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

SPORTING PROGRESS CHAMPIONS AT DRET SUMMER CUP



Students at Charles Read Academy are celebrating after scooping the Sporting Progress Award at this year's DRET Summer Cup – the biggest event within the network's sporting calendar.

Held at the Grantham Meres Stadium, the spectacular event welcomed a number of sporting stars to inspire and support the students as they represented their academies with pride. The star-studded line-up included the likes of Sir Steve Redgrave, Colin Jackson CBE, Crista Cullen MBE, Goldie Sayers, and Joe Roebuck.

Five-time Olympic gold medallist rower and this year's VIP Special Guest, Sir Steve Redgrave, was impressed with the talent he saw.

He said: "I have seen some outstanding performances and thrilling medal celebrations, but there were also students that were just so proud to compete and be part of this incredible event.

"Getting involved in sport is such an important part of a child's education. From health and wellbeing to developing important communication skills, not only does sport prepare young people for living in a competitive world, but it also plays a vital part in bringing communities together. The mutual respect and sportsmanship I have witnessed amongst competitors today has been wonderful to see."

FOOD TECHNOLOGY SUCCESS

Year 9 students from Charles Read Academy have successfully passed their BTEC course in Food Technology.

As part of the curriculum, students created their own two-course meals. The talented chefs demonstrated their ability to cook a number of food items from scratch such as bread, pasta and pastry.

Students were asked to present their meals attractively, whilst ensuring that they were nutritionally balanced.

Following their success, the group are now working towards obtaining their Foundation Food Hygiene certificates.



NOTTINGHAM CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY

Some of our budding artists had the chance to join students from across DRET for a visit to Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery.

The Year 9 and 10 students were invited to the renowned gallery for a guided tour, followed by a range of artist-led workshops to discuss and explore their inspirations. As part of an exclusive partnership with DRET, the gallery will eventually see student artwork displayed in a public exhibition.

Using a wide variety of artistic techniques such as photography, painting and collages, the students are now working on their own masterpieces for the special event.



ELECTION DAY AT CHARLES READ

To coincide with the General Election, students at Charles Read Academy have been learning about democracy during their own election themed activities.

In the lead up to Election Day, students took part in a number of cross-curricular activities exploring different areas of politics. Year 10 English students explored great political speeches and created their own propaganda, whilst Year 9 Science students looked at how scientific studies can help us to determine what we should believe in the media.

On 8th June students transformed their classrooms and the main hall into private voting booths, as they were encouraged to vote for their preferred candidate in a mock election.

Robert Sloan, Principal, said: "The students may be too young to vote, but we didn't want their age to stop them from exploring politics and learning about democracy."

DAVID ROSS EDUCATION TRUST INSPIRATION FUND



Raising aspirations, inspiring interests and enabling young people to see the opportunities the world has to offer are at the heart of everything we do at the David Ross Education Trust. The DRET Inspiration Fund aims to enhance the Trust's enrichment programme, by delivering thousands of new enrichment opportunities for our pupils.

Our students have been taking part in lots of fundraising activities this term, in order to raise as much money as possible for next year's enrichment programme. To contribute to the DRET Inspiration Fund visit our website to find out more.



MARC QUINN INSPIRES YOUNG ARTISTS

Young artists were thrilled to meet British contemporary artist, Marc Quinn, as part of a special event this term.

The artist who is best known for *Self*, a sculpture of his head made from his own frozen blood, has exhibited his works around the world, most notably at the National Portrait Gallery, the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, the Royal Academy and the British Museum.

During his visit, the acclaimed artist discussed his career and his journey to success.

Robert Sloan, Principal, said, "Our students were very fortunate to meet such an influential artists and Marc's words really resonated with them as they start to think about their future careers."



FLORENCE SCOOPS RUNNER-UP PRIZE AT DRET DEBATING FINAL

Charles Read Academy student, Florence Shilcock, was delighted to secure the runner-up position for the individual winners trophy at the DRET Debating Cup.

Secondary students from across the Trust came together for the annual debating contest, held at the Lakeside Arts Centre within the University of Nottingham.

During the contest, students were encouraged to debate on political topics such as 'the voting age should be reduced to 16' and 'war can never be justified.'

Sir Michael Graydon GCB, CBE, a former Chief of the Air Staff and Governor of the English Speaking Union, presented Florence with her well-deserved trophy following a flawless performance.



A CARIBBEAN ADVENTURE

During the Easter break, a number of our students travelled to the Caribbean as they took part in an incredible ecological conservation project.

As part of the exclusive visit, a group of 12 students from DRET academies had the chance to trek through the jungle, hike up a volcano, plant trees on a beach and participate in scuba diving sessions.

Working alongside a local school, the group also found out more about daily life on the island.

Stephanie Powell, Sports Enrichment Officer, attended the trip as a group leader. She said: "The trip was an incredible experience, which I am sure the students will never forget."



GOLDIE SAYERS INSPIRES

Aspiring athletes were delighted to welcome three-time javelin Olympian, Goldie Sayers, to the academy.

During the exclusive visit, students had the chance to find out more about Goldie's career as she provided an insight into life as a sportsperson.

Encouraging young athletes to develop their javelin-throwing skills, the Olympic bronze medallist also led a number of training sessions with talented students.

Robert Sloan, Principal, said: "It was so inspiring for the students to meet such a skilled athlete. They learnt a lot about the dedication needed to reach their goals."



A DAY WITH LONDON YOUTH ROWING

Charles Read Academy student, Aaliyah, joined DRET's top eight All Star Rowers for an inspirational day with the London Youth Rowing Club.

The talented athlete, who was selected following her fantastic performance at the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships in March, benefitted from training sessions to help develop her talent.

Alice Page, Sports Enrichment Coordinator, said: "This was an incredible opportunity for our top rowers to learn more about rowing on the water and what they can do with their talent in the future."



DRET ROUNDERS CUP

Students from Charles Read Academy recently competed in the annual DRET Rounders Cup.

The Under 13 Rounders team returned to the University of Nottingham for the second consecutive year to play against nine other secondary academies from across the Trust.

Athletes competed in a number of matches throughout the day in an attempt to take home the prestigious title.

Shane Ward, Sports Enrichment Manager, said: "It was excellent to see everyone playing their part throughout the tournament and trying their very best. The students should be very proud of their efforts."

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