

High Notes



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Issue 16

A2 Philosophy Retreat to Slaidburn YHA, Forest of Bowland

Our annual class retreat provides the perfect opportunity to encourage philosophical dialogue that stretches far beyond the syllabus. The Year 13 Philosophy retreat this year was to a historic hostel with lots of character – stone floors, low ceilings, real fires and, if some students are to be believed, our very own friendly ghost!



However, not all the philosophising would take place in such comfortable surroundings....as Nietzsche acknowledged "*All truly great thoughts are conceived by walking*".

Packing plenty of food and snacks, warm clothing and waterproofs, we set off on a 9.5 mile circuit around the picturesque Stock's reservoir and Gisburn forest. Uplifted and inspired by the good weather and beautiful surroundings, discussions soared from one enlightening topic to another, ranging from questions of morality, right action and the importance of duty to deeper complex debate about the nature and meaning of death and our own mortality.



A great day was finished off with a hearty meal at a local country inn, surprise cake and candles for one of our students who was celebrating her 18th birthday.



All in all, it was a fantastic weekend which stimulated our students' intellectual abilities, encouraged wide-ranging debate and strengthened class bonds.

- Ms Howard

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Year 9 visit to the Lowry Theatre

A group of 45 Year 9 students attended the critically-acclaimed production of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' on Tuesday evening at the Lowry theatre.

They were accompanied by Mrs Coffey, Mr Ebbs, Miss Goodchild and Ms Littler. It was an excellent evening and the students are now all looking forward to studying the novel later this year.



Public Speaking Competition

The school's public speaking team has been busy over the last two weeks, competing in both the English Speaking Union and Rotary Club's national competitions.

The team of Year 10 students, consisting of Grace Wilson, Mia Basma Jaber, Jessica Walter and Claudia Stahler, performed superbly in each event and spoke eloquently and intelligently on a range of topics.

Finishing as runners-up to a team of Year 13 students in the Rotary Club competition, the feedback they received from the judges was extremely positive and highlighted their enunciation, precision and use of rhetorical devices as particular strengths.



NOTES

Uniform Supplier changes

Informed by the Department for Education's School Uniform Guidance, a tender exercise relating to the supply of Wilmslow High School uniform and PE kit has recently been completed and two new companies will be supplying our uniform and PE kit in the very near future. To facilitate the handover of the full existing stockholding, there will be a short period of approximately 1-2 weeks during which uniform and PE kit will not be available for general purchase; we apologise for any inconvenience. If there are urgent uniform requirements during this period, please contact the school reception. We will be issuing more information about the two new suppliers soon.

We are very proud of our school uniform and expect high standards in personal appearance. We rely on our suppliers and parental support to achieve this and would therefore, at this time, wish to extend our thanks to F R Monkhouse Ltd., the school's uniform supplier for many years, for playing its part in this.

Dear Parent/Carer

NCS (National Citizen Service)

attended school recently to introduce the NCS programme to all Year 11 Students. We have been working closely with the school to ensure we're able to offer as many as possible of their students the opportunity to take part. NCS is a government-

backed programme for those aged 16-17, which takes place during the school holidays. It's a great way for young people to learn the skills for work and life they need to succeed in the future, whilst having an amazing time. So far, more than 200,000 young people have already taken part. This is an opportunity you do not want your son or daughter to miss out on!



Our next programmes are running in the Summer holidays for students who are in Year 11 & 12. Young people will be in teams with their friends and other students from local schools and colleges. Details of the programme are outlined below:

What happens on NCS?

- Taster Events: Meet the NCS staff and other young people who will be taking part in the programme in your area before you go away.
- Week 1: Outward bound residential to focus on team work, problem solving skills and pushing personal boundaries (5 days).
- Week 2: A second residential to learn independent living skills and to learn about their local community (5 days).
- Week 3 & 4: Work from a local community base to plan and implement a project to make a difference in their local community.
- Graduation: Celebrate their NCS achievements and be presented with a signed certificate from the Prime Minister.

NCS costs £50, with all accommodation and meals covered during the residential phase. We may be able to offer bursaries to those who need financial support.

All students were asked to fill out an interest form. We'll then give them a call to tell them a bit more about NCS and how they can get involved, and to answer any questions you might have.

If you want to find out more in the meantime or are interested in signing up please visit www.ncsingeus.co.uk or speak to your nominated NCS champion: Mr Vincent

The NCS Team

Year 9 Careers Fair

If you are the parent/carer of a student in Year 9 you will know that we have stressed to your sons/daughters the importance of making informed decision for their Key Stage 4 options.

Students have been given talks in their tutor groups and House assemblies, both focused on making choices which are relevant to their aspirations and which reflect their abilities and interests.

To help students with this process and to ensure they are aware of all the different career pathways available to them, our Year 9 students visited the Careers Fair on Tuesday afternoon when they were able to speak to representatives from local Further Education colleges, the Armed Services, the Police, an apprenticeship provider and our Sixth Form.

Students benefitted from this opportunity and asked plenty of questions, informing themselves about different types of qualification and course.

Year 9: Key Stage 4 Course Choices

This term, Year 9 will make their course choices for Key Stage 4. The timeline for events and submissions for the course choice process is below.

Key Stage 4 Course Choices Timetable

Monday 16th January - Friday 20th January 2017	Launch of KS4 Course Choice process: Sequence of assemblies for Year 9 students from each House. KS4 Course Choice booklet issued to students.
Thursday 2nd February 2017 6.00 - 8.00pm	KS4 Course Choices Evening: Market place format in various locations around school: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Curriculum Teams offering courses in course choice columns• Careers advice drop-in opportunity Staff will be available to discuss whether the courses they offer will suit your child. Students should accompany parents in full school uniform.
Thursday 16th February 2017	Year 9 Parents' Evening: Opportunity to discuss progress in those subjects presently studied and gain further advice regarding which courses to study in Years 10 and 11.
Friday 17th February 2017	Deadline for submission of Initial Course Choices: We will use the information submitted through Firefly to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide additional advice and guidance to students regarding the suitability of their initial course choices;• determine whether there should be any change to course availability
Friday 17th March 2017	Final Course Choice form issued to students
Friday 24 th March 2017	Deadline for return of Final Course Choices form to tutors
Summer term	Confirmation of Course Choice letter issued to students

Key Stage 3 Examinations

Over the next 3 weeks students in Key Stage 3 will be completing their winter summative assessments. Most of these assessments will be completed in normal timetabled lessons so an examination timetable will not be issued to students. An exception to this is that English and mathematics examinations will be completed in formal conditions in the hall or gym in order to give students regular experience of this type of examination.

Next week Year 9 students will be taking their mathematics examination in the gym at the time when they normally have their double PE lesson. Instead of packing their sports kit they will need to ensure they have the usual classroom equipment including protractors, compasses and calculators.

Students in Year 9 A population will take their English assessment in the gym Tuesday Period 3 and their mathematics examination in the gym on Tuesday Period 5-6.

Students in Year 9 B population will take their English assessment in the gym Tuesday Period 1 and their mathematics examination in the gym on Wednesday Period 1-2.

Year 8 will have their examinations during week commencing 6th February and Year 7 during week commencing 13th February.

Arrangements for Year 7 and Year 8 will be similar to those for Year 9; details about venues for English and mathematics will be sent to students next week.

SPORT

Tennis

The senior tennis team played Ellesmere College on Wednesday in the knockout stages of the National senior students tennis competition. A very strong team were delighted to win 5 matches to 1 and played some excellent tennis. Mike Armstrong gained a particularly good victory over a higher rated strong Dutchman whilst the rest of the team was made up of James Graham, Ollie Dixon and Adam Robison.

They will now play Canon Slade, Bolton for a place in the National finals in March.

Football

A tough week for Wilmslow High School football with two important cup fixtures unfortunately ending in defeat.

First up was the U13s who travelled to The Grange school in Hartford in the quarter final of the Cheshire cup. An entertaining match saw plenty of goals alongside a number of missed chances for the away team. In the end Wilmslow paid the price, losing out 3-1 in a very frustrating match.



On Wednesday the seniors 1st team travelled to Sandbach, again in the Cheshire cup quarter final. It proved to be extremely competitive with our boys being pegged back to 1-1 in the second half. In the end it came down to penalties, and Sandbach held their nerve to progress to the semi final.

Fixtures week commencing 28th January 2017

DATE	OPPONENTS	1ST	2ND	3RD/U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	SPORT
28-Jan-17	ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR (FRIENDLY)	H		H	H		H	HH	NETBALL
28-Jan-17	WIRRAL GRAMMAR					A			NETBALL
28-Jan-17	BISHOP HEBER						A		GIRLS HOCKEY
31-Jan-17	SANDBACH (ROUND ROBIN)					A			BOYS HOCKEY
01-Feb-17	MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL (FRIENDLY)			H	H	H	H	HH	NETBALL
01-Feb-17	STOCKPORT GRAMMAR (FRIENDLY)	A							NETBALL
01-Feb-17	NELSON & COLNE COLLEGE	A							FOOTBALL
01-Feb-17	KINGS CHESTER	A							GIRLS HOCKEY
02-Feb-17	KING'S MACCLESFIELD					H			GIRLS HOCKEY
04-Feb-17	ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR	A			A	H	A	H	FOOTBALL
04-Feb-17	WIGAN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	TRAMPOLINE

Results week commencing 14th January 2017

DATE	OPPONENTS	1ST	2ND	U15	U13A	U13B	U12A	U12B	SPORT
14-Jan-17	MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL	won 2-1	lost 4-2	won 3-2	won 6-4	won 3-2	drew 1-1	lost 4-3	FOOTBALL
18-Jan-17	HARTFORD HIGH				won 23-4		won 20-5		NETBALL
18-Jan-17	MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL	won 4-1							FOOTBALL
18-Jan-17	ALDERLEY EDGE	won 35-10							NETBALL
19-Jan-17	THE GRANGE SCHOOL				lost 3-1				FOOTBALL

CALENDAR

Week commencing 30th January 2017

Day/date	Time	Venue	Activity
Tuesday 31st January	6.00pm-10.30pm	The Lowry	Year 10,11 and 13 theatre visit to see 'Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'.
Thursday 2nd February	6.00pm-8.00pm	Various	KS4 Course Choices evening
Friday 3rd February	TBC	Conway	Year 10 and 11 KS4 Art and Design residential departs
Sunday 5th February	TBC	Conway	Year 10 and 11 KS4 Art and Design residential returns

Week commencing 6th February 2017

Day/date	Time	Venue	Activity
Monday 6th February	All Day	Room 22	Year 12 Salford University visit to Wilmslow High
Wednesday 8th February	9.00-1.00pm	Ethiad Stadium	Year 11 University and college search fair (selected students)
Friday 10th February		Surrey	Year 10 - 13 Netball tour departs
Sunday 12th February		Surrey	Year 10 - 13 Netball tour returns

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CONTACT:

Any queries, contact Kelvin Briggs kelvinbriggs@btconnect.com phone 07825 213205

WHAT TO BRING:

Be prepared for any weather. Please bring a healthy pack lunch, snacks and drinks bottle. Children need to bring enough food and drink to last them through the day. Please wear appropriate sports clothing including trainers, shin pads and gum shield. No studs or blades! A hat, sun cream and waterproof clothing will all be very useful.

APPLICATIONS: Payment **must** accompany this application form or contact Kelvin for bank transfer payments.

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