



Skipton Castle

On Monday and Wednesday this week the history department took all of Year Seven to Skipton castle. They have been studying the Norman Conquest in history lessons and the trip served to give them some indication of what it was like to live in Medieval England.

The castle provided informative guides who gave us a thorough account of the uses of the castle, how and why it was built and methods of attack and defence. We all got the opportunity to see just how dark and grim it was in the castle dungeon - luckily only for a few seconds, not months like the prisoners in Medieval times! The students enjoyed the more



gruesome stories about murder holes and long drops, but were able to recover in time to eat lunch and visit the gift shop!

As ever, it was colder inside the castle than outside but the students all left better informed, ready for their study of Norman castles and control next half term.

Victory for Year 9 Netball Team

On Wednesday 24th the Year 9 Netball Team went to Westborough to play in the Spen Valley Tournament. The tournament was organised as a league event. In this part of the competition they started strong against Whitcliffe Mount securing a 6-0 win with superb shooting from Libby Sweeney and Matilda Harrison despite very windy conditions. They were even stronger against Westborough who they beat 8-0. These superb victories saw them qualify for the final. Here they played BBG. They started quite cautiously with BBG dominating at the start and taking an early lead; but we fought back with some excellent mid court play from Natalie Kaniymo as Centre. A superb last minute long range shot from Libby saw the game draw level at 2-2. The decision was made by the officials to look at goal difference in the other games and due to our high scoring earlier in the competition we finished as convincing winners.

Well done to all of the Year 9 Team: Libby Sweeney, Matilda Harrison, Harriet Haycock, Natalie Kaniymo, Martha Currie, Sienna Bond, Chandni Pahal, Charlotte Alcock.



Department Focus: Economics

Another year and another group of Year 12s have begun their journey to be A-level Economists. A-level Economics has been a very popular subject choice at HGS for the last 8 years. With the subject not being covered at GCSE, all students have begun the journey to be the “smartest kids on the block” by realising almost everything is affected by Economics, such as the price of their smartphones, the interest rates on mortgages and loans, unemployment levels, tuition fees, politics, the dynamics of the gaming world and of course the pricing strategy of their lunchtime UFC burgers.. just to name a few!

The department is hoping to take part in the Okan’s Law competition at the University of Hull later on in the year and hopefully win it like last year! In 2017, twelve students from HGS competed in an Economics competition at the University. The competition allowed the students to have an introduction to specialist analytical software and technology and Economic theory to use to analyse Okan’s Law. The new information gave the students a better insight into Economics which went above and beyond their A-level course; and thus they were able to use their subject knowledge and apply it to specialist technology and real life data to form evaluative results. It also gave students a feel of a university lecture, as the content learnt was part of Hull University’s Economics degree.

Fancy Dress Fundraising

Today some of our Sixth Form students decided to get into the Halloween spirit and dress up in order to raise some cash. Half of the funds raised will go towards the chosen charity MIND and the other half will go towards the Sixth Form Prom. Everyone who made the effort to dress up looked great. Well done to the Sixth Form Senior Committee for organising.



After the lectures, students were given a set of scenarios to solve where they had to use the information they were taught. The task given was based on two countries of their choice and to find the relationships and correlations between two economic variables such as Economic growth, Unemployment, Inflation and the Balance of Payments and how closely linked they were in different countries using the software and Okan’s Law.

The results of each team were assessed by the lecturer who ranked each team on how they well they performed these tasks. HGS’s team of Jack Blossome, Nikoloz Sanadze, Tyler Webb and Amna Ali who were awarded first place with the winning prize of £1000 for the school.

Student of the Week

Zakariya Dalall 7MJJ 7 - gaining the most positives for ‘Generosity’ in Year 7 over the first half-term. What a lovely member of our community.

Daniyaal Mehmood 8LRD - for continued effort and an extremely positive attitude within Art!

Freya Thornton 9KMB - for consistently giving 100% in all areas of school life. Wonderful effort and attitude. Well done Freya!

Timothy Lane 10 KAR - for being selected for the Regional School of Racing Track and Road.

Jamie Wightman 10GSS - for the extra work he puts in as ‘Resident Lighting Manager’ for the school.

Aleks Kent 11DJH & Miles Aveyard 11DJH for excellent participation and contributions during the World Challenge weekend activities.

Parent Notices

5th November - School opens after half term

11th November - Remembrance Service in Heckmondwike

15th November - Year 7 Pastoral Parents Evening

26th November - Teacher Training Day - School closed to students

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