

February 2015 Newsletter



The Holocaust Memorial Day

On the 27th of January 2015 a group of students visited the Guild Hall for The Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Once we arrived everyone who attended got given a stone to take into the hall. We had to put them underneath a candle, they represented people who had died in The Holocaust.

Hull's Lady Mayor said some words about her visit to Auschwitz. Later, Julia Kinch, the granddaughter of Iby Knill (an Auschwitz survivor herself) gave a speech about her grandmother and about how she only discovered her family's past once she was in college. Prior to this she'd had no idea she was related to someone who escaped the Holocaust.

Then we listened to a string trio perform some sacred music so we could reflect on what we had learned. The music was very inspiring.

Next a 6th form student gave a speech about what would have happened had the Germans won WW2. It made us realise and think about the possibilities. It was very thought-provoking.

To close the ceremony, a small choir sang some poems and hymns. They were very emotional, and the evening was closed with a representative of the Jewish community, reading a prayer in Hebrew.

By Georgia Leigh and Jessica Tandey

The Execution of Thomas Doughty

Dear Diary

I never thought a friend would betray someone like that especially betraying their boss, their master, their leader, their captain. I thought Thomas Doughty was different, I thought he was more intelligent than that, but he wasn't, he isn't. Killing my friend is painful but I can't let someone free after betraying me; it would affect my reputation. I did let him have dinner with me the night before his execution. There we talked and talked and we wouldn't stop.

The next day it was the day where I had to be strong be really strong and be clever. He was my friend but also my enemy, now he will have to pay. I know he never liked me, he was jealous of me because I was always better than him. It was time now. Thomas laid his head on a tree trunk and I stood next to him while the others standing behind me. Then the sword went up in the air and cut through Thomas' neck. Blood spat out of him like a waterfall. It was so disgusting I felt as if I was going to be sick but I couldn't I had to stay strong or I would let myself down. I had to pretend nothing happened. I had to move on and get the money for my country. I'll be a hero one day and I won't need Thomas Doughty. Never.

By Larisa Sasaran



National Storytelling Week

National Storytelling week began on January 31st and to mark the event, students at The Academy were regaled with tales of derring-do, high jinks, mystery and adventure by a "Visitor from the Past". Our visitor, a sailor by profession, told stories about the many strange sights witnessed by those aboard The Golden Hind, a ship captained by Sir Francis Drake in the late 1580s. The visitor described clashes between Drake's men and Spanish-speaking natives, executions and shootings, caches of gold coins, buried skeletons and giant tree-climbing crabs. He showed students how to navigate the high seas using simple 16th Century equipment, how to map their paths according to the stars, how to measure their speed and progress. He also described the horrors of life on board for ordinary sailors including the foul drinking water and the ships' biscuits, riddled with weevils – "best eaten after dark, when you can't see them wriggling around!"

After listening in rapt amazement with a mixture of horror and surprise, students set to work to compose their own stories to be compiled in our very own Academy Anthology. Here is a selection of their impressive and imaginative writing.

Dark Story Telling

It all started on that day. The news caught us then we were thrown in the pit of darkness; prison. I don't understand why though. Wait, before I tell you my opinion you should know how we got into prison with my gal pal Ellie.

It was August 2012 when Ellie was watching the news.

"Hey, come listen to what the news is saying," shouted Ellie.

News just in. A number of retail establishments have reported confectionary being stolen from their premises. We stared at the television in shock horror. I was worried about if someone found out we were shoplifting. We couldn't help it though. All the confectionary deserved to be ours so we agreed on an agenda to take all the confectionary that was taken off us when we were younger.

"This is a disaster," I whispered.

"I know. How are we gonna' sort this out?" Replied Ellie with a shiver in her voice.

By Savanna Cartledge 7JMC

Mysterious Painting!

"Catch," Shannon yelled as she threw the ball to Maisy.

"I got it," Maisy shouted as she fell to the ground only just catching the ball.

Shannon was the kind of girl who loves to be funny, but on the other hand you have Maisy, the fabulous and elegant dancer. There was also Chloe, who loved to be the centre of attention and Olivia, the very fashionable one who always loved to look nice then there was Ellie, the very intelligent one, and last but not least there was Molly, the one who always made every one smile. These friends are like peas in a pod and they always do everything together.

The girls were in the park one day playing with a tennis ball with small, glittering snowflakes shimmering all around them when Ellie slipped over. Then suddenly, in the middle of the field there was an ancient, battered, wooden door hidden under the thick, white snow.

"What is that you're next to Chloe?" Olivia muttered.

By Shannon Gabriel 7RWA



We would like to remind our families that we have a Healthy Eating policy at the Academy. As such we believe that what a child eats has a direct bearing on their ability to concentrate and learn.

Parents are reminded that we do allow students to consume fizzy carbonated drinks or energy drinks on the school site. Also as all students are required to eat all meals and snacks in the academy dining room rather than in classrooms, corridors or the playground, we are able to monitor the consumption of chocolates, sweets and crisps.

I know that families will appreciate that we will share with them if we believe that their child is eating too much of the wrong kind of snack.

Incidentally, if parents wish to know what their child has paid for to eat at the school kitchen then it is possible for us to provide you with a report via our Parent Pay cashless card system. Mrs Jude, Student Services Manager would be delighted to help with this in the first instance.

In the meantime we appreciate your support in helping to establish healthy eating habits at the Academy.



Hull FC Multi Sport Performance Day Friday 20th February

The Hull FC Youth Performance Team are offering students of The Boulevard Academy an opportunity to attend a free sporting performance day during half term. The event will take place between 10am-12pm on Friday 20th February at the Hull FC Youth Performance Centre, Pickering Road, Hull, HU4 7AE.

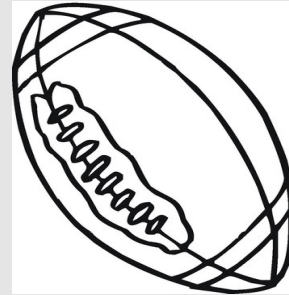
Students will take part in a range of physical and skill related activities offering students the opportunities to have fun and play sport during the half term break. Students will require both indoor and outdoor attire (trainers, boots, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, jumper/jacket and a drink.

The event is free of charge and open to all students of the Boulevard Academy to attend. If you are wishing to attend the event or require more information please contact Richard Tate at richard.tate@hullfc.com or phone 01482 327200 to confirm your attendance.

5 a-side Girls' Football

On the 26th of January some of the year 8 girls went to the Airco Arena to play 5 a-side football. We played three matches all together. We played against the Sirius Academy, Andrew Marvell and Mallet Lambert. We lost to Sirius 5-0. We lost to Andrew Marvell 2-0. We also lost to Mallet Lambert 1-0. We didn't have enough time to play our last match against St. Marys, but none of this put us off.

The girls who played were: Yazmyn Poulton, Caitlin Pearson, Georgia Leigh, Morgan Toft, Jessica Tandey, Myomie Carter, Lillie-Mae Preston and Captain Sophie Hickson. We may not have done well but we are still proud of our other team members, because they all did brilliantly and put in a lot of effort. Our P.E. teacher Miss Gay said, "The team did exceptionally well and I'm so proud of them!" Also the player of the match Sophie Hickson said, "We might not have done well but we tried our best and put a lot of effort in."



Hull FC Fanbassador programme

The Boulevard Academy is proud to be part of the Hull FC Fanbassador programme which offers discount tickets to family and friends of the Boulevard Academy. Tickets are available for all Hull FC home games with prices from £15 per adult when purchasing two junior tickets at £5 each. Tickets can be purchased from The TryPod at St Stephens or by emailing tom.gooch@hullfc.com quoting the code BOULEVARD.

A promotional poster for the Hull FC Fanbassadors programme. The poster features the Hull FC logo and the text 'FANBASSADORS supporting junior rugby league'. It lists benefits: '50% OFF JUNIOR TICKETS!', 'EARN REWARDS FOR YOUR CLUB', 'SPECIAL OFFER TICKETS', and 'GET MONEY-CAN'T-BUY PRIZES'. It also shows a player in a Hull FC kit. At the bottom, it states '2 JUNIOR TICKETS PER ADULT' and 'EXCLUSIVE PRICE £15 ADULTS £5 JUNIORS' using the code 'BOULEVARD'. The text at the bottom reads: 'GET YOUR TICKETS FROM THE TRYPOD AT ST STEPHEN'S OR BY EMAILING TOM.GOOCH@HULLFC.COM'.