



Week Commencing 7th March 2016

Sport Relief 18th March

The House Captains and Sports Captains are currently planning the next whole-school fundraising event. For Sport Relief they are helping staff to organise an event in the School Theatre at lunchtime, which promises to be highly entertaining! Watch this space for further details, but there may be some hilarious antics planned for certain members of staff!

Year 10 Business Studies trip to London

On the 14th and 15th March, thirty **Year 10** students will visit Warner Bros studios for a lesson in movie marketing as well as a guided tour of the Harry Potter studios. Students will also be involved in a sightseeing tour of the capital as well as visiting London Zoo.

NASA Calling!

Students from the STEM club took part in a very exciting video conference with NASA scientists and Dr Kevin Fong on Thursday 25th February. They had prepared several questions to ask the experts on how to grow food in space and the dangers that face astronauts on long term missions. Students also had the opportunity to listen to questions from two schools in the USA. The scientists commended our students on the quality of their questions and are keen to organise further video conferences. Mollie Merrifield said:

"This was so much fun and I have gained a lot more insight and knowledge."

We would like to thank NASA, the Royal Institution and Faraday Studies for organising this fantastic experience. Congratulations to Jess, Lara, Noah, Maisy, Mollie, Zoe, Luke, Tom, Shehram, Haseeb, Jamaal, Jake, Tyler and Oliver for taking part and being so enthusiastic and engaged.

BSL Course Update

Our after school 'British Sign Language' course will take place on Thursdays, 4.00-5.00pm for six weeks, starting after the Easter holidays. The cost is £25 per person (payable at the first session) for the whole course which will teach the basics of BSL. The course is open to parents and members of the community as well as staff. If you would like to reserve a place please contact Mrs Allen ASAP.

Ryburn Sixth - Year 12 Taster Day

All current **Year 11** students were given the opportunity to explore life at Ryburn Sixth on Monday 22nd February. Each student was asked to tell us what their plans are for September 2016, and, if they had chosen to stay on they were given a timetable of 'Taster Lessons' based on their subject choices for A Level. School provided a chocolate fountain and candyfloss machine to make the day more special, and the students were allowed to use the Common Room for break and lunchtime. The day was a big success, with many students confirming their choices and some deciding the subjects were not for them; this is exactly what a Taster Day is for. Comments from students included "The day was great, and very informative for those who are unsure", "I didn't enjoy the lesson, so now I have changed my choice" and "I am now certain of the subjects I am choosing".

For those students who want to leave Ryburn to do an apprenticeship or different courses at college, Mrs Fletcher and the CK Careers team organised an alternative 'Taster Day,' with representatives from different colleges and businesses attending school so students could find out more. They spent time with the Careers Advisors and in the afternoon our guest speaker was 'Mr Consequences' who spoke about how the choices you make now can affect your future.

The Brilliant Club

Twelve **Year 10** students are learning about the psychology and sociology of mediation in a project run by The Brilliant Club. They attended their first tutorial at Sheffield University on February 26th and have now had two sessions in school with PhD tutor Roy Poyntz. Our **Year 10's** are accessing and submitting learning activities electronically. They are reading around the subject and learning to use academic referencing before the write up their assignment during the Easter holidays.

Languages News

Ryburn Languages Department has a new German partner school! Classes in Years 7 and 10 will be sending letters and videos to our new friends in Bad Bramstedt, in the north of Germany. The school even has its own dog, Barny! We are looking forward to lots of exciting links with the school over the next few months.



Ms Swindell has been working hard with the six **Year 10** students who are visiting Warsaw next week on the second leg of our Erasmus+ partnership "Empower Students with Entrepreneurial Skills". They have completed a presentation about our school, our town and our region and will be showing this to classes at the Polish school, LXV Liceum Ogólnokształcące z Oddziałami Integracyjnymi im. gen. Józefa Bema. The group, who will also be accompanied by Mr Crinnion are particularly looking forward to the creativity and integration workshop at "Pijalnia Czekolady Wedel" chocolate shop!

Ryburn Oscars

The third Ryburn Oscars took place on Thursday 3rd March, with a stunning array of films on show from Y11-Y13 Film and Media students. Students won prizes in categories such as Best cinematography, Best editing and Best film; with a special award being awarded to a group of Y11 students for their innovative film: The Last Survivor. The evening was attended by industry professionals who were suitably impressed with the quality of work on show, as well as parents and friends of those involved.

Sports News

Girls rugby training started last week with a fantastic turnout, 36 girls attended and love every minute. The sessions are led by Sarah Clough, Yorkshire Rugby Union Development Officer.

The Calderdale Schools Rugby League group stages started last week, **Year 7** opening with a superb victory, 0-52, against North Halifax. **Year 9** won a tough encounter 32-46 and **Year 8** had a tough encounter losing 40-0 at North Halifax.

Year 11 Rugby

Congratulations on a fantastic win for the **Year 11** rugby team, that were 28-18 winners against Minsthorpe in the Yorkshire Plate Semi Final. Tries were scored by Alex Oldroyd (2), Jack Froggett, Ethan Pollard, and Keelan Foster who also added 4 conversions. Well done boys.

Extra Curricular Activity Calendar

Lunchtime

After School

MONDAY	Netball (10/11) – Sports hall Football (7) – Astro/Wembley Film Club (All) - Lecture Theatre Comic Book Club - S24	Netball (7) – Sports hall Senior Ryburn Dance Academy (invite only) - Theatre
TUESDAY	Basketball (7/8/9) - Sports hall Football (9) – Astro/Wembley Gaming/Minecraft (7/8) - 301 STEM club (All) – 118 Debating Society (All) – 108 Brass/Wind Group (Instrumentalists) Drama Distinction Club (All) – 210 Voice Academy (All) - 224 Maths Club (All) - Maths Computer Room Flight Simulator Club	Hockey (All) – Astro Turf Ryburn Recyclers (All) - 215 Junior Ryburn Dance Academy (invite only) - Theatre
WEDNESDAY	Astronomy (GCSE) – DV Lab Film Club (All) - Lecture Theatre	Gymnastics (All) – Gymnasium Football (11) - Wembley
THURSDAY	Football (8) – Astro/Wembley Rugby (7) – Rugby Pitch School Magazine (All) – 108 Disport (Invite only) – Sports hall Chess Club (7/8/9) – 220 Netball (8/9) – Sports hall Soul Band (invite only) - 224 Media Club (All) – M1 Maths Clubs (All) - Maths Commuter Club Flight simulator Club	Girls Football (All) – Astro Turf
FRIDAY	Art Club (7/8) – 211 Amnesty International Youth Group(All) - 202 Scrabble Club (All) – 109 Horrible Histories (7/8) – 207 Football (11) – Astro Turf Top Vox (Invite only) – 224 Dodge ball/Boccia (invite only) Dance 4 All - Theatre	