



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21 July 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This academic year has been an exceptional one again, with students and staff responding brilliantly to the changing circumstances we have faced. With on-site LFD testing, navigating an OFSTED inspection, running our first overseas trips for two years, dealing with the recent heatwave, we have learned that consistency and clarity bring a sense of calmness. No matter what the situation, students are resilient and successfully rise to challenges.

Another strength of the school is the way parents support students when opportunities to celebrate arise. We have enjoyed your company at recent shows (A Night At The West End), exhibitions (Art Exhibition) and performances (Year 8 Orchestra, Sports Day). Students greatly benefit from engaged parents and we thank you for the time and commitment you show them in attending

these events. Our Celebrations Evening tonight coupled with the excellent PE Awards evening last week demonstrate the ways that students can and do excel at this school.

Preparations for September are already underway including determining our priorities for the year. We are always happy to receive your feedback and ideas on how we can enhance the experience of students.

One priority that will always be maintained is our commitment to being a reading school. As students think about moving into new year groups they often want to challenge themselves more with their reading. Can I recommend the use of our online bookshop uk.bookshop.org/shop/fiveacres if you are looking for inspiration for good reads.

Over the summer there will be some new developments in the



school, once again showing our commitment to continue to improve the site. We are looking forward to having additional classroom space, food serving hatch, outside covered eating areas and a revamped Food Tech room. We wish to thank Greenshaw Learning Trust for continuing to invest and support the futures of our young people. Have a really great summer and we look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday September 7.

BRILLIANT CLUB GRADUATION

Last week 11 of our Year 7 students took part in a virtual graduation with the Wadham College, University of Oxford to celebrate their successful completion of The Scholars Programme run by The Brilliant Club. The students have been taking part in university-style tutorials with a PHD lecturer who has been coming into school to work with the group over the past few months. Their topic was Peace and Gender and the students had to write a 2000-word report which was marked and awarded university gradings. The students did exceptionally well and all passed some with a 1st or a 2:2!



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PARIS TRIP JULY 2022

Last week 47 students, from all year groups, were finally able to visit Paris, the trip having been originally planned for pre-Covid times. We started the magical mystery tour with the usual long coach trip and ferry crossing, on arrival in Paris our first stop was the Arc De Triomphe and its fabulous views over the city. We finished the day with a meal out before heading to the hotel.

The second day included a river boat cruise down the Seine taking in all the main sites Paris has to offer. We ate lunch in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower before heading for a guided tour of the Stade France (host site for the 2023 Rugby World Cup and 2024 Olympics). We finished the day with another meal out before retiring to bed.

Our third day was an all-day visit to Disneyland, loved by staff and students alike! Our final day was spent making our way back home via Vimy Ridge and a visit to an aquarium.

The students were brilliant, and we received some great compliments about their behaviour and attitude throughout the trip. Thank you to everyone who made this trip such a success!



RSPCA YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER AWARDS



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- ▶ TROPHIES
- ▶ AMAZON VOUCHERS
- ▶ AN EPIC TRIP!

If you're 18 or under, an animal lover, and you can take great photos, this is the competition for you! Send us your amazing animal images by **16 August 2022**. Finalists are invited to our Tower of London awards ceremony with TV's Chris Packham.



Oliver Smith - winner of D-15 Mobile Phone and Devices category

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FOREST PULSE SUMMER ACTIVITY CLUB

From July 25 to August 19 (10am-3pm), Forest Pulse will be offering a variety of activities for children and young people aged 4-19 with disabilities. The Summer Club costs £17.34 a day and will be held at Hearts of the Forest Special School. For more information and to book a space, please contact Sammy at Forest Pulse via email at activities@forestpulse.com or phone at 01594 826357.

FUNDRAISING FOR BORNEO SUMMER 2023

In July 2023, 12 of our pupils will be embarking on an expedition exploring Malaysian Borneo. Pupils have been busy raising money individually through upcycling furniture, selling their own bakes locally and helping out in their community. During the school performances, the students came in with bakes to sell as well as refreshments to raise money. It was very successful with students raising £425.85. A big thank you to those who contributed. Over the next year, pupils will be fundraising more as a group therefore look out for notices in September on how you can help them reach their goal as they venture on a journey to learn how to become responsible tourists and immerse themselves in this new culture.



HAPPY SNAPS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

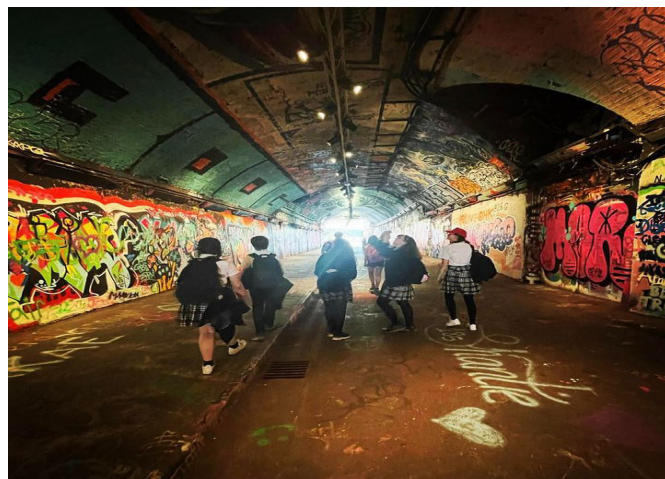
Prospects is running a photography competition during the summer. Students are invited to take a photo of something that answers the question "what is natural beauty?" Students can submit up to 3 entries each, but please do not enter images with people in them.

Prizes are £20 vouchers for first place and £10 for the runner up in the two age categories - 10-13 years and 14-25 years.

To enter email your photo(s), an explanation of how the photo represents natural beauty, your name, age and contact details to julie.shaw@prospects.co.uk

ART LEADERSHIP TEAM LONDON TRIP

On Friday 15 July members of the Art Leadership Team had an early start to catch the train to London for a visit - the first class travel made up for the timings. Part of the capital city adventure saw them visit the Leake Street Arches.



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To keep up to date with life at Five Acres High School, please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

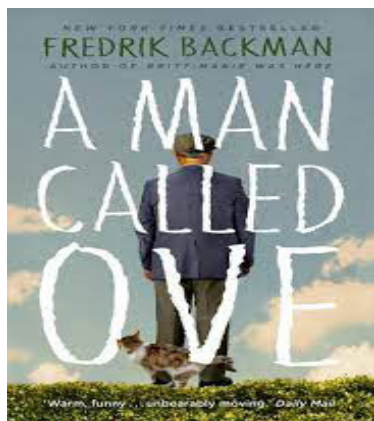
To contact the school, please call 01594 832263 or email admin@5acreshighschool.co.uk

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READING RECOMMENDATIONS

*Our Reading Programme Lead,
Miss Phelps shares her picks for KS3
and KS4.*

***A Man called Ove*
by Fredrik Backman**

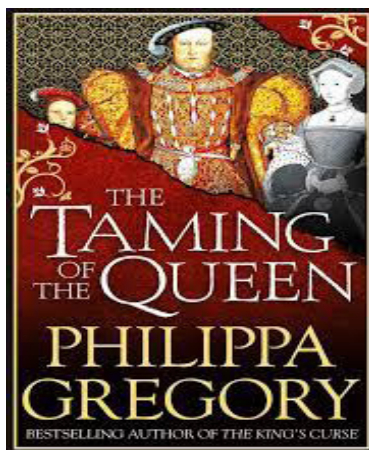


A grumpy yet lovable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door.

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him the bitter neighbour from hell, but must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

***The Taming of the Queen*
by Philippa Gregory**



Why would a woman marry a serial killer? Because she cannot refuse...

Kateryn Parr, a thirty-year-old

widow in a secret affair with a new lover, has no choice when a man old enough to be her father who has buried four wives – King Henry VIII – commands her to marry him.

Kateryn has no doubt about the danger she faces: the previous queen lasted sixteen months, the one before barely half a year. But Henry adores his new bride and Kateryn's trust in him grows as she unites the royal family, creates a radical study circle at the heart of the court, and rules the kingdom as regent.

But is this enough to keep her safe? A leader of religious reform and a published author, Kateryn stands out as an independent woman with a mind of her own. But she cannot save the Protestants, under threat for their faith, and Henry's dangerous gaze turns on her. The traditional churchmen and rivals for power accuse her of heresy - the punishment is death by fire and the king's name is on the warrant...

If you have been inspired by Miss Phelps' recommendations, head to uk.bookshop.org/shop/fiveacres to discover more great reads.

YEAR 11 PROM

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came out to support our Year 11 Prom on Friday 8 July at Speech House Hotel, making it a memorable evening for all of our students involved.

Photos can be found on the school website at <https://www.5acreshighschool.co.uk/parents/communication/year-11-prom-july-2022/year-11-prom-8-july-2022>



UPDATES FROM HEADS OF YEAR MR HAYWARD - HEAD OF YEAR 9



Year 9 students have now finished their last year as KS3 and will now return as KS4 students to begin their GCSE and BTEC journeys. The last couple of weeks have been really busy - they have completed their summer assessments, their GCSE options have been handed out, some have been away to Paris, some have been involved with the school production and two days of Sports Days were completed. It's been a great end to the year and despite the issues caused by the heatwave Y9 have rolled with it and finished strongly.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Greenshaw Athletics Tournament that we organise at the Prince of Wales Stadium- due to the heat wave. This event will now be on the 23rd September.

As this is our last newsletter before the summer I would like to wish all of Year 9 a happy and safe summer. Enjoy a well-earned break!

MRS HAYWARD - HEAD OF YEAR 10 & 11



Year 10 had a mock results day this week where they received their PPE results. It was wonderful to see students discussing their results and their futures. Students also have their QLAs, which hold purposeful feedback and should be used as a basis for revision to close any gaps in learning. I was so impressed with how well our Year 10 students approached their first exam season and the results have certainly reflected this. It has also been fabulous to still see so many carrying out the recognised revision techniques during their lunch times. Despite the assessments coming to end, they are recognising the benefits of consistent retrieval and are really beginning to instil great habits that will last a lifetime.

When we come back from the summer break this cohort of students will begin their new timetables which will also include Period 6. Therefore, please can I take this time to remind everyone that students' standard day will finish at 4pm.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing all that our Year 10s achieve in Year 11.

STAR STUDENTS YEAR 7

Skye (7SWS) is always helpful and kind in tutor time. Her uniform is correct and she completes her low stakes quizzes and reading every week. This term she has demonstrated our Five Acres Values, especially Respect. Well done, Skye! My challenge to you for Year 8 is to strive for excellence in everything you do.

YEAR 10

Connor (10RHN) is our star student for winning awards in and out of school! Connor won Player of the Year for Drybrook Rugby Club U16, and has been recognised for the pride he takes in his school work. Keep up the great work!

KEY DATES

Monday 5-Tuesday 6 September
INSET Days

Wednesday 7 September
Students return to school

Monday 19 September
Year 7 and Year 11 school photos

Tuesday 20 September
Open Evening

Wednesday 21-Thursday 22 September
Open Mornings

Thursday 29 September
Year 7 Heartstarters Workshop

Thursday 13 October
Year 11 Parents

Information Evening
Friday 14 October

Borneo Quiz Fundraiser
(Gloucester Academy)

Monday 17-Wednesday 19 October

Year 7 Residential
Thursday 8 December
Year 11 Parents Evening

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