

Year 8 trip to the National Museum of Wales at St.Fagans



On 18th June, Year 8 went to the Museum of Welsh Life as part of their studies in GCSE Humanities. The aim of the day was to see how the museum is laid out and to look at ideas that could be used when the students plan a museum of Herefordshire life as part of their coursework.

able to go into the buildings and see how people lived in times gone by. Highlights of the visit were the Rhyd-y-Car cottages, a terrace of five cottages where each house is decorated in the style of a different time in history; the Celtic village where students could go into buildings like the ones people were living in 2000 years ago, and the old fashioned sweet shop where many students used their own

money in the name of research! Many students commented that they really enjoyed the visit and as a group their attitude to the tasks set was very positive. The trip was a great success and the weather was perfect. Several comments were made by members of the public regarding the good behaviour and the perfect presentation of our students.



THE HEREFORD ACADEMY

Free Summer Holiday Activities

11-16yrs

Wed 22nd & 29th July – **Sports day** (trampolining, archery and rock climbing)

Thurs 23rd + 30th July – **Drama**

Thurs 13th + 20th August - **Arts and Crafts** (jewellery making, card making etc)

10am -3pm

Places Limited Book Early

For more information and booking forms please contact
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Heart for Africa

The Herefordshire charity, *Heart for Africa* visited The Hereford Academy in June to educate the students on how they can help the children of Africa.

Heart for Africa has set up a growing child and teacher sponsorship programme for more than 40 children in Africa as part of a global project. The academy has adopted *Heart for Africa* as one of their official charities.

Both the students and staff at The Hereford Academy donated generously, bags of clothes, games and toys were given, not to mention the £1000 cheque donated by the academy.



Sport Update

Year 9 Rounders

Congratulations to both Year 9 Rounders Teams who took part in the Herefordshire Schools Rounders tournament at Bishops last week. The A team won all of their group matches against St Mary's, Minster, Aylestone and Bishops B but unfortunately lost to Bishops A in the semi-finals, by only 3 rounders. The B team did not win a game but showed some real promise, considering they had not played together before. Both teams are improving as time progresses and in October, the girls will be heading to Wimbledon for England U16 Trials. Player of the tournament for the A team was Kate Ankers and for the B team was Lucy Broom. Well done girls!!!

Congratulations to the following students who have represented Herefordshire in the County Athletics at Nunnerly Wood in Worcester: **Dagnis Burka** and **Chris Meredith** (High Jump & 1500m); **Ellie Morris** (Hurdles), **Nichola Wheadon** (Javelin), **Callum Bunn** (Javelin). Well done to all!!!

Year 9 Netball



The team are looking forward to a weekend away in Pontins at the start of July. The Girls PE department are taking 11 girls to compete in a national tournament, with more than 100 teams entered. The girls have new kit and are looking forward to showing it off. Good Luck Girls!!!

National Sports Week 29th June- 3rd July

On Monday 29th June Year 9 went to Bodenham Lake to support national sports week. Whilst there students took part in loads of new sports-



canoeing, kayaking raft building and team building games.

Kayaking was an extremely popular event that required students to grasp the basics and challenge their skills to a distinct game of Kayak Polo. Whilst enduring this, the students were then able to, as requested, conquer their fears and capsize their Kayaks, which left the helpful staff to retrieve many stranded Kayaks, whilst the students were enjoying the experience and proud of conquering their fears. The team building activity, challenged the students initiatives and allowed them to work within a team to enable them to succeed within the tasks.

The aim of the day was to try something new and make a pledge to sport. It is not about winning or losing, it is about respect, friendship, excellence, inspiration, determination courage and equality. To achieve this some students joined a sports club to learn how to umpire or referee and some students made a pledge to take part in at least 2 hours of sport a week.

Every day of sports week something different was happening at break and lunchtimes, whether it be 'tug o war' or 'I feel the need for speed'- it was a great week had by all.

National Cricket Day- Huge Success

On Tuesday 23rd June the academy participated in the *Chance to Shine* National Cricket Day 2009. Year 7 students were heavily involved, taking part in cricket games in lessons, developing batting, bowling and fielding skills, as well as team work and communication. In Maths they took part in cricket based numeracy challenges and learnt about angles through fielding position. In English the Year 7s had to read a piece of literature about a magic cricket bat and then perform some analysis on the piece of writing.

Other year groups of the academy took part in a 'bowl out the teacher' activity at breaktime, with approximately 40 students earning points for their houses.

The Day was a huge success in generating and developing interest in cricket and everyone really enjoyed it.

Chance to Shine Cricket Camp

On Wednesday 24th June twelve Year 8, 9 & 10 boys took part in the *Chance to Shine* Cricket Camp organised by the Army at Old Elizabethans Cricket Club, Worcester. The boys were put through their paces in cricket skills including a catching station and kwik cricket games. They also developed team work and communication skills on an army assault course, a climbing wall and paintball target shooting. The boys had a brilliant day and can't wait to go again next year.

Hashes Match returns

To celebrate this year's England V Australia Ashes series Mr Carter and Mr Ashton have resurrected the 'Hashes' match, which is a staff v students cricket match. The game will take place at Marden Cricket Club on Thursday 9th July and the students participating have been chosen as a reward for their hard work and dedication to cricket this year, including attending development sessions over the winter. The staff side has a very strong batting line-up but may be lacking in the bowling department, with many complaints of bad backs as they are not as young as they used to be!!



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Dear Parents and Carers...

As we are now at the end of the first term in the first year of The Hereford Academy I would like to celebrate this first year and look forward to the next one.

It has been an excellent year in all aspects of the academy. Our standards are going even higher and the results that we expect in August will be the best we have had so far. Again this reflects the hard work that students and staff have been committed to over the last academic year and exemplifies the aspirations of our community.

Year 11 completed their studies with the academy on 25th June and this culminated in an excellent "prom". All 108 students who attended the "prom" really enjoyed the evening and were a credit to the academy. The modes of transport were varied ranging from fire engines to Aston Martins, but to top it all was Natty Fishlock who rode to the "prom" with Eilisha Evans on the front of his bike. I was extremely proud of all the students as they showed, yet again, what a positive group of young people they are. My thanks go to all the staff who helped the students organise such an excellent evening.

Our post 16 courses are going from strength to strength with at least another 50 students starting in Year 12 next year. We now have nearly 80 students following courses ranging from Forensic Science to work based apprenticeships. These students will have the added advantage of a recently refurbished and purpose built classrooms and a study area that can be used from September. With post 16 learning becoming compulsory in 3 years time it places The Hereford Academy in an advantageous position to support our Year 11 students in having more choices for further study.



to seeing them and their parents during the first term of the new academic year.

Finally, I would like to thank those members of staff who are leaving us at the end of this year to either further their careers or to embark on new challenges. Mr Digweed, who has been with us for two terms on a fixed term contract, is moving on to a school in the West Midlands. We say goodbye to Miss Carroll, our PE and Dance teacher who is moving on to a school in Leeds. She will be remembered during her short time with us for her leadership and success of the academy's dance groups and cheer leaders. Good bye also to Mrs Longville, who after five years with this school becomes the Head Teacher of the Marches School and Technology College in Shropshire. Mrs Longville has had a huge impact on the school; being an important reason why the standards and aspirations of the school and now the academy has improved so much since 2004.

Our involvement in National School Sports Week was also very successful with the PE staff organising activities at every break and lunch time. It required our students to write a pledge for them to take part in some new sport over the next year. All Year 9 students had a very enjoyable day canoeing on Bodenham Lake during the last week in June.

The planning for the new building is now going through the process of being assessed and we hope that we will receive permission to start the new building at the end of August 2009. When this has started a number of our temporary classrooms will be moved to the top end of the academy site and will stay there until the new building opens around Easter 2011. The new building will then start on the playing fields at the bottom part of the site. It will make the academy a little cramped whilst the building is taking place but this will all be worth it once we move into the new building. If you haven't seen the ideas for the new site please log onto our website www.theherefordacademy.org.uk

As we close for the first year can I thank all parents and carers for their support over student progress and attainment, the academy uniform and helping us make The Hereford Academy a thriving place to learn. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 7th September.

Congratulations to 7ES1 again, who were the best attending class for the Spring Term – this is now two terms in a row. The Year 6 Induction Evening was a very successful event even though the weather was extremely hot. It was very pleasing to see so many parents attending with their sons or daughters to have their first formal introduction to the academy. We look forward

John Sheppard
Principal



Taste for Adventure

On Saturday 6th June students from The Hereford Academy attended the School Council trip to Taste for Adventure.

The day was arranged for team building and problem solving and as you can see by the pictures – it poured down all day. However, this did not dampen the student's spirits, they embraced it and enjoyed the day regardless, although we were all very soggy and tired at the end of the day.



The Oval Revamp



The Hereford Academy is working with Herefordshire housing to gain the views, opinions and thoughts of young people from the Oval area on how it can be improved for the future.

Herefordshire Housing came to the academy to hold a session with students to understand what they like and dislike about the area and how they would like it to change over the next few years.

The session was a complete success with all students actively participating and giving good ideas on improvement.

We would like to thank everyone who was part of the session: *Lauren Brooker, Harriot Smith, Jodie Jones, Courtney Gwynne, Lauren Ruck, Emily Bell, Kirsten Vernalls, Shannon Eggerton, Celine Jackson, Emma Morgan, Madi Bateman, Jess Hyde, Leah Gough and Jamie Kelly.*

Year 8 Gravity Racers

A group of Year 8 girls designed and made their very own gravity racer (go-kart for those who wonder what that is!). Here are a selection of photographs taken during their time trial event.



The speed machine rules!



In the pits for repair



My steering wheel is broken!



I hope I make the corner!



It's a bit fast isn't it!

The Kielder Challenge

The Hereford Academy took part in the Kielder Challenge, a National Challenge that takes place all over the country. The students take up various challenges which include mental and physical.

The aims of the challenge are to promote teamwork and leadership. The academy finished 3rd in the regional heats that took place in the Queens Wood. Well done to all that took part.



The Big Event

The cheerleaders did a great job this year at The Big Event and we would like to say well done to all of them. Good job!

Amy Saunders, Chloe Lloyd, Shannon Davies, Ellie May Kidley, Tishana McKnight, Sian Evans, Molly Brookes, Leigh Simpkins, Lisa Fleet, Abbie Lewis, Sarah McCluskey, Maddie Ricketts-Devereux, Natasha Bounds, Nikola Kavcova, Courtney Gwynne, Sophie Evans, Skye Murray, Billie Watkins, Shannon Broom, Charlie Silver, Lauren Davies.



At The Big Event The Hereford Academy gave visitors the chance to test their construction skills in the 'build a wall' challenge, at the Willmott Dixon Stand.

Competitors included, Connor Richards, Shane Hadaway, Ross Lucock, Scott Powell, Tyler Maddocks and Andrew Jones.

Well done boys, cracking job!

FRESH!

On Tuesday 23rd June 23 of our female students took part in an event called FRESH at The Courtyard Theatre. FRESH is an event run by 2Faced Dance Company aimed at encouraging all to dance and create, raise standards, showcase local talent and bring all ages together.

The day consisted of dance workshops, technical and dress rehearsals and creating an art piece. The students had opportunities to enhance their already polished performance with expert technical assistance on lighting and stage management.

The students involved have shown great dedication and a determination to succeed through practising after school and at lunch times since April.

420 people came to The Courtyard Theatre to watch the evening performance. The Hereford Academy dancers were picked to open the show with their dance fusion of street and contemporary to Daft Punk's 'Television Rules The Nation'.



Their dynamic dance routine captured the audience with its punchy solos and strong creative energy. As a result of their outstanding performance the academy dancers were selected to take part in the county DanceFest Youth Dance Tour.

We would like to thank the following girls for taking part: Lauren Hodges, Lauren Tyler, Chloe Lloyd, Leah Gough, Megan Johnson, Tishana McKnight, Leigh Simpkins, Abbie Lewis, Sarah McCluskey, Maddie Ricketts-Devereux, Natasha Bounds, Nikola Kavcova, Courtney Gwynne, Skye Murray, Billie Watkins, Shannon Broom.

And another thank you to these girls for their commitment and dedication to this

big event. They have showed up to every practice and workshop and are a credit to the academy:

Ashleigh Nicholls, Amy Saunders, Shannon Davies, Ellie May Kidley, Sian Evans, Molly, Brookes, Lisa Fleet



Forensic Science day at The Hereford Academy

On Wednesday 19th May 55 students were involved in a Forensic Science day at The Hereford Academy. Dr Roger Summers, a world-renowned forensic scientist came from Stafford University with his friend "Jill" – £1200 worth of life-like corpse! The students were involved in identifying and cordoning off the crime scene, assessing the evidence (including a murder weapon they found near-by) and trying out real forensic techniques such as blood spatter and finger-print analysis. They looked at how to collect and assess shoe prints using both traditional and modern electro-static techniques. By using the fumes from super glue they were able to take permanent finger prints and make their own unique key ring as memento of the day.

Forensic Science is taking off at the academy in a big way. As well as having it in sections of the Year 7 and 11 courses, the new Btec National in Forensic Science is starting at the sixth form this September. It is aimed at students who enjoy practical Science after GCSE or BTEC at Key Stage 4 and can lead on to further courses including Forensic Science foundation degrees. Application forms are still available.

No-one figured out who killed "Jill" this time but after more study of the evidence collected they hope to soon!



Students at the academy celebrated in style for the first leavers' ball since becoming The Hereford Academy last September. A beautiful summer's evening, the event was held at The 3 Counties Hotel. There were various modes of transport on the night, ranging from the traditional Limousine, Range Rover and even an Aston Martin, to ice cream vans, fire engines, bicycles, a scooter and a horse and cart.

Vicki Sachser arrived in a Limousine – a prize she had won after entering a competition run by the English department for the most contributions to lessons and the most attended student in revision sessions.

Best dressed award went to Kim Knight and Will Loughman who both won vouchers for clothing. Students finished the evening off with a buffet and dancing.

