

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

### Our report on the Year 7 Gifted and Talented Shine Trip to the University of York

The group of Year 7 Gifted and Talented students went to University of York for a day of learning and fun on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2016. Our high achievement in Maths and English enabled us to take part in this trip.

When we arrived at the university, an ambassador led us through to the Main Hall. For all of us, it was a joyous experience. We were ecstatic about this trip because the majority of us had never been to the University of York before.

For a few minutes, the ambassadors allowed us to help ourselves to biscuits and juice. While we were eating, it was apparent that other schools from across the country had joined us for this event.

After that, we were escorted to a different room where we had to sit next to the table with the colour that was on our stickers. This enabled us to work with people from other schools; we'd never been with them before!

One of the students introduced herself and the other ambassadors went through a brief overview of the day.

The activities that we took part in included The A-Z of University and Steps to reach University. These were games about thinking of words that would fit into a vocabulary alphabet and sorting the steps to reach University that involved logical thinking.

Shortly after, we were taken outside with our individual ambassadors to take a tour around the University while completing an activity on the landmarks of the campus.

After lunch, we made and presented a poster for different Universities in the country to different staff who were with us during the trip. Before we knew it, prizes were given out for the Most Enthusiastic Pupil, goodie bags were handed out and it was time to leave. All of us enjoyed everything (I particularly enjoyed the tour) and couldn't wait to come here again.

**By Seth Aglanao**

### Celebrating success

We have received some very exciting news during the first half of our summer term.

As a school we use a programme called Renaissance Learning to support literacy and numeracy within the curriculum. I'm sure many students have been sharing information at home that they have achieved Master class status recently.

This is incredibly challenging and most of our classes have achieved this for the Accelerated Reader program. With many reaching the same status for the Accelerated Maths program.

Students have been making incredible progress with both their literacy and numeracy results using the Renaissance Learning programme. This has gained The Boulevard Academy national and international recognition.

The Boulevard Academy has been awarded Master School status for Accelerated Maths and Accelerated Reader. This means students have achieved the gold standards (for making optimum progress) over a period of twenty five weeks or longer. This is very difficult to achieve and for so many students to achieve this is staggering. We are thrilled!

Master school has never been awarded before in the United Kingdom for recognition in numeracy. We are the only school to ever achieve this!

As for Accelerated Reader there is only one other school in the United Kingdom who have achieved this status.

This has taken considerable effort from our students and the staff who support them so closely with their progress. Congratulations to all involved it is an incredible honour to gain these awards. Keep up the hard work.

### Girls Football Semi-Final Boulevard vs Lambert

On the date of 18th April a set of amazing girl footballers from the The Boulevard Academy, from year 7 and 8 played against Malet Lambert School in the Semi Final football match.

We played tremendously well using our skills we had learnt in lessons and training. Even though we lost 13:0 to Lambert we never gave up and we carried on no matter what happened.

As we joined the team we barely knew each other ,however, we got to know each other fast and we socialised well. Additionally, we helped each other by encouraging and supporting one another in how to improve and we made a big improvement over the match.

The experience playing in the team and getting to the semi finals was just fantastic and that was all thanks to Miss Lidster and the teamwork from every player.

We have thoroughly enjoyed working together and look forward in developing as a team in future games.

**By Lariana & Nicola**

### Year 7 Defeated in Plate Semi Final

The Year 7 boys' football team narrowly missed out on a place in the Hull Schools Plate Final after a 4-1 defeat away to Kelvin Hall. Twelve students took part in the football, we all had a great game and we never gave up. Sadly Kelvin scored the first goal, but that didn't stop us from fighting back, Kelvin scored two goals on the counter attack to go 3-0 ahead.

As the game went on, Boulevard managed to find their feet and Jay set up Marko for him to score. It was 3-1 and Boulevard pushed to get more goals to put pressure on Kelvin. As Boulevard pushed forward they missed a glorious chance to make it 3-2 when Kelvin's star keeper made an excellent save when it was 3 on 1.

Unfortunately, as Boulevard pushed forward, Kelvin scored a breakaway goal to make it 4-1 and a score that the team didn't deserve. The boys were all proud as we made it to the semi-final and we all had a great year of football. We are all looking forward to coming back stronger in year 8.

**By Marko and Jay**



### Hull FC Interview

On Monday 25th April, a small amount of Year 7's, 8's & 9's were chosen to interview two Hull FC Players: Steve Michaels and Harry Tyson-Wilson. The students were selected for their good behaviour, attitude and effort in lessons. Students were told, the week before, to write a few questions ready for the day. Many pupils asked questions like: 'What inspired you to Hull FC?', 'What clubs did you go to when you were younger?' and 'Do you think we will stay in the Top 4 until the end of the season?'

All of the students were intrigued and amazed to see the players. Overall, the interview went smoothly and we were happy. It was great to see some of the top players coming into school and hear their stories, especially Steven Michaels with his stories from his time in Australia.

**By Dean Denton**



### Year 7 Boys Rugby v Malet Lambert

The Year 7 boys played their Hull Schools Rugby League fixture on 20/4/16 against Malet Lambert. Unfortunately we lost to a very strong team, going down 36 points to 6. Our team captain was Will Simpson and a group of fourteen Year 7 boys played the Year 7 boys first rugby game.

Kye Mitchell scored and converted Boulevard's first ever try ensuring that the Boulevard didn't go home without a score. Some great tackles were put in by Jack Gibbs, Kye Mitchell , Jack Blakely and Will Simpson.

The man of the match was Kye Mitchell, who supported the team and helped the players who were playing their first ever rugby game. In attack Will and Jack put in some strong runs but the Malet defence was too strong. Lewis Newton passed the ball about with all the centres and wingers but the experienced team were able to deal with it.

All the boys were really happy with their performance and are ready to work on their tackling to improve.

**By Jack Gibbs and Lewis Newton**