



ABBOTSHOLME

AN EDUCATION FOR LIFE

Weekly Newsletter ~ *keeping you 'in touch'*

Tuesday 25 June 2019

News

Clip 'n' Climb

Years 1 & 2 have been stepping out of their comfort zones at Clip 'n' Climb. They have challenged themselves, using harnesses and working at height on different types of climbing wall. This is the culmination of their sessions with Mr Lisk at Rockholme, the school's climbing wall. They really enjoyed the trip and showed great skill and balance.



International Exams

Saturday was the culmination of a year's study in EAL for many of Abbotsholme's international students.

A group of Year 9 students travelled to Leicester to sit the Cambridge PET exam. It was a gruelling day, spanning the morning and afternoon, with test papers in all four language skills: reading, writing, listening and paired speaking. The students had a welcome break at lunchtime, taking advantage of the sunshine and eating their packed lunches in the fresh air.

The Year 12 students who have spent the year preparing for the IELTS university access exam travelled to the Birmingham centre to sit their papers. They had a very early start and did not arrive back at Abbotsholme until late afternoon, having completed their reading, writing, listening and individual speaking tests.

Having worked so hard on exam preparation previously and exam practice this term, it was a relief to all of us to return home knowing that the exam course was over. Mrs Parry has promised a week of word games and video worksheets in class as a reward.



Results will be out at the end of term but all the EAL students should be proud of the effort they have put in for their international exams. Well done!

Cadbury World

Year 10 Business Studies and Geography students travelled to Cadbury's World Bournville, Birmingham on Monday 24 June. The story of Cadbury's supply chain was then told from cocoa bean farming to the manufacturing and distribution of their broad product range around the world. Students got to sample different chocolate bars, have a go at writing their names in chocolate and finally attempted to temper chocolate. It became very apparent how much skill and talent chocolatiers possess. The students were shown how Cadbury was founded and how it changed ownership types through the years starting out as a

Prep School had a visit from Colin Baxter from Uttoxeter library. He showed all the children the forthcoming **Summer Reading Challenge** which commences in local libraries from 13 July. This year the theme is as it is the 50th anniversary of the moon landings. Children need to read 6 books that they can take out for free from their local library to acquire stickers for their sticker booklet. Once all 6 books have been completed, each child is awarded a certificate, medal and space bracelet. I hope that lots of our children will participate this year and keep reading lots of different books over the summer holidays.



Abbotsholme pupil Izzie did extremely well at the **Royal Cheshire County Show**. She won national classes and led the Grand parade on the last day with her Champion calf. Isla even managed to get in on the act as well by leading the parade. A tiring but fab couple of days.



sole trader, moving to a partnership and then expanding further into a private limited company and now a public limited company. Before we left the chocolate factory we had a lecture linking in Cadbury to Geography and Business Studies. There were strong links to Human Resource Management throughout the day. Cadbury were and are an excellent employer, who value and look after their members of staff. However it is inevitable that as automation and technology continue to advance the number of workers has been reduced on the production line. It is an interesting case study in terms of business location. At the moment, Cadbury operate three different factories and they accept it themselves that it would be far more efficient to have all areas of manufacturing on one site. However, commitment to their Bournville home is ever present with new investment in research and development plus the worry about negatively impacting on their brand image if they moved. I hope this trip will stick in our student's minds and give them a real life experience to discuss in their essays which will improve their understanding, analysis and evaluation ultimately leading to a better grade.



Year 12 **Biologists** have carried out an ecological study at Ainsdale Sands, the site of Britain's largest natural dune system, an SSSI. Transects, quadrats, pH testing, plant identification and practising biological drawing techniques. They used statistical tests to calculate the biodiversity of Grey Dunes and a Wet Slacks. After lunch we then drove to Formby point an institu conservation project where we were lucky enough to spot native Red Squirrels. On such a lovely day we even treated ourselves to an ice cream!



Gold DofE ~ Canoe

Year 12 arrived safely in the Highlands and stayed at Kinlochleven on Sunday evening. They fuelled up with chilli, ready for the week ahead and packed everything including the kitchen sink into dry bags for the journey ahead!



On Monday, Day 1 ~ the launch from Gairloch was sheltered but once on Loch Lochy the group had to contend with a difficult head wind. The group made the decision to set up camp after slow progress. However, spirits are high and the weather report promises sun and less wind as the week progresses!



Year 12 students attended a workshop and presentation from Edge Hill University helping and preparing them to write an effective personal statement. This is sometimes the difference between being offered a place or not at university so it is vital that students write a relevant personal statement demonstrating their passion for their chosen field of study as well as what skills and aptitudes they have to offer that university.

Students were split into teams and asked to sort through cards firstly linked to what they thought was most important to include in your personal statement and then secondly, what skills they have and how they can effectively demonstrated this skill using the STAR (situation, task, action, result) technique within their personal statement. All pupils now have a good idea of what to include and must complete a first draft by Friday 28 June so they can sit their mock interviews on the 2 & 3 July.



Equestrian

On Wednesday 19 June, the Equestrian Centre had a demo from Clare Ellam an Equine Physiotherapist. She showed the girls certain signs to look for in a comfortable horse and a horse in discomfort and helped them to loosen off muscles.



Boarding

On Friday evening the Boarders had the chance to swim. On Saturday after shopping in Uttoxeter and Derby, which was another nice day, boarders decided to swim again which was followed by a chip shop supper where houses ate together.

On Sunday we went to 'Really Retro 2019', the Midlands number one and fastest growing static Retro and Classic car show! RR19 will celebrate five years of retro and classic car goodness on the World War 2 air strip in the heart of Staffordshire. Students brought model cars or personal number plates, ate candy floss and ice cream.

On Sunday afternoon boarders decided to make their own food from scratch ranging from a mean chicken korma to a full Chinese's meal.



The **APA** would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make our summer ball last Saturday a truly fantastic night. Blessed with sunshine for our welcome drinks, delicious food, beautiful marquee, great company and brilliant entertainment, we can't wait to set the date for our next one! Final fundraising results will be announced in due course.



Notices

APA News

Should you have any uniform that your child no longer needs please could you bring it to school and leave in reception for the attention of Michelle Taylor and the APA will ensure it's all washed and labels removed and ready for sale (if necessary).

Similarly if you need any "previously loved" uniform please contact Michelle on 07731 952762 and the APA/Michelle can get it to you same day if in stock.

Many thanks for supporting us
Abbotsholme APA

Young Farmers

ABBOTSHOLME
YFC

Join us for our annual fund raising dinner

Monday 1st July
6:30pm - 9pm
Abbotsholme School - Front lawn.
Members £20
Non members £23

Enjoy food, fun and games
as we celebrate our club
information contact
beth.brown@abbotsholme.yfc.org.uk

A purple poster with a white background for the text. At the top, it says "ABBOTSHOLME YFC" in white. Below that is a small photo of two sheep. The main text is in black, and there is a red line of text at the bottom. The poster has a decorative border of small white dots.