

Newsletter - January 2017

Theatre Review

On Wednesday January 4th, 10 Alpha had an amazing opportunity to see a stage production of the Charles Dickens classic novel, Great Expectations, in Beverley at the East Riding Theatre.

We all arrived at the theatre in a coach around 7:00pm. When we entered the theatre, the majority of the students were shocked to see that the theatre was rather small and the stage itself was a very limited area. Even though the stage was pretty small, I think the set was very clever and atmospheric because it was three different locations in one: a prison, Miss Havisham's home, Satis House and Joe Gargery's forge. It was very effective and a clever way to use the space.

Personally I disagreed with one of the directors choices because he missed out an important scene from the book. I think the director should have included the scene where Joe, Pip and his dear friend Herbert Pocket, went out to celebrate Joe's first time in London, by going out to eat the finest crispy duck. The reason I think this scene is important is because it shows how quickly Pip's personality changed, when he became a gentlemen.

I think it was very clever how the props were introduced into the performance such as the boat in Magwitch's escape and Mrs Joe Gargery's cane (also known as the Tickler) because it was exactly the way it is described in the book.

Last but not least, I also liked the clever way they used umbrellas as props to create all kinds of scenes. I particularly liked the way they were used to represent stage coach wheels to create the impression of a busy London town.

Overall, I really enjoyed the experience because I've just finished studying Great Expectations at school and the performance has helped me understand Dickens' message: money does not buy you happiness.

By: Caitlin Pearson

Unique

My brother is disabled
And so beautifully unique
One in a million is he
He beat the doctor's odds
They said he would die
And here he is now
Nearly eleven and
First one in the world
To have his disability
And here he is now off to hospital
They'll replace his heart
He'll be in my heart until the end of it
48 hours
That's how long it will take
Until I see him again
Don't be late
Good luck from me
He makes me sad
He makes me happy
He screams and shouts
And throws stuff about
Just like a giraffe
With their own unique spots
He's one in a million
There is nothing he hasn't done
Flooded the bathroom
And messed the house around
But at least you still support Hull
Just like a giraffe
So very tall and clever
He's one in a million

By Jessica Waudby, 7HLe

Protect your Child's Bike

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As a direct result of Immobilise there are hundreds of cases a week where property is returned or information collected that assists the Police in investigating criminal activity involving stolen goods.

Leaflets have been given to children who come to school on a bike and you can find more information regarding this service at www.immobilise.com

Remembrance Day Service

On Tuesday the 11th of November students from The Boulevard Academy walked to St Johns Baptist church on St George's Road, for our Remembrance Day service.

Year 7 and year 8 pupils had been chosen to speak in front of the full school, parents and invited guests. The readings included a diary extract from a local trawler-man, and prayers read by year 7 pupils. Various poems including the very famous Flanders Fields were read out by Year 8 pupils, as were the personal accounts of visits to World War One battlefield sites in France.

The service was all about us remembering the soldiers who fought and died during World War One. It was led by Reverends Tony Cotson and Linda Robinson.

Our Academy made a wreath that was presented during the two minutes' silence. We honoured the dead by wearing our poppies with pride and singing our hearts out. One thing we must always remember is this: "When you go home tell them of us and say for your tomorrow, we gave our today."



We hope you appreciated our service of remembrance as much as we did and never forget the soldiers that died for us.

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, and in the going down of the sun and in the morning we shall remember them!"

By Evie Randall from 8 JOC

Vocal Chords is a group of passionate singers from The Boulevard Academy who stay after school to develop our singing skills. We come back every Thursday after school and rehearse for half an hour and have lots of fun. This group is run by Miss Butcher and we think that we could become bigger and better as time goes on, and we hope that this article persuades more students to join Vocal Chords.

On Remembrance Day, we left school at 8:45am and walked to St. John the Baptist Church to rehearse the service in preparation for when our special visitors arrived later in the morning. For the service we had rehearsed the songs 'I Vow to Thee My Country' and 'Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace' and we sang these alongside our peers in Years 7 and 9.

Nevaeh Sobey, one of the choir members said, "It was a great experience and taught me what it was like to sing in a big hall."

Meshia Owst said, "I really enjoyed the engaging time at the church while singing. I joined in with all the songs and loved it."

Hussain Al Nemash said, "We had to be silent for two minutes whilst we thought of everyone who has died in battle."

Julia Kochalska said, "It was a great experience to be at the church on Friday 11th because we sang songs and had the two minutes of silence."

Charlie Storr stated, "It was important to remember the people who fought and died for us and the experience was very moving."

Overall, the day was thought provoking and taught us a lot.



I Wear a Poppy

I wear a poppy,
As red as red can be.
To show that I remember,
Those who fought for me.
In the fields,
People risk lives.
Those with children,
Parents, siblings and wives.
They earn a place,
In our heads.
Those alive,
Rather than dead.
I wear a poppy,
As red as red can be.
To show that I remember,
Those who fought for me.
By Reece Clarke 7HLE



WW1 poem– As the war rages on...

As the war rages on,
A great leader is gone,
Whilst families cower under tables,
Generals ready their horses in their stables,
When soldiers are slain,
New ones are trained.
In the trenches, dull and eerie,
Depression flows like a river of distress,
Soldiers scared of something in sight,
Wish they didn't have to fight.
Countless lives lost,
People wanted only to be heroes, found only their end,
Their lifeless hands bend,
When the war came to an end.
As the war raged on,
Many soldiers have gone...
By Thomas Arpigny, The Boulevard Academy.

Year 7 are currently working on analysing poetry and looking at the different techniques used by poets to create effective and engaging poems.

As such Georgia took the opportunity to write her own poem at home with the help of her Grandad.

When I walk into The Boulevard I hold my head up full of pride,

Walking into The Boulevard I feel good inside.

Everything's bright and everything's new,

I'm always happy, especially when I'm with you!

When I first started I was full of fear,

However, I'm now full of cheer!

I've made lots of new friends and I'm always very happy,

Everybody knows me as a cheeky chappy!

I'm glad I picked this school because I think it's very cool.

I know leaving here I'll have done well and have lots of stories to tell.

Georgia Geraghty 7JGo November 2016.

Dodgeball Tournament

On Wednesday 7th December a group of year 7 and 8 girls (Lariana, Ellise, Mia, Ellie, Amie, Danielle, Abbie and Georgia) went to St Mary's Sports Academy to take part in a dodgeball tournament.

The matches were very challenging for the girls as there were fourteen or fifteen teams to compete against. As well as that, the girls didn't have time to practise after school.

They won many matches and none of the girls were sad, none put their heads down or got mad, they carried on playing and didn't give up. They won many and lost some as well, but they enjoyed playing.

Their encouragement and determination was high as the moment of truth was waiting to be told. The girls excitedly settled down in their team waiting to know what position they'd reached. Not in the 15th place, not in the 14th place, not in the 13th place..... Finally they were told they'd taken 3rd place!!!

Malet Lambert took 2nd place and Archbishop Sentamu Academy took 1st place. All matches were stimulating and challenging, but the girls enjoyed it. They were pleased with what they achieved and showed off their best skills, which must have worried the other teams because the Boulevard team is impossible to beat.

Arriving back to The Boulevard the girls were satisfied and went home with grins on their faces.

By Lariana Milevska

The last match

On the 1st of December 2016 The Boulevard Academy Netball Team (Teresa, Husnat, Jom, Lariana, Leela, Faozia and Natalie) went to play their last match after a five- week tournament at Winfred Holtby Academy.

We had a friendly match against Sirius West. The score was 11-1 to Sirius, so unfortunately we lost. However this did not affect the girls' high spirits or the netball league.

Afterwards, we played against Sirius' second team with a lot more enthusiasm. Unfortunately we also lost this match. The final score was 6-1.

We would all like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Lidster for all her time and effort in the full Netball tournament. She has trained us all well and although we did not win we have taken a lot from all her training and her praising. THANK YOU MISS LIDSTER!

By Teresa and Jom

Athletics Tournament

On Tuesday 10th of January 2017, a selection of year 7 and 8 students at the Boulevard Academy attended an athletics tournament at the Sirius Academy. There was a selection of schools there; boys and girls were split up into separate groups and the boys did their races first, followed by the girls.

The girls did the shot-put, the triple long jump and the standing long jump.

The boys then followed in the same events. The boys started with the two- lap race. Bobby and Jean participated.

Then followed the four- lap race which was run by Saul Matchett and Caylan Wainman who came 1st.

After that we took part in an eight- lap relay. Jean, Bobby, Saul and Franklin were the competitors in this event.

Well done to all who took part.

