



# Balfour Newsletter Easter 2018



**Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Grandparents and all other members of our Community**

Here we are, at the end of the second full term in school, with the promise of spring just around the corner. Our term has been very busy (as usual) with a really good mix of hard work in classrooms, alongside a wide variety of activities and visits, which, as you read on, are detailed in this newsletter. Dodgathon was an incredible day, with all students and many staff taking part in a day-long dodgeball competition which raised at least £4,000 to be shared with Sport Relief, Katharine House and Sir Graham Balfour Cambodia. Our Year 11 and 13 students are now fully immersed in preparations for their final exams and we are very grateful for the help and support their families are giving them.

As ever, as we now approach the break, there are a few things I would like to share with you:

## **New Year 7 intake**

We received in the end 237 first choice applications for September, a figure which is well above the 170 places we have available. This is very pleasing, in that it shows the trust placed in us by parents and carers, but it is also very disappointing for those families whose exercise of choice turned out differently to their hopes. We look forward to welcoming the Year 7 students into the Balfour Family in September.

## **Sixth Form unconditional offers**

Something we are beginning to become very concerned about is the number of universities now offering Unconditional Offers to students studying A levels. On the face of it, it appears good – a student with an unconditional offer is guaranteed a place at university. In actual fact, however, what tends to happen is that some students start to think that their A levels no longer matter and that they can slacken their efforts. We urge parents to help us with this in encouraging students to achieve their very best grades. Evidence shows that higher A level grades lead to higher earnings and better positions in the future. We will be offering more help and guidance on this for sixth form students and their parents in the summer term.

## **Funding**

Funding remains a very lively concern for us. We run a very tight ship and have done for many years. We have, with very careful management of funding, been able to maintain our staffing levels and the full range of subjects we have always prided ourselves on. Fairer Funding will mean a little extra money coming into school, but it does not cover the increased contributions we will have to make to pensions, NI etc. I therefore urge you to contact your local MP, (for Stafford this is Jeremy Lefroy) and ask them to stand up for your children's rights to a more equal share of funding. In many parts of the country, schools still receive anything up to an additional £3,000 per child per year – in a school of 900 students, you can see the difference this would make.

## **Entry signing in system**

As I have mentioned several times now, we have been taking steps to tighten security to our building. Over Easter our new sign-in system will be installed; all visitors to the school will be asked to sign in before being allowed into the building. I know that I can count on your support with this, helping to ensure, as it does, all our children's and staff safety.

## **GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)**

New regulations on the use and storage of data come into operation from 25<sup>th</sup> May this year. We have been working hard on this behind the scenes for many months and are confident that we will be compliant by this deadline. We are currently updating our Privacy Notice, which will replace the one currently on our website – this shows you why and how we keep data on your children. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at school.

## **Uniform**

As ever, I want to thank you for your support of our school uniform. I receive many expressions of support and admiration of it on at least a weekly basis. If you are out buying new items over Easter, please do look carefully at the uniform requirements on our website – some items sold under the label of 'Schoolwear' in shops do not conform to our uniform policy. It's better to be safe than sorry! Many thanks for your consideration of this.

## **And finally**

May I first thank you for your tireless support of your children and our school and second, wish you all a restful and productive Easter break.

**Lesley Beck**

**Extremely Proud Headteacher of Sir Graham Balfour School**

# Cambodia Trip

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February saw the departure of our 2018 Cambodia Team on route for their 12 day trip to visit our school in Chi Phat Commune, Thmar Bang, Cambodia. In total, there were 12 6<sup>th</sup> Form students and 3 staff who were fortunate to have the opportunity to experience the sights of this wonderful country. The visit takes place every two years with students self-funding the cost of the trip through various fundraising activities. After Easter the group will be sharing their experiences with all students via a series of Cambodia themed assemblies. This is a wonderful opportunity for all students in the school to witness how our annual Cambodia school fundraising, supports the education of our students in Cambodia.

Thank you to George M for penning the following article detailing the visit:

**February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018** - We arrived at school for 12:30 to head to Manchester airport for our flight at 22:00 that night! We were all very excited to travel to Phnom Penh! We would first fly to Dubai, and then onwards to Phnom Penh!



**February 16<sup>th</sup> 2018** - After almost 24 hours of travel time, we finally arrived in Phnom Penh, where we met our guide Tee. We were driven to our beds for the night, at Fancy Guest House. On our drive from the airport to the hotel, we saw the beaming lights of Cambodia's capital city! We were all incredibly tired, and went to bed soon after we arrived!

**February 17<sup>th</sup> 2018** - Once we had woken up, we headed straight to the coastal town of Sihanoukville! We ate breakfast in a bakery just outside of Phnom Penh, where we tried lots of different items of Cambodian food. Sihanoukville was where we would spend the next 2 nights! As soon as we arrived we headed straight to the beach, and swam in the sea!

**February 18<sup>th</sup> 2018** - We began another day in Sihanoukville! We had breakfast at the Otres Beach Bungalows where we were staying! We were all excited to get back to the beach and then back into the sea! The sun was very dangerous that day, and I got very burnt! After this, we ate together, and prepared to travel to Chi Phat village the next day!

**February 19<sup>th</sup> 2018** - We began our trip to Chi Phat! This was the day that we had all been waiting for, and it was the day we would meet, and teach, the wonderful children at the Sir Graham Balfour School in Cambodia! I will never forget the moment, when we walked up the path to their school, when all the children were lined up, cheering our arrival! It was truly inspiring! We taught the children, some new skills, and played fun games with them!

**February 20<sup>th</sup> 2018** - Our second day in Chi Phat began, when we returned to the school to continue teaching, we met more of the inspiring children, and taught them a multitude of skills ranging from Maths, to English! No matter what subject they were learning, they loved every second of the lesson! We also played fun games with the children, and also taught them the 'cha cha slide' dance!

**February 21<sup>st</sup> 2018** - Today was our final full day in the Chi Phat village, and it began with our breakfast with the locals, in their visitor center! We then returned to the school to say our goodbyes! After we left the school, we went to a waterfall just outside of Chi Phat, where we swam for around an hour – This involved a long walk through the jungle!

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018** - At the beginning of today, we went to the Chi Phat High School, where we played Volleyball and Football with the students there! We then boarded a small boat, which took us to a small commune, where we met with our drivers, who would take us to Phnom Penh. When we got to Phnom Penh, we went directly to the emotional 'Killing Fields' where thousands of innocent Cambodians were killed by the Khmer Rouge... This gave us an emotional insight into the history of Cambodia.

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018** - We started the day by eating breakfast in the great city of Phnom Penh! We then visited the S21 camp, which was a former site of torture during the Khmer Rouge regime! The building formally housed a high school, which highlighted the awful intentions of the Khmer Rouge, while also showing the inspiring stories of those who survived those atrocities. We then went to the Royal Palace, where we saw the beautiful architecture that has survived for over 100 years! The day ended with a visit to the famous night markets, where a number of 'knock off' items can be purchased!

**February 24<sup>th</sup> 2018** - Today began, with breakfast in Phnom Penh again, and then a long drive to Siem Riep! We were going to go straight to the Angkor Watt visitor center, where we would collect our tickets! After this, we went to the 'Babel' Guest House, and then went into the city centre via Tuk Tuk! Siem Riep also had a number of night market stalls, where amazing street food could be brought!

**February 25<sup>th</sup> 2018** - Today we woke up early, and went to Angkor Watt, where we saw Cambodia's trademark attraction! The area is split into a number of different sights to see! The area shows Cambodia's ancient history in a glorious fashion. After this, we went back into the city centre and enjoyed one last night in Siem Riep!

**February 26<sup>th</sup> 2018** - This was our last day in Cambodia, and we spent the first half in Siem Riep, packing our bags, before our flights home later that night! At 13:30, we set off for Phnom Penh Airport. Once we arrived, it was time to say goodbye to Cambodia, and prepare to return to cold England!

**February 27<sup>th</sup> 2018** - We had spent this day traveling from Phnom Penh, to Dubai, to Manchester! After almost 24 hours of travel since leaving Siem Riep, we finally arrived back to Stafford with the snow falling! It was a sharp contrast from the 39 degrees of Cambodia! We were all very sad to be back, but equally as tired, after the adventure of a lifetime!

# Careers

## **National Careers Week** - *Create Your Future: Aiming High*

This half term we celebrated National Careers Week with various activities taking place in school.



We invited guest speakers to talk to Year 11 students about the benefits of higher education and Year 7 about challenging the myths associated with going to university.

Students also took part in various House Time activities throughout the week whereby they explored various different career pathways and looked at how much they could earn by aiming for specific careers.

Year 10 also had an assembly about how to write a good Curriculum Vitae, followed by House Time activities.

## Coming soon... 'Create your Future'

We have an area on the school website dedicated to releasing careers information to students, staff and parents. Check this area for regular updates about what is happening in school to support your child and their future!



Find the new section of the website here

## SGB Careers Fair

Our annual careers fair was held on PSHE Day – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. In total there were over 30 organisations that exhibited, ranging from careers in Engineering, Law, Sport, Fashion and Beauty, to name but a few. Students from Year 7 through to Year 13 all had the opportunity to visit the fair and feedback from everyone involved was extremely positive with numerous comments praising the conduct and politeness of our students.

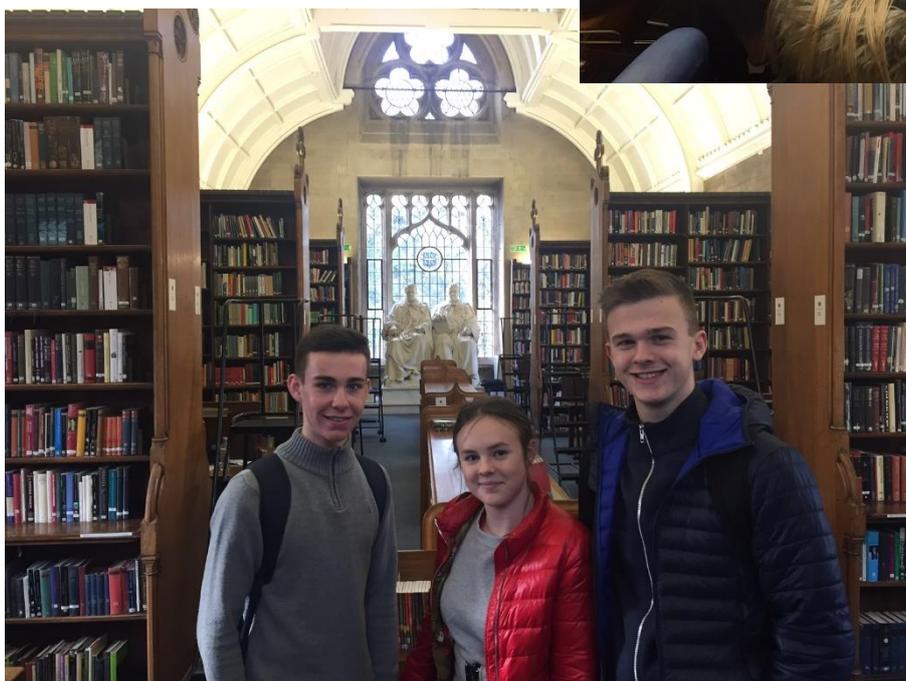




## Oxford University Visit

As part of our ongoing partnership with Oxford University, Nelli Charming the Oxford University liaison officer invited 15 of our Year 11 students to Oxford University for the day. We were based at the UNIV College, which is the oldest of all the colleges at Oxford University, founded in 1249 by William of Durham. The day consisted of a tour of the college, what you can study at Oxford, what it is like to study at Oxford, top tips for applying, and interactive sessions run by current students in the fields of Biology, Chemistry and Egyptology, one of which involved putting a real human skeleton back together.

The day was truly inspiring for the students, with many coming back from the visit saying that they want to study at Oxford, Cambridge or another Russell Group university once they complete



their A-levels at Sir Graham Balfour. To spend the day in such a stunning location steeped in history, being able to speak to current students and experience tasks that first year students undertake was fantastic. The realisation that attending a highly competitive University is possible, if you work hard, secure the grades, show a

real love of your subject and develop yourself through enrichment opportunities both in and out of school, really inspired them.

This is just one of the many events that we are running in conjunction with Oxford, Cambridge and other competitive universities, as we are determined to raise aspirations for all of our students and for them to reach for the stars. What is most pleasing, is that we are starting to see the impact of this already, with more students applying to Oxbridge and competitive universities, more students having interviews and more students being offered places.

If any parents wish to find out about more of educational opportunities we will be offering to our students, then please do not hesitate to get in touch ([office@sirgrahambalfour.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sirgrahambalfour.staffs.sch.uk) or telephone 01785 223490)



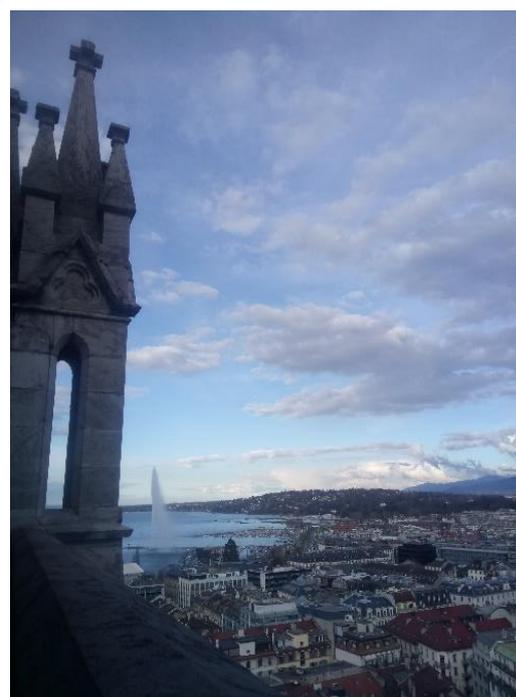
# Cern Visit

.Written by Sarah H and Joshua G.

## Day 1:

We began the day with an early start at 5:45 am, followed by a drowsy bus journey to Birmingham airport. Thankfully, after a smooth check-in we passed through security with only a minor hiccup caused by a rogue bottle of shower gel. Boarding the plane, we were ready to go!

Upon arriving in Geneva we made our way to our hostel to quickly drop off our luggage. We then sampled some of the finest delicacies the city had to offer, dining at Lidl's bakery where they had a much more affordable range of pastries on sale. Following this taste of culture, we walked around the lake



enjoying the surprisingly warm sun, while we skimmed stones and took in the contrasting scenery of city and mountains.

Our next destination was the Museum of the History of Science which was perfectly situated on the lakeside. It was home to many interesting pieces of equipment including one of the first telescopes, a thermographic camera and many other fascinating exhibits.

Following this, we headed towards the Jet d'Eau (a large fountain in Lake Geneva). On the way we stopped for some ice cream despite the cooling conditions and carrying on past the water jet, we ventured to Saint Peter's Cathedral.



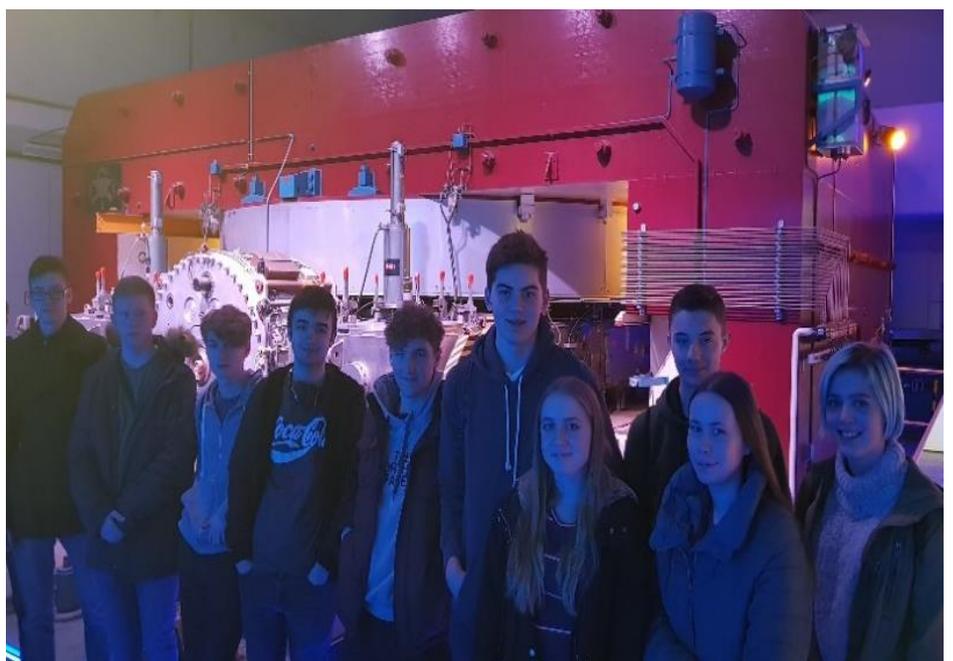
a better view of Geneva. Our descent down the tower was accompanied by Will's enthusiastic rendition of 'We Built This City'; this was certainly a memorable experience.



That evening we had our dinner at the hostel: a classic Swiss dish of a burger, chips and a mushroom sauce. Reuniting, later on, in the common room to play cards and unwind.

## Day 2:

The next day we began with another early start of 7:00am, as we had to be up early to catch the tram to CERN. Arriving at CERN we listened to a presentation about the history of the organisation, before being given a tour of the labs, including where the World Wide Web was created. Then we watched a light show that demonstrated the workings of the Synchro Cyclotron – the very first accelerator operated at CERN.





After that, we walked to the Atlas building and watched a 3D virtual tour, detailing the assembly and function of the particle detector. Following that we went to the Globe of Science and Innovation – a visitor centre designed to teach people about the research taken place at CERN.

Before leaving we couldn't resist a unique photo opportunity. So much to everyone else's confusion, we attempted to pose as letters to spell out CERN. Isaac and James creating the 'C'; Harry, Chris and Joe on the 'E'; Will, Haydn and Josh making the rather challenging 'R'; and Ruby, Sarah and Lucy as the 'N'.

Late afternoon we headed to the Old Town to experience the city and appreciate the sights, before returning to play football in a park beside the lake. We returned to the hostel for dinner and then met in the common room again to play a variety of games, with varying levels of success.

### Day 3:

On the final day we visited a market place; and like a scene out of *The Apprentice*, we attempted to haggle for a product, successfully shaving off one whole franc. In a nearby park we found several giant chess boards so we all challenged each other to a game before heading off to lunch. Some matches, of course, took longer than others but in the end Josh was deemed the ultimate competitor – retaining his chess champion status from when he was nine.



It was then time to say our final goodbye to the hostel and to head to the airport. At this point we all had some loose change left over, we agreed to collect it together and - in true Swiss style - spend it on some Toblerones to enjoy when we returned home. The bus back to school was much less quiet than the first morning, as we ended the trip with a group karaoke, much to the teachers' enjoyment.

# Community Activities

## Stafford and Rural Homes Start on Site Event

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February representatives from Sir Graham Balfour School were invited to attend the launch of a new building project in the local community. Supported by £1.135m of funding from Homes England (formerly known as the Homes & Communities Agency), Stafford and Rural Homes (SARH) and construction partner Jessup are working together to transform the Woodlands Road area with the construction of 40 new affordable homes for rent and shared ownership.



As a school, we have been invited to attend a number of similar projects in the area over the years, giving our students an insight into the construction, planning and technology involved in creating new homes in our community. On this occasion our students had also been invited for another reason.

In 2010 students from Sir Graham Balfour had been involved in a project to rejuvenate some garages on the site by creating a mural. In order to clear the site the garages have now been demolished and as a memento of the original project, Stafford and Rural Homes commissioned a photographer to recapture the images painted by our students back in 2010.

The result was a collage of prints displayed in a large frame for display at the school, which was presented to our students by Mrs Karen Armitage, Chief Executive at Stafford and Rural Homes. The students were then given a tour of one of the sites with a promise to return to see the progression over the next few months. Thank you to Evie S, Bob C, Ellie E and Mackenzie S for acting as exemplary Ambassadors for the school.

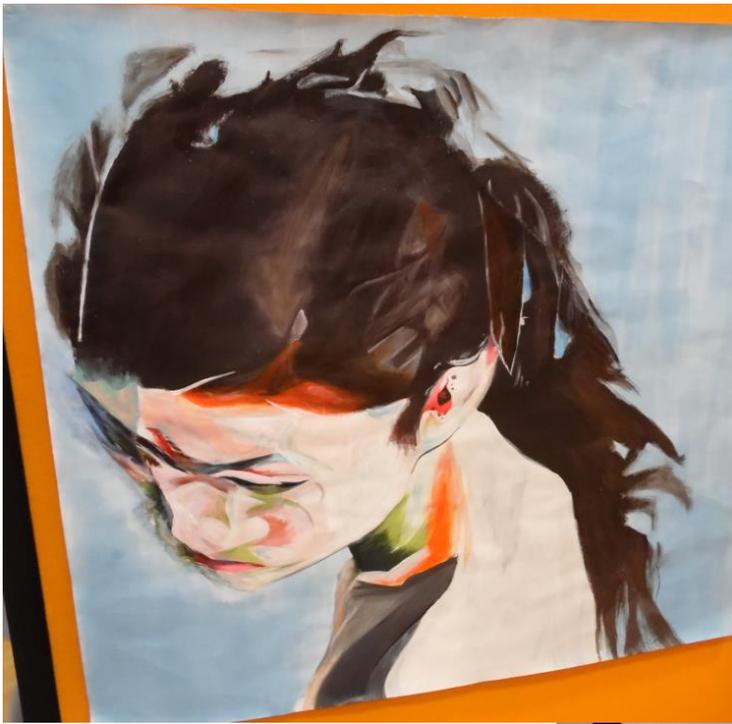


# Competitions

## Rotary Young Artist

Congratulations to Emily M and Amber H who were both awarded 'Highly Commended' for their entries to the Rotary Young Artist Competition. The standard of all of the work on display was absolutely exceptional, with numerous schools in the town exhibiting.

Thank you to Miss Fisher and Miss Hart for organising the entries and supporting this very worthwhile local community competition.



### Rotary Young Chef

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, I had the privilege to spend the evening with Mrs Hales (Food Technology) and Ellie M's family at the Rotary Young Chef District Final Competition held at Stafford College.

In total there were 18 competitors from a far afield as Ludlow, Ellesmere, Telford, Brownhills, the list goes on. All of them were tasked with producing a 3 course healthy meal within 2 hours. This was to include; costings, planning, table décor and presentation and each course had to be plated up twice, one for display and one for judging and



served at the correct temperature. The judging criteria were broken down into numerous categories with a maximum score of 150 points. Only 2 out of the 18 could go through to the Regional Final. By the end of the evening all 18 of the meals would not have gone amiss in a top class restaurant.

The results were announced and unfortunately Ellie was not one of the 2 winners, instead the college was so impressed with the standard of the food they decided to award prizes for the best starter, main and dessert. Ellie won the best starter out of all of the 18 prepared. To add to the joy/disappointment upon asking what her score was and where she could have improved, it transpired Ellie was one point behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> place student and narrowly missed out. She was 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 18 schools! A really stressful, but brilliant night.

To add to Ellie's surprise on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Ellie was visited in school by Richard Finney, Curriculum Leader for Hospitality & Catering from Stafford College and one of the judges from the evening. As a reward for creating the best starter of the completion, Ellie was presented with a signed cookbook and personalised apron, as her prize.

Well done Ellie and thank you to Mrs Hales for supporting Ellie throughout the experience.



# Eco News

## Green Club

Currently in Green club, there are approximately 10 members, who independently and enthusiastically work on their own winter beds, during lunchtimes. They are now full of spring daffodils and the team is also preparing a plot for meadow flowers, which will encourage butterflies and bees. They will plant the seeds after the Easter Break.

The Green Club team is working towards a Team Gardening competition, which is run by the Royal Horticultural Society and a National Competition – wish us luck!

During the next term, they will be helping to build and place benches around some of our trees made from pallets. This will be a quiet area in the shade for students who prefer a quiet lunchtime.



In addition, a group of Year 8 students have entered a Litter-acy Competition which is run by the Eco-Schools/Keep Britain Tidy campaign. The students had to write a persuasive piece of writing in no more than 500 words on “I care about my environment and I’m not embarrassed to be seen picking up other people’s litter because ....” We are still awaiting the results!

### **Calling all parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts and uncles... HELP NEEDED!**

Mrs Hill and Green Club are looking to undertake a number of projects over the upcoming summer months. If you are able to spare any time, be it small, or on a regular basis and would like to help, your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact either the school by telephone: 01785 223490 or email [dhill1@sirgrahambalfour.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:dhill1@sirgrahambalfour.staffs.sch.uk)

# Fundraising

## Sport Relief and Dodgathon

Our annual school fundraiser has yet again surpassed any expectations, in raising

# over £4000 in one day!

This year Miss Chapman, Head of PE co-ordinated the event and as a change from our previous Spinathons a Dodgathon Day was the sport of choice this year. The event was kindly opened by Mr Jeremy Lefroy, Member of Parliament for Stafford who had no hesitation in joining in the fast paced competition. Every student in the school was set the challenge of raising a minimum of £2.00 in sponsorship and in return spent an hour of their school day playing Dodgeball in the Sports Hall. Teams were decided by house groups with each hour being played in year groups.

The overall winners were Chetwynd who were awarded 240 House Points, which reflected the points they won. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize went to Tixall with 225 house points. Sandon were third with 180 House Points and last but not least, Weston 160 House Points.

All of the proceeds from the event will be donated to 3 worthy charities: Sport Relief, Katharine House Hospice and our very own charity; Sir Graham Balfour School Cambodia. Thank you to everyone who took part and donated so generously and especially to Mr Lefroy who took time out of his busy schedule to support this event and wish our students well.



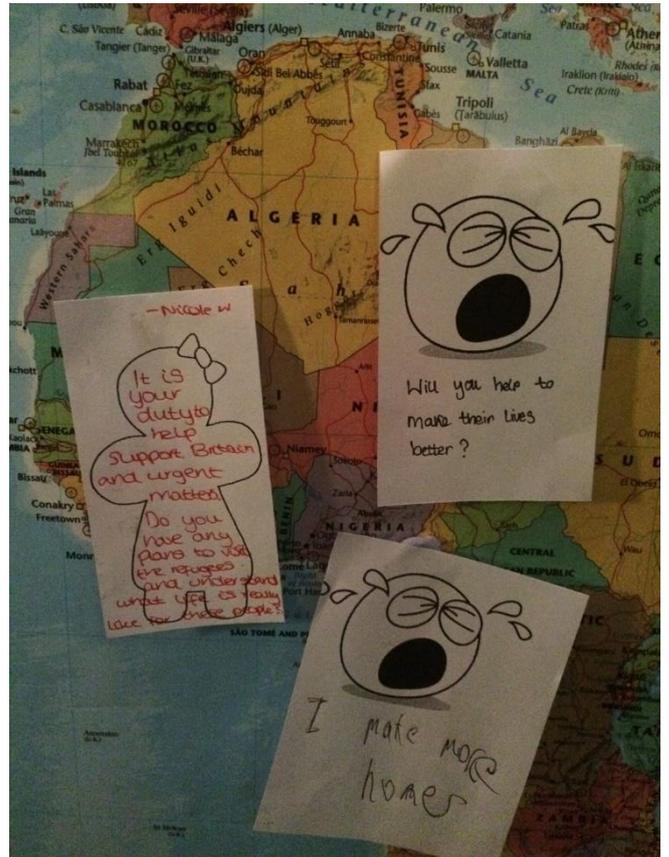


# Sacred Space

In January this year, we held our 5<sup>th</sup> year of Sacred Space. Over the course of 2 days, room 430 was transformed from an ordinary classroom, into a beautiful space by Sam Phillips from the Mid Staffs Youth Net.

This year was a bit different, as for the first time we held it in January (previously they have all been held in December). This meant that we could have a different focus for our stations, which make up the room. We focused on new starts.

Students that were lucky enough to be timetabled into room 430 over the two days were very fortunate to experience Sacred Space. There were many different stations for them to engage in. This year they included the famous fizzers and shredder, a graffiti board, focused colouring and a graffiti wall, as well as a jigsaw puzzle, which we did not manage to complete by the end of the two days!



The aim of each of the stations was to give students time to think, pray, reflect or generally just take some quiet time out of their busy days. It was totally up to the individual as to how they engaged in the space.

Our students and staff are always so much calmer and peaceful after time spent in the room; we only wish it could be a permanent fixture within Balfour and our timetable!

# School Parliament

School Parliament has been very active this academic year. They have already attended two District Parliament meetings at Weston Road Academy, joining forces with other school parliament members from other Stafford schools.

The main focus for this academic year is LGBT and Mental Health, with all schools researching and planning more awareness and support to school students.

The second meeting was also attended by Mr Jeremy Lefroy, the local Minister of Parliament for Stafford. After a very informative and productive meeting the students were given the opportunity to direct questions to Mr Lefroy. The maturity and knowledge of the students addressing Mr Lefroy was a credit to all involved, some very challenging and relative questions were presented to the MP for Stafford.

Thank you to Nicole W, Jack GF and Luke E for representing Sir Graham Balfour so eloquently at this event.



# Westminster Debate

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March for the second year running we had the amazing opportunity to take our Sixth Form debaters to Westminster to debate with 6 other teams from Stafford. This annual competition is hosted by local Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy in conjunction with the University of Wolverhampton, Rotary Club of Stafford Knot and Stafford Rotary Club.

This year's team consisted of Cameron W (our main speaker) Isabelle C (summariser) and Catherine D (proposer). We also had four members of our research team back in school who helped to prepare the debate. Our researchers were Lucy Y, Archie B, William G and Ruby S.

We were given our debate topic in January and our topic was 'HS2 will be beneficial to the people of Stafford' our team had to support this motion, and from that point on, the research began. Our team did an amazing job at researching the facts both 'for' and 'against' the motion and writing the speech. We then had to rehearse it! It was done in advance in front of other members of staff, as well as in front of all of the members of Leadership Group! This helped to prepare the team for the questions they may have been asked on the day.



When the 15<sup>th</sup> March came around, we met the coach in Stafford and had a long drive to London. There was a lot of excitement and nerves on the bus as we made our way there. When we arrived we had to go through security, much like being in an airport! Once inside the Houses of Parliament it was apparent what a beautiful and impressive building it was, where many laws and debates had been held over the years, it felt very special! We were then taken to a debating room which the Prime Minister Theresa May had only debated in two weeks previously! We were right on the river Thames with a view of Westminster Bridge and the London Eye from our window.

We then found out that our team was first up! Scary! They did a fantastic job at presenting their arguments clearly and concisely, the nerves were not obvious! The team that debated against the motion was The Rural Enterprise Academy, they also put up a very strong argument! The other issues that the schools debated on were "Stafford should clamp down on intrusive wind and solar developments", 'Every

child in Stafford should have the chance to do work experience' and 'Mental health provisions and care should be put as a priority for the young people of Stafford'.

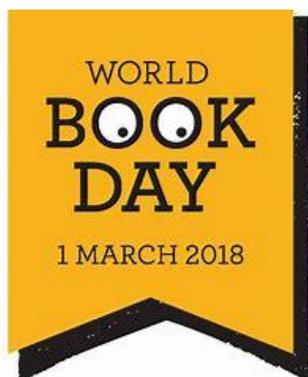
Every single team was amazing, they all remembered their speeches, answered questions well and were confident. After the debates finished the judges made their decision and The Rural Enterprise won.

We then had the amazing opportunity to go up to the gallery in the House of Commons and watch a live debate, it was on Brexit so it was very interesting to hear!

After this we had time to look in the gift shop and then head back on the coach. It was a very long day! Although we didn't get a trophy this year we had a fantastic day out and an experience that many people never get. We will be back next year to bring that trophy back to Balfour!



# World Book Day



Thursday the 1st March was World Book Day 2018, as you may remember, this was the day that the whole of the country was hit by snow storms. Because of the snow we had to postpone our celebrations and instead decided to celebrate World Book Day at Sir Graham Balfour School a week later on the 8th of March by having an inter-house book quiz in the DAC Centre.

This was a very lively event! Mr Gilroy, English Teacher was a fantastic Quiz Master (yet again) and 125 questions were 'thrown out' to contestants as well as the student and teacher audience.

Our 8 contestants performed wonderfully and each won an Easter egg for taking part. The final results are as follows:

Congratulations to all who took part but especially Sandon House for winning the competition.

World Book Day Quiz		
1	Sandon	840
2	Tixall	680
3	Chetwynd	360
4	Weston	70

## Fancy a go?

Here is a sample of some of the quiz questions. How well would you do?

- a) Suzanne Collins is the author of a famous book series where children are selected to take part in a televised death match. What is the series called?
- b) Which reference book was founded in 1955 and is named after a famous Irish brewery?
- c) E. Nesbit wrote a classic story about two sisters and a brother – Roberta, Phyllis and Peter. What was it called?

## Answers

a) The Hunger Games b) The Guinness Book of Records or Guinness World Records c) The Railway Children

# Future Events

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April (2 days)	London Theatre Trip
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May (3 days)	Battlefields Trip
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS3 Celebration Evening
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Music Concert
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 7 Bikeability
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Work Experience
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Big Walk for Cambodia
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Activity Day

# Free Repairs

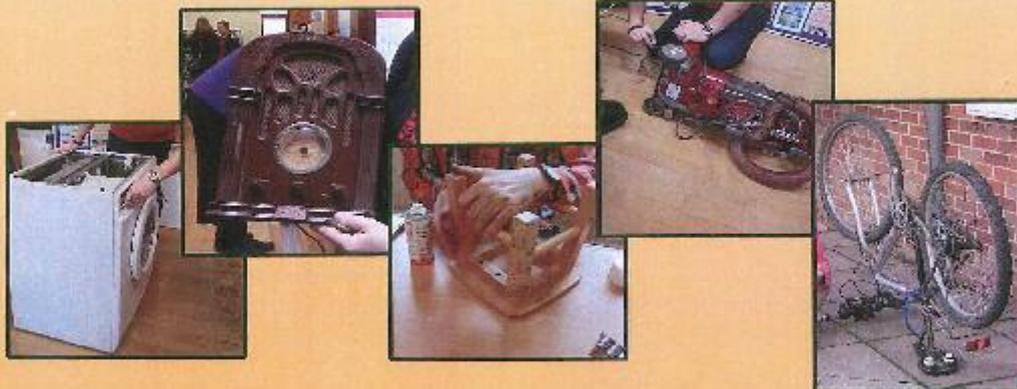
Come and Challenge Our Volunteer Repairers  
to Fix Your Broken Items

**Holmcroft**

## Repair Cafe

Holmcroft Youth and Community Centre  
Newlands Ave, Stafford, ST16 1NL

**Sat 28th April**  
10am to 1pm



**Stafford**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Have a fabulous Easter break  
and we look forward to  
welcoming students back in  
school on  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018!**

**Staff Inset  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Closed to students**