



CHARLES READ
ACADEMY

Broadening Horizons

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2016

OUR TERMLY NEWSLETTER TO CELEBRATE ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED ACROSS THE ACADEMY.

STUDENTS JOIN THE TEAM GB HEROES PARADE

Following an inspiring summer of sporting achievement, students from Charles Read Academy were honoured to attend the Team GB Heroes Parade in Trafalgar Square.

To celebrate their commitment to sport, five students were selected to attend the special event, which gave them the chance to meet inspiring medal winners from the 2016 Olympics and Paralympics.

As guests of the British Olympic Association, the lucky students watched the parade from the VIP tent as the country came together to show their appreciation for the talented athletes.

During the celebrations students also had the chance to meet Tom Daley, Sophie Bray, and the gold medal winning hockey team, as well as the Team GB Rugby 7s players.

Shane Ward, DRET Sports Enrichment Manager, said: "It was a truly inspirational trip and one I am sure the students will never forget.

"It is events like this that really push our students to reach their full potential, encouraging them to believe that they could achieve sporting excellence too."



INTRODUCING OUR SENIOR STUDENT TEAM



We're delighted to introduce our new Senior Student Team who will work alongside academy staff to influence day-to-day life at Charles Read:

**Head Girl –
Sophie Smith**

**Head Boy –
William Greenhalgh**

**Deputy Head Girl –
Aimee Kelly**

**Deputy Head Boys –
Ryan Curtis, Andrew Smith**

The team have already made a brilliant start with involvement in discussions about lots of activities that are planned for next term.

New Head Girl, Sophie, said: "I've always looked up to the role of Head Girl, and now I can help other students in the academy."

Robert Sloan, Principal, added: "The roles of Head Boy and Head Girl are important positions within the academy and I look forward to working with the whole senior team throughout the year."

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who recently took part in our parents' survey.

We were overwhelmed with the number of positive responses that we received.

Robert Sloan, Principal, said: "We value working closely with parents and carers to provide the best possible education for our students.

"Alongside the parent survey we have also introduced drop-in sessions and a regular eNewsletter to keep our community up to date on life at Charles Read."

STAR CLASSROOM

As part of a significant investment in IT provision across DRET, two Star Classrooms opened at Charles Read Academy this term.

The Star Classrooms, which introduce the latest technology into teaching and learning, will allow us to use innovative methods to deliver the curriculum.

Alongside this, we now have a dedicated eBook library, which will give students access to thousands of books through tablets, computers or smartphones.

Charlie King, Assistant Principal, said: "From aiding learning and feedback, to accessing valuable online resources, the Star Classroom is a fantastic development.

"We have already been making the most of the new interactive tools, they are going to make such a difference."



UPPINGHAM

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

We're thrilled to report that our Head Boy, William Greenhalgh has received a 100% scholarship to join the Sixth Form at Uppingham School in September 2017.

Robert Sloan, Principal, said: "William has always played an active part in academy life, taking part in the student council, sports tournaments and many of the enrichment opportunities on offer.

"He will be a great asset to Uppingham School next year."



CAREERS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

As we celebrated the opening of a brand new DT workshop at the academy this term, our students have been finding out more about careers in Science and Engineering.

Students from Year 10 and 11 had the opportunity to take part in 'Made in Sleaford', a STEM and education event designed to give young people hands-on industrial experience, inspiring them to explore careers in the sector.

Ms Fray, Teacher of Design Technology, said: "I want to take our students to the cutting edge of design, to introduce them to the ever-changing aspects of DT and to sharpen their problem solving skills through practical experience.

"The students had a brilliant time. They continuously asked thought-provoking questions, which really impressed the presenters!"

YOUNG JOURNALISTS HAVE THEIR SAY

Budding journalists from Charles Read Academy have been reporting on the latest stories as part of a brand new news club for Year 7 students.

The club, which takes place during weekly enrichment, provides the opportunity for students to discuss and debate key issues.

The first topic included the US Presidential Elections, with an emphasis on what makes a good leader and an analysis of the policies of each candidate. Students are now studying the challenging topic of crime and punishment and rehabilitation.

Miss King, who runs the club, said: "The club is designed to enthuse students into discussing current affairs, to give them an informed view of the world and encourage them to have their say."

"I've been so impressed with how the students have approached the discussions, with so many fantastic responses to some challenging topics."



BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Our GCSE Visual & Performing Arts students have been getting creative with a mask-making workshop led by a visiting artist.

The group from Year 9 and 10 were inspired to make colourful bird masks based on the mythical Phoenix bird.

Students also had the chance to develop their physical drama skills with workshops run by the Trestle Theatre Company.

Fiona Kimberley-Pope, Teacher of Drama, said: "The students had a fantastic time finding out more about the art of mask making and physical drama."

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Caring for our environment is a central part of life at Charles Read, and our land-based studies students and gardening club have been very busy this term.

From planting winter seeds, to cooking our home grown produce, students have been finding out more about the natural world in our dedicated horticultural area.

Robert Sloan, Principal, said: "The students have really got involved in every aspect of the activities."

A particular favourite was cooking our very own tomato soup with this year's crops. We can't wait to get growing again in the Spring."





TABLE TENNIS ACE VISITS CRA

England's number 1 table-tennis player, Kelly Sibley, visited Charles Read Academy earlier this term to deliver a series of elite coaching sessions.

Kelly worked with students from both the academy and local primary schools to inspire them to become the sport's stars of the future.

Robert Sloan, Principal, said: "Our students love table-tennis. It has become part of the DNA of Charles Read, with many students playing during break and lunch.

"We have recently partnered with a local college to deliver a table-tennis programme that we hope will eventually attract the sport's brightest young talent."

Three students, who are currently taking part in the Grantham College Table Tennis Centre of Excellence, also had the opportunity to spend time with Kelly, finding out more about the keys to her success and accessing training tips.

Kelly Sibley said: "I had a great time at Charles Read. The talent and enthusiasm was hugely impressive."



ULLSWATER ADVENTURE

Students experienced a taste of the outdoors during a residential trip to the Lake District.

Exploring the beautiful surroundings of Ullswater, students had the chance to try out gorge walking, high ropes, canoeing and abseiling as part of the week-long trip.

Camping out in tents under

the stars, the group of Year 9 students also developed their basic survival skills.

Leigh Chapman, Head of PE, said: "It can be a challenging experience to be away from your home and family, as well as learning lots of new skills.

"It will definitely be a trip that students will remember for years to come."



ROWVEMBER

An incredible 62% of our students took part in this year's Rowvember challenge throughout November.

The rowing challenge saw students and staff playing their part in competitions throughout the month, culminating in an inter-house tournament.

After two days of intense relay races and time challenges, Wesley House were crowned champions.

Scott Webb, Sports Enrichment Officer, said: "This is now the third year that we have run Rowvember at the academy and it just keeps getting bigger and better."

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