

Building Mott & Bailey Castles

7WLU were getting creative on Tuesday afternoon. After studying the Battle of Hastings and particularly William the Conqueror they created 21st century Mott and Bailey castles.

We included a moat and piranha fish to stop the intruders. The tower was built with extra height to protect the king, with the animals and crops all kept inside the fort – Ruby Ellerby

Maten and I created our castle based on the Mott and Bailey as we thought it was very effective. The only entrance was a draw-bridge meaning intruders would have to battle against the guards – Owen Wilson.

Deimante and I included lots of glitter in our design. We created the castle on a hill so the knights are able to look out and see incoming threats and to allow the king to see over his villages – Izabela Szynal.



Dates for your Diary

For your reference, the following events below will be of importance to All students in the Spring Term:

-Monday 19th February	Students return
-Saturday 24th February	Year 7 Saturday School
-Saturday 3rd March	Year 8 Saturday School
-Saturday 10th March	Year 9 Saturday School
-Saturday 17th March	Year 10 & 11 Saturday School
-Thursday 22nd March	Year 8 Parents Evening
-Friday 23rd March	Academy Closes
-Monday 9th April	Staff INSET Day
-Tuesday 10th April	Students Return

Year 10 have been studying poetry

Here a student wrote a poem around the idea of regret.

A Mistake from the Past

I remember a time when I was naïve and young,
Back in the times when the songbirds sung,
I made mistakes, but one blunder too far,
That one always reminded me of a star.
I was careless, did not see emotion,
And I wondered with this conspiratorial commotion,
That I shouldn't have led, or followed,
Neither to deny the truth I swallowed

I tried to make words, sentences too,
But I had dug a wide hole that everyone knew,
Shattering my life, word by word, unknowingly,
Yet when I found out, surprisingly,
I realised how much of an imbecile I was,
So I had to put up with this loss.

It was a time when I was naïve and young,
Back in the times when the songbirds sung,
One blunder too many was one to regret,
But I was young, so I do not fret,
Carelessness made me pay the price,
Conspiracy paid off not to entice.
I will not lead, or follow
To deny another truth I have to swallow.

By Mateusz Gornacki,

A Christmas Carol

On the 6th of December, a group of year 10 students went to Hull Truck Theatre to watch a dramatic performance of the classic novel, A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens. They are currently studying the novel as part of their GCSE English Literature course

It was a well-deserved treat for the year 10 students, who really enjoyed the performance as much as the novel. The act struck us with mixed emotions, both sadness and excitement.

When we entered the auditorium, the stage was already set. It was an old Victorian style building. The windows were frosty and the building was worn and bare. The play started with a song and it featured the poor society of London, including Mrs Cratchit and Tiny Tim. Scrooge and Bob Cratchit were then introduced.

The scenes at Scrooge's house was made very comical - highlight scene for many students.

The lighting was very effective, especially in the form of the first spirit, The Ghost of Christmas Past, who came on stage actually glowing. The audience was spell-bound.

The ghost of Christmas Present was played by a female who was more or less dressed up as a Christmas Tree and was extremely funny. She brought some elements of slap-stick and pantomime in to the show with audience responses and comic singing and dancing.

The students are very grateful for such a memorable experience.

Shannon thought it was the best thing she had ever seen in her life.

By Shannon Gabriel and Amelia Pruchnicka



A Special Thanks

As some of you may be aware every Wednesday evening Mr O'Connell runs a gaming club for the students of the Academy. This is an ever growing club with more students showing their interest each week and the word has spread not only to our students, but to a local gaming store located on Hessle Road.

After hearing the news that The Boulevard Academy had set up a gaming club, Stronghold Games have raised £3000 worth of games and gear for to donate towards the Academy's growing gaming club. A reporter came from the Hull Daily Mail to interview Mr O'Connell after hearing of the fantastic donation from Stronghold Games.

Here's what Mr O'Connell had to say. "Some of the students went into Stronghold Games and mentioned the club, as have a couple of parents. The store started a collection at the till and then appealed to the global gaming community and the support we've received has been brilliant. We now hope to branch out and offer more board and card games. We don't just want to be a boys' club, we would like to diversify and get more girls and other age groups involved."

All the students were thrilled to receive the donation and are all looking forward to getting their hands on all the new games!

A huge thanks goes out to both David Bradburn, and Ray Reaney who run the store.

