

Hessle High School

December 2009

YPRES - A VISIT TO THE SALIENT

On Thursday 12 November, at 10pm at night, 100 Year 9 students arrived at the Boothferry Road site, prepared for anything that a 26 hour round trip could throw at them! Advised to bring plenty of warm clothing and enough food to see them through to the following night, the students packed the two coaches to the rafters with wellies, waterproofs and wine gums.

The Euro Star proved an adventure in itself. However, as soon as we emerged in France, our thoughts turned to the day ahead. On our arrival in Ypres, excitement spread and suddenly, despite our long journey, we were all wide awake and full of energy.

The adventure started at Hill 62 Sanctuary Wood and Trenches. A bright red, if slightly small, beanie hat was issued to all students. We began to imagine what life must have been like for the young men who fought in Belgium during World War I.

It wasn't long before the reality of what Hill 62 symbolises began to dawn on us. Suddenly barrages of questions were being thrown at the group leaders about life for a soldier in Ypres' trenches in 1916.

At Langemarck German Cemetery, the students were faced with the magnitude of a mass grave, containing 24, 917 bodies of young soldiers. Faced with Langemarck's

haunting unknown graves, each holding 4 or 5 soldiers, again, all the staff were impressed with the maturity of the questions asked and the respect shown by all the students.



At Tyne Cot, the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world, the students immediately knew why we had made the journey to Ypres. The size and beauty of Tyne Cot caught everyone's breath and as the students searched the Memorial to the Missing for family names, the staff took a step back and were proud of the respect and interest the students showed.

After a full day of stirring experiences we made our way to Hans and Stephanie's fantastic chocolate shop.

It can definitely be said that the experience of a visit to the salient is not one to be forgotten, especially at the time of the Armistice.

A big thank you to all the staff and students involved in making Ypres 2009 so successful.

Miss L Overton

ParentPay @ BR

Thanks to the huge efforts of our Boothferry Road canteen staff, ParentPay co-ordinator, Mrs Cook and our finance manager Mrs Hardy we are now a totally cashless site at Boothferry Road! Plans are now in place to ensure that as of September 2010 this will also be the case at Heads Lane.



Christmas dates for your diaries - may sure you have money in your account!

* Boothferry Road Christmas Fast Food Friday: Friday 11 December

* Boothferry Road Christmas Dinner: Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 December

* Heads Lane Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 16 December

* Heads Lane Christmas Feast: Thursday 17 December

Remember: Students in Years 10 and 11 can buy revision guides through ParentPay for your January exams!



Christmas Holidays



School will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18 December 2009 at 2.00 pm. Early buses have been arranged. We re-open on Tuesday 5 January 2010.

The staff at Hessle High School would like to wish all our students and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Student Council visit to CAT, Wales

How much water can you save if you put a brick in your toilet cistern? Which meal is most eco-friendly - cottage pie or a hamburger? These were just some of the questions that the student council answered on their recent trip to the Centre for Alternative Technology, Wales.



We stayed for a the weekend in an eco-cabin, fuelled entirely by wood and solar panels, which even featured a luxury outside composting toilet! The centre itself is completely self sufficient, and some people live there all year round. On Saturday we received a tour of the entire CAT eco-village and learned about sustainable energy, before heading to Aberdyfi for fish and chips, and then on to King Arthur's Labyrinth at Corris. The labyrinth is a disused slate mine, which now holds a maze, river and walking story led by a monk!



In the evening we sampled CAT's vegetarian restaurant, before returning to our cabin, where we wrote an eco-pledge for Hessle High School. In the next year we aim to reduce water and energy consumption and stop littering in the school and its surroundings. Look out for ways that you can help the Student Council.

Harriet Tinker, Student Council Representative

YEAR 10 UNIFORM SERVICE STUDENTS SEE THE DANGERS FIRST HAND!



The Year 10 Uniform Service students saw first hand recently the dangers that exist in respect of knives, firearms and other makeshift articles used or carried on the streets of Humberside. Two seasoned firearms officers from the Humberside Police Armed Response Unit visited. PC Gary Wilson and PC Neil Colclough gave a presentation on the role of a firearms officer.

They discussed the risks involved in people carrying or producing such weapons in public places and circumstances that would involve the deployment of armed officers. Students were encouraged to consider the risks involved in carrying any sort of weapon in a public place. It was a real eye opener to learn about the problems facing officers when BB guns or imitation firearms are involved. It was an excellent presentation and we thank the officers for their very professional input. It was enjoyed by all.



Mr S Dalrymple



Community Respect

Students Riding Cycles on All Saints Site

It has come to our attention that a number of students are using the All Saints site as a cut through. We have been asked to remind students that this is not acceptable. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Disability Equality Scheme

A key part of our Disability Equality Scheme is the information we receive from disabled members of the school community in identifying the issues affecting disabled people. In this respect we welcome the views of parents, students and staff so that areas of concern can be identified and plans put in place to bring about a solution.

Information can be put in writing, sent by email to office@hesslehigh.net or by arranging to come into school to discuss the issues with a member of staff. Enquiries should be directed to Mr Jolley.

Poppy Day

The school collected £134.48 for the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you for your support.



Hessle High School Young Sporting Ambassadors

Increasing young people's participation levels in sport is no mean feat in an age of Nintendo gaming addiction. However that isn't to say that we don't try and succeed. It's just that we have to think of different, varied and non traditional sporting persuasions to do this. For those of you who don't know us, welcome the South Hunsley School Sports Partnership. We are a group of 9 secondary schools (Hessle High being one of them) and 63 primary schools whose main aim is to increase participation levels in sport for all students. We go about this in many different ways and are keen to give all students a sporting opportunity which they may never have tried or even thought of before.

Such initiatives are important to our success and help us strive for our target of 3 hours school sport for all students in a typical week (curriculum and extra curricular). One initiative that has helped us in our mission is the Young Ambassador programme. This is a nationally led programme. Young leaders, who excel in a sporting discipline or contribute to sport in a volunteering and leading capacity, champion sport within their school setting by utilising the values of the 2012 Olympics. Last year, four such individuals were chosen at Hessle High School. These were Alex Holland, Francesca Garner, Leah Blampey and James Stainton.



Over the past year they have achieved a huge amount and are worthy of recognition for their drive and commitment. Firstly, they initiated and developed a school sports council. Together they canvassed for volunteers and finally selected two candidates per year group. The newly formed sports council then met every two weeks to discuss ideas and initiatives which would help to increase participation levels in sport.

All students in the school were successfully questionaired about PE kit and intra form competition. This resulted in a very successful dodgeball competition. For those of you who are interested, dodgeball will be back again this year along with something very different. So watch this space. The work the Young Ambassadors have done led to an invitation in September to present at the National Young Ambassador conference in York.

It was attended by notable and successful Olympic athletes such as hammer thrower (and Battleaxe in Gladiators) Shirley Webb, gymnast Craig Heap and swimmer Adam Whitehead. Following on from this, the Young Ambassadors were asked to present at the East Riding School Sport Partnership Conference at Bridlington Spa. Yet again they didn't disappoint and captured the attention of the 300 candidates in the audience with their ideas and professional approach.

Since their appearance, we have been inundated with calls from other PE departments asking for help in setting up a Sports Council. So that leaves us with one final question: why have they been so successful? Well, to answer that question: they have simply been professional, dynamic and dedicated. They have always involved all students, thus letting the student voice make the sporting decisions.

Mrs F Reccia



The Hessle Federation
 Invite you to our
Carols around the Christmas Tree
at Penshurst Primary School
on Wednesday 16 December 6.00 pm
KS1 playground
as part of our 70th birthday celebrations
Refreshments available.





The Consortium

Consortium Sport

The annual Consortium volleyball tournament was held at the Boothferry Road sports hall on Wednesday 18 November. Teams from Cottingham High School and Wolfreton School competed against Hesse Sixth Form students to be crowned Consortium champions and claim the coveted shield.

Great team work and sportsmanship was displayed throughout the event. Every game was fast moving, highly competitive and extremely energised! The two teams representing Hesse High played well. Hesse B led the tournament throughout, only to be pipped at the post in the grand final by Cottingham A.

Final results are

- 1st – Cottingham A
- 2nd – Hesse B
- 3rd – Wolfreton A

Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Consortium Enrichment

This term has seen the launch of various Consortium enrichment activities across all three partner

Schools. All students are actively encouraged now to take part in various activities to gain new skills and qualifications whilst also having a little bit of fun. At Wolfreton, First Aid and British Sign Language courses are now up and running and both have been well received by students.



At Hesse High School survival cooking is being offered. This course looks at food safety, preparation and storage, with the focus on creating basic, nutritious meals that can be made easily. The diverse programme will be open for new recruits in the New Year.



Budding Young Artists

The Art Department is proud to announce that four of our students, Sam Cook, Andrew Dixon, Daniel Puttman and Jamie Scaum, have their artwork on display in the Ferens Art Gallery. Their work is a part of the Ferens annual junior open exhibition.

The exhibition runs from Saturday 5 December and until Sunday 24 January 2010.

Admission is free.



Andrew Dixon's artwork

Family Support

Free School Meals With our new cashless system, daily money goes directly to a student's account. No more ticking off a list, so it is totally discreet. Contact East Riding Council (Tel 394799) or Hull Council (Tel 300300) for information regarding eligibility.

Free School Meals Receiving Income Support? Receiving income based Job Seeker's allowance? Receiving child tax credit only (total income below £16040 for 2009-2010) or guaranteed pension credit? Receiving Employment Support Allowance (income related)? **DON'T MISS OUT** - check your eligibility.

Motorcycles on school site



The school policy states that no students other than those in the Sixth Form may bring motorcycles to school. This has been decided on safety grounds following consultation with the local policing team.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to all students on helping maintain extremely high standards of attendance right across the Hesse Federation. During the academic year 2008-2009 we achieved well over the targets set by the local authority and we are well on the way to doing the same this year. This wouldn't be possible without the positive attitude of students and parents towards attending school regularly. This in turn has a huge impact on learning. Keep it up. Everyone's a winner!