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Highland Spring Stories from Scotland

Between 19th and 25th May some of the Year Eight pupils visited Scotland. Salve correspondent Cleo W talks about her experience on the trip and has shared some of her photographs with us.

“The week in Scotland was so fun. The houses that we stayed in were amazing, they had a hot tub, a Jacuzzi and loads of luxury bedrooms. There were three houses to stay in with different names which included: Highland Lodge, Snowy River and The Old Mill On the Spey. On certain nights we cooked meals for each other like curry, cottage pie and pasta with help from a teacher. We took part in various activities including: feeding reindeer, dolphin watching, visiting an osprey centre and having fish and chips.

As this was a Photography and Science trip, we were given the opportunity to take photographs whilst on excursions. We were lucky enough to be able to use the school's cameras to do this. We all had fun and were sad to leave, but it was good to go home and share our adventures. I would definitely recommend this trip to next year's pupils. Thankyou to the staff for taking us!”

Photographs by **Cleo W and Molly P**



WELCOME

Once again staff and pupils have travelled to far flung spots all in the name of AWE.

I, like so many parents, have listened to tales of adventure from pupils consumed by a mix of envy and pride. Envy that my own school experience lacked such imagination, and pride in our incredible staff without whose commitment these defining moments of our school could never be realised.

Thank you everyone. Now on to the Summer Show!

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Headmaster

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New Forest

A selection of pupils who enjoy camping went to the New Forest for four days; for the first couple of days the pupils stayed on the island to refine their camping and mapping skills, after that they proceeded with their journey. On the first day in the New Forest they went mountain biking, and in the afternoon they tried their hand at archery. The next day pupils travelled to the Bournemouth Air Museum. Afterwards they went rock climbing. The next day they travelled back to the island for a well earned half term.

By Ronny M

Year 7 On Island Activities

For the Year 7 Bembridge Camping and Island Activities week we were split into two groups, Team A and Team B, completing some activities in these groups, and joining together for others. On the Monday morning, one group went to the Donkey Sanctuary whilst the other group stayed at school and made structures from spaghetti and marshmallows. In the afternoon we switched over. At the Donkey Sanctuary we learnt about the



donkeys and fed some, then got to take a miniature pony around a track. Tuesday involved letter writing and a games afternoon before preparing for the main event, Bembridge. On Wednesday we set off as one big group and trekked all day until we reached our destination. On arrival we set up tents, had a barbeque and played games. We were all very tired when we got back to school the following day.

By **Callum R**

Year 8 On Island Activities

Year Eight pupils who stayed at school for AWE took part in a variety of activities throughout the week.

On Monday the Year 8 pupils travelled to Tapnell farm, they took part in mounting boarding, and once confident, they took their mountain boards up a small hill to ride the board back down. The pupils also took part in archery, competing with one another.

On Tuesday, the group travelled to Osbourne house where they walked around and explored the beach, later having a picnic in the gardens.

On Wednesday, the pupils explored Carisbrooke Castle learning about Charles I, a royal prisoner who had tried to escape from his Parliamentary gaol on the Isle of Wight in 1648.

On Thursday, the pupils made their way over to Corf Camp where they spent the day learning survival skills in truly miserable weather, they felt they had definitely survived the day once home and dry!

On Friday, they went to Ventnor beach to take photographs and clean the beach to try and help reduce litter. A very worthwhile cause.

By **Coco S-E**



Year 9 on Island Activities

During Activities Week, Year Nine pupils who opted to remain at school during Activities Week took part in a variety of revision sessions throughout the week, while also learning valuable life skills like First Aid (as well as enjoying a whole hour of movie time at the end of each day)

On Monday 21st May, pupils participated in a day of fun sessions, including an English lesson concentrating on the book 'War of the Worlds'. For the remainder of the day, the teachers held quizzes and sports competitions, ending with an hour of Cinema Club.

The next day gave pupils the opportunity to revise for the whole day, making use of laptops and iPads to complete core curriculum work, as well as chances to refine their knowledge of their option subjects. Wednesday was similar, with the group finishing their core curriculum work and Foundation project work.

Thursday was the last day of revision time, with the beginning of the day completing all of their project work. After breaktime, the pupils were introduced to a local paramedic, who taught them a lesson on First Aid, in which they learned how to perform CPR and to properly use Defibrillators.

On Friday, the whole group walked down to the Ventnor seaside and all took part in a Beach Clean throughout the morning. After the clean, the pupils placed down their towels and bags and ate lunch, many of them also taking part in games and activities.

Thanks to the supporting teachers: Mrs Williams, Mr Britton, Mrs Nuttall, Ms Paul, Ms Healey and Ms Ronayne who offered to stay at school, making the week much more exciting for all of the pupils.

By Beau E



During Activities Week, a group of Year Seven pupils travelled to Italy for four days. On the first day, the pupils met at 11pm to board their ferry. From there, they took a coach from Portsmouth to Gatwick, where they went on to board their plane. Many of the pupils were first time fliers on planes, and so it was very exciting for lots of the group. After landing at the Naples Capodichino Airport, they boarded a second coach to Sorrento where they checked in to their hotel and had dinner. The next day, everyone woke up and had breakfast. The pupils scaled Vesuvius, a volcano near the city of Pompeii, famous for erupting long ago and destroying the surrounding area. The pupils were taken halfway up the mountain by coach, but were then tasked with walking the rest of the way. According to pupils who attended the trip, the views from where they stood were spectacular.

On the third day, the pupils travelled by boat to the island of Capri for a day trip. The island was beautiful, even though it was a little crowded! There were many ornate churches, extraordinary views and pretty buildings. The island even included a dedicated chocolate shop with tantalising chocolate waterfalls! Tired after an amazing day out, the pupils made their way wearily back to the boat, on which they left Capri and sailed back to the mainland. Day four was spent travelling to the town to embark on some tourist action among the shops, and then arrived at a GELATO WORKSHOP! The group made an amazing lemon gelato, which they all got to have their own taste of. Afterwards, they were all given two free scoops of ice cream, ranging from typical flavours like strawberry to exotic ones like Kinder Bueno (and even Ferrero Rocher!). Unfortunately, the end of the trip drew near and they had to board the coach, back to the airport to catch their plane back to England. Special thanks to all the teachers who gave up the time to supervise the trip: Mr. Hooper, Ms. Payn, Ms. Keller and Mrs Boyd.

By Ronny M

Italy



Cornwall



Some of our Year Nine pupils went to Newquay, Cornwall. On the first day they checked into to their hotel before heading off to Lusty Glaze Adventure Centre for some fun. Day two consisted of participating in activities like surfing on the beach; abseiling and tight rope walking. Day three was a whole day exploring at the Eden project. On the final day, they went surfing, had a picnic, played some dodgeball and then went back to have a barbeque. They had their final breakfast the next morning and took the 6-hour coach ride top Portsmouth to come back to the Island.

By Cleo W

Okehampton



This trip was a fun filled adventure for Year Seven and Eight pupils. When they arrived on Monday, some pupils did adventure golf in the games zone, then enjoyed a lovely buffet dinner and a fantastic movie night. On Tuesday they participated in various sports, t-shirt designing and card making, all followed by a roller disco. Wednesday comprised of a range of different activities including: archery, rock climbing, and rounders. On Thursday afternoon pupils visited Moorland pool (which had a very cool slide) before heading back home to the island after their activity filled week.

By Cleo W

Rollin' Down the River

Ardèche Adventures

The Ardèche is in Savane, France and it took Year Eight TIFS pupils an epic 24-hour coach journey and a boat ride to travel there.

On arrival though, it was worth it, they stayed for seven nights near the town of Ruoms. The pupils took part in many activities whilst there, including: raft building, caving, rock climbing, night line, kayaking, a two day river decent, high ropes, and a town visit for shopping (and enjoying churros!).

We spoke to Miss Kerley who led the trip and asked her what she enjoyed the most. She said: "I enjoyed the river descent the most because it is so much fun but also a great challenge to achieve." The river descent which Miss Kerley was talking about was done in kayaks and took an entire two days to complete, the distance was an impressive 26 kilometers. This time around the weather was quite unpredictable meaning they even chased a storm on their journey!

By Cleo W



Glorious Greece



On Saturday 19th May 2018, 32 Year Nine pupils and 3 staff set off for activities week in Greece. After a long journey, the group arrived at the Loutraki sport camp site on Sunday afternoon, unpacked and spent some well needed relaxation time in the pool. Monday was spent with all pupils participating in a Drama workshop, held by an amazing Drama teacher, Georgina. After the warm up sessions, they worked in small groups to produce stills, stories and performances linked to Greece's history with democracy and human rights. Pupils finished a rather hot day with another session in the pool and after dinner, competed in the TIFS Olympics. In groups of 8, they chose a country to represent and participated in various events to gain points for their teams. Tuesday saw the group travel a short distance to the ruins of the famous sanctuary of Hera which are found near one of the oldest stone built light houses still operating today. They then travelled to the Heraion Lake which is a beautiful part fresh water, part salt water lake, almost like a beach. On Wednesday, the group got up early, packed and began the journey to Athens, where they would spend the day. They walked up the famous Acropolis where they saw the Parthenon and stunning views right out across the city. Following their descent, they walked around the streets, visiting the Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens and spending some time in the souvenir shops.

After a hot and tiring day, pupils and staff began the long return journey to the UK, having had a fun, relaxing and enjoyable activities week.

By Liam G

Vienna

During activities week, 18 Year Nine pupils took a long journey to Vienna. We had to meet at the ferry at 1am in order to catch our flight at 6.55am. When we arrived in the magnificent city, we checked in and then we took the Vienna underground to St. Stephens Cathedral. We then walked around the city to look at the breathtaking buildings. On the second day, we went to Belvedere Palace, which was a stunning sight. We looked around the museums as slow as sloths so that we could take in every moment. In the evening, we all went out to get ice cream! On the third day, we took a trip to Hausdermusik which is an interactive music museum. One key feature was that the stairs to the first floor were piano tiles which played music, whilst there, they also had to chance to conduct a virtual orchestra. We then went to another museum, Leopold, which was all about art. The artists consisted of Klimt and Schile. For the fourth day, we first went to Kunst Haus Wien Museum Hundertwasser, the art gallery was very colourful and full of life, then in the afternoon we went to a theme park. We all ventured on the Ferris wheel and then split up and went on some of the rides. Then finally, we had a long journey home!

By Amber W

