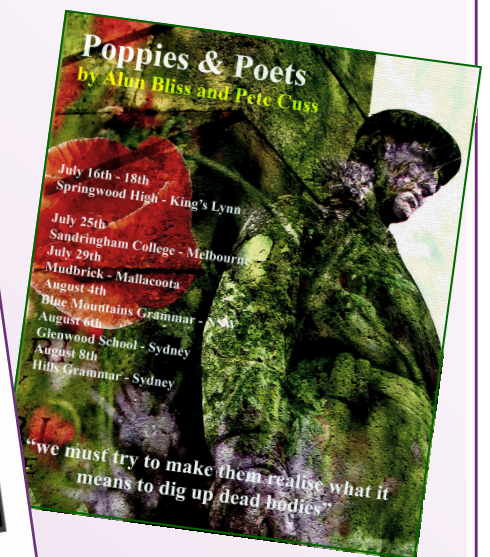


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Boomerang Theatre

The Boomerang Theatre Co, started in 2002 giving young performers the chance to gain experience of putting on an original piece of musical theatre. In the summer term of 2012, 64 pupils auditioned for 25 places to take part in the 10th visit to Australia. A committee of parents was soon formed to start fundraising for the 2014 trip. Before going off to Australia they performed in the UK, whilst in Australia they performed in Melbourne, Murrumbidgee, the Blue Mountains and Sydney. Mr Bliss created a new piece for the 2014 tour, Poppies and Poets. The pupils acted as ambassadors for their school and for the UK. To see extracts from their diaries of the three week tour—see overleaf.



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Boomerang Diaries 2014



Tech And Dress Rachel Flaxman ...We were all really nervous, as this would tell us if the show was ready to perform. Luckily it went really well, get lots of great feedback from the teachers...

Year 6 Performance- Rachel Addison ...On entering the drama studio where was a general feeling of excitement, – 'Will I remember my lines?' 'Oh, what was that cue?' ...The year 6 performance in my eyes was well worth it.

.8t July – Sleaford Courtney Beadle.... Everyone was getting prepared for our first full performance ... we reached Sleaford we were met with a warm welcome ...in my view this was very successful performance ...

16t July -Alice Bliss ...Our first performance in England! Many family and friends came to watch and everyone was keen to impress...The performance went really well as a whole and everybody came back stage! The feedback we got was really uplifting....

20t July – Nathan Bowerman ...The day of our flight to Australia. At 11.30 am we boarded our plane, a double decker for Singapore Our flight was to take place in two legs. The first flight a 12 hour flight from London to Singapore, the second a 6 hour flight, from Singapore to Melbourne. With a two hour stop at Singapore. ..When we finally touched down in Melbourne, the relief was overwhelming and after 24 hours with no sleep it was the best nights sleep I'd had for years.

22uly – Maddie Bush ..After a lovely night sleep At 10.30am ...onto the bus for our short journey to Sandringham College. It was so different to our school, but it still had its similarities.We then went home with our host families and had dinner then a well needed sleep.

23 July – Amy Calver t.... The family in Sandringham, Melbourne that I stayed with were lovely and happy to look after the climate confused, jetlagged Brit who was beginning to feel a long way from home. For their care I will be grateful, it is amazing that strangers shows so much hospitality towards 25 teenagers from Norfolk. ... my host and I ventured into Melbourne at night, what an amazing place. We sat at some backstreet café and had some Thai inspired burgers. Fab end of the day. Melbourne is a quirky place.

24^t July – Today was an exciting day; our first performance of 'Poppies and Poets' in Australia. Thankfully everything went swimmingly.Head of Drama at Peninsula, who also said how professional we were. This was ideal and all that

we could have hoped for. ... I believe that this performance signified that our time in Australia will be unforgettable and amazing because we can perform as a team and perform well. Loving Australia so far.

25 July – Sophie Cole .. Our First performance at Sandringham College was late morning to a group of young students, ...Our evening performance was mainly to hosts and friend we have met in Melbourne, Our performance went really well even though we were coping with jetlag as well as people being ill.

26 July – Georgina Edgley ...Today was our free day with our hosts. My host family took me to Sorrento, which is a surfing village, and the most southern part of Victoria. At night we went to the city, which was amazing. It was an unforgettable day.

27 July ...Today emotions ran high as we had to leave the Melbourne hosts in order to start the 8 hour journey to Mallacoota. WE all felt very welcomed by the community. Some of us including myself had hosted students from Mallacoota the previous year, so being greeted by our hosts, was also a reunion with old friends.

.28 July –Holly Franklin ... This morning we went to the breakfast club ...We introduced ourselves and answered all their questions about the difference between Australia and England, especially the ones on the difference in size of Mallacoota college and Springwood High School! ...We were given a wet suit and a surf board and headed down to Bustion point. The sea was freezing but we all still ran into the sea and took lots of pictures. So we were taught a few basics such as how to lay on the board and how to stand up, and off we went. I loved every second of it and wish we could do it again. I think I was the first to actually stand up on the surf board but there were others close to follow which was fab.

29 July – Molly Hardy ... Today our performance in Mallacoota. We had a Matinee performance to the school children and an evening performance to the community, ...The Midday performance happened to be challenging as the audience consisted of our youngest audience yet, .

30 July – By Caitlin Sheridan ... After a very successful performance of poppies and poets the night before,.....I helped MR Bliss with a drama class in the morning,we all loaded onto the minibus and made our way to the WW1 bunker. It was so interesting to see Australia's part in WW1, especially as it links in with our

play! ...Both the English and Australian students performed a collection of songs, ...Goodbye Mallacoota, you beautiful place.

31 July – Becky Hayes ...We left our Mallacoota friends early in the morning to begin the 8 hour journey, which was fairly eventful due to a bush fire and winds so strong that part of the bus broke! ...s we had been so busy and bought WIFI access to let our families know what we had been up to.

1 August – Lisa James After the feast at breakfast the whole cast bundled themselves onto the bus which would take us to our new host families at Blue Mountains Grammar School, situated in the picturesque Blue Mountains in New South Wales. Overall the day turned out to be quite exciting, which paired with the outstanding views made a wonderful day.

2 August - Liam Jary.... What a fabulous day, beginning with the wonderful Blue Mountains Trek on which we saw some amazing sights including the Three Sister! Some of us faced our fear of heights by doing the Trek Blue Mountain Explorer. Overall it was a great day.

3 August -Caitlin Sheridan ...Today we were lucky enough to have a whole day free with our hosts! So a few of our hosts decided to get together and take us up to the famous beach known as Bondi Beach! With a super early start of 7:30am we had to endure two lengthy train journeys and a bus ride before we finally made onto the beach,

4^t August - Emily Jeffrey... We arrived at Blue Mountains Grammar School first thing for a day of preparing our performance space and ourselves for the evening performance. The performance is somewhat different to what we are used to; however I think we all know the play well enough to adapt ourselves where necessary, The performance went really well, and thankfully again we had a very appreciative audience. Again feedback was really positive and people said the play was thought provoking. I felt that this essence was especially important today as it was 100years since Britain declared war on Germany. impressed by everyone who performed. The head teacher of Blue Mountain Grammar School also came to watch, and he had family involved in World War One, so was especially effected by the story in the play.

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Boomerang Diaries 2014

5 August -Abigail Judge ... Every time we leave our host it is bittersweet. After a final hug we set off for Featherdale wildlife park. The hour long bus drive was an opportunity for many of us to catch up on some much needed sleep. ...Featherdale was incredible, there was a huge variety of Australian animals for us to feed, pet and observe including wombats, Tazmanian devils, Dingo's, Koalas, a huge crocodile and loads of kangaroos. When we arrived it was a long walk considering we were carrying luggage and kit down steps and slopes to the Blue Box Theatre. The space we are performing in is completely different to anywhere else; audience on both sides. They gave us a very warm welcome, introducing us all to our hosts and sent us on our way.

6 August -Ella Kearsley... Today was very interesting and exciting. ...we started off being introduced to many of the drama teachers who showed us some of their drama games. ...Later on, after the games we had a lecture on the WW1 ... we went down to a bar/restaurant outside of the Sydney Bridge and the Opera house, there was gig music and the view was incredible Probably one of the best days so far, just amazing.

7 August -Alex Kendle... Another day in the Blue Box Theatre for us, at Hills Grammar. We started the day by being split into different groups for what at the time, we had no idea. ...Then, it was back to the Blue Box where some of us joined in with a year 11 workshop led by Mr Bliss.I'm sure it's a day that many won't forget.

8 August – 2 years, 2 countries, 5 locations, 12 performances and over 10,000 miles, that was what had finally brought us to this day, the day that would mark the end of nearly 6 months of read-through and rehearsals... the day of our final 2 poppies and poets performances!

9 August- Amy O'Connell... we all felt mixed emotions as we awoke on the 9th, sad to say farewell to yet another family, but excited about the day activities ahead. The fast journey to Sydney, a quick drop off of our bags and we were off to harbour view hotel was exactly what it said on the tin. After walking along the endless bridge, it was time to climb it, geared up and ready to go we all waited in anticipation for our journey to commence. It was a struggle for one initial 4 sets of stairs, but hurdling between cars and trains, just to prove we did it! 'I CLIMBED IT' everyone shouted.

10 August - Fergus Pateman .. So, our final full day in Australia. We started the day with a brisk walk across the harbour bridge and walked right round to one of Sydney's main attractions, The Opera House. The colossal scale of the architecture soon became apparent, as we got close and took some touristy

group photos. The pain attraction was the huge concert hall, in which we sung a beautiful version of 'pumps' from our play. After bidding our guide farewell, we split up into groups for free time in the city. I was fortunate enough to be in a group who decided to go power boating around the harbour. What an incredible experience that was. After some speeches, we finished off the evening with a drink in the bar, what a day.

11 August- Caitlan Sheridan .. well, that's it! The Oz 2014 tour is officially over, and what an absolutely phenomenal 3 weeks we've had. However we still had a little bit of time left in Sydney in the morning, so decided to go to the aquarium. So we all got up super early, sorted out our suitcases, filled up on a good breakfast, and got the ferry over to the aquarium...Before we knew it, we were all at Sydney airport, checking in for our flight home. It was obvious that everyone didn't want to leave beautiful Australia.Now let's face the painful jet lag when we all arrive home. Good bye Australia, Hello England!

Fundraising—Mesha Wright – When auditioning to be a part of the Boomerang Theatre Company, we knew that fundraising was essential in order to subsidise the trip. Therefore, for the past two years we have engaged in numerous activities of which contributed to our final figure, £27,000. In order to reach the impressive amount, we organised a variety of events ranging from cabarets, strictly springwood dance events, horse race nights and talent shows to car boot sales and raffles.For me, the most interesting and memorable event has to be 'strictly springwood'. The event was based upon the show, strictly come dancing. The idea was that all of the students of the Boomerang Company that felt comfortable dancing would focus a school teacher and arrange rehearsals with them, choreographing and teaching the a dance which had to be in a style which was selected at random. This meant that more of the dancers were put out of their comfort zone. I have really enjoyed all of the fundraising activities whether it be a The fundraisers have allowed all of the theatre company to spend time together and get to know each other, which I feel is great as it meant that we were all good friends before rehearsing and traveling to



Australia, ultimately resulting in us enjoying each other company when away, rather than waiting to make friends with each other in the trip which I feel would have been a lot more challenging.

Rehearsals Mia Wilkinson– We started rehearsing in February 2014, we've progressed and learnt a lot met new friends through rehearsals. ...I started to research my character at home and through rehearsals managed to develop my acting skills through rehearsals. As our rehearsals progresses, we started to understand the play more and in late May we began to rehearse in costume, which made the whole play come to life! Rehearsals got every tiring and required a lot of commitment but we all knew it'd be worth it in the end. By Mia Wilkinson

The performance as a whole—Hannah Wescombe – The performance being the main reason behind the trip has been amazing! It really is so much more than just a performance with many aspects that have collectively made it incredible. The cast- The cast really have made the performance along with an amazing script and director. The change of performance space – Every venue performed at was very different. We were faced with a variety of challengers from very light/narrow spaces in the Mud Hut in Mallacoota to the projection of voices in a grander theatre space in a private school in Peninsula, Victoria. These challengers were what made the trip and performances so special ... By the time of the last performance the entire cast were overwhelmed with what we had achieved. Every cast members and teacher were so proud and I'm sure this feeling will remain as it was such an incredible experience. One that I will never forget.

The performance being based on the woman and poets of world war 1, 'poppies and poets'. Not only taught us about general history but allow us to research into our individual characters and past family members of the war. The individuals stories were extremely interesting.

Words can't describe what an amazing, useful and thought provoking tour this has been.

AMAZING

They went,

They saw,

They conquered,

A fantastic time was had by all!

By Mrs Dixon

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British Champion



Lewis Whitmore BG-09 came into school with his latest trophies, pictured with Mr Johnson congratulating him on becoming the British Speedway Under 16 Champion for 2014.

Lewis competed in the six round series and achieved a rostrum place at every track event. His results were as follows starting from round one through to round six:

Scunthorpe 1st Leicester 2nd Eastbourne 1st Workington 2nd Rye house 3rd Redcar 1st

In August this year Lewis competed in the under 17 world championships in Poland where he was racing riders much more senior in age. Due to a nasty accident in his 7th heat Lewis had to withdraw from the meeting and missed his last 2 races but he still finished a creditable 18th in the world

Just two weeks ago Lewis was chosen to represent Team Great Britain in the under 17 Worlds best pairs in the Czech republic and he and his partner finished 6th overall. In all it has been a fantastic season for Lewis, his enthusiasm and commitment to the sport has paid off as he continues his progress and desire to become a professional speedway rider when he is 16. We look forward to watching Lewis in the future and wish him luck.

Celebration Brunch for Year 11



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EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Each year we celebrate this day in a variety of ways. On 26 September we had a wonderful variety of European dishes on the canteen menu. Many thanks to the canteen staff for their work. We also celebrated by inviting a French Theatre company in to school. They delivered a funny and very professional play for KS4 on the topic of holidays 'les vacances'. (See below)

In addition to this tutor groups were encouraged to take part in European quizzes and language learning challenges. We had a huge number of entries. Thanks to all tutor groups who took part. The winners of the boxes of celebrations are:

SD05 - winners of the quiz
SD02 - and BG04 - joint winners of the 'Learn a new language' competition



Well done!
Mrs K Williams

French Play



Un erreur d'identité - a play about mistaken identity in a hotel in France - was performed by 2 French actors for KS4 French students earlier this term. A comedy it was fast moving, very funny and even allowed two of our own students to take part. Sebastien Njinga and Alice Horton were excellent in their supporting roles and well deserved the applause with which the audience rewarded them. The company have been invited back next year and we are already looking forward to their next performance at SHS.

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Music Highlights

The Summer seems like a lifetime ago now, but what a summer it was for the musicians at Springwood. With our golden year 13's about to depart for pastures new, we had many opportunities for them to go out in style!

The highlight must surely have been the Big Band appearing at Festival Too! A half hour set was greeted with enthusiasm and the following week, we received a letter from the Festival Committee saying, quite rightly, that 'the performance of the swing band was frankly superb...'. The general feeling was that this was the musical highlight of that night – more impressive than any of the pro musicians on display later in the evening.



As ever, we were well represented up in Birmingham for the National Festival of Music For Youth, with both Concert Band and Brassworks representing the school. Our day was made all the more special by a wonderful lunchtime concert arranged by Paul Garner at Sandwell College to local primary school children.

Concert Band were also out and about. We were delighted to be invited to play a number of concerts in our local community – something that we will look to do more in future. We played at the Gaywood Community Fun Day on a very wet Saturday afternoon, and also as part of Holy Family's Arts Festival on a very hot summer evening a few weeks later. The band also played in the Tuesday Market Place as part of the '80 Dishes Around The World' food festival, and of course, rounded off our year with the traditional appearance at the Sandringham Flower Show.

The Primary Concert was, once again, a huge success and we enjoyed the challenge of moving to Lynn Minster whilst St Nicholas' Chapel is being renovated. A packed audience were treated to some very enthusiastic performances from over 200 children.

We had a very successful series of Trinity and ABRSM exams.

After a brief respite over the Summer, things are already going full steam ahead for this term. On 6th October, we put on our first Chamber Concert of the year, where pupils get the opportunity to play solo and small ensembles pieces in a relaxed atmosphere. Five days later, Cantabene were at the Corn Exchange for their (almost!) traditional concert with Blake. Our first gig night of the year followed the week after.

Our Autumn Concert will be taking place on November 28th and the Carol Concert on December 16th. Tickets for both of these concerts are bound to be in great demand, so make sure you get your tickets from the School Shop as soon as possible!

Mr P Strudwick
Director of Music



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Geography Superstars

Geography have introduced Geography Superstars. This is awarded to a member of each Geography class across KS3 - KS5 for a variety of reasons. The following pupils have been nominated by staff for September:

Year 7 Abigail Simms
Daniel Plumb
Aaron Jackson
Chloe Castleton
Charlie Finney
Charlotte Gallivan
Eve O'Cruelly
Lily Akers
Thomas Harmer-Borley
Ezra Nwobodo

Year 8 Archisha Tripurnani
Chelsey Grimes
Jenisa Jose
Gemma Hutchinson
Jacob Isle
Kia Henson
Oscar Langham
Robert Smith
Kayleigh Rye



Year 9 Saffron Kirkpatrick
Molly Paffett

Year 10 Rosie Gressieux
Ben Fuller

Year 11 Laryn Moore
Rhiannon Barton

Year 12 James Calvert

Year 13 Holly Yates

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Congratulation to Ellen Archer Year 6 from Whitefriars School who won the geography picture competition at the Year 6 Open Evening.

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NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

Over the summer, a number of Springwood students from year 11, 12 and 13 participated in the National Citizen service. For this program, the students went on a two week residential that including challenging tasks such as Jacob's ladder and raftbuidling. During the program students developed their team working, leadership and presentation skills that led to the design of their legacy project. One of the projects involved revamping the Rudham children's ward at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, of which some pictures show the final product. During 30 hours of volunteering the people involved in NCS were able to make a big difference in their community by fundraising to pay for paints and gifts to the Rudham ward. On Saturday the 4th October, participants who completed the program received their certificates in the Corn Exchange from the Mayor and Mayoress.



Students have since done assemblies for year 11, 12 and 13 to promote the initiative, showing their very impressive video of their journey and successes.

For more information on how you could become involved in this program, see either the website <http://www.ncsyes.co.uk/> or see Ms van Wouw in the art department.

Well done to the following students for graduating:

Kayleigh Briggs, George Sabourin, Jade Morton, Nerissa Peacock, Victoria Norris, Lauren High, Charlotte Burrow, Victoria Burrow, Jonathan Eracleous, Alex Russell and Sophie Matthews



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Looking for Ambassadors

Connect Education and Business manages a network of almost 1,000 **STEM** Ambassadors across the Norfolk and Suffolk region. **STEM** Ambassadors play a vital role visiting schools to inspire young people to consider careers in **STEM** subjects and helping to bring the science, technology, engineering and maths curriculum to life. Our Ambassadors are all volunteer professionals, working with **STEM** subjects as part of their job. We would like to recruit more **STEM** Ambassadors to our network. If you have a little time to spare and would like to work alongside us, the school and the local community to help inspire young people to explore **STEM** subjects, please let us know:

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Coffee Morning

Mrs Olive and Mrs Thompson and others from the Canteen invited our neighbours, Saturday football teams and the Music Centre in for the Macmillan Coffee Morning where they enjoyed homemade cakes and coffee. A total raised of £344.65. Well done.



Food Technology

As usual the Food Technology Department, would be delighted to receive any unwanted empty biscuit/sweet or take-away containers, as pupils often forget containers to take their products home in. If your son/daughter has to borrow a container, please could you ensure that it is returned. We wish you a n
early Happy Christmas, with lots of munching of biscuits and sweets, so we can have lots of new
containers!!

Thank-you

Poetry

Do you enjoy reading poetry or writing poems? Are you confident about speaking in public and have an understanding of how poetry works? Do you want to enjoy poetry lessons more and use memorisation techniques for your learning? If you are one of those students-POETRY BY HEART recitation competition is for you! So join an inspiring band of people doing wonderful work to make poetry live!

If you are a Year 10-13 student and interested in this challenge, please see Mrs Morris in H1.



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It only seems like 5 minutes ago that I was welcoming everyone back to school and we have almost completed the first half-term; time flies during September and October with settling in again after the summer holidays for staff and students.

Since the September newsletter we have held our Year 9 Aspirations evening, our Year 11 Aspirations evening and our 6th Form Open Evening, all well attended by parents and students, particularly the 6th form evening when we had to hastily add another presentation to cope with the numbers from Springwood and surrounding schools. We are looking forward to meeting Year 7 Parents before the holiday to discuss their early progress and to explain our 'Gateway system'.

I always look forward to the Newsletter being produced and being able to see the achievements of all the talented and hard-working students who attend our school, and the variety of activities they take part in both in and out of class. I have been attending celebration 'brunches' with our current Year 11 students who passed their Maths GCSE last year, and I have been part of the team who have met with parents and the students who will sit their Maths GCSE in November.

I hope that everyone enjoys their half-term break and of course to all those taking exams when we come back – keep revising!!

A M Johnson

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder for all students Years 7 - 11 that they should be Winter Uniform after half-term. All students are expected to be wearing a jumper under their blazer from then. Any coats, scarves and gloves worn (outside) must be black.

Any queries please check the website or ask at your house office.

