

Hope Herald

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WE ARE **Unique**

We promote the growth of the whole person towards the fullness of life which comes from God

WE HAVE **Faith**

We nurture the spiritual growth of our community through personal prayer and collective worship

WE ARE **Valued**

We provide a secure and caring environment in which the dignity and worth of all is recognised and developed.



WE LOOK TO **the Future**

We accept responsibility for sustaining a viable future for humankind



WE ARE **a Family**

We promote partnership between home, pupils, school and the local and international community



WE ARE **Outward Looking**

We look outward towards the local Community, Parishes and world we serve.



Your views as a parent are important to us. Please go to our website and click on the Parent View link to tell us what you think.



Year 7 Thematic Celebration Evening

The Year 7 Thematic Faculty held its first Celebration Evening on 29th January 2013. The evening was organised to celebrate the work, progress and achievements made by Year 7 pupils during their first term of Transition Curriculum. Each teaching group took centre stage and delivered outstanding presentations (to over 200 parents) on the different subject areas they had studied. Pupils were awarded certificates by Mr Gannon and Mrs Emmett in recognition for their progress and attainment, homework projects and the skills that they have developed. A huge well done to Year 7 and the Thematic Faculty team for a very successful evening.



Sharing our successes

PUBLIC SERVICES Volunteering

Year 12 Public Services students have shown pure dedication in raising money and giving up their time to volunteer for good causes. The hard work all contributes to Unit 20: Volunteering in Public Services. The time and effort they have put in has not gone unrecognised as the St Helens Youth Service have enrolled the students on the 'Youth for Volunteering Project'; a project to help young people access volunteering opportunities. Students receive a 'Passport to 100 hours' and are able to record down the hours given up for ANY voluntary activity and receive certificates as rewards.

If you are a student aged between 11-25 and are interested in volunteering or already offer your free time for voluntary work - in or out of school, please see Miss Davies for further information.

A Level Geography trip to Snowdonia

A Level Geography students spent the weekend in Betws-y-Coed at the beginning of March, as part of their course. Students travelled to Pen-y-Pass, the gateway to Snowdon to complete their river study.

Students worked in groups and collected data on how the river Afon Peris changed from its source to its mouth. Students worked extremely hard over the weekend but had a lot of fun along the way.



Sunny Snowdon

RSPB - Bird Box Presentation



Siobhan McGuigan from the RSPB Schools Outreach Network was presented with 2 Bird Boxes made by Year 9 and 10 students during the Academies December Breakout Day. Pupils from Year 10 represented the Schools ECO Group and thanked Siobhan for the excellent activities that the

RSPB delivered as part of the Humanities Breakout Activities. The RSPB are going to monitor the usage of the boxes and report their findings to the ECO group.

Humanities trips

Some dates for your diary

- Colomendy- 26th- 28th April 2013
- France and Belgium- 20th-24th July 2013

All payment schedules and letters can be viewed on the school website.

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- Computer Science, Design Technology,
- English, Geography, History, Mathematics,
- Modern Foreign Languages, Religious Education

There is a comprehensive programme of support available to the Teaching Agency to guide you all the way through the application process. Search 'get into teaching' or call



0800 389 2500

Travel and Tourism at the Zoo!

Travel and Tourism pupils from Years 10 and 12 recently went to Chester Zoo for an educational visit. The pupils had a fun time viewing the animals - including Hari and Bala Hi Way, the two elephant calves and Kanzi the young giraffe - as well as experiencing everything else the zoo has to offer. Pupils were also given a talk from the zoo staff about Customer Service at the zoo - which will prove invaluable when completing their BTEC coursework!



MOROCCO

The Humanities Faculty is delighted to announce the launch of our A Level Fieldtrip to Morocco in February 2014. This trip is open to any students who is currently in Year 11 and is planning to study at Hope Academy next year or any student in Year 12.

Day 1: Depart from Manchester Airport to Marrakech. Evening at leisure in the hotel or tour of the Souks.

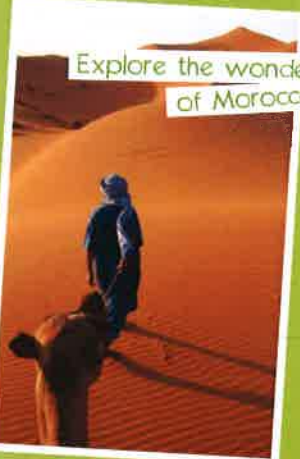
Day 2: Travel across the Atlas range of mountains at the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass (2260 meters above sea level) into the barren slopes of shattered rock on the southern side of the pass. Witness how the forces of nature have helped shaped these mountains offering an insight into plate tectonics and fold mountain formation. Arrived in the Moroccan town of Ouarzazate. Relax by the large pool and enjoy your very own disco in the evening.

Day 3: Travel from Ouarzazate through the lush Draa Valley – a strip of intense cultivation along the Oued Draa, a river formed from the melt waters of the Atlas Mountains. With the help of Camels travel on to the arid plains to an oasis settlements. Coming with the nomadic farmers and explore a magical area of rolling dunes in the desert and dance to traditional music and enjoy Moroccan cuisine.

Day 4: Visit the Ait Benhaddou, which is probably the best preserved fortified Kasbah in the country. With its dramatic walls of red earth, slit windows and crumbling towers, it is a magnificent example of a traditional stronghold. Chosen as a location for Hollywood films such as Lawrence of Arabia, Jewel in the Nile and more recently Gladiator, Ait Benhaddou sits upon a lofty pinnacle of rock overlooking a river.

Day 5: Guided walking tour of the souks of Marrakech, with the narrow winding streets full of the diversity and and colour of life. Visit a traditional Moroccan pharmacy to stock up on African spices and natural medicines.

If you are interested please ask a member of the Humanities team for a letter, the trip will cost around £500 and prices and dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks.



CHAPLAINS CORNER

Once again it has been a very busy half term in the Chaplaincy. As part of our lent journey pupils in KS3 have been invited to take part in lent reflections in the Chapel during their RE lessons. These reflections have focused on 'forgiveness' and students have been encouraged to think about the importance of this in their own lives.

As part of my role I have the privilege of supporting our local primary schools. I have been busy leading creative prayer spaces, collective worship, Easter workshops and RE lessons. It has been great to get to know the staff and pupils in our local primary schools and I look forward to working with them in the future.

During lent the staff and pupils of Hope Academy have been busy raising money for CAFOD by supporting the 'Hungry for Change' campaign. We have looked at the importance of tackling the issue of hunger in our world during our Ash Wednesday services, form time and collective worship, learning that many people in our world do not have enough food to eat and the problems that arise as a result of this. We have been inspired to do something about this injustice and are currently running all sorts of fundraising activities, including cake sales, Easter egg raffles, quizzes and much more. We are also busy raising money for Comic Relief through non-uniform days and staff fancy dress. Please keep an eye out on the website for pictures of all the activities and to find out how much money we have raised. Thank you to all the staff and students who have supported these events. You are brilliant.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter. *Miriam*



ECO-CORNER

Here are some updates about what we are doing to ensure sustainable development transpires in our school, community and the world.

Lyme Community Primary School

Lyme Community Primary School's Eco-Warriors were given a personal tour around the sustainable features of Hope Academy on Wednesday 27th February by some of our Eco-Committee. At the end of the tour they completed an Eco-quiz and the winner received a bird box made by Hope students during the last breakout day. Mrs Brooks, the Eco co-ordinator at Lyme Primary school said, "We very much enjoyed seeing what is going on at Hope Academy and all the sustainable features and the work you are doing. The children had a great time and gave interesting accounts of their visit when we returned to school." Thank you to the Eco-Committee for all your help on the day.

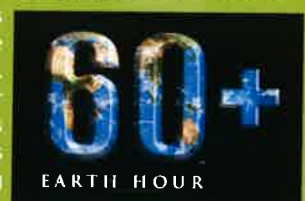


A huge thank you to all students, staff and parents who donated clothes for the 20 Tonne Textile Challenge. We collected 300Kg of clothes and raised £150. The Eco-Committee will decide at their next meeting what charity or sustainable project the money will go towards.

The Eco-Committee

The Eco-Committee introduced themselves during school assemblies this week. Leah Prescott (Y8 – EF6) and Hannah Durkin (Y10 – EF4) spoke at each assembly and told students and staff of the upcoming sustainable developments at Hope, such as an anti-litter campaign, Earth Hour and information regarding recycling batteries. If students, staff or parents have used batteries they may deposit them in the battery recycling box at Pupil Services.

WWF's Earth Hour 2013 – join in and switch off on 23rd March, 8.30pm. Recently the Academy has been learning all about energy and in particular the need for more sustainable energy sources in the future such as renewable energy. As part of this, staff and students have been taking part in activities to celebrate WWF's Earth Hour, which will take place on Saturday 23 March at 8.30pm. As the big event is on a Saturday, we will be holding our own Earth Hour on 22 March. But you can take part at home too, register at www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour to join this unique annual phenomenon that focuses the world's attention on our amazing planet, and how we need to protect it.



SPORTS NEWS

America

SKI TRIP 2013!

Anyone who didn't go to the ski trip this year certainly missed out on a lot! Not to mention a few broken bones! It was brilliant being with everyone and seeing their attitude out of school, everyone who attended was a lively bunch and a pleasure to be with and the tremendous effort from the school staff was a treat. Skiing was a whole lot of fun for everyone, and there was always one or two that made us laugh with some brilliant slips down the slopes, there were also a few hidden experts in the group who amazed us with their skiing. The freezing temperatures didn't faze us much as there was always an activity to take part in: bowling, ice-skating and snow tubing to name a few. It was a great experience for everyone, even if the ski lift did break! Our spirits always remained high. New Hampshire was also home to one of the best sweet shops in the town, and it's safe to say the teachers were a lot more excited by it than us! New York was a memory I don't think anyone will forget, the flashing lights and tall buildings took us all by surprise. We all had the opportunity to visit the 9/11 memorial, go almost to the top of the Empire State building and to visit Times Square. We were all spent up by the end and came home with bags full of souvenirs and gifts. The days of travelling were really long but worth it in the end, most of us slept the whole way home. It was an experience of a lifetime, and anyone else who attended the trip would agree. I'd say you should start saving for the ski trip next year, so even more stories can be told!

Megan Woods

Junior Football Leaders Award

A Junior Football Leaders course was held at the Academy during the February half term. Five enthusiastic members of the sixth form attended the course which was led by Michelle Wilcock who works for the FA. All five participants enjoyed a day of theory surrounding the work of coaches/leaders in football and some practical sessions. In order to complete the course the students now have to log voluntary work that they do in football, either in the community or at the Academy. Well done to Steven Gornall, Rachel Winstanley, Chris Stott, Tom Stout and Alvin Balliu.



Hope Academy Prayer

Father, we bring before you the community of Hope Academy,

Asking that we might be worthy stewards of your creation: caring for the environment, and sustaining all that you have given us.

Help us to reach out to others, to support growth, development and justice at home and abroad, ever mindful that our true strength lies within, in our young people.

They are the hope of today and the hope of tomorrow: Builders of a better future for our world and its people.

Amen



Pupil Voice!

You Said

Pupil Voice from the October Breakout Evaluations suggested that you want to see more of the following activities in future Breakout Days;

Charity Work, Subject Specific Challenges, Visits, Arts/Crafts and Team Building Activities

We did

During the December Breakout Days there were VISITS to St Helens RLFC, The Slavery Museum, Liverpool Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry. There was a TEAM BUILDING Spanish Football and Handball Tournament and the Creative Arts Faculty supported year 7 pupils on producing a Christmas concert (DRAMA subject challenge) for a group of Elderly residents from a care home.

During the forthcoming March Breakout we are planning a range of Science Challenges related to World Water Day, There will be a charity Quiz to raise money for CAFOD, Visits to a Football Museum, a visit to the Challenge 4 Change indoor assault course and much, much more!

You Said

You would like to have to do more Art activities

We did

Delivered a Pop Art project where you designed your own T-shirts

You Said

I find it hard to remember all of my different levels and targets for Thematic

We did

Printed coloured stickers to help you to remember your levels and targets for the different subjects within the Curriculum

You Said

We want to do more fun Team Building activities like the Spaghetti Towers in Term 1

We did

Changed our planning to involve a series of group challenges between Thematic groups in the last week of Term 2



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