



Newsletter

Arnold Hill Academy



“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”

Easter 2018

How to be ‘Spec’tacular

After half term, Miss Eyre will be doing a one-off project in collaboration with Specsavers. Staff from Specsavers will be coming in to help a select group of students feel better about wearing their glasses, showing them various practical and written resources around the scientific reasons why someone might need glasses, getting them used to wearing glasses and building self-esteem about wearing them. We will have a couple of glasses-wearing staff and students involved as role models.

The session will be a fun, activity-filled session aimed at ending negative feelings and the self-consciousness that some students might experience when they have been told they have to wear glasses. I want the students to leave feeling positive, confident and empowered.



Message from the Head Teacher

As we head towards the Easter break I feel we can look back on a busy and fruitful term. Our students and staff have been working hard both in and out of the classroom and I hope you’ll see, when you read the rest of this Newsletter, how positive many of these activities have been for our students.

The ‘Beast from the East’ brought late winter snowfall to the country with many schools, including Arnold Hill, closing for two days as ice and snow caused disruption to travel and work. As the daffodils come into late bloom we hope that Spring is well and truly on its way.

Our Site Team will be spending much of the Easter holidays carrying out further improvements to the Academy buildings and decoration, especially in B Block, the older part of the Academy.

Whether it is preparing our students for academic success or supporting them in sports, the arts, The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme or our Combined Cadet Force we will always make sure that we do all we can to inspire our students to achieve the very best they can.

Happy Easter.

*Mr Robertson
Head Teacher*

J.K. Rowling Tweets Arnold Hill!

Mrs Corton, Resources Manager, did an amazing job for World Book Day when she organised the Harry Potter event for the Y7 book club on 8th March. The pupils had a fantastic time and managed to raise £80.20 for JK Rowling’s charity Lumos. The donation was made and on Tuesday 20th March we received thanks from Lumos, on the school’s twitter account, for supporting their charity. Amazingly, JK Rowling then gave a shout out to Arnold Hill, and things went a little bit crazy on our Twitter account for a time!!

BBC Radio Nottingham featured our story, and an article following an interview with four of our Y7 students, Gracie Shelley, Harry Partridge, Charlotte Allsopp and Jake O’Neill appeared in the Nottingham Post. All great news for Arnold Hill!





Sophie and Spike have been a huge success. Quite the talk of the Academy. From day 1 we have had a very hands on policy with students able to handle and stroke them. The dragons have loved it and find watching a class fascinating.

Their day starts early with a morning tour of floor 1 & 2 to meet students who may not otherwise meet them, that said students visit most lunch times and break. The dragons adore the attention.

Spike is the more gregarious of the two and knocks to come out during lessons. Both have been involved in 6 classes teaching Ecosystems to Y7 as the main live attraction.

Both Spike and Sophie have been involved in close work with Base students and one struggling student who had a 2ft Iguana in California and is now captain of Dragons. Kim Eyre has completed Dragon training and now happily takes Spike off on adventures.

Sophie has grown and so sloughed her skin. Daily baths courtesy of a team of year 7 Keepers helped the process. They now handle the dragons and clean their vivarium with light over sight.

The Beast from the East triggered a rescue adventure due to snow closure... the Dragons were fine but wondering where everyone went.

Now looking forward to meeting Year 5 and 6 from the Family schools



This is Sophie, she is the diva and a bit highly strung #typicalwoman Will get a pic of my boy Spike next week...I am his warm comfortable rock...



16 MARCH AT 22:22 NEAR ARNOLD, NOTTINGHAM

BBC News Day

In the Humanities faculty, 25 Y7 students took part in BBC School Report.

BBC News School Report gives 11-16 year-old students in the UK the chance to make their own news reports for a real audience and to develop their journalistic skills. It was a fantastic day with students interviewing a range of staff and students all giving their view of current affairs.

To read all about it in this hot-off-the-press newspaper they created on the day, follow this link: <http://www.arnoldhillacademy.co.uk/index.php/information/arnold-hill-news/579-bbc-news-school-report-2018> or check the News section on the academy's website.

Miss Collins



News from The History Department

Holocaust Survivor

On 7th February, Year 9 History and BPE students had the opportunity to listen to Simon Winston, a Holocaust survivor. Simon shared a moving account about his personal experience of the Holocaust and gave our pupils the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead. The talk was followed by a Q&A session and supported the learning that took place in class.

History workshop with Professor William Niven

Twenty of our Year 9 students took part in a workshop with Professor Niven from Nottingham Trent University. The focus of the session was memorials and how and why we remember historical events, with a particular focus on the Holocaust.

Our students were amazing and engaged really well with the session and a thank you to Professor Niven for taking the time to come and deliver the session to us.

Rugby Semi Finals

Two Arnold Hill pupils, Sophie and Ivy, played for Mansfield U15 girls' rugby team in the Area 4 final against Old Northamptonians recently. The team led throughout and played brilliantly against tough opposition. The last few minutes were nail-biters, but the girls dug deep and Mansfield won 22:17. A first for the club!

They now go through to the semi final on 15 April. We wish the girls all the best in the next stage of the competition.



Maths News

Year 10 have had a very busy term competing in various maths challenges.

Sixty students took part in the UKMT Intermediate challenge on 1st February. Best in School certificates went to Ehmadiqbal, Feroz Raza and Fern Williams.

Twelve of these students travelled to Farnborough on 6th February to take part in the annual TAG Intermediate Maths Challenge against five other teams. This consisted of a number of rounds that required teamwork to solve a variety of challenging problems. The origami challenge was either extremely popular or frustrating depending on how nimble your fingers are!

The winning team from the TAG Challenge then travelled to Grantham on March 13th to compete against 15 other teams from across the East Midlands. The opposition was very tough – consisting mainly of private schools and grammar schools but the team acquitted themselves extremely well.

The free lunch was also well received! Congratulations to Grace Bicknell, Keira Pearson, Feroz Raza and Oscar Sewell.

In addition, 11 Year 8 students travelled to Rushcliffe on 9th March to take part in the annual TAG Junior Maths Challenge. The students' enthusiasm and commitment was creditable. The winning team performed extremely well, despite being one student short.

Mr Bishop

Diary Dates

School returns on
Monday 16th April

Y9 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 17th April

6th Form Parents' Evening
Thursday 3rd May

May Day Holiday
Monday 7th May

KS5 Awards Evening
Thursday 10th May

DT Awards Evening
Wednesday 16th May

Half Term Holidays
**Monday 28th May to
Friday 1st June**

Y10 Parents' Evening
Monday 4th June

Y10 Parents' Forum
Monday 18th June

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Monday 4th June

Y10 Work Experience Week
25th - 29th June

Y12 Induction Day
Wednesday 27th June

6th Form Summer Ball
Thursday 28th June

Y12 Work Experience Week
2nd - 6th July

Summer Concert -
Sounds of the '60s
Wednesday 4th July

Y11 Prom
Friday 6th July

Sports Day
Wednesday 18th July

Y7&8 Awards Evening
Wednesday 18th July

Y9&10 Awards Evening
Thursday 19th July

Last Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 25th July

The Big Bang Fair 2018

On Friday, 16th March Miss Berry and Mr Hallgarth took a group of Y9 and Y10 students to the Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. It is the largest celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) for young people in the UK.

The Big Bang Fair is an award-winning combination of exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers information from STEM professionals and aims to show young people (primarily aged 7-19) the exciting and rewarding opportunities out there for them with the right experience and qualifications, by bringing classroom learning to life.

The students had a fantastic day. Thanks to Mrs Norris for organising the trip.



Easter Baking

Year 9s made hot cross buns as part of their work in GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition, working with enriched doughs and learning about the function of yeast.

The buns looked really professional and they smelled and tasted delicious.

*Mrs Norris
Technology*



 **Happy Easter** 