



This week at St Catherine's College, the school has been focusing its attention on Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January). In our School Worship, Mr Pittman explained the consequences of blind prejudice taken to its ultimate conclusion in the crimes committed in the 1930s and 40s against the Jewish people and many others from minority groups. Pupils learnt about the urgent need to guard our own society from ever treating minority groups in this way again.

Hatred, prejudice and discrimination, will lead to such things as hurtful words, violence, discriminatory laws and, in the most extreme consequences, the marginalising and extermination of whole people groups in genocides. History teaches that, since the Holocaust, nations have been down this path in Cambodia, Darfur, Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, and that the language of prejudice needs to be tackled the moment it arises to prevent similar repetition.



In the Bible and in the minds of all right thinking people, every person is to be viewed as being of equal value and should be treated just as we want to be treated ourselves. We all have a responsibility at St Catherine's College and beyond to remember the Holocaust, to learn from it and to ensure that we challenge words and actions of prejudice and discrimination in order that people can live in safety, without fear, and never suffer in this way again.

Reverend David Garratt



Parents are politely requested not to park in front of the Bedewell gates at the end of the day. Access is needed to and from the building at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

SUSSEX DOWNS COLLEGE OPEN EVENT

Eastbourne Campus

Wednesday 31 January, 4.30pm - 7.30pm

VISIT TO THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

A report from Mrs Honeybourne:

On Monday, a Year 8 class of historians had the opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum in London. The pupils were given the chance to explore the First World War Galleries and discover what life was like for those both on the home front and fighting fronts. Pupils were able to interact with countless objects; from weapons, uniform, equipment and diaries to pieces of art work.

In the main atrium of the museum, pupils were given the chance to closely explore the Witnesses to War exhibition; here they were introduced to such icons as the Harrier Jump Jet, Spitfire and the deadly V2 rocket.

In a new approach to teaching history and developing young people's perception of the past, the class took part in the Documentary Challenge. This activity helped to develop the pupils' historical context of past events. With 45 minutes given, pupils were told to create a narrative documentary, conveying their argument on what object within the First World War gallery deserves more attention from the wider world. The class undertook this hands on activity with plenty of enthusiasm, helping them gain a richer context of World War One and why it is taught.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

29 Y7 Assessment Fortnight begins

February

1&2 School Show, Matinee and Evening Performances

7 Y8 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-5.45pm

9 Last Day of Term 3

19 First Day of Term 4

APPRENTICESHIP TASTER DAYS

Thinking about an apprenticeship?

There will be gas and plumbing and electrical taster days at the Steve Willis Training Centre, Burgess Hill on the following dates:

Gas and Plumbing: Mon 12 February/Tues 29 May

Electrical: Fri 16 February/Thurs 31 May

Sessions run from 9.00am - 12.00 noon

To book a place, please contact 01444 870860 or apprenticeships@stevewillis.com. Spaces are limited!

YEAR 7 PUPIL MUSICAL THEATRE STAR



Nicola, Year 7 pupil, has landed the role of Matilda in the touring production of the ever-popular musical, adapted from Roald Dahl's novel. We are all very excited for Nicola and in awe of her incredible talent.

Nicola has already commenced a gruelling rehearsal schedule and will be on tour around the UK and Ireland from March to September. She will be performing on a one week on, one week off basis. Something of an 'old hat' at this, Nicola has previously performed with the Billy Elliott tour in 2015/16 but landing the leading role in 'Matilda' is absolutely fantabulous!

More information, tickets and a short video can be found at: <http://uk.matildathemusical.com/tour/the-noticeboard/>



YEAR 7 SCIENCE HOMEWORK

A report from Mrs Crilly:
A huge well done to Paige, pictured left, who recently did a fantastic piece of science homework about Hazards.

SITUATION VACANT

PA TO SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Single Status Grade 5 - £17,178 - £18,070 pa pro rata

17 hours per week, term-time only

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Wednesday 31 January

We require an additional PA for our Senior Leadership Team to provide secretarial and organisational support. This is a busy part-time post and the successful applicant should be highly IT literate and have: an eye for detail and possess first class grammar and punctuation skills; the ability to liaise and build positive relationships with the SLT and other PAs within the Administration Team; and experience of producing documents to a high standard using Microsoft Word and Excel.

Further information and an applicant pack can be obtained from our website or by telephoning Mrs Sandie Windsor, Head of Personnel, 01323 465469.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, successful applicants will need to undertake an enhanced DBS clearance.



YEAR 7 GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 7 Girls' Basketball Team. The girls displayed excellent teamwork in their first basketball match this year, winning 26-6 against Lewes Priory. Well done, girls!

INDOOR ATHLETICS

A report from Miss Murray:

Congratulations to the Year 8 Athletics Team who recently took part in the Indoor Athletics Partnership Competition at Hailsham Community College. It was a great all round performance with the team being beaten into second place by only one point! Well done to all who took part!

