



MARVELL Matters

Welcome to our new look newsletter

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Year 11 Pupils win Young Historian of the Year Awards!

Two Year 11 pupils won the prestigious Young Historian of the Year Awards organised by the Normandy Trust. James Keal won for his GCSE coursework on the impact of Gorbachev, and Hannah Rippin won for her GCSE coursework on the History of Hull. The judges commented 'We were very impressed by the depth of understanding about the life, work and achievement of Gorbachev,' and 'Hannah's response was of a very high calibre'. Both won £100 of book tokens. Adam Langstaff now in Year 10 was a runner-up, receiving a certificate of commendation for his work on 'Hull and the Blitz'.



Mikhail Gorbachev

Our congratulations to all three pupils who produced some outstanding work.

Army Day

In September, 8 of our GCSE PE pupils competed in an inter-schools competition at Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall, York. They worked as a team completing various activities to collect points. They took part in activities such as an aerial slide, mountain biking, laser rifles, assault courses, archery, problem solving exercises and a general knowledge quiz. Unfortunately there wasn't an award for the loudest scream which without doubt would have gone to Lauren Mawer as she came down the aerial slide. She could be heard right across the whole barracks!!! Although we did not win the overall competition all pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable day and gained some valuable team building skills.

Well done to those pupils who took part: Adam Mortimer, Dave Robertson, Jack Hazelwood, Jack Finney, Lauren Mawer, Laura Carey-Kitching, Alice Gibby and Hannah Brooke.



Action: Students soldiering through the assault course

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Hull Compact Awards 2010

Hull Compact helps students to develop their potential and contribute to the quality of the workforce by setting certain goals:

- Over 90% attendance • Over 90% punctuality
- To complete 90% of coursework on time
- To achieve their potential in English, Mathematics & Science
- To achieve a satisfactory level in key skills • Participation in work experience

At the annual awards ceremony held at the Guildhall, AMBEC students received grants from local, national and international sponsors. Due to our excellent results in 2010, 75 AMBEC students gained KS4 bursaries worth a total of £3,680 for exceeding their target grades.

This was a fantastic evening of celebration and another significant milestone in the recognition of how we are raising the attainment levels of our students and celebrating their success.



Community & Business Links Rewards

We continue to be supported by local business and are pleased to announce the following recipients of the Community & Business Links rewards.



Cineworld Cinema Tickets

Mr Miller nominated Leia Barton for excellent work and effort in history. She was very helpful to other pupils on the recent Lincoln trip.

Mrs Jones nominated Ellis Gurnell who continually demonstrates an exemplary attitude to learning.

Miss K Lane nominated Lauren Musson. Lauren completed an outstanding piece of written coursework and is an asset to the drama group.

Mrs Stamford nominated Jack Potter for outstanding effort.

Miss Harrop nominated Ashlee Fothergill. Ashlee consistently demonstrates hard work and commitment to her BTEC.

Dr Ainley nominated Aaron Phillipson. Aaron is always pleasant and helpful.

Miss Lambert nominated Israella Martin for excellence in her efforts, superb manners and helpfulness.



Hollywood Bowl Tickets

Mr Keen nominated Rosie Turner, Tom Wadsworth, Fiona Hodgson & Charlie Pinder for good work in science.

Miss Lambert nominated Gemma Tomkins for excellent effort & achievement in French.

Mr Renier nominated Sam Scott, Lewis Cook & Harry Campion who have all been voted Man of the Match for football.

Message from the Headteacher

Good communication between the school and home is a vital component of a successful education. During pupils' time at Andrew Marvell Business & Enterprise College your child will receive a variety of information and booklets. This Newsletter is one example of our commitment to keep you as fully informed as possible about all aspects of your child's education.

The recent Parents' Information Evenings were designed to inform pupils, and parents, of the work done by the college. We will be happy to provide more information should this be required and please contact me at the college if you need to make that request.

The college aims to provide all pupils with a positive learning experience in a stimulating environment. Pupils are encouraged to develop a whole range of skills, both academic and personal. We seek to ensure that all pupils develop to their full potential during their time at the school. This Newsletter has some great examples of how we have delivered that rich learning environment.

A successful education is built on partnership between the school, the pupil and the home. The role of the family in this partnership is vital if a child is to maximise their potential. The family's role in emphasising the importance of education for life will support the school's aims.

It is recognised that good attendance and punctuality are vital ingredients towards achieving one's potential. We seek the support of parents in encouraging high standards in these important areas. Homework is also a necessary part of education and helps to train pupils to work as independent learners. All pupils will have been issued with a student planner, which includes a homework record and timetable. Parents are asked to check the planner and sign it weekly. Pupils are also expected to bring a suitable bag to school in which to carry books and equipment such as pen, pencil and ruler.

Our aim is clear - to work with parents to provide the best possible education for all pupils at Andrew Marvell Business and Enterprise College.

Mr G Mangan

Building Schools for the Future Update

The school is to be a new build on the existing school site with all students remaining on site and accommodated safely, using additional temporary buildings, whilst the new build is taking place. The new school will have an increased capacity for 1,300 students plus an additional space to enhance the 14-19 learning opportunity. The new school is due to open in September 2012.

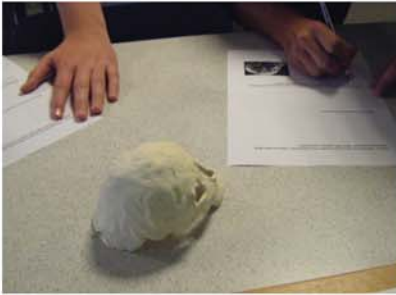
Construction on the site will commence in the new year and the school will be clearly separated from the construction site by the use of a temporary high wooden fence (hoarding.) The school staff and students will have access to the Barham, Jervis and Norland buildings to support the curriculum. The plans for the use of any temporary rooms will be based around the need to safeguard the learning of all students but especially those taking GCSE and BTEC courses.



Practical Pre-history with Year 10

To begin their GCSE History of Medicine Year 10 handled History – and studied some ‘genuine’ pre-historical artefacts!! They looked at a trephinned skull, bones, teeth, arrow heads and pottery.

They also studied the Egyptians and their medicine made some imaginative public health pyramids! Egyptians used mosquito nets, and black eye makeup, and were quite keen on washing!



Fancy a visit to the Asclepion ?

Go with Year 10 and see what happens....



*Arriving at the temple to Asclepius
"I need healing...."*



Making the sacrifice to the god....



Cleansing in the sacred water....



*Asclepius visits to make the cure with his
serpent*

The patient is cured and thankful!!!

Medieval Games

Was it really the Bad Old Days? Yes, according to Year 7 life was tough!

For their final homework in summer 2010 Year 7 were asked to make a game to show what life was like in the Middle Ages, and once again the standard was extremely high. The winners included: Corinna Jacobs, Kaine Rosenquest, Hollie Myers, Samantha Hodgson, Kye Purkiss, Lewis Barnes and Hannah Meadley. Have a look at the winning work below!



History Homework Projects for this term

Year 7:

Who was the greatest person in the last century? (1910-2010)

Was it Churchill? Hitler? Princess Diana? John Logie Baird? Year 7 are looking into this and producing their own opinion about who this might be.

Can you write an historical short story?

Year 7 (and Year 9 see below) will be having a go. They will be writing short historical stories set in Roman times. Best ones will be entered in the National Historical story writing competition. So plenty of challenges for Year 7.

Year 8 :

Who is at the Renaissance masked ball?

Year 8 will be making a mask to represent one important Renaissance personality – will it be Vesalius? Mercator? Martin Luther? or Galileo?

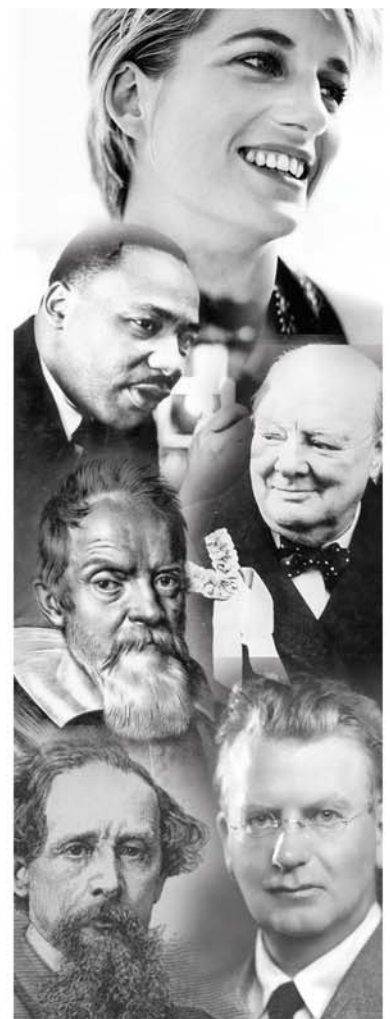
Following their ‘pilgrimage’ to Lincoln they will also be **making pilgrim badges** about their visit to the shrine of St. Hugh in Lincoln Cathedral and **making tourist guidebooks to Lincoln Castle**.

Year 9 :

Are you the new Dickens? Can you write an historical short story set in Hull during the cholera epidemic of 1849? Make sure you show your knowledge of the 19th century and Hull at this time.

And ... who was the greatest Victorian? Present your case in no more than 200 words. Remember to focus on why they are so great, what did they do or discover???

Homework winners will be announced in the subsequent issues of Marvell Matters – so keep a look out!



*Just for fun:
Can you name the 6 faces
above?*

A Talking Essay

For a change Year 8 made talking essays at the end of the summer term (instead of writing) about the causes of the Civil War. Pupils worked in groups on different things that caused the war – religion, money, the Scots, and produced their very own talking essay. Efforts were filmed for posterity and the final productions were impressive, with everyone taking a part.



Lincoln – yet again with Year 8!

Year 8 had a great time wandering around and studying Lincoln Castle and Cathedral. They went in the old prison and saw who prisoners in the 19th century spent their day ‘picking oakum’. It was great fun in the chapel sitting on the sloping seats (part of the separate system) in the individual cells. We looked at some of the prisoners’ gravestones in the Lucy Tower and saw where prisoners in earlier times were chained up.



Mr John Ellerby RIP

Mr Ellerby sadly passed away during September 2010; he was a well-known as a former science teacher at Andrew Marvell in East Hull. During Mr Ellerby’s time at Andrew Marvell he set up one of the country’s first urban farms on site at the school for inner city pupils to learn about animals and agriculture. After leaving the school he became an NVQ workplace assessor. He will be missed by his friends and family.

Young Enterprise Update

Major happenings in the Business and Enterprise department, with the new Young Enterprise team now up and running! The team has been chosen and the product decided already!



In addition some students will be taking part in the Leadership for Life Award; this is in partnership with Hymers College and Winifred Holtby School. The award involves taking part in an ongoing community project and residential team building activities. This being linked in with a proposed project with the Acorn Childrens Centre, where we are proposing to help them transform their less than fully utilised frontage into something that will benefit all of those who use the centre and be more aesthetically pleasing for the whole community. So not only will the students have a great time, make new friends and have fantastic things to add to their CV, we will all benefit from their efforts. Good luck everyone!

But that is not all; here at Andrew Marvell we are committed to the community around us and the new website Bilton Grange Community Website has been launched. We encourage you all to take a look at and please feel free to contribute to the site. We would love to hear from you! We are looking for budding journalists to take part in writing feature articles for the site, as well as hearing from students, families and people in the local community so we all know what is happening around us! Please visit: www.biltongrange.localbizproject.com

For more information on any of the above please contact Miss Harrop or Mr Abbotts.

Community Linking Project

The Community Linking Project set up by the Schools Linking Network aims to improve community cohesion.

The idea is that two different schools come together to give children a real experience of meeting. This will help work towards a community in which there is a shared vision and sense of belonging, whereby diversity and varying backgrounds are celebrated. In our case, linking with Sydney Smith will allow pupils to meet children from differing socio-economic backgrounds, and geographical areas (east/west divide), to learn respect and build strong, positive relationships.

The pupils will meet on several occasions throughout the year, to learn about one another, and partake in a number of exciting, peer bonding activities. The first meeting will be on November 16th when some of our Year 8 pupils will meet the pupils from Sydney Smith. They will be interacting over some science based activities. Before this meeting, however, pupils will get to know one another via recorded video messages, and a series of identity activities. Moreover, reflective practice will play an integral role in the project, helping pupils to develop their reflective skills.

Miss Sharpe

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Holiday Dates

Autumn Term 2010

September	06 & 7	Staff training days
September	08	Pupils return
October	22	Half Term begins
November	01	Staff & pupils return
December	21	Christmas Holiday begins

Spring Term 2011

January	05	Staff training day
January	06	Pupils return
February	18	Half Term begins
February	28	Staff & pupils return
April	15	Easter Holiday begins

Summer Term 2011

May	02	May Day Bank Holiday
May	03	Staff training day
May	04	Pupils return
May	27	Half Term
June	06	Staff & pupils return
July	22	Summer Holiday begins

Diary Dates

November 2010

01 – 05	Yr 11 Mock exams
08 – 15	Yr 11 Early entry exams
09	Yr 7 Tutor parent evening
05 – 19	Yr 9 ICT functional skills
16	Yr 9 Parent options evening
18	Big Learning Day
25	Awards Evening Class of 2010

December 2010

21	Christmas Holiday begins
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Change of Personal Details

If you have recently changed your telephone number or postal address, please let us know.

You can write; telephone or email the College with your details and we will update our systems and ensure that you are kept informed of any important information.

