

## Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Sixth Form

#### Review of Visit to Hamlet July 2021

By **Tom Griffiths**

Excitement and awe being the overall theme of the evening, the staff and students were full of anticipation to see the Windsor Theatre production of William Shakespeare's Hamlet, starring Sir Ian McKellen (his performance was as thrilling as one would expect). The entire cast was superb; their performance's impeccable and gripping. Moreover, the cast was dynamic and unrestricted by normative stereotypes of age, gender, ethnicity usually attributed to roles, being wonderfully diverse.

One wouldn't believe how Sir Ian, at the sprightly age of four score and two, gave such a dramatically impassioned performance, as well as an animated one; he raced up and down the stairs and ladders of the set and even recited monologue on an exercise bike, with fervour.

Being seated in the wings, on stage, we enjoyed a spectacular view of the show and I can only saying that by the end we were all on our feet giving rapturous applause.

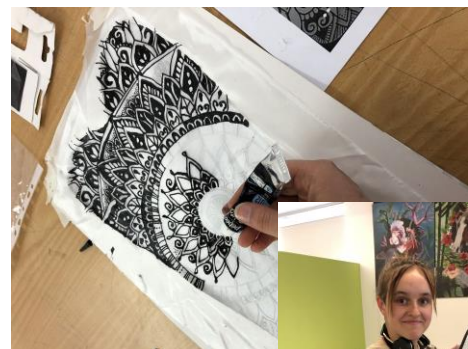
Pleasantly, a few of us got the chance meet Sir Ian before leaving; he kindly autographed a program for us to give to a member of the trip who had to unfortunately self-isolate. Overall it was one of the best School Trips I have been on and a huge thank you to the staff for organising a great evening.

### Stars of the Week

**Harry Jeys, Daria Romanczuk and Freya Richardson** have produced excellent summer transition work for their A level history course on the unification of Italy.

### Year 11 Summer School

**Willow Brookes and Sophie Howard** revising Sikhism during the Summer School and Sophie Brown and Rochelle Harris working on their Art.



**Emily Parry** produced some impressive work on medieval London in the time of Edward 1 and showed tremendous effort in class.

**Max Neale** and **Mollie Ralphs** gained the highest scores in the 80 word Spelling Test.

Mrs Stace's Geography group were very grateful to **Matilda Westwood** who baked 32 cookies for the class as they have their lesson on a Friday period 4 and 5.

11A Geography have made a promising start to the new academic year, with great knowledge of geographical issues over the summer and a keen interest in the up and coming topics.

**Charlie Williams** has shown a productive and positive approach to his History studies this week on Medieval town and country.

Y10 and 11 Hair and Beauty students impressed with their focus during shampooing and blow drying demonstrations, and in their own practice of these skills. Special mention to **Lanie Price** and **Emily Eversham** for their hairstyling techniques, chosen as Stars of the Week by Debbie, their hair tutor.

Congratulations to 11C Drama, who explored their creative sides in costume design and developed their teamwork skills by making costumes made entirely from newspaper and masking tape in 20 minutes.



Models: **Leanne Dearing**, **Brandon Connaire**, **Paige Goode**, **Phoebe Davies**, **Skye-Marie West**.

Designer/creative teams: **Kyle Dowling**, **Logan Clarke**, **Miki Conroy**, **Lily-Mai Degonkolb**, **Maha James**, **Katie Hodnett**, **Lucy Earl**, **Kimberley Hussey**, **Cerys Masters**.





## Year 10

In Maths **Sidra Watfa**, **Kenzie Cole**, **Izzy Brookes** and **Cassie Smith** have demonstrated some excellent work on inequalities this week.

10A have all made a very impressive start to Drama this term.

10B Geography have made an encouraging start to the new academic year. They have demonstrated good knowledge of geographical issues over the summer and a keen interest in the up and coming topics.

All of 10AHistA worked well last week with special mention to **Chloe Alden**, **Sophie Marley**, **Laurie Holder**, **Mason Keay**, **Catherine Sandell**, **Isobel Sprague**, **Noah Whitteron** and **Daniel Buckell** who have completed excellent work on the problems faced by Kaiser Wilhelm II. They have all worked extremely hard on this.

10R1, 10L1 and 10L3 were involved and articulate in their PSHE lesson on staying safe while partying,

**Jack Golding** has shown great effort and engagement so far in English lessons.

## Year 9

9RR worked very well in their PSHE lesson on stereotypes, providing some interesting insights on what a 'typical teacher' is like.

9C have all made a very impressive start to Drama this term

9RA, 9LD and 9LT have made a good start in Geography

**Finlay Jackson**, **Katie Maxted**, **Rory Crawford**, **Lilia Hicks**, **Ella Marshall** and **Bee Barber** completed excellent work in their first lesson on The British Empire.

## Year 8

**Holly Kierasinska** in 8SDS was awarded a commendation point for her kindness in supporting another student.

Well done to **Alfie Smith**, **Leticija Grunte** and **Libby Beck** who have earned the most praise points in 8MYT this week.

**Millie Lloyd-Rogers** has made a promising start in maths, finding the most solutions to the countdown starter each time so far.

**Daniel Evans**, **Libby Goode**, **Callum Edwards**, **Sophie Bailey**, **Harvey Waterhouse**, **Tyler Hinton**, **Samuel Barnett**, **Fin Garlick**, **Holly Smith**, **Alice Rooney-Powell**, **Kloe Jagielski**, **Ciaran Dearn**, **Paige Shaw**, **Kaicey Robinson** have all made an excellent start to Year 8 History with their work on The War of the Roses.



**8RDW** have made an excellent start to the year and being super helpful whenever their tutor, or another member of the group, needs anything.

**8FS** have made a pleasing start in their Philosophy and Religion lesson with all students participating fully in the lesson.

Well done to **Daisy Morgan** for her excellent PowerPoint presentation on facts about Germany. She did this completely of her own accord because she was curious about what she will be studying in her German lessons and wanted to get some background knowledge.

**8SJG** have made an excellent start investigating the Wars of the Roses in History and have had thoughtful discussions on the importance of listening in Philosophy and Religion.

**8LNH** have shown great enthusiasm and effort in their English lessons this week.

**8KAS** and **8IED** have made an excellent start to their Year 8 Geography course.

**8R RH PE group** worked really well with their partners developing their gymnastics routines.

And finally

We are sharing the video about Droitwich Spa commissioned by the Town Council, which was made by former student Joe Chambers: <https://youtu.be/nzlzCp4-J7s>.