



A Word from the Headteacher



Dear Families,

What a first term!

It has been an excellent first term as the new Headteacher at Tytherington School. I felt fortunate that my first act as Headteacher was to join our 6th Formers as they collected their A-Level results which yet again placed them amongst the top 10% in the whole country. I was also delighted to receive confirmation from the Department for Education that our GCSE results place us in the top third in England. It was wonderful to see us featured in the top 150 best comprehensive schools in the recent *Sunday Times Good School Guide*. Our current Year 11s are set to achieve record GCSE results, which will be amongst the best in the region.

What has really struck me about the school is the sense of community. As I write, I can hear in the background rehearsals for the House Pantomime Competition which involve hundreds of students from across the school. Yesterday it was brilliant to welcome back several past students receiving their examination certificates. I've worked in several schools but there are very few which I've come across where the staff and student relationships are so strong. The teachers and the leadership team are extremely approachable and the students feel well supported and looked after.

The next step for me as Headteacher is to build on the solid foundations left by the previous Headteacher, Mr Jowett. This year we have a particular focus on stretch and challenge for our new Year 7s. I have appointed a new Leader of Advanced Learners who has been responsible for providing our Year 7 learners with a range of exciting opportunities including: our brand new key stage 3 newspaper, a chance to be editors of the local *Bollington Live* magazine, Take Over Day, The Year 7 Apprentice Day, The "Make something out of this tenner" Business Challenge and our very own bucket challenge which challenges students to take on a range of community leadership activities.

There are also other exciting challenges for the new term. For the very first time in the school's history we will be offering an out-of-catchment bus service to

cope with the demand for students who want to come to our school from all over Macclesfield. I'm also very excited about the installation of solar panels around the school so that we are able to generate a significant proportion of our energy in an environmentally sustainable fashion. A group of Year 8 students are currently renovating a previously derelict part of the school and we hope to build our own farm which will sell produce to the local community. It is my ambition that we become the greenest school in the Cheshire East Local Authority.

There are a few members of staff departing at the end of term. We wish them all the best in the future: Mrs Rebecca Atkinson (Languages), Mrs Carole Buxton (reprographics), Miss Cat Edwards (Geography) and Ms Sarah Vickers (Science). We also wish Mrs Helen Pugh and Ms Mary Gannon all the best on their maternity leave.

From a personal point of view, I have not regretted moving North with my wife and two daughters. We have settled very well and we are enjoying our new house in Poynton. We felt that it was important to live relatively close to the school in order to feel part of the local community.

It seems fitting that the picture which accompanies my opening piece comes from the Christmas Concert given its role in bringing the school community together.

I am delighted to be Headteacher. We truly are a school which is ambitious and at the heart of the community.

With very best wishes for the Christmas Season,

Mr Botwe

Headteacher



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Headteacher's Short Story Competition

We are delighted to be able to announce the winners of the Inaugural Headteacher's Short Story Competition. There were some stunning entries, with both traditional and innovative approaches to the Christmas theme in evidence. It was extremely difficult to decide on the winners, but in the end, the following winners were chosen:

First Prize: *The Tenth Reindeer*

by **Evie Hadfield 7NC**

Second Prize: *The Origin of Season Man*

by **Aidan Simpson 7CZ**

Third Prize: *I Believe*

by **Matthew Christopherson 7TQ**

On Wednesday, 9th December, Annette Hurst, the editor

of Bollington Live, came into school to work with a group of Advanced Learners in Year 7 to begin working on a double page spread for the February edition of the magazine. At the session, they learnt a lot about the writing and editing process, and in the new term they will go and see how the magazine is printed.

In addition, the Bucket List Challenge was issued in assembly on December 8th, and this is an opportunity for all Year 7s to take part and see how many they can complete!

Also, look out for Mr. Coppock's Tenner Challenge coming up in January – more details to follow.

Here is the winning story!

Headteacher's Short Story Competition - Winning Entry

The Tenth Reindeer by Evie Hadfield 7NC

We all know there were eight original reindeer: Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen. Then along came Rudolph with his flashing red nose. That makes nine reindeer, right? The thing is Rudolph and his wife had a child called Ava.

Wherever Ava went she brought festive magic to all and all thanked her kindly for the happiness she brought them for Christmas this year. Ava was the animal version of St Nicholas.

The polar bears slept all cuddled up in the snow because it was time for bed as Ava, with her glowing nose, hung little holly leaves on the wall of their underground igloo. The red berries shone with the power of magic as Ava left the igloo feeling warm inside because she knew that they would be happy this Christmas.

Slowly, she made her way from the South Pole to the North Pole to bring her beloved friends (the penguins) a Merry Christmas. As she crept to the outer circle of the tight huddle Ava dropped two big buckets of huge fish wrapped in paper for them when they woke up. She smiled as she thought to herself how happy she was now she had spread a nice sense of festivity across the world.

Just before she left, Ava noticed a pair of small eyes staring at her curiously and a mouth curling into a beaming smile. The little penguin had woken and was shivering with cold therefore; Ava removed her scarf and wrapped it round the chick's neck before quietly putting up a hoof to her lips as if to say don't tell

anyone I was here. The little hatchling closed its eyes and fell asleep once more now that it was warm.

Ava decided that she would do one more act of kindness before going home thus hanging some lovely bright icicles on the tree above where the Arctic Foxes slept in harmony. Peacefully, she then left and wandered home to where hopefully, her dad would be waiting for her after lighting the way around the world, delivering presents with his eight comrades and Santa Claus.

Unsurprisingly, her mum and dad were waiting to welcome her home with Father Christmas and the other eight reindeer. As they slept, Ava wondered what she would be getting and whether the other animals would appreciate what she gave them.

The morning of Christmas day arrived and Ava opened her eyes to see all the animals she had helped there in her house. They all very much appreciated her presents and had all bought her something in return.

Overjoyed, Ava politely asked her parents if the animals could stay with them for Christmas dinner. The reply was a very hearty yes and a "The more the merrier!" from her very loving dad.

Just then, through the door walked the man himself, Santa with a very large tray of tasty Christmas food. That is how the story ends, with a very big "Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas!"

**Local MP recognises
Excellence at
Tytherington School**

As you may be aware, Tytherington School recently featured in the *Sunday Times Good Schools Guide* as a result of the very high number of students who achieved the very highest grades at A-Level and GCSE.

I am delighted to share with you the letter sent to me by David Rutley MP recognising this honour.

**Tytherington School
featured in
The Sunday Times
Good Schools
Guide**

DAVID RUTLEY MP



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8th December 2015

Re: Sunday Times Good Schools Guide

I am writing to congratulate all staff, students and governors on the excellent rankings which Tytherington School achieved in the recent published Sunday Times Good Schools Guide.

This is a great achievement for everyone at the school and is testament to the hard work and dedication of all those involved.

I would like to wish Tytherington School every future success and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

With best wishes,

David Rutley MP

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Tytherington aims to become Cheshire's greenest school

Throughout this academic year, we have been investigating ways in which we can more sustainably generate power



and reduce our energy bills. In 2016 we are due to install large solar panels on the roofs of the present buildings. We will be taking advantage of a soon to expire government incentive offered to those who generate their own electricity through a variety of renewable technologies.

The recent Paris Summit on Climate Change continues to focus all of our minds on moving away from a fossil fuels to more sustainable methods of energy. We will also be investing in a number of recycling boxes around the school to increase the amount of waste we recycle. We have set ourselves an ambitious target of becoming the greenest school in Cheshire East by 2017.

Watch this space!

P E

Hall of Fame

We have a very rich sporting tradition at Tytherington School. A number of our students regularly participate not only for the school but also for the district or county.

Please take the time to have a look at our sporting stars.

If you take part in an event outside school, please do let us know and we will make sure you get a picture in the next edition.



PE Update - Mr Fitzsimmons (Head of PE)

Boy's Football



Year 7

The Year 7s have again impressed this half-term with their displays in the English Schools' Cup in both the A and B competitions. The A team progressed to the 5th round thanks to a 10-3 victory that actually began with St. Mary's taking the lead before the Tytherington boys showed a lot of character and skill to blow their opponents out of the water. In the following round they came up against tough opposition in the Kirkby High from Liverpool. A tight game, in which Tytherington twice came inches away from taking the lead, eventually went to a penalty shootout. The lottery of the penalty shootout unfortunately didn't go the way of the Tytherington boys, however they should be proud of their performances and look to win some silverware after Christmas in the Macclesfield & District Cup.

To highlight the strength in depth in the Year 7 boys



football squads, the B team also performed well in the 3rd round but a couple of late goals took the game away from them. Despite letting the lead slip, the B team should also be pleased with their performance against St. Augustine's, a school from Lancashire renowned for their football prowess.

Year 7 A – won 10-3 v St. Mary's (home), lost on pens v Kirkby High (home)

Year 7 B – lost 3-6 v St. Augustine's (home)

Year 9

The Year 9 boys have progressed into the 5th round of the U14 Cup after producing a fine display against strong opposition in the form of Newark Academy. The 5 hour round trip was worth every minute as the lads showed determination and desire to finally win a game in which they dominated proceedings. After a rollercoaster of a game, which saw the Tytherington boys lead 2-1 and 3-2 before conceding a last-minute equaliser, again it was the dreaded penalty shootout that decided the tie. In the end it came down to a sudden death penalty taken by Ben Perrin, who coolly slotted the ball home from 12 yards and was then engulfed by his ecstatic team mates. The next round will take place after Christmas,

Prior to this, the Year 9 team also played against Repton School, one of the most highly regarded fee-paying schools in the country. The Tytherington boys showed that winning mentality that enabled them to beat Newark, with captain Brian McClintock scoring the winner to claim a 5-4 victory. It seems that the Year 9s are the team to watch for high-scoring entertainment!

Year 9 – won v Newark Academy (away) on pens 5-4 (3-3 after extra time), won 5-4 v Repton (away)

6th form

Despite the terrible weather this half-term, the 6th form team still managed to play their Cheshire Cup fixtures with varying degrees of success. A fine 4-2 win against the mighty Lymm High, which actually flattered Lymm, led to a fixture away to Brine Leas in the 3rd round. A game that was massively affected by the weather became a scrappy affair and it was Brine Leas who make the most of their chances and snatch a victory.

6th form – won v Lymm (home) 4-2, lost to Brine Leas (away) 2-1

PE Update - Mr Fitzsimmons (Head of PE)

Girl's Football

Girl's football

The Year 7 & 8 girls have continued to show their passion for football with a number of fixtures taking place this half-term. Firstly, they competed against All Hallows, where the Year 7 team narrowly lost 1-0, with Eva Lochon-Donou commanding in goal. The Year 8 team were victorious in their game, a 2-1 victory coming courtesy of striker Olivia Few, who scored 2 penalties.

The Year 7 girls also played in an indoor 5-a-side competition in Poynton, coming 5th overall against some tough opponents before combining with the Year 8s to take on Knutsford in an away fixture. The game was extremely close, with only one goal in it for a long period of time before a Knutsford breakaway goal sealed the win. The girls have performed admirably in each and every game and will continue to progress with this fantastic attitude. Well done girls!

Year 7 tournament – came 5th

Year 7/8 v Knutsford – lost 2-4

Year 7 & 8 v All Hallows – Year 7 lost 1-0; Year 8 won 2-1

Primary School Sports Festival

Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football – Wed 2nd December

On an unbelievably wet and windy Wednesday evening, where even an umbrella was insufficient to stifle the wrath of Mother Nature, the 2nd fixture in the Tytherington School Primary Sports Festivals calendar took place. Following on from the Mixed Y5/6 Netball competition was the Y5/6 Girls' Football tournament.

Seven teams took part in the tournament, with each team playing 6 game in a round robin 7-a-side format. Despite the terrible conditions, the girls showed skill, resilience and concentration to produce some fantastic football. After almost 2 hours of consistently end-to-end action that left not only the players but the supporters breathless, it was Marlborough who emerged victorious having won all 6 of their games, a brilliant achievement. However, all of the players should be very proud of their efforts on the night.

A special thanks goes to the supporters of the players who withstood the howling winds and torrential rain to cheer on their teams and a thank you especially to the members of staff from each of the primary schools who gave up their time to allow the girls to compete in a tournament that will hopefully, once they have dried out, have been a positive sporting experience.

A date for the diary: the next Primary Sports Festival event will be the Y5/6 Basketball competition which will take place during the first week of February.



FOOTBALL
— **FOCUS** —



Christmas Concert



We were yet again treated to another exceptional Christmas Concert. Well over 100 students took part last Tuesday at St Michael's Church. There were several fantastic solo pieces from students ranging Year 7 to Year 13. The following students gave individual solo performances: Lily Hill (first verse on Once in Royal David's City), Olivia Hudson, Tom Neilson-Clempner (Cornet), Caitlin Leicester (Cello), Sarah Bailey (vocal solo), Emily Griffin (saxophone) and Xabier Wilson (piano). We also had solo readings from Evie Hadfield, Alice Watson and Ms Fellows.



It was great to see a number of different bands and choirs represented during the evening. These included: senior and junior choir, concert band, string group, brass group, steel drum band, flute group and of course Mr Lilley's Jazz (increasingly Funk-infused) band.

We were delighted that so many people supported the event including Andrew Burr who provided piano accompaniments for the soloists and ensembles. We would also like to thank Ms Fellows for providing the readings, Mrs Brennan for the mulled wine and [Belfield's Village Bakery in Bollington](#) who provided the delicious minced pies. We would also like to thank the following instrumental tutors who gave up their time to support the students on the evening: Paul Aiken, Tom Blackwell and Nicola Bright.

Christmas Concert



Year 7 Update - Mrs Rodgers (Head of Year)

ROSE Day Chocolate Business Project Christmas Fair

The year 7 students took part in their second Tytherington School ROSE Day on Thursday 3rd December. The theme of the day was 'The Chocolate Business Project'. This is a team activity, where the students had to work together in groups to design and make their own chocolate bar. They had to plan and design every aspect of the bar, including its packaging, ingredients, costing and advertising. The day culminated in each group presenting their chocolate project idea to their form tutor (in an Apprentice style), in order to win a chocolate prize and go through to the year 7 final. The form tutors were blown away with the effort and professionalism that had gone into each presentation and it was a difficult decision for each of them to pick an overall winner for their forms. Each of the form winners will now go through to the grand final on Wednesday 16th December, where an overall year 7 winner will be chosen, the winner will be announced during the year 7 Christmas Assembly, good luck to all the finalists.



The annual Tytherington School Christmas Fair took place Saturday 28th November. We had an overwhelming number of Year 7s offering to help out and run stalls to raise money for the Friends of Tytherington and various other charitable organisations. The Year 7 students put a huge amount of work into baking cakes and organising games, it was a huge success, and they contributed to raising over £1,000 on the day, well done everyone who took part!

Takeover Day 2015

On Friday 20th November, several students took over the jobs of important members of staff throughout the school for National Takeover Day. Two year 7 students helped take over the role of Mr Botwe (Head Teacher of Tytherington School). The students, Caitlin Hunter and Aiden Simpson, enjoyed an exciting day. This consisted of holding a Senior Leadership Team Meeting in the Sixth Form conference room, speaking to the whole staff during staff briefing, going on a site tour with Mr Tebay (site manager) and designing the new school webpage with Mr Bill.

Throughout the day the students got an insight into some of the things that Mr Botwe does to connect with the staff and students at Tytherington School, making it such a great place to come and learn. Aiden and Caitlin said;

"We think we speak on behalf of the entire school when we say that Mr Botwe has made a fantastic impression on everyone since starting at Tytherington".



Year 7 Advanced Learners update

Out of This World Year 7 Scientists witness history being made at Jodrell Bank

On December 15th, a group of Year 7 Advanced Learner visited Jodrell Bank to take part in two exciting events. This date marked the 70th Anniversary of the arrival of Sir Bernard Lovell at Jodrell Bank in December 1945, establishing the world leading Jodrell Bank observatory. We were impressed to discover just how pivotal Jodrell Bank has been in the development of astronomy in Britain and around the world; in fact, the Lovell telescope is still the third biggest moveable telescope in the world!

When we arrived we were greeted by an astronaut (well, a man in a space suit) and led off to the Wolfston Auditorium, where we learnt all about the history of Jodrell Bank, and saw footage from its early days in the 1940s.

The highlight of the day , however, was witnessing Tim Peake, the European Space Agency's first British Astronaut, launch into space with two other astronauts to join the International Space Station. We learnt a great deal about the preparation process – it took him nearly six years to get ready for the expedition – almost as long as we have been going to school! Tim said the most challenging aspect for him was having to learn the Russian language, as he is not a linguist. We also discovered what astronauts eat and drink, including celery and pumpkin puree – and, well, that was probably the most appetising feature of the menu!

The moment of the launch was tense and exciting. The auditorium was filled with anticipation, as we all participated in the countdown. All went according to plan, and there was a huge cheer when the rocket went up into space, and a few minutes later we were able to see

Tim Peake give us all a wave from inside the space capsule. Everyone gave a huge round of applause. A moment in space history was made. Afterwards, Evie Hadfield and Aidan Simpson were interviewed by the presenters of BBC's Newsround, and asked what the experience had been like for them, to which Evie replied "It was phenomenal".

At the end of the day, we were treated to a science show which was really fascinating and interactive. Once again keen members of our team took part – Evie was up there on a hovercraft, and Jake Haslam became a space capsule for a few minutes! Both were part of visual experiments to explain the science of how space rockets actually work. We were also shown what it was like inside the space capsule –playing football in space looks like a lot of fun! Not sure about sleeping standing up, though. The day ended with a few of us (including Miss Haggie) taking selfies of ourselves with a model of Tim Peake, and then it was back on the coach to return to school.

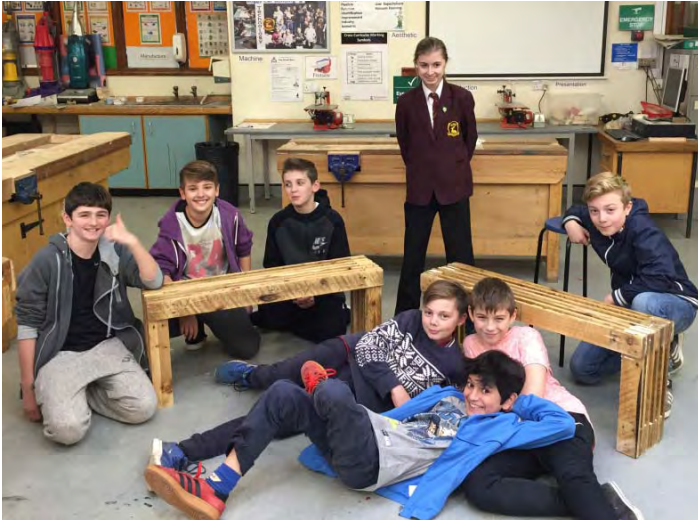


Overall, it was a great experience, and hopefully will inspire some young astronauts of the future from Tytherington!..

Mrs Burke
Leader of Advanced Learners

Year 8 Update - Miss Billington (Head of Year)

It has been a very busy term for many of our year 8 pupils and as ever I am very proud to talk about their success. Pupils have been actively involved in extracurricular activities across the school. Including Sporting, Drama, Music, Roller Coaster challenge and Charity work. Some pupils have taken part in an "Up-cycling" Day where they turned disused pallets into benches, and we have also had a visit from the Royal Horticultural Society.



day of free labour to work with a group of pupils clearing a piece of land that hasn't been touch for 10 years. Students have worked hard getting the ground ready for phase 1 and we will be able to start planting in the spring. If anyone has any tools, seeds, plants, bulbs etc that they would be will to donate, it would all be greatly received.

Thank you to those that have already donated.



It was great to see so many of you at Parents Evening recently as this is always a great opportunity for teachers and the pastoral team to talk to parents about the achievements in class and around school. The pupils have also been busy preparing for the school Christmas market, making things to sell and were there on the day.

The garden project has started to take shape. Mr Cowell who you may remember used to teach Geography here and now has his own landscape business and gave us a



Sixth Form Update

Year 13 students make plans for university

Mrs Pugh
Director of Sixth Form

This term has been a very busy term for Year 13 students and their tutors. Not only have they been working hard on their studies, but over 80 students have finalised their university applications well ahead of the formal timetable. Our students have applied for a broad range of courses, from traditional academic disciplines such as Mathematics, History and French, vocational courses with many students applying for Science and Engineering degrees, to the more unusual Sports Journalism and Fashion Marketing. As always applications have been made to universities far and wide, from Aberdeen to Bournemouth.

As part of the process I have the pleasure of reading all personal statements and learn about the achievements and successes of our students outside of school that they often keep hidden. As always I was thrilled to hear of our students playing an active role in the wider community, leading Guide and Brownie groups, supporting local charities and care homes and playing in a range of local sports teams. Most impressive were a number of students who have set up their own businesses online demonstrating real enterprise and ingenuity.



Many of our students have already received several offers from their chosen universities and have some tough decisions to make over the next few weeks as they attend Open Days to finalise their choices. All of our Oxbridge applicants this year were invited to interview and have been put through their paces by some of Britain's leading academics in the past couple of weeks. We wish them all the best of luck during the mock examination period in the New Year and as they continue to work hard to meet their university offers.

A Level Conway Residential Art Course

The Art department has continued to participate in Cheshire's weekend residential Art courses at the Conway Centre in Anglesey. This is our third visit since it was established in 2013. It is worth mentioning that we provide a similar experience for Year 10 students which we have engaged with for almost a decade now.

Tytherington students completed a demanding schedule of creative activity, squeezing twenty two hours of drawing and experimentation into less than two days. Students explored a number of different themes that included work inspired by the beautiful landscape of the Menai-Straits and perspective through architecture (see picture below).



Workshops were taught by exceptional Art teachers and artists. Each group aimed to develop knowledge and understanding in the use of a broad range of materials from oil painting to wire, inks and bleach.

The outcomes from this learning opportunity are invaluable, not only by adding real value to individual students coursework portfolios but also to the wider school community, as students and teachers disseminated their newly acquired skills to other students.

Mr Graham

Sixth Form Update

Sixth Form students unite the school community To create a food and toy mountain for charity

A team of Sixth Form students have really impressed with their ambition and enthusiasm in organising a whole school food and toy collection in support of three North West charities. This appeal is in its third year and supports the SilkLife Foodbank, Treehouse homeless project and the Manchester Wood Street mission. With their chosen theme of 'kindness is contagious' these dedicated students organised a whole school non-uniform day where, instead of the usual monetary donation, all students and staff were asked to donate items for these appeals.

Students worked tirelessly to promote these worthy causes through assemblies, posters, a barrage of reminder notices and emails and they even had to enlist family and friends to donate cardboard boxes to accommodate the larger than predicted volume of donations. The year 12 and 13 students involved have been both overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity and consideration of pupils from all year groups in support of their appeal. They worked diligently to promote, collect, sort and arrange transportation and delivery; even enlisting the help of family and friends.



Sixth Form Update

Sixth Form Literature Trip to The Brontë Parsonage Museum, Haworth

14th December 2015

by Taran Spivey Year 12

Thick mist, a chilly breeze and the ghost of restless lover. Discarding the latter, these two ingredients made our trip to the historic Haworth all the more relatable to the industrial period Howarth we have looked at in our study of Wuthering Heights. Upon our entry; we could see exactly from where the inspiration for the landscape of the novel originated: mist crested the moorland hills as far as the eye could see- and from the hilltop where the Bronte Parsonage museum was positioned, you could see exactly where the rustic Howarth quickly trailed off into wild and well.. wuthering Yorkshire moorlands, almost as if along that border you could envision the brooding figure of Heathcliff breaking from the blanket of vapour atop his dark stallion.

Perhaps fortunately; we didn't run into the controversial Byronic hero on our trip, nor any of his romantic interests or spiteful moorland companions; however we did have a very informative tour of the Parsonage grounds held by



an extremely knowledgeable tour guide who, it has to be said, was tenfold friendlier than any of the characters described in the knowledge. Through this tour we learnt, in depth, the context of family life among the Brontës and the vision of Howarth in which young Emily Brontë grew up and wrote the gothic masterpiece. Following the tour; which took us from house, to cemetery, to the church in which Patrick Brontë both taught and preached, we went into the Parsonage museum and had a unique chance to look around the Brontë household as it perhaps would have been set out at the time of the sisters writing, with original Brontë artefacts still open and on display- including an original lock of Charlotte Brontë's hair!

After a brief lunch - our guide took us to the cellar of the Parsonage in which we partook in a lecture on key aspects of the novel and theories surrounding the novel, their relation to Howarth, and their relation to the life of the Brontë's that we had observed earlier in the afternoon. Finishing up the lecture, we departed from Howarth and made our way back to Tytherington, heads crammed with images of the bleak gothic moorlands, and theories of the novel so deeply bound to those wild and formidable spaces of land.



STEM and Business Academy Update



Capital Experience 2015

As part of their Career Ready programmes, twenty students from Tytherington's STEM and Finance Academies travelled south for their Capital Experience. The morning session, at the Dominion Theatre, involved the first of a two part master class on 'Communication and Networking'. The afternoon session was delivered by the wealth management company Brewin Dolphin. Here students developed their Elevator Pitches and networked

with Brewin Dolphin staff. The students had enough time to soak up the Christmas atmosphere in Covent Garden before taking the journey back home.

Effective networking is a key skill for our students about to start their Career Ready journey. In January they will be meeting their mentors before applying for internships in the summer. Throughout the year they will be able to access a number of master classes aimed at preparing them for the world of work.



Tytherington School Remembers



In November as part of our links with the Holocaust Educational Trust two Year 13 students had the opportunity to visit Auschwitz. Darren Smith 13 CB and Lauren Muir 13CJ travelled to Poland for the day to visit this infamous site.

Auschwitz-Birkenau is the death camp where 3 million Jews and millions of others were murdered by the Nazis. Recent scholarship by a Polish historian has put the

number of deaths there conservatively at about 1.1 million, with other estimates ranging to about 1.5 million.

A harrowing day for both students but one they are proud to have had the opportunity to experience and see first-hand the History they have been taught. Darren and Lauren will, in the New Year, share their experience through a series of assemblies for all students.



Staff Profile: Senior Leadership Team



Ms Florence Pope

Newly appointed **Assistant Headteacher**

What has been your proudest moment?

I think it has to be finishing a four day trek in Ecuador this summer with a group of sixth formers. We had been walking for three days in blazing heat, tropical storms at an ever increasing altitude. Each of the students had doubted their ability to complete this at some point or another and I think, if we were honest, so had some of the staff. At around midday on the last day, we arrived at the Laguna Quilotoa - an extinct volcano crater filled with the most striking azure blue water. We were tired, hungry and in desperate need of a good wash but not one of us cared! I was so incredibly proud of how every student had overcome their own personal battles and doubts to make it. Seeing them back in school this year brimming with resilience and confidence has been even more of a privilege.

What advice do you have for Year 11?

A bit of advice that I remember my Dad giving me when I was about sixteen here - take the long view. The workload can feel overwhelming and it is very easy to let the pressure get to you and feel as if you will never have a social life again. But, in a few months, it will all be over you will be so proud of yourselves and the work you've put in. What's more, from then on you'll be able to focus your studies or future careers on the parts of school that you enjoyed the most. I'd also say that very few problems can't be solved by a beautifully coloured revision timetable, a bar of chocolate and a cup of tea! Focus properly on your work, but take time to look after yourselves as well.

Tell us one random/quirky fact about yourself?

I used to have dreams of being a rock star when I was a teenager and practiced on my guitar every night. Somehow though, I've ended up being better at playing the ukulele! My show piece is 'Lady in Red', although I try not to inflict it on people too often.

Tell us a joke...

This is my favourite English teacher joke - I never get bored of it.

"What's the difference between a cat and a compound sentence?"

A cat has claws at the end of its paws but a compound sentence has a pause at the end of its clause."

I really think it gets better every time.

What qualifications do you have for your role?

I completed my degree in English and Related Literature from the University of York in 2002 and wanted to do something that combined my enthusiasm for my subject with something that was a bit more active and involved with society - it took me a couple of years but I eventually realised that this made teaching the perfect job! Following my degree, I worked in Normandy for two years leading tour groups of English students and discovered how rewarding working with young people can be. I returned to England and completed my PGCE at Leeds University. I took up my first post as an English teacher as was soon taking on some additional responsibilities for Key Stage Five English, Aim Higher students and, eventually, the overseeing of standards in Key Stage Three. My most recent role has been as Head of English at a large comprehensive school in Leeds where I have also worked as an Associate Assistant Head with responsibility for Pupil Premium. A couple of years ago, I decided that I wanted to further my own studies too, consequently I am one year into a part-time Masters in Education with the Institute of Education in London. I'm really excited to be moving to Tytherington to take on the next challenge!

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Without question, working with teenagers. I think their outlooks on life are refreshing, challenging and interesting! Of course, I enjoy it even more when this is combined with teaching English - making some complex literary text clear to students, helping them write with purpose and clarity, encouraging them to present their many ideas with confidence and enthusiasm. As I have progressed through my career, I have been pleased to discover that, as I teach a little less, I very much enjoy discussing teaching and learning with my colleagues. Everyone teaches in a different way and having the chance to collaborate and discuss what works well, and why is incredibly interesting.

Staff Profile: Non Teaching Staff

Mr Mark Salt

Executive Chef

Today, two of our Advanced Learners interviewed Mark, to get a bit of a profile of a key member of the school community who works very hard behind the scenes to keep us all fed. So here's what we found out!

Caitlyn Hunter 7CZ and Daniel Gaskell 7HE



Where do you live?

I live in Hazel Grove

How long have you been working at Tytherington School?

I have worked here for 5 years.

What did you do before you came to Tytherington?

I did theatre cooking for the BBC.

When did you decide you wanted to work in catering?

When I was sixteen years old.

What is your favourite part of the job?

There is no one specific part – I enjoy all of it.

What do you do outside school, what are your hobbies and interests?

I'm retired now, but I used to teach Martial Arts and coached the England team, I was also on the England team and have won three World Championships!

What are your ambitions for the future?

To get back into the England Martial Arts team!

Do you have any family?

Yes, I have 3 children – Emma, aged 30, Mathew, aged 21 and David, aged 18. I also have a twin – we were both in the Martial Arts team for England.

What piece of advice would you give Tytherington students for the future?

Work hard and keep focused.

Tytherington students supporting the local Community

Treehouse Homeless Project & SilkLife Foodbank

It was great to be able to send off a lorry load of food brought in by staff and students in support of 'The Treehouse Homeless Project' and 'SilkLife Foodbank'.

Tytherington students were also involved in the Wood Street Mission Toy Collection.

A massive thank you to Mrs Brennan and Miss Davies for arranging these fundraising events.



The Christmas Market organised by The Friends of Tytherington School

Nearly 100 students were involved in the organisation and running of stalls at the Friends of Tytherington School annual Christmas Market. The market was the perfect opportunity for parents and youngsters to complete their Christmas shopping. The money raised from the event was used to support a range of good causes including providing support for the school.

The market raised just **OVER**
£1000 for the school.



Student Parliament Update

Tytherington School's Sharp System

We are delighted to announce that Tytherington School's Sharp System has had a reboot. It is now up-to-date and ready for use. The Student Parliament has been working in recent months to improve and update this important part of student welfare.

What is the Sharp System?

The sharp system is welcoming, open website for students and parents to report (anonymously if preferred) any issues involving Tytherington students inside or outside school hours. Should any issues arise, students or parents are invited to report them via the website. These reports are sent directly to the pastoral support team and are checked daily.

What does the System offer?

As well as a confidential report service, the website also offers links to support websites chosen by the student parliament. These websites include support for what to do under certain circumstances such as domestic abuse or alcohol/drug use.

Should a student or parent have to use the Sharp System in any way, they are welcome to do so through a friendly environment, much like the support at Tytherington School.

Where can I find it?

Links to the Sharp System will be provided via Tytherington School's website (www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk) under the 'Student' and 'Parents' Section or can be directly accessed at <http://tytherington.thesharpsystem.com/index.php>



By Lewis Peal and Toby Morton-Collings on behalf of the Student Parliament

ROSE Award Winners

Our ROSE Awards are special awards for any person connected to the school who has gone above and beyond to promote the ideals of community and respect. The individuals below have been selected by the Student Parliament for their exceptional commitment to the community. Well done!

Mrs Brennan (Staff) - Silver Award. Mrs Brennan received two nominations for work coordinating Foodbank and Treehouse project charity, helping with the Summer Fair and for 'pure dedication and care for students'

Ms Sally Lancaster (staff) – Bronze award. Awarded for raising money and charity work with the RSPCA and always being available to support students.

Mr Dave Commins (Staff) – Bronze award. Awarded for dedication in supporting all students work through their problems and issues.

Darren Smith (Yr 13) - Bronze award. Awarded for commitment in coaching and managing the Year 7 Football team.

Harry Melvin (Yr 13)- Bronze award. Awarded for commitment in coaching and managing the Year 7 Football team.

Eleanor Scott (Yr 12) – Bronze Award. Awarded for being an outstanding role model to others. Helping to look after a younger sister with complex special needs and learning difficulties. Eleanor is a fantastic role model of inclusion to our community.

Molly Makepeace (Yr10) – Bronze award. Awarded for fundraising and donating her birthday money to Cheshire East Hospice.

Archie Reid (Yr 10) – Bronze Award. For volunteering at Saturday Club, a Macclesfield youth group for children with Downs Syndrome for the last two years. 'the whole of the youth group are very proud of Archie and grateful to him for giving his time and energy'

Matthew Christopherson (Yr 7) – Bronze award. Awarded for completing a Triathlon to raise money for the Air Ambulance following the recent Bosley accident. 'Matthew completed a 10k run, 10 mile cycle and 500 metre swim raising considerable amount of money'

Caitlin Hunter (Yr7) – Bronze award. Awarded for being 'incredibly encouraging and supportive of others'

Term Dates 2015 - 2016 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2015

Status	Date	INSET
Open	Wednesday 2 nd September 2015 (for Y7 and 6 th form) Thursday 3 rd September 2015 (for all other years)	Tuesday 1 st September 2015
Close	Friday 23 rd October 2015	
Half Term	Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2015	
Open	Tuesday 3 rd November 2015	Monday 2 nd November 2015 & Friday 4 th December 2015
Close	Friday 18 th December 2014	
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21st December 2015 – Friday 1st January 2016	

Spring Term 2016

Status	Date	INSET
Open	Tuesday 5 th January 2016	Monday 4 th January 2016
Close	Friday 12 th February 2016	
Half Term	Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2016	
Open	Monday 22 nd February 2016	
Close	Thursday 24 th March 2016	
Easter Holiday	Friday 25th March – Friday 8th April 2016	

Summer Term 2016

Status	Date	INSET
Open	Monday 11 th April 2016	
Close	Friday 27 th May 2016 (Monday 2 nd May Bank Holiday)	
Half Term	Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2016	
Open	Monday 6 th June 2016	Thursday 21 st July 2016
Close	Wednesday 20 th July 2016	
Return to school	Monday 5th September 2016	

*To all our Parents, Carers, Guardians
and everybody in our local Community*

A Merry Christmas

And a

Happy New Year

From

Tytherington School's

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