



Spring at Worden

An Introduction by the Head teacher, Christopher Catherall

As the spring term is coming to an end I would like to say well done and thank you to all the pupils and staff for all their hard work and commitment.

It certainly has been a very busy term! This newsletter is packed full of all the great activities that the pupils and staff have been involved in and there is still more to come! We are working hard to improve communication and all the letters to parents are now available on our website which is having a complete over-haul, so watch this space! As the nicer weather is approaching and pupils are using their bicycles to get to school can I please ask that they wear protective headgear at all times in order to prevent serious accidents occurring, thank you. We wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Easter break.



Mock trial

A team from Worden were selected to attend the Mock Trial competition at Runshaw College on 22nd February 2017. The team of four from Year 10 were given the opportunity to view the case files and, with guidance, prepare their prosecution case for the trial.

The team were one of six involved in the competition. Worden went up against Greenbank High School. Both teams were absolutely outstanding with the Judge stating that the battle between the two teams was the 'moment of the whole day'.

After a fantastic day, there was a tense wait whilst the Judge deliberated. Worden were, following a wonderful performance, announced the overall winning team.

Well done to: Shrey Nandiwada, Tom Monk, Rhys Hathaway and Hal Gardner.



Mrs Gardner, Head of English, said "I knew we had a very strong team but they excelled on the day and I am extremely proud of them." Mr Catherall, Headteacher, added "The boys came back to school cheering with excitement after their win against some strong competition. They were grinning from ear to ear and we are all really proud of them."

Together we can transform young people's lives

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is vital to the Academy's drive to develop the leadership skills of pupils as well as being a vehicle to develop their wider skills.

From the 1st April 2017 the Academy will be a Directly Licensed Centre and will be running both the Bronze and the Silver Award (2018). This year we have 20 enthusiastic pupils aiming to successfully complete their Bronze Award – first expedition date 3rd/4th May – we wish them the best of luck!



Easter Bingo

Try your luck at Easter Bingo. Lots of prizes to be won!

Make sure that you reserve your seats as it is very popular! Don't forget Chocolate Non Uniform Day in aid of the event is on 24th March 2017



Junior Miss Preston

Well done to Ellie Brooks - selected as a finalist for the Junior Miss Preston competition, a competition which provides the opportunity to fundraise for Variety the Children's Charity.

The charity raises money to improve the lives of children and young people throughout the UK who are sick, disabled or disadvantaged. Variety provides coaches and bespoke wheelchairs, specialist, sensory and recreational equipment for use in the home, school, children's hospitals and youth centres, it also creates memorable experiences through "Variety Great Days Out". Ellie is organising various fundraisers in school including a cake sale, sponsored silence and raffles, we wish Ellie all the very best!



Preston Guildhall Sports Award

**Volunteer of the year - Young (aged 14 - 24 years) Category
Congratulations to Ryan Brookes - Joint award winner**

The 12th Annual Preston Guild Hall Sports Awards 2017 has once again showcased the amazing achievements of Preston's Clubs, volunteers and athletes over the last year. Each year the judges face a challenging task of shortlisting and this year was no exception.

Ryan is an accomplished world class BMX rider, having won multiple National and European titles and has competed successfully in several world championships for Great Britain. Not only that but he has also taken on the extra responsibility of coaching and mentoring other aspiring BMX riders aged 4 - 44. Ryan has been the leading light in Preston Pirates BMX Club mentoring programme. This started as a bi weekly Wednesday evening session, where a select group of world class BMX riders could take over the

coaching session and deliver full and interactive coaching to children aged from 3 - 15. Despite some early nervousness at interacting with such a diverse group of riders, Ryan has grown tremendously in both confidence and skill in terms of his delivery and the outcomes achieved. Not only does Ryan plan the session he also coordinates the other mentors ensuring the job gets done. What started as an experiment is now the best attended and most loved of the sessions that go on down at the track with up to 60 riders taking part last summer and even bigger aspirations for 2017.



Leyland Festival The lion is back!

Once again we are entering the Leyland Festival with our float and grand marquee - please come along and support the school at this prestigious event.

Every year we hold different events in order to support our local charities, anything from number crunching, santa dashing, cake sales, sponsored silences and shoe box appeals. Below are just a few of the events that have taken place.



Santa Dash St Catherine's Hospice

The enthusiastic Santas dashed their hearts out and raised a massive £3469 for St Catherine's Charity.

Well done to all those who took part in the dash in aid of this worthy cause!



PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

London is calling!

Mrs Vorajee is taking Worden students, for an overnight trip, to the countries capital for the fourth year in a row.

Students gain so much from the trip as there is always something to learn and see around every corner, particularly if your focus is in literature, theatre, history, architecture, business, religious studies or general sightseeing. This trip offers young people a valuable new perspective outside of the classroom and a chance to experience the sights, sounds, hustle and bustle of a major global city as well as seeing one of the top West End productions



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Sophie Scholl Awards 2017

Tom Monk has been most successful in winning the poetry category for the Sophie Scholl competition held in February at Runshaw College.

This is an award which commemorates the efforts of the young student, Sophie Scholl in resisting oppression and prejudice across Nazi Germany during the Second World War. Kiera Stoney was also commended for her efforts in the poetry category. Both pupils attended a presentation at Runshaw College on the afternoon of the 20th March.

Road Safety Awareness

Mrs Vorajee organised The "One Road Many Users" school tour for all year 7, 8 and 9 students this week.

Students were encouraged to think more carefully about the way they use the road by watching and taking part in the interactive road show.



The show consisted of interactive games, information, dance and musical performances by using a multi sensory way of learning; appealing to all types of learners. The 'One Road Many Users' school tour efficiently engaged each and every student. Pop star Nahide who has endorsed the show even took time out of her busy schedule to perform her new single GO TIM, live to all the students.

Spelling Bee 2017

Well done to the Year 9 team who performed brilliantly at the Spelling Bee competition on the Gifted and Talented Programme at Runshaw College.

There were some tricky spellings but we forged ahead and earned third place. Well done to Broagan Martin, Charlotte Armson, Amelia Irving and Dale Culver.



Accelerated Reader

In November, Academy@Worden were nominated for a national award as one of the top schools in the country, for pupil progress on the Accelerated Reader programme.

Mr Porter and Miss Houston attended the awards ceremony in London. Although Academy@Worden didn't win the award, the school was highly commended for our pupils' outstanding progress in their reading.

Mr Porter, said "I have been privileged to lead the implementation of Accelerated Reader here at Academy@Worden. It has been extremely rewarding to see the pupils making such fantastic progress in their reading, as a result of their hard work using the programme. We feel that it is having a hugely positive impact on pupils reading ability, particularly in terms of supporting and enhancing their achievements in all subjects".

Rotary Competition

We experienced a great competitive spirit at the local Rotary competition on the 19th January.

Well done to Rhys Hathaway who won 'Best Speaker' award for his engaging speech on the theme of Killer Clowns. The delivery was extremely lively and entertaining. The team in year 10 consisted of Tom Monk, Rhys Hathaway and Hal Gardner. The judging panel spoke very highly of Worden's team at the end of the evening.



GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Volcanos

The geography department recently ran a year 7 volcano competition. The following year 7 girls won first prize with an exploding volcano - well done to all the winners! Rebecca Nixon, Evie Johnston and Megan Hoang.



Careers Fair

The annual Academy@Worden Careers Fair took place on Tuesday 7th March with over twenty colleges, businesses and training providers attending.

Our year 9-11 pupils circulated the fair over the course of the morning and the feedback yet again was fantastic. The pupils gained a huge amount from it.



Waterpark 2017

The PE Department organised the annual trip to the Waterpark Lakeland Centre in Coniston 3rd - 5th March.

Thirty-five Year 9 pupils took part in gyhll scrambling, high ropes, kayaking, and raft building! It was an amazing experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils and staff.

Sports news and events

A number of our 8/9 leaders have been involved in leading KS1 and two primary events hosted at Worden by the School Games Partnership (Five to date).

The South Ribble partnership have been highly complementary of Worden pupils following each event.

On the 27th February twenty Worden pupils took part in the South Ribble trampolining competition, hosted by Brownedge St Mary's. The pupils did the school proud, performing excellent routines and the following pupils



medalling; Year 11; Jamie Leigh Bean 2nd, Year 10; Ellie Brooks 1st, Louise Mason 2nd, Shannon Ratcliffe 3rd and finally Year 10 boys; 1st Thomas Grindrod, 2nd Tyler Pearson and 3rd Ryan Anderson. Well done to all the pupils who competed.

Our Worden pupils took part in the South Ribble Gymnastics competition held at Worden on the 16th March.

Pupils performed exceptionally well on floor and vault and the following pupils won overall medals across different age groups;

Vault; 1st Teighan Innes, 1st Sarah Murray, 2nd Faye Pilkington, 2nd Lauren Kellett

Floor; 1st Molly Preston, 1st Ellie Brooks, 2nd Rebecca Kay, 3rd Louise Mason.



Diary Dates

3rd April - 17th April: Easter Break

24th April - 28th April: Year 7 Exams Week

25th April: HPV vaccinations - Years 8 & 9

2nd May - 5th May: Year 8 Exams Week

3rd/4th May: Duke of Edinburgh's Expedition

1st May: Bank Holiday

8th May - 12th May: Year 9 Exams Week

15th May: GCSE Exam Seasons Starts

17th May: Year 7 Parents Evening 6.30pm

24th/25th May: London Trip

25th May: Rewards Trip

29th May - 2nd June: Half Term

22nd June: Year 11 Prom

27th June: Field Sports Day (subject to change)

28th June: Main Sports Day (subject to change)

29th June: Year 5 Visits / New Intake Evening 6.30pm

30th June: New Intake Day

3rd July: Presentation Assembly Week

3rd July: Year 10 Runshaw Taster Day

5th July: Year 10 Cardinal Newman Taster Day

10th July: Year 10 Work Experience Week

14th July: Years 7-9 PSHEE Day

18th/19th July: Duke of Edinburgh's Final Expedition

20th July: Rewards Trip Day

21st July: School Closes