



# Banovallum News

March 2018



## Head's Message

Welcome to the Easter Newsletter. Many of the activities that have taken place this term have been covered in the delayed February/March newsletter. Nevertheless, as always, this has been a busy term with many successes along the way and one or two challenges along the way.

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are starting an enterprise that will hopefully benefit the Duke of Edinburgh's Award group, the Young Enterprise groups and the Science Department: the arrival of two bee hives in the Wilderness Area. We are very grateful indeed to Fred Parker of the Horncastle Bee-Keeping Association who will provide support and training to the DofE students who will choose this as their skill to develop. We would also like to thank the Woodhall Spa Women's Institute who have donated £400 to the project. Our Head Girl, Amy Batchelor is the Lincolnshire Young Bee-Keeper of the Year and has promised to assist Fred as has Mrs Batchelor who is also a keen bee-keeper. We are fortunate to have such a high level of expertise available to us and hopefully the bees should soon be producing honey which will be available to purchase via reception and ParentPay.

I would like to thank Mr Bushell and his team for all the work they have put in to turning the Wilderness Area into a manageable and unique teaching area for the students. Mrs Holmes and the Science Club are also working hard to produce bug hotels and bird boxes to attract wildlife to the area. Additionally, we are hoping

to re-house some hedgehogs from local refuges. The plan is to also sow wildflowers in the area to provide food for the bees and to improve the look of the area.

We have further exciting plans for the land between the Wilderness Area and the CADT block. We are looking to build a Yurt on the grassed space between the two. Our aim is for this to be primarily a Drama Studio and performance space which will host all the school's drama lessons and smaller productions, music performances and art exhibitions. We are also keen for this to be a community space which can host performances, art shows and the like for the benefit of the whole Horncastle community.

By creating this unique drama classroom, we would look to turn the existing drama classroom into a Year 11 Common Room, providing a reward for our senior students as they enter the important final year of their studies.

We will be looking at a fundraising programme to raise the money for the for the Yurt and once we have a final idea of costs, I will be publicising this further after Easter.

Once again we have had some noticeable successes on the sporting front this term. Evie Brookes is due huge credit for her performance in the England Schools' Cross-Country Championships. To even qualify for this event is a noticeable achievement but Evie was competing at the age group above. Well done Evie, we are all very proud of you. The Year 8 & 10 Girl's Cricket Teams have had a great season so far finishing runners-up and champions respectively in the County Championships.

The week of Sports' relief saw us working in conjunction with QEGS on a number of events which culminated in the whole school doing a sponsored walk around the grounds. As yet we do not know exactly how much money has been



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raised but a massive thank you to all involved and to Mrs Sheehan and the PE staff for organising the various events.

Year 11 students have been putting in the hard work necessary for a successful set of results in the summer exams. We have had record numbers of students turning up for the Saturday morning sessions which have been organised by Mr Leary in conjunction with QEGS. Well done to all those who have turned up regularly for these sessions. They have been such a success that we are going to extend them after the Easter holidays. Mr Leary will be publishing further details in due course. Additionally, there will be subject specific revision sessions running over the Easter holidays, the details of which are to be found later in the Newsletter. The students also received support and advice on revision techniques and stress management during the Maximising Potential Sessions and the Engagement Evening. Hopefully, these will help the students to achieve their goals. If I could just emphasise the importance of sufficient revision at home. Use the holidays to put in the hard yards which will lead to success. Attending revision lessons in school is not enough to secure the best grades in the new GCSEs.

The Year 11 music students had a notable success with the Year 11 Gig which showcased the wonderful musical talent in Year 11 and across the school. This is a major undertaking as they have to plan, promote, perform and provide technical support for the whole event with minimal input from the staff. The success of the evening was a tribute to the efforts of Year 11 and the hard work and dedication of Miss Herd.



There was further musical success for the Year 7 & 8 ensemble, Bano Jazz which performed at the Music for Youth festival to some acclaim. Such was their success that they will be going on a mini-tour of local primary schools later in the year.

The National Citizenship Service is an exciting opportunity for Year 11 students to learn important life skills and put something back into society. Application forms are available from school but further information can be found on the NCS website.

The Year 10 students have recently taken part in mock interviews with a number of local employers in preparation for life after Year 11. I was delighted at how smart and professional the students looked: they were a credit to themselves and you, their parents. Even more pleasing has been the feedback from the interviewers who have universally praised the students for their courtesy, attitude and considered responses.





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Further proof, if it were needed of the Banovallum community spirit was evident during the recent Beast from the East spell of bad weather with Josh Broughton clearing footpaths and pavements. Well done Josh!

As the term came to an end, we faced one or two challenges as a school. I would like to thank all of the parents who sent messages of support. It really was appreciated.

We say goodbye this term to three valued members of staff this term: Linzi Buck, Sue Buckley and Nick Lait. They have made a huge contribution to the progress of the school and I would like to thank them for this and we wish them all the very best for the future.

I would like to wish everyone a restful Easter break after a relatively short but very intense term. Hopefully, we can say goodbye to the flu and cold bugs and return ready for the summer term. Thank you to all the staff who have made it such a successful year to date.

## Head's Award

I am delighted to be able to give this term's Head's Award to Sydney Crampton for an outstanding piece of PE coursework. Well done Sydney.



## Oxbridge Conference

On Friday 23 March six students attended a conference at the Priory LSST which introduced them to the potential of studying at Oxford and Cambridge universities. It was an informative and inspiring event which has hopefully given the students food for thought.



## Mad Hatter's Tea Party

As part of the postponed World Book Day celebrations, Miss MacInnes and the English department organised the Mad Hatter's Tea Party as a thank you to Key Stage 3 students for their attitude, effort and progress in English so far this year. It was a lovely celebration of the students' success and who knew Mrs Coulson was such a fan of Hula Hoops?





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Y8 cricket team came runners up in the Lady Taverners County Cup competition this week.

## BANOVALLUM SPORTING SUCCESS

The Y10 team also won the first round of competitions and they too went on to play in the Lady Taverners County Cup Final on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Lincoln. They too had to face a strong Spalding High School side. The Y10 team will go on to represent Lincolnshire in the Regional finals in Stoke on Trent next month.





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On Wednesday 22nd March Y10 BTEC Performing Arts students visited Nottingham Playhouse to watch Ramps on the Moon's adaptation of Timberlake Wertenbaker's *Our Country's Good*. The play itself centres on the first fleet of convicts sent to Australia to colonize in January 1788, 252 days after setting off from Portsmouth. Based on real events and real people, *Our Country's Good* examines the redemptive powers of theatre; sides are drawn and unexpected alliances made as characters stage their own interpretation of Farquhar's comedic masterpiece, *The Recruiting Officer*.

Ramps on the Moon are a theatre company with 60 % of the cast D/deaf or disabled and it is their working ethos to make every performance of every production accessible to every member of the audience. Multi-rolling, electronic placards and audio description serve both as a necessity and Brechtian stylistic quality. The adaptation was a successfully thought-provoking, hard-hitting and hilarious, just as Wertenbaker envisioned.

Y10 are currently exploring Brecht's Epic Theatre for Component 1 of their course; how roles, responsibilities and relationships in theatre, differ due to stylistic ideals. They will go on to stage their own interpretation of the play, for their next component, at a later part of 2018! Watch out for tickets!



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Year 11 Revision Timetable		
	10.00 – 12.00	12.30 -2.30
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Sports Science	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Art & Photography	Art & Photography
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
<b>w.c. 09.04.2018</b>		
	10:00 – 12:00	12:30- 2:30
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	BTEC Music History	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	RS - Christianity  French – Foundation / Higher	Geography
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	I Media  French – Foundation / Higher	I Media
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Maths	RS – Moral Issues  Art & Photography
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	English Language – Analysis	English Language – Evaluation.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18<sup>th</sup> April 6.00 p.m. Duke of Edinburgh Parents Evening

25<sup>th</sup> April Year 8 & 9 HVP Vaccinations

Year 10 Progress Evening

9<sup>th</sup> May Year 7 Progress Evening

14<sup>th</sup> May Friends of Banovallum School Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> May GCSE Examinations begin

25<sup>th</sup> May Last day of term

4<sup>th</sup> June Students return to school

20<sup>th</sup> June Rewards Trip

Year 11 Prom

21<sup>st</sup> June Sports Day

29<sup>th</sup> June Sports Personality Evening

9<sup>th</sup> July Year 10 work experience week

Year 6 Induction Day and Parents Evening

11<sup>th</sup> July Year 5 Day

12<sup>th</sup> July Year 5 Day

19<sup>th</sup> July SMSC Day

20<sup>th</sup> July Last day of term

5<sup>th</sup> September Year 7 students and Prefects return

6<sup>th</sup> September All students return