



THEMES OF THE WEEK

*"British week"**"Aspire and achieve"*

10th June 2016

PURSUE EXCELLENCE AND SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

Since the last edition of the Community Newsletter, there have been lots of opportunities for our pupils to develop new skills, enhance their learning and enjoy new experiences.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the Elite Footballer trip to Feyenoord, Holland and the pupils' behaviour was impeccable on the trip. Later in this edition you will be able to read about the tour and the wonderful opportunities that presented themselves to the pupils. Thank you to Mr Manners and Mr Gardner for leading the trip.

Leaving on the Saturday for the entire half term week was the Ardeche trip. This provided pupils with an opportunity to enjoy a week of water sport adventures and make new friends. Thank you to Mr Meeheelall, Miss Lee, Miss Downton, Mr Badger and Mr Spinner for giving up their holiday to accompany the trip.

As you read this edition, our Year 11s will have had their final full day at Woodlands School and will return on Monday for their leavers' assembly. Most pupils only have a very small number of exams left and now face the anxious wait until 25th August and results day. It has been a pleasure to work with these young people and I would like to wish them all the very best in their next venture! #PESO

Our new Year 6 pupils will be joining us on 20th and 21st June as part of their transition plan. Most of these young people have been attending our sports club every Monday and will be at Summer school, as well as our summer sports camp. These sessions

provide an excellent opportunity for them to embrace life at Woodlands School. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to Woodlands School and we look forward to spending the next five years watching them flourish.

At Woodlands we work with families to give our pupils the highest of aspirations and I am delighted that we can offer the following opportunities to our pupils:-

University Trips and Visits
Debate Club
Higher Project Qualification

All of these are designed to give our pupils an advantage over others when it comes to applying and gaining a place at either a selective 6th Form or indeed when applying to a University. Please keep encouraging and supporting your child to attend a club outside the normal school day which will enrich their educational experience.

We demand the highest standards from our pupils and expect them to work very hard to achieve these standards in every aspect of their education. Thank you all for your continued support in driving standards forward rapidly at Woodlands.

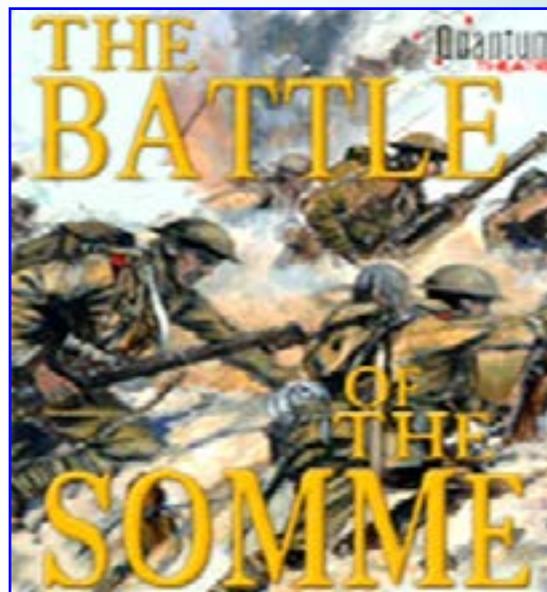
'If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes'.

Kind regards
Simon Cox

HISTORY FACULTY

Ms L Hazelgrove reporting...

1st July 2016 marks the 100 year anniversary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme; it was at 7.30am, 100 years earlier, that the Allied infantry attack began. Attacks usually began at dawn but the Allied commanders were so confident that there would be little German resistance that they sent wave after wave of Allied soldiers over in broad daylight. The first day of the Battle of the Somme is still remembered as the worst day in the history of the British army. On day one, there were 57,470 casualties and by the time that Allied commanders called an end to the battle on 18th November 1916, the British had suffered c.420,000 casualties, the French around 200,000 and the Germans around 500,000. The Battle of the Somme had relieved pressure from our Allies, the French, the Battle had further 'worn down' the enemy but the war was still *not* won and it would be another two years of brutal fighting and long periods of stalemate before Armistice Day.



The Heritage Lottery Fund are supporting a series of local events to remember those soldiers from the Basildon area who fought in the Somme. Wat Tyler Green Centre will be holding an exhibition in November, comparing the effects of the battle on Basildon and on our 'twin towns' of Heiligenhaus in Germany and Meaux in France. A vigil will be held at 7.15am at St Martins Church in Basildon to remember the 'moment' 100 years earlier, when soldiers 'went over the top'. We are exploring the possibility of getting a tree to plant in the school grounds dedicated to a named soldier who came from the Basildon Borough and lost their life during the battle. Woodlands was lucky enough to secure funding for a national theatre group to come and perform a play about the Battle to all of our Year 8 pupils. We will also be teaching all of our KS3 historians about two local men who have fascinating connections to the battle. If you know of any local WW1 links or stories about local soldiers and/or their families, please do share your stories with your history teachers; we would love to find out more about the people of Basildon and their place in history.



**BENFLEET TEACHING
SCHOOL ALLIANCE**



**National College for
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Do you want to train to be a Teacher?

We still have vacancies to join us in September 2016 for various Secondary subjects. Interesting opportunities available for Physics and Maths candidates!

Or are you interested in applying for a primary or secondary teacher course starting in September 2017?

Learn more about the teacher training opportunities available through the Benfleet Teaching School Alliance.

Our next Information and Recruitment Event is on:

Monday 13th June 9.00am – 3.30pm

at

The Appleton School

Croft Road

Benfleet

Essex SS7 5RN

The day will include a short presentation about the various routes into teaching and how the teacher training programme works at BTSA, a tour of the school and an opportunity to observe lessons. On the 14th June you will be able to return to the school to meet with our teacher training Co-ordinator to discuss places still available this year and in the future, qualification requirements, bursaries, student loans and get help with your application.

To receive a personal invitation please email:

mhoward@theappletonschoo.org

(Please state your subject specialism for secondary teaching)

Music

Mr Turner reporting..

This term in Music pupils will be covering a vast collection of musical styles, cultures and techniques.

The **Year 7** pupils will be focusing upon African drumming; this will enable them to perform and create music in practical environments, utilising the traditional Djembe drums. They will also encounter composition which will allow them to unite thoughts with music; being inspired by a variety of contexts such as Art, Global Warming and Fictional Characterisation.



The **Year 8** pupils will be continuing to look into historical elements from both Classical and Pop Music genres. To assist pupils to access classical music they will be re-creating definitive pieces by Mozart, Strauss and Orff in a rock band genre using modern instruments to play archaic pieces. They will then move onto 'Music through the Decades' beginning with the 60's moving through to the 90's. Artists such as The Temptations, Michael Jackson and The Eurhythmics will have their pieces thoroughly inspected before pupils perform their timeless tunes.

With regards to GCSE Music; next week will be the PPE Assessments for the **Year 10** pupils, for which I'm sure they have been studying hard. This will be the last time to sit in a controlled environment to test their knowledge before they leave for work experience.

The **Year 11** pupils will be completing the last section of the course on Friday the 10th June when they sit down to put pen to paper for the Music Theory examination. We wish them all the best and thank them for being fantastic young adults that have been a pleasure to teach.

Drama

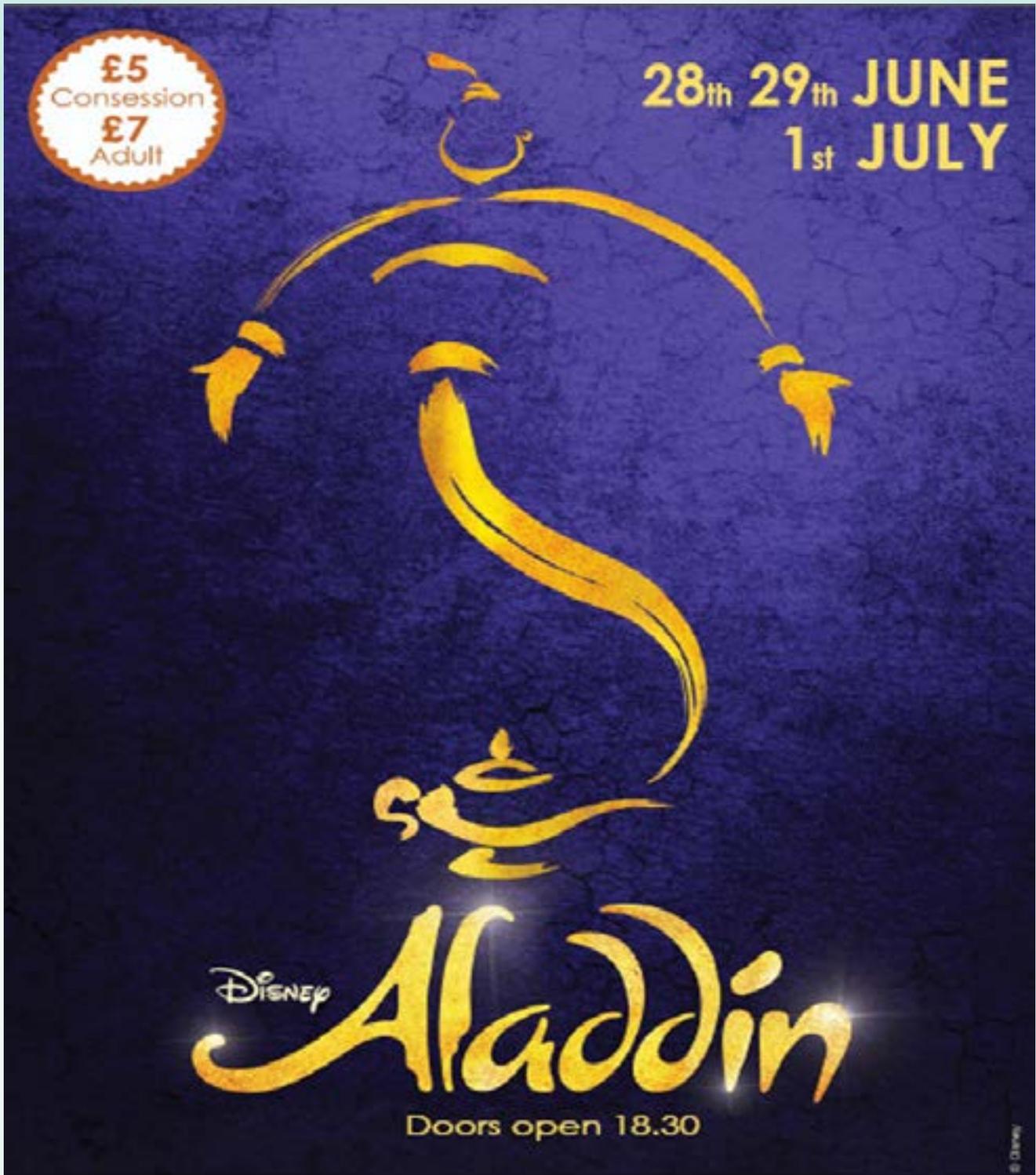
Mr Townsend reporting....

This week has seen an influx of Guess Who? in our **Year 7** classes. Pupils have been exploring the use of Hotseating to explore characterisation and they have been playing some of the finest fictional and non-fiction characters in the world, with the rest of the class guessing who they were playing. A brilliant effort from all our Year 7s with this, so keep up the good work.



Well done to all **Year 10** pupils who have been working really well in class time to complete their six hours of controlled practical assessments in the past few weeks. Considering the play we are studying, "Mother Courage" is very difficult to grasp, the ideas and focus from these pupils has been extraordinary and really shows what talent we have at Woodlands School. I really do believe we have some excellent directors as well as performers at Woodlands School. Good luck on your PPE's next week.

Also, well done for the **Year 11** pupils and the way you conducted yourself for your final GCSE exams. You made yourself, the department and the school very proud.



Aladdin Tickets Now On Sale

Tuesday 28th June 2016 7pm
Wednesday 29th June 2016 7pm
Friday 1st July 2016 7pm

Ticket prices: Adult £7/Concessions £5
All tickets must be purchased through Parent Pay
We look forward to seeing you there!

ART

Miss Ash reporting...

SEEC And you will find.....

...inspiration for the future!



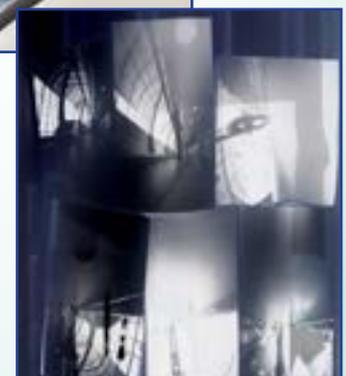
On Tuesday 24th May, a small group of Year 10 Art & Photography PPG pupils were given the opportunity to experience life as college pupils at South East Essex College. The purpose of the trip was to show pupils what options are available to them when they leave at the end of Year 11. We travelled by train to the college, an easy journey less than 20 minutes away from Basildon. We were greeted by Natalie who leads the Art & design department, she took us on a tour of the vast college and showed us the different courses they offer. These include: Fashion, Fashion Promotion, Textiles, 3D Design, Printmaking, Photography, Animation and Degree Level courses. The pupils were split into two groups and completed two separate tasks across the afternoon.



Group 1 began by learning the cyanotype process. This involves creating a negative and is done by drawing or tracing images and shading the areas that are lightest. The drawing is then placed on light sensitive paper and placed in an infrared scanner, after placing in water the image appears on the paper in blue emulsion. Magic!



Group 2 were introduced into the dark room and pinhole photography. At first they were given small cardboard boxes and told that these were going to be their cameras for the session. Pupils thought this was very strange but politely went along with the concept. After loading the boxes with light sensitive paper, pupils learnt the process of using sunlight to capture images and how to develop images in the dark room. Pupils were amazed at the images they took using the boxes. Magic!



Throughout the day, the pupils behaved impeccably and were praised for their enthusiasm and good manners. Well done Year 10!

THE GREAT EXPOSURE

Year 11 Art & Photography Exhibition 2016

On Wednesday 8th June, the Art Department hosted a private viewing of the annual Year 11 Art and Photography Exhibition. This is always a proud occasion as it gives us the opportunity to show pupils, staff and guests the amazing skills and talents of our Art and Photography pupils.

The exhibition is a culmination of two years of hard work and effort from our Year 11 pupils. In both Photography and Art, pupils create work towards their coursework from day one and develop their skills across the next 18 months. At Christmas time, all pupils completed their coursework ready for submission (this is worth 60% of their final grades!). In January all pupils were issued with an exam paper revealing the exam project theme for this year 'Past, Present and Future'. Pupils then worked independently along the theme to create final outcomes in the 10 hour exam at the start of May. The exam project is worth 40% of their grade).

As a department, we are delighted with the exhibition as it showcases some extra-ordinary talent and the result of commitment and hard work. **Congratulations Year 11!**



DUTY PUPILS

To the following Year 8 pupils who have acted as Duty Pupils, thank you very much for all your hard work.

Nathan T	Nicole T	Joshua T
Micheal A	Necati A	Shekina A
Aaliyah A	Benedict A	Scott B
Jordan C	Bradley D	Ella D
Mikey E	Ceyda E	Kai G
Liam G	Layla G	Ellie H
Amelia M	Angelo P	Annalise R

14th June	History 2pm
15th June	Polish 9am
	Chemistry 2pm
16th June	Resistant Materials 9am
17th June	Physics 9am
	Russian 2pm
21st June	D&T 2pm
22nd June	Dance 2pm
23rd June	Russian 9am



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**IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF, OR
A WITNESS TO BULLYING IN
WOODLANDS, TEXT US NOW FOR
HELP & SUPPORT**

**Woodlands operates a ZERO
TOLERANCE policy on bullying.**

FIXTURES

Wednesday 15th June 2016

Year 7 & 8 District Athletics at Basildon Sporting Village

Friday 17th June 2016

Year 9 & 10 Rounders at Mayflower

Monday 20th June 2016

English Schools 'A' Regional Final at Watford Athletics Club
Year 7 & 8 Rounders V Beauchamps/Mayflower

Tuesday 21st June 2016

Year 7 & 8 Rounders V Bromfords/Billericay
at Bromfords

Wednesday 22nd June 2016

English Schools 'B' Regional Final @ Allianz Park

Thursday 23rd June 2016

Year 7 & 8 Rounders V James Hornsby/De LaSalle at James Hornsby

Friday 24th June 2016

Primary Schools District Football Cup Final
at Woodlands

Tuesday 28th June 2016

Year 10 Rounders @ De La Salle

Wednesday 29th June 2016

Year 9 Rounders V Billericay/Bromfords @ Billericay

DIARY



Monday 13th June 2016

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly (8.45am)
Year 10 PPE 1 Examinations 13th - 16th June

Tuesday 14th June 2016

Year 9 Brilliant Club launch trip to University of East Anglia
Year 7, 8 & 9 Anti-bullying Ambassador Training at Bromfords

Friday 17th June 2016

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Junior Leadership Team visit to Crest Academy (9.00am - 3pm)

Saturday 18th June 2016

Aladdin Weekend Rehearsals (10.00am - 3pm)

Monday 20th June 2016

Year 6 Taster Day 1 (8.30am - 3.30pm)
Year 7 Essex University Visit (8.00am - 5.00pm)

Tuesday 21st June 2016

Year 6 Taster Day 2 (8.30am - 3.30pm)
New Intake Evening (6.30pm)

Wednesday 22nd June 2016

Women in Engineering Day at Ford Testing Facility, Dunton (8.30am - 3.30pm)

Thursday 23rd June 2016

Year 9 Cameron House Visit
Year 9 Portrait Gallery Trip

Friday 24th June 2016

Armed Forces Day
Visit to V & A photography coursework
The Planets Concert at The Royal Albert Hall (12pm - 5.30pm)

Saturday 25th June

Aladdin Weekend Rehearsals (10.00am - 3pm)

Monday 27th June 2016

Year 7 Reports go live for parents/carers to access on GO4Schools

Tuesday 28th June 2016

Aladdin School Show (7pm - 8.30pm)

Wednesday 29th June 2016

Dutch Visitors
Aladdin School Show (7pm - 8.30pm)
Year 7 University College London Trip

Thursday 30th June 2016

Year 10 Coaching at Basildon Sporting Village (10am)
Head Teacher's Commendations (11am - 11.20am)
Aladdin School Show Matinee Performance (11.40am - 1.10pm)

Friday 1st July 2016

Somme Event (7am - 9am)
Confidence and self esteem exercise (London) (9am - 4pm)
Junior Leadership Surrey Hills Trip (1st July - 3 July 2016)
Aladdin School Show (7pm - 8.30pm)



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