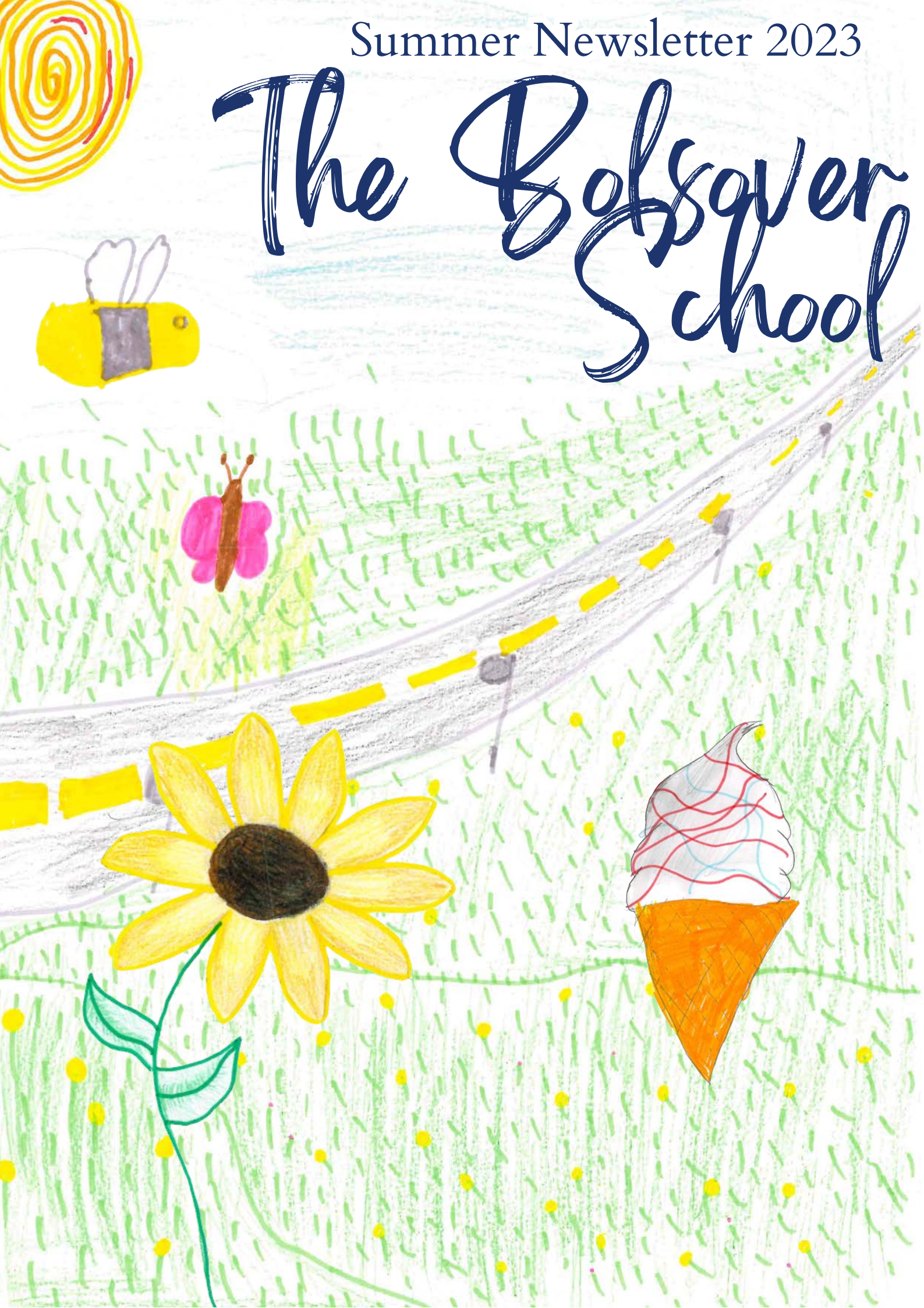


Summer Newsletter 2023

The Bobsqver School





You belong here


The summer term is always the pinnacle of the school year: a spotlight is thrust upon the school, and the students take centre stage. It signifies the culmination of the hard work and effort both students and staff have displayed across the year.

This term has been the busiest I have known it, with different events, trips and activities taking place almost daily. The adage, 'out with the old and in with the new' is a representation of our experiences this summer as we have celebrated the graduation of our Year 11 cohort, and have also hosted transition days for our new Year 7 cohort, alongside a Year 5 conference event. This is always an emotional yet exciting time of year with the 'changing of the guard' and the sense of the metaphorical baton being passed on to the next generation of students who are about to embark on their career at The Bolsover School. After six intense weeks of examinations, our Year 11 students attended their prom at Chesterfield Football Club. It was an amazing night enjoyed by all.

The term got off to a winning start for our Year 11 boys football team who were victorious in the prestigious County Cup. Mr Pemberton and the team represented the school with valour throughout the year, bringing home the silverware in early May.

In the midst of everything this term, many students embarked on hugely successful school trips to Paris, Berlin and Barcelona, experiencing the culture of a different country, making new friends and life long memories. Unfortunately, due to the unrest in Paris, I had to make the difficult decision to cancel one of the proposed trips to Paris due to the safety of the students and staff attending. This trip will be rearranged for the spring of 2024.

The summer months are also a time for reflection and planning for the future – a time where the foundations are laid to enable the school to progress year on year. Arguably, one of the most significant achievements this summer rests



with Gracie Mae Gill Knowles (Year 9) who reached the national final of the Heart-to-Heart freestyle poetry competition, held at The Globe Theatre in London on Monday 26th June. Gracie Mae performed her poem *Where do I fit in?*, demonstrating not only her own talent, but also representing the immense amount of talent that we have at the Bolsover School. Those parents who attended the summer arts showcase were privy to her wonderful rendition of this thought-provoking and honest poem, alongside many other amazing performances from many of our hugely talented students. Many thanks to Mrs Lyne for coordinating this event.

Returning to the title of Gracie Mae's poem, I am sure that the emotions expressed in *Where do I fit in?* resonated with many of our students and staff. For me, the answer is simple: you all fit in here at The Bolsover School! All of our students and staff belong at the Bolsover School, in the community that we proudly represent. This sense of belonging has been evident in recent weeks during sports day and the school charity walk. Both events truly epitomized our WHY: we are a school who want 'nothing but the best' for our students, we want to make a difference to the students' lives each and every day.

Finally, as we break for the summer holidays our attention turns to a few weeks of well-deserved rest and relaxation. I genuinely hope that all our staff, students and their families have a safe and enjoyable break away from school, returning in September refreshed, revitalized and ready for the new term ahead, all knowing that **you belong here** at The Bolsover School.

Mr Hall

LONDON 2023

The Bolsover School

This term, our wonderful art department and arts students visited London for a viewing of Wicked, a walk around the Tate, and a trip on the London Eye!

London 2023



The London Eye!



Ready for the theatre!



Wicked - the Musical

"I loved the experience of watching a West End show with my friends" - Keira D

"I enjoyed all the experiences we were able to take part in, especially going on the London Eye" - Grace W

"I really enjoyed the London Eye experience, the views were amazing" - Olivia L

"I really enjoyed watching Wicked - and everything!" - Ellie-Mae D





BARCELONA 2023

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Montjuïc castle



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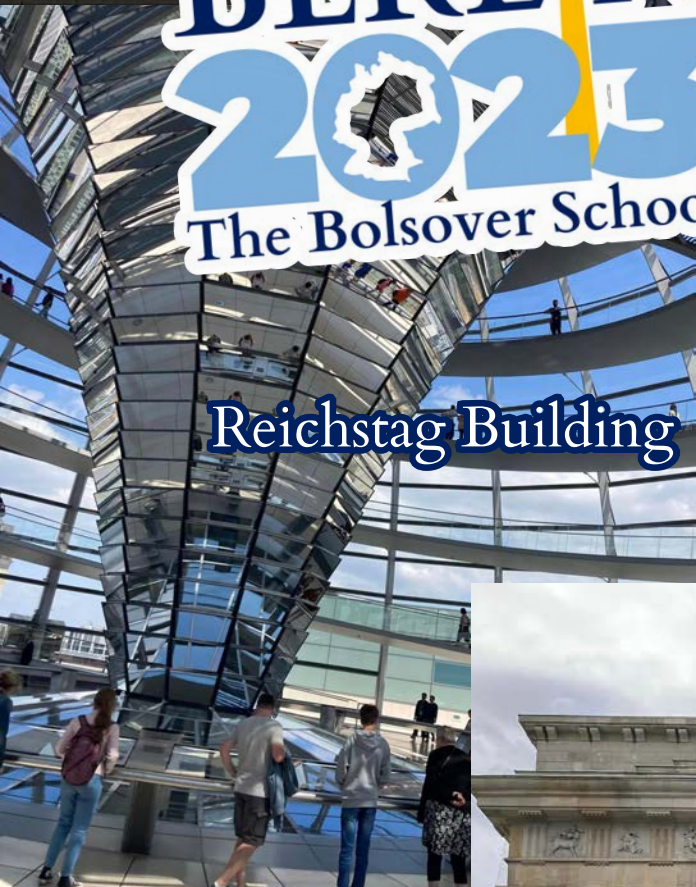
Spy Museum
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Catching the
U-Bahn



Memorial to
the Murdered
Jews of Europe



Reichstag Building



Olympiastadion



Checkpoint Charlie



Brandenburg Gate



Campfire Night



Disneyland Paris

PARIS
2023
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Cooking



Archery



The Eiffel Tower

What a Game!



It's been a great summer term over in PE, as The Bolsover School won the Derbyshire County Cup! Our Year 11 Boys Football Team played the final at Derby County's training grounds on Friday 12th May, and scored a spectacular win of 3-2 against West Park School. A huge congratulations to the whole team and their coach Mr Pemberton!

Team Captain Harry Bridge recalls the match...

What a game, what a day, what a year. It's some accomplishment to be able to say we are the first team from Bolsover to lift the County Cup. It started with the boys turning up to school in our normal gear and seeing Mr Pemberton knowing we had the final only hours away. Then we got on the bus, songs blasting, getting in the mood. Then we arrived at Moor Farm (Derby's training ground), headed straight to the training room, we heard a motivational speech from Pembo (the gaffa Mr Pemberton). We headed out to the pitch ready to warm up. After the warm up we headed back into the changing rooms where I told the boys to enjoy it as this is the last time we play together and to go and get the trophy. We were now out on the pitch ready and the first whistle blew. Straight from the off we pressed however we were on the back foot. We dominated the midfield but their long balls were cutting us open. About 10 minutes in they scored, making it 1-0 to them (West Park) and it was a wake up call.

They continued to dominate until just before half time where Zac put a ball into the box where I lunged for a diving header. However, the keeper wiped me out, kneeling me in the head which knocked me out! Sir told me to run through a brick wall (haha) but this won us a penalty and I was adamant I was taking it even after being knocked out but the Derby physio said I was unable to play so Kaine Britton stepped up and scored the penalty making it 1-1 at half time. After a speech from me and sir at half time the boys were raring to go and win the game.



So the second half has kicked off and we were all over them and it didn't take long for the top goal scorer Max Eastwood to put us in front 10 minutes into the second half with a clinical finish and coming to celebrate with me after. The momentum stayed and Max got the brace 5 minutes later with another poachers finish. After this we dominated until the last 10 minutes in which it was park the bus time and we soaked in a lot of pressure. Me and Sir had our hearts in our throats but thankfully the final whistle blew and the celebrations started. We had stopped West Park's streak of 4 county cup wins and I lifted the trophy with the boys in front of the fans. What a result.

Thank you to the boys – Tyler Harrad, Tyler Riley, Zac Hibbard, Kaine Britton, Callum Timmins, Kian Turner, Max Eastwood, Charlie Ramsdale, Ben Chapman, Tom Stray, Tom Evans, Joe Gregory, Caelan Wall, Dylan Beer, and Jack Morris. Thank you to the gaffa, Mr Pemberton.

It's been a pleasure to be the skipper and to lift the cup for the first time for the school!



Gracie-Mae's Amazing Poem!

One of our Year 9 students has showcased her talent in the Poetry By Heart contest this term. Gracie-Mae from P6 performed a poem she wrote for a video which was sent to a panel of judges from across the country. This year, more than 37,000 students were involved in Poetry By Heart. Gracie-Mae went head to head with over 2,000 students in the Freestyle performance category, and "bowled the judges over"!

Gracie-Mae was invited to the Grand Finale as a result of this, and performed her poem on stage at Shakespeare's Globe in London during June.

Well done Gracie-Mae!

Where do I fit in?

By Gracie-Mae Gill-Knowles

Maybe I'm a flamingo, in a flock
Of grey pigeons
Should I just be a peacock
As They are even brighter

Or , Maybe I'm a needle
In a haystack.
Should I hide in the dark and be dull
Or is it my time to shine

But where do I fit in?

I'm too big to be pretty
Though too small to be funny
Can't be too loud or witty
Nor too shy or quiet

I can't strut too proud
Or they will think I'm arrogant
Nor can I, be too loud
They will find me annoying.

My hair can't be too big.
I'm no Dolly Parton
I don't even suit a blond wig.
Nor her signature red lip.

Where do I fit in?

I'm too emotional to be strong
Tho I'm too opinionated to be weak.
Still, I don't like being wrong.
Then, maybe I'm just stubborn.

I don't understand my role,
Nor my place in society
My hair as black as Coal
Tho I smell like daisies.

*I don't know
where I fit in...*

But

I know my heart belongs on stage
In the centre of the spotlight.
But that is only a page
From the chapters of my life.

It's a story that I write.
It's my story

My hair will be big

I may strut too proud

I am

*Loud Strong
Funny Emotional
Weak Stubborn
Shy*

*I AM HUMAN
And I fit in.*

Student Art Gallery

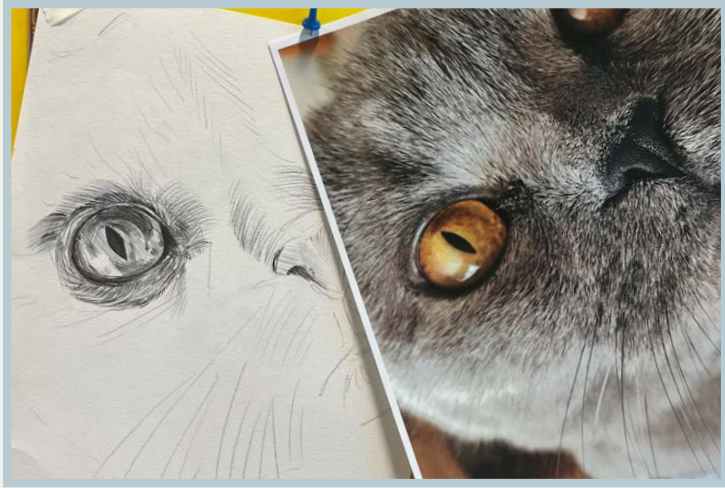
The Bolsover School (est. 1955)

Student Artwork, Summer 2023

Mixed Media

The below are examples of work made by the students of The Bolsover School this academic year so far, including lino prints, graphite studies, and sgraffito.



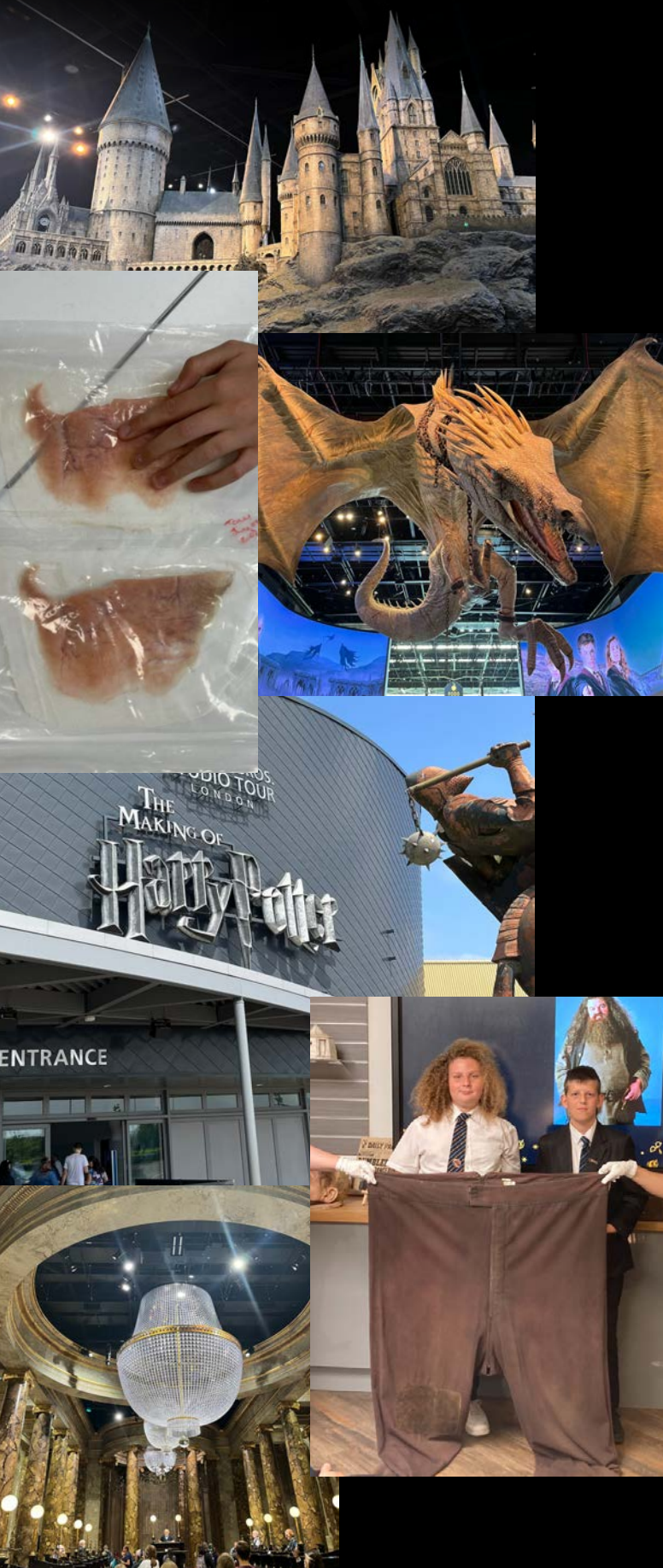


This term, some of our Year 8 Students took an amazing trip to The Making Of Harry Potter in Watford! Aiden from H6 tells us all about it...



THE MAKING OF Harry Potter

By Aiden T



It was on a Wednesday morning at half past seven in the refectory ready for the trip to begin. We walked up to the bus stop ready to enter the coach in our pairs. It was a long journey (about 3 hours), we had a really fun time listening and singing to music Mr Stacey making announcements (the best bit was stopping at McDonald's on the way there and on the way back). When we arrived at our destination we had to go through security and they also checked what was in our bag when we got in the building the pictures of Hogwarts were absolutely extraganza the owls on the wall holding Harry Potter's invitation to The School of Witchcraft and Wizardry - Hogwarts. We had to wait a while to enter a part of the building that no one else was allowed to see. It explains how they came up with all the different ideas, the films they are going to produce in the later years, films that they have made. At the entrance of the building was a fence and over that fence they filmed live scenes and different types of films for example; all of the harry potter films, all of the fast and furious films and so much more in the main building was the massive dragon what destroyed gringots bank along with other characters. After we had a walk around, we got permission to enter the Harry Potter tour in there was the year of every single film also showing a bit of information about each and every film. There were also cardboard cut-outs of the Dursleys (Harry's aunt, uncle, cousin). Further on we entered a cinema and there it was the doors to the grand hall there was 378 candles in the grand hall there was also the costumes of each house: Slyverin, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and finally Gryffindor. As we departed the Harry Potter tour we went and got some beautiful Butterbeer it was absolutely delightful. After we had a walk around outside we went into this building and in the centre of the building was some amazing animatronics of the car Harry and Ron rode to get to Hogwarts and the broomstick which Harry uses to play quidditch. We also entered gringots bank were the dragon burnt it down. We also entered the forbidden forest. After we had our tour around we went into the (expensive) gift shop it was about 60 pounds for a jumper I brought a keyring and a poster it was the best day ever. As we exited the place we went back to the coach and half way through are journey we stopped at the services and got McDonalds. On are way back home after having McDonalds there was a lot of traffic on the M1 We arrived back home for about half past 7. Dave the driver got stuck at the gates into the car park at The Bolsover School and we kept on cheering him on and when he did get through everybody cheered. IT WAS THE BEST DAY EVER.

My best bit was Platform nine and three quarters where we got to ride broomsticks and got to go into Hogwarts express.

What I learnt was that in film making you have to put a lot of time and effort into it and gain ideas from other films.

Reading with Pride!



The English department has arrived in rainbow colours one day in June to celebrate Pride by choosing some of their favourite LGBTQ+ books! They recommend reading the following books: Simon VS The Homo Sapiens Agenda, Lies We Tell Ourselves and The Art of Being Normal!

NATHAN ALL SET FOR KOREA 2023

Some of you may remember Nathan from when he featured in the Spring 2022 Newsletter while raising funds to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Korea. He has since hit his fundraising goal of £3,500 ready for the epic camp in August! Nathan speaks on the matter...



Hello I'm Nathan. I'm a Year 9 student (14 years old) here at the Bolsover school and also an explorer scout representing the UK, Derbyshire and Bolsover in Korea in less than 50 days. As an explorer I will be doing things like showing other people from different countries what us from the UK are like and hopefully managing to change the way people think about this planet worldwide.

I am actually one of only three explorers in Bolsover, Inkersall, Whitwell, Killamarsh, Shirebrook and plenty of the surrounding areas who have been selected for this. 40,000 people from around the world got picked for the WSJ (World Scout Jamboree) in South Korea this year where me and the two other people in the area will represent Derbyshire. This was a hard journey as I had to do a lot of fundraising, making £4000 to go to Korea for 2.5 weeks and all the money for spending money and kit when I go. One thing that scouting has taught me is it can bring you anywhere and you can do anything if you put your mind to it,

Being 14 and making just over £4000 by myself in around 4 months has taught me a lot of the values, and this is only the beginning. If you want to join scouting, I would recommend it. The closest troop is Bolsover, and you will see how amazing it really is - you may even be lucky enough to be in my shoes. Thanks for reading and I hope to see some of you soon.

Nathan (centre) is pictured here at Bolsover's "Dragonflies" ESU with the unit's mascot, "Bingatron the Anteater" (top right)

Outstanding Achievements



The rain didn't stop play at our sports day this year! The whole school took to the field for an intense day of races and contests, from relay to discus, high jump to jenga, all to see who would be crowned 2023's winner. Our Year 10s were also out on the field, raising money for their prom with face paint and glitter in house colours. In the end, Nightingale took home the trophy with a staggering 343 points!

Abbi Hallam was awarded the Emergency First Aid at Work qualification by her Fire Cadet Instructors. This award is something that will help Abbi in the future and in the world of work. Well done Abbi!



This term also saw a fantastic sponsored walk! Despite the weather, our students took to the footpaths of Scarcliffe and Palterton for an epic four mile hike to raise money for our five house charities. Overall, students who did the walk raised nearly £2000!

Emily from P1 has been busy starring in many plays, films and TV shows! From Sci-Fi dramas to emotional short films, you may have seen Emily on screen in titles such as "Johnny English Strikes Again", "The Child in Time" and "Waterloo Road"! Keep an eye out for her next time you watch TV!





Our avid Year 7 readers had a good day out at Oakwood Academy this term while participating in the Redhill Academy Trust Accelerated Reader reward trip. They took part in workshop activities including beatboxing, rhyming wars and a poetry slam competition with performance poet "The Dreadlock Alien", as well as enjoying a wonderful buffet lunch.

Prom 2023 was a fantastic night! Students arrived in their formal suits and dresses in all sorts of vehicles, and enjoyed a luxurious night of mocktails, music and sweets at Technique Stadium to celebrate their 5 years at TBS. This amazing event wouldn't have been possible without the help of Mr Topley and our Prom Committee so thanks go to them!



The Tenner Challenge is a scheme that lets young people become entrepreneurs by turning £10 into profit. This year, two students have gone above and beyond. Jack and Robert started with a "Guess How Many Sweets Are In The Jar" game, and used their proceeds to start a mobile tuck shop! Overall, the two made £58 in profit, which will be going to charity. A huge well done to Jack and Robert!

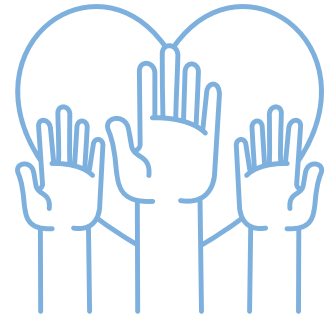


There's been excitement on the courtyard this term as Year 9 took part in a rock-paper-scissors thunderdome: best of class, followed by knockout stages, followed by an unprecedented 3-person grand finale. Maicey in A5 reigned victorious and secured 25 house points for Arkwright!

Uniform Reminder

At The Bolsover School, we firmly believe that high academic standards are built upon the solid foundation of day to day positive habits which include students being smartly dressed and presented in the correct school uniform as per our expectations. We believe our school uniform policy helps the school and therefore the students in being successful in the following ways:

- 1) Creating a feeling of community
- 2) Reducing the potential for bullying
- 3) Increasing safety
- 4) Preparing students for the outside world and for employment
- 5) Improving study ethic and learning



The full uniform expectations can be found on the school website under the 'parents' section but we have recently noticed the standard of uniform for some students is not quite meeting our expectations. We appreciate that at this time of year, students may have outgrown or outworn certain items and that it is a very expensive time of year that might mean you have been unable to replace them.

We will fully support all of our families where possible to ensure students are correctly and smartly dressed for school. Just one of the ways we can do this is by lending students missing items such as blazers, shoes, trousers or skirts from our uniform store. Please do not hesitate to contact the school so that we can work together and discuss ways in which we can support you. This can be done via your child's form tutor or head of house.

Also, students will be required to bring with them to school at least the following equipment; pen, pencil, ruler, student card, expected standards card and a reading book. This list of equipment is the absolute minimum required and is all needed for very clear and obvious reasons. In addition to this, students will be required to bring their PE kit, food technology ingredients or any other equipment/resources requested by their class teacher. At The Bolsover School, we don't just teach subjects; we teach students how to be better and more resourceful people. Being organised is an important life skill and habit we want all of our students to have in order to make them more successful. Please could you support your child in having the correct equipment needed for school and remind them about good organisation to improve their chances of success.



Therefore, could we issue a reminder regarding the following sections of our uniform policy:

- Only black shoes are permitted, not black trainers.
- False nails and eyelashes are not permitted.
- Unnaturally coloured hair is not appropriate nor acceptable
- Only plain black school trousers or black skirt are permitted and not black jeans or leggings.
- Blazers should be worn at all times (unless with the permission of the class teacher to remove them during warm weather).
- Hoodies are not allowed. For extra warmth, students can wear a plain black V neck jumper underneath their blazer.

In particular, can we please encourage your child to ensure during these colder months, they attend school wearing a warm coat rather than a hoodie which offers no protection from wet weather and very little protection from the cold.

There will be a full uniform check for all students on the first day back which is Monday 9th January. This is the first Monday back after the Christmas holidays and gives families the holiday period to replace any missing items of uniform.

We thank you for your continued support in ensuring our school and students are 'Nothing but the Best'.



Being Bolsover

Punctuality

There is a very basic principle when it comes to lateness in schools – if a student isn't in a lesson, they aren't learning. Being late by just 3 or 4 minutes every lesson soon becomes a habit that is slowly building up problems for the future. We are committed to ensuring punctuality both first thing in the morning and to all lessons throughout the day is of the highest standard and therefore it will be seen as an extremely high priority in September. We define good punctuality as not being on time but being as early as possible. This helps students to arrive at lessons in a calm and purposeful manner, improving focus, concentration and ultimately helps them become more successful. To not challenge students regarding their punctuality is doing them a disservice – all students will be monitored every lesson of every day with sanctions in place for repeat offenders. Please re-iterate to your child the importance of being as early as possible to all lessons.

Mobile devices (including ear pods)

Smartphones are now a huge part of people's lives, changing the way that we communicate, socialise, access entertainment, shop and even order food! However, we also believe that when it comes to education, any benefits are far outweighed by the drawbacks. Recent research suggests that smartphone use in school has a detrimental effect upon a student's ability to focus and concentrate, think deeply, avoid distractions and concentrate on difficult material. They also affect the most disadvantaged students the most – the young people that most need the advantage of a thorough and effective education. Please can we remind parents that The Bolsover School operates a complete ban on smartphone use both in lessons and at social times. Staff apply this rule using the 'not seen and not heard' principle when dealing with smartphone misuse. Proven misuse of a smartphone and/or earpods will result in the device being confiscated for collection by the student at the end of the day. Refusal to hand over a smartphone or repeated transgressions will result in additional sanctions. Teaching students how to use technology is just as much about teaching them when not to use it and we firmly believe young people being device-free from 8.30am until 3.00pm can only be beneficial for their general health and well-being.

Six rules for successful learning

At The Bolsover School, we have six very clear classroom rules that apply at all times:

- 1) Put your hand up to speak
- 2) Listen in silence when instructed
- 3) Fully equipped every lesson
- 4) Remain seated and facing the teacher
- 5) Be kind and respectful to others
- 6) Try your best



We believe these six rules ensure successful learning can take place for all students. We have a strong belief that as the adult in the room, the teacher must always be in charge for very good reasons. They are also the subject expert and in order for all students to reach their full potential, they must be allowed to teach. We have zero tolerance for any student who purposefully breaks these rules.

Trustworthy – Brave – Successful

At The Bolsover School, we strive to create a culture of very high expectations which is articulated through our school motto – ‘nothing but the best’. We believe that for an individual to be the best they can be, they should leave school as a trustworthy, brave and successful young person. These three values will underpin everything we do in school on a day to day basis and are underpinned by routines, rules and behaviour norms that we expect our students to adhere to at all times. Students will be held to the following code of conduct:

Trustworthy

- We act in a calm, sensible and orderly manner both in and out of lessons
- We have good manners and treat other people with kindness and dignity
- We are open-minded and have respect for diversity

Brave

- We listen and respond to feedback in a positive manner
- We are stoic and resilient during challenging situations
- We are independent and take responsibility for our actions

Successful

- We respect that everybody has the right to learn
- We are well-organised in terms of punctuality, uniform and equipment
- We approach all aspects of school with maximum effort and determination

HOUSE POINTS

SUMMER TERM



ARKWRIGHT 701

BAINBRIDGE 583

HARDWICK 551

NIGHTINGALE 544

PEVERIL 620



Announcements



Derbyshire County Council school buses that currently charge a flat rate fare of £1 will be increasing to £1.20 from September 2023.

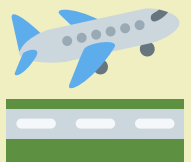


Arrivals



Mr Bramley - History Teacher
Miss Bennett - History Teacher
Mrs Deville - TA
Miss Clarke - TA
Miss Cresswell - TA
Ms Marsh - Art Teacher
Mr Kerr-Robinson - PE Teacher
Mr Dalby - PE Teacher
Ms Macgregor - English Teacher

Departures



Miss Burrows - English Teacher
Miss Glossop - Science Teacher
Mr Mercer - Maths Teacher
Miss Cartwright - History Teacher
Miss Wilson - Trainee Teacher
Mr Collins - Trainee Teacher
Miss Kent - English Teacher