



SIXTH FORMERS VISIT EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

Last week, 33 Sixth Form students attended a day at Edge Hill University. This was the first part of the Initial Teacher Training Programme, which has been established with Edge Hill. During the day, the students saw the facilities offered by the University and also met students who are training to become primary or secondary teachers. They were also given advice on the different routes into teaching and how to complete the best application form.

Following on from this day there will be a series of activities, including mentoring by Edge Hill students. If students complete the course they are guaranteed an interview at Edge Hill University.



SIXTH FORM CONSULTATION EVENING

A very successful Sixth Form Student/ Parent Consultation Evening took place last week, where reports were issued and discussions took place on how a student could improve in their chosen subjects. This is the first time that the reports followed the PAD system and positive feedback was given by parents on the evaluation form about this new style of reports. Also in attendance were a number of local Universities to answer queries from students and parents about their further plans for the future. A presentation was also given to interested Parents and Students on the application system to University and the financial implications.

Examples of the healthy eating options available to students were also available to taste. These included fresh fruit salads, smoothies and different types of salads.

DOUBLE NETBALL VICTORY FOR SJP!

Congratulations to the Year 7 and Sixth Form netball teams, after they both won their first games of the season against Hilbre. The Year 7 game ended with a score of 12-1 and the Sixth Form team finished with a score of 11-1.

Both teams played outstandingly, displaying great talent and teamwork. We are confident this is only the first of many successes for them. Well done girls!



Year 7 Squad – Jessica Partridge, Charlotte Obermuller, Emily Gutteridge, Amy Davies, Charlotte McNelis, Bethany Weight, Charlotte Varney, Rebecca Jones & Charlotte Jones



Sixth Form Squad – Chelsey Hodgkin, Kelly Paxton, Stacey Lee, Danielle Malone, Jade Bunclark, Kim Caul & Louise Thomas

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

On behalf of the College community, I would be delighted if you could join us for our Carol Service of prayer and reflection, song and scripture, to prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

The Carol Service will take place on Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm in the Hall. Mince pies and refreshments will be available after the service.

I do very much hope that you are able to join us. Should you wish to attend, please complete and return the reply slip below to the College office.

There will be no charge for your tickets but this will assist in the preparation of the hall and refreshments.

R WOODS
Head of RE

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Child's Name: _____ Form _____

I require _____ tickets for the Carol Service on Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm.

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THEME FOR THE WEEK

“PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE”

Prisoner of Conscience (POC) is a term coined by the human rights pressure group Amnesty International in the early 1960s. It refers to anyone imprisoned because of their race, religion, colour, language, sexual orientation, or belief, so long as they have not advocated violence. Amnesty International seeks the release of all prisoners of conscience as well as opposing the death penalty, torture or any other degrading treatment or punishment of prisoners.

Lord Jesus,
You were imprisoned unjustly;
be with all prisoners of conscience,
comforting and strengthening them in their suffering.
Be with their families and all who love them and are concerned.
We pray for the work of all those who work and campaign
for the freedom of prisoners of conscience;
guide them so that they do not forget the importance of what they do.

Amen

NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

Two friends were working out how many sweets they had. One said “I’ve got twice as many as you and if we eat one each I will have three times as many as you”. How many did each have?

Answers to Miss Hodges in B12 by Friday, 1st December
All correct answers will go into a draw for a £5 voucher for W H Smiths.

Last week's answer: 8.57am

House Point Corner

	Weekly total as at 17/11/06					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
Bernadette	61	142	61	30	18	1467
Bosco	50	94	35	20	14	1290
Hume	61	105	37	26	18	1318
Kolbe	62	106	34	31	18	11367
Romero	65	111	53	31	18	1379
Teresa	58	156	83	28	17	1442

SEAN STOKES
HONG KONG WIRRAL YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT

Wow, I can't believe how quickly the time has gone since we travelled to Hong Kong, undoubtedly the greatest experience of my life. From meeting the UK group at Arrowe Park on the Sunday morning, to arriving home feeling tired, jetlagged and very unhappy to be home. The memories of the trip will live with me forever, and I have met 35 new friends, with whom I really enjoyed sharing the experience. The journey, although it was 7 hours from Manchester to Qatar, spent 6 hours waiting in Qatar and then another 8 hours to Hong Kong, seemed to go extremely quickly and everyone had a great time, in sheer anticipation of the two weeks that were to follow. We had all worked so hard to raise the funds for this trip and there was a real sense of pride and happiness among the delegates.

First Impressions Upon Arrival in Hong Kong

When we first arrived at the airport, we were extremely happy to be greeted by some of the Hong Kong delegates. On the coach to the hotel, we all noticed how different it was to the UK, with lots of high-rise buildings, you could hardly see the sky. We arrived at the BP International House in awe of how nice it was. "How could we let the Hong Kong delegates stay in Ivy Farm?" some people asked. Mike, Chris and I got to our room and were amazed by the view, especially at nighttime. We were so happy to be in Hong Kong and this was just the start of what was sure to be a great 2 weeks.

What were the Highlights?

Meeting so many new friends and growing to love them all dearly. Learning about how life is lived in Hong Kong – much more than we would have if we just went there on holiday, and generally just mixing with another culture, and communicating with them so easily. We all gelled so well as a group. In fact, the first day the HK Delegates arrived in the UK, we scrapped the plans for ice breaking exercises as we got on so easily. It was like we had been friends for ever. Nights at the Victoria Harbour were the best part for me, as I was just awestruck by the amazing skyline. Also, the side trip to Mainland China was a fantastic experience, a real culture shock in seeing how poor the people were. We were treated like celebrities there, as they had never seen foreigners before.

Lowlight

There is no doubt that the lowlight for me, and I would guess for many other delegates, was having to come home. We could have flooded the airport with tears that day.

Major Learning Outcome

As well as learning some Cantonese language, I learned that no matter which culture background people come from, strong friendships can still be formed. People are the same all over the world and this is something that a lot of people could benefit from learning.

I also learnt about the living environment in Hong Kong, as well as Mainland China. I got to appreciate just how lucky we are to live in such a rich environment, and that we should not take anything for granted. Also, the trip gave me so many skills that will be important in life, such as teamwork and communication.

Recommendations for the Future

The exchange programme was extremely well organised and it is hard to point out any improvements that could be made. We all learned so much about the culture and lifestyle in Hong Kong. The only recommendations I could give is that I just wish we could have spent a longer period of time there, and also I think it would have been good for us to be able to spend each night with the Hong Kong delegates, like we could in Ivy Farm. However, all in all, it would be extremely hard for this trip to be improved, and the advice I would give future delegates is that you will get out of this programme what you put in. If you put in 100%, then you will be much more likely to enjoy it, the experience is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I am glad that I put so much time and effort into it, as this clearly made me enjoy the trip a lot more.

Conclusions

I am so grateful to all the people that made this experience possible. It is something that will live with me for ever and I would certainly have no qualms about doing it all over again.

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS

It's finally arrived. Our first ever Christmas Fair 'Here Comes Christmas' takes place on Friday (1ST December). Pupils will have the chance to sample the delights of our fun-filled afternoon – they will be allowed to go to the Fair during Period 5 on Friday. School does not close early for our pupils and it is full-school uniform as normal.

The doors open for the general public from **3pm – 5pm**. We are hoping that our parents will be able to come along and support us and there are lots of things for old and young alike. There is the chance to win a Mitsubishi Car with one roll of the dice! There are games of fun and chance with lots of fantastic prizes. There is a superb grotto where Father Christmas is in residence for the little ones and there are lots of stalls to buy your Christmas presents. The Brass Band will be playing Christmas Carols whilst you munch away on mince pies and there is the opportunity to throw a wet sponge or six at your favourite teacher in the stocks.

We are hoping it is going to be a fantastic afternoon and that the whole school community comes together to begin the countdown to Christmas!