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# NEWS

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## Royal Armouries Visit 3 March

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, ten of our most enthusiastic Year 7 Accelerated Readers were rewarded for their reading endeavours with a trip to the Royal Armouries in Leeds. During our trip, students were able to emulate one of our most famous English folklore figures, Robin Hood, with a spot of archery. Well done to Monty Troup for scoring 240 points with 8 bolts!

I look forward to rewarding more of our enthusiastic year 7 readers in the near future.  
Miss Lester



## **Y11 Visit to Aviation Academy**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, a group of Year 11 students visited Craven College Aviation Academy accompanied by Mrs Ashton and Mrs Eglin. There were many opportunities to look at career prospects within the Aviation Industry. It was an informative and enjoyable visit.

## **Headteacher's Introduction**

Dear Parent / Carer

Last Thursday, we held the last of our year group specific Parents' Evenings and yet again we were delighted that so many parents were keen to attend and find out more about their child's progress in school. Attendance at all Parents' Evenings this year has been excellent and we have had a great many positive and productive conversations to ensure that our students make the best progress possible.

Feedback from our questionnaires continues to be very positive with all responses 90% or higher for agree or strongly agree with the statements, with a great many at 95%+. One of the new questions we have introduced this year is about how well informed you feel about what your child is learning in school. This is one area where we have seen a less positive response, with more parents feeling that they are unsure about how we communicate what students are learning in school.

You can find an overview of what is taught in each subject on the school website in the Curriculum section. All subjects are currently reviewing their curriculum offer and this will be updated on the website across the course of this year. Some of you may have been involved in the trial of our 'parent discussion' homework, which involves students discussing and explaining recent topics with family members. If you have any suggestions about how we can keep you informed about what is being taught in school, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

### **‘Something wicked this way comes...’**

On Thursday 5th March, Year 11 students were able to watch a broadcast of the Royal Shakespeare Company’s production of Macbeth starring Christopher Eccleston and Niamh Cusack. Students were engaged throughout, asking interesting questions and reflecting on the performance and staging choices - particularly in casting the witches as ‘little girls, holding dolls’. This opportunity will have been a great support to students preparing for their GCSE English Literature.



### **Forthcoming events**

12 March – Oliver Twist , Leeds Playhouse visit

18 -19 March – Red Kite Peer Review

23 – 27 March – Y8 French Trip

23 March – Governing Body meeting

25 March – 3 Apr – Y10 Exams

### **Coronavirus**

The latest guidance for schools and education settings in responding to the Coronavirus outbreak can be found by [clicking here](#).

Extra tissues and hand sanitiser are available for all students, staff and visitors in school. The main priority in the guidance remains regular hand washing with soap and hot water. We have increased our checks on soap in the student toilets. However, students are reminded to report any issues to reception and they will be dealt with immediately.

We will keep you updated of any changes to guidance as and when it is received from the Local Authority, Public Health England and the DfE.

### **New member of staff**

Over the next few weeks and months some of our students will be meeting and working with our newest member of staff. Luna is a black Labrador therapy dog trainee and she will be taking part in some of our Outdoor Education days. A full risk assessment has been undertaken for Luna and as she is introduced into school during the working day, we will provide you with more information and undertake further risk assessment with regard to allergies.

### **Managing exam stress and general well being**

As Year 10 are approaching their first formal GCSE preparation exams and Y11 are moving closer to their real GCSE exams, the following links to downloadable resources may be helpful for families in the coming months.

The first resource is aimed specifically at parents to help them manage their own and their child’s anxieties during the exam period. Please follow this link:

The second resource is a guide we will be using in school with Key Stage 4 students and is aimed specially at young people to help them manage exam stress and look after themselves during the exam period. Please follow this link:

Finally, this website offers downloadable advice and guidance on a wide range of topics including teenagers and social media.

Please follow links:

Parents

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Students

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General guidance

<https://www.cwmi.org.uk/schools-families-resources>