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The roundup!

News from across the school!

English: School trips are back! It has been an exciting term in the English department where they have been to London not once but twice this term! First, was a visit to see Macbeth at the Almeida Theatre starring Saoirse Ronan, who was debuting on a London stage. Her previous credits include Hanna in 'Hanna', Joe March in 'Little Women' or Mary in 'Mary Queen of Scots'. **See next page for reviews from our year 11s!**

Then, on 23rd November, the English department took Y10 to see an amazing production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* at the Old Vic in London. The performance was spectacular and it was such a treat to be back in the theatre. With carols, a stage full of lanterns and fairy lights, and even falling snow, Y10 had a brilliant evening.

There is more to come... In Spring 2022 year 10 and 11 are off to Poetry Live in Brighton!



And over in

Music — a word from Mr Munt... a request to regularly check our website and social media platforms as a number of items we are preparing for, for the upcoming concert will be posted on there soon!



Author Visit

It has also been an exciting time in the library where we had the privilege of welcoming famous author Kathryn Evans to the academy, to not only talk about her new book 'Beauty Sleep' but also run a writing workshop for a few lucky students. Let's hear more from one of our year 9 students: 'the author's visit made my day' and, 'this has really inspired me to pursue a writing career. She summed it up as being 'an absolute pleasure and a privilege in welcoming Kathryn Evans to Ormiston Six Villages Academy.' The workshop was a huge success and who knows, maybe we have a budding author or two among us?

Moving onto the Humanities department...

History Club members have had an intriguing term investigating and researching a number of topics. For Halloween we looked at the most evil individuals in History and had a debate to decide the worst (settling on the awful Delphine LaLaurie). We have investigated the death of President Kennedy, shared

Christmas traditions from around the world and will be finishing the term looking at the Battle of Wounded Knee.

We look forward to next term in which we will look at the following topics:

Little known Histories from around the world, Prohibition and Gangsters in 1920s USA, the life and death of Joseph Stalin, the story of the Great Escape, Highwaymen and Crime and The Titanic.

All year groups are now welcome to join us in Humanities 1 and 2 on Wednesdays after school,



Aiming High!

Given that ambition is one of our core school values it is appropriate to share the amazing news that one of our former students George Hankers made his West End debut last week in 'The Prince of Egypt.' He is no stranger to the stage as he was previously in the touring version of 'Cats' in South Korea. This latest milestone means that George has now achieved his childhood ambition of being a West End performer. George inspires us to remember that the sky is the limit!



The OSVA Insider!

This term has seen the launch of our school blog run by the newly formed OSVA Blogging Society!

Accessed via the main school website, the OSVA Insider is the 21st century equivalent to a school newspaper where students have the chance to share their voice and views on whatever they want to talk about. Emphasising the community of OSVA, this safe and inclusive space is a great opportunity to talk about topical issues, to share news and ideas and to get your voice heard. We always welcome new submissions and meet weekly on a Thursday after school in the library. **Come on in!**

In French:

Mr. Newman and Miss Simon have been introducing their year 8 classes to the delicious French-Swiss tradition of Raclette. Students have been taken in small groups to try melting their own cheese on to slices of French bread. They have learned what normally accompanies it, how to ask for them in French, while trying some of the combinations themselves. It seemed to go down particularly well with the boys.





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Fresh Faces

This term we have welcomed a whole new cohort to Six Villages Academy. It is safe to say they have settled in well. The new year 7s had a gentle start to life at Six Villages when they participated in a week long summer school in late August. They had the opportunity to meet their new classmates and teachers, and they got a taste of some of the subjects they would be studying. During their first half term they were privileged to get a full day off time table and try their hand at a range of lateral thinking and team building exercises. Well done year 7 on completing your first term at secondary school!



We caught up with some of the new arrivals to gauge their first impressions of life at OSVA:

‘The best thing about the new school is that more independence is given to the students. ‘

‘I settled in at school quite well because people were showing me where to go for classes ‘

‘It was fun locating all the rooms in the school.’

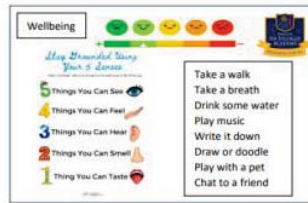
Thinking about our core values it is clear that ‘Kindness’ and strength of ‘Community’ have played a part in helping our new cohort settle in so quickly!

Please Sir... I want some more!

On 14th December, at the end of their 'Oliver Twist' lessons, 7O experienced a gruelling cooking lesson. They made a delicious creamy porridge to remind us of how, unlike orphans such as Oliver in Victorian times who had to get by on disgusting gruel - a watered-down kind of porridge with no nutritional value, we are fortunate to enjoy healthy and tasty food. Our students added milk, butter and raisins to make their food genuinely glorious. And, yes: they asked for more! See below some photos from our wonderful time cooking together. English Department.



A quick well-being reminder from Mrs Mol.



Lockdown Inspiration

With Covid still very much amongst us it is only fitting we touch upon it briefly. Mrs Emmerson has been following ‘Covid’ since it first hit us back in 2020. ‘In March 2020, before lockdown #1, I started a Covid-19 blog on Padlet. I felt an urge to document the pandemic. I started posting news articles and videos as they emerged to the public around the world: setting in of lockdowns, isolation, mental health, hospitalisations, rising death tolls and ... that vaccine.

I stopped for a while - when things got calmer over the summer - but, recently, Omicron dragged me back to my Covid-19 blog. Here is the story as we all witnessed it.’ To check it out follow this link below: <https://padlet.com/een2/mc7kl5vjrxjt568mv>

Student reviews of Macbeth: ‘The performance of ‘Macbeth’ at the Almeida Theatre was a 11-out-of-10 experience. Everything was incredible from the acting to the lighting. The intensity of the murders of Banquo and



the Macduffs could not be placed on a scale. I would recommend it; everyone should see.’ Sky, Year 11

‘I thought that the Macbeth performance in London was a very well-presented interpretation of Shakespeare’s original play. The modern vision was a nice touch as it still managed to truly represent the original text.’ Brayden, Year 11

‘The play was very good; I like the way they used a modern set, but kept to the original lines.’ Jake, Year 11

Watch this space:

We are excited to share that we are participating in #AWSGetIT — a STEM education program and app-design competition from @Amazon Web Services to inspire young people, specifically girls, to take up a career in technology! For more information about AWS GetIT, visit: <https://aws.amazon.com/campaigns/aws-get-it/> #AWS #GetintoIT