



# WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School



## Dear Parents and Guardians

Despite the first half of this term being relatively short, we have been as busy as ever. Once again, the ski trip was very successful with some of the best conditions in recent years. As always, we are all so appreciative of the commitment made by Mr Breeton to making this run so smoothly.

The university application process is also almost at an end with a significant number of students in receipt of at least 5 offers. Mr Brittain and Mrs West are delighted with the high number of positive responses from university Admissions Tutors.

Thank you for all the support you continue to give us,

Andrew Stones,  
Head teacher

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## SUCCESS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As the cross-country season continues, so does the success of William Farr students. The following pupils all qualified to run in the regional championships held at the PGL centre in Caythorpe in February. Abigail Small, Gemma Barnsdale, Alice Barnsdale, Ellie Jackson, Laura Wass, Rebekah Ward, Frasier Cooke, Luke Sanders, Ryan Bond, Josh Parker and Lewis Richards. A special mention to Luke, Rebekah, Ryan and Lewis who have now qualified to run at the national championships in March. Pictured is Rebekah who placed 3rd in the regional finals.



The U18 basketball squad have been competing in the national league central pool for the second year in a row. With some hard fought matches William Farr took second place with emphatic wins over Loughborough and Bilborough Colleges. Captain Dale Stennett received player of the year for his outstanding performances. The U16 squad have won the district competition for the third consecutive year and the U14's were placed second. Pictured are the U18 team.



## PARENT SURGERY

Just a reminder that the Parent Surgery takes place every Tuesday from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm. It is an opportunity to meet with myself or another member of the Senior Team without appointment.

## SKI TRIP

This year's ski trip to Bormio in Italy was one of the most successful ever due in no small part to the exceptional snow conditions and good weather. By the end of the week, everyone had been to Bormio 3000, the local high peak and skied down to the town below. From the beginners who had never seen skis before to the more experienced advanced group, all had a good time. As Amelia Smith in Year 10 said, 'the experience of skiing is one that will stay with us a very long time. Speeding down the mountain was an adrenaline rush whilst at the same time new friends and relationships were built and cherished'.

Special mention must go to Sam Baxter who became poorly on arrival and was unable to ski at all. We all wish him well in his recovery.



## PARIS TRIP

On a Thursday morning, a group of year 13 French students set off for Paris on the Eurostar to attend two conferences (Friday afternoon and all day Saturday). After a walk round the Sacré- Coeur and Montmartre upon arrival, they enjoyed a 360 degree view of Paris by night from the top of the Tour Montparnasse. More sightseeing (and walking!) on Friday morning (Tour Eiffel, Notre-Dame and The Town Hall), before attending their first conference in French where they heard presentations from various French companies and took part in a debate about obesity and whether the state was responsible. The evening was spent at the theatre after a lovely meal and a stop at a very friendly "patisserie". The Saturday conference was entitled "Your Future in Europe". 1000 students attended at the Paris "Palais des Congrès" and listened to top politicians, journalists and business innovators, which gave everybody a lot of food for thought. Not a minute of the day or evening was lost and Saturday finished with a walk from the "Arc de Triomphe" down the Champs Elysées and a cruise on the Seine. A very enjoyable and thought provoking visit.



## CHARITY NEWS

11BES held a very successful cake bake where they raised £61 for Help the Heroes. Well done to them!

Plans are well underway for Red Nose Day. Students will be able to purchase Red Noses to wear on the day. There will be a non uniform, cake bake and giant twister for students to play along with music on the bandstand. All cake donations are very welcome.

Miss Lynn

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Once again, the local Relay For Life event will be held at William Farr. Families, friends, work colleagues and whole communities, can be part of a unique and inspirational fundraising opportunity which culminates in a 24 hour celebration giving the people of Lincolnshire the chance to remember and celebrate the lives of those touched by Cancer.

Over the year teams will register and hold various fundraising activities from cake bakes, tombola's, table top sales, treasure hunts and more. This is not a sponsored event!

Then they come together to raise awareness, remember and celebrate achievements over the year in a truly memorable 24hour event! Relay For Life Lincoln is as the name suggests a walking relay for teams – made up of families and friends and will take place on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July 2013. The best part of Relay for Life Lincoln is that anybody can join in, regardless of age or fitness level - you don't have to run, it's not just for girls, any age and ability can take part and you don't have to wear pink!

Whilst the event is in full swing, team members will take turns to walk around the track for the duration of the Relay. One thing is clear, that with every step you take you are helping to raise valuable funds for Cancer Research UK in the hope that one day we will beat cancer. This event now in its fourth year here in Lincolnshire, is organised by a group of local people and has over the last 3 years raised £130,000 for Cancer Research UK, which is amazing!

There will be lots of individuals, teams and community groups taking part in some way – it is not too late for you to get involved too!

If you would like to find out more about Relay for Life, Lincoln look at the website

[www.relayforlifelincoln.org.uk](http://www.relayforlifelincoln.org.uk)

or get in touch with Caroline Swindin ( Volunteer Event Chair 2013) 01673 866133 or come along to one of the team meeting nights – all start at 7.30pm at Welton Youth club in the grounds of William Farr School – dates as follows:

Thursday 7 March, 11 April, 2 May, 6 June, 4 July.



## CRICKET CHAMPIONS

As U12 Lincolnshire County Champions, our Year 7 (now Year 8) cricket team have gone through into the National Finals. We are part of the Midlands section and have been drawn against the Cambridgeshire County Champions Kings College School, Cambridge in an away fixture to be played before 10 May.

## MRS JANE PEARSON

We would like to say 'farewell' to Mrs Jane Person who has decided to leave us this term. After many years of loyal service to our school, Mrs Jane Pearson is leaving us to take advantage of new opportunities that have arisen. We would like to thank her for the contribution that she has made to the school and wish her the very best for the future.

## VISITORS TO SCHOOL

This term saw a number of visitors to the school. Mr Edward Leigh, MP spoke to Government and Politics students about his time in Parliament whilst we also welcomed the new Diocesan Director of Education, Mrs Jackie Waters-Dewhurst who took up office only recently. She spoke very warmly about what she saw.



## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS – LINK WITH CHINA

Having successfully achieved the International Schools Award in 2012, our international work is proceeding at a dynamic pace. Our year 12 Religious Studies students linked with Lotus Valley International School, in Delhi to participate in a session on Faith and Religion in each country. Students grappled with concepts of secularisation and what it means to have a faith.

The school applied for and obtained a connecting classrooms grant to link a classroom from William Farr, with one from Lotus Valley, India. This will enable two teachers to travel to each others school to complete projects of mutual interest. More about this exciting initiative next term.

Our student International group met and discussed matters of international concern including their desire to make a link with a school in China. Again, this is now in the process of planning and we have a likely partnership with a through school in Tangshan. We hope to host a visitor from this school in the near future. The Design Technology department have indicated their desire to participate in project development here. Internationally, we are living in exciting times!

Miss Lymn.



## BARRIER

I would like to thank all parents and guardians for their cooperation with the new arrangements for collecting students. The rear car park had been developed in anticipation of a greater volume of traffic and subsequently this is now well utilised.

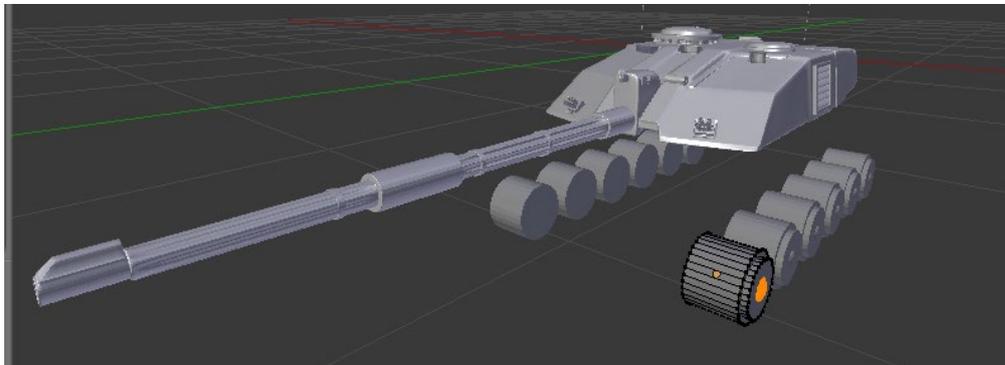
## THE ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

February was a busy month for the photography students in the Art Department. They participated in a film and animation workshop, a cinematography workshop and an external exhibition at the LPAC in Lincoln.



Corbin Mayne, a South African 3-D film animator has been working with a group of Year 10 boys in a bid to inspire them towards a possible career in computer generated film animation. He has continued to work with the group for one lesson a week as they build their complex 3-D images on the computer.

The second workshop involved a former student Lee Thomas, who has recently worked on the latest Bond movie 'Skyfall' and is rapidly building an inspirational CV for such a young Director of Photography. Lee spent the day working with 15 Year 12 photography students and proved extremely popular. Through a practical 'hands-on' workshop, the students learnt about Cinematography techniques, lighting techniques and the operation of both film and digital movie cameras. Mr Cole is now hoping that this will lead to an increase in film-making in school.



## CASHLESS UPDATE

The Cashless Catering system is in full swing with a significant majority of students registered to pay with a 'finger print' or card. However, many students are still using the 'Refresh' machine in school to load their accounts with cash which can still be time-consuming. I would encourage you to use the internet-based 'Squid' account facility which will enable you to load your child's account more efficiently. Many thanks for your support in this matter.



## THE BISHOP'S LECTURE

On Tuesday 12 February, the VI Form were treated to a very special lecture by Bishop Christopher on 'Justice, Truth and Beauty'. He spoke passionately about the subject and stayed at the end to talk to students. We all appreciated very much the time he spent with us.



## NEXT TERM

Whilst next half term is one of the shortest in recent years, it promises to be extremely busy. With Extravaganza and Rock Challenge as well as the Year 13 Reunion Evening, there will be much to reflect on. I will also be able to bring more detailed information on the university application process.

