



HAPPY NEWSLETTER

Easter

March 2015



Welcome from James Tickle, Principal

A new era is about to begin at The Roundhill Academy. When we return after Easter our Year 9 students will embark on their GCSEs. This is a historic moment and the first time students will complete GCSE courses at the school. All of the data is showing that students will achieve an outstanding set of results in Year 11 and staff, students and parents are feeling very confident.

For the first time ever in the history of The Roundhill Academy we are oversubscribed and will need to complete an appeals process for students wishing to come to the school. We have received over 200 first choice applications for 150 places in Year 7. Due to this unprecedented demand we have made the decision to accept 175 students into Year 7 so more children are able to be educated at the school of their choosing.

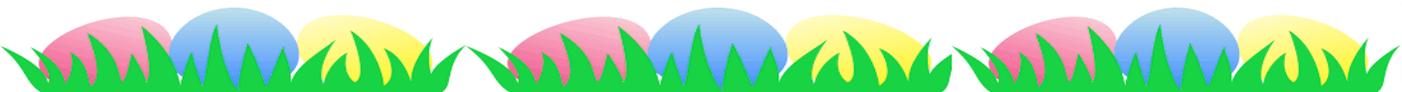
As you can see below, the launch of the Duke of Edinburgh Award has been a tremendous success with staff and students getting involved. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support with your sons and daughters and wish you a happy and restful break.

DofE Group off to a Flier!

The Roundhill Academy's first ever DofE group is off and running. 28 students from Year 9 have signed up for their Bronze Award and are in the process of starting the extra-curricular activities which they will use to complete their Award. The sessions in school are helping students prepare for their expeditions which will happen in April and July. Students are planning their own routes for their two day trek, and will practice tent pitching, cooking on camping stoves and packing a rucksack, along with learning about the countryside code and what to do in an emergency. Saturday 7th March saw the



whole group, along with around a dozen staff, attend a training day walk around Bradgate Park and Woodhouse Eaves. The weather was very kind and everybody had a fantastic day – despite a few groups taking a little detour after lunch. Who knew Woodhouse Eaves was such an easy place to get lost in! Watch this space for more updates following the practice expedition at the end of April.





Intermediate Maths Challenge



On 5th February, 56 Year 9 students took part in the National Intermediate Maths Challenge. The challenge is aimed at Year 9, 10 and 11 students so even though the students at The Roundhill Academy were amongst the youngest taking part, they did extremely well and won a number of awards.



The following students received Bronze Awards: Himani Solanki, Riley Harley, Simran Bains, Kamran Mahmood and Yahya Dakri. Nikisha Tank won a Silver Award and Thomas Elliott and Lewis Hartopp won a Gold Award.



A special congratulations goes to Lewis Hartopp and Thomas Elliott who also made it through to the next round in the competition and we look forward to hearing how they do in the International Maths Challenge.

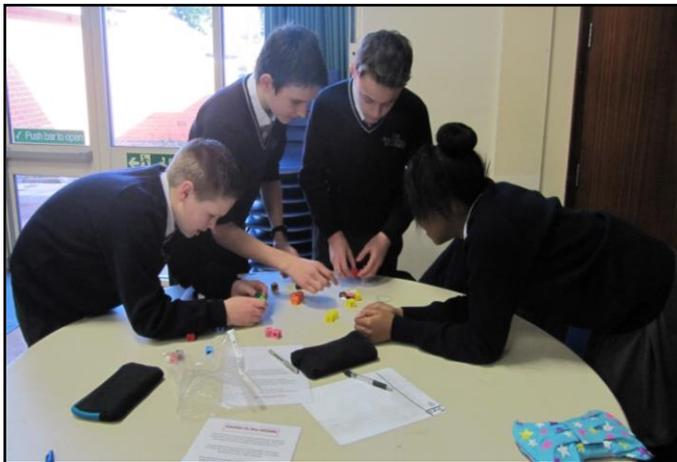


CHALLENGES

On 2nd March, Year 8 students took part in an extended Maths session. Students competed in teams to complete eight Maths challenges.

To be successful they needed to work together effectively, solving hands-on challenges requiring a wide variety of mathematical and thinking skills, within a time-limit.

Hopefully, Students have discovered that no problem is impossible if they persevere and that working together to solve problems is good fun.



WATERMEAD TUTEE OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2015

**Jake
Finnerty
(HPI)**

**Courtney
Percival
(ECO)**

**Courtney
Tomkins
(NKA)**

**Imogen
Jennings
(LGI)**

**Ryan
Kinton
(JCH)**



Design & Technology



The Design Technology afterschool clubs Enterprise & Enrichment were invited to a technology exhibition at the De Montfort University 'Create-A-Con' during the February half term break.

Miss Knaggs gave out 150 tickets for the families to go and see what the fuss was about. Well what a fantastic day! There were LEGO exhibits and Minecraft, Coding, Graphics, Lighting & Electronics workshops. Everyone attended and we even got a mention in the Leicester Mercury.

A follow up session in school attracted 25 students to see a STEM ambassador, Steve Gale deliver a further workshop in Programming and RasPi/Robotics.

This group now meet regularly on a Tuesday and we are developing ideas along the lines of a robot challenge, run by a company called VEX robotics.

Watch this space!



SPORTS NEWS

LEICESTER TIGERS TRIP

On Saturday 28th February The Roundhill Academy students, Miss Franklin and Mr Devaney went to watch none other than the Leicester Tigers play Sale at Welford Road. Fortunately the Tigers came away with a well-deserved win and the boys really enjoyed the game. The students were a real credit to the school and behaved brilliantly. Thank you to Miss Franklin who gave up her Saturday to come along and support the students.

Here is a blog written by Kieran Grudgings who attended the match.

Tigers Roar to Victory **Saturday 28 February 2015 - 3pm kick off** **Attendance 21,896**

Leicester secure their 10th win of the season after beating Sale sharks 28 -8 yesterday afternoon in front of 21,896 people at Welford Road. Before the match, fire dancers, flag bearers and the Leicester mascot were on the field as the 5th and 6th team battled it out in a thrilling encounter.

It didn't take long for Leicester to get going as a penalty was turned in by Freddie Burns after just 6 minutes. Sale equalised 5 minutes later after Nick Macleod scored with a penalty. Then came the first try of the match which was given to Leicester. Christian Lawrence gave them another two points and Freddie Burns turned in the conversion. Three minutes later it was yet another penalty to the Tigers and Burns kicked it over making Tigers drift away from the Manchester team. It started to get worse for the Sharks as both Tom Arress and Magnus Lund were shown yellow cards. Tigers then added 7 more points to their score after a penalty try and a conversion from Burns made Leicester lead at the break.

In the second half, Sale tried to get back into the game and early on got a try from Tom Arscott but the conversion was missed. After being yellow carded earlier on in the half, a try scored by Seramaia Bai made Leicester secure a third consecutive Premiership victory.

Leicester remain in 6th place, 13 points away from leaders Northampton. Sale drop to 7th after a 7th defeat in the league this season.



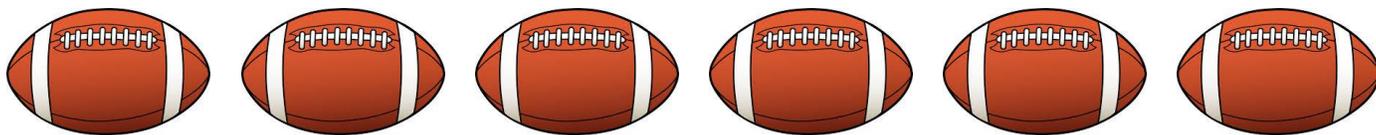
UNDER 13 BOYS INDOOR CRICKET – COUNTY FINALS



On Tuesday 10th March, our squad of 10 indoor cricketers travelled to Crown Hills Community College to take part in the County Finals.

We were drawn in a very tough group, which included both local grammar schools and the eventual winners, Babington Community College. The team did play really well and came fourth overall, with a record of played 4, won 2, lost 2. This included a victory over

Loughborough Grammar School, and a very narrow defeat by Babington. Due to excellent bowling and fielding, Babington only reached our total on the third last ball of their innings.



Year 9 Rugby v The Martin High

In a cracking match The Roundhill Academy won 25-24 with the lead changing hands several times in the last few minutes. The match saw some very strong running from Josh Brown, Ashton French and Marcus Taylor but we got held up several times gifting possession to Anstey. Anstey made good ground through some dynamic forward play with good drives in and around the fringes of rucks and mauls but brilliant defence from Connor Geier, Jack Orton and Ben Buttress kept Anstey at bay.

This was a great all round team performance but we need to attend more training sessions to improve further.

Well done to:

James Hayes, Cameron Brown, Ben Buttress, Ben Crooks, Ethan Allton, Connor Geier, Joe Asher, Josh Brown, Igor Boros, Marcus Taylor, Oliver Springthorpe, Ashton French, Joe Dawson, Jack Orton, Kian Berridge.