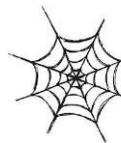




NEWSLETTER

October 2014



Welcome from James Tickle, Principal

Welcome to a new year at The Roundhill Academy. I have been incredibly impressed with the start students have made to this academic year. Students are keen and focussed in lessons; they are showing a desire to make progress with their work and are displaying a positive attitude to learning. The Year 7 students have settled exceptionally well and already it feels like they have been here for years. It was lovely to see so many parents of our Year 7 students at the Welcome Party this year as I believe much of a child's success at school is based on relationships between home and school.

I remember writing this time last year about how popular our Open Evening had been for Year 6 students and their families. We were astounded this year to see that we were even busier than last year. With our change to 11 - 16 education and our recent good Ofsted inspection it is clear parents are very keen for their children to join The Roundhill Academy.

The biggest change we have made this year, following the government's decision to remove National Curriculum Levels, is to assess students' work in terms of GCSE grades. The details of this will be made clear to you at Parents' Evenings and with reports, but I wanted you to be aware of this significant change in the way we are monitoring your child's progress this year.

For the first time ever, our Year 9 students have embarked on their GCSEs in a number of different subjects. We have been really pleased with this transition to Key Stage 4 teaching and learning and everything is looking incredibly positive for a wonderful set of results in 2017.

The rest of this newsletter will show some of the exciting things we have already achieved this year and details of some of the things coming up. As always, please feel free to contact us here at The Roundhill Academy if you have any questions or would like any advice as we are always available to listen and help.

ASDAN
Group
planting
poppies to
support the
British
Legion
14 - 18
Campaign.



Year 9 Visit to the Victory Show



43 Year 9 students really enjoyed their visit to the Victory Show in Cosby, Leicestershire on Friday 5th September 2014. Students were able to see tanks, vehicles, photographs and many more artefacts and replicas from WW2. They had the opportunity to speak to WW2 enthusiasts and interviewed a former SAS soldier. Deva said, *“It was a great experience for all of us learning about WW2. My favourite part was when we were shown the weaponry and how they*

worked. We even got to hold replica guns!” Callum would recommend the trip to the next Year 9 students, saying, *“I enjoyed it all. The best bits were when we saw the troops demonstrating how to fire a shell and seeing the German Fokker plane land just before we had to return to school.”*



Roundhill Remembers WW1

On 11th November 2014 we will be asking students to bring in £1.00 and wear something red to join other schools across the country by supporting the British Legion's 14 - 18 campaign. During this day students will also experience an Enrichment Day in which they will find out about different elements of the war across a variety of curriculum areas. We are also very interested in finding out about any local connections to the First World War. If you have any family records or information about relatives involved in WW1 we would love to include them on our WW1 Centenary display. Please send in any copies of letters, photographs, etc. that you are happy to be included.



WATERMEAD TUTEE OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2014

Dominic Chapman
(HPI)

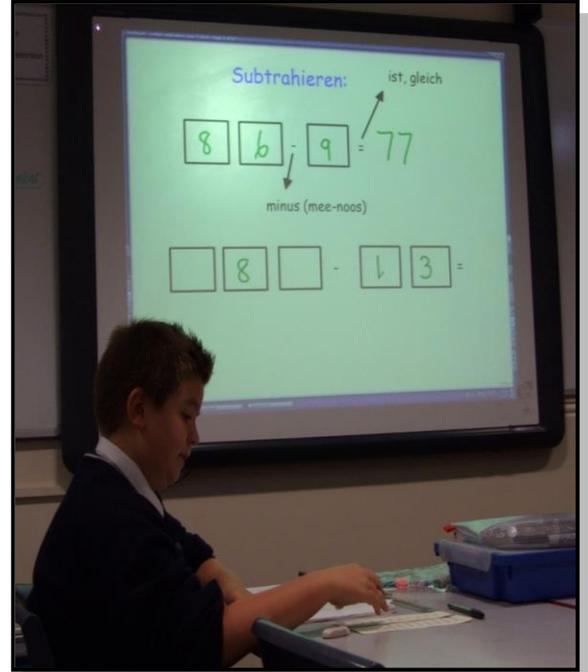
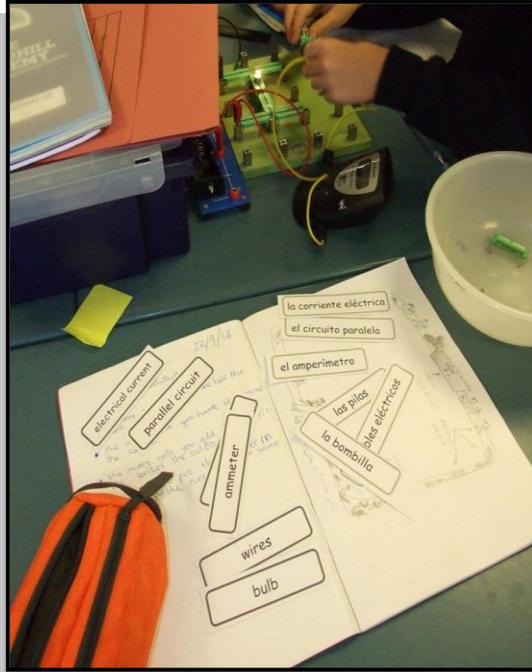
Byrony O'Connor
(ECO)

Callum Cassidy
(NKA)

Mark Dyson
(JCH)

Shannon Osborn
(LGI)

As a school we can speak over 26 different languages and the European Day of Languages provided a great opportunity for us to celebrate this. Various activities were on offer throughout the week with students able to try different languages and



to sample international food. Students enjoyed hearing different members of the school community speak in different languages and said *“I liked hearing my friends speaking languages that I didn’t know they could speak”*, as well as *“I liked hearing the teachers speaking in lots of languages and English was fun because my teacher spoke in Japanese!”* Students also experienced some of their lessons taught entirely in a different language and Sophie said *“I really enjoyed Science because the whole lesson was in Spanish”* whilst Reena said she enjoyed Maths because *“we spoke German to give all of our answers!”*

ENRICHING TIMES

Exciting times at The Roundhill Academy as we move towards starting our first ever Duke of Edinburgh’s (DofE) Award group. In November we will launch the DofE to our Year 9 students which will give the opportunity for a group of them to undertake one of the most prestigious and well-respected non-academic awards for young people. Students will be encouraged to take part in volunteering projects, develop new or existing skills, undertake regular physical recreation and most excitingly will be going on a two day camping expedition around the Leicestershire countryside. Year 9 students watch this space!

Recruitment for new members to the Junior Leadership Team also took place before half term. The new council of members will sit for the first time soon after the half term break and a full list of projects and issues which they will aim to address over the rest of the school year will be released shortly – watch this space again!

At lunchtime this term we have run basketball, table tennis and badminton clubs for all students from all years and will continue to do so until Christmas. In the New Year we will have the first set of Inter-House Competitions at lunchtimes so students can renew their sporting rivalries. Will Watermead continue to dominate or will another house rule the roost this year?

SPORTS NEWS



Year 9 Football

As this goes to print, the Year 9 students have played one match so far against Rawlins Academy. Rawlins Academy are traditionally strong at football, so when we won 6 - 1 this came as a surprise. However, when we turned up at Rawlins Academy a member of their staff was convinced we had brought a Year 10 team, so we definitely had the size advantage! The Roundhill Academy was 3 - 0 up at half time and then added further scores in the second half.

Josh Brown and Ethan Allton were strong at the back, Joe Asher and Cameron Brown made some dangerous runs down the wings and Giorgi Vann and James Hayes were dangerous in midfield which meant when we got the ball into their third of the pitch we always looked like scoring. Well done to Connor Geier and Ethan Ganda who were making their debuts for the team.

Well done to the whole squad:

Ethan Ganda, Sahil Raniga, Salman Jamal, Josh Brown, Riley Kerr, Ethan Allton, Joe Asher, Giorgi Vann, Cameron Brown, Connor Geier, James Hayes, Kelan Draycott and Jordan Henfrey.



On Saturday 13th September 2014, Harrison Stuart (7JKC), travelled to Groby Community College to compete in the first schools cross country. It was his first competitive race and he ran an excellent race to finish 13th.

Anyone else interested in competing for the school and running the cross countries, please come and see Miss Underwood for a letter.