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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

World Challenge

Morocco - April 2019 - On Friday 19 April a group of 16 students travelled to Morocco to begin their exciting World Challenge week. The trip saw them spend a day in Marrakesh at the start and end of the trip and a four day trek in the Dades Gorge area of the Atlas Mountains which was a 7 hour coach journey from Marrakesh crossing the highest mountain pass in the country. Students walked nearly 50 miles over the four days, walking through a variety of terrain including mountain areas, gorges and even through the river in very warm conditions. Throughout the trek the routes also passed through a number of small Berber villages and settlements. Here they met and engaged with local adults and children. Each night they camped in some remote places. They had to learn to deal with everything from pitching tents in gale force winds on the first night, to no showers or toilet facilities throughout the trek.



We had a local guide for the duration of the trek and a mule that they nicknamed 'Tesco'! After four days walking they arrived at the auberge in a small village. At last they were able to shower (although they were fairly basic) and relax before an early start back to Marrakesh on the Thursday.

This was an amazing experience for everyone involved. They worked together as a group sorting out the budget for the trip and taking it in turns to be leader for the day. Everyone fully embraced every aspect of the trip from the minute they arrived at the airport (at 3am) to the point where they met their parents again the following Friday afternoon. They were all a credit to themselves and to the school and I was very proud to have spent a week with such an amazing group of students in an amazing place.



The team:

Dominic Harris, Myles Aveyard, Jack Selby, Tom Sandford, Edward Brown, Matthew Gilman, Amelia Glover-Jewesbury, Isabella Myers, Nandakishore Kakumani, Aleks Kent, Martin Norman, Lauren Holmes, Eve Halmsaw, Emma Buddle, Isabel McNulty-Senior and Isabella Mencattelli

Well Done and Thank you

Mrs Swann

Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition

3-6 May 2019

A group of Year 13 students travelled back up to the Lake District, two weeks after their practice expedition, to do their qualifying expedition. The predicted weather forecast was dry but cold. They stayed at Buttermere Youth Hostel on the Thursday evening so that they could make an early start on the Friday morning. They started walking at 8.30am, their route for the day took them from Buttermere, into the Newlands Valley, over Catbells and then along Borrowdale valley to Rosthwaite where they spent the first night.



On Day 2 they went from the campsite up to Watendlath and Blea Tarn down to Thirlmere and Grasmere before arriving at the campsite in Rydal. The group were very self-motivated and spirits remained high. They were setting a good pace and arriving in plenty of time so they could get a good rest at the campsite.

On Day 3 they started early as they had to walk to Ambleside and then over Wansfell Pike to Troutbeck. From here they had to go up again and over to Kentmere Valley before heading to Longsleddale. Here they were meant to 'wild camp' but in a designated field with a water supply. Unfortunately this was unavailable so

instead they continued their journey up to Mosedale Cottage, a bothy on the moorland. They spent the night here and had an exciting and unique experience. It was far from luxurious but at least it was warm. They left early on Day 4 to finish their expedition in the village of Shap.

Over the four days they had travelled a huge distance. They were a fantastic group who showed real team spirit and determination as well as support for each other.

The group: Richard Carter, Jack McArdle, Sienna Haynes, Eleanor Joyce, Rosalyn Joyce, Eloise Heeley, Elizabeth Dawson.

Well Done to all the group, but especially well done to Richard who has now completed his entire Award.

Good luck to the others in completing theirs once A Levels are over.

Mrs Swann

Student of the Week

Sadie Tidswell 7JRB

First in two Drama Categories at the Wharfedale Festival; utterly brilliant!

Mya Saleem 8MRL

Proactive attitude to catching up with work in Geography and generally being a great student

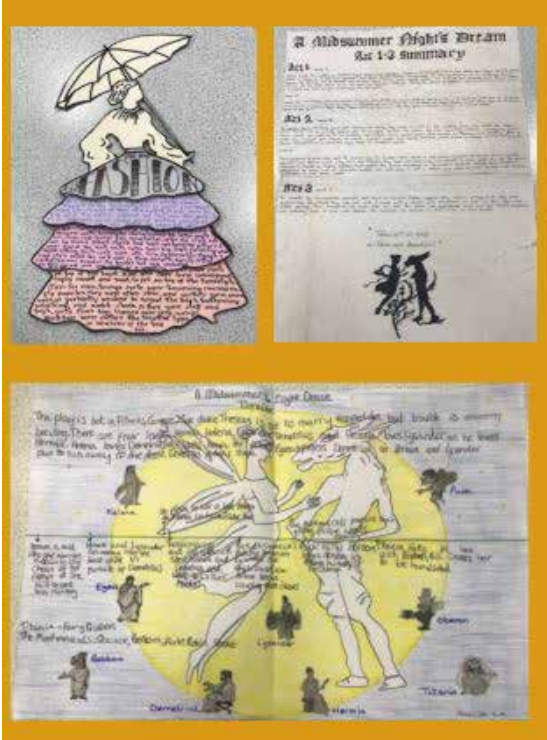
Daniel Stevenson 9KMB

Producing excellent classwork and homework

Caitlin Tansey 10HJP & Claudia Lai 10KAR

Nominated by Mrs Fitzgerald for working so hard and pulling off a great performance in the Biology exam

Department Focus: English



It has been a busy few months in the English department as both staff and students prepare for the final GCSE and A Level examinations. In Year 13 students have been busy putting the finishing touches to their coursework, ably and tirelessly assisted by their teachers, whilst Year 11 students have been busy revising and attending lunchtime and holiday intervention sessions ahead of the exams which commence at the end of this month.

We would like to wish all our Year 11 and 13 students the best of luck in the forthcoming examinations.

Elsewhere in the English department, Year 8 students have been enjoying studying both 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by William Shakespeare and 'The Ruby in the Smoke' by Philip Pullman. Extended learning projects set around these texts have generated some creative and elaborate responses from 8LRD. It is wonderful to see our students engaging with the texts and learning more about both the play and novel that we have been studying in their own time.

Parent Notices

- Monday 13 May - GCSE Exams Start
- Wednesday 15 May - Year 7 & 8 Madrid Trip Parents' Information Evening
- Thursday 16 May - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Friday 17 May - Year 13 Leavers' Day
- Monday 20 May - A Level Exams Start
- Thursday 23 & Friday 24 May - Bronze DofE Practice Expedition

Upcoming Exam Season

With GCSE and AS Exams starting w/c Monday 13 May, and A Levels starting w/c Monday 20 May, these are a few points to remember to help the exams go smoothly for you.

GCSE students will meet in the Senior Common Room and A Level students meet in the ILA 30 minutes before the published start time of their exam. Read your exam timetable carefully so that you know what time your exam is expected to start and where you will be sitting.

Remember to bring all of the equipment you are going to need for your exam in a clear pencil case:

- Black pens (not gel pens);
- Pencil;
- Eraser;
- Pencil Sharpener;
- Ruler;
- For some exams you may also need a calculator, protractor, pair of compasses, set square, coloured pencils. Check what is required for your exam beforehand.

For exams where calculators are allowed, make sure that you have cleared the memory and do not bring the lid into the exam room.

Leave personal possessions, including mobile phones and watches, at home or in your locker.