



### Enrichment Activities and Partnership Links by Department

In addition to a wide range of trips in Australia, Europe and the UK, departments are involved in number of enrichment activities:

#### **Art**

- Halloween poster campaign with police- displayed around Wakefield and in youth clubs. Hepworth transition project.
- Underage drinking campaign- badges and posters designed- displayed in youth clubs and around Wakefield.
- Involvement with pyramid schools art exhibition at Castleford Heritage Group Queens Mill opening.
- Competition to design a logo for Smawthorne Welfare Action Team.
- Trip to Leeds college of Art and Design.
- Engage with the Hepworth Art Gallery for super learning days and extend curriculum for art & design students.
- Burberry to work with the school on education projects
- Working with Leeds College of Art and Design to support portfolio project.

#### **Core Skills**

- Trip to Hepworth Gallery.
- Trip to Yorkshire railway museum.
- Trip to Pontefract castle.
- £187 raised for children need.

#### **Computing**

- Member of the BCS (British Computer society), The Chartered Institute for IT Approved Centre.

#### **Drama**

- Links to The National Theatre

#### **English**

- Every Y11 pupil attended the theatre to see Lord of the Flies.
- Over 100 Y11 pupils taken to see Blood Brothers.
- BBC School News Report Day, students published a report linked to the BBC website.
- External Rapper and poet 'Testament' ran a workshop for all of Y7 students.
- Y7 students attended a writing workshop with RC before being taken to see a Pantomime at Christmas

#### **Firefighters**

- Y11 Young Firefighters passing out parade.
- Duke of Edinburgh - students completed their bronze award.



### Geography

- 2nd place world wise quiz (geographical association local quiz).
- Field trip to Castleton.
- Year 9 Leeds university trip - raising aspirations and geography in the news.
- Joined the Geographical Association - this supports the department with up to date research and case studies, national competitions across different year groups.
- Wakefield Geography Network - teachers across the area meet to discuss curriculum changes, assessments, fieldwork et

### History

- 35 students were taken on a visit to Berlin 29/5/16 - 1/6/16.
- Year 10 trip to Wakefield Museum.
- Year 9 trip to Holocaust Museum.
- Year 8 trip to Royal Armouries.
- Year 7 Catapult Challenge into Wakefield Schools final at Pontefract Castle.
- Time Team- after school History club for various years.
- Working with Wakefield Museum, Castleford Museum and Elsium (outside education company) organising a WWI research and film project: Castleford in the War

### Literacy

- 35 Millionaires to date (record breaking). The top Wordster read 5,873,055 words.
- 197 million words read Years 7-10 on the Accelerated Reading Programme. Target was 150 million for this year.
- Scholastic Book Fair Sales £1247 earning the school £748 of free books.
- Raised £83 for the National Literacy Trust (registered charity) selling donated books in Library.
- Links developed with feeder primary schools using Accelerated Reader.

### Maths

- Runners up in board game competition at National Coal Mining Museum.
- 33 pupils achieving Gold, Silver or Bronze awards in National Maths Challenge Exams.
- £732 raised for local charities by Year 8 in their "Giving Nation" fundraising day.
- Y7 Pupil Premium students attended a writing workshop with RC before being taken to see a Pantomime at Christmas.

### MFL

- 77 Year 8 students were taken to Paris.

### Media Studies

- Filming and photography in Music, Drama and the Year 11 Leavers Assembly
- Continued contact with Roger Armstrong at StudioLax Film Production Company who has provided advice for the Media Studies course, particularly with film making aspects of the GCSE course



## Music

- Annual Cas Factor Competition.
- Currently auditioning for “We will rock you “.
- Year 7 House Music competition achieved national recognition from Charanga Music.
- Year 9 student compositions showcased on the BBC Ten Pieces website.
- Student offered a place at Leeds College of Music to study Jazz.
- 2 students learning the Oboe, an endangered instrument. We are one of the only schools in Wakefield to have Oboe students.
- Certificate received from ISM as 10% of the overall year 11 cohort last year left with a GCSE in Music.
- Wakefield Music Service – Strategic Overview group. . Belgrave Music Hall in Leeds (upcoming – visit in September). Saint & The City PR (upcoming – delivering a workshop on promotion to Music BTEC students).

## PE- Success across a range of sports:

- BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 7 –Wakefield cup semi finalists.
- BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 8–Wakefield cup semi finalists.
- BOYS FOOTBALL YEAR 10– Wakefield cup semi-finalists, Wakefield League-runners up.
- GIRLS FOOTBALL YEAR 8–West Yorkshire 7 a side runners-up.
- GIRLS ROUNDERS YEAR 7– Castleford and Pontefract Champions.
- GIRLS ROUNDERS YEAR 8–Castleford and Pontefract runners- up.
- GIRLS ROUNDERS YEAR 9–Castleford and Pontefract Champions.
- GIRLS ROUNDERS YEAR 10–Castleford and Pontefract Champions.
- GIRLS ROUNDERS YEAR 11 –Runners up in Castleford and Pontefract.
- GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 7–Winners in Castleford and Pontefract finalists.
- GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 8 – Winners in Castleford and Pontefract tournament.
- GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 10– Winners in Castleford and Pontefract tournament.
- GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 11– Runners up in Castleford and Pontefract tournament.
- BOYS BASKETBALL UNDER 14–Wakefield Tournament semi-finalists.
- ALL YEARS ATHLETICS–Runners–Up in Wakefield Championships/ Y8&9 Girls Wakefield Champions, BOYS CRICKET YEAR 7– Wakefield runners–up.
- GIRLS CHEERLEADING – UK Cheer Dance Winners
- BOYS RUGBY YEAR 7–Wakefield Champions, Yorkshire runners-up, National Finalists.
- BOYS RUGBY YEAR 9–Wakefield Champions, Yorkshire Champions, National Finalists.
- BOYS RUGBY YEAR 10–Yorkshire runners-up, Wakefield Champions.
- GIRLS RUGBY YEAR 7–Yorkshire runners-up, Wakefield Champions.
- GIRLS RUGBY YEAR 8–Wakefield Champions, Yorkshire Champions.
- GIRLS RUGBY YEAR 9–Wakefield Champions, Yorkshire Champions, National Finalists.
- GIRLS RUGBY YEAR 10–Wakefield Champions.



## Post 16

Post 16 Placements include:

Bramley Hedge, Breadalbane Residential Home, Half Acres Junior & Infant School, Highfield Grange, Home Farm Trust, Larks Hill Primary, Little Stars Nursery, Orchard Head Children's Centre, Park Junior Academy, Pontefract Family Centre, Townville Infants, Three Lane Ends Junior School, Hillside Day Nursey, Oyster Park School, Altofts Juniors, Cancer Research, Stepping Stones, Glasshoughton Infants, Stella House, Wheldon Lane Infants and Happy Days Nursery.

## RE & PSHE

- RE Club has been organised by the Cross Project Christian Youth Group this year - they have been focusing on RE at the movies
- All pupils in KS3 have received Be Safe and Healthy Days, with Y7 & Y8 taking part in Citizenship.
- The Prison Me? No Way! Team made their annual trip to work with Y9. The whole school Cross Curricular Day allowed pupils to spend some quality time focusing on British Values.
- After the success of the Castleford Academy General Election, there was also a whole school vote on the EU referendum.
- Working with Christian Youth Group, Spectrum Health, AA, Red Cross, MacMillan's, Dove, No Way Trust, Samaritans, Change4Life, Yew Tree (Theatre in Education), WY Fire Service, WMDC Road Safety Team, Teenage Cancer Trust, British Heart Foundation, Loudmouth, St. Johns Ambulance as part our of PHSE/Citizenship curriculum.
- Links with Cross Project, FIL Hindu Workshops, and Leeds Beckett University Advantage programme.
- Sporting partnerships with Castleford Tigers RLFC, Castleford Town FC, Wakefield Wildcats RLFC, Castleford Panthers ARLFC, Lock Lane ARLFC, Freedom 2 productions.

## Science

- STEM club Competed in First Lego league at Bradford University.
- Women in STEM Year 10 girls New College.
- STEM Career day, York University Y10.
- GCSE Science Live, Leeds town hall Y10 separate biology.
- Cold blooded Encounters Y9.
- Hosted IET Tomorrows engineers day Y8.
- Halloween event for primary Y5 and parents.
- Gifted and Talented Y5 science.
- Gifted and Talented Y2 science.

## Technology

- 7 Year 9 students were part of The Big Deal Enterprise programme. They attended Barclays Headquarters in London.
- Business links with TEI, Landrover, Denfords, Leeds College of Building, The Young Engineers Network



### Textiles

- Jill Scott Yr11 textiles pupil bunting achieved highly commended award Julie Boyd competition.
- Jill Scott, Mia Clayton, Emily Hicks, Iona Archer GCSE textile work being shown in the Sheffield Hallam DESIGN ED exhibition.
- Tie dye club

### Cross Curricular Enrichment Activities and Partnership Links

In addition to subject specific enrichment, there are a number of enrichment activities that take place across the academy.

### Careers

- Y11 Careers Fair.
- Y11 Thomas Transition Programme.
- Y10 Taster Day to NEW College.
- Y10 Taster Day to Wakefield College.
- Y11 Prospectuses Launches every September from all local Colleges.
- Y7-9 Visits to Russell group universities
- College interviews held in school.
- Companies such as Just Childcare and Brebur held sessions in school.
- Invited New College to talk to Gifted and Able Y10s.
- Engineering webinar set up for Y10 girls.
- UCAS progress sessions - College applications.
- One to one careers advice available including advice on applying for apprenticeships.
- Links with partners, FE (Wakefield, New College), HE (Sheffield, Leeds), industry (TEI, Landrover, Denfords, Leeds College of Building, Young Engineers Network) and sponsors (eclipse) working towards qualification pathways including apprenticeships available at levels 1, 2 and 3.

### Fundraising

This year, we have worked with and fundraised for the following charities donating a considerable amount of money accrued from school functions and events:

- The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- BBC Children in Need
- Castleford Food Bank
- WaterAid
- Sport Relief 2016
- Samaritans
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Star Bereavement Support Service
- The Prince of Wales Hospice
- Martins House Children's Hospice



### Gifted and Talented

- Pupils have been informed if they are on the register and teachers have received training on stretching and challenging the most able.
- High flyers assemblies
- More Able and Talented Assembly
- The Thomas Transition Program has ran to encourage bright pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to go to University and we have held workshops/seminars on topics such as Women in Engineering.
- Attended a Gifted and Talented Conference in Harrogate.
- Students from the register have visited a variety of Universities from York for Audio Music Technology to Leeds University for a taster and the academy has set up links with New College's Academic Excellent group.
- Visit to Parliament.
- Attended a local council meeting.
- Taken part in a Wakefield Together brainstorming session.

### PSHE Enrichment Days:

- Y7 & Y8 Be Safe & Healthy Day and a Citizenship Day.
- Y7 Flashpoint (about arson).
- Y7 Streetwise (about road safety).
- Y9 Be Safe & Healthy Day and Prison Me? No Way Day.
- Y10 The Red Cross
- Years 7-11 Cross Curricular Day.
- Years 7-11 SPECRTUM.
- Y9 Social Norms Campaign.
- Leeds Beckett have been with Y11 GCSE RE and Y12 Progression Module (for interviews).
- Y11 have had the biggest take up for National Citizenship Service in the whole of West Yorkshire.

### The Student Council

All pupils are given the opportunity to join our student council. In September, we ran a week of democracy assemblies and pupils were invited to run for the office of Student Council Representative. They had to create a manifesto and then pupils elected those that they wanted to represent them. The Student Council have designed a Scheme of Work taught in English, attended Wakefield Council Meetings, helped a safeguarding company develop a website for pupils, attended and consulted with Wakefield Together on improving the local area as well as meet regularly to discuss the running of the school.



Pupils across the academy continue to work in partnership with the wider community including new business and industry e.g. WDH, Smawthorne Welfare Action Team, The Hut, Queens Mill and Asda.

### **Pastoral Support**

Pastoral support is a strength of the academy. Form teachers and year leaders provide support to pupils throughout their time at the academy. For those pupils who need extra support, we engage with the following organisations.

- Targeted Youth Support, Youth Offending Team. Social Services, School Nursing Services, West Yorkshire Police, CAMHS (Mental Health), EWO (Attendance), Gasped (carers/families of people with drug/alcohol addiction), Educational Psychologist, Reach Team for looked after pupils, Young Carers (those who care for someone in the home), Behaviour Support Services and Reband (drugs and alcohol abuse services for young people).

### **Step Up**

- This is a part of the academy where pupils can seek additional support and guidance.
- Last year, 156 pupil received 1-1 mentoring intervention for varying needs including LAC and EAL pupils. Step Up staff are working closely with various outside agencies to help support our pupils and their needs, working towards removing any barriers to learning. In addition to an ever increasing number of pupils accessing Step Up Resource, this is averaging ever 1/2 term that 300 individual pupils visit the Resource for help and support.
- EAL Provision: New opportunities to broaden GCSE qualifications. This year some EAL KS4 pupils were involved in Polish and Russian GCSE preparation and final exam this summer. Castleford Academy has established good working links with Wakefield Academy ESOL Department to educate pupils offsite as well as within the Academy. Also numbers of EAL pupils are increasing every year. 2014- 2015 data - 42 pupils. Currently 46 pupils on roll Yr 7 – Yr 12.
- Pupils who joined Castleford Academy with no/little English have integrated into lessons and the school day with success and continue achieving their targets. EMAT services (Ethnic Minority Access Team) are involved along with the Academy's provision to enhance English language comprehension.