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"another worthy performance"



Seventeen drama students (years 9-11) performed a National Theatre performance of [BLANK] by Alice Birch on 23rd April 2018 in King's Lynn.

Alice Birch is a BAFTA nominated and award winning playwright, and our production of [BLANK] is the first ever to be done in this area.

The play is based upon the lives of children who have been displaced, affected and caught up by/within the criminal justice system.

The play is honest, hard hitting and sensitive. As such, it is only suitable for thirteen year olds and upwards.

Schools, sixth form colleges & theatre companies from all over the UK and beyond apply to have the opportunity to be involved in the festival. Last year, we once again applied to be part of the festival and were again successful and last month's performances were the culmination of that process. In total approximately 300 – 400 companies take part in the festival.

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Monday 23rd April - 7pm - King Lynn Arts Centre - 27 Colville - Box Office 01553 74664 - www.kinglynnartscentre.co.uk





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Prior to performing at the theatres, the actors also delivered one further performance at the school, this was watched by a visiting director from the National Theatre. The feedback we received from the visiting director was great and confirmed to us that what we had created was another strong performance.

Rehearsals originally began in December of last year and with the text in hand, we had to put together a performance of a very demanding play that consisted of interchangeable scenes. The play had no story, no characters and no stage directions! Slowly but surely, the piece came together and a performance started to take shape. Along the way we had also a number of weekend rehearsals to ensure the standard of work we produced was high.

Five months of hard work was rewarded with wonderful feedback from audience members, directors, other festival groups and theatre managers alike. We received high praise for our professionalism, command of text and imaginative interpretation of the play. Everyone that came into contact with our company remarked on how positive and united the group were (a very important factor in good performance work).

When we went to Norwich to perform, we had the opportunity to watch other companies perform their plays and take part in a voice workshop. After doing so, we eventually went on stage at 7.15pm. As always, our actors were amazing and delivered a performance that could happily grace any stage.





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To say I am proud of our actors is an understatement. Throughout the process they have demonstrated wonderful preparation and performance standards and have been superb representatives of St Clement's.

The adventure may not be over just yet, the National Theatre will select eight companies to perform once more at the National Theatre in London. Our fingers are crossed!

Whatever happens, it has been an amazing journey for our 17 actors who began rehearsals barely knowing each other and ended up great friends. All of our actors (and Daniel Robinson, our amazing lighting man!) should be very proud of all that they have achieved.

Many thanks to the ever wonderful Mrs Schwarz for her choreography and directing support with the piece, which made a real difference to many key moments.

Thank you (from everyone involved in [BLANK]) to everyone that came to support the actors (at the Drama Studio performance, Arts Centre & Norwich Playhouse) it really meant a lot to us to have you there. A special thanks to Miss Bates and Mr Falco for their brilliant work on our props and set which made such a difference to the production, and Mr Bennell, who created a fantastic poster for the piece.

Lastly, we would like to thank Mr Willingham for once again supporting the project from the very start and allowing St Clement's performers the opportunity to participate in such a high profile event. It was an experience they will never forget and we're pretty sure we've again left a great impression on the National Theatre too!

Our students have demonstrated what makes St Clement's the great school it is, and I am immensely thankful and proud of all that they have contributed and achieved.

Mr Schwarz

Drama Department





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Here at St Clement's, we are very proud of our Drama students and are always keen to discover what they do beyond their time with us. Last Year, ex-student Amy Thorpe secured a place at one of the best Drama schools in the country, Rose Bruford College, studying European Theatre, which is a three year acting degree course.

If that wasn't amazing enough, this year, ex-student Esther Jones has also just been accepted at Rose Bruford College to study Theatre Design (also a three year degree course). Esther was still interviewing for other top Drama Schools (such as Royal Central School of Speech and Drama) when we got the news of her success.

If Esther does decide Rose Bruford is the place for her, I think we will be the only school in the country that will have two of our past students studying at Rose Bruford College at the same time.

Here are some interesting facts:



The man that won the 'Best Actor' Oscar this year was Gary Oldman, for his portrayal of Winston Churchill. He is an ex-student of Rose Bruford College. We're expecting Amy and Esther to be winning similar awards.

Did you know, more people apply for Drama School degrees than Oxford and Cambridge. That shows you just how well Amy and Esther have done.

We are very proud of both Amy and Esther and wish them every success in the future.

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New York New York

New York 2018

Owing to the fact that there are so many moments I could share with you about our time in New York and not wanting to completely take over the newsletter, I shall try to be concise share a few of the key highlights of the trip.

This was our second venture out to the Big Apple and just like the first, it didn't disappoint. We left fairly early on a fresh February morning and made our way to Heathrow. The flight to New York was a very smooth and pleasant affair (nice seats, always helps!) Once in New York, we were off to our hotel, The Courtyard Chelsea Manhattan!



We were not long in our hotel when we were out for our evening meal at the Heartland Brewery Restaurant, which is situated under the Empire State building. Then we went all the way up the Empire State to take in a great view of New York City:



After a well-earned rest, we began the day (as we did every day) at our much loved American diner, Mama Sbarro's. Breakfast done, we made our way downtown on the subway to catch a ferry over to Liberty Island and The Statue of Liberty herself:





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Then we were off to our first Drama workshop on 8th Avenue. The workshop was a fun improvisation session that ended with us meeting a member of the cast from the Broadway show, 'Come From Away'. Q Smith plays 'Hannah' in the show, which tells the story of how people from across the world were thrown together under the backdrop of 9/11. It was great talking to Q and hearing about her work on the show and her life in theatre:



This was a very special trip for our students and gave everybody a memorable and valuable life experience.



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On Wednesday 9th May 2018 Mrs Manning , Mr Williamson and myself took a group of Year 8 students on a pilgrimage to Walsingham. The weather was beautiful and we had a wonderful morning walking the holy mile and learning about the history of the site. After a picnic lunch in the Shrine gardens we moved into the Shrine building itself and experienced the rest of the pilgrimage a Christian would complete.

The pupils were incredibly well behaved and were a joy to spend the day with. The staff at Walsingham commented on how lovely they all were.





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Why is it a place of Pilgrimage?

The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was established in 1061 when, according to the text of the Pynson Ballad (c 1485), Richeldis de Faverches prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady. In answer to her prayer, the Virgin Mary led her in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the house where the Annunciation occurred, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham to serve as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation.

This Holy House was built and a religious community took charge of the foundation. Although we have very little historical material from this period, we know that with papal approval the Augustinian Canons built a Priory (c 1150). Walsingham became one of the greatest Shrines in Medieval Christendom.



Above: In the Anglican Shrine there are many plaques from people who have been there and have prayed for intervention, and miracles have happened. I prayed for the Year 11s who are taking their GCSE exams over the next few weeks. I am hoping for divine intervention!





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28th March 2018

A Representative from Easton & Otley provided a interactive session based on some of the courses that the college runs.

To start off we had to guess what profession the mystery article belonged to. The most bizarre was a small 'gun like' instrument which was for applying a beak protector for pheasants, used by game keepers.

The students were also given a brief outline of several occupations such animal care, construction, floristry, horticulture, tree surgery, agricultural engineering and sports.

As the photos show they also has some very realistic 'wounded dogs' to apply bandages to. This particular activity caused some hilarity as you can imagine.





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1914-1918



St Clement's History Department:

WWI Battlefields Tour (France & Belgium) 2018:

The Importance of this topic can never be underestimated, least not this year, being the 100th anniversary since the end of the Great War. The armistice was signed at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month 1918.

As Super Learning Day (March 2018) approached; the excitement for our 70 historians from Year 8 and 10 grew. A quick goodbye to parents and carers and we were off. We picked up our guides at Maidstone service station then boarded the Eurotunnel to France. There was a buzz as we entered France, particularly for those who hadn't been out the country before and this continued as we followed the footsteps of our soldiers 100 years earlier. Our first stop in Belgium at 11:30am saw us relax and refresh with a drink before a museum tour and walk through a trench system.

Following this first activity before we set off for our next part of the adventure, we had the obligatory museum stop with the standard 'bullet on a chain' purchase! So far, the weather hadn't dampened our spirits (In actual fact, it helped set the context of the fighting in this part of Belgium with the Battle of Passchendaele being famous for its swampy and flooded conditions!).

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We then arrived at our first cemetery, which of course isn't the most fun part, but incredibly important to give us some scale to the war. Our students looked, listened and reflected in a very mature and sensitive way asking Dickie and Beth (our guides) some excellent questions and hearing their insights into the Great War. We were introduced to individuals from the War and hearing their stories at their grave stones made the experience all the more poignant.





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We then made our way to a German cemetery and heard some stories about the other side, which were observed with exactly the same respect and manners. The German cemetery was very different than the British Commonwealth cemeteries, there was a more gothic, darker presentation of their fallen troops.



There was one really important part of our trip that probably carries the most significant message and that is the 'Last Post' Ceremony at the Menin Gate. This ceremony takes place at 8pm EVERY night and has done for at least 70+ years (there was a 5 year gap during WW2 where it took place in England) and is performed by volunteers and the fire service. We selected 3 students to represent St. Clement's High School to lay a wreath following the service. They performed brilliantly in front of a few thousand people.



Day two began early with a continental breakfast and a room check! We then set off for France and a day on the Somme, the sight of Britain's most severe military damages in one day in our history.

The picture to the left shows a giant crater that was made by mining and blowing up the German stronghold of the Somme's high ground. The impact and sheer size of the Battle of the Somme and WWI could be seen as far as the eye could see and having the locations of the Trenches for both sides being portrayed really made Trench Warfare very clear, particularly as we walked through what would have been 'No man's land'.





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Our next stop was 'Newfoundland Memorial Park' which was where the Canadians had been located on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916. As we walked through the 'communication trenches' to the 'frontline trench' we were literally following the footsteps of the soldiers as they prepared to go 'over the top'. The scars of the Trenches were clear to see in the landscape and environment. We stood and looked at the exact location and the exact view these soldiers would have faced as they stepped up and out of their trenches to imminent death. It was even more moving and sad to learn that there are still the remains of 200-300 soldiers in this land that have not yet been discovered.



Our final activity before we set off for home was the Thiepval Memorial at the Somme which lists all of the soldiers who were never found. This was incredibly moving and again to see the scale of death in this war was a particularly poignant way to end our tour of the Battlefields.

A very powerful message given to us here was that tonight, we get to go home!

More pictures can be seen at the Gallery <http://www.stchistory.com/wwwbattle.html>, on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/stchistory or on our Twitter feed @stchistory



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Party for Readers!

On Thursday the 3rd May; twenty year sevens attended a celebratory party held in the school LRC.

The twenty students were selected because they had read the highest number of books over a period of seven months and a student was picked from each class whose reading has improved the most. Year 7 has been taking part in the reading scheme Accelerated Reader which produces data that calculates how much each student has read and understood. The party is a small gesture to reward the students' endeavours and perhaps spur on other students who would like to attend the next party.

The scheme has been adopted to elevate all Year 7s reading ages. Overall the raw data is providing good evidence that the majority of the students have already increased their reading ages.

The students were treated to pizza and chocolate cake plus other sweet treats.

When most of the food had been demolished we had a short fun quiz.

The whole English Department and librarians are so impressed with these individuals efforts.

Well Done All!





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SPORT RELIEF; once again the student body show fantastic support for Sport Relief and despite the original date for the sport relief mile being cancelled due to poor weather, it went ahead at the start of this term and saw the

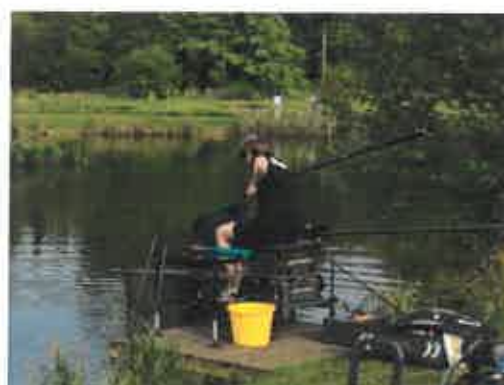
school raise a fantastic **£2262.93** The highest fund raisers were as follows:-

1. James Cook £78.50 2. Dylan Hipperson £42.00 3. Libby Edwards & Ellie Hemming £35.00

FISHING; this term has seen the school hold its own fishing match and compete in the West Norfolk Schools' competition. The 2 hour 15 minute in-house match held at Narborough was a great success with several large catches for a short match. The top five are shown below; -

POSITION	NAME	CATCH SIZE
1 ST	LIAM WAGG	97lb 12oz
2 ND	HOLLIE HANSED	70lb 7oz
3 RD	ARTHUR KNIGHT	32lb 3oz
4 TH	HARVEY OUGHTON	14lb 12oz
5 TH	JACOB ELY	9lb 10oz

The school entered two teams in the West Norfolk event. The team of Jacob Ely, Lewis Ellis and Emy Archer finished fourth overall while Liam Wagg, Arthur Knight & Harvey Oughton were the overall winners & crowned West Norfolk Champions. They will now go on to represent West Norfolk in the county final at Barford Lakes on 19th June. Liam Wagg landed the biggest catch with 62lb 8oz, while Arthur Knight had the fourth best catch with 24lb 5oz and Emy Archer in 5th with 24lb 4oz.



We hope to have one more match towards the end of the summer term when students are paired with parent/carer/ adult and fish together. For those interested, more information will follow after half term!!



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EBBL BASKETBALL TRIP; 30 St Clement students combined with Springwood High School on a very successful trip to the O2 Arena to watch the English Basketball League Men's & Women's Play-off Finals. The crowd was entertained with the highest level of basketball in two excellent matches along with acrobatic dunking team during the Intervals. It is hoped that this will experience will provide the momentum for students to engage in school basketball!!



On Saturday 21st April, 27 students and 4 staff went to watch a Netball Super League match at Leicester arena. It was the first match after the mid-season break (for the commonwealth games). It was a very high standard of netball and a close match between local rivals resulting in a 54-41 win for Loughborough Lightning over Benecos Mavericks. The match opened our students eyes to this level of netball and has hopefully inspired them to improve their own game.

After enjoying the match our students waited to meet the team - meeting all of the Loughborough players including some of those who were at the Commonwealth Games; Beth Cobden (Gold Medalist for England), Shamera Sterling (Bronze Medalist for Jamaica) and Peace Proscovia (Flag bearer for Uganda).





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ATHLETICS; There has been good attendance to club with a wide range of events being practiced in anticipation for the West Norfolk Athletics. The WN Athletics was on Friday 18th May and saw a sunny and successful day to be had. We took approximately 60 students to this event, including a few leaders to help Mr Osler run the Shot Put. We filled nearly every event, which helps us gain a good number of points in the competition. There were 13 students that came either 1st or 2nd in their event meaning that they are through to the next round, the Norfolk event and will represent West Norfolk in their event(s).

The students through were; Arthur Knight (Discus), Harvey Counsell (1500m & Shot), Taylor Rust (Discus), Abi-lou Page (Discus), Trinity Tokaji (1500m), Ben Carter (300m), Ollie Collison (200m), Jamie Ellis (High Jump), Harvey Hemming (200m), Ruby Schwarz (100m & 200m), Jessie Pack (Discus), Liam Clare (100m), Will Penfold (100m). Please wish them luck!

Along with students success in getting through to the next round there were also some new school records set. Keep up the hard work and get practicing for Inter-house Athletics and Sports day!



ROUNDERS; The rounders season has started with good attendance at club, especially for yr10. It's been lovely to see a few new faces along, as well as the old faithful's, some of which have gained player of the match already. All teams have had one or two matches with some close matches and a few wins to get the season going. There are many more matches to come and let's hope for a successful rest of the season.

SPORTS LEADERS; Again, our Yr10 sports leaders have set a positive example helping at afterschool clubs both at our school and at Terrington Primary. They have also done the school proud at the Terrington Cluster Tri-Golf competition resulting in them being asked to also help out at the West Norfolk Tri-Golf competition and then again being asked to help at the Terrington cluster Kwik cricket competition.





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COMING UP:

The remainder of the Rounders' season

Cricket club – to start up after half term for all those that posted interest and any others that want to come along. A cricket specialist from Marshland is going to be with us for 4 weeks, make the most of this opportunity to play some matches and work towards your half/full colours.

Inter house Athletics and Sports Day – Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th June

Schools Athletics county round – Thursday 21st June

School Team photos – order forms will be ready to collect soon

PE Presentation Evening – Thursday 5th July
Invites will be coming out soon for those that are involved; we look forward to celebrating your achievements!



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MAY HALF TERM YEAR 11 REVISION PROGRAMME 2018

TIME	MON 28/05/18	TUE 29/5/18	WED 30/5/18	THUR 1/6/18	FRI 2/6/18
9-10am	M A Y B A N K H O L I D A Y	Maths Rm 19-22 SBR	English Rm 8-12 PBR	History Rm 25, AMA/HNO Geography Rm 24, BWI /JBR	Science LI-3, EBE Music RM 18 JKE
10-11am		Maths Rm 19-22 SBR	English Rm 8-12 PBR	History Rm 25, AMA/HNO Geography Rm 24, BWI /JBR	Science LI-3, EBE Music RM 18 JKE
11-12pm		Maths Rm 19-22 SBR	English Rm 8-12 PBR	History Rm 25, AMA/HNO Geography Rm 24, BWI /JBR	Science LI-3, EBE Music RM 18 JKE
12-1pm			English Rm 8-12 PBR	Geography Rm 24 BWI/JBR	Science LI-3, EBE Music RM 18 JKE
1-2pm			English Rm 8-12 PBR	Geography Rm 24 BWI/JBR	Science LI-3, EBE Music RM 18 JKE
2-3pm			English Rm 8-12 PBR	Geography Rm 24 BWI/JBR	Science LI-3, EBE Music RM 18 JKE



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The exam season is on upon us and our Year 11 students are working harder than ever. Subject teachers are offering a full programme of booster revision sessions and I know the students appreciate this additional effort. Half term is no exception, with a comprehensive set of sessions being offered.

The end of last term saw our second Super Learning Day of the year. Year 8 students took part in a number of activities related to careers in preparation for choosing the subjects they wish to study at GCSE level. The Options Evening was extremely well attended and I'm grateful for the kind comments and positive feedback we received from parents. The students have taken their decisions very seriously. They have arrived on time to their options interviews and been very well prepared. They met the deadline to submit their choices and the process of planning timetables for next year is now underway.

This term has seen the publication of high school allocations for Year 6 students. We were flattered to be overwhelmed by an exceptionally high number of applications this year. We received approximately three applications for every two places available, this of course meant some people will have been disappointed not to get a place. The final decisions were made by an independent panel and I'd like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work. This means we are now oversubscribed in most year groups for next year.

I would also like to thank all the parents who have supported over our concerns about the school bus service. We suffered a particularly bad period of bus delays but since the media attention on this issue it has improved. We and the County Council will continue to monitor this situation closely.

Finally I must pay tribute to the fantastic work of the students involved in the drama production of "Blank". Once again the acting was very impressive and the commitment shown by the students was outstanding. The quality of the performance was well beyond what might be expected of high school students. Well done to Mr Schwarz and all the students.

We have many events to look forward to in final half term of the year, including the Art exhibition, the PE presentation evening, the French residential trip and the final Super Learning Day of the year. I hope everyone has a great half term and returns to school ready to tackle the final seven weeks of the academic year.

