



Updates for the parents and community of The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form



KEY DATES

- 31st August - Student Review Day
- 15th Sept - Year 5/6 Open Evening
- 16th Sept - Inset Day
- 22nd Sept - Year 5/6 Opening Morning
- 29th Sept - Post 16 Open Evening
- 5th Oct - Year 9 Parents Evening
- 13th Oct - 6th Form Taster Day
- 13th Oct - Year 7 and 12 Parents Evening (Tutors Only)

University of Lincoln Criminology Lecture

Year 12

On June 8th the Year 12 Psychology students were lucky enough to secure free tickets to attend a lecture by the very famous criminologist David Wilson at the University of Lincoln.

In case you are thinking, who?? David Wilson is a university professor and a former prison governor who has worked with some of the most dangerous and notorious criminals in Britain. He specialises in studying serial killers and has worked with the British police, written books and made lots of media appearances, most recently with Emilia Fox in a Channel 4 real crime documentary called 'In the Footsteps of Killers'.

His podcast, about incidences of true crime, 'If it bleeds, it leads' is one of the top 10 podcasts currently.

The lecture focused on his most recent research into British serial murders, looking at the demographic of typical victims and what society

can do to protect those vulnerable groups so as to lessen the incidence of violent crime.

It was riveting. The students were completely hooked, an hour lecture just wasn't long enough!! The students are now looking forward to studying much more about forensic/criminological psychology as part of their A Level Psychology course.





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YEAR 5/6 OPEN EVENING

Thurs 15th Sept 2022
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Year 9 - What I enjoy about GCSE Science...

By Mrs Knight

Our Year 9 students have started their GCSE science course this year and have enjoyed studying topics in biology, chemistry and physics.

Practical work in GCSE Science remains a firm favourite with the students, they have done everything from rates of reactions investigations in chemistry to detailed microscope work in biology. They are also excited at the prospect of learning about some of their favourite science topics in more detail, for example space in physics and the nervous system in biology.

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I found doing different practicals in GCSE Science interesting and I enjoy looking forward to the results of the practicals.

By Wayne

I like doing biology because it is interesting. I like doing physics and chemistry. My favourite is when we learnt about osmosis and diffusion.

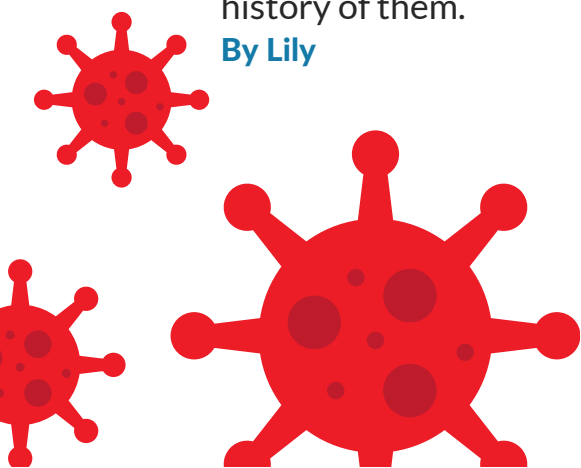
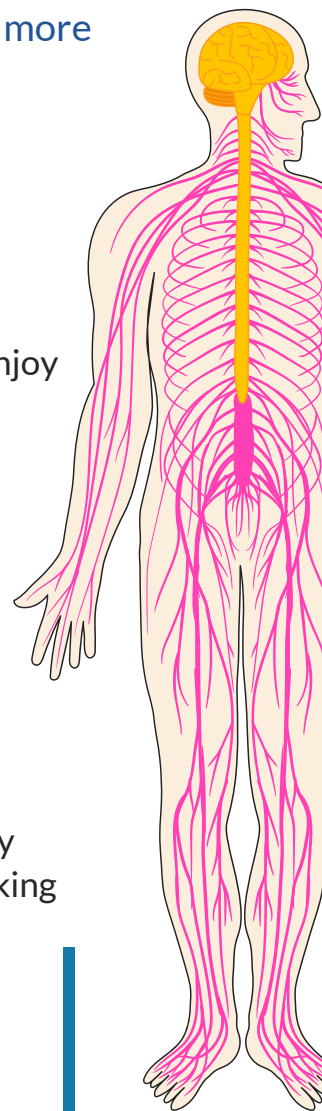
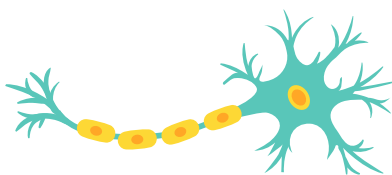
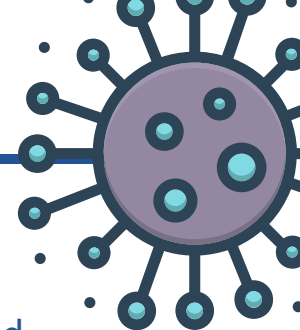
By Osian

What I find interesting about GCSE Science is the content. I especially like biology - learning about what your body does with you even thinking about it ie; the nervous system and the endocrine system.

By Olivia

I find the heart and the blood interesting as it shows us how the body works. However, I also enjoyed learning about atoms and the history of them.

By Lily





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One Dance UK - Young Creatives Showcase 2022

By Lily 7T

On 19 June 2022, the Midlands Arts Centre (MAC) Birmingham hosted the most incredible showcase of young dance talent, in a special performance of only 10 selected pieces of original and independent work choreographed by young people from around the UK. The show was introduced by Sir Richard Alston and I was the youngest dancer to perform.



I was lucky enough to have been invited as part of a group from Xzibit Young Creatives. Our piece investigated sensory overload and how it feels to try and cope with sensory input as a young person with sensory processing difficulties.

The Xzibit programme is an award-winning choreographic and talent development programme which runs each year in the Midlands. It is an artist-led hip hop dance theatre project, that focuses on developing the young dance creatives of the future through an intensive choreographic mentoring programme. It is led by the amazing Gareth Woodward and Jasmine Eccles with internationally renowned guest choreographers. The programme finishes with a performance of the original works in professional venues.

I have now performed at The Lakeside Arts Theatre Nottingham and The Curve Leicester with Xzibit, both as a dancer in other people's pieces but also showcasing my original choreography, as well as being selected to perform at the MAC. If you're interested in finding out more about the programme please have a look at their website: xzibityoungcreatives.com – you won't find a more welcoming, friendly and professional group of people to learn from!





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A Gold Celebration - Duke of Edinburgh Award

By Mrs Carnell - Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager

As with most events, the Gold Award presentations at Buckingham Palace were postponed because of COVID and the students were sent their awards through the post.

The award scheme did not want the fantastic achievements of these students to go unrecognised and put on a special celebration event in May within the Buckingham Palace Gardens.

I was invited to join the students who achieved their Gold Award with South Wolds in recognition of the support I gave to our students in helping them achieve their awards.

Prince Edward, the Duke of Wessex hosted the event with celebrities such as Ben Fogle, (adventurer, writer and presenter), Johannes Radebe (professional dancer from Strictly), Tim Campbell (the Apprentice) and Nina Wadia (actress), who all talked about their Gold Award experience and how this has influenced them.

The Duke of Edinburgh is a challenge award with three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) demanding a commitment of at least an hour a week working on skill, physical and volunteering to be completed within a specific timescale. In addition, there is the preparation and completion of a walking expedition and at Gold level only, a 5 day residential.

All Gold Award achievers receive an invitation to Buckingham Palace to receive their award.

It is a day I will remember and the tea and cake was delicious too!

I am delighted to announce we have our fourth Gold Award achiever since I took on running the award in 2014. They will be receiving their invitation to the Palace in due course.

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Our Gold Award holder Lucy said:
Attending today is so special. To achieve the awards you have to work hard, particularly at Gold level, however it is an experience I will remember forever.

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Issac Computer Science Competition

By Jack E and David J Year 11

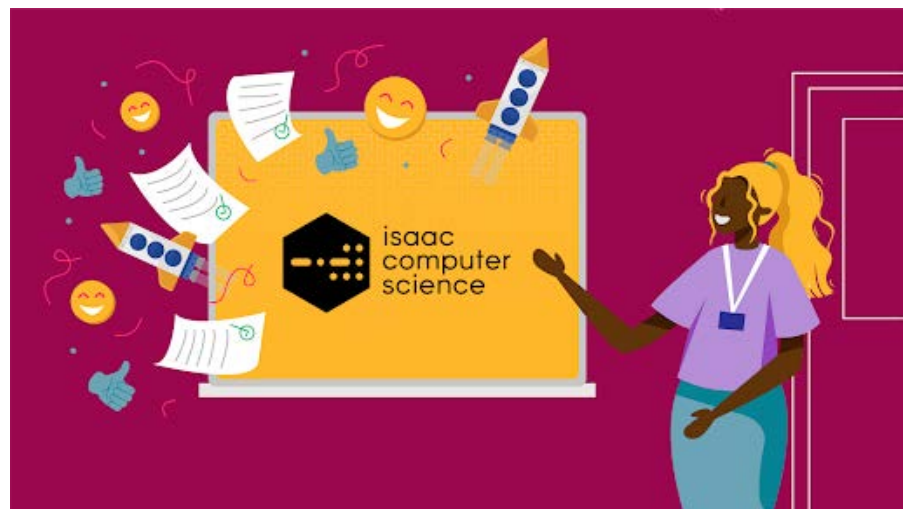
Recently, we took part in an Isaac Computer Science competition that involved ciphers and encryption. My teacher (Mrs Rowe) suggested it to us and we really enjoyed it.

The first stage consisted of cracking 5 different ciphers to get a plaintext message that allowed you to get to the next stage. After we had completed the challenges, we both got an email telling us that we had been selected to continue to stage 2!

This was the most difficult and yet fun part of the challenge.

We were both given a name that was encrypted using the enigma machine and the challenge was to try and figure out what this name was. This took quite a long time as (surprise, surprise) the enigma can be quite difficult to crack. After a couple days of deliberation, we had figured out the names. Mine was Haitao Zheng and his was Arthur Burks; both of which are computer scientists.

We submitted our entries to the challenge and we were very happy when we won a free raspberry pi 4 desktop kit each, which we can then use for a variety of exciting projects. Overall, we really enjoyed doing the challenges and were happy to receive a free raspberry pi!



Alex Hoyle - Just Giving



As you may be aware, Alex, an ex-South Wolds student, was critically injured in a road accident whilst on holiday out in Bali in June.

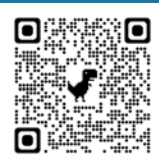
In Bali, for any surgeries to be carried out they require upfront funding. Some of Alex's friends have so far raised over £85,000 on a Just Giving page.

We held a non-uniform day on Monday 4th July and we asked students and staff for their usual £1 voluntary donation.

We raised an amazing £428.58

Every penny donated goes straight towards the front line to help provide the critical care that both Alex and his girlfriend, Joella, need.

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Year 8 Literature, Poetry and Song Competition

By Mr Bancroft

The year 8 Fristory class have taken part in the annual 'Literature, Poetry and Song Competition' at the University of Nottingham School of Education. Students at partnership schools across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have taken part with the support of their trainee teachers. The winning students from the class have been selected and their entries put forward at the University.

The students all met this challenge with enthusiasm, and delivered some outstanding work. The group were tasked with translating "Dans Paris" by Paul Éluard into English. They then implemented their knowledge of the French language by working on adjective agreements and making sure that they had all the grammatical structures they would need to write their own poem in French, following the structure of the original poem.

I was extremely impressed with the work the class produced, with all of them showing real linguistic skill in the French language and writing some brilliant poetry. All the students should be proud of their accomplishments with this project and it was tough competition! The poems selected for entry were written by Toby H, Alicia H, Kimberley B, Rebecca N and Hannah C-A.

Congratulations to the whole class and we await the results from the University on the 27th July with anticipation.



By Charlotte and Lily

This year in Fristory we have studied many things and the topic that we have just finished is the French Revolution.

In our most recent project, we did a presentation on what we had learnt. Throughout the presentations we saw many things including delicious biscuits, freshly baked bread, a rubix cube French flag, and Eva, Jess, Lily and Evie singing a song (in French) about the revolution!

We really enjoyed Imogen's team's drawings and Chloe's team did some amazing research on Marie Antoinette.

The other topics that we have studied throughout the year are: The Battle of Hastings, Medieval Life, Religion, Castles, the Islamic Empire and Robin Hood.



Influential Women in History Competition

By Miss Fox

This month's influential woman was Marie Curie, a physicist, chemist and pioneer in the study of radiation whose work led to the development of nuclear energy and radiotherapy for the treatment of cancer, which has saved thousands of lives.

The winner of this month's competition was Amy in year 10 - well done!



Carnegie Shadowing Success

By Mrs Arnold

This year, more than twenty-five of the school's most avid readers – ranging from Year 7 to Year 11 – devoured the pages of the latest Carnegie Award Shortlist. The eight-novel challenge is not an easy feat for some, particularly those who juggled it with revising for exams. However, the Friday lunch time discussions highlighted how much they relished the opportunity to read and review some great teen-fiction with like-minded peers.

Perhaps this is not surprising when considering the range of stories on offer this year. The 2022 shortlist included Sue Divin's 'Guard Your Heart': an exciting 'Romeo and Juliet' style love story set in modern Ireland, Alex Wheatle's 'Cane Warriors', which tells the story of an eighteenth-century slave uprising in Jamaica and Zoboi and Salaam's powerful 'Punching the Air' - a deeply-affecting verse novel about a teen who has been incarcerated for a crime that he did not commit.

As a group, we voted 'The Crossing' by Manjeet Mann the most medal-worthy for its compelling plot, strong characterisation and compassionate approach to discussing the tragedies of the refugee crisis. The judges however did not agree. This year's official winner was 'October, October' by Katya Balen – a beautifully-written story of the wilderness and family secrets. Although not our group's first choice, it was a worthy winner.

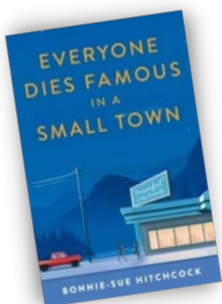
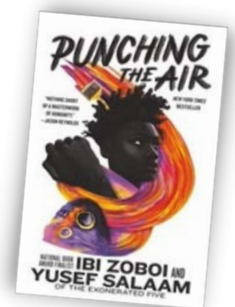
We celebrated the end of our Carnegie shadowing fun with a quiz, some hilarious 'reduced' versions of the novels and, of course, plenty of biscuits.

Roll on Carnegie 2023 in our newly refurbished library!



Here are some reviews of the books written by our wonderful Year 8 students:

Punching the Air: This is a heart-breaking story about the American judicial system failing a young artist. This story will make you go on a roller-coaster of emotions: anger, sadness and guilt. It takes you on a journey no one would want to take and it makes you feel exactly how it would feel to be in the character's shoes. It is an amazing read. *By Alicia H and Kimberly B*



Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town: I thought this was an amazing book with so many twists and turns. Its plots were brilliant and the character development incredible considering the short story format. It is about teenagers whose lives get immortalised by the worst things that they have done. *By Lucianne H*

Guard Your Heart: This novel is a real tear-jerker. From the barrier-breaking love story to the support system that Aiden slowly builds for himself, this book puts into perspective the severe split in Northern Ireland. It's an emotional journey! *By Rebecca N*



'Earn while you learn' Apprenticeships

By Mrs Capewell

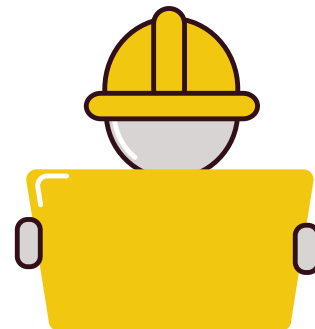
We are very proud of 4 of our Year 13 students who have all been successful in securing apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships have moved on tremendously from when making tea and sweeping the floor were the most exciting apprentice tasks of the day.

They are described as 'Earn while you learn' and particularly degree apprenticeships, where the employer pays for the apprentice to study for a degree or same level qualification, are like hens teeth; incredibly competitive.



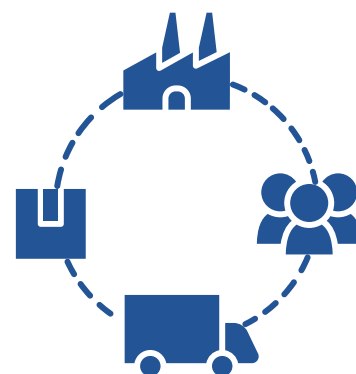
Emily S - Solicitor Apprentice, FBC Manby Bowdler in Shrewsbury, level 7 degree apprenticeship. She will qualify as a Corporate Solicitor with a Bachelor of Law Degree (LLB) and 6 years of working experience by the age of 24.



Bobby C- Construction Management Degree Apprenticeship at CRL (Concrete Repairs Ltd). He will be studying for a part time degree at Coventry University.



Kyle M - Level 3 Apprenticeship with The Army in the Paratrooper Regiment.



Ryan B - Supply Chain Degree Apprenticeship working for PepsiCo.

Transition Update

By Mr Gell, Head of Year 7 and Miss Dixon, Head of Languages

At the end of June we were delighted to welcome nearly 200 Year 6 students, who will be starting at South Wolds in September, for two Transition Days. This followed a month long programme of transition visits to over a dozen of our feeder primary schools by Mr Gell and Mr Askham, where they met the children and their teachers.

On the first Transition Day, students met their new tutor and registration group as well as enjoying four taster lessons, ranging from Bunsen Burner Safety in Science to Forensic Analysis in Maths, Shape Poems in English to Plasticine Modelling in Art.

In the evening of the first day, we welcomed the parents of our new students to a packed hall and refectory where they had the opportunity to meet the key staff involved in supporting their child's move to South Wolds.

This was our first in-person transition days since 2019 and it was a real delight to witness our new students exploring their new school and meeting teachers and support staff.

On the second Transition Day, the Year 6 students celebrated diversity across the world by taking part in International Day.

Throughout the day, the students had the opportunity to take part in a variety of excellent workshops run by staff across the school focusing on different cultures and traditions from around the world.

These workshops included:

- Learning Bhangra Dance and exploring world sports with the PE department
- Designing their own flags in Geography department
- Studying different poems from around the world in English
- Learning some Italian and practising their communication skills in Languages
- Making their own Chinese fireworks in Science
- Learning to play Chinese music with the Music department
- Designing their own Rangoli patterns in Maths
- Improving their team-work and communication skills in 'tent teams'



We have also commenced the training of our Student Transition Mentors who will be on hand to support our new Year 7 students from September with adjusting to life at South Wolds. The student volunteers span all of our year groups and will follow a year long programme from the Kidscape organisation, designed to develop their mentoring skills.

A great day was had by students and staff, and a massive thank you to everyone who helped welcome the Year 6 students to South Wolds. We can't wait for September!

For parents and students...
there will be a presentation
in the hall and the opportunity
to talk to subject teachers
and current students.

Post 16 Open Evening

Thurs 29th Sept
6pm - 7.30pm

We look forward
to seeing you.



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