th April, Mrs Stennett, Miss Wilkinson and Mr Williams took 30 pupils from year 8, 9 and 10 to the Chateau d'Ebblinghem in northern France for a long weekend of linguistic, cultural and historic activities.

Upon our arrival in France, pupils enjoyed an afternoon at a traditional bakery in the town of Escoeuilles learning how bread is made and sampling some of the fresh bread and croissants. That evening, they took part in a quiz conducted entirely in French and enjoyed some free time in the games room and playing football. The next day, we visited La Coupole, where the V2 rocket was launched and we learnt about life under occupation. We then visited the market in St Omer where pupils had to complete various

language tasks and the afternoon was spent bowling – some humiliating defeats on the part of our year 10 boys in particular. In the evening, pupils had the opportunity to make traditional crêpes with oranges and sugar. On Sunday, we crossed the Belgian border to visit the Langemark German cemetery, where over 44,000 soldiers are buried, followed by the contrasting Tyne Cot cemetery, the largest in the world for Commonwealth soldiers. This was followed by the Passchendaele museum, an interesting and engaging experience where we were able to see what life in the trenches was like. That evening, we returned to Yprès attend the last post ceremony at the Menin Gate, which takes place every single evening, and to stock up on Belgian chocolate. On our final day, we headed to Boulogne-sur-Mer where we visited the impressive NAUSICAA aquarium, followed by a workshop at a chocolate factory in Calais where pupils learned about how chocolate is made and had the opportunity to decorate their own bars, before finally making our way home.

This was the academy's second visit to the region and hopefully not our last. A big thank you to our very popular NST rep, Evie, who was an excellent sport throughout our stay, and to the coach drivers who patiently endured the year 10 boys' attempts at singing throughout the weekend. Finally, a big well done to all pupils who attended the trip for their outstanding enthusiasm and conduct – they were an absolute credit to the academy.



English Schools Girls Football County Cup Final in Stoke



Year 9 student Isabella took part in the English Schools County Cup Final on Friday 10th May in Stoke and her and her team became U14 PlayStation County Cup National Champions!

Boys Tennis

Girls Tennis



Ks3 and 4 teams sporting their new Belfairs tennis tops. Unfortunately, after some hard fought matches last night, we came off second best to a very good Westcliff boys school. The Ks 3 team took Westcliff to a championship tie break set.

Congratulations to the Ks 3 girls tennis team who beat Thorpe hall school on the 14th May by a championship tie break. The pictures shows the girls in their smart new tennis tops.



Inter College Table Tennis Competition 16th May - Congratulations to Defender College for winning this afternoons tournament with 40 points.



Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition



The Belfairs Bronze Group successfully completed their Practice Expedition at Skreens Park in Chelmsford. A total of 63 students endured a weekend of hail, cold and windy weather conditions. However, team spirit generally shone through and despite the occasional navigational error, they all made it back to the finish in good spirits. This was for many the first time experiencing outdoor life and learning valuable skills, in preparation for their Assessment Expedition in June this year.

French Students Visit Belfair's



The 95 students and eight accompanying adults of the Collège Saint-Joseph in La Châtaigneraie had a wonderful time visiting Belfairs, the students had a very enriching linguistic experience.

Belfairs Team Challenge



Last month Mrs Lilleker and Mr Stalham took the winners of 'Team Challenge' mentoring programme, out on a reward afternoon.

It was a great bit of bonding time across the different year groups. We started off by having lunch at Clarence Yard, then a round of Golf, topped off by a trip to the Sea life centre. The boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

They have decided to make the most of their Adventure Island day pass, and are going to organise themselves a weekend trip down there as a group. A great testament of how well they all bonded and worked together as a team.

Cycle Helmet Launch



Our cycle helmet launch is going well, don't forget to take advantage of the 25% discount [@cyclesuk](https://www.cyclesuk.com) are offering.



Leigh Town Council – ‘Good Citizenship’ Award

Ahead of our annual Summer Celebration events, our nominees for Leigh Town Council’s Good Citizenship Award have been chosen.

The award is to recognise students who have gone above and beyond either in or out of the academy this academic year. This can be a specific event, an act of kindness, or that their general attitude is that of a ‘good citizen’.

We are so proud of all of our students for their exemplary attitude to school and their conduct out of the academy. They are a credit to us and their families.



Defender: Caitlyn – 7V2

Resolute: Lily – 7U1

Endeavour: Maddie -9R3

Post 16: Sarah – Year 13



Trip to Southend Airport



Year 9 and Year 10 Travel and Tourism students went to Southend airport yesterday to take part in air safety week.

The students participated in different activities and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There were free goodies and burgers being given away.

At the end of June/begin July we will be going back with Year 10’s only so they can learn about the many careers in the airport and hotel sector.





GCSE Art

Well done to all the GCSE Art students that worked so hard on their Art exam on the last two days of term.. The commitment, perseverance and dedication definitely paid off. Some fantastic work was produced! We can't wait to show it off in the summer exhibition.



Enrichment :Art Club



Art Club, students enjoyed decorating their own hot air balloon with Mrs Wood and Miss Martin, which was then hung up on display! All students are welcome, every Tuesday after school.'





LRC

Passport Challenge



Congratulations to Year 7 student Lily for obtaining her purple reading colour. In our 16 before 16 Reading Passport Challenge.

Summer Reading Challenge



LRC Quick Draw Club

Students have been busy in the LRC Quick draw club, they are enjoying using our new light box which enables the students to produce really great quality art work. Chloe was using it to relax at lunchtime before her exam.



It's almost time for the Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019; an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The reading challenge runs from Saturday 20th July - Monday 2nd September at many local libraries. (please check at your local library for start times) The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged four to eleven. It is run in almost all libraries in the UK. One of our Year 10 students and Senior LRC Ambassadors Jacob is volunteering this year. As a volunteer Jacob's duties will be assisting the librarians, talking to children (mainly aged 4 to 11) about their books, handing out stickers and rewards and giving support to enable them to achieve their summer reading goals. It is run in almost all libraries in the UK and it is completely free!



The British Army Visit Belfairs



The British Army joined us at Belfairs in April to talk to the students about what it takes to be in the Army. Student Callum B won a prize for asking questions at the enrichment session.

Belfairs Academy and Borras Construction



Belfairs Academy and Borras Construction are offering their students an exciting opportunity to be part of the

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES programme, The programme aims to bring together student representatives from across the year groups with the aim of connecting education to industry. The team will gain an understanding of construction, how to run a project plus gain an insight into the many different roles and responsibilities involved in building projects.

As part of the team students will:

- Attend monthly meetings with the site team
- Gain an understand of project management and its many facets
- Go on tours of the site at various stages of the build
- Report back to other students on how the building is progressing
- Take site photographs to follow the progress of the works
- Talk to different trades and disciplines involved in the project, for example contracts manager, site manager, surveyor, health and safety manager, estimator, architect, etc.

Student Representative's will have an opportunity to discuss the facilities that are being included in the build from a 'users' perspective.

During the works, representatives can make the site and the works a personal project which Borras will encourage and support enabling students to build a portfolio of their experiences.

All those who wish to be a part of this team will go through an application and selection process commencing after a series of Assemblies during week commencing 17th June, 2019. It is envisaged that the project will run from the end of June 2019 until the end of April 2020.

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Dates for your Diary

JUNE:

Thursday 13th June

Parent Forum ART 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 26th June

Year 6 Evening 6pm-7pm



JULY:

Thursday 4th July

Open Evening 6pm-8pm

Monday 15th July

Celebration Evening Yr.7,Yr.8, P16 : 7pm-8pm

Tuesday 16th July

Celebration Evening Yr. 9,Yr.10, Yr. 11 : 7pm-8pm

AUGUST:

Thursday 15th August

GCE Results Day 12.00 pm

Thursday 22nd August

GCSE Results Day 12.00pm