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Democracy in action!



Warlingham School has welcomed three Members of Parliament within a few days of each other. Sam Gyimah, M.P. for East Surrey and Richard Ottaway, M.P. for Croydon South participated in the 'Democracy Fair' and Nigel Evans, M.P. for Ribble Valley and a Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons participated in the 'Parliament Day' for Year 7 students.

The 'Democracy Fair' - on Friday 26th November – was organised to engage students from all years with democratic ideals and processes. Year 10 students set up a number of stalls. Each stall was related to a specific issue, for example: the coalition government, **MP's pay, bias in the press etc. and the students manning each stall spoke for or against each issue.** This gave the students an opportunity to develop their skills in project management, group decision-making, negotiation and advocacy. Students from Years 7-9

visited each stall and heard the arguments for and against each issue and then cast their vote.

Sam Gyimah, M.P. and Richard Ottaway, M.P. visited all the stalls and heard the students opinions and then gave their own on each of the 30 or so **issues.** **Richard said: "The students were very sharp and put their arguments well."**

Rick Toop, Head of Society, Religion and Wellbeing, who organised the fair **said: "The event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to make decisions about how they want the world to be in a fun, interactive way."**

Three days later, on Monday 29th November, Year 7 students all participated in 'Parliament Day'. The day commenced with a Mock Parliament, chaired by Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, Nigel Evans, M.P. The students debated the

From the Head....



Dear Parents

Being part of a community is something we endeavour to promote within Warlingham School and its local area; as such, people have a responsibility to contribute positively and to support others. The more involved we are and the longer we are part of that community, we **begin to feel a shared "history"** and sense of belonging. This certainly struck me as I attended the annual Remembrance Day service on Warlingham Green; I recognised so many people there from local councillors, police officers, journalists and members of the clergy to past and pupils

and their families and colleagues from other local schools.

Mrs Crouch is a member of staff who has played a key role in the history of the

school. She began here as a supply teacher in the early 1980s and then became the Head of PE a few years later (taking over from her husband who formerly held the role). She has done a wonderful job in putting **Warlingham's name on the map** in terms of sporting achievement. Not only have our teams been hugely successful across a wide range of sports but, during her tenure as Head of Department, we have witnessed a fantastic expansion of facilities for current and future students to enjoy. Mrs Crouch has been instrumental in securing funding for many projects. Mrs Crouch will be retiring at the end of this term – yes, I know this is difficult to believe! She has just become a grandmother for the third time and will, no doubt, will be spending much time with her family, including her daughter (also an ex-Warlingham student!) in Dubai. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs Crouch for all that she has

contributed to our school community over the past 30 years.

Mrs Hicks, another long-standing member of staff, is also semi-retiring at the end of this term. She will be working part time as Head of Music for the remainder of this academic year so we will **save our "farewells" until a later date. However, this year's** Christmas Concert promises to be an occasion to remember as many former students who are **part of the school's history, are** coming back to perform to mark the end of a musical era.

Our new Parent Governor is Amanda Appaya. She was a student of the school in the 1980s and then joined the school as a member of staff 5 years ago. You will be familiar with her work as **she launched our "new look"** website and was the editor of the newsletter. She has since moved on to other employment but she put her name forward to be a governor now that her son is in Year 7. This is another example of contributing to the community **and being part of the "history" of** the school.

I hope that you all enjoy the Christmas festivities – preferably without snow!

Regards,

A Woodhouse

Miss Woodhouse
Headteacher



Training for parents

We are again running our popular series of workshops for parents in January 2011. There are three to choose from: 'ICT skills for parents', 'Preparing for Work' and 'Introduction to PowerPoint'. The workshops run in the Business Centre from 5pm to 7pm on five consecutive Tuesdays, commencing on 11th January 2011. For more information about the workshops and an application form, contact Melanie Filmer (01883 629906 or by email filmerm@warlingham.surrey.sch.uk).

motion: “This house believes that 16 year olds should be given the vote”.

Not surprisingly, the motion was carried - by a substantial majority.



Nigel commented: “I was very impressed with the students. They were incredibly enthusiastic. They knew all the arguments and they were confident in delivering their speeches at the despatch box.”

After the Mock Parliament, Nigel Evans, M.P. answered questions from the students.

Both days were very successful and promoted engagement within the student community as well as with the guests from the world of politics.

Miss Woodhouse, Headteacher, commented: **“We strive to extend, challenge and stimulate our students’ academic and social development. Events such as the ‘Democracy Fair’ and ‘Parliament Day’**

offer tremendous learning opportunities for the students, whose experience is very much enhanced when we can welcome such interesting and **relevant guests.”**

Warlingham School has been fortunate

to welcome a number of very interesting guests in the past, including: Wilfred Emmanuel-Jones (the Black Farmer), Ian Woods (Sky News Australia Correspondent) and David Randall (Chief News Writer for the Independent on Sunday) and looks forward to many more exciting visitors and speakers over the years to come.

Melanie Filmer
Business & Enterprise
Manager



Nigel Evans MP & Mr Toop

Press release from Sam Gyimah, M.P.



East Surrey MP, Sam Gyimah, attended **Warlingham School’s Democracy Fair** on Friday 26th November to meet with students and discuss their views on a range of important political issues.

The fair was intended to give students from all years a positive experience of engaging with democracy and its ideals, whilst also providing a welcome platform for students to highlight their advocacy and representation skills. Mr Gyimah was asked to give his opinion on a number of issues – including, amongst others, voting systems, the power of lobbying groups, and the reasons for having democracy itself –

and was asked to indicate whether he was for or against each particular proposal.

With over 30 stalls at the Democracy Fair, each subject could only receive the briefest discussion – but what came through strongly was the sense of deep thought that had been put in by the students on each and every subject.

Mr Gyimah commented:

“It’s clear from the final pitches that all the students have shown considerable research skills in coming to a distinct position on their particular subject. They’ve coupled this with good project management, teamwork and an ability to get their points across in an articulate and persuasive manner. I was thoroughly impressed all round”.

Not only were the students able to debate and discuss these issues with their local MP, the projects also counted towards the completion of a sizable chunk of their GCSE Citizenship coursework.

Mr Gyimah said:

“Whether it was debating the place of the internet in a democracy, the role of the EU and UN in global politics, or giving the vote to 16 year olds – all the students presented serious, well-thought out arguments which gave one food for thought. Real debate and dialogue is what engages people, and these students have got some great ideas to work through the big questions we’re facing at the moment”.

ENDS



This term seems to have flown by and we are now approaching the time of Mocks and then festivity.

During the term the main change to routines has been the House assemblies in the Gym. This has been due to the installation of a smartboard and projector. Now Chichester students have pictures to look at instead of me!

The new technology has allowed music and presentations to be made by other students and staff.

Mr Burdett wins the term's award for the best assembly. His excellent presentation on his efforts to complete an Iron Man Challenge will last with us for a long time. How can anyone stay on a bike for that long!?!?

In general, I have been pleased with the attitude of nearly all the students in the House. The Year



7's have found their feet due to the helping hands of Ms Cook and Ms Wright. In the future we will expect them to rise to the challenges of House competitions and study.

There have been a few competitions and these will be reported elsewhere in this

newsletter.

But praise goes to Ashleigh Bourne of 10L for 3rd place in the Photography competition and Connor Wood 10L, who was awarded a Distinction.

In the House merit competition we have again done well with 2nd place in the first half of term and hopefully 1st place in the second.

The festive period is a time for relaxing with family and friends. I hope your celebrations go well. Have a good break and come back refreshed and ready to strive to do even better.

Mr Coombes
Head of Chichester



JOHNSON Flying High



It has been another successful term for Johnson, after our landslide victory in the House Competition last year!

The House theme for this year is **"Small Change, Big Difference"**. As a House we are focusing on the little things we can all do to make a real difference. For example, a small improvement in attendance makes a big difference to exam results, spending ten minutes longer on each piece of homework will make a big improvement in your end of year tracking, if everyone donates 10p extra that is a huge difference in the amount raised for charity and so on!

This year we have re-launched the House Charity Committee, and this term we have already raised over £300 for Children in Need; events included pyjama wearing, a sponsored silence and a cake sale! So many people were involved in these events I do not have space to

thank them all personally, but they know who they are!!

It goes without saying that as the first term comes to an end we are top of the house competition AGAIN! This is because the students in Johnson truly are the best in the school, but there is no room for complacency! It is important we train hard for the inter-house football and netball for Years 7 and 8 at the end of term, and ensure that we win the points for best attendance – a competition we have won every term for the last two years.

Our current first place is due to consistent performance in all the competitions so far, second highest number of guides for open evening, and winners of the merit competitions in Years 8, 9, 10 and **11! Let's hope at the end of this term Year 7 are also receiving a**

nice big box of chocolates for the most merits. We also won the photography competition with a combination of entries and a second place overall – well done to Isabella Hayward for her superb entry.

Could I remind parents that stationery items make excellent **stocking fillers**. It's disruptive when teachers have to hand out pens, pencils, rulers and calculators at the start of a lesson, so please ensure your child attends school every day with the correct equipment. It only takes a few seconds to check each morning. Every student should also have a clear pencil case for use in exams.

All that remains to be said is to have a lovely Christmas and I wish everyone well for 2011; let us hope it is another winning year for Johnson!

Mr Watkins
Head of Johnson

This academic year has had a good start and has continued to gather momentum as the term has continued. Students have been enjoying various lessons as well as participating in many inter-house competitions and activities. Unlike the snow stopping the public transport system, nothing stopped our students from performing really well in the Photography competition (Year 10) and the Christmas Card competition.

Congratulations must go to Liam White for finishing 4th overall and to the House as a whole for submitting the most Christmas card entries. With Number Day coming up along with the Year 7 and Year 8 Inter-house Football and Netball competitions, I am quietly confident of beating all the other houses into submission!!



We have had some fantastic fundraising activities so far this year, and special mention must go to Toni Busby Slatter, Chantelle Fielding and Kerry Pantony for dressing up as clowns for a day and Shanade Kennedy, Chloe Woods, **Hannah Robinson, Nicola O'Keefe** and Sophie Lewis for their sponsored silence!! A total of

£145 was raised for Children in Need – a fantastic achievement!!

This year has been an exhausting term for staff and students alike and I would like to thank all of the tutors for their ongoing hard work **and Mrs Masters, Mallory's** Achievement Co-ordinator, for her excellent leadership and support of the house whilst I was away.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, refreshed, raring to go and ready to thrash the other **Houses at next term's Inter-house** competitions.

Mr Polyviou
Head of Mallory

As we move towards Christmas, we look back over some of the fantastic moments of this term, including various competitions and charity events. There continues to be a positive atmosphere within Sharman house, supported by the growing number participating in each Competition.

The Sharman assemblies continue to be a success and many Tutor groups have focussed on Charity fundraising (NSPCC, RSPCA, Dogs Trust). Also, we had a very successful Achievement Assembly - thanks to Miss Frayne.

Our now, not so new, Year 7s have grown in stature and confidence and are making a positive contribution to Sharman House and Warlingham School. Year 7 have worked extremely hard, week by week, on their projects, with certain students excelling, particularly during Newsflash, the Community Road Show and Presidential Election Day.



Thanks to all of 8N, particularly the girls and parents who went the extra mile to ensure the *Krispy Kreme* donuts arrived on time, helping to raise money for the RSPCA. Fantastic effort!

Year 9 achieved some pleasing Tracking Results, showing a vast improvement in their ATL grades. I look forward to seeing their participation during the fast approaching House Competitions. Thanks for all your efforts focussed on the Irish Culture during Diversity Week.

Year 10 have made a positive impact on Sharman and have excelled on many different levels. They are finalising arrangements for their fast approaching work experience, with many of them achieving their first choice. Thanks to 10N, who raised money for the NSPCC; it was lovely to see them all actively involved in such a great

cause. And both 10N and 10G contributed productively during the *Democracy Fair*.

Year 11 are currently gearing themselves up for the fast approaching Mocks, many making full use of after-school classes and revision groups across the curriculum. They all deserve to exceed their potential and with consistent and precise focus they will no doubt be rewarded. Best of luck with the forthcoming Mocks.

This has been a fantastic term with many great memories. Sharman is in 2nd place overall in the House Competition. We must ensure we finish the term in a positive, dynamic and competitive way.

Finally a big thank you to all the Sharman House Tutors, Miss Frayne and everyone who has contributed to making this term one to remember.

Mr Robins
Head of Sharman

Achieving Success

As part of our ongoing Tutor Period Programme, Year 13 students were treated to a motivational session with David Tinney on Thursday 18th November.

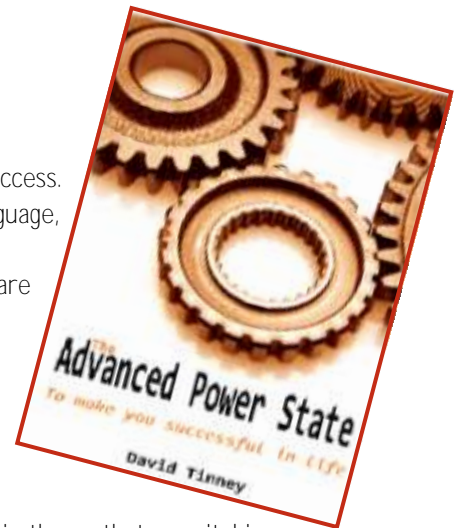
David is Head of Broadcast Services Projects at BSKyB. He is a Qualified Electronics Engineer and Fellow of the CIPD. He was Managing Director of an electronics manufacturing company for nine years and is **the author of "The Advanced Power State"**, a book designed **'to make you successful in life'**.

David discussed with students the valuable concept of viewing **yourself as a 'Private Limited Company' and the fact that** further education is building you as a product to be able to go out into the big wide world and sell. You are your own private limited company, therefore you will need to convince a future employer of the quality and value of your service. Skills such as communications can be built on during school life, as this is an

absolute foundation to success. Talking, writing, body language, listening and presentation are all important skills for the future. It is also important that

communications are sent in the right way and that networking tools such as *LinkedIn* and *Facebook* are used with care.

David went on to discuss other concepts with the students. Concepts such as negotiation (and understanding the right time to negotiate), problem solving (with the ability to turn positives into negatives), the ability to ask effective questions and goal setting. Again, all skills



that are vital in our working and personal lives.

Asking the question 'why?' five times is a great technique!
Miss April

A signed copy of **David's book** was awarded to Ben Riceman for asking interesting and relevant questions.

We look forward to welcoming David back

to the school again in May to talk to our Year 12 students.

Tina Skegg
B & E Admin
Assistant



L-R: Mr Scott, Rebecca Suter, Ryan Burke, David Tinney and Michael Quintin-Sey

**the
GreenRoom**

David Tinney joins a number of other speakers in the 'Green Room'. The Green Room is a new photo gallery on our website that includes information about a number of very interesting speakers and special

guests that we've welcomed at Warlingham School over the years. It can be accessed from the page, 'Our Specialism'.



Miss Wernham in the English department oversees the Year 7 'Speaking and Listening' lessons. The students have to report on an event that they all attended. Miss Wernham picked two students who wrote the best reports on *Newsflash*, an event Year 7's participated in during October. The two best reports - one from each day - follow.

'On Tuesday 12th October the lucky Year 7 pupils of Warlingham School fled to the main hall to take part in an event to make their own newspaper.

This exciting event, called *Newsflash*, was fun, enjoyable and educational, as pupils used team skills and journalism skills to make their own newspapers. Organised jointly by the English Department and Business & Enterprise, *Newsflash* started after a short introduction from Miss Filmer, the Business & Enterprise Manager.

Firstly, the Year 7's got into groups of 10 and decided who was going to do which job out of News Editors, Sports Editors, Arts Editors and Managing Editors.

The News Editors decided on two headline news stories, out of the choices they were given, that they thought were most interesting to write about. We were given £4000 and spent some of it on

photographs at the Paparazzi Desk.

The Sports Editors watched clips of recent sporting events and wrote articles about them.

The Arts Editors chose two short stories from a book by Roald Dahl called 'Boy' and wrote a review, using pictures to make it even more interesting.

The Managing Editors managed the group and were basically in charge of the newspaper construction.

The News Editors also took part in interviews with members of staff acting as characters from the stories.

After typing all the stories on the computers in the Business Suite, all the groups gathered back in the hall for awards and presentations. Mallory and Sharman houses also took part in this enjoyable event on Wednesday 13th.

In conclusion, this event was very enjoyable and should definitely be **done again in the future!**

Lauren Pinkney 7W



News Editors interview 'Francesca Famely'

Newsflash day on Wednesday. It took place in the main hall and in the Business Suite.

The first thing we did was to go to the hall and find our groups. We sat in our groups and held our sign

up as the other students started to come in. When everyone was ready, Miss Filmer, the Business & Enterprise Manager told us all about the event and what we were going to do.

We then decided what roles each member of the group would have. I was an Arts Editor for the day with two other girls. We picked two short stories and the

pictures we wanted to review. Our short stories were from **Roald Dahl's novel 'Boy' and they were called 'The Great Mouse Plot' and 'Goats Tobacco'.** We then listened to an audio version of them and read along.

Later we typed up our reviews on the computers in the Business Suite and then went back to the hall to cut up the text and pictures and arrange them onto A3 paper for our Arts page ready to go into the newspaper.

Lunch came and went quickly and we all came back excitedly for Period 5 to find out who had won the awards for best newspaper. David Randall, from the Independent on Sunday, came in to talk to us about what it was like being a journalist. We then had a question and answer session with him.

To end the day we had prize giving and found out which groups had won. We had a brilliant time and I thought the whole day was fantastic.

Marie O'Shea 7H

Marie and Lauren won a choice of a flip-out radio or a teddy bear each for their stories.

We had a brilliant time and I thought the whole day was fantastic.



Producing their Newspaper

'On Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th October all of Year 7 took part in *Newsflash*- A joint English and Business & Enterprise event, where we created our own newspaper. We were split into two groups - Mallory and Sharman students and Johnson and Chichester students.

I am in Mallory and we had our

8N - Caring for Animal Welfare

You may remember, 8N held a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale, to raise money for the RSPCA. 25 dozen doughnuts, hundreds of silly hats, banners and balloons later, 8N raised £304.45. (An amazing result!)

On Friday 26th November, two representatives from the RSPCA, Mrs Gardener and Miss Fletcher, came to Warlingham School to receive their cheque. The students of 8N asked them questions about what the charity does. Here are some of the facts we found out:

- When many people come back from foreign countries, they accidentally bring back many different types of animals with them.
- If you want a job in RSPCA, you might want to be aware that the training takes a long time and can be tough.
- It is an interesting and rewarding job.
- It is also a highly recommended job as it is helping others if they need it.
- You must be 18 to become an inspector and you will need life experience with animals. Volunteers must be aged 16 or above. However, anyone can fundraise and every penny counts!
- The RSPCA saves millions of animals just in London, every year. They save 1,000 animals a day - just in central London! They cover England and Wales only, as Scotland has the SSPCA.
- Many animals can be aggressive due to their disturbed history and the RSPCA have a tough time helping them and finding them a new home. It is quite an emotional rollercoaster!!!
- Our nearest RSPCA centre is in Godstone.
- It will not only help pets, it will also help your local injured Freddie Fox.
- Our money helps enormously as the RSPCA do not receive any government funding.

Please donate all you can to the RSPCA. Thank you for buying Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, although we are sure it was not too hard and that you enjoyed them!

Saskia Price & A bi Pogson - Millis 8n



Visitors from the RSPCA, Miss Woodhouse and 8N

STREET Youth Centre



Jo Sturgess, from Street Youth Centre reported good news about some of our students.

Jo writes: "Nine young people attending the Prince's Trust XL programme at Street Youth Centre have successfully completed a peer education DVD with an anti-bullying theme.

The students are: Liam Barnes,

Stephanie Blaquiere, Patrick Feeney, Daniel Ipperciel, Melissa Littlemore, Rhea Jones, Joseph McKenzie, Connor Moore and Kyle Thrower.

They explored the issues and researched definitions of the main types of bullying.

In their film they directed and performed a short sketch about cyber, physical and

emotional bullying. They explore some of the motivations for bullying and offer advice on what to do if you are being bullied.

This film will be part of a peer education package designed by these young people to support the transition from Year 6 into Year 7 at Warlingham School and was made to coincide with **November's anti bullying**

30 Year 12 & 13 ICT students went into Central London on 24th November for the annual Sixth Form ICT Conference.

They listened to presentations from a variety of experts in the field of ICT.

Dr Mark Gasson from *Reading University* explained how technology was now being implanted into humans through devices like replacement limbs. These are now being directly linked into the human nervous system. This also had implications of how computer controlled human implants could leave people open to being infected by computer viruses.

Paul Jay from the lottery operator

Camelot, described the technology behind the national lottery and how they ran the biggest distributed network in the country. He emphasised the need to be able to handle huge amounts of data with total data integrity.

Dr James Taplin from the *Forum for the Future* clarified how ICT can be at the forefront of delivering a greener, low carbon, sustainable future.

Jon Higgins, IT Director for *Tesco*, described

how the company had developed ICT in both its in-store and online business.

A level Senior Examiner, Julian Mott, also delivered a session explaining how students could get the best marks for their coursework.

Mr Burdett
Head of ICT



Driving the point home...

On Thursday 4th November, Year 12 students went on a 'Safe Drive' trip to Dorking Halls where the importance of careful driving was expressed to us in a powerful way!

Our whole year, along with various other schools packed into the hall and were greeted by thumping loud music which fulfilled its purpose in pumping us up before the start of the talks bringing us back down to realise how the loud music, especially when you're driving, can be very distracting!! A single spotlight shone on the stage in front of us and we waited to see who would come out. The whole scheme was introduced to us and then we watched a video in small sections about four young teenagers who had an awful car accident. It was realistic and shocking, to say the least.

At various points of the video it was stopped and someone else came out to talk to us! A police officer, Paramedic, Ambulance Man, Fireman and a Doctor, all explained to us their roles in dealing

with an accident like this! All very important and responsible roles which attempt to save lives. Each person shared with us their own real life experiences of dealing with casualties and extreme accidents - some of which were so awful and upsetting various people cried! It was most definitely a shocking day as we heard tales of collecting body parts from across the motorway, finding children thrown from cars into fields alongside the motorways and finally doctors holding another child whilst he passed away. It was truly sad and made us

all think twice about the dangers of driving!

We viewed some adverts about wearing your seat belt, drinking and driving and other dangers. They were powerful and quite scary too! What's more we actually heard from a woman whose nephew died in a dark car crash down a country lane. She talked us through how wide the web is of losing someone. It affects so many people.

It was most definitely a shocking day!



Following this, a boy came out in a wheelchair who had been paralysed after being in a car accident. It was sad to see him and hear his story as it really personified what can happen if you aren't completely concentrating.

I think it was an extremely effective and useful trip which was educational to us all! As a lot of us begin to learn to drive it was helpful and important to see that sometimes it goes wrong and how important it is to manage the risk of this!

I would like to thank all the people at school and those running the scheme for giving us the opportunity to participate in this trip as it was a day we will surely remember and which we all benefitted from...

Sophia Taylor 12A

FILMCLUB[®] at Warlingham

This year two members of **Warlingham's Filmclub**, Harry Clayton and Callum Bates attended the premiere of the new blockbuster 3D movie, *The Hole* and in their role as representatives of the film club, the boys also had the exciting opportunity to interview the **film's director and its star**, Chris Maggolia.

FILMCLUB is a scheme launched by the education charity and experts in film for young people where young people are given the chance to enjoy and share in their enthusiasm for film. Warlingham School runs a film club after school on **Wednesday's** and which also shows films during lunch, screening a variety of movies for those students interested in film and filmmaking

The boys' journey to become *FILMCLUB* Ambassadors began last summer when the organisation began its search for additional ambassadors. The work of an ambassador is to represent the club on a national level. Callum and Harry are two of 35 children from around the UK aged between 8 and 17, who are members of the organisation, to be selected to attend premieres, junket interviews and film festivals.

As Young Ambassadors Harry, Callum and their colleagues from other schools will interview actors and filmmakers, report from the red carpet at major film events, review films at preview screenings and act as

spokespeople for the organisation and young film fans. The experience will offer them unique access and insight into life behind the camera.

Hundreds of members applied for the Young Ambassador programme earlier in the year, submitting a video of themselves interviewing friends or family, reviewing a film, and demonstrating their knowledge and passion for the movie industry. All five applicants from Warlingham school were shortlisted and invited to an audition day with *FILMCLUB* judges at the Actors Centre in London, where they were put through their paces with a series of improvisational sessions.

During the summer, Callum and Harry received the good news that they were successful and along with other members of **the club were given a day's** media training in London, which included taking part in a presenting masterclass with *Blue Peter* presenter, Andy Akinwolere and *CBBC* presenter, Johnny Pitts, to help them hone their interviewing skills in front of the camera.

The pair also shared their experiences and top tips with the junior reporters.

Callum and Harry's first job was to attend the premiere of *The Hole* which took place in **London's Leicester Square**. They have already completed their first assignment as a *FILMCLUB* Young Ambassador, when they travelled to London to interview the leading actor and film director of new film *The Hole 3D*. The pair spoke to legendary film director **Joe Dante, who is known for 1980's** movie classics *Gremlins* and *InnerSpace*, and to new rising star Chris Massoglia, who also recently starred in *Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant*.

"I thought it was an amazing experience, to be able to see such famous people who I recognise from TV and other **films, and I can't wait to go and interview more movie stars"** said Harry, while Callum **commented, "I thought meeting** the stars was a good way to get to grips with the whole interviewing process; I would **love to do it again."**

Mr Powell
Head of Media Studies



Harry Clayton & Callum Bates with Andy Akinwolere & Johnny Pitts

Recently our Year 12 Drama students went to see two productions at London's Southwark Playhouse Theatre by renowned theatre company, 'Belt Up Theatre'. 'Belt Up' was started by former Warlingham student Jamie Wilkes, when he was at York University. The company have achieved acclaim for their engaging eccentric style of "meta theatre" or total theatre, in which they create a performance as a whole world, in which the audience become part of the action. Their work is inventive, dazzling, witty but often challenging, confrontational and thought provoking. The company have won numerous awards and plaudits over the last few years including prizes for best newcomers at The Edinburgh festival.



Belt Up Theatre, Edinburgh International Festival Award winners of 2008 and York Theatre Royal Resident Company, made their London debut at Southwark Playhouse in November 2009. On the 10th November Year 12 Drama students were given the opportunity to see this individual and compelling company, which includes former Warlingham student, James Wilkes.

The performance began in the bar of the Southwark Playhouse. The actors interacting with the audience members and one another, while remaining in character. After a while, we were all addressed as honoured guests and brought through to the main area. A comfortable array of plush sofas and cushions were scattered around the room for us to sit on. It created a more relaxed and personal setting, making us as an audience feel more involved and more connected to what was going on around us.

Lorca is Dead was the first play for our viewing enjoyment. The play is about a group of world famous Surrealists, each trying to tell us the story of Federico Garcia Lorca, the Spanish playwright from his creative childhood, to his tragic death. The play is full of humour and shock. Time is twisted and morphed by the actions of the Surrealists,

through their use of a 'time machine' made from a modified piano. The occasional homosexual antic, quirky comment or action sends the audience into fits of laughter, only stopped by the reminder of a terrible event in Lorca's life, or a breakdown in communications between the characters. Through the piece the audience is constantly encouraged to get involved in the play. We are asked to take part in the act, in the telling of Lorca's story, something that gives us a closer relationship with the characters on stage, something not used in conventional theatre but well welcomed in this instance. A climactic ending to a fairly relaxed play, the break-up of the Surrealist group who still felt the dedication to this man to show his death with dignity, killed for his political views in the Spanish civil war by a fascist firing squad. The audience is left in an awkward silence, our indication to leave... The feeling of shock and agitation follows you out of the main house to the bar as the events sink in and you are able to really appreciate the work of this group.

Before the first play fully sinks in the second play of the night *Atrium* is about to begin and we are yet again ushered to the doors of the main house. A short wait outside and we are jumped by Malcolm Kinear, 'I am the ghost of Christmas Past! ...Not really I just have cancer!' The first line and the first indication of what's in store for the audience once they step inside. Once again seated in comfy sofas and cushions we enter the subconscious of Malcolm

and his twisted view on his life. We are merely his playthings, something he has imagined willingly to give himself enjoyment. As a result, the rules of fact and fiction do not apply. We have no idea what - or who - to believe.

The acts skip between subconscious and reality. **One time he's in a wheelchair, the next he's not.** The other characters

have little to do with what he wants; they act as more things for him to use in his story, moulding them for his own amusement.

The play makes you laugh...that's obvious, but its what makes you laugh that makes this brand of comedic style stand out. It's things you know you shouldn't laugh at...but you can't help yourself. Malcolm's innate talent for looking at a new side of life, his tone and actions make even a child's death sound hilarious 'What's worse then losing a Son or Daughter?...Oh! Losing a Son and a Daughter!' By having someone else write his memoirs, someone who doesn't know him, Malcolm is able to make his life a fantasy, something interesting and funny, a work of fiction. **We as an audience don't know what to believe.** Malcolm constantly contradicts himself and some of the stories he tells are obviously false, but this is the only information we receive about him, our true knowledge of this man is limited and even that could be a lie. Constantly at the edge of your seat - even at the end - our actions creating as much of an impact on the play as the actual characters.

Belt Up Theatre is truly an inspirational and 'out there' display of theatrical and acting talent, with great skill in the art of improvisation, a must see piece of performing arts that should be on the West End scene in no time! A talented group who enjoy their work, they are sure to go far.

Jenny A Iium 12W



Warlingham remembers...

The day started cold and damp, **but that didn't stop us from** gathering together to remember this important event that happened on 11th November 1918, remembering all the people who fought for us. Many people put their lives on the line to fight for our country, willingly sacrificing their lives for future generations. Last Sunday we gathered in respect to thank all those people.

Annabelle Hill (7W), Natalie Davies (7W), me (8W), Daniel Pogson (10G), Vanessa Chalmers (11R), Rhiann Edmonds (11R), Mr Watkins and Miss Woodhouse represented Warlingham School.

The numerous community groups, who had gathered for the event, set off in a procession behind the military band. We walked in silence, thinking of those who gave their lives for a better future.

On arrival at the memorial we gathered in our groups, where we sang some hymns and read some **prayers. At 11 o'clock** everyone fell silent out of respect for the fallen soldiers. Traffic was stopped as the names of over 100 departed soldiers were read out in remembrance of their sacrifice.

After the name reading, each group laid a wreath



Students representing Warlingham School

"Many people put their lives on the line to fight for our country.."

of poppies around the memorial statue. Annabelle Hill and Miss Woodhouse laid the wreath representing Warlingham School.

After the final hymn, the National Anthem was sung by all who gathered. Then the procession marched back to the Community Hall for

refreshments.

This day was very moving for me, to hear how many local people had lost their lives for us and to see how many people had turned up in the cold and wet to pay their respects.

Let us never forget their sacrifices!

**A bigale Warner - Hill
8W**



Christmas Card Competition

The Christmas Card competition always seems to come around so quickly! This year, Miss Lee set the theme, which was **“Christmas Plants” and “Decorations”**. We invited all of the Key Stage 3 students to enter a drawing, painting or photograph.

The vast majority of entries came from Year 7 – so well done to them! But there were some good designs from Year 8 too.

As it is a House Competition, we have to select a winner from each house.

They are:

1st Prize

Lucinda Morgan 7G – Sharman

2nd Prize

Reiss Filler 7G – Mallory

3rd Prize

Megan Smith 7R - Chichester

4th Prize

Maia Cooper 7A – Johnson

But there were many more that deserved recognition.

Special commendation went to:



1st Prize
Lucinda Morgan



2nd Prize
Reiss Filler



3rd Prize
Megan Smith

Rachel Tiwarri 7G

Camellia Kelly 7M

Billie Dartnell 7G

Sophie Butler 7G

Well done to all the winners!

A n n i e S t a r k e y
H e a d o f A r t



4th Prize - Maia Cooper

The Student Council has a new President

On 26th November 2010 we held the student council presidential elections. It was a bit different this year because 10Y4, after a discussion about student democracy in Citizenship lessons, took on the responsibility of organising it for their citizenship GCSE coursework.

They got the names of people who wanted to run for President, met with them and made posters for them to put around the school with their pictures and policies on them. As the day got closer, the students designed the ballot papers and got class lists for the actual voting. Other students made posters about the importance of voting. Announcements were in assemblies and emails were sent to staff.

The day itself went really well. The voting was on the stage in the front hall which made it really visible and encouraged many students to go and vote. The Year 10 Democracy Fair was going on at the same time so there were lots of students in the hall already. Anyone could vote by registering their name and putting a cross next to their chosen candidate on the ballot paper.

The candidates were:

Emmanuel Ademuyka 9H

Hannah Jones 10A

Milyle Woolford 7R

Tom Williamson 8G

James West 10M

Amin Lmoh 7A

694 students voted and James West won with 240 votes.

Well done to 10Y4 for their work organising it, to the candidates for their efforts and especially for going into assemblies and giving their speeches and to everyone who voted.

The systems are all in place for the students to have a really clear voice at school; let's hope it's a really good year for student democracy.

Mrs Williamson
Citizenship department

Thorpe Park Thrills

On Friday 15th October, a group of Year 10 Business Studies students went to *Thorpe Park* to learn about how the park promotes new, unique rides and special events that take place at the park all year round.

We sat down on the coach and were really excited! After a hilarious hour-long journey we **arrived at the park; it wasn't** that busy because it was a school day and everyone was eager to get on the rides.

But first we went to the



Education Centre (after getting a bit lost on the way!) and were greeted by Chris who would talk to

us about marketing and promotion. He explained to us that *Thorpe Park* spent a LOT of money promoting the park through TV adverts and special

offers. We found out that

Thorpe Park **wouldn't** be open in October **if it weren't for** *Fright Nights*, their Halloween-themed promotion. He told us that sometimes it **didn't cost anything**

to advertise *Thorpe Park*, for example a new game show **called "Scream if you know the answer" was filmed at** *Thorpe Park*. Cost to the park – nothing! But every time the show was aired or advertised, *Thorpe Park* would feature throughout.

He also explained to us the Marketing Mix, these are the **'Four P's': Product, Place, Price and Promotion**. He showed us a graph of *Thorpe Park's* ticket sales, and the graph showed the same pattern every year, apart from one year where it was lower than usual. He explained to us that this was when they **decided not to promote '2 for 1' tickets offer that year, and**

that they have now learned

We all had a great time at the park and wanted to go again the next day.

from that mistake. We also found out the average price *Thorpe Park* needed from customers, taking into account online discounts, free tickets, group

discounts and promotions as well as money spent on merchandising. It was interesting to find out how much cheaper tickets were at different times of the year, and how much profit they can make.

After the talk we could do whatever we wanted in the park for the rest of the day! We all had a great time at the park and wanted to go again the next day. Thank you to Chris for talking to us and thank you to Mr Grimes and all the staff that took us there.

A lex Smith 10A
Georgie Parker 10H
Jack Bradford 10A

Dean gets his wings

Former student, Dean Curt - after two years at Shawbury training to fly the Griffin Helicopter - has finally been awarded his wings. It was a very proud day for him and his family.

He is going to Afghanistan after Christmas for two months to teach English.

On his return he will train to fly either the Puma or the Chinook helicopter.

Helen Curt
Senior Teaching Assistant



Dean with his parents and sister, Lauren (10A)

On Thursday 11th November, our Year 12 Applied Double Business class visited **Sainsbury's in Warlingham** as part of our studies on investigating people at work. We wanted to observe how the store is run on a day-to-day basis and see how the business treats customer service matters.

"We had a great morning learning about the importance of customer service."

Whilst on the visit, we met various important members of staff who took us on a shop tour and told us how the shop is run, and what goes on in different sections of the store. Also, we watched a short film on how new employees are trained and influenced into making certain that every customer has an enjoyable shopping experience. It was quite helpful for us to find out

how important Sainsbury's customers are to them, and how they maintain a good reputation in customer service.

As well as all that, we also got the chance to try **Sainsbury's Taste the Difference** cookies - naturally the highlight of the trip.

The day had given us a lot to

think about, and also some very helpful information that we could use in future coursework when looking at how **businesses meet their customers' needs.**

We had a great morning learning about the importance of customer service (and eating cookies), and would like to thank Mrs Vandoros and Miss Filmer for organising the trip.

E bony Smith 12H



Business leaders into schools

Visit our Schools and Colleges week is a campaign to encourage partnership working between schools, colleges and businesses.

As part of this campaign, during the week of the 18-22 October, leading CEOs and other senior staff from the private and public sectors, visited state schools throughout the country at the invitation of headteachers.

Miss Woodhouse registered Warlingham School for the campaign and we were lucky enough to welcome three visitors to the school: Clare Maryan, Andy Bishop and Louise Cakebread.

Clare Maryan is the Education Business Links Operations Manager for Surrey County Council and was very interested to hear about the Enterprise events that we run at the school and how we embed Enterprise into the curriculum.

Andy Bishop is Store Manager of the **Redhill Sainsbury's. Sainsbury's Head Office** encourages all its stores to engage with the local community, so we will definitely be working with Andy at Redhill, as well as maintaining our relationship with the Warlingham store.

Louise gave a very engaging presentation.

Louise Cakebread is a Managing Consultant at Mouchel plc. Louise was kind enough to deliver a talk to Year 12 students of the BTEC in Business. She explained how Mouchel plc was organised and how the business operates in the current economic climate. Louise gave a very engaging presentation, which enabled the students to complete their first assignment of the course. We are hoping Louise will visit us again in future years.

Mr G rimes
H ead of B usiness S tudies

Visit our
Schools and
Colleges

A national week to
celebrate partnership
working between
education and employers

18-22
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Movember Moustaches Multiply



This year, Warlingham School has joined a **'mo'vement**. Led by head *Mo Bros* and Science teacher, Mr Chotai, a team of eleven members of staff and twelve Year 12 Sixth Form students have signed up to take part in the month-long **'Movember' initiative** which raises money and awareness of **men's health issues**, focussing mainly on prostate cancer.



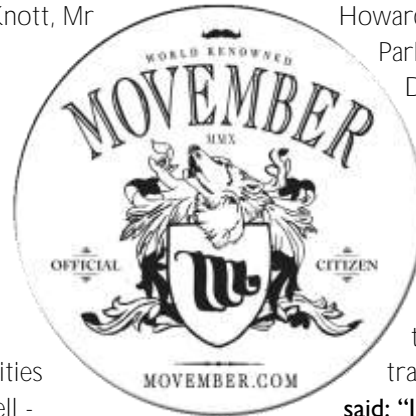
sometimes **'taboo' subject** and engage men to take control of their health.

The Warlingham team called, **'Warlingham Men of Science'**, comprises members of staff: Mr

Chotai, Mr Knott, Mr Watkins, Mr Randall, Mr Bathgate, Mr Moore and Mr Cole from the Science Department, Mr Johnston from Humanities and Mr Powell - Head of Media Studies. In addition, two members of the support staff are also taking part: Mr Burton - Database Manager and Mr Lazenby - Cover Supervisor. So as not to allow the staff to have all the fun, Year 12 Sixth Form students: Alastair Thomson, Jermaine Bacon, Joseph Seaman, Matthew Dunk, Devante Anglin, Matthew Young, Reece Evans and Ali Kandil have also joined the team.

They all started November with clean shaven faces; Mr Moore, Mr Lazenby and Devante Anglin all shaved off their existing moustaches and beards to start afresh! They will spend the rest of the month resisting the razor and sidelining their shavers in an attempt to nurture their upper lip appendages or chin garments whilst rallying financial support for this very worthwhile cause.

As the saying goes: **'behind every successful man there is a woman'**, and **'Movember's'** ethos is no different. The Warlingham team have a posse of *Mo Sistas*, Yassmeen Radif, Grace



Howard, Charlotte Parker and Jessica Davies, who were recruited to **'mo'tivate** the team and champion their efforts whilst keeping them on track. Mr Chotai

said: **"I have been really impressed by both the staff and student response to this fun initiative. We hope to raise awareness of prostate and testicular cancer and raise funds to help the charities which offer sufferers so much support."**

I have been really impressed by both the staff and student response to this fun initiative.

Prostate cancer is now the most commonly diagnosed form of cancer. It accounts for a quarter of all male cancer. Each year, in excess of 35,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer and more than 10,000 die from the disease. **Although men's health issues** are now more frequently discussed in the media, there is still a resistance by men to visit the doctor.

A manda A ppaya
Former Marketing & Communications Officer

STOP PRESS
Warlingham School raised a total of £1,113, for the Movember Foundation, £286.68 of which was raised through the "MO" day on Friday 26/11/2010.

As you are aware at Warlingham School, Healthy Schools and Eco Schools are subjects close to our hearts and never far from our minds! Warlingham is always trying to find healthier activities and alternatives to improve the school environment for all. Our commitment to the *National Healthy School* status requires the school to develop in four main areas, one of

which is healthy eating; it's about good health and happiness inside and out.

The *Eco Schools Project* which has made really good progress towards making Warlingham a 'greener' school over the last couple of years, is all about promoting the importance of environmental issues to your children.

So when these two topics are combined it can only be good!

Surrey has recently launched their LOVE FOOD SURREY campaign which is supported by some famous Surrey faces and encourages people to combine eating a healthy balanced diet with reducing the amount of

unnecessary waste and saving money!



This is a great programme and has some really good facts and figures, along with competitions and downloads including the *Celebrity Cookbook* which includes some great recipes for using up the leftovers we all keep in our fridges.

So have a read at www.lovefoodsurrey.com and help to support a great Surrey initiative!

Louise R unge
Health & Safety Officer



"Love Food Surrey is the online home of a campaign to encourage the county's residents to reduce food waste - something that can save money on the monthly shopping bill, as well as helping the environment.

To help get you started, we've pulled together a whole host of hints and tips for reducing food waste and recipe ideas for using up your leftovers. We hope it will inspire you to think about what you can do to reduce food waste in your home, as well as share the ideas **with your family and friends.**"

DID YOU KNOW?

- Wasted food costs the average family £680 per year.²
- 8.3 million tonnes of food and drink goes to waste in the UK every year.²
- Nine out of ten Surrey residents throw away some uneaten food.¹
- Two thirds of Surrey residents throw away food that's gone off.¹
- Two thirds of Surrey residents throw away food that's left on their plate.¹
- In Surrey, food waste accounts for around 20% of the waste produced by householders, which equals over 100,000 tonnes every year.

¹ *Public Attitudes towards Waste in Surrey, Surrey (Prepared by ICM Government & Social Research), Jan 2010*

² *Household Food and Drink Waste in the UK (WRAP, November 2009)*



Surrey waste partnership
Your councils working together

We're growing!

A big thank you to everyone who sent in their **Morrisons Let's Grow** vouchers. We have collected enough vouchers to order an electrical propagator, an enclosed hose reel and hose and some packets of seeds. These additions to the *Rootz* garden will help us raise seedlings more successfully, keep our produce

watered and our hosepipe safely stored away when not in use.

Your support of the *Rootz* garden is appreciated.

J eanette A tkins &
Penny S tock



News from the LRC

It has been yet another exciting half term in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

We now have a designated quiet area which houses six brand new bean bags, which have proved to be a big hit with students and gives them a comfortable environment in which to read.

Following the success of the postcard competition for Year 7, we decided to run a firework poetry competition and had a fantastic response, with some students showing artistic skills as well as writing skills. Well Done, Everybody! Congratulations to the following students:

Jade Kavanagh 7G - 1st
Charlie McMorroW 7W - 2nd
Shauna Burke 7L - 3rd

All the Year 7s have now received their free book from the *Booked Up* scheme.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the LRC staff.

Mrs D Sewerin
LRC Co-Ordinator

Fireworks

Bang crunch swirl,
Catherine wheels twirl.
Bing bang boom,
Brighter than the moon.

Fireworks blasting through the night,
It is a magnificent sight.
Sparklers sparkling,
Lots of dogs barking.
All on fireworks night.

Whizz snap pop,
Sparkles drop.
Bang boom whoosh,
Mind that bush.

Bonfires hot and bright,
It is such a wonderful night.
And then with a sizzle and a great big boom,
A speeding rocket goes high up zoom.
Blazing bonfire lights up the November sky,
Flames all wild and flying high.

Bang sizzle crash,
With a wonderful flash.
Whirl fizz zoom,

The firework's gone

KABOOM!
First made in china 2000 years ago,
Now it's like everyone has just gone with the flow.

Now for something I almost forgot,
There waere 36 barrels in the gunpowder plot.
Guy Fawkes was caught with burning match,

D'you know what I'd 'ave said
to the soldier CATCH!
Poor Guido you see it wasn't his fault,

For a nincompoop sent a letter a note.

Warning them of a masterful plan,
To blow up the Houses of Parliament and it was all down to that man.

That this cunning but crazy fellow was caught,
But after all it is a night full of surprises, excitement and fun,
Without Guy Fawkes what would we have done?

Jade Kavanagh 7G



Since the October half term all Year 11 pupils have been given the opportunity to visit the Careers Library. They have been given an induction and shown what they can expect to find there, told what help is now available and who to speak to if they need guidance when making their important post 16 decisions this year.

They have also completed a questionnaire which will help us to determine how we can help them further.

The deadline for returning completed forms for Year 10 Work Experience was 1st December. Well done to all of you that have returned them.

There are still quite a lot of you **who haven't handed them in** yet. Please get them in quickly so that we can start to arrange the Health and Safety checks. We have to visit your placements to check that it is safe and beneficial for you to attend. Without this check you will not be able to go to your placement.

If you need any help please come and see me or Mrs Sewerin in the LRC and we will try our best to help you.

Mrs Stawman
Careers & Work
Experience
Co-Ordinator

Year 12 Subject Prize Winners

The following subject prizes were presented at our recent **Awards Ceremony for performance in Summer 2010's** examinations:

Naidoo Balkrishna	Additional Science
Sophia Taylor	Art & Best Overall GCSE Results
Nathan Cannam	Biology
Hristo Ivanov	BTEC Business
Josh Godfrey	BTEC PE
Natasha Lippett	BTEC Science
Sophia Taylor	Chemistry
Charlotte Williams	Child Development
Natasha Horne	Citizenship
Jenny Allum	Drama
Marie Payne	English
Robyn McKane	English Lit
Shennel Allen	Food
Robyn McKane	French
Iulia Gorja	GCSE Business
Megan Duffas	Geography
Marie Payne	Graphics
Jade Derrig-Adams	Health & Social Care
Jessica George	History
Iulia Gorja	ICT
Charlotte Nathan	Maths

Natasha Lippett
Yassmeen Radif
Fred Athawes
Kyle Deen
Yassmeen Radif
Ruby Huett
Samantha Allen
Shennel Allen
Jessica George
Fred Athawes
Faye Morbin
Ruby Huett

Media
Music
PE GCSE
Personal & Social Development
Physics
R.E.
Resistant Materials
Science
Society, Religion & Wellbeing
Sociology
Spanish
Textiles



Sophia Taylor - Best Overall GCSE Results

We're going cash-free!

We are pleased to say that in the New Year we are moving to a biometric cashless catering system provided by Cunninghams, a company with long experience of introducing and maintaining these systems.

Cunninghams

Cunninghams is the preferred supplier of Surrey Commercial Services for secure and reliable software, customer service and value for money - and they were the **school's first choice too. We made the decision to 'go cashless' in line with many other schools in the area (including primary schools) who operate similar systems and they have reported that they are extremely pleased with the results.**

Parents received a letter in November advising of the change in the New Year to a biometric cashless system and a

meeting was held at the school on 7th December. A copy of the letter is on the website and it contains lots of useful information.

Our aim is to make the dining experience as pleasant as possible for the students, and to encourage healthy eating; we believe that cashless catering will help us achieve these goals. The main advantages of cashless catering for you and your children are:

- Reducing queues – students tell us **that they really don't like the long queues.**
- Eliminating the need to carry cash.
- No problems with losing cards.
- Parents can be sure that their children are using their lunch money for a school meal and are not tempted to visit the shops for snacks.
- Parents can have nutritional **information on their child's meal.**

Parents are already making good use of our online payments system *WisePay* (to buy uniform and pay for trips).



We are now going live with the catering module - 17th January is the launch date! We will be registering staff and students on the system on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th January. You are now able to load money on your accounts. Remember, you will need to have done **this by 17th January, so don't delay! If you don't remember your WisePay log on and password, or don't have the facilities to access WisePay, please contact the finance team on finance@warlingham.surrey.sch.uk.**

Lorraine Sansom
Head of School Support Services

An International Dimension

This year, Diversity Week was held from 15th - 22nd October 2010. The week promotes diversity and is aimed at encouraging and developing **pupils' awareness of the cultures** of other countries, while promoting an understanding of their own culture. It was a week of great celebration of culture and diversity within the **school community**. **The week's** activities kicked off with *Culture Shock*, an event organised by sixth formers which raised money for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) Charity. On the opening night, the school was honoured to welcome Louise Ferns, the GOSH South Eastern area representative. She highlighted the great work the money raised would do to help the vulnerable children nursed by this great hospital.

The next day, visiting teams from Germany and Sweden



Comenius Visitors

arrived on a five-day visit as part of the Comenius programme. The visit from our Comenius partners fits in perfectly with the objectives of the

international week.

Comenius is part of the **European Community's Lifelong Learning Programme**, which was launched in 2007 and forms part **of the school's portfolio of** international activities. The programme addresses school education, and is guided by two overall objectives:

- to develop knowledge and understanding among young people of the diversity of European cultures and languages, and
- to help young people acquire basic life skills and competences for their personal development for future employment and for active European citizenship.

Students from Warlingham School took part in a number of activities including a visit to Brighton on Sunday 17th October 2010 and worked specifically on *The Future in our Hands* project whilst interacting with children they met from the German and Swedish schools. The project is aimed at gaining increased communications through online services using the e-twinning website. Results from all tasks will be shared with the rest of the school through displays and assemblies and published on a combined website for the project. It was fantastic hosting the teams who brought a sparkle to the school during the entire stay.

Activities during the week included: multi-cultural assemblies, *The future in our Hands* project - a competition run by form tutors in each

house to show experiences of life in another country of their choice by celebrating inherent community differences, *Kitchen Delight* - international cuisine at breakfast and lunch served throughout the week in the canteen, *International masterchef* – aimed at sampling international cuisine, *Language Bonanza* - language lessons for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10; *The English Explorer* – study of international poetry/novels, *Master Inventors* – lessons in Science and ICT designed to cover elements of life in the community and the various environments people live and work in around the world and **Artist's Paradise** - a series of lessons in Music and Art departments with varying international themes. Finally, Tomoko, a Japanese friend, visited the school.

The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part especially in roles behind the scenes as without their dedication the various activities during the week would not have been successful. A big thank you to the Drama **Department and the "Tech crew"**, **Music department and the Steel Pan Band**, Media, Food & Technology, DT, Art, MFL, English, Business, Humanities, Ms. Salem and all the other departments that actively took **part and supported the week's** activities.

Mr Mugga
I nternational
Co- ordinator

On Friday 15th October 2010, an event named **'Culture Shock'** was held in Warlingham School. This event was held to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity. This event was organised by Alveena Ismail, Liyana Anilkumar, Juno Gurung and Priya Joshi. We decided to **organise 'Culture Shock' this year as an advancement of the event held the year previous named 'Asian Night'**. Our main aim was to raise money for the Great Ormond Street Hospital charity, whilst promoting diversity in the different cultures.

The event introduced diversity week, by having performances from different

We hope that the audience enjoyed the display of different cultures.

cultures by both Warlingham students and professional dancers and holding competitions representing different cultures such as the chilli competition, African headwrap competition and the chopstick and peas competition in which the audience were the competitors. The event was widely received by Warlingham staff and sixth form students, and we hope that the audience enjoyed the display of different cultures.

We would like to say thank you to :
Nazarene Montgomery for supplying African material and delicious food.

Mr. Giles from Giles and Posner for supplying a variety of prizes.

Tandoori Corner for food.

Zainab Hussain for her help during the event and Mrs. Hussain for supplying the scrumptious cake.

The tech crew for their help during preparation and the actual event.

The teachers who gave gifts and supervised the event.

And to Mrs. Seshan for the use of her stationery and the gift she supplied.

Overall, we would like thank everyone who turned up and for those who participated. We hope you had a good time.

A I veena I smail 13G

ワーリングダムへようこそ

During Diversity week there were a huge range of activities going on and added to the mix was a visitor from Japan. She was only able to attend our school for a morning but within that **time she worked with Mrs Hubbard's** Year 7 English class who based a story around a hat/helmet that they made out of origami. The children concentrated hard on the instructions given and were all successful in producing a beautifully folded hat. They had an opportunity to ask some questions and they were clearly very interested in such a different culture.



Tomoko helps Year 7's with Origami

Tomoko's next stop was to Mrs Fuller's Year 8 Geography class where the students were learning about earthquakes. The class had prepared

some questions in groups to find out first hand what it is like to experience an earthquake. Tomoko explained to the class that small tremors are commonplace in Japan and you just get used to it. However she had experienced a particularly big one and fortunately she was not injured but she did witness a number of injuries and a fatality. Tomoko explained that actually if you are inside a building one of the safest places to be is in the toilet because of having four walls close together and therefore the structure is relatively strong and can protect you.

To finish the morning Tomoko came to my Year 12 BTEC sport class where we were discussing the psychology of team building and used origami (making a

folded ball this time) to illustrate the importance of listening to advice and instructions to produce an end result. All of the class were successful and achieved this. One or two were also impressed by the beautiful cranes that Tomoko folded to illustrate how versatile you can be with using the skill of origami. She explained to us that it is embedded in their culture with all children being taught origami since the age of four.

Tomoko very much enjoyed her visit to our school and hopes to make a return trip. She was very impressed by the behaviour and enthusiasm of our students. Tomoko is currently studying a Masters degree in Gender and Development at Sussex University and it is the first time that she has lived in the UK.

Vanessa Salem
SSCo

Editors note:

The Japanese heading translates as **"Welcome to Warlingham"**.

SPORTS

Sixth Form P.E. Trip to Eton



On Thursday 25th November, 24 A level P.E. students set out on a coach trip to Eton College. **Fortunately it wasn't raining but** it was absolutely freezing so initially we were reluctant to leave the warmth of the coach.

The coach was requested to park outside the Burning Bush in Eton High Street which provided us with an ideal spot to view the students coming out of lessons dressed in their traditional black tailcoats. This experience in itself provides one with an immediate impression of a school steeped in history and tradition.

A PE teacher from Eton, Glen Pierce, then took our group on a tour of the school. It was incredibly cold but these are the impressions /recollections from some members of the group.

The staff dining area is certainly an experience to behold. Unfortunately our students did not have the pleasure of witnessing this but Miss Cook and I were invited to sit in a primarily male environment which would more accurately

be described as a restaurant rather than a school canteen. Adjacent to the staff dining room was a lounge where staff read newspapers and had time to digest a splendid three course lunch.

The A Level group were a pleasure to take. They were keen to involve themselves in all the activities that were on offer including playing Rackets, **Eton Five's and watching some Fencing.**

Glen Pierce added much to the enjoyment of the trip by providing our students with a detailed account of the history and traditions of the school and encouraging our students to ask questions and providing the opportunity to witness aspects of school life that are not usually available to the general public.

J o Cook
Head of Girls' PE &
Vanessa Salem SCCO

We were all extremely exuberant to see the prosperous school and the opportunities they had, and compare them to our own.

Walking in the Prince's footsteps, we were able to get a feel of what the school entails. We also had the opportunity to play a game of Eton Fives, instructed by a professional player, and Rackets – which was hard but very fun and exhilarating!

The school grounds and teachers were somewhat Harry Potter-like, wearing cloaks and caps (minus the wands!) which displayed the importance to them of presentation, though the academic was just as important with most students **getting A/A*'s. Although some of Warlingham School's** facilities were somewhat better **than Eton's (for example the** swimming pool and indoor courts) the school was obviously sports-orientated with lots of games and matches played after school and sport was always being played throughout the day. During our tour around the school, we came across the Eton Wall, which is historical itself and the Eton Wall game is still played by pupils today.

We were very lucky to visit the school and very thankful to the P.E staff for arranging the trip. It was a lot of fun and gave us a great insight into our historical studies syllabus .

Liam Pilcher & Alex Dennis



Students try their 'hand' at Eton Fives

District Girls Cross Country

The Girls District Cross Country competition was held on Thursday 14th October at Royal Alexandra and Albert School.

Warlingham entered a Year 7 team, a combined Year 8 and 9 and a combined Year 10 and 11 team.

The course was really tough with a long slow hill in the middle and with uneven ground in most places. All the girls were brilliant and were really committed to doing well and contributing to the team effort. The distances that each year group ran were for Year 7 – 1.6km, for Year 8/9 – 2.3km and for Year 10/11 - 2.8km.

Fourteen schools in the district competed. Warlingham teams achieved the following positions:

Year 7 – 5th

Year 8/9 – 2nd

Year 10/11 – 2nd

Individual results are as follows:

Amy Billups, Tessa Billups and Ruth Myburgh have all been selected to represent South Surrey at the County Championships on 22nd January at Reigate Priory.

I would like to congratulate all the girls who competed and to say well done.

Mrs Crouch
Head of P.E

X-Country Results 14th October 2010

Year 7

Chloe Foster	12 th
Phillippa Hughes	29 th
Lucinda Morgan	31 st
Lauren Pinkney	32 nd
Jasmine Ecclestone	47 th
Frances Pickard	48 th
Natalie Pryke-Collins	52 nd
Maia Cooper	60 th
Jess Runge	61 st

Year 8/9

Amy Billups	2 nd
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Tessa Billups	4 th
Rebecca Moore	16 th
Bilikis Akanbi	28 th
Lois Mullane	45 th
Jodie Payne	46 th
Heather Thompson	47 th
Maria Tempia	48 th

Year 10/11

Ruth Myburgh	6 th
Hannah Cross	19 th
Laura Boyle-Smith	23 rd
Chelcie Franks	24 th
Stephanie Moore	25 th



It was nearly in the basket...



On Thursday 4th November, the Warlingham School Basketball Team played de Stafford School for our first fixture of the season.

The team consisted of James Green, Kyle Batton, Joel Butcher, Damien Powell, Tom Clayton and Harry Clayton.

The opposition were older, taller and faster than us and the score in the first quarter reflected that.

We were losing 16 points to 4, but gradually the team started to get our game together with James Green scoring



some vital points including some amazing layups. By the end of the second quarter we were only five points behind. Tom Clayton from 7R, three years younger than the opposition made a great shot which got a round of **applause from a capacity crowd of5!**

The 3rd quarter was even better with Kyle Batton who only started school three days before the match, making an impressive debut with some good shots and layups. We

managed to claw back a number of points so we were only behind by 28 – 24.

In the 4th quarter we tired a bit but **didn't give up and the match ended 46 – 32** to de Stafford. Despite the loss, our team played really well considering the **opposition's advantage and remember it** was only our first time playing as a team.

We thank Mr Bruce for refereeing and surprising us with our smart new kit.

Harry Clayton 9R
Captain

P.S Anyone interested in playing basketball - speak to Mr Bruce for information.

District Cross Country

On Tuesday 16th November 25 boys competed in the District Cross Country Trials run at Oxted School. In trying conditions all boys competed well and ran hard.

The results are as follows:

YEAR 7

1st - Warlingham - 84pts
 2nd - R.G.S - 104 pts
 3rd - RAAS - 124 pts
 4th - Oxted - 127 pts
 5th - Reigate - 144 pts
 6th - Caterham - 153 pts
 7th - De Stafford - 102 (x3 runners)
 8th - Lingfield - 104 (x3 runners)

YEAR 8

1st - Oxted - 71 pts
 2nd - RAAS - 143 pts
 3rd - Reigate School - 163 pts
 4th - Warlingham - 93 pts (x5 runners)
 5th - Beacon - 217 (x5 runners)
 6th - De Stafford - 157 (x4 runners)
 7th - St. Bedes - 21 (x3 runners)
 8th - Hawthornes - 5 (x2)
 9th - RGS - 32 (x2 runners)
 10th - Lingfield - 37 (x2 runners)

YEAR 9

1st - Warlingham - 72
 2nd - Oxted - 81
 3rd - Reigate - 101
 4th - RAAS - 119
 5th - RGS - 50 (x3 runners)
 6th - De Stafford - 74 (x2 runners)
 7th - Caterham - 1 (x1 runner)
 8th - St. Bedes - 3 (x1 runner)

YEAR 10/11

1st - Oxted - 39
 2nd - Caterham - 95
 3rd - Reigate School - 139
 4th - RAAS - 157
 5th - De Stafford - 152 (x5 runners)
 6th - Warlingham - 77 (x4 runners)
 7th - RGS - 91 (x4 runners)
 8th - Lingfield - 39 (x2 runners)
 9th - St Bedes - 1 (x1 runner)

SIXTH FORM

1st - Reigate College - 9 (x3 runners)
 2nd - Oxted - 9 (x2 runners)
 3rd - Warlingham 3 - (x1 runner)

Mr Bruce

Head of Boys P.E .

Runners for each year

Year 7

Tom Stead
 Daniel Jezeph
 Amin Lmoh

Dominic Montgomery

Ryan Doherty
 Tom Sussemilch
 Josh Costelow
 Tom Clayton

Year 8

Riu Kawashima
 Tom Williamson
 Jay Mayhew
 Jack Collins

Oliver Archer
 Nathen Ashburn

Year 9

Cameron Montgomery

Bradley Wilson
 Andrew Statter
 Aaron Stead
 Shaun Doherty
 Louis Harman

Year 10

Ryan Norman
 Declan Kirk
 Simon Ali

Martin Wigley

Year 12

Jack Thoroughgood

Year 9 Netball

Throughout this term the year 9 team have been increasing in confidence. In September they played Reigate Grammar who are very strong and only just lost 16-18. In October the girls played de Stafford and it was an extremely close match throughout the game, with the end score being a draw. I would like to congratulate Lois Mullane who was nominated as player of

the match for both these games - well done!

During November, the girls played Oakwood away and worked fantastically as a team to win 21-10. Well done and **'thank you' to Georgia Day (in Year 8)** who played for the Year 9 team and was nominated as player of the match for her constant hard work.

The last game before

Christmas was against RAAS which unfortunately we lost, but the girls as always worked as a team to play their best. Well done to Becky Moore who was nominated as player of the match.

We look forward to the remaining matches after Christmas and the Year 9 district tournament.

Miss Wallis

PE Department



helping me this year were: Josh Godfrey, Katrina Gorton, Dan Homewood, Georgia Lear, Rowena Moffat, Rosie Norman, Charlotte Parker, Jade Taggart, Emma Wheeler, and Reis Yildiz. In addition, I had the support of two life guards from the sixth form, Joe Gibbs and Sarah du Plooy,

Filmer for organising small prizes for those who demonstrated sportsmanship.

The schools enjoyed receiving their medals and certificates from Alison Woodhouse thanks to the speed and hard work of Penny Stock producing all **the results for this event.** Penny's commitment to supporting these events has been outstanding and we the Partnership cannot thank her enough.

On Wednesday 17th November we were thrilled to host seven local primary schools at Warlingham School for a swimming gala. The purpose of such events is to combine the opportunity of competition for young primary children with the opportunity of leadership for the sixth form CSLA students to run and host this competition.

two Young Ambassadors from the sixth form, Gary Percy and Claire Nicholls and two Year 9 helpers, nominated as Young Ambassadors from the P.E. Department, Rebecca Moore and Bradley Wilson. This group of students were a credit to the school and did a superb job in supporting and managing the event.



Miss Woodhouse awards certificates

The competition was aimed at Years 5 & 6 and each school brought a team of 16 swimmers (eight boys and eight girls). The primary schools are clearly keen to make the most of a 25 metre pool as this is a facility that is not readily available to most of them.

Finally, a big thank you to the P.E. Department for releasing the facilities, the site team, the facilities team, Jesse James and Pat Minter did a fabulous job as starter and whip and Matt Glithero, Competition Manager, worked hard as chief timekeeper. We also benefitted from the support of fellow SSCo Lynn Banwell from de Stafford, Amanda Appaya taking photographs and Melanie

This year's final results are shown on the table below.

Should we be surprised that Whyteleafe have come 1st for the 4th year in a row? The fact that they have their own pool clearly helps!

**Vanessa Salem
SSCo**

The gala is a final in itself; however the winners of each race are then selected to form a team called the Caterham and Warlingham squad who will swim against other districts in the Partnership. The final for that gala will be on Tuesday 11th January at the K2 in Crawley. The principle behind this selection is that if you are a child in a school that comes 5th or 6th overall in a competition, but you win your race, you are still recognised for coming 1st and have a further chance to compete.

The primary competitions, lend themselves to parental involvement and it was wonderful to see the 167-seat spectator area full. Many parents, staff and teaching assistants were involved in the transport and this all helps to reinforce the importance of community and volunteers.

The group of CSLA students I had

FINAL RESULTS

SCHOOL	YR5 GIRLS	YR 5 BOYS	YR 6 GIRLS	YR 6 BOYS	TOTAL	PLACE
WHYTELEAFE	34	36 ½	34	21	125 ½	1st
ST JOHNS	39	22	24 ½	26	111 ½	2nd
HAMSEY GREEN	32	9	30	30	101	3rd
WOODLEA	11	28 ½	24	25	88 ½	4th
ST FRANCIS	19	25	12	20	76	5th
MARDEN LODGE	19	14	9	19	61	6th
HILLCROFT	13	14	17 ½	8	52 ½	7th

Year 7 Netball

Over 45 girls attended the Year 7 Netball trials which took place on three occasions at the start of September. Selecting teams was a very hard task as the overall standard of play was excellent. As selection was so difficult it was decided to operate a main squad of 18 girls and a development squad of 13 girls.

Main Squad

Chloe White
Daisy Roadnight
Rebecca MacDonald
Matilda Fryer
Danielle Melling
Natalie Pryke-Collins
Lucinda Morgan
Lauren Pinkney
Camilla Kelly
Tanya Dowlah
Renee Wilson
Chloe Foster
Frances Pickard
Morgan Parnell
Lucy Crouch
Imi Ardley
Maia Cooper
Francesca Parker

Development Squad

Philippa Hughes
Jasmine Ecclestone
Kayleigh Allison
Leah Barden
Natalie Gorton
Katie Wickers
Annalise Marchant-Brown
Issy Cohen
Gemma Barlow
Abby Stevens
Ellie Percy
Lauren Hall
Caitlin Moy

All the girls have attended training regularly on a Monday after school and with the help of Ms Crowhurst they have made excellent progress particularly with their understanding of tactical play. The skills of throwing, receiving, landing and pivoting still need lots of work but I know in the New Year the girls will have renewed enthusiasm and these skills will be worked on and improved.

Results so far

vs Reigate

'a' team drew 6-6 Player of the match – Lucinda Morgan

'b' team lost 7-2 Player of the match – Renee Wilson
vs Reigate Grammar

'a' team won 6-0 Player of the match – Lucinda Morgan

C/D District Tournament

C vs Oakwood won 4-2

C vs RGS lost 2-1

Final – lost in extra time – golden goal 1-0

D vs St. Bedes won 1-0

D vs RGS lost 1-0

The 'D' tournament was a 'round robin' and they were therefore placed runners up and because the 'C' team lost in the final to RGS they too were runners up.

vs de Stafford

'a' team won 20-0 Player of the match – Camillia Kelly
vs Oakwood

'a' team won 8-1 Player of the match – Camillia Kelly & Lucinda Morgan

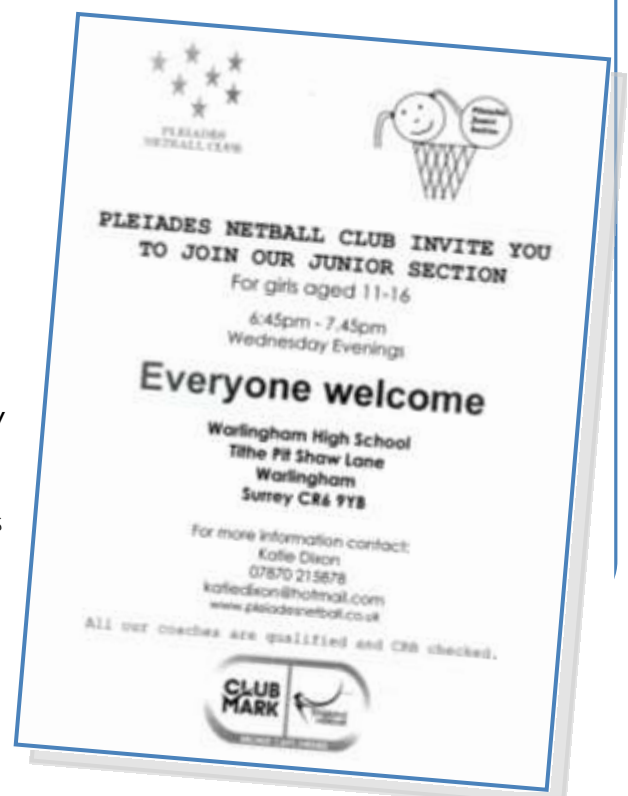
vs RAAS

'a' team won 9-4 Player of the match – Rebecca MacDonald

'b' team lost 5-4 Player of the match – Chloe Foster

I have been really pleased with all of the results and also with the motivation that the girls have shown. I wish them good luck next term. I know that they will develop into really successful netball players and for those who are really keen to do even more netball, joining a netball club outside of school may well be the option. (See poster below.)

Mrs Crouch
Head of P.E



On Thursday 20th October, Warlingham had a game against de Stafford. Warlingham started really well as Aaron Stead put the ball in the back of the net in ten minutes and then Terry got the ball and ran down the line, cut inside and played the ball to Bradley. Bradley played the ball to Shaun on the edge of the box and Shaun struck it into the top corner. After that, de Stafford tried to attack, but Aaron Scott put in a great sliding tackle and got the ball and played it to Steve. Steve got the ball, did some tricks and passed it to Kalvyn who placed it in the bottom corner. Then it was half time, Aaron Stead came off for Haydn and James Cheney came off for James B, but James C had a brilliant, strong performance.

In the second half we won the ball and then played it to Terry. He played the ball to Louie and Louie placed the ball in the bottom corner. After that we got a free kick, Terry took it and just struck the post. James B got the ball, took on a player and played the ball to Aaron Scott. Aaron decided to take on everyone. We were on the break; Haydn got the ball and shot but unfortunately went wide. Then we won the ball back and got it up the pitch to Jason. Jason ran down the line, played the ball to Aaron Stead who then tapped it in. Kalvyn got the ball back off them, then ran and battled down the line, played it to Haydn but Haydn missed. James Cheney came on for Jason and Matt came on for Bradley. Aaron Stead ran and knocked the ball

past the keeper, 6-0. They were attacking us and went one on one with Freddie.

Freddie pulled off a fantastic save and kept us a clean sheet. Terry got the ball from Freddie and then someone took Terry out. Terry got up, played on and was running down the line, when he got kicked in the back of the leg. James Beckinsale also played a great game clearing everything coming down the line. End score 6-0. Louie scored 1, Kalvyn scored 1, Aaron Stead scored 3 and Shaun scored 1.



Aaron Stead 9N

Year 11 Netball

The Year 11 Netball players have been together since Year 7. They have always had a brilliant team spirit and this has been part of their success. Some of them have also benefitted from joining local Netball clubs in the area where they have made dramatic improvement

in their tactical understanding of the game at adult level.

Their success has also been dependant on a determination to learn new and advanced skills, an attitude that will help those girls who are taking GCSE P.E to achieve the highest marks. Unfortunately attendance at training has been very erratic due to the pressure of exams, exam



revision classes and coursework.

The 'a' team started the season by representing Warlingham in the Senior District 'B' Tournament. They were particularly successful as the results below show.

vs Notre Dame - won 12-4

vs RGS - won 7-4

vs Woldingham - won 10-2

vs Warlingham senior team - won 11-3

This gave them 20 points overall making them winners. Medals were presented in Year 11 Assembly.

Team selection for the league matches has been based on giving both a + b team players a chance of game play. All matches were won and this is an excellent start which promises well for winning the remaining league fixtures after Christmas. I wish the squad the very best of luck for their future.

Congratulations should also go to Charlotte White for her selection to

the under 16 Surrey County squad.

The Squad members are:

Lauren Wilmott

Molly Roadnight

Sam Westley

Beth Hicks

Tess Amigoni

Charlotte White

Rebecca White

Annabelle Barnes

Charlotte Williamson

Sophie Reid

Laura Gallagher

Amy Ghaziri

Sarah Ghaziri

Paige Gordon

Kate Reid

Leila Bouldin

Rhianne Edmonds

Sophie Mears

Mrs Crouch

Head of P.E

Auschwitz... A visit to remember

I was fortunate enough to be put forward to take part in the Lessons From Auschwitz Project (LFA) with a fellow student from year 13. To begin with, I felt sceptical as to whether I was the right student for the trip and how it would affect me. Both my partner and I went into it narrow-minded. We were



cracking jokes and viewed the experience as more of a chore than an opportunity especially when we found out we had to be at Gatwick for 5am! When we first arrived in Poland we

were taken by coach to the town of Auschwitz where we went to a Jewish cemetery. To begin with, I just viewed it as any other cemetery I'd seen before; it wasn't



until a member of the group asked why some gravestones were broken up that we found out why this was an important site. When the Nazis invaded and took over this town, they vandalised the Jewish cemetery and used the gravestones to pave the streets. 7,000 Jews (58% of the small town) were taken by the Nazis during the occupation. Only 180 returned.

Next we were taken to Auschwitz Concentration Camp, and to begin with it seemed to live up to our expectations of just being another dull history trip, being told facts and figures looking through old maps and photographs. I knew the devastation that had taken place during the Holocaust through my studies at school, but even here in Poland I found myself detached from all the horror. That was until we reached the next room and all our tour guide said was, "Please take no photography. You will

understand why." The wave of emotion that came over me when being taken into a room with an entire glass wall filled with real human hair was overwhelming. It made me feel physically sick and I really struggled to stay in the room. However even when leaving the room containing the hair, I couldn't escape the horror. There were tanks of people's glasses, containers filled with children's clothes and toys and an entire hallway where either side was a glass shield with 40,000 pairs of shoes behind it. My Dad wears glasses, my baby niece is only a year old and some of the shoes were similar to a pair my Mum owns. These were real people, with real lives and they were slaughtered. Before I knew it I found myself crying and I wasn't the only one, there was nobody in the building who wasn't really struggling with what we were seeing here. I was thankful when we left. Though on departing one building of horror, we then entered another - the gas chambers - and I felt foolish as I was genuinely scared to go in, in case the doors were shut behind us like it did to all those innocent Jews years ago. 700 Jewish people would be crammed into this chamber at one time - it was a tight enough squeeze with 40 of us - and they were murdered. This barbaric event took place several times a day. Thousands and thousands of people were killed in the very room I was standing in. I felt disgusted and had to leave. I even stood in a puddle just to wash away the feeling of death; I didn't want any of the trauma from that room to remain on me.

However the day wasn't over we were now travelling to Auschwitz Birkenau death camp, and I was apprehensive whether I would be able to handle much more. There were no rooms of hair, we didn't stand in any death camp but

Auschwitz Birkenau was enormous, which was the most shocking thing. It was at least ten times the size of Wembley stadium and unlike the first camp which was a disused site adapted by the Nazis, Birkenau was specially built to be a death camp. That means someone sat down and made a blueprint for it; it was planned and designed, which is something I struggled to get my head around - how something so vast was constructed purely for the murder of other human beings. I recognised the front of it, the gate was used in the film *Schindler's List* with the singular train track down the middle, they didn't need more than one as those who came never left again. Many of the people who were brought here weren't even aware what was happening, the Nazis promised them houses and jobs offering them a new life; those who came from as far off as Greece even paid for their train ticket. Finally at the end of the day, a rabbi said a prayer and we were able to light a candle and leave it as a sign of our remembrance.

I fell asleep on the plane home, chatted to my Mum in the car, it seemed as if the days emotional ordeal had left little affect on me. But when it came to being alone in my room I realised how horrified I really was, I had to hide my hair extensions in a draw as looking at them made me feel ill and I struggled to fall asleep. This experience is one I believe everyone should have as it will affect you in your own way and defiantly changes how you view things. The Holocaust happened, it's sometimes difficult to comprehend that we as humans have the ability to be so evil, but it happened and it's our duty now to make sure that such disaster never happens again. I'm thankful to LFA and to Warlingham Sixth Form for giving me this opportunity.

R ebecca Welbourn 13A

On Sunday 21st November four Warlingham students, from Zodiac Gymnastics club, competed in the London General Gymnastics Competition held in Goresbrook Leisure centre, Dagenham.

The first competition of the day began with a warm up at 8.30 am, so we had to leave our houses by 7.15 am, to make sure that we arrived in plenty of time.

Nathan Parmenter (7M), Jen Ives (11A) and I were all competing in the first competition, with Alexandra Stoica

(8M) competing later in the day.

Nathan and I were competing against each other in the 11 year old boys, Jen was in the 15 year old girls and Alexandra was in the 12 year old girls.

We all had to complete two vaults, where the best one counted and a floor routine. If we achieved a minimum score of 15.50 for our floor routine and 10.50 for our best vault, we also gained our Bronze Level pin and will have to move up to the Silver competition next year.

The results were as follows:

Jen Ives - 3rd Place (Bronze medal)
Alexandra Stoica – 12th place
Nathan Parmenter – 4th
Dominic Montgomery – 2nd place (Silver medal & qualified for Bronze pin)

The highlight of the day was a surprise visit by Beth Tweddle, Olympic gymnast and medallist. She awarded our medals and I got a signed photo of her!

We all had a great day and are looking forward to our next competition, on Sunday 5th December.

Dominic Montgomery 7W

Nkone Maruping Primary School



Students at Warlingham School raised £740, which has been used by the *Rotary Club of Honeydew Merlin* to buy books for the school's library. **This will have a significant impact on the young pupils' ability to learn and develop their reading and writing skills.**

Melanie Filmer

Business & Enterprise Manager

Nkone Maruping Primary School has bought books for its library with money raised by Warlingham School students.

The school is located in Soweto, a very poor urban area within Johannesburg. It runs a feeding programme for **children whose parents can't afford to feed them at home.** Much of the food is provided from an allotment that the school tends. The school is a collection of portakabins and has two containers on site – funded by the *Rotary Club of Honeydew Merlin* in South Africa. One portakabin houses a library and the other a counselling and medical room.

In February 2008, Miss Woodhouse visited the Nkone Maruping Primary School and saw that the books were all old and mostly inappropriate for the children. They had a need for good quality books in their community languages and in English – the medium of teaching there.



The Rotary Club Of Honeydew Merlin

District 9700, South Africa

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Surrey
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18th November 2010

For the attention of Mr. Alison Woodhouse

Dear Ms Woodhouse

Donation for Nkone Maruping Primary School,
Braamfischererville, Gauteng, South Africa

On behalf of Honeydew Merlin Rotary Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you personally for arranging, and all the pupils who so generously contributed to, the donation of £740 towards books for the Library at Nkone Maruping Primary School.

The teachers remember your visit to the school and your interest in seeing the classrooms, library etc. and are thrilled with the books we obtained with the donated money. These were all chosen by the Librarian/senior teacher and one of the lower grade teachers who gives remedial lessons after school.

This became a long and drawn out project, but the final result has been incredibly worthwhile. The Principal, staff and children at Nkone Maruping thank you from the bottom of their hearts, and look forward to being able to show you the great things which are happening at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Chari Stead - Projects
Honeydew Merlin Rotary Club



In the hot seat...

Learning Support

I have worked at Warlingham for 4½ years, initially as a Teaching Assistant and since the beginning of this term as Learning Support Manager.

My new role includes preparing and updating the TA timetables to ensure that students on the SEN register are appropriately supported and co-coordinating the exam concessions and invigilating timetable for those that require extra time, scribes, readers and word processors during the exam periods.

I also collate the relevant

paperwork prior to Annual Review meetings and then ensure the completed notes are sent off to the correct LA. My biggest task is completing the provision mapping for the SEN department, essentially an enormous spreadsheet balancing the books!!

I am thoroughly enjoying the variety and challenge of this new role and the support I am able to offer to both the students and ladies (and new gentlemen) within the department.



Outside work, I am married with two children, both of whom keep me very busy. I am also a Cub Leader, assist at Guides, enjoy cooking (homemade cakes on my birthday!), am a keen golfer, member of a book club and enjoy holidaying abroad.

Pam Dearden
Learning Support
Manager

Reception

Gill Buss



I have been a Receptionist at Warlingham for over five years. I work in Reception every morning and I am a Department Assistant in the Humanities Department in the afternoons.

have got to know many of the students and parents well.

I have 3 sons, one who is in Year 8 at Warlingham, another who is due to start here next year and an 18 year old who is training to be an electrician. I feel this helps me to empathise with the parents I speak to, and can understand issues both **from a parent's perspective as well as from the school's.**

Gill Buss
Receptionist

I have been the afternoon receptionist for the past four years. I am also a member of the Exams team - another busy department!

Every day is different: assisting telephone callers, visitors and

staff with their enquiries and requests, ensuring messages are sent to students by the end of the school day and always with a smile. After school, is just as busy, processing outgoing post and making sure queries are dealt with promptly.

On a personal note, I have **three Warlingham 'students' of my own.** One is in the 6th Form, one is at University and the eldest is now a member of staff.

My interests include music and art and I am currently striving to meet the deadlines of my **own Art/Textiles A Level. It's a pity I don't have the same energy as the Year 13's!**

Hazel Johns
Receptionist

Hazel Johns



As Receptionist I am the first point of contact and deal with all communications that are made to the school, by phone, email, fax and post, as well as the many visitors that

come to the school, helping direct people to the person they need to speak to. I enjoy the busy and varied role of being a school receptionist and



On 2nd November a team of eight Warlingham Year 12 Students travelled to Kingston Grammar school to compete in

the annual Royal Navy Engineering Challenge day against 15 other schools from Surrey. On arriving in Kingston we discovered that the Royal Navy had pulled out of the event due to budget cuts, but luckily the engineering firm Thales had taken over sponsorship of the event.

We were set the challenge of designing a floating platform that would be able to clear explosive mines, lifting them from the sea bed and transferring them carefully onto a barge. We would need to model our design and create a small scale working model using the materials provided. These included a large sheet of styrofoam, various bits of wood and metal, a battery, a motor, a switch and a

variety of gears and pulleys. At the end of the day the raft would be tested on a big pond. Points would be awarded for the lightest raft, the ability to lift the maximum weight and also for overall design.

Our first decision was to decide on the shape of the platform and how we would allow the barge to dock. We designed it so the barge would be side loading and arranged all the motors, gear box and battery around the edge of the platform to make sure it stayed balanced when lifting a heavy weight. We also had to design a gearbox that would enable us to harness the power of the motor to lift the maximum weight. We decided to use a meshing gear system for this. We then divided into two teams, one making the raft and one making the gearbox.

The raft construction went well, but unfortunately the gearbox team encountered real problems getting the

gears to mesh efficiently. This really held up the build and it was only after hours of tinkering and a new battery, that they managed to get it to work. It meant we had to rush our final assembly to meet the test deadline and we **couldn't make some of the improvements** we would have liked.

During the testing, ours turned out to be one of the lightest rafts, but we **weren't able to lift the 1kg mine out of the water** so we ended up in 8th place. The winning team was a team including all the teachers who managed to lift 2kg.

It was an enjoyable day and we learned a lot about the importance of designing planning, engineering and working as a team.

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Dates for your diary



Wednesday 5th January	INSET Day
Thursday 6th January	Return to school for Students
Tuesday 11th January - Tuesday 1st February	January exam modules AS and A2
Wednesday 12th January	Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening
Wednesday 19th January	Year 10 Parents Evening (Rearranged from December)
Monday 17th January (7pm - 8pm)	Year 8 Ski Trip Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 2nd February (7pm—8pm)	Year 9 Parents Forum - How to find information, advice and guidance for careers and options
Friday 4th February (7pm-8pm)	Revision Workshop for Parents of Year 11 Students
Wednesday 9th February	Year 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 16th February	Year 9 Options Evening
Wednesday 16th February - Monday 21st February	Year 12 Business Studies Trip to New York
Thursday 17th February	6th Form Physics trip to London Planetarium & Greenwich Observatory
Thursday 17th February (7pm)	Duke of Edinburgh Awards Ceremony in the Hall
Monday 21st - Friday 25th February	Half Term

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