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MONTGOMERY High School

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Principal: Mr S. Careless

As the academic year draws to a close, it is with great pride that I reflect on another positive year at Montgomery.



The current Year 11 have just completed their GCSEs and are now on their long Summer break before their next challenge of A-Levels, BTECs or, for many, an apprenticeship. They have been a pleasure to work with and have set a standard of maturity for other future year 11 groups to aspire to. It was wonderful to see them looking so grown-up and elegant at their recent Prom at the De Vere Hotel. We are looking forward to seeing them on Results Day in August.

We have surpassed ourselves when it comes to sporting success with many of our teams being crowned district champions in sports such as Football, Rounders and Netball. Montgomery were also crowned the overall winners of the Blackpool Town Sports, a title we intend to hold on to next year!

Our students have also benefitted from many exciting

opportunities such as visits to Paris, London and a sporting tour of Holland. There have also been excursions to participate in events with the Army, PGL outward-bound courses, visits to Blackpool Zoo and Rewards outings to the Pleasure Beach. On every occasion, our young people have represented the school with pride and maturity.

Looking ahead to next year, we are rebranding the school starting with a new strap line of 'Inspiring Excellence Together'.

This, we feel, epitomises our pursuit of excellence as teachers, our determination to inspire excellent outcomes for all students and the fact that Montgomery will achieve this through staff, parents/carers and students working together towards common goals. We are also looking at the process of changing the school name to Montgomery Academy, as well as introducing a new House system. We have developed a new vision for Teaching and Learning at Montgomery where we plan to EXCEL.

Outstanding learning will be achieved through each lesson having:-

- E** an Entry task
- X** eXcellent relationships between students and teachers
- C** Challenge and support
- E** Explanations, modelling and questioning and
- L** Learning demonstrated

EXCEL will be launched with the students at the start of next term.

I would like to quickly mention two members of staff who are retiring this week. The first is Mrs Chambers, Assistant Principal, who has worked at Montgomery since 1986. She is a superb Maths teacher and a great member of staff whose expertise in writing the school timetable has been essential over recent years.

The second is Miss Skiffington, Curriculum Area Leader for Humanities, who has been with us since 1982. She is a brilliant and enthusiastic Geography teacher, who has worked in recent years on the school website, resilience work and parental engagement. She is responsible for this fantastic publication, the school newsletter. Both will be sorely missed, but the school thanks them for all their great work over many years and wishes them well with their exciting retirement plans.

In conclusion, we have had a really good year though we are excited at the prospect of our school improvement plans for the next academic year. Have a great Summer and we look forward to seeing the students back on Wednesday 29th August. I would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support in Inspiring Excellence Together!

Mr Careless
Principal



English

Department

Year 7 Montgomery Family Competition

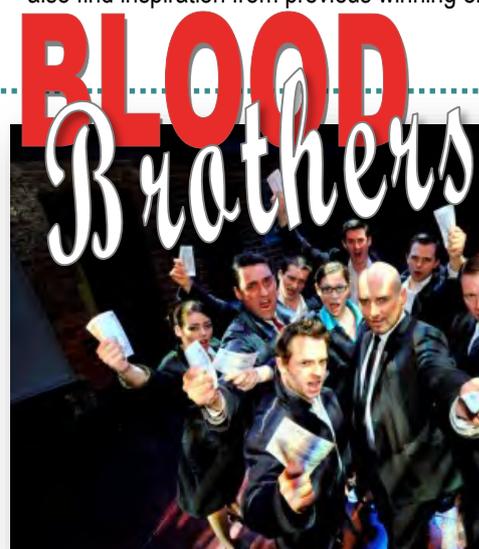


Students in all years have been busily writing their entries for the Foyle Young Poets 2018 competition. Poems can be on any theme, of any

length and of any style. Let your imagination run wild! Winning entries will be published in an anthology and it's a fantastic opportunity for students to get creative. If you haven't yet entered, there's still time! The deadline is 31st July and more information can be found at foyleyoungpoets.org where you can also find inspiration from previous winning entries.

Good luck!

Excitement rippled through the English department this term when the news spread that Mr Bullen had issued a personal challenge to year 7 to create a poem based around our Montgomery Family. Hundreds of entries came flying from the English department, showcasing the exceptional talent we have in our year 7 students. Inspirational words of unity and friendship called from page to page, the echoes of which can still be found on the display board in E Block. It's well worth a wander over.



Just days before their final English literature GCSE, some lucky year 11 students attended a breath-taking performance of Blood Brothers at Manchester's Palace Theatre.

Despite the dizzying heights of the seats in the circle, our students were in fine voice, singing along to their favourite numbers from the show. As always, the final scene captivated everyone, but most importantly, students gained an invaluable insight into how the show is performed on stage and the atmosphere which is therefore created, rather than simply reading the script to themselves.

The behaviour of all involved was impeccable, as pointed out by one of the staff members at the theatre.

The English Curriculum Area have planned further trips for our rising year 11 students, including another performance of Blood Brothers and a Poetry Live! Conference, starring various poets from the GCSE poetry anthology.

Debate Club

Bar Mock Trial Competition

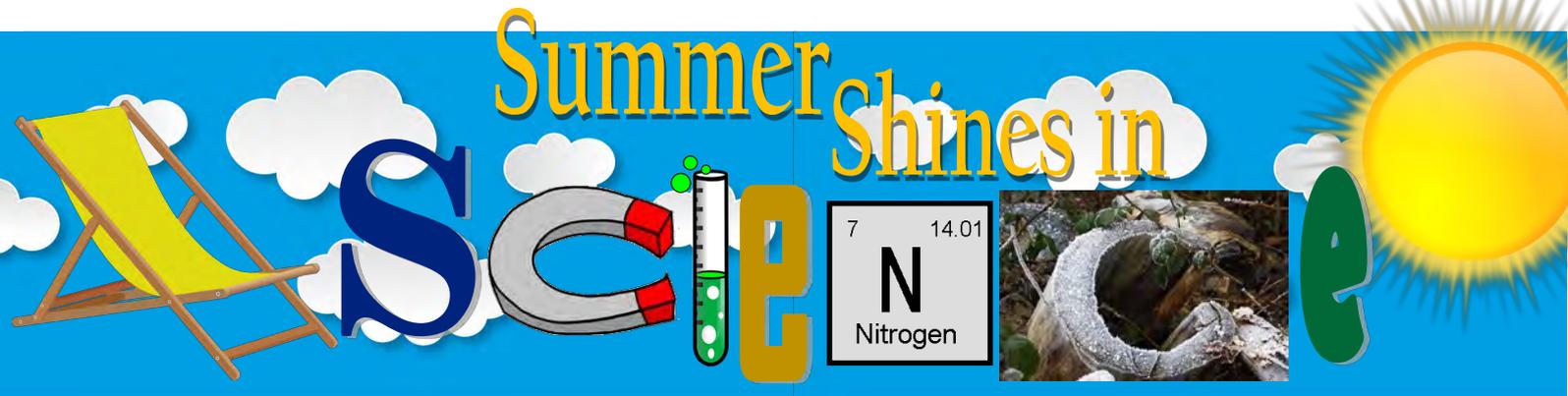
The Debate Club meets every Wednesday after school. There are 8 consistent participants who passionately argue for or against a statement posed by the founder of the club, Adrian Kambouris. The students have discussed such topics as: steroid use in sport; Russia's apparent involvement in American politics and many more. Everyone is encouraging and friendly; if a topic is unclear, they will take the time to explain it and ensure it's understood so the debating can begin. If you're interested in attending, come along - Wednesday 3pm-4pm in E17.

Some exciting news: we were recently informed that members of the Debate Club and other Year 9 volunteers have been selected to take part in the prestigious Bar Mock Trial Competition next year! Students will prepare a criminal case which will be argued against another competing school at Preston Crown Court in November. Good luck to them as they make their preparations over the summer. Watch this space for more news as the competition gets underway.

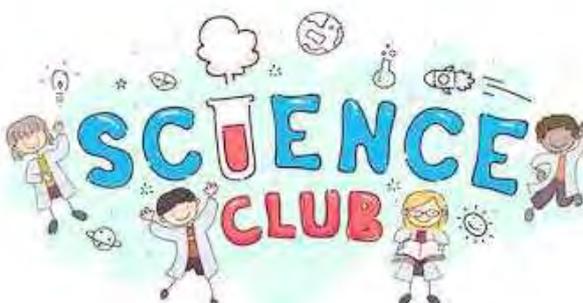


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This term, in science, has been as hot as the recent weather. As a bumper year of extracurricular activities, visits and practical learning activities draws to a close, we can be extremely proud of the inclusive culture and team ethos being built by our students and staff together, in the department. As well as our popular and established STEM and Science Clubs, we have continued our long standing collaborations with the Institute of Physics, the Ogden Trust and the Royal Society of Chemistry and have also joined forces with the Stonewall club to make multi-coloured resources for Sports Day. We will also highlight in this edition the award winning classroom displays we have developed and reflect on the brilliant Easter visit that successfully went out to Disneyland, Paris. Again, it has been busy, busy, busy, but we absolutely love it and we already cannot wait to go again in the next academic year!



Led by Miss Healey and Mrs Bach, our excited Year 7 and 8 students have been developing their science, technology, engineering and maths skills with a series of weekly engaging and thought provoking challenges. In May, a special Star Wars themed afternoon took place entitled, 'May the Force be with you' and students throughout this term have loved developing different borax free slime formulations. As well as making glue from milk, and cloning cauliflowers, students also competed against each other in small teams to win the prestigious Science Club summer treasure hunt. Well done to all students who have been involved and a very special mention to Miss Healey and Mrs Bach who have worked together tirelessly to bring Science to life for our students, brilliant work!



Stonewall & Science Club working together

This term has seen the Stonewall Club student body ask staff members across the school to write a message regarding standing up to discrimination. Led by Mr Jacks, students have embraced this project, and now photographs of staff posing with their messages of support are displayed outside the lower school dining room. Showing all students at Montgomery how we feel in terms of equality and standing up for what we believe in has had a powerful and exceedingly positive impact across the school. In preparation for sports day, students in the Stonewall club joined forces with students in Science Club on another ambitious project to design and develop tie-dye T-shirts for use on sports day. These colourful masterpieces were made with attention to detail, care and creativity and the students involved deserve an enormous amount of credit for their hard work. Well done indeed for two projects this term that have highlighted the fantastic work of students in this club!





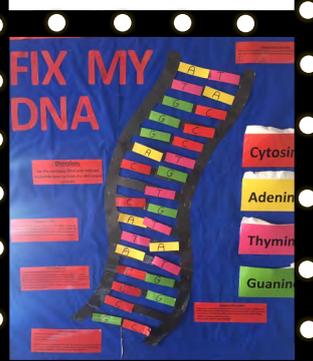
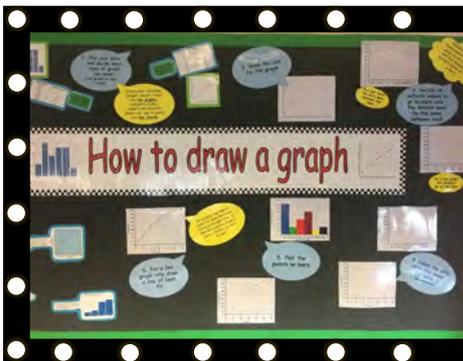
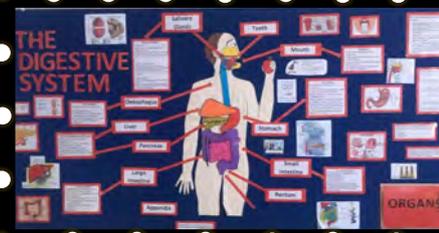
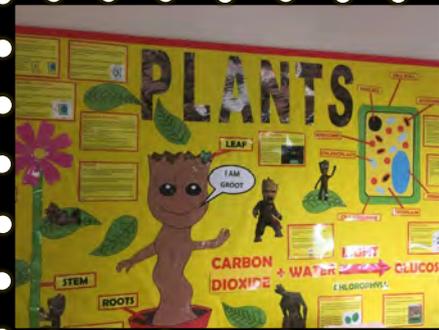
Our 3-year collaboration with the Institute of Physics and its stimulating physics network was due to come to an end in June. The final session was based on the physics of toys, something that was mind-blowing in terms of simple and practical ideas we can now use in the classroom to engage, motivate and inspire our students further. From forces involved in nerf guns, to a hand held levitating wand and floating footballs in line with the World Cup, this partnership has benefited us all in bringing physics to life for our students at Montgomery. We are now delighted to announce that we will be continuing our partnership with the Institute of Physics in the form of the Future Physics Leaders. As a partner school, we will develop our staff to become physics leaders who will then disseminate their good teaching practise across the Fylde Coast and beyond, something that both excites us and bodes well for further strengthening the physics teaching here at Montgomery.



On the 5th July, five students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will represent Montgomery at the Ogden Trust Awards at Blackpool Sixth Form College. Nominated for outstanding performances in Chemistry and Physics, students will receive prizes for their achievements and also attend a lecture by guest speaker, Marty Jopson from the 'One Show'. Ryan Cowan in Year 10 deserves a special mention here as he has also been nominated for the Cumbria and Lancashire regional School Physicist of the Year (SPOTY) award for his outstanding contribution to Physics. This takes place at Lancaster University on Saturday 7th July. We wish all our students the very best of luck at these awards ceremonies and are very proud indeed that they are receiving the recognition that they deserve for their passion, commitment and dedication to their science studies at Montgomery this year.

AWARD WINNING classroom displays

Miss Healey and the science team have been very busy this academic year producing some award winning classroom displays across the department. From Harry Potter, to the science of the justice league superheroes, to interactive operation and DNA displays, we have created some inspirational science board work. We also have an excellent display on the growth mind set, a guardians of the galaxy inspired plants exhibit and an excellent 3D model of the digestive system. It is clear that we take great pride in our learning environments, and this message communicates the importance of students taking pride in their own science work in each and every science lesson.



Former Montgomery Science student wins National Science Award

Wiktorja Wozniak, a former Montgomery science student, who left us last year in 2016-2017, has recently won a national science award. Having developed a passion for science at Montgomery, Wiktorja now studies a level 3 Applied Science course at Blackpool and the Fylde College and was commended as BTEC Science Student of the Year 2018. We are extremely proud of what Wiktorja has achieved this year and we hope this highlights to our current students that they too can excel in science given the right attitude, effort and determination to succeed.



Science Visit to

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On Friday 23rd March, seven amazing teachers (Mr Jacks, Mr Woodruff, Mrs Whittle, Miss Walker, Miss Chadwick, Miss Jacques and Zoe the French assistant) took 58 Year 8 and Year 9 students

on a Science Visit to Paris. It started with a 15 hour journey, which consisted of a 2 hour ferry ride and a 13 hour coach drive.

On Saturday afternoon we finally arrived at the hotel. After we got our rooms and unpacked, we got the metro to the Champs-Élysées and walked down to the Arc de Triomphe to explore. The teachers ordered lots of pizza and chips for tea! (Very French....not. Ed.)

On Sunday morning we went to the 'La Cité des Sciences' museum which was absolutely amazing and full of lots of cool things to try out. In the afternoon we climbed over 200 steps to get to the Sacré-Cœur Basilica then went to the Montmartre market. In the late afternoon we went to the 'Palais de la Découverte' - another science museum.

On Monday morning we went to the 'Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle' which was awesome because it had skeletons and life size animals in it. Then we had lunch, (subway) and went to a beautiful church called Notre Dame, which is very famous from the Disney film. (It might have appeared in a rather more literary tale somewhat earlier than Disney. Ed.) From there Mr Woodruff did a marvellous job at leading us to the Louvre (a glass pyramid on top of a gallery where the Mona Lisa is kept). In the late afternoon we queued up to climb the Eiffel Tower. The stairs closed just as we got there, so we went up to the 2nd platform in the lift instead- much easier!

Tuesday was Disneyland day and on the way there everyone, and I mean everyone, was singing Disney songs. We all went on awesome rides like Space Mountain and Tower of Terror. For tea we went to Planet Hollywood. As you can imagine Disneyland was AMAZING! On Wednesday we looked forward to another 15 hour journey home. Also, on the way home Mr Woodruff did a Disney quiz. We got the ferry just after lunch and made it back to school at 11:20pm.

This visit was an incredible experience. A massive thank you to all the teachers for looking after us even at the hardest of times and our amazing driver Peter, who stayed up late to transport us.

By Harriet of 9A4



A Year in the Life of our

STEM CLUB! Review



We started last September with two workshops that explored the Science behind DUNKIRK. We looked at the evacuation by constructing straw boats and calculating how many toy soldiers they could hold. More importantly could they actually float in a sink full of water? We also studied forces and their effects on the parachutes that RAF pilots used when they had to bail out. We used Action Figures, designed our own chutes and dropped them from a Lab' window in S7. Mrs Bach calculated the speed and examined each figure to see who was least injured!



From October through to April we worked on our SPACE Project that included a series of workshops, learning activities and experiments that ranged from calculating the speed of rockets powered by the fizz from a vitamin C tablet to studying the DNA of a Martian-mallow baby! Somewhere along the path, we came runner's up in the North-West STEM Club of the year competition, participated in a Harry Potter Potion lesson, visited Jodrell Bank, won a £150 voucher for Science resources by completing our activity for the National STEM Clubs trial, and helped our local community on one of the hottest days of the year by helping to clean the beach with expert guidance



from Emma Whitlock, one of our Fylde Beachcare Officers from LOVEMYBEACH.org.

As always Mr Byrne and Mrs Bach would like to acknowledge the support and backing from our terrific Science Dept.' particularly Dr Hutchinson, Ms Healey and Mr Mason (who's Marine Biology knowledge was invaluable on the beach clean!) and Mrs Whittle from the Student Support Centre for her help.

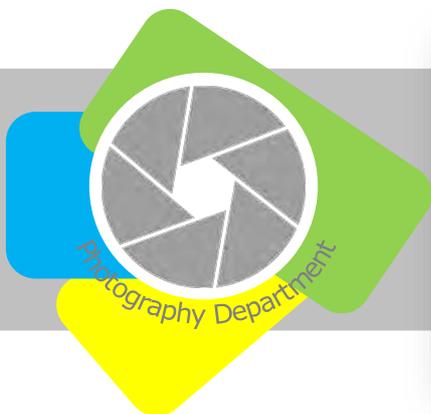
Staff and students would also like to raise a BIG cheer for Ms Royle and Mr Addison from DT who helped us make our Bo-Diddley, one string geetars....

Mr A and Ms R!



Finally, congratulations to Louisa, Katie, Chloe and Luke - our Celebration Evening STEM Club Award winners!





VISIT TO LIVERPOOL TATE

This term, on June 18th, Year 9 photography students were taken to Liverpool Tate and they also went on a “photographic” walk around the city of culture for the day. Students were visiting a photography exhibition in the Tate gallery of images that were based on “Movement”. After visiting the exhibit, students then walked the city photographing elements of movement as they interpreted it. A great day was had by all students, with some great images captured too! The Year 9s have also been practising Panning, a technique used to capture the movement of cars and blurring the backgrounds of their images. This is a really skilled technique.

Year 10 students are also having a day in Manchester in July to add images to their “Britishness” portfolio. Please check out our photos on Instagram to see the day! @PhotosFromMHS

POULTON PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION WINNERS

All Montgomery Students were invited to enter an image for Poulton Photographic society’s Young Photographers competition, and we are able to congratulate Harry of Year 7 for his entry and for winning in the junior category. Many other students also received commendations and certificates. Harry takes home a £25 gift voucher, a trophy and a certificate.

SENIOR



DAVID
Highly Commended
An interesting self portrait or selfie, the double exposure effect with the Fleetwood Pavilion in the background makes for a quite intriguing image. It shows a creative application of photographic technique.

SENIOR



AHNA
Highly commended
This highly commended image shows a Photoshop technique which is actually quite difficult to master and I think it makes very interesting creative approach to what could have been a relatively ordinary photograph – a disintegrating body.

SENIOR



IZZY
Highly commended
This highly commended image shows a competency in the use of Photoshop’s facilities in the flipping of images and the creating of a pattern like this is not as easy as it might look so I commend the photographer for his creative approach to this image

FIRST PLACE
HARRY



JUNIOR

This is an intriguing image for a young photographer, the use of shooting into the light – *contre jour* – shows quite an advanced creative piece of thinking. I suppose one could consider it to be in the style of Anthony Gormley’s statues that we find on the foreshore of the River Mersey. Well thought out

HANNAH CARTER

A former student of Art at Montgomery

Read what Hannah has to say and how she is using her Art education as part of her possible future career. Not all uses of what you study at school are quite so obvious. It's amazing how knowledge and skills learned now may open future career pathways in the most indirect of ways.

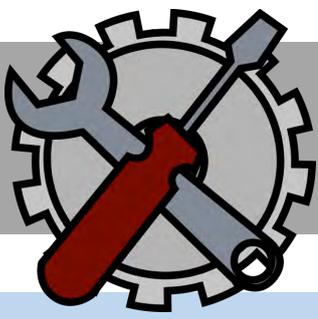
"Since leaving Montgomery I studied Art, Craft & Design at the Blackpool Sixth Form, along with Classical Civilisation, Law and Psychology. Although Art remained my strongest subject I found another passion in psychology and chose to study this as a Degree at Edge Hill University. I am currently in the process of deciding whether to continue my education after my degree and study a masters in Counselling Psychology in order to achieve my career goal of becoming a Counsellor, or an Art Therapist for school aged children. Although I did not continue studying art after college, it still remains a passion of mine and something I keep up as a hobby, in my spare time."



HeadStart Visual Arts project

Miss Skiffington, as the school's Teacher Ambassador for HeadStart asked Mrs Cox if she would select 20 students from Year 8 to be involved in a Visual Arts project to be delivered by Blackpool Sixth Form and a local artist in residence. Several sessions have taken place in school and at the Sixth Form. The resulting sculpture will be unveiled in the near future. Here are some images of the fantastic creative work our students have undertaken. The project has helped students to work creatively as a team and to develop a sense of ownership and belonging as well as be more open to their own creativity. The final sculpture will be of a bird taking flight, just like the creativity of our students! A job brilliantly done. The sculpture will be on display in the Winter Gardens from September onward.





Design & Technology

Fact Files

Where did you study? UCLAN, ST Helens Collage and Edge Hill University College

What or who inspired you to study this subject at a further or higher level? I studied Engineering at university but always had the desire to become a teacher, originally of science, but my dad suggested design technology and this appealed to me more.

What is your favourite current piece of design or technology? The development of the autonomous car.

Give us some detail about the first tool that you owned? Even as a very young child I used tools, most of which were my dad's but I claimed them as my own. I loved to repair things and complete projects with him.

What do you love about Design Technology? The ability to inspire students of all abilities to be creative and be proud of what they can achieve.



Mrs L. Royle



Mr D. Grundy

Where did you study? Edge Hill University

What or who inspired you to study this subject at a further or higher level?

My Dad. I have been brought up around tools. I went out working with my Dad since the age of 5. Allan Ball, he was the head chef at 12 restaurant, in Thornton. I loved going into the restaurant and experimenting.

What is your favourite current piece of design or technology? Engineering and Food of course.

Give us some detail about the first tool that you owned? For my 5th birthday I was given a hammer, a Stanley Knife and a Boster Chisel. This was to help fit carpet with my Dad.

What do you love about Design Technology? There is nothing like making something out of nothing. Also, making something that is useful, gives me a great sense of purpose and achievement.

Where did you study? School, I left school had a job to go to, had my children when they were old enough I got a job here as a dinner lady then got offered the job in food tech as the technician.

What or who inspired you to study this subject at a further or higher level? I needed the money with a growing family.

What is your favourite current piece of design or technology? Food blender, saves a lot of work.

Give us some detail about the first tool that you owned? Too long ago to remember.

What do you love about Design Technology? Mr Addison says my cakes and cooking.



Mrs K. Berry



Where did you study? Edge Hill University

What or who inspired you to study this subject at a further or higher level? My parents and a good friend from college.

What is your favourite current piece of design or technology? SpaceX Falcon 9 –Type this in to a search engine and take a look for yourselves.

Give us some detail about the first tool that you owned? In all honesty, I just don't remember.

What do you love about Design Technology? Everything. Take a look around. It's everywhere. You use it every day. To me, design technology means thinking outside the box and then making it happen.

Mr A. Woodhouse



Where did you study? Edge Hill University

What or who inspired you to study this subject at a further or higher level? My art and textile teacher at school. I was always told to follow my passions and what makes me happy so I chose the subjects I enjoyed the most.

What is your favourite current piece of design or technology? The development of the graphene material and the opportunities it is bringing to the design and technology world.

Give us some detail about the first tool that you owned? A craft knife, which enabled me to craft models from clay and cut nets more accurately.

What do you love about Design Technology? The creativity and freedom that it brings, working through a design process and structure to a final prototype that can be further developed.

Mrs E. Cumming



Where did you study? Blackpool and Fylde College HND in Manufacturing Engineering.

What or who inspired you to study this subject at a further or higher level? My old electronics teacher, Mr Camm.

What is your favourite current piece of design or technology? Car Sat-Nav because I'm useless with directions.

Give us some detail about the first tool that you owned? The Screwdriver – this resulted in my being a tinkerer by taking things apart at a young age & investigate how things worked & this would result in breaking house hold items and electrocuting myself.

What do you love about Design Technology? Being creative and putting my own ideas into projects.

Mr R. Addison



Where did you study? UCLAN (twice), Runshaw College, Chelmsford College and Edge Hill University.

What or who inspired you to study this subject at a further or higher level? I studied product design and then later Ceramics at university. I love learning, especially the use of new technologies, within traditional skills. My dad was a great inspiration, he is still working as a carpenter into his late seventies and embracing new materials, techniques and processes.

What is your favourite current piece of design or technology? Loving the iPad-pro, so many possibilities, still got to get my head around the many different drawing packages.

Give us some detail about the first tool that you owned? I had an axe for chopping kindling, I was given this when I was about seven. I bought a replacement two weeks ago after losing it in a house move.

What do you love about Design Technology? Design Technology is ever changing; as new technologies and new needs represent themselves.

Mrs M. Willis



Sports | Report

What a term the P. E. department and the students that take part in all the sporting events have had.

We have a bumper crop of achievements this term, and as a school we are so proud of our young people and their continued commitment to competing in sporting events.

We have had amazing success in rounders, football and athletics this term with our year 7 and 10 teams winning tournaments.

Rounders:

The year 10 rounders team were crowned Blackpool Schools' Rounders Champions and the year 7 rounders team won the Blackpool Schools' Rounders Tournament.

A fantastic achievement for both teams!



Y10 Rounders Team: Ella, Ashley, Cristele, Keisha, Lauren, Sophia, Maddie, Karis, Holly, Kaya



Y7 Rounders Team: Robyn, Casey, Molli, Paige, Isabelle, Lilly-Mae, Laura, Emily, Emma

Football

Our Y10 boys retained the title of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Cup Winners for the second consecutive year, beating St George's 3-0.

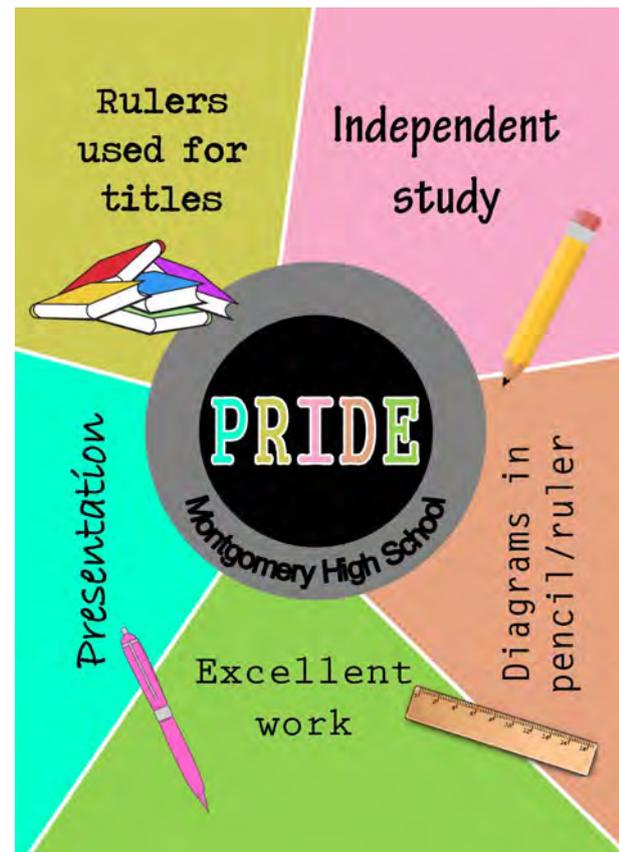


Y10 Football team: Harry Cam, Nico, Liam, Joe, Jamie, Ellis, Nathan, Jamie, Kyle, Joe, Liam, James, James

The Y7 football team won the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Cup, 2-1 against Lytham St Anne's. All students were an absolute credit to school and a pleasure to watch.



Y7 Football Team: Will, Kaden, Danny, Mason, Olly, Lucas, Finn, Harrison, Josh, Isaac, Raeden, Tyler



Year 7 Blackpool Schools Athletics Championships



Here we have our superbly talented Y7 athletics team who competed in the Blackpool Schools Athletics Championships at an evening event in Stanley Park. The students were an absolute credit to the school and all performed exceptionally well, with some outstanding individual performances. Montgomery finished in 2nd place to St Mary's in the final standings, but our team showed great sportsmanship when the results were announced and thanked the hosts, St George's, for organising the first Y7 athletics competition.

Blackpool Schools Town Sports

Montgomery entered the Blackpool Schools' Town Sports again this year. With the pressure of our last year's victory, our students had a lot to live up to. We are very proud to say "we only went and won again for the second consecutive year!!"

Well done to everyone who took part, what a fantastic bunch of athletes we have. Here's looking forward to defending our achievement next year & looking forward to trying our best to retain it.



Sports Day



We were blessed with fabulous weather this year for our sports day. All the students that took part had an amazing day. Mr Chandler took an amazing photograph of the proceedings using the Geography department's drone. It is amazing to see sports day from a different perspective.

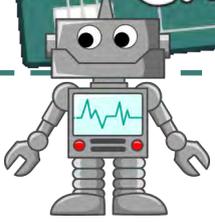
PROM

Montgomery High School

The annual Year 11 formal was held at the Village on Friday, 29th June, 2018. A big thank you to Mrs Cumming and Mrs Watson for their tireless efforts in organising the event which was a huge success. As you can see from the images below our students certainly "scrub up" well.



Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge



Regular readers may recall that Mr Byrne left us with a detailed write-up of the team's preparation for competition in the spring newsletter, and a promise to report back on the outcome in this very edition!

Well, bizarre as it may sound now with the sun boiling away outside – the competition was called off because of the absolute blizzard conditions in Blackburn where it was due to be held! We had actually set off and were almost at the motorway slip road when we got the call to turn-back because the venue was snowed-in!

So we look forward to challenging again next February, and all the experience our current team members gained will be channelled into teaching our new Year 7 members from September.



A Lemony Snicket Reading Club!

New for this term! We meet most mornings at tutor time or earlier in the Student Support Centre to take turns and read aloud as a group. We are really grateful to our fellow traveller and Honorary Member, Miss Slade, who has kept us supplied with the books! We have already finished Book the first: The Bad Beginning, and hope to finish The Reptile Room before we finish for summer. We've said a sad goodbye with all best wishes to one of our most dynamic readers, Amy, who heads off for college in September. However, we already have new readers, Sam, Nathan and Brent who have joined Louisa, Kyle, Theo, Catherine-Ann, David, Joel and Peter.

Peter: *'The funniest thing was when Sunny thought she could bite the Man's hand-hooks! She leaves tooth marks on everything and wit one word she can speak a whole sentence!'*
 Brent: *'I like how the characters are smart for their age.'*

Louisa: *'What I like about The Reptile Room is when it is all happy in the start then the unfortunate events comes in the air! Dun... Dun...Dun!!!!'*



A M B I T I O N

Have you given 100% every lesson,

- A** - Attendance
- M** - Montgomery Way
- B** - Bonus Points
- I** - Involvement In Extra Curricular
- T** - Tutor Checks
- I** - Involvement: Charity Events
- O** - Outstanding
- N** - Next Steps



A message for Easter

The staff at Montgomery High School were very aware that a number of students in school would not be lucky enough to be receiving an Easter treat like many of our students. With this in mind we all agreed to donate a number of Easter eggs that could be passed on to individuals and their families so that they could celebrate Easter in this age old way. The photograph shows just what a generous bunch of people work here and are part of the "Montgomery Family".





ANIME CLUB
Wednesdays
3:00-4:00

Hannah Byrne

The Anime & Manga Appreciation Society is still going strong. We are looking forward to welcoming any new, year 7 students who are interested in the subject!

In the meantime, we say goodbye to long time Yr. 11 members, President Lee-Mei, Vice-President Toby, Alex, Ami, Callum P and our top collaborator, Miss Wood! We wish you all the very best and hope there is another Anime Club waiting to welcome you all in September!



MATHS Feast

This term, four of our year 10 students took part in the FSMP Maths Feast at Blackpool Sixth Form. 19 teams entered from schools across the Fylde Coast and West Lancashire. The students had to work as a team to solve four rounds of mathematical problems, in a given time. They had to draw on their mathematical skills and logic, as well as agree on solutions and methods. They worked very well together, completing various tasks and applying strategies to ensure they completed the tasks in the set time. They were fantastic and came a very creditable 3rd, behind Carr Hill A and B.

Congratulations to Chloe, Katy, Koray and Oliver. Here you can see them figuring it out!



MEET THE MARINES

Twelve Year 11 students attended the 'Meet the Marines' visit during the early part of the summer term. The day's activities included; a gruelling PT session, a run out on the boats and a lesson in weaponry. Unfortunately, the wind picked up, so the 40ft climbing wall had to be taken down! However, a great day was had by all!

Thanks to both Mr Twambley, Mr Burns and Mr Benson for organising the visit and providing another opportunity for our students to experience what a career in the armed forces may actually be like.





i am learning

Over this academic year students have been using I am learning to complete homework and to complete general revision across a range of subjects. They access this by going to www.iamlearning.co.uk - The school code is monfy2, their username is the firstname and surname together with no spaces (harrykane) and the password is the student's DOB in ddmmyyyy format.

The following students have been the top users in each year group:

Year 7

Samantha-Jane (29 hours)
Brandon (14 hours)
Archie (13 hours)

Year 8

Ceara (20 hours)
Nathan (15 hours)
Tristan (12 hours)

Year 9

Dalton (11 hours)
Hui Chi (9 hours)
Matthew (7 hours)

Year 10

Leon (14 hours)
Harry (8 hours)
Lewis (6 hours)

Mr Morris, Curriculum Area Leader – Computing recently informed us that “I am Learning” were running a competition to encourage revision during the exam season. Throughout May, Montgomery students spent twice as long on “I am Learning” revision exercises as they did in April or March.

During the exam season” I am Learning” ran the competition WORLDWIDE. Montgomery students completed enough time revising to finish 2nd in the UK, with close to 1000 schools participating, and finished 11th **globally** from a total of over 7000 schools. Mr Morris was delighted to collect the schools prize and certificate.



During a fantastic time at French Club, we have done a variety of things such as; watching a film in French to develop our vocabulary, (we learnt many new words) and, of course, best of all, we made a lemon meringue pie using a French recipe.

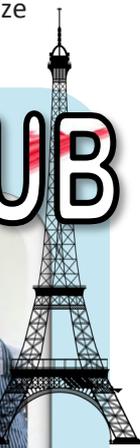
The film we watched was called “He even has your eyes “. It was a heart-warming film about a black couple who adopted a white baby and it showed the struggles the couple and their family had to face throughout the adoption process. After watching the film, we made a review poster about the film and about the Cannes Film Festival that was going on in France at the same time we were watching the film.

For the lemon meringue pie, we had to make sure we had everything prepared beforehand. We looked at the ingredients for the lemon meringue pie in French so we could prepare for the baking part of the pie. Zoe helped us prepare and we made a delicious pie under her supervision. Zoé is our amazing French Language Assistant. This was an incredible success! We went to the MFL staff room and shared it with other MFL teachers. The teachers seemed to have liked it and were embarrassed that they could not make it themselves.

The French club would like to say big thank you to Zoé because we will be sad to see her go as she has helped to start French Club and given up her time to teach us French and do some fun activities with us after school.

She has been very fun to be around and will be missed immensely by all of us. Thank you very much and best wishes to her for the future. **Compiled and written by; Jess, Hannah, Lauren, Amelia, Sarah and Yulan of Year 8**

Year 8 FRENCH CLUB



Cendrillon

Cendrillon - An MFL and Drama Transition project
A group of year 7 students have worked with Miss Higgins to perform Cinderella in French! They performed to a group of Year 6 students during Transition Week and then taught their parts to the year 6 pupils who put on a show for their peers along with Mr.Hegarty and Mrs Bunker.
Well done!



HEADSTART

Innovation Project

After submitting a detailed written bid to HeadStart for lottery funding at the end of June, we were delighted to find out that we had been shortlisted to go before a panel to present our case and to try to secure over £15,000 to support the vital work of our Engage programme, here in school.

Miss Skiffington, who promotes Academic Resilience in school, and who wrote the bid, along with Mrs Chandler who runs the Engage programme and two student representatives, Hannah of Y10 and Lauren of Y8, went along on Thursday, 5th July, 2018 to the Blackpool Centre for Independent Living on Whitegate Drive. We were all a little nervous but determined to be brave!

The Panel was made up of HeadStart officers and a young person. Our presentation went well and we exited with fingers crossed. Now we just had to wait for confirmation.

On Friday evening Miss Skiffington received the all-important email. We had secured the funding. Here is what the panel had to say about our “innovative and daring” ideas:-

Extent of impact on resilience across the school or target groups:

You explained to us how the Engage programme has a strong focus on the Coping and Belonging strands of the Resilience Framework. Mr Chandler and her colleagues are already having a significant impact on the pupils they have worked with, and it's great to see that they are helping pupils to plan a sense for the future by understanding their aspirations. We liked the fact that the school wants to work with pupils before referrals to other agencies e.g. to CAMHS are necessary, and that you are aiming to work with parents so that the whole school experience is a more positive one. We think there are even more opportunities to embed the Framework into the programme, and we would encourage you to explore these with your ARA Facilitator.

Extent of co-production with young people in design of proposals:

Hannah spoke very eloquently about how the pupil focus group identified that some pupils have difficulties in engaging in the traditional curriculum, and how these concerns had helped shaped the new Engage programme.

Evidence or theory supporting proposals:

While you have looked at some research, e.g. art therapy, you are starting to build up your own evidence base from the pupils who have been through the programme, as explained so bravely and emotively by Lauren. The Big Lottery Fund recognise that this project will be of significant interest beyond the school and beyond Blackpool, so they'd like to see how they can help to share the learning. It would be good if you could start to capture some of this learning through case studies as well as looking at the traditional evaluation of data. We think this could be a potential area of study for our Revolution Researchers (HeadStart's co-research group of young people), and we will suggest this to them as a possible future project.

Value for money and sustainability:

It's good to hear that the pupils are creating entrepreneurial opportunities and looking at the budget for running the provision. We discussed how there is a really good fit with some of the priorities of the Opportunity Area regarding the creation of work experience opportunities, and links to the Inclusion agenda, and we will give some thought as to how we might link into this funding stream.



Onward and upward!



Making his way in the world

Mitchell Simpson

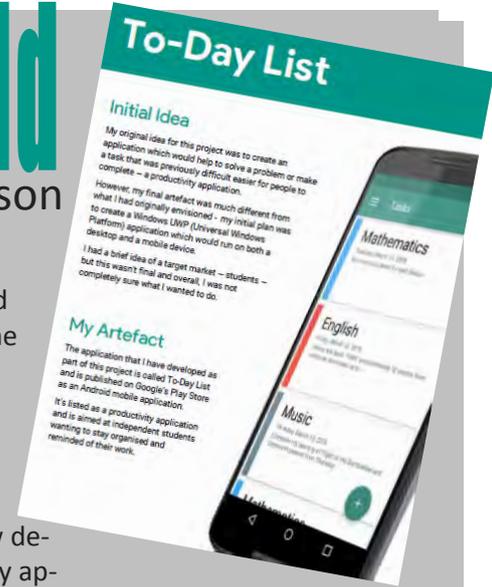
Mitchell Simpson left Montgomery in the summer of 2017 and has continued to develop his skills in the area of computing and graphic design. Though Mitchell did leave school last year, he actually achieved his computer science qualification in the summer of 2016, achieving the top grade of an A*.

Since starting at sixth form Mitchell has been completing 'The Extended Project Qualification' (EPQ) which promotes and encourages independent learning, improvement, and documentation. Mitchell chose to develop an Android application, something he had been wanting to try for a long time, and he has now developed "To-Day List" which is available on the Google play store. It's a productivity application aimed at keeping you organised with cards in the interface for each task you have to do, and a unique alarm clock that brings your attention straight to your tasks when you wake up, making you more motivated and more productive.

Mitchell had to complete many hours of research throughout the project that helped him shape what the application eventually became. At time of writing, Mitchell has now had the app downloaded a number of times and if you want to do so it can be downloaded by using the link below or searching for "To-Day List."

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.msimpson.todaylist>

Wow! We have some exceptionally talented past students making their mark on the world!



Year 10 visit to Blackpool Sixth Form



A big thank you to Mr Palfry and Mrs Coultas for organising a visit to Blackpool Sixth for all our Y10 students on Thursday, 5th July. It was a fantastic opportunity to sample life in tertiary education and we know that our students were impressed by the fantastic facilities, not least the Starbucks, and the number and variety of courses available to them at A level in particular. The whole day has fired the imagination of many of our students and has focused the mind on to where their hard work next year can take them.

Students were able to sign up to several options throughout the day to get a taste of things to come!



SAD TO SEE YOU GO

So long, farewell and good luck to one and all.

The end of the school academic year always means that we have some fond farewells and messages of good luck for certain members of our teaching and administration teams.



First up, we would like to wish Ms Greenwood all the very best for her nuptials which take place at the start of the school holidays. You can bet that the wedding will be planned with military precision, a bit like her lessons. We hope the beautiful weather continues to grace what will be a wonderful day.



We have already witnessed the departure of Mr Kilmurray and his PA, Mrs Ashton. Mr Kilmurray, as you may



know, has moved on to be the first Principal of the new FCAT School, Armfield Academy. Mrs Ashton is busy getting him organised!

We would like to thank our long term supply teachers who have stepped in and taken on the classes of other colleagues who have moved on to pastures new. Ms Malin, Mr Short and Mr Ip. We have very much

appreciated all your efforts.

Ms Hall is off to join Mr Kilmurray's teaching team and we wish her luck in her new role at Armfield. Other scientist leaving the fold include



Mr Jacks, who has established our Stonewall group, and Miss Walker and Ms



Sweeney. Good luck to all of you in your new posts far and wide from south west London to south west Cumbria.



Big thanks to the big personality; Mr Dickson. Your drama productions have been

outstanding. Well done to Miss Wood who has secured a post in a school Over Wyre and to Miss Higgins from MFL, the world is your oyster in your new role. We also say goodbye to Mr Grundy and Ms Green who may only have been here at Montgomery for a short time but they have made a lasting impression. Thank you all.



Mrs Chambers who currently organises the school time table is retiring from full time teaching after 30 years at Montgomery. However, she

will be back in a consultative role to make sure that the timetable is in place over the next few years both here and at Armfield Academy. She intends to explore every inch of Australia in her newly purchased camper van. Good on ya Shelia! As they say in the vernacular.





Finally, we say good bye to Miss Skiffington, who after 36 years has just about done every job there is to do at Montgomery High School.

She started as a geography teacher in 1982 and knew it was about time to go when two years ago a student in Year 7 informed her that “Miss, you taught my Gran!” She’s as old as the actual school itself and has enjoyed watching it grow and change over the years. One of her most recent roles in school has been to Tweet with you each morning and she is so very proud to work in a school where there is so much going on and so many outstanding achievements attained by students, teams and staff alike. We wish her well in her retirement and know that she will be doing what geographers do; travelling to places she has yet to discover!
Bon Voyage!

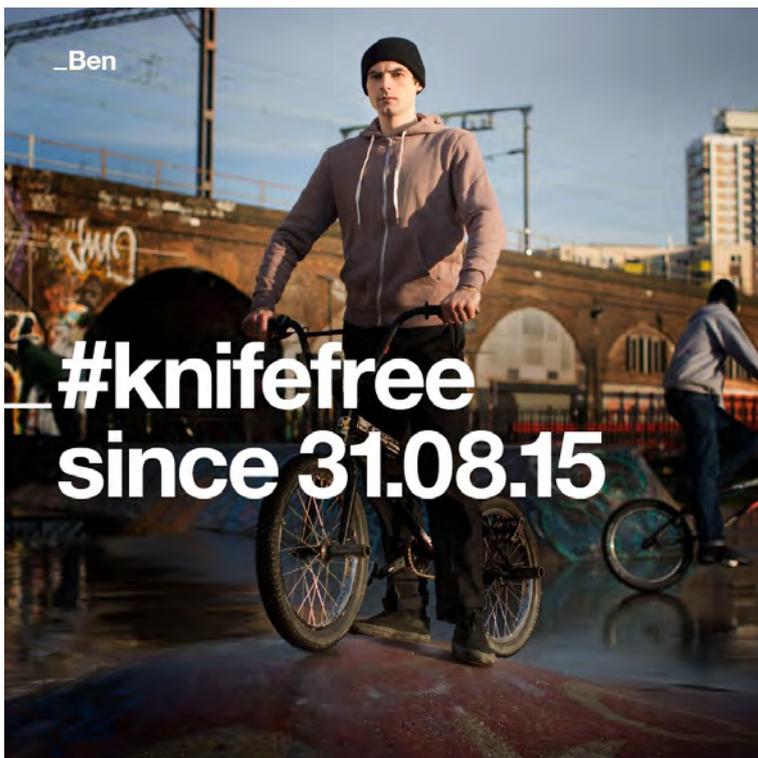


HEADSTART

Performing Arts Project



Miss Skiffington was delighted to welcome dancers and actors from the Grand Theatre and the local community into school to work with some of our Year 8 and 9 students. Mr Dickson kindly volunteered to be the project liaison and he worked tirelessly to organise the sessions in school. You can see some of the students in action in the images below. The purpose of the project was to encourage students who generally lack confidence in communicating to open up to the possibilities of communicating their feelings through drama and dance rather than just talking! The results have been very positive with several students who would never have auditioned for parts in the end of year musical revue, going for it! Fantastic!



www.gov.uk/government/publications/knifefree-campaign-graphics-and-posters

 **Lifeboats**

GIVE YOURSELF A FLOATING CHANCE

If you're in trouble in cold water:

- 1 Fight your instinct to thrash around
- 2 Lean back, extend your arms and legs
- 3 If you need to, gently move your arms and legs to help you float
- 4 Float until you can control your breathing
- 5 Only then call for help or swim to safety

Help save lives. Share our Float to Live advice.
RNLI.org/RespectTheWater

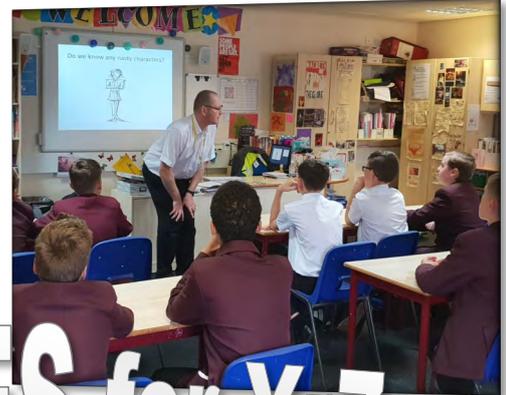
 **RESPECT THE WATER**

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.
Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (2096020) and Scotland (SC037738). Registered charity number 20053309 in the Republic of Ireland.

Celebrations and congratulations

We had four nights to remember and recognise the fantastic achievements of many of our students when we hosted our traditional Celebration Evenings. As ever they were very well attended, lots of fantastic student speakers and some amazing music and dancing as part of the evenings. Well done and thanks to everyone who got involved

Celebration Evening 2018



Writing ADVENTURES for Yr7

On Friday, 13th July Dan Worsley a local author visited school to meet with Y7 students and to run a workshop. Here is his Twitter response to the event.



Dan Worsley 

Thanks so much [@MontyHighSchool](#) for a top morning! It was ace to share my writing adventure with your fabulous Y7 students. I'm buzzing with writing energy after witnessing the enthusiasm & excitement on display in the writing workshop. Brilliant!



Educational Visit



Humanities Visit London

Forty Year 10 Humanities students and four intrepid members of staff met at Preston Station on Thursday, 5th April to catch the 8.59am Virgin train to London Euston.

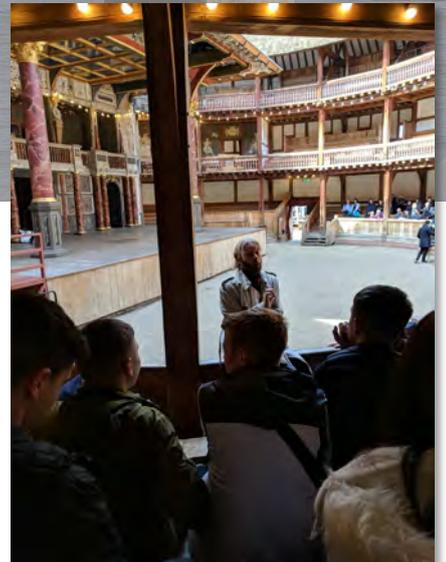
They were checked into their Thameside Youth Hostel by 11.15 and off on a day's adventure that saw them take in the following sites; a visit to The Crystal – Sustainable Cities Exhibition, followed by a ride on the Emirates Air Line (cable car) over the O2, a walk past Buckingham Palace and then onto the 4-D London Eye Cinema experience.

This was followed by a Thames River Cruise and some free time in Covent Garden to get fed and watered. The day wasn't yet over and in the early evening the group walked to Leicester Square and caught the Tube to The Shard where they ascended 70 floors up to the public viewing area. Wow! What a cram packed day.

On Friday, after breakfast, the group headed toward the Tower of London and Tower Bridge. From there they walked on to Whitehall to look through the gates to Downing Street and on to enjoy the street entertainment along the South Bank before heading to the Globe Theatre for a tour and to try on some Elizabethan Costumes.

After collecting their luggage it was back to Euston Station for the train journey back to Preston.

A thoroughly good time was had by all thanks to Mr Chandler for his brilliant planning and organisation.



Important Dates



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

See you at the end of August

Dates for your diary

Autumn 2018 Term

Tuesday	28th August	Inset Day
Wednesday	29th August	School Opens
Monday	22nd October	Half Term
Friday	2nd November	Term Closure (inclusive)
Friday	30th November	Inset Day
Friday	21th December	School Closes

Spring 2019 Term

Monday 7th January	School Opens
Monday 18th February	Half Term
Friday 22nd February	Closure (Inclusive)
Friday 5th April	School Closes

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