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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

As we approach the Summer exams, Year 11 are being well prepared to potentially become the School's Record-breaking year group, following on from last year's success. Having already achieved 73% A*-C in English, with exceptional amounts of progress being made, they have directed their attention to all of their other subjects. Many have completed the ECDL qualification, finished their catering and art exams, and taken their Modern Foreign Language orals. There is a good programme of revision happening over the Easter holiday which has been sent out to students, and a range of revision sessions after school. The year group have all been issued individual exam timetables so that they can plan their time effectively based on which exams come first. We wish them well in the final stages of their time at The Stonehenge School and hope that they are approaching the final furlong with the full effort and determination needed to achieve the results that they deserve.

Student/Parent Communication

This has to be raised again. If a pupil is ill they **MUST** report to the office in the first instance students should not phone home—the office will do this. We have a duty of care when the pupil is in school and if parents arrive in school because their son/daughter has phoned home it undermines all that we have in place. Could I please ask that you support us in this system.

History Study Tour to Western Front (France / Belgium)

28- 29 April

Regrettably it has been necessary to cancel the planned trip to the World War 1 battlefields in France and Belgium, planned for the end of April. Both countries have been targeted by terrorist groups in recent months and a high number of fatalities have occurred. Understandably a number of parents, students and staff have all raised significant concerns about the safety and security of a visit under the current circumstances. Parents will receive a full refund of any money paid. We're extremely sorry to have to cancel the excursion but hope for your understanding.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

Stonehenge Ski Club

Schladming 2016



Friday 12th February, 11am, the excitement could not be contained any longer as this year's ski party departed for Austria. A party of 38 departed, managing to get to Dover before the M25 became the 'Friday afternoon car park'.

The remainder of the journey also went well with plenty of DVD entertainment and a good night's sleep as we travelled through the night, *(well ... as good as you can expect in a reclined seat)*.

Within half an hour of arrival to the Hotel Walchhofgut the service bus arrived, taking us to collect boots, skis, poles and helmets. An arduous task after a long journey but it was great to be one of the first groups in, thereby collecting good quality and safe gear.

Students quickly settled into a daily routine. Breakfast at 7.30am and on the coach by 8.30am. After a short trip we were in Rohrmoos, a small village up the mountain from Schladming town. This is where we met our instructors, all kitted out and ready to go by 9.30am. Two hours of skiing, an early lunch *(we were ravenous by 11.30!)*, two more hours of skiing and then a well-earned rest on the coach back to the hotel. This was our only 'down time' of the day: chance to freshen up, eat again, go out to 'snow ball' or 'bum board', have a game of table tennis, contact home or just 'catch some zedzzzzzzz'. 5.30pm and we were back in the hotel restaurant, yes more food, *(most of us have never eaten so much!)*, a much needed re-charge before tomorrow's skiing and the evening's 'après ski'.

Après ski every evening was a good mixture of rests and excitement. Our first night took in the renowned Schladming Ski Show, a mix of action, speed, trick, synchronised, formation and crazy skiing together with traditional Austrian 'slap-dancing' and goblins! Monday was ice skating; we've never had such a talented bunch of skaters! Maybe it was the unusual atmosphere of skating outdoors whilst it was snowing that spurred them on. Next was swimming night, a great venue near Radstadt featuring relaxing spa-pools, flumes *(including one that includes a vertical drop and a 'loop-the-loop!')*, a wave machine, an outdoor pool and a whirlpool! A more restful skittles evening followed which was a probably a good move as our last evening was spent dancing the night away in the 'Penne Club', a popular venue with some of the world's top skiers following the famous Schladming Night slalom.



Students did really well during their ski lessons; whatever their initial ability everyone made progress. The first half an hour on the first day saw several of the beginners in almost 'panic attack' mode as the reality of a never ending slide confronted them. However, following the inevitable bumps, bruises and crashes of the first day students demonstrated real tenacity and were competent skiers by the end of the week. By the middle of

the week every skier was catching lifts up the mountain, taking in spectacular views of the scenery and enjoying long and varied skiing on the way down. They also experienced a wide variety of weather during lessons; overcast, light snow, horizontal snow, 'blue skies with sunshine' all made an appearance.

Friday was a very busy day, vacating rooms, a full day's skiing and after a hearty meal, loading the coach before the long sleep home.

We must all be very proud of every student that went on this year's ski trip. The hoteliers, the instructors, our rep, the coach drivers, the après ski hosts etc all commented on their good behaviour, good manners, determination and good sense of humour.

As always none of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of all the staff involved; many thanks to them.

Mr Busby



LOST PROPERTY

We have a vast range of lost property including coats, shoes, jewellery, phones, glasses etc. Any items not claimed by Friday May 27th will be disposed of via the local recycling centre.

We will be making arrangements for the lost property to be on display so students can come along to view.

Mrs Houlton



On Thursday 10th March, 23 students from Years 8, 10 and 11 took part in BBC School Report, a national project where students get the chance to become reporters for the day.

We started at 8:35 and students worked tirelessly until their work was complete. We managed to cover many topics in the day including changes to The National Curriculum, how mental health is affecting young people, weather reports, how to prepare for your GCSEs and recent school events.

Our day culminated in a news bulletin, hosted by Liam, our Head Boy, and Fraser, his deputy.

All of the students worked incredibly hard on their reports and they can be found on The Stonehenge School website. We were also lucky enough to be mentioned on the BBC's School Report website.



YEAR 7 NEWS

Two thirds of the year has gone. How time flies! To mark the end of another successful term year 7 had their rewards assembly. To see who has been impressing their teachers this term, please find the winners below:

7RJT

Best Uniform - Bailey Smith
 PSHE Award- Ethan Priestly
 Most Helpful - Caitlyn Stanwix
 All Round Good Egg - Emily Ivemy

7EJF

Best Uniform - Toby Foster
 PSHE Award- Georgie Fowles
 Most Helpful - Nathan Evans
 All Round Good Egg - Sokula Lagilagi

7SLL

Best Uniform - Tom Bowhill
 PSHE Award- Megan Simpson
 Most Helpful - Lucy A'Court
 All Round Good Egg - Charlie Harris

7CSL

Best Uniform - Tommy Brown
 PSHE Award- Zoe Curry
 Most Helpful - Abigail Ruck
 All Round Good Egg - Lucy Ferguson

7AJV

Best Uniform - Chloe Dimmer
 PSHE Award- Paige Scott
 Most Helpful - Jessica Buttress
 All Round Good Egg - Jake Sherring

Still on 100% Attendance:

Isabella Adams, Thomas Bowhill, Ryan Campbell, Zoe Curry, Joshua Finlay, Toby Foster, Georgina Fowles, Liam Gater, Ellie Henderson, Samuel Hunter, Emily Ivemy, Erin Jeeves, George Jordan, Chloe Kennedy, Lucy Kenny, Byron Lloyd-Gilmour, Brian Makaza, Hannah Moser, Paige Scott, Elise Shaw, Rohan Shrestha, Taryn Thomas, Caitlin Willis,

Most Improved Attendance: Fin O'Connor

Most PARS Points: Teagan Worrall



Subject Awards to come after Easter!

Wishing everyone a fantastic Easter holiday!

Mrs Staker

Lead Practitioner

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YEAR 8 NEWS

Options

Year 8 have been busy choosing options and chasing teachers around school for signatures! Please can all forms and queries be brought to me as soon as possible so we can get the process underway.

I know some pupils were happy with the Blocks and others were not, whilst I understand it can be frustrating when subjects are not available we have done all we can as a school to provide a range of options to suit everyone.

Uniform

Please could you ensure your child is wearing appropriate uniform to school. The guidelines are in pupil planners and I am keen to be fair and consistent so after Easter a uniform check will be done and anyone not adhering to uniform policy will be sanctioned.

Attendance

Year 8 attendance is looking quite healthy, please could you phone the absence line if your child is off so we can keep track of pupil's whereabouts. I would also be grateful if you could ensure pupils are in school on time so tutors can start the day positively.

Have a lovely Easter holiday!

Mrs Jackson

Year 8 Progress Leader

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YEAR 9 NEWS

We have come to the end of our shortest term but also coldest term. Once again it is time to celebrate those that are doing. Below are some areas of success that we will celebrate in Rewards assembly. Also there is an account of the recent trip to Bath Spa University.

9SMH

Best Uniform - Ben Mathias
PSHE Award- Tyler Penny
Most Helpful - Noah Main
All Round Good Egg - Chloe Shuttleworth

9EVS

Best Uniform - Andrew Smith
PSHE Award- Sophie Gillett
Most Helpful - Danny Foster
All Round Good Egg - Sophie Gillett

9DMA

Best Uniform - George Simpson
PSHE Award- Thomas Burgess
Most Helpful - Hannah Foreman
All Round Good Egg - Oliver Binns

9SVC

Best Uniform - Georgia Mae Sommerton
PSHE Award - Ross Hirst
Most helpful - Miren Tough
All round good Egg - Emily Coombes

9PMJ

Best Uniform - Oliver Stubbs
PSHE Award- Parisa Wheeler
Most Helpful - Lewis Winson Cross
All Round Good Egg - Lauren Blake

Most Improved Attendance: Kieran Dimmer
Most PARS Points: Haydn Waters

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Wishing everyone a fantastic Easter holiday!

Mrs Staker

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YEAR 10 NEWS

Prefect Appointments

The prefect application process will begin in earnest after Easter. Prefects will be appointed in the 1st week of May. More on this later.....

Science GCSE's

Immediately we return Year 10 have mock GCSE's on Monday 11th April (Biology), Wednesday 13th April (Chemistry) and Monday 18th April (Physics). These along with the full GCSE exams in May— Tuesday 17th May (Biology), Thursday 19th May (Chemistry) and Wednesday 25th May (Physics) mean that all students should be revising **NOW!!**

Chocolate Raffle

Winners— Ellie McNickle, Jacke Lowe, Emily Spencer, Hayley Speck, Tom Jones, Isaac Reed.

Well done and Happy Easter

Miss Harris

Year 10 Progress Leader

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Bath Spa University Visit to The Stonehenge School

On Thursday 17th March Bath Spa University visited to allow Year 10's to interview and discover the opportunities available for their education beyond the age of 18.

The recruitment manager introduced us to 5 full time students from Bath and we then had the opportunity to ask them questions and play some thinking games.

What we learnt -

- ◆ There are over 100 universities in England alone
- ◆ There are 39,000 courses available to study
- ◆ The oldest graduate from bath Spa University will be 80 when she graduates
- ◆ You will have to write a dissertation to graduate in your final year
- ◆ Entry qualification is changing due to the new GCSE's



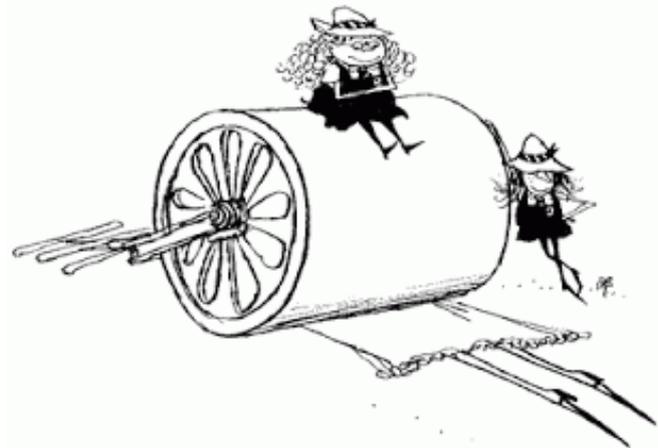
It was a fascinating day and every tutor group who had a session was fully engaged and behaved impeccably.

Thank you

Miss Harris

On the rampage again and coming soon to The Stonehenge School

St Trinians



11th & 12 th May 2016

Attendance Reminder - Please notify the school immediately if your child is absent from school via the absence line on 01980 676650 or email admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Medical appointments should be made out of school hours where possible. In the case that an urgent appointment has to be attended, the appointment letter/card needs to be handed into the school office to enable the absence to be authorised.

Miss Wrighton
Attendance Officer

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AMESBURY SPORT CENTRE FREE FITNESS TASTER SESSION

DATE: Saturday 9th April
TIME: 09.00-13.00

Come along and join in with the **free** activities that are being put on at Amesbury Sports Centre and experience the fitness classes that are ran at the centre.

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Free refreshments	Tea, Coffee and Healthy snacks
Free raffle	Prizes to include one month's free membership, fitness classes etc. The more classes you take part in the more raffle tickets you earn yourself!

JUST FOR FUN: Why not join the team by wearing something Green or Yellow to celebrate the arrival of spring time!!

Although spaces should be available on the day, booking is recommended to save disappointment.

Please call into Amesbury Sports Centre or alternatively phone on 01980 622173.

UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge

Mrs Levey wants to congratulate 9Ma1 on their outstanding performance in the UKMT Intermediate Challenge. I am so impressed that they exceeded the results for year10.

The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge was sat by top set Y10 and Y9 recently. We are very pleased to congratulate the following pupils on their excellent results especially considering only the top 40% of pupils receive awards.

Y10:

Finley Lloyd Gilmour Best in year and Bronze

Y9:

Amelia Wyles and Tyler Mealing shared Best in school, Best in year and Silver

Josh Bills, Max Randle, Ryan Magill, Ben Collet and Ben Wilton Bronze

PLEASE NOTE:

The Intermediate Challenge is aimed at pupils in Year 9, 10 and 11 in England and Wales. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour and is sat in school under normal exam conditions.

High performers

The top 40% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate in the ratio 1:2:3 and each institution receives a Best in School certificate.

Youth Music Theatre

Congratulations to Taylor Alman from Year 9 who has successfully auditioned for a role in the production of *The Legend of White Bear Lake* due to be presented at The Barbican Theatre in Plymouth this August. Over 1000 young people auditioned this year and so Taylor has done exceptionally well to have secured a role in the musical.

Draw

If you would like to join please visit our website -<http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/news/100-club>

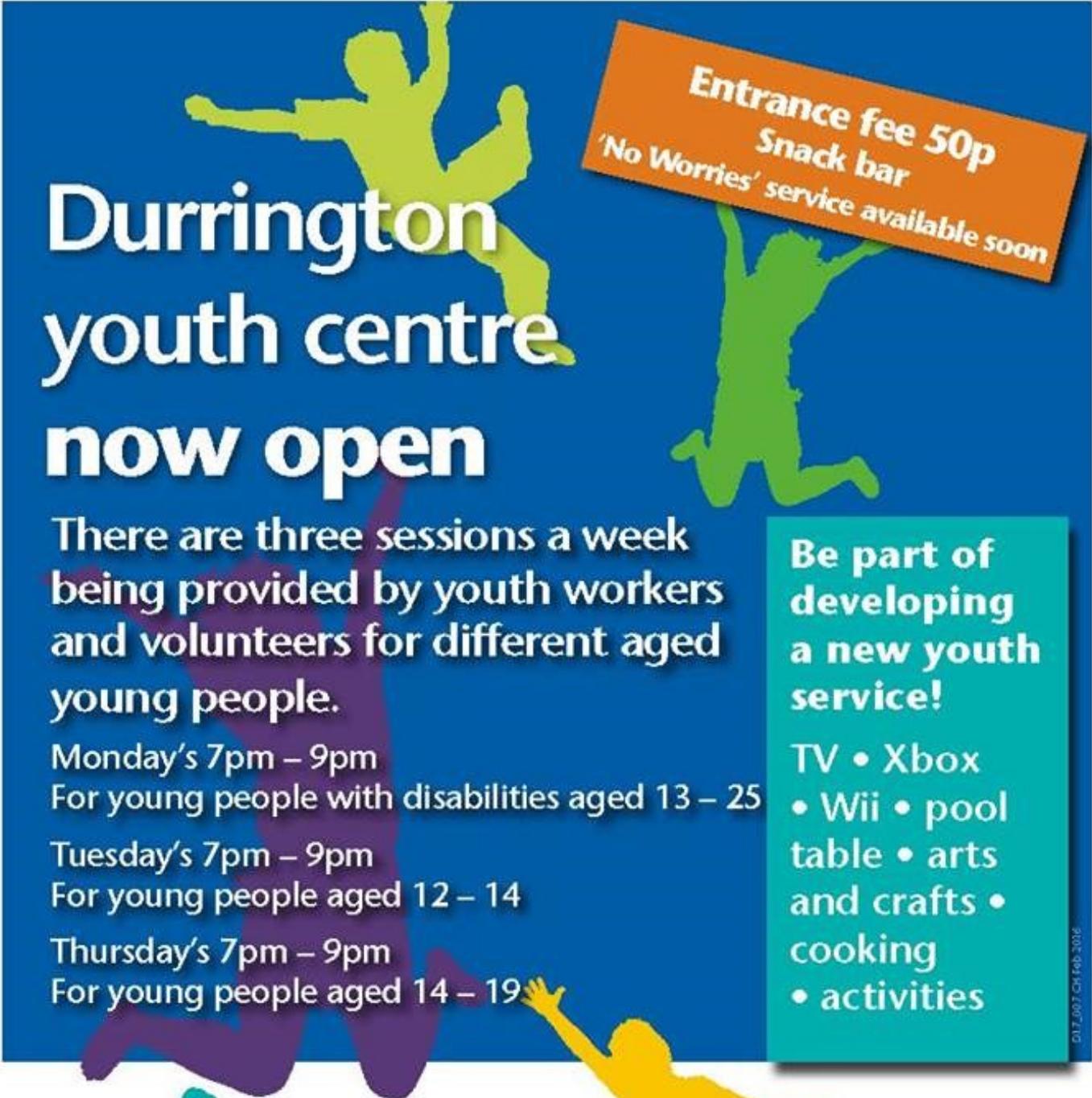
March draw

1st Mrs N Browning £10.80

2nd Mrs P Shipsey £5.40

3rd Mrs P Marriott £1.80

The logo for the 100 Club, featuring the number '100' in a large, bold, blue font with a white outline, and the word 'CLUB' in a smaller, bold, black font directly below it.



Durrington youth centre now open

Entrance fee 50p
Snack bar
'No Worries' service available soon

There are three sessions a week being provided by youth workers and volunteers for different aged young people.

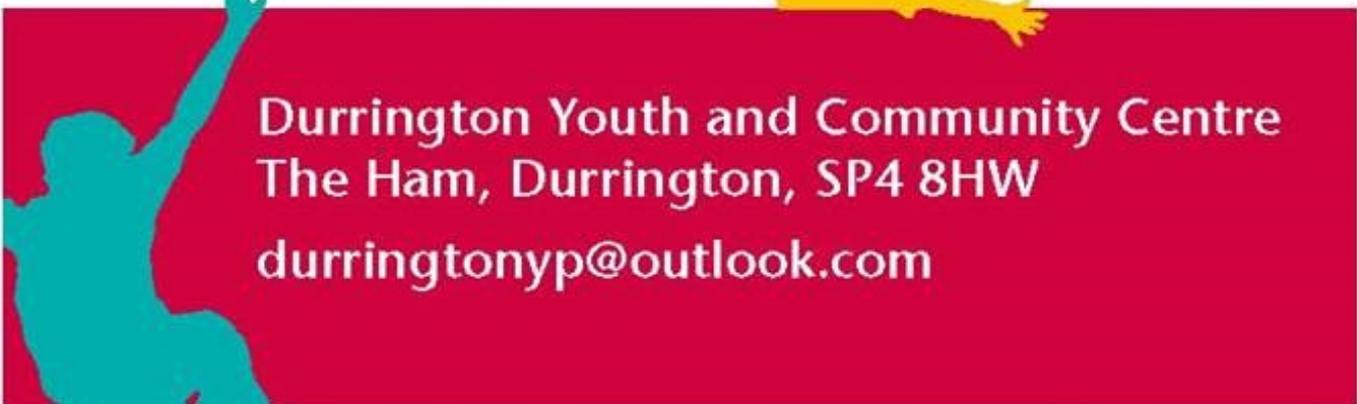
Monday's 7pm – 9pm
For young people with disabilities aged 13 – 25

Tuesday's 7pm – 9pm
For young people aged 12 – 14

Thursday's 7pm – 9pm
For young people aged 14 – 19

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Able, Gifted & Talented

Our Able, Gifted and talented year 9 and 10 students were this week visited by Mr Scott Bridgen, sales director for EMEA. Scott is a successful business man, specialising in whistle blowing, sales and ICT. They enjoyed an hour long information discussion and were introduced to a career path they had perhaps not previously considered. This was part of our programme for our most able students, looking at a wide range of careers and possible routes after Stonehenge school.

Mrs R Edmunds, Lead Practitioner

Life at Bath Spa University

By Mollie Jordan-Gerrard

On Thursday 25th February 2016 a small group of year 9 pupils visited Bath Spa University. We were introduced to several students who studied there, they helped us take part in a few activities, teaching us what life was like after Secondary School. We were split into groups each with one student from Bath Spa. Firstly, we were quizzed on what we thought university was like now, most people assumed it was just like school but for a wider range of people and others thought differently. We were taught that Bath Spa offers 69 courses for their students, these include: Music and performing arts, art and design, humanities and cultural industries and many more!

The land on which the university lies on is currently owned by Prince Charles, this means that it is very hard to expand or convert their uni, but it also means that the views from the classroom windows are beautiful and earthy, with farm animals roaming around the outskirts of the campus.

We were given a 20 minute tour of the campus, this obviously wasn't enough time to see the whole university but the parts that we did see were pretty awesome. They have a professional music studio, a library that's half the size of our school! And a friendly environment to study in.

Their dormitories vary in both size, price and quality some may even say that the more expensive dorms are more luxury than some hotel rooms!

To end the day we were taken to the music studio to take part in Gamelan Music, Gamelan is the traditional ensemble music of Java and Bali in Indonesia, made up mostly of percussive instruments. The most common instruments used are metallophones played by mallets and a set of hand-played drums called kendhang which keeps everybody else in time. Other instruments include xylophones, bamboo flutes, a bowed instrument called a rebab, and even vocalists called sindhen. For most Indonesians, gamelan is an important part of Indonesian culture. We played a small piece together and learnt it within 45minutes!

Being given the opportunity to be shown this university and to talk to some of the students it helped us to realise that university isn't as scary as it seems, and it has made many of us think about going to university even if it is just for fun!



Bath Spa University

What did you do?

On February 25th 2016 a small group of year 9 students got selected to visit Bath Spa University for the day. We all got a tour of the university and got introduced to the students that studied there. We also got quizzed on what we thought university was like and what it catered for, we learned many things such as, a woman graduated at the age of 90, they have 69 different courses and also we learnt about how student loans work. After all the touring and quizzes we had lunch and got to know our student better, talking to the students helped us realise that university doesn't change you and it isn't as scary as you would think. The final activity that we participated in was something called Gamelan Music, we had a lot of fun playing it and also learning things such as that it is seen as disrespectful to show the soles of your feet to the instruments and also that instead of letters you use numbers to keep track of the tune. Although it has been almost a month since the visit I can still remember the tune as it is very catchy and also as I had so much fun taking part.

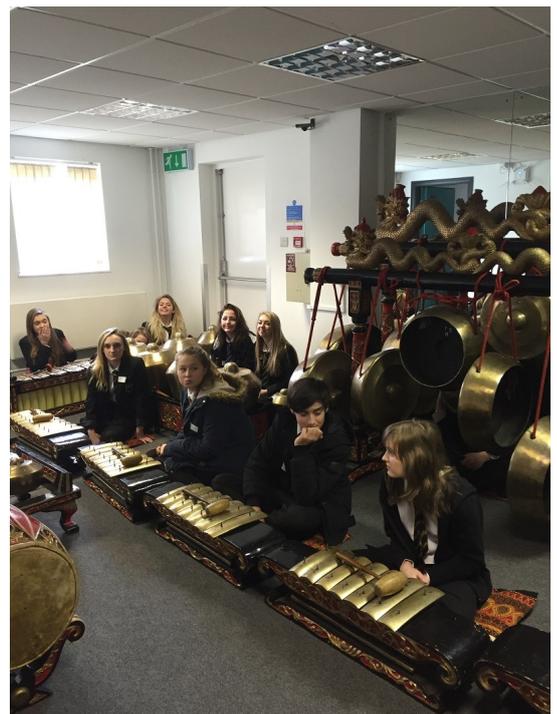
What's the university like?

Earlier I mentioned that they cater for 69 different courses, these include, Art, music, design, humanities, performing arts and many more. The students also told us that that their land is owned by Prince Charles so their view is exceptional. They are also every eco-friendly, they have a bin for batteries, paper, bottles, cans and even one for chewing gum; however because chewing gum cannot be recycled the gum gets turned into the bin. It has a library half the size of the school and its campus is widely spread across Bath. Their average dorm is great but the high end dorms are even better, some even may say that they are better than some hotel rooms. The dorms vary in price size and quality.

Final thoughts?

I think that Bath Spa is a very good university and I would recommend it to anyone.

Beth Lawson





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