

News @ SVI



SNOWBALL FEB 2015



Welcome to edition 5 of News @ SVI

Hope your February has been kind to you! As mentioned in January the Spring Term is a lot shorter and tends to 'fly by'! Hence 2 editions in a short period of time next one end of March!



The Sixth Form assemblies continue to be a great success; with very diverse and interesting presentations. Details are included in this edition.

The next SLD will take place on the 27th March 2015. We will again have inspirational guest speakers coming in to speak to you plus a range of other events being organised. You will be updated on activities taking place shortly.

After all the 'nagging and dragging' The Winter Snowball Celebration on Friday 13th February 2015 was a great success! It was attended by more than 100 students who partied, had fun and created happy memories. Details of some of the event are in this edition of the newsletter.

Finding out about me this month Mr. Hirst next issue!

The Pre Public examination results day for year 12 will take place on Monday 2nd March 2015. Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening is on Thursday 5th March. We encourage you to make appointments with your subject teachers for further support, clarification or any queries you may have to support you in the final weeks prior to the Public Examinations.

For Year 12 and 13 there are ongoing various help clinics for you and some of your teachers will be providing Easter revision please speak with individual subject teachers for further information. Please make use of the support available to you.

Lots of news to catch up with I feel quite a few pictures of me in this issue! Anyway enough from me sees you again at the end of March 2015!

Mrs. Saunders



Sixth Form Voice

Snowball

Friday 13th February brought with it not unlucky superstitions, but also the snowball, which turned out to be quick the opposite from unlucky; it was a blast. The snowball has been organised over the last couple of months in efforts by the Prom Committee and the Sixth Form Voice, headed by Mrs Saunders.

Whilst during the initial preparation stages, many were hesitant at the idea (myself included), the actual event turned out to be spectacular.



A range of Year 12s and 13s, many with plus-ones, turned up in their smart attire and everyone looked great. The Duke's Head provided a very nice venue in which the event was held, and we were treated to live music provided by Mr Cuss' band, alongside a DJ. I think everyone had a blast on the dancefloor, I especially.

The bar was an additional treat for that of-age, though I think some people had a

little bit too much, but at least no one crashed the party! (That'll be at prom when Mr Pettitt starts dancing on the tables).

All in all, I think it is safe to say that everybody had a great night, and would all like to say a great thank you to everyone who had a role in organising the event!

Next stop prom!

- George Sabourin

Thanks George😊

Loads of photos were taken of the evening of which you can find on the Sixth form web page, take a look! In the meantime here are a few from the event



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Key Dates

March

Monday 2nd March Pre Public examination results

Thursday 5th March - Year 12 Progress Evening

Friday 27th March - Super Learning Day

Sixth Form FINAL Coursework Deadline

DofE First Aid Course

End of Spring Term (Easter Holiday)

New York Trip

April

Monday 13th April - Year 13 Mock Week (FULL), Start of Summer Term

May

Monday 11th May 2015 written exams start

Friday 22nd May - End of Year 13 (To Be Confirmed), Summer Half Term





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Interview with ... Mrs. Saunders

6th Form Lead Teacher Quality Assurance and Academic Progress

Quick Fire Questions!

Favourite Food:

Greek

Favourite band:

A selection of my favs! Fleetwood Mac, The Killers, Genesis, Queen, Coldplay, Kaiser Chiefs, Ed Sheeran. Apart from Ed at this moment in time, have seen all these bands live too and all were fantastic!

Best Holiday Experiences!

Going to Hawaii, travelling around the Greek Islands for a month!, Australia/New Zealand, the Grand Canyon and Peru, South America a holiday with a challenge! It involved completing the 4 Day Inka Trail to reach Machu Picchu (pictured below)

Favourite film:

The Colour Purple I saw the premier of this in South Carolina when travelling around the Deep South of America in 1986! (Favourite book 'to Kill a mockingbird')

Favourite drink:

JD and Coke

Did you know that...?

I have taken part in over 60 Park Runs in the last 18 months! They are weekly, 5km organised runs held locally around the country. That's over 300km!!

How long have you been teaching at Springwood High School?

This is my 2nd Year. Teaching since 1991!

What is your Favourite part of your job?

All of it of course! ☺

What does your typical day consist of?

Working with students and staff, organising trips and events, planning and delivering lessons, 6th Form stuff! And endless marking!

What one thing would you change about the sixth form students?

Rubbish!! Pick it up!

Make the most of the opportunities available to you!

Don't delay! Procrastination is such a waste of time!

What would your advice be to all students?

Educate, challenge and explore

Do you have any hobbies or interests?

Travelling- and seeing the country my husband and me are visiting which means lots of exploring never an idle holiday! Music; I have been to a lot of concerts and festivals and yes I have been to Glastonbury a couple of times! Went to both Live Aid and Live 8! Lots of concerts! But best 3.... Apart from festivals and special events Queen in 1986! Coldplay 2010 both at Wembley, Bon Jovi at Hard Rock Calling Festival Hyde Park 2011.





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Random Acts of Kindness Week: February 9th-15th

On the week starting the 9th February, the form ViEML contributed in assembly to the Sixth Form to present the International Random Acts of Kindness Week, a week to celebrate taking the time and stepping out of our routines and comfort zones to do new random acts of kindness each day.



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for.

To help celebrate the week, the form raised money for the Marie Curie Cancer Care (as well as the Year 13 Prom) through some fundraisers. Daffodil pins which were kindly provided by the Marie Curie Cancer Care were distributed upon the generosity of donations, and on Wednesday 11th the form held a bake sale (which alone raised almost £50, thanks to the help of the form's students who provided baked goods, and Miss Markwell, the form's tutor, with her famous sausage rolls). Throughout the week, a "Guess the teacher from the baby picture" competition was held (thanks to the teachers who kindly provided their baby pictures), and on Friday 13th the Sixth Form was encouraged to wear yellow, in respect to the charity they raised

The Marie Curie Cancer Care is a charity that provides care and support for more than 40,000 terminally ill people, as well as their families, in the UK every year, with nurses who work day and night in people's homes, providing hands-on care and vital emotional support. Their hospices offer specialist round-the-clock care, and they help people throughout their illness by giving practical information, support from trained volunteers, and being there when someone wants to talk. See their website www.mariecurie.org.uk for more information.

Also visit www.randomactsofkindness.org to find out more about the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, a non-profit organisation founded on the powerful belief in kindness and dedicated to providing resources and tools that encourage acts of kindness.





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Psychology Trip to Cambridge University with Cambridge Academics – 24th February 2015

We went to Cambridge to experience what university lectures in psychology are like.

The topic of the first lecture was memory and we found this the most interesting of the three, because it was well presented, engaging and well informative.

The second lecture concerned sensitive issues. We all agreed that Cambridge is a beautiful city and enjoyed exploring at lunch.



We then went to the last lecture which was educational because the lecturer recapped Attachment. Overall the day was enjoyable and we recommend everyone if given the opportunity to do something like this should take it!

Jade Charlotte Ciara

The Year 12 Psychology students enjoyed the experience of listening to Academics in three different fields of specialisms:

Memory with Dr Lucy Cheke A Research Academic at Cambridge University

Lucy defined Memory as a change in output function (behaviour) following a change in input (experience). She spoke about how information is stored through different types of memory that have been identified.

Dr Paul Wilkinson – Psychopathology

Paul is a practising psychiatrist specialising with young children and adolescents in Cambridgeshire. Paul explained that self-harm is deliberately damaging one's own body this can be internal or external. Risk factors for self-harm include mental illness, mental distress and hopelessness. Treatments include Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Psychotherapy.

Attachment Theory with Dr Lucy Blake

Lucy spoke about the importance of the infant and young child should experience a warm, intimate and continuous relationship with his mother in which both find pleasure. She suggested that the concept of an Internal working model is a prototype for future intimate and emotional relationships.



A source of support, helping with all the things that people affected by cancer want and need. It's not only patients who live with cancer; Macmillan also helps carers, families and communities.

Macmillan fund nurses and other specialist health care professionals and build cancer care centres. But we give so much more than medical help.

People need practical support at home, Macmillan provide anything from some time off for a carer, to a lift to hospital. People need emotional support, so Macmillan listen, advise and share information through their cancer support specialists, website and trained professionals.

People need financial help to cope with the extra costs cancer can bring, so Macmillan give benefits advice, and grants for anything from heating bills to travel costs. Macmillan help people live with cancer.

Further information about the work of Macmillan and suggestions for fund raising can be found at

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Home.aspx>



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The Annual Pancake Race!

Springwood High School hosted a Pancake Day race which would help to raise money for Mind and also Charity's in Tanzania. The race was set to take place outside of the 6th form but due to the weather it was held inside the sixth form.

Sixth teams competed to win the overall Pancake Day winners; three teams were made up of 6th formers and two by the teachers. The teams had to flip a pancake 5 times whilst walking across the room to then eat a pancake fully and then back again for the next person.



The teams had great fun competing, with little cheating going on with a high contested Pancake Race with an audience watching.

Abdel Elsadawi – Finlay Bloodworth

The Third Annual Pancake Race took place on Thursday 26th February. This was late because of the half-term holiday. History was made by this being the first indoor race in Springwood history due to the inclement weather. We had 4 sixth form teams and 2 staff teams:

- The Super Crew,
- The Expert Tossers,
- Cross The Border (Our Mexican Friends)
- Charlotte's Gang,
- The Teenage Mutant Ninja Teachers,
- The Sixth Form Gang (Staff).

Being indoors we introduced a new element to the contest, power walking while tossing pancakes and eating pancakes. This proved to be VERY ENTERTAINING!



Within the sixth form teams, the Super Crew proved supreme and triumphed for a second year. The two staff teams contested a very competitive contest, with Mr. Pettitt and Mr. Rawlings being energetic and enthusiastic.



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They were neck and neck until the Ninjas 3rd leg competitor Miss Cook decided to eat in a refined manner (totally inappropriate for a pancake race). This sealed the fate of the Ninjas.

The Grand Final took place between the Super Crew and The Sixth Form Gang. This was neck and neck with the final result being a dead heat. A runoff ensued with Mr. Pettitt biting off more than he could chew. He bit off part of the pancake he had to eat, leaving the rest behind.

The Grand Championship was therefore awarded to THE SUPER CREW
Best Costumes was awarded to CROSS THE BORDER.

Many thanks to everyone involved and a GRAND TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

Special thanks must go to Mrs. Griffin who slaved over a hot frying pan to create the marvellous pancakes.

Mr. Merritt





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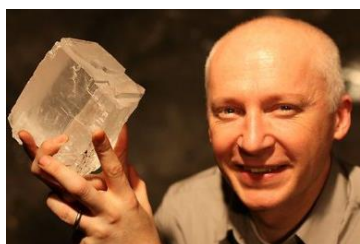
Maths Conference at the University of London

Thursday, 29th January

On the 29th January, Year 12 A Level Maths students attended the A Level & IB Maths Conference at Goldsmiths, University of London. Speakers at the Conference were renowned mathematicians – Dr Piers Bursill-Hall from Cambridge University, Matt Parker from the University of London, and Professor Marcus du Sautoy, from Oxford University.

The first speaker, Dr Piers Bursill-Hall, discussed Copernicus' theories and led fascinating speculation about the philosophy intertwined with Maths by bringing in Platonic theorem, relating to what is “real” and existent on different planes, and why Maths works with everything in the universe. He also engaged students by asking questions about why believe the things we do, if we are told them, and by discussing popular misconceptions about theories of the universe.

Matt Parker followed Dr Bursill-Hall's thought-provoking lecture with his own comedic and very entertaining presentation of Maths, bringing the students to awe with his Maths tricks, for example, figuring out the last number of a barcode just by looking at all the previous numbers. He also amazed his audience by showing how an entire image can be made up of just a spreadsheet, and impressed them with his binary scarf.



Professor Marcus du Sautoy encouraged his audience to take Maths further at university, showing how Maths can be used in the real world. He used the example of the population of lemmings, which have population numbers that fluctuate with great variance approximately every four years, and how Maths can explain this fluctuation using statistical models.

The day proved to be greatly enlightening, which was all thanks to the Maths Department for arranging such a wonderful and interesting trip.



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Matthew Tuttle – offer to study Maths at Cambridge.

Matthew has recently received his offer from Girton College to study Maths, starting in 2015.

Why did you choose to study maths at University?

I always felt that maths was quite simple to me, it just easily made sense. I chose to do it at University because I wanted to be challenged, and to be given something more difficult than A-Level. I knew that Cambridge would give me that.

What was the process of applying like?

It wasn't as complex as I expected it to be. I started my UCAS much earlier than most, to make sure my application was in for the earlier Oxbridge deadline in October. I didn't have to submit any extra work to Cambridge, but did have to complete the Supplementary Application Questionnaire (SAQ).

(The SAQ is an extra questionnaire completed by Cambridge applicants, it asks for more information about the candidate before interview).

Did you have to sit any pre-interview exams?

I had one exam on the same day as my interview, it was just before. I also have to complete exams called 'STEP'. As part of my offer I have to achieve grades 1&2 in Step 2&3.

What was your reaction when you received the letter informing you of your offer?

My parents read it first because I was asleep when it came, they were so happy! Then they woke me up to let me know. I was completely overjoyed and overwhelmed.

How did Ellie (girlfriend) react when you told her?

She was so happy for me. She just kept saying "I'm so proud!" over and over again!

Outside of education, what are your main hobbies?

Football, pretty much just football. I scored at the weekend actually, my first goal of the season in the 94th minute!

What is your favourite subject?

MATHS!

Film?

Ooh, this is a hard one. My favourite film is probably 'Jurassic Park'.

Food?

Pizza.

And finally, what do you want to be when you grow up?

I'd like to get a PHD in maths. And I'd quite like to be a sport statistician, that'd be good.