

Chipping Sodbury School Newsletter



Year 9 Italy Trip

At the end of March, 42 Year 9 students headed off to Italy for a fantastic six day trip. We arrived in Rome late on Friday evening but on a sunny Saturday morning we walked through the city visiting the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. During the afternoon we had a guided tour of some key sights in the Vatican Museum including the Sistine Chapel. Most of us managed to get right to the top of the dome of St Peter's Basilica. Whilst we could get the lift part way up, it was a steep and narrow climb to the very top but the views were worth it.

The next day we headed off to the Colosseum and arrived just as the Rome marathon was about to start. It was incredibly busy with thousands of runners, spectators and tourists. However, we made it through the crowds and met our tour guide. Afterwards we walked around the ancient ruins of the Palatine and got a feel for how the Romans lived and ruled their empire. By the end of the day we were all very tired but managed a huge pasta meal in a local restaurant.



On Monday, we travelled to Pompeii to explore the ruined town. Here we could walk around the theatres, amphitheatre, bath houses, homes and shops. The following day we headed off to walk up Vesuvius. It was a very steep climb but once at the top we could look down into the crater and see plumes of smoke appearing through the rocks. It is incredible to think this active volcano could erupt in the very near future. That evening we visited a traditional ice cream parlour where the owners make all their own ice cream and sorbets – up to 80 different flavours each day. Many

students played a part in making a batch of delicious ice cream and sorbet. On our final day, we stopped at Solfatara where we could stand next to boiling mud bubbling through the ground and very smelly sulphurous steam hissing through rocks.

We hope everyone will have great memories of our trip. All the staff felt that the students were great company and a real pleasure to take abroad.

Forthcoming Dates

May

5th—7th Ten Tors Event
9th Parents' Evening 5
10th Y10 Geography Field Trip to Dean Study Centre
15th GCE/GSCE exams start
16th CSS Co-operative Trust AGM 16:30—17:30
26th End of Term 5

June

5th Start of Term 6
21st Sports Personality Awards
26th Last GCSE exam
29th Last GCE exam



Ten Tors 2017

Alas the weather was no kinder to us on the Offa's Dyke path during the Ten Tors training session on the black mountains and we had to come off early at Hay Bluff.

However, we had much better weather during our weekend on Dartmoor, which included an over-night camp. We have one more training session left walking in the Cotswolds before the Ten Tors event on 5th to 7th May 2017.



During the event the progress of the team will be available on the Ten Tors website at www.tentors.org.uk and there will be regular updates on Facebook and Twitter.

Ms Jarvis, Ten Tors Team Manager

Follow the Chipping Sodbury School Ten Tors team on Twitter @CSSTenTors

TIG welding help

The school's TDI department has had some difficulty with a TIG welding machine. We would be very grateful if any parents who are experienced TIG welders could get in touch by emailing brendan.mcmorrow@chippingsodbury.school

Parental Notices

Parking

To avoid obstructing both cars and buses and in particular to keep students safe, please do not park on the double yellow lines on the road between the entrance gates and approaching the zebra crossing by the kitchens. **The area marked off by cones by the gym must also be kept free of cars as students are leaving.**

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping students safe from traffic on the school site.

Behaviour

Please remind your son/daughter that whilst they are in school uniform and travelling to/from school they must behave in an appropriate manner and not cause a nuisance to local businesses or members of the public.



Chipping Sodbury School will be staging a production of Annie
May 10th, 11th and 12th

Tickets now on sale

Cash only from student reception
£5.00 per ticket

Concessions—£4.00 for OAPs and children under 11 years old

Careerpilot

Independent careers advice

Careerpilot is a website which offers independent advice about your choices at 14, 16 and 18, routes to different qualifications and job sectors and career tools to help you decide

<http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>



Family Walk and Treasure Hunt

Chipping Sodbury Sunday 7th May 2017

Rotary Clubs of Chipping Sodbury, Fishponds & Downend, Keynsham, Kingswood and Yate

Start at Chipping Sodbury Rugby Club, 9.45am Adults £5 Children free
Three mile walk on fairly flat terrain, approx. one hour
Contact John Wells 01454 218549 or John Goff 07810 042327



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