

# Chipping Sodbury School

# Newsletter



## France and Belgium Trip

Last Friday 40 students in years 8 to 10 accompanied by five members of staff spent two days exploring the Ypres region of Belgium. The historic town of Ypres was demolished by the bombardments of both sides during World War I, only being rebuilt years after the war. We learnt a great deal about the events of WWI in the area and even Mr Taylor was surprised to learn that Belgium only came into existence in 1830.

On the first day we visited the Flanders Fields museum to see artefacts from all sides in World War I before visiting a chocolaterie for a tasting and a chance to buy souvenirs for friends and family. Then it was time to check into our hotel and for the students to take on the challenge of making their own beds in the beautifully restored historic building. Dinner was in a restaurant a short walk away: a huge portion of tasty chicken and chips with salad followed by a choc ice. Students then had some free time back at the hotel before going over the road to the Menin Gate to take part in the very moving Last Post ceremony. Ypres is the only place in the world to commemorate the dead of WWI every single day of every year and people come from all over the world to take part. The CSS community was represented with great dignity by James Keeping and Rhyanna Burton who laid a poppy wreath on behalf of us all.



The next day, after what seemed very little sleep, we had breakfast in our hotel before getting back on our coach for a guided tour of the battlefields. This helped us to understand what we had seen on the first day in the museum. We were all shocked to see big cemeteries like Tyne Cott and how young some of the fallen soldiers were. The students enjoyed the chance to feel what it was like to be in an excavated trench and being squashed into a small bunker used as an advanced dressing station where the Canadian doctor John McCrae treated the wounded. We found out that it was he who wrote the famous war poem "In Flanders Fields" there and were moved by a reading of it by our lovely guide Simone.



The trip was not all about history, however. Students and staff also learnt about how to make the Flanders waffle "La gaufre du pays flamand", naming all the ingredients in French and enjoyed sampling waffles and Belgian chocolates. A great trip enjoyed by all.

Ms Bryan, Mr Taylor, Ms Foale, Mr Milburn and Mrs Chick

### Forthcoming Dates

#### March

- 8th International Women's Day
- 9th Y11 Leavers' Photos
- 10th—15th Rome/Pompeii Trip
- 11th—20th Science Week
- 16th Parents' Evening 4
- 17th Apprenticeship Evening at BGS 4.30—6.30 pm
- 20th—22nd Y12 Geography Field Trip, Slapton Sands
- 23rd Y10 Stem Activity
- 24th Last Day of Term 4**
- 25th Good Friday
- 27th Easter Sunday

#### April

- 25th Mar —8th Apr Easter Hol**
- 11th First Day of Term 5**
- 14th Y8 Trip to Bristol Harbourside
- 29th Y10 Geography Controlled Assessment

#### May

- 2nd May Day Bank Holiday
- 16th Parents' Evening 5
- 27th End of Term 5

**Mufti day on 5th February raised £472.65 for Macmillan Cancer Support 😊**



*Y11 Breakfast science revision club. Every Wednesday morning in S4 from 8.15 to 8.45 Love to see all you early birds. Breakfast snacks and juice will be available. Contact Mrs Avery for more details.*

## Instrumental Fees

Please could we remind you that all instrumental fees for the summer term are now due at a cost of £100 per instrument. If you no longer wish to continue receiving lessons or if you would like to start a new instrument please contact Mrs Boulton as soon as possible.

## CSS in Religious Education Teachers' Magazine

The RE department were thrilled to see students' work from Years 9 and 10 used for an article in *RE Today* on ideas about how to teach using CS Lewis' Screwtape Letters. The students had lots of fun thinking about evil deeds, and the article, which is a national publication for ideas for teaching RE, is an important publication in the RE world. Students whose work was submitted, were Daniel Houlden, Tom Lear, Seth Corbett Pitman, Nicole Fryer, Chloe Bradby, Jamie Hill and Jake Wiltshire Copperthwaite. *RE Today* thanked the students for the time and effort they put into the work.

Mrs Boyce

Thinking about your next step?  
Researching options for the future?  
Realise YOUR potential!  
Find out more about Apprenticeships and School Leaver Programmes  
at the Apprenticeship Evening Event  
Thursday 17th March 2016, 4.30pm-6.30/7.00pm

Local, National and International Companies

All students and parents in South Gloucestershire are invited

Brimham Green School  
Broad Lane, Yate



Y11 Prom  
News!!



## Mathematics News—Intermediate Maths Challengers!

Recently our Year 9, 10 and 11 mathematicians have completed the Intermediate Maths Challenge test. A series of problem solving questions that uses all the different mathematical skills they have learnt in an interesting and varied way. Congratulations to Alex Langridge (Year 11) who achieved Best in School and achieved a **Gold** certificate.

Also congratulations to the following students who achieved Silver and Bronze;

**Silver:** Elizabeth Dale, Joe Adams, Sam Harding, James Doody, Isabel White, Joshua Lillywhite, James Robinson, Zoe Ruble, Charlotte Hardy.

**Bronze:** Harry Braithwaite, Abigail Watts, Olivia Archard, Dominic Way, Seana Dando, Matt Day, Max Hedges, Matthew Hellen, Emma Doody, Shannon Stewart, Jake Belton, Thomas Pierce-Jones.

*Well done to all who participated from the mathematics faculty.*