



Musicians Celebrate Christmas



See our website for more photographs. (Photographs courtesy of AWS Photography)

205 pupils took part in the Christmas concert representing every year group in the school. On Thursday and Friday last week, the audiences were treated to festive music and superb performances from; String Orchestra, String Quartet, Flute Ensemble, Show Choir (county winners), Ukulele Band, Boys' Choir, Folk Band, Saxophone Ensemble, Jazz Band, Cantamus, Concert Band, Clarinet Ensemble, MJQ, Senior Strings, Chamber Choir and Big Band. The full range of music included, Classical, Rock, Jazz, Funk, Folk, Ballads and Latin. The students also played in two junior school concerts where over 300 children from feeder schools listened to the performance.

Future concerts for you to note include a Chamber Concert for soloists - Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 7.00pm and the Spring Concerts - Wed 26th and Thurs 27th March 2014 at 7.00pm.



Mrs Lutzeier writes...

At the moment I'm keeping busy in the evenings writing all the school Christmas cards. This year, the card was designed by Isabella Tucker from Year 7. We usually send out about 150 Christmas greetings on behalf of Governors, Staff and Students. And because I really don't like receiving e-cards or cards with only a printed message myself, I make sure I write something personal to all our friends and supporters. This, of course, means I never have time to write to you, our greatest supporters. You support All Hallows in 101 different ways. Many of you have made very generous

contributions to our school fund, enabling us to build our wonderful new sixth form centre. Most of you give extra help to us through sports clubs or musical activities. And *all* of you, I'm sure, support us by encouraging your sons and daughters to look smart and work hard every day. So thank you for all you do.



If I were to ask any of you what Christmas means to you, I'm sure we would all come up with very similar answers. The last weeks of Advent will be hectic for all of us – rushing around shopping, concerts and carol services, turkeys and trees.

Then finally we'll arrive at that wonderful moment of peace, at midnight mass on Christmas Eve, the Holy Night when Christ was born. And we can all stop to pray and give thanks for all the wonderful blessings we enjoy.

Have a wonderful time with your family and may you experience all the peace and joy that Christ brings to this season.



Year 12 Geographers Visit Dorset



From the 4th to the 7th of October, 17 students and Geography staff took part in the annual study trip to Dorset. The aim is to study the physical and human features and processes along the Hampshire and Dorset coast. We

visited many landscape features including Hurst Spit, Lulworth Cove and Chesil Beach. We spent Saturday studying river processes and management along the River Wey at Weymouth where students spent the morning in the water measuring river flow using dog biscuits! The day finished by acting out the process of longshore drift along Chesil Beach. Our trip enabled the students to practise a variety of fieldwork techniques. Although they worked hard in the evenings writing up the day's work, all the students really enjoyed the trip. **Mrs Markham**

Lourdes Pilgrimage Helpers

Last August, ten Year 12 students went to Lourdes with the Catholic Association Annual Pilgrimage all raising the necessary £500 to get there. Their jobs included feeding, caring and looking after the pilgrims. During their visit they met the Bishop of Northamptonshire, the Right Reverend Peter Doyle. They were surprised to learn that his father was John Doyle, the first Headmaster of All Hallows. The students would like to thank all the parents and pupils who supported them in their fundraising efforts. We are hoping to increase the numbers of students going to Lourdes to help next year. The students involved were: Matt Arnold, Matt Lee, Gemma Crean, Sophia Wilson, Anne-Marie Fanshawe, Mani Teo, Sam Winstanley, Joe Mather, Lauren Bradshaw and Nathanael Crowley. **Mrs Fanshawe**

Drama Department see War Horse



Last month, Drama students from Year 11 to 13, went to see the London production of the critically acclaimed War Horse. It was not only incredibly enjoyable, but it was also a valuable experience for all who saw it, as it is required that we must see a professional production to refer to in our drama exams as well as an excellent opportunity to see professional actors working.

Aileen Pringle, Year 13

Year 13 Research Visit to Southampton University

The trip was designed to allow pupils to not only experience life as a university student, but to train them in the use of large academic libraries which can be daunting prospects at times. Armed with their coursework titles, A level English students were trained in the use of the library and how to search for academic works, before undertaking their research in the huge Southampton library. The day seemed a real success with many students generating pages of useful notes to help improve their final coursework piece. Miss Miles and Mr Guard would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils for their exemplary behaviour and focus on the trip.

Mr Guard

Media Studies students visit the British Film Institute

On Friday 15th November, a small group of sixth form students visited the British Film Institute at the Southbank in London, for a Representation Study Day. Whilst there, the students attended an interactive lecture given by Rob Miller, a Media Studies expert and examiner. They thoroughly enjoyed the day, whilst consolidating their knowledge of how to analyse representations of different groups within the media. **Mrs Castle**



Author Visit for Years 7 and 8 – Chris Bradford

Students of Year 7 and 8 were treated to a visit by author of the series *Young Samurai* and *BODYGUARD*, Chris Bradford. He has written 15 fiction books to date, been published in more than 20 languages and nominated for over 18 book awards, including the shortlist for the Red House Children's Book Award 2009 and winner of the Northern Ireland Book Awards 2011. Chris says, "I write the type of books I'd want to read - books filled with relentless action, believable characters and a plot that twists and turn through the pages!" On the day, students were taught by Chris (who has trained as a bodyguard for his series of books) how to act and think like bodyguards, and were also given a martial arts demonstration with a real Samurai sword! Students were then given the opportunity to have a book signed by the author. Altogether, it was an entertaining and informative insight into the world of a successful author, which should hopefully inspire our students to read more and possibly write some stories of their own. **Miss Miles**

'Take Four' the Drama Club at All Hallows

'Take Four' (the afterschool drama club) gives the lower school a chance to develop a new interest in the subject or deepen one they already have. Over the last few weeks, they have been set the task to come up with a devised piece from their own ideas as well as the shared ideas of the group they had been placed into. The Sixth Form have been helping out and the club is going from strength to strength under the leadership of Mr Oakshott. New members are welcome, see posters around the school.

Melanie Hayes, Year 13

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



The students have recently completed their final Duke of Edinburgh expeditions for the Bronze and Silver award. The expeditions took place in the New Forest, where the students successfully completed the required expedition. Well done to all of the students that took part. The launch of Duke of Edinburgh to the current Year 9 will be in the spring term. **Miss Dent.**



First World War Commemorative Experience

On 11th November I accompanied Sam Nichols, our head boy, on a visit to the Belgian town of Ypres for a special Anglo-Belgian project to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. We were one of 70 British schools selected to take part in this, the first ceremony, 'The Gathering of the Soil' which took place on Remembrance Day at the Menin Gate.

Students who have been on the History Department's WWI Battlefield Trips or the English Department's WWI Poetry Trips will be familiar with Ypres and the Menin Gate, a magnificent memorial arch engraved with the names of nearly 60,000 British and Commonwealth troops whose bodies were never recovered from battles fought in the region. Belgian students had already visited the WWI British War Cemeteries to collect sandbags of soil. These sandbags were transported on a WWI gun carriage to the port of Zeebrugge, and eventually to London. There was a 'Receiving of the Soil' ceremony on 30th November where the symbolic soil was incorporated into the central feature of a 'Flanders Fields Memorial Garden' which will be created in London. This will be opened in 2014 to mark the centenary of the start of WWI. The Garden is a gift from the Belgian people to commemorate the lives of those soldiers for whom there is no known grave because their bodies were never recovered from the battlefields.

All Hallows has been twinned with a school in Zele (close to Ypres). Various projects will be set up over the next five years between the two schools including a project based on Essex



Farm a cemetery just outside Ypres and famous because one of the youngest known British soldiers, 15 year old Rifleman Joe Strudwick, is buried there. It is also famous for the poem 'In Flanders Field' which was written by a Canadian doctor, John McCrae whilst working there. **Mrs Jones**

Sam writes.. It was an honour to represent All Hallows at the Menin Gate ceremony. It is hard to imagine the men who fought and died in the First World War because it is almost 100 years since it happened. However, standing under the Menin Gate with the names of those soldiers who died made me think of the communities who marched off to war to never return. The names on the Menin Gate represent 40 times that of the population of our school. I am glad that I got to experience the ceremony for myself because I now appreciate just how brave the generation was who marched away to war and never came back.



Sam being interviewed by ITN News

British German Association Sponsored Visit to Poland

Anna Bentley and Gemma Crean, Year 13 historians report

We were extremely honoured to have the opportunity to visit Auschwitz- Birkenau in late November. When we set off to Krakow, Poland, we were not too sure how we were going react to visiting a concentration camp. When we got to Auschwitz, we immediately realised the rumours of the quietness and no birds flying over the camp to be true. Visiting Auschwitz- Birkenau really put into perspective what it was like to live in the camp. We saw the belongings of the prisoners which was extremely overwhelming and this portrayed the prisoners as individuals rather than a mass amount of people.

Visiting the concentration camp was really a life-changing experience and we would certainly recommend for others to visit. We believe it is important, especially, for the next generation to visit Auschwitz – Birkenau as the few survivors who are left will not be able to tell their remarkable stories for much longer. As we learnt from a quote read to us,

"We learn from history that we do not learn from history".

Year 7 History students take part in an Active Medieval Day. Evi Carr-Barney and Chloe Sewell report...

As soon as we stepped into the Hall we knew that we were in for a huge surprise. A man and a woman were dressed in rich medieval costume and put us into groups of medieval families. Then we were put into old, peculiar clothing that made us itch! After this, Toby the Priest married Lady Molly to Lord Peter (which was a rather awkward wedding). This was followed by a luxurious feast with fish, swan, pig, beef and so much more. However, on the opposite table were two peasants with no food – only watery ale. This showed the difference between rich and poor lifestyles of the time. We were told about the jobs that were available and chose between making a wooden box, an apron or a medicine from herbs and honey. Once we had finished the teachers tested our products on us! Next, we experienced the Black Death – where the visitor dressed up as a death creature and when he touched us on the shoulder it meant we had caught the

pneumonic plague. It was estimated that over 1 million died of plague in medieval times. Finally, we split up into two groups: weapons and surgery. In surgery, we were taught about Hippocrates Four Humours: black bile, yellow bile, phlegm and blood. They examined it and sometimes even tasted it to see if you were ill! Meanwhile, the other group were studying weapons and armour across the Middle Ages. They were given demonstrations and able to wear spears, armour, swords and a pole-axe. And all this was on the 19th November 2013!

We are sorry that this article is brief but we fear we have come down with the plague!





CHAPLAINCY TEAM

'Christmas comes but once a year.' This is a phrase often said, sometimes followed with 'thank goodness'. Yet we all enjoy our season of remembering the birth of the Child Jesus, the Son of God, God Incarnate come down to live among us. However there can be a fog of 'busyness'; presents, food, parties etc., all of this in so called preparation. Spiritually we need to open our eyes and penetrate the fog, Advent is our time of preparation. In between all of the above we need to find some time to reflect on the importance of the event that took place over 2000 years ago. God sent His only Son, born

humbly in Bethlehem to eventually die for us. This is a cause for great rejoicing but let's do it when it happens. Let's not be like the supermarkets or spend Christmas wrapping paper and signify an end of Christmas on the 25th December. Continue to celebrate and remember for the 12 days of Christmas, when the Church will treat each day as Christmas Day. Our Saviour has been born to us, He is Christ the Lord. Every Blessing this Christmas to all of you.

Deacon John



CONGRATULATIONS TO....

The Year 7 boys 5-a-side football squad who recently won the district indoor tournament. They beat; Court Moor, Calthorpe and Robert May's Schools in the pool phase without conceding a goal! Then the team travelled to Weydon School to play in the semi final where we beat Ash Manor and in the final we beat Fernhill, on penalties, to become district champions.



Joe Mumford

Joe Mumford (Year 8) who, in response to the Philippines typhoon disaster, gave a speech on Sunday 1st December at the Cathedral Church of St Michael & St George which helped to raise £230 for the CAFOD appeal.

Matt Arnold (Year 13), winner of the District Schools Senior Boys Cross Country race at Charterhouse. This was a remarkable achievement as it means Matt has won this race in every year as an All Hallows Representative from Year 7 through to Year 13; we are very proud of him. Congratulations also go to **Tilly Horton** 9J who won the Junior Girls District Cross Country event. Both students will be selected to represent Waverley Schools at the County championships in January.

Harry Keefe for winning the Annual Year 8 Speaking and Listening Competition with a truly amazing delivery of Shakespeare's 'To be or not to be'.

Jasmine Cousins, Elena Lodge, Olivia Coles, Lauren Campbell, Hannah Lodge, Olivia Scott, Nicole Turner and Natalie Turner who are performing in Christmas pantomimes this season.

To all Bake Off contestants for competing in round 1. The star biscuit bakers were **Dot Usher and Ned Douglas**.

Please email major achievements (include a photograph) to:
news.com@allhallows.net

School Shop

We wish all our customers a very merry Christmas. Thank you for your custom during the past year and we look forward to serving you in 2014. **The Shop is open from 8.30 to 8.50 am, break and lunch times and after school from 3.15 to 4.00.**



Dates for your Diary

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Tuesday 7th January 08:50

8A AWAYDAY

Wednesday 15th January

8C AWAYDAY

Wednesday 22nd January

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 22nd January

16:30 - 19:00

8E AWAYDAY

Wednesday 29th January

YEAR 12 & 13 MOCK EXAMS

Monday 3rd February -

Friday 7th February

8J AWAYDAY

Wednesday 5th February

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 6th February

16:30 - 19:00

8M AWAYDAY

Wednesday 12th February

HALF TERM

Monday 17th February -

Friday 21st February



Internet and e-safety Information Evening for Parents / Guardians at All Hallows

Mr Ian McGraw from Surrey County Council will be running an e-safety workshop for parents in the **School Hall on Thursday 13th February from 6-7.30pm**. All parents and carers are most welcome to come along if they wish to learn more about the dangers of the internet and practical steps they can take at home to keep their children safe. If you think you would like to attend, please add the date to your diaries now. There is no charge for the evening and booking forms will be sent home via students in the New Year. **Mr Laker**



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