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News and Events from St John Fisher Catholic High School, Harrogate

St John Fisher Rugby Girls make the Yorkshire Finals!

St John Fisher Under 13 and U15 girls rugby teams have been crowned Champions of North Yorkshire after successfully beating teams from all over the County in a thrilling tournament. After both teams finished 1st in the Area Finals, they went on to represent Harrogate and District in the North Yorkshire finals.

The U13 team stormed the competition, winning all five of their games and not even conceding a try. This was a fantastic achievement, a resilient and determined performance from the girls considering seven of the ten players were Year 7 students.

The U15 team were also fantastic, playing some fluid rugby but also making some fierce tackles when required. Every single player showed true Fisher’s fight, determination and passion required and ran out deserved tournament winners.

Girls rugby has offered a new opportunity to girls at St John Fisher and there has been over 40 students involved and committed. Their hard work and dedication has paid off, they are a credit to themselves and our school. Both teams will now be representing St John Fisher in the Yorkshire Finals on Thursday 26th March. If successful, the next round is the National Finals and will be held at Twickenham on Saturday 9th May!

CAFOD Shoe Shine 2015

6th March marked the Lenten Shoe Shine in aid of CAFOD. This annual event always proves popular as members of staff agree to take on the task of polishing shoes in order to raise money to support communities around the World who are most in need. Incorporating the week’s theme of prayer based around the quality of humility, it was also an apt way of reflecting on how many people in developing countries rely on this type of work in order to make a living. There was also added interest in this year’s fundraising as the Government promised to match all the money pledged to CAFOD’s Lenten Appeal.

During lunchtime, there was a steady flow of students in to the hall and many members of staff on hand including Mr Pritchard and Mrs Bishop, Head of RE, who rolled their sleeves up in order to shine shoes. Some stirrings were caused when an impromptu tax was imposed on those shoes which were deemed muddiest (all in the name of fundraising, of course) and Ric the Chaplain impressed many with his elaborate swinging arm technique which brought up shoes a treat! Thanks to everyone for their support.

Dr Martin Kapel Talk

Earlier this term all Year 9 students were given the fantastic opportunity to hear Dr Martin Kapel talk to students about his experience of the Holocaust. Students heard about Dr Kapel, as a young Polish Jew living in Germany experienced prejudice and discrimination at the hands of the Nazis and how ultimately he was saved on the Kindertransport and arrived in Britain just before the outbreak of World War Two. Students found his retelling of his journey moving and made the most of the opportunity to ask him questions, ensuring that the lessons of the Holocaust are passed on and will hopefully never be repeated.
Year 10 student Caroline Cronin’s Golf Success
Following Year 10 student Caroline Cronin’s win of the Yorkshire Junior Championship in 2014, she was chosen to play for the Yorkshire team at the Northern Counties Jamboree in Durham. Caroline had a wonderful time at the Jamboree playing over the two day team event (played like a mini Solheim/Ryder Cup competition) and the Yorkshire Girls came in with a runaway win against five other County teams.

More recently Caroline has learned that she has won the prestigious Jean Rudgard Memorial Award. This is given to the Yorkshire junior with the most reduced handicap over the season. Caroline came down from 36 to 12.8. The Yorkshire Ladies were amazed at her fantastic achievement. However, Caroline will have to wait until the Junior Championship this summer in Middlesbrough to be presented with her Award.

Just before Christmas, her home golf club (Flaxby) had their annual presentation evening. Caroline was awarded the cup for ‘Most Improved Player’ on the evening. The members have watched her progress with great interest, encouragement and support as this is a very popular award. Moving forward is going to be a little tough now as she will have to consider where to continue her local golf, as it is now known that despite being a fantastic facility, Flaxby is to close this March. Meanwhile she is continuing with her Yorkshire Elite coaching at the Oaks Golf Club near Selby. Well done Caroline!

North Yorkshire Table Tennis Competition
In February, the North Yorkshire Individual Schools Table Tennis Competition took place at St John Fisher. Although, there were a number of players who play in National and County teams, St John Fisher’s players did really well. With no seniors from the school - for the first time in many years, it was left to the Intermediates and Juniors to play. Two players were allowed from each school, it was pleasing that Tom Bouchard and George Gibson made the semi-finals of the Inters but they had to play each other! Tom winning in 5 sets. Again Tom had to play the very talented James Rule in the final (same as last year). Tom won a game but lost 3-1.

With small numbers entered Hugo Holland was able to play and had to play Tom, but did well winning one of his four matches in his group, just failing to reach the Semi-Final stage. In the Junior competition, it was dominated by Harrogate - Matthew Lynch and Ethan McLaughlin were entered along with Sammy Kelly. None of them made the Semi-Finals but all won a match and learned a great deal about match play during the morning and received some excellent coaching as well. Vicky Hudson became the first St John Fisher girl to enter any North Yorkshire competition and became the Junior County Champion and qualified for the All England Finals (Tom is reserve, as North Yorkshire can only enter one player in each event). Vicky was in fact the only entry but learnt a great deal.

Travel & Tourism Field Trip to York
On Friday 6th March our BTEC Travel and Tourism students embarked on their fieldwork trip to York. During the day they were wowed by a 5* Hotel, amazed by a Georgian townhouse and maybe (without letting it on) fell in love with trains. The field trip has given the students an insight into a popular UK tourism destination and has enabled them to analyse how successful York is at meeting the needs of a variety of visitors. In a short space of time they were able to use the public transport network without getting lost, visit and compare two types of accommodation and visit two popular attractions in York. The field trip was an enriching day, which has placed the students in an excellent position to complete their assignment. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves although never quite made it to Platform Nine and Three Quarters!
St John Fisher is celebrating its entry into the rarefied world of tea and coffee production. Challenged by Bettys and Taylors of Harrogate, to identify a gap in their market, schools from around the area were invited to create a whole range of new drinks.

First prize in the competition, limited to Key Stage 3 students, was won by St John Fisher students Lewis Regan and Anton Taras. Their “Energy Coffee”, aimed at the 14-21 age range particularly impressed the judges, as did the “rapping grannies” on their promotional video. Also from St John Fisher, students Jack Byrnes and Callum Williams with a drink based on a chocolate orange concept took second prize. Sophie Bracewell and Freya Pedro who formed the “Fruity Iced Tea Company” were also congratulated by the judges.

Liz King, Business Studies teacher at the school, commended the students on their enthusiasm and commitment. “I was really proud of the students. I was astonished by their composure as they were quizzed by the Bettys and Taylors Innovation Team. We may even have a product on the famous Betty’s tea-room menu in days to come!”

Pathways to Law

Pathways to Law is a programme funded by the Sutton Trust, in which it assists students who have little history of higher education in their close family and have an interest in law to build foundations and develop appropriated skills in order to pursue a career in Law. Pathways to Law runs across twelve different universities across the country. I am based at the University of Leeds, who are very well regarded for their Law School and networking opportunities with large firms operating in Leeds, such as Eversheds and DLA Piper.

Since enrolling on the programme in November, I have had a tour of the Leeds University Campus where undergraduate and postgraduate law students acted as guides, informing us all about general university life as well as what it’s like to study for a degree in Law. I found the first event highly informative both in terms of future prospects for university living and how to go about studying law to follow the career path of my choosing. Another important part of the scheme is the e-mentoring platform, where each student is paired with a mentor who has studied or is currently studying law. I have found this to be an exceptional form of support in relation to learning more about law and university life. My mentor has answered any queries I’ve had in relation to a law degree and has directed me to other sources of information such as the Legal Practice Course, which is taken for a year after completing your Law degree.

Pathways to Law has helped me develop my skills profile in the form of i-debating, CV writing, understanding the legal system, developing communication skills and building teamwork skills. Work experience is a key part of what the programme has to offer, six law firms participated in one of our events and pitched their firms to the students, we then had individual conversations with each of the representatives. At the end of the event we selected three firms who we’d be interested in doing work experience with. I was allocated my first choice, which was Eversheds and I’m eagerly looking forward to working with them in April. Regular trips are organised and I have visited the High Court of Justice in London, as well as Leeds Magistrates Court, both trips expanded my knowledge and understanding of Law. Personally, I am very grateful Pathways to Law exists, the scheme has introduced me to people with similar interests and aspirations to myself and has answered a lot of questions about university and a law degree. Pathways to Law is a beneficial and rewarding scheme for anyone aspiring to study or enter a career in Law. I look forward to my next year and a half on the programme and recommend Pathways to Law to any younger students in school who have a passion for Law or even a small curiosity about the subject. The programme will help you understand if Law is something for you, even if it is not, you can still take away some widely valuable skills which can be applied to university and beyond. See Mr Melville for more details.

Brody Anderson, Sixth Form

Drinks Fusion - Bettys Challenge 2015

Politics Speakers

Over the last few months, Politics students and those simply interested in politics have been treated to a series of visits from candidates hoping to become the next MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough. Students welcomed the Lib Dem candidate, Helen Flynn, the Labour candidate, Jan Williams, the Tory candidate Andrew Jones, the UKIP candidate David Simister and the Green candidate Shan Oakes. Students made the most of the opportunity to ask the candidates a whole range of questions ranging from the Harrogate congestion to concerns over the future of Britain in the EU. All candidates were thrilled with the engagement, knowledge and passion of the students, and whilst all candidates disagreed on policy, there was certainly an agreement on the importance of young people involving themselves in the political process.
UK Maths Challenge

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school students. Over 200,000 students from around the UK entered the Challenge with the top 6% receiving a gold award, the next 13% receiving silver, and the next 21% bronze.

Earlier this term some of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge and they performed extremely well. Our students managed to achieve 6 gold awards, 19 silver awards and 24 bronze awards. Around 5,500 students from all three year groups sitting the Intermediate Challenge are invited to sit either the grey or pink Kangaroo papers, dependent on school year. We were extremely pleased to have four of our students qualifying for this paper: Ruby Kremer (Y11), Fearghal Lydon (Y11), Louis Remington (Y10) and Thomas Parrinder (Y9).

In addition to this, 500 of the highest scorers in each school year are invited to take part in the Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad paper. Due to their excellent performance in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, Thomas Bouchard (Y11) and Joshua Rowe (Y10) are amongst those 500 students from their year group that will be sitting the Olympiad paper.

Well done to all those who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge and congratulations to those who achieved an award and those who qualified for a follow-up paper.

News from the Music Department

March has been a busy time for the music department and is a delicate balance of extra curricular work, students submitting their coursework and performing in exams. Forty-nine Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed the annual Junior Music Residential in York. The weekend gave all students the chance to develop their musical skills and build on the bonds of friendship they have made since the beginning of the year. We also celebrated mass with Father John and visited the York Chocolate Story.

The New York tour students recently held a 24 hour playathon, playing all through the night in shifts with rehearsals on the Saturday. This fundraising event culminated in a performance by the Senior Choir and Concert Band at the Music for Youth Regional Festival on the Saturday in Wakefield. We are well on the way to reaching our target of £5000! Any further donations for the New York trip will be gratefully received.

Over Easter, school ensembles will be performing at the Harrogate International Youth Music Festival of Performing Arts. The Concert Band will be on parade around Harrogate on Easter Saturday and in the finale concert on April 8th in the Royal Hall. The Senior Choir will be performing in Ripon Cathedral on 7th April for the choral and orchestra evening. We’re also delighted to be supporting the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers on 3rd April at the Harrogate Conference Centre with our sixth form jazz quartet ‘The Thieves’ reuniting for the first time since their performance at the National Festival last year. On 30th April we’ll be going stateside with ‘The Big Apple’, a showcase concert of music students with something for everyone. This is part of our fundraising effort for New York and tickets are available from Carey Huegett on 818454. Looking ahead into May, we have a Ceilidh and our annual Senior Concert to look forward to. More details to follow!

With just over three months until our New York tour, things are really coming together for the trip. We have confirmed concerts in Brooklyn, on board the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier, at the UN Building as guests of the UK Mission and an invitation to meet and watch the rehearsal of Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. Watch this space for more information on a potential concert with a rather important green lady! Please don’t forget to follow the music department on twitter @sjfchsmusic
International Women’s Day

Sunday 8th March was International Women’s Day which celebrated the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. To mark this occasion, on the previous Friday students at St John Fisher took part in a number of events to raise awareness of gender inequalities that exist and to reflect on the courageous women throughout time and across the world who inspire us. Each student and member of staff wore a name badge during the day with the name of an inspirational women on it. There was a fabulous response and generated lots of discussion about who each person was and why she is an inspiration.

Here is a report from Sofia Doulou, 8F telling us about her experiences of the day:
All Year 7 and 8 students took part in a lesson exploring gender inequalities that exist today in education, the workplace, pay and wages, sport and the media. We were then given some case study information of inspirational women and discussed with our groups the restrictions that the women faced in society because they were female and how they overcame those barriers. We shared our feelings about what boys and girls today could learn from them. The presentations sparked some interesting discussions and we learnt about great women such as Malala Yousafzai who was shot in the head in Pakistan for campaigning for all girls to go to school, Barbara Castle who fought for equal pay between men and women, Hedy Lamarr who invented Wi-fi, Mother Teresa whose kindness and compassion helped millions of people and JK Rowling who has worked hard to become an international literary success.

In addition, to these ‘celebrities’ we also learnt about the struggles of ‘real women’ in Uganda and India who are growing up in communities with very little sanitation or privacy and who do not go to school. Our final task was to design a T-shirt with a campaign message about what we can do to make sure there is fairness and equality between females and males around the world. I was really surprised by some of the huge differences that still exist between boys and girls in many parts of the world and am pleased we had the opportunity to talk about the people who have inspired us.

Year 7 find out more about Life in Kenya

In Geography lessons this term, Year 7 have been discovering what life is like in Kenya. To help with their understanding, Mrs Kendi Kinuthia came into school to speak to all Year 7’s about her personal experiences of living in Kenya. Her presentation was fascinating and told us about the landscape and animals that live in Kenya, as well as information about the climate.

She explained about the living conditions in Nairobi and talked about some of the cultural differences of life in the UK compared to life in Kenya. Kendi grew up in Kenya and listening to her and hearing her first hand experiences of life in Kenya was fascinating. Sophia Russell in 7H said “I really enjoyed the talk on Friday and enjoyed hearing about life in Kenya. I was really interested to hear about the differences in the schools between the UK and Kenya and learning about the clothing that people in Kenya wear. It made me really want to visit Kenya as it sounds like such a fascinating country.”

Year 8 Workshops by the Royal Geographical Society

All Year 8 students have taken part in a visit by a group of Ambassadors from the Royal Geographical Society. The team of five undergraduate Geography degree students came from Sheffield Hallam University to lead three workshops throughout the day. Year 8 students were challenged with the task of working in a group to design their own country including the flag, national anthem, rules and laws of the country, national dress of the country as well as describing the climate and landscape. The task proved to be entertaining as some superb creative and inventive countries were designed. Year 8 responded with enthusiasm to the task and presented their ‘countries’ to their peers. Some groups even sung renditions of the National Anthems they had created for their countries.

Mrs Joy, Head of Humanities said “It was a fun workshop which allowed Year 8 to develop skills in group work and leadership and produced some creative ideas including ‘Candyland’, ‘Sportland’ and the ‘United European Community’. It made the students think about the elements that make a country unique and that all nations have distinct characteristics.”
**Arts Award Update**

The Arts Award is a qualification that can be achieved by young people for their participation in the performing or creative arts. This year we have 46 students currently working towards an Arts Award, at all three levels. The KS3 Performing Arts Club are working towards the junior musical, a “Roald Dahl Spectacular”, featuring music, dance and drama from Dahl’s classic stories, and they are completing their Bronze Arts Award alongside this.

Ten students from Years 10 and 11 are completing their Silver Arts Award. They performed in Twelfth Night at the Carriageworks in Leeds and are now completing a portfolio based on this performance. Louis DiVirgilio is also completing his Silver Arts Award in Lighting Design.

Finally, we have ten gifted and talented Sixth formers working towards their Gold Arts Award. The students have to work independently to produce their own piece of artwork, and are currently working on a devised piece of theatre based on the Syrian conflict. Carolyn Booth, Arts Award Co-ordinator, said, “this is an exciting qualification which allows students to develop as artists but also develop vital skills in communication and leadership. It is fantastic to see so many students pursuing the qualification this year.”

**Astronomy GCSE/Club**

We are looking to commence an Astronomy Club for Year 9 and Year 10 beginning in the summer term one night a week after school. Recent developments in our efforts to understand the universe have led to an upsurge in public interest in space and astronomy. Television series such as the BBC’s Stargazing Live presented by Brian Cox, together with the accompanying Stargazing LIVE events for schools, have proven to be immensely popular with students. It is little surprise then, that astronomy can be a powerful medium for inspiring and engaging young people in science.

Edexcel GCSE Astronomy is available to students in England and Wales. The course encourages students with an interest in space to further their understanding of the solar system and to learn a range of techniques for observing and measuring the universe. The course builds on the scientific and mathematical knowledge they will have acquired in Key Stage 3 (ages 11–14) and is designed to complement and extend the reach of both the GCSE Science and the GCSE Additional Science curricula. The syllabus is also designed to provide a foundation for AS and A-level Physics, as well as for further study in Astronomy and Astrophysics at university.

**Theatre Trips and Workshops**

This year, the Drama department has been able to provide several trips for our GCSE and A Level students to see high quality productions which have been touring locally. In November we saw Frantic Assembly’s stunning production of Othello, an updated version of Shakespeare’s tragedy. In January we travelled to see the brilliant One Man Two Guvnors – the West End hit comedy based on the original Goldoni play A Servant to Two Masters. Students thought it was hilarious and it was well worth the journey!

We will be following this with a trip to see The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, adapted from the novel by Mark Hadden. This 5 star hit is currently running in the West End and on Broadway and is described as “a beautiful, eloquent, dazzlingly inventive show.”

Finally, we have three exciting workshop opportunities coming up for ‘A’ Level students in Drama. The award-winning new theatre company Kill the Beast will be coming on tour to Harrogate with their show He Had Hairy Hands, a darkly comic devised piece and they will also be running a three hour workshop with our students. We have our annual visit from Folding Space Dance Theatre coming up in July, who run a physical theatre workshop with our drama students, and finally, we have made links with The University of Leeds and are thrilled to host Professor Jonathan Pitches from the School of Performance who will run a Biomechanics workshop for Year 12. An exciting time in Drama!

**Social Justice and Peace Club**

We have started a club that meets every Wednesday at lunchtime in G4. This is a new initiative by the RE Department which aims to help educate young people of the various social justice and peace issues in our world. The group hopes to support the works of CAFOD, SVP and other charities aimed towards awareness, promoting compassion, justice and dignify especially to and for the poor. At the moment, we have four pioneering members from Year 9 who are already planning on doing a Lent project for the Asylum seekers and Refugees in Leeds. We hope to have more members and get more students and staff involved in this worthwhile project.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Eden Shackleton and Simon Philp who represented the school at the North and North East Technology Challenge Final. They re-joined their colleagues from Canon Lee School in York, in building a programmable robot. They were informed that their coding was impeccable, but sadly were let down when their robot ran out of battery and ended up weaving randomly around the arena. All four students were a credit to their respective schools and we shall be looking to offer the Technology Challenge to Year 8 again this year.
In January, St John Fisher hosted the Year 3 and 4 ‘Change for Life’ festival, aimed at encouraging participation in non-competitive activities. St Josephs, Richard Taylor, Oatlands Junior, Meadowside, Western and North Rigton primary schools all took part and had a really enjoyable afternoon. Student leaders from Year 10 helped out during the afternoon and were excellent in creating a positive atmosphere and experience for all the children taking part. Some of the activities included archery, mini golf and tchukball.

Rachael is a World Thai Boxing champion. Having only started Thai Boxing in 2000, her hard work and determination paid off when, in 2006, she topped the Women’s Thai boxing world rankings in two weight categories (50kg and 52kg). Rachael has also taken two British titles, both by knockout and a European title.

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Girls Football
St John Fisher’s are renowned for their girls football teams successes and they have continued to thrive this year with students excelling from Year 7 to 13. The U14 team, captained by Olivia Cook reached the last 16 schools in the English Schools National Cup this year. Unfortunately after a hard fought game they were knocked out in the dying moments of Additional Extra Time by Trinity School of Carlisle. The team have however made up for it in the North Yorkshire Cup, dominating performances and plenty of goals against St Aidans, Ripon Grammar and Scalby, now see them face King James in the Semi-Finals.

The U13 team, captained by Mary Windle have also had a successful run in the North Yorkshire Cup. After beating St Aidans, Ripon Grammar and King James they will now face Malton in the Semi Final. Molly Bridson has scored a hat-trick in each game and will be looking to keep that record up, all the way to the Final. The U12 team, a young, ambitious side with bags of potential have had a good run in the 9-a-side National Cup so far.

Year 8 Football Success
The Year 8 Football team won the area seven-a-side football competition that took place at Queen Ethelburga’s School in January. The boys played superbly and beat St Aidan’s A 1-0, St Aidan’s B 2-0, Queen Ethelburga’s 1-0, and drew with Harrogate Grammar and Boroughbridge to finish the competition unbeaten. Well done boys on a superb team performance. The team were Luke Luxford, Max Gould, Matt Gibbon, Connor Griffin, Will Powell, Ben Barker, Dan Kilby and Will Ward.

Jacob Fincham-Dukes
Sixth Former, Jacob Fincham-Dukes has had a great indoor season winning the Northern Championships Long Jump with 7.41m and 60m hurdles in 8.11, both indoor personal bests. At the beginning of March, Jacob won the UK Indoor Under 20 Championships Long Jump title with a jump of 7.60m, again an indoor Personal Best. This jump places him No 1 in the UK and was the 4th longest in Under 20 indoor history (4cms less than Greg Rutherford at the same stage of their careers) and meant he also hit the European Junior Qualifying mark and has now been selected to compete in the European Championships in Sweden in July.

Jake went onto represent England against Wales, also in March in Cardiff as a result of him winning the National Indoor title. He won his event with a jump of 7.03m.
Year 7 Enterprise Day

The Year 7’s really enjoyed their Enterprise Day which were held just before February half term. This event was called The E Factor. Students worked in groups comprising of Marketing Managers, Finance Directors, Designers and all the other positions of a company specialising in promoting music. Students had to market their band and organise the design and finance of tickets sales. As well as working within a group, the students had to present their work to the year group, which encouraged students to draw on each others strengths.

Enterprise Day is a very valuable learning experience for our Year 7’s. Not only is the day fun but they have the opportunity to learn new skills which will be valuable in the workplace.

North Yorkshire County Dance Visit

In March, Year 9 GCSE dancers and Gifted and Talented Year 8 dancers had a visit from the North Yorkshire County Dance Company. In previous years, SJF Dance have had many visits from County which has been a big learning success for our dancers. We were very privileged to enjoy this event and it gave all of us an insight to different styles of dance such as jazz, commercial and contemporary.

We had a chance to watch and perform the first part of a jazzy number to “Black and Gold” by Sam Sparro. Most of us loved this dance because of the performance skills it gave us and it took us out of our comfort zones and allowed for a different twist on performing.

As a GCSE Dancer in Year 9, I felt that the visit helped me explore other genres of dance and it allowed me to show my performance skills as an individual as well as in an overall group effort. As always, North Yorkshire County Dance has given everyone a wonderful experience and I hope that they come back soon to help us learn even more!

GCSE Year 9 Dancer, Olivia Burton

Battle of the Books 2015

An intrepid team from St John Fisher headed to Ripon Grammar in March accompanied by four members of staff to compete in the annual Battle of the Books, a literary quiz, which was created by the Harrogate & District School Librarians’ Group in 2008 and is hosted by the previous year’s victor. The team members were Katie Brookman, Gabriella Dempsey and Eden-Maia Shackleton from Year 9 and Josh Rowe and Alex Gartland from Year 10. The team won a round on the theme of the Hunger Games trilogy and the final scoring was very close.

Malcolm Rose Author Visit

In February, Year 9 experienced a forensics investigation style presentation from author Malcolm Rose. Malcolm’s latest series The Outer Reaches sees our world inhabited by two species of human race with two teenagers collaborating to solve a gory murder mystery.

Break-time was an opportunity for all students to meet Malcolm in the Library to ask questions and buy signed copies of his books. A group of students then took part in a Writing Workshop under Malcolm’s guidance.