

### Goal Ball

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, seven students got the opportunity to take part in a new sport called Goal Ball. The seven students played at St Mary's College against six St Mary's teams. The students that took part from The Boulevard Academy were Melissa, Sammy, Blaze, Montana, Josh, Lillie and Myomie and while we were there we knew we were representing the school.

Goal Ball is a sport that is played in the Paralympics and it is mainly played by people who are either partially sighted or blind, so it was difficult for us because we all had to play the game with blindfolds on.

Josh, Lillie and Myomie were a year 8 team and Sammy, Melissa, Blaze and Montana were a year 7 team.

Josh said, "I felt nervous because when we were blindfolded and also because it's a brand new game that no-one has ever played before in their entire life".

Myomie commented, "I felt excited to be a part of Goal Ball and I was very nervous when I started, but towards the end I got better. We all did. In fact our last score was 9-1 to us!" Thanks to our Coach Mr Williams for supporting us all the way.

Lillie said, "I felt a bit proud of myself because even though it was our first time, I was saving quite a lot of goals. I also felt a bit nervous because I've never played it before."

Melissa said, "I enjoyed it I felt very nervous when I first started." Blaze, "I felt happy that I took part because it was fun and really different from anything I have ever done before."

Montana said, "I enjoyed it and I thought it was nerve-racking and before we started I was confused."

#### What we had to do:

We had to sit on the floor blindfolded and without looking we had to listen for the bell which would be inside a ball and try stopping it from getting past us into the goal. To stop it you had to stick your arms out and stretch.

Overall the Year 8s came 5<sup>th</sup> and the Year 7s came 8<sup>th</sup> but all that matters is that we all took part. Even though we have never played this sport we all thought towards the end we became very confident with what we had to do. Both teams improved lots by the end of the game and began to be much better. The Year 8 team won their play-off game 9-1 and came in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

By Lillie-Mae Preston, Myomie Carr and Joshua Rodgers.



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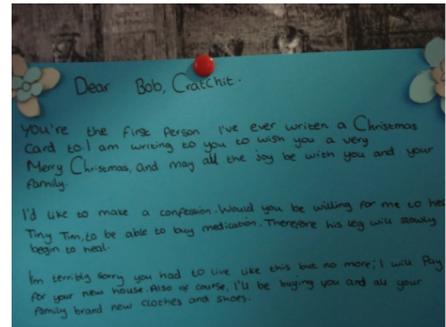
### A Special Visitor steps into a Victorian Christmas

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Alan Johnson the Member of Parliament came to the Boulevard Academy to speak to all the students. Alan Johnson is our M.P, he was also involved in building The Boulevard Academy with our Principal Mr Grace.

He came because he had not seen the school fully developed. Alan Johnson came into our English lesson. In our English lesson we were learning about A Christmas Carol and if I rightfully remember he said, "Charles Dickens would be proud of you."

We were in the middle of making Scrooge's first ever Christmas card and he looked and thought they were FANTASTIC!

Our school is so thankful for what he has created and we explained about our wonderful school. Finally, Mr Johnson also helped us find the money to go to France and Belgium. Our Academy really appreciate it, thank you Mr Johnson. By Courtney Greenwood and Katie Brown



### The Albermarle Music Centre

On the 21<sup>st</sup> November, twelve students (Sophie H, Sophie S, Amy, Charlie, Larisa, Katie E, Kamile, Vadims, Lewis, Savanna, Ellie and Nishan) had an amazing opportunity to take part in a music event at the Albermarle Music Centre.

During our visit, we had a chance to learn two different types of music, one being Jazz, the other being Blues. Firstly, we warmed up our vocal cords before singing. Once that was over, we had a little game of Call 'n' Response.

We were then introduced to the rhythm of Jazz and Blues music.

"The Jazz music full of impression high and low sounds. It was amazing." ~ Sophie Hickson.

As we got into the Jazz music, the hosts asked for a volunteer from the crowd to make up some rhythms to perform to the audience. It just so happened that that volunteer was from our school, Vadims.

Overall, we had an amazing time learning Jazz and Blues music and hope to go again!

By Sophie H, Charlie, Amy, Katie E and Kamile.



### The Boulevard Academy at the Christmas Carol Service at St. John the Baptist Church

On Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> December we were at the Christmas Carol service. Everything went positively and all the students enjoyed it.

On our visit to the St John the Baptist church we sang the following carols; Away in a Manger, Silent Night, Once in Royal David's City and O Little Town of Bethlehem.

The most enjoyable thing was Acapella singing "I saw three ships". The Acapella singers were: Sophie S, Chloe F, Ellis-May G and Amy P. It was difficult for them because there was no accompaniment to it. After they sang it, lots of faces in the church smiled.

Erin P, a student from The Boulevard Academy said, "It was amazing". I think all teachers and students agree with her because they were talking about this service all the next day.

We would like to give a special thanks to the following students: Ellis-May, Sophie S, Chloe F, Amy P, Sebastian C, Keelan B, Kieron M, Freddy, Grace B, Mateusz G, Madison and Ignas. The reason for this is because, they all volunteered to read and sing at the Carol Service.

Overall we are all proud of the behaviour of The Boulevard Academy's students and Staff. Thanks to all the members of the public who also attended the Carol Service. However we would especially like to thank Miss Waters for organizing our Carol Service.

By Yazmyn Poulton (Student Mediator) & Sebastian C (Vice Sports Captain)

### **Behind you!**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014, year 8 were fortunate enough to go to the pantomime as an end of term treat from The Boulevard Academy.

We travelled down to Hull New Theatre to watch a very famous play by the name of Aladdin. All of year 8 participated in this wonderful event. This amazing opportunity gave us a chance to learn new skills in drama, learning for life and guided literacy as we have been concentrating this half term on the topic of Traditions and Pantomimes.

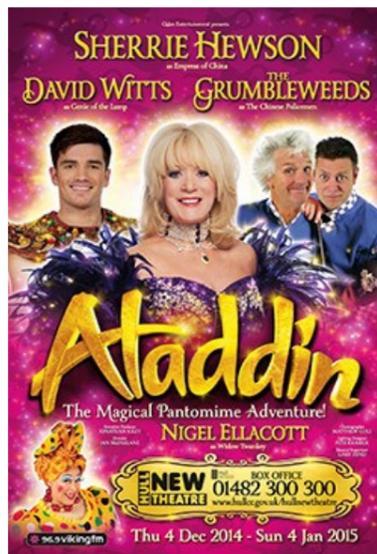
There was raucous laughter filling the theatre at all the slap-stick comedy and funny jokes. Everybody joined in with the call and response. The whole theatre was engaged in the spectacular event. It was AMAZING.

Here are some comments from students at the show: "I found the theatre stage set stunning," from S.Hickson.

G.Leigh found the performance "A fascinating experience."

We had a brilliant time and are really thankful towards the school staff for giving us this amazing opportunity.

By E.Griffiths and S.Cutter



### Live Web Chat

On Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 some students from The Boulevard Academy took place in a web chat with Justine Roberts, the founder of [www.mumsnet.com](http://www.mumsnet.com) and also [www.gransnet.com](http://www.gransnet.com).

Justine Roberts told The Boulevard Academy that the reason she came up with [www.mumsnet.com](http://www.mumsnet.com) is because she went on a terrible holiday where she regretted going. She then said, "If only I knew about this place first!"

It is very challenging to create your own website.

Here is a quote from Tapi.N "It was a very unique and a rare experience to meet someone that high up in the world of programming." There were ten planned questions in total but we had the opportunity to ask one question off the top of our heads. Ryan's asked the question, "Do you get income for the views on your website?" We got this opportunity because we completed the hour of code. The people that took place in the webcam chat were the people that enjoyed completing it.



### Year 7 House Darts Competition



One maths lesson this week all year 7 took part in a darts competition that took place in the LRC.

We did this because it's fun to play darts and also it helps you to subtract and add the scores helping our maths.

During our lesson different houses tried to get the highest score so we could get more points in our houses and add an element of competition.

Everyone tried their hardest, the students that competed were a mixture of different abilities and all the houses, but all of the students were fantastic.

Later we had a game of 101. We had three attempts with three darts to get the score as close to 0. We had to count from 101 and the first person to get 0 won the game.

Here are some comments from the students.

Blaze: "Before we played darts I didn't really want to take part because it was a boring game and silly game but when I took part I wanted to play again."

Montana Cooke and Blaze Jessop: