



Moor House School News and Events

WELCOME TO THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

EXAM SUCCESS

Great news! Shaid Coventon-Webb has just passed an online course and has reached a Level 1 in Food Safety and Hygiene. He can take this certificate to an employer when he leaves!

Well done Shaid!

INDIAN COOKERY DAY

Everyone involved will agree that the Indian Student cookery day was a huge success. The students were fantastic in Borough Market and some more than others really took on the new culinary experiences by trying lots of different foods. Students then met Sharmila, our local Indian food teacher, who taught the students to make a chicken curry, perfect rice and chapattis. Again the students were brilliant. They made their own supper that night which looked more like a full Indian banquet. Well done. Students seemed to really enjoy the day and have already asked Mrs Lee to organise another day!

Many thanks to all those involved that made it possible.

YEAR 11 ENGLISH MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM

Bromley Theatre

The theatre was good putting on the show mid summer nights dream. All the actors and actresses were good acting in the place. But the car parking was not good because we had to move the school people carrier more than 3 times. But although I liked the play and I think people that have a good sense of humour should go. I felt good going there. It was funny and good.

Charles

Theatre was comfy. The play was great. The characters was funny, especially Puck who made me laugh all the time.

At the start of the start of the performance I thought that it would not be funny. But in the second scene it got funnier when Puck came out. I felt over the moon with the performance. I would recommend the show to anyone with a good sense of humour.
Caoimhe

The theatre was very big and cozy, but the parking was so hard to find a space to park the people carrier.

The play was cool and worked well for entertaining.

All of the characters are funny and Puck made me laugh all the time. I really enjoyed the whole performance and I laughed all the way through the show.

I would recommend this show to anyone who gets confused with Shakespear.
Chantelle

The theatre was comfortable because it was clean.

The play was fantastic because Puck was funny.

I like Puck because he was hilarious.

I felt happy and excited. I would recommend it to 2mp because it was funny and not scary.

Liz Mc KG

The theatre was good and funny and the parking was difficult, it was £4.

The seats were comfortable the other schools were not well behaved.

Puck was exciting and made me laugh, saying "lasagne."

The play was amazing and easy to understand.

It made me laugh and happy, it was like a comedy.

I recommend this to people who do not understand Shakespeare.

Regards Jon Haslett

The theatre was a comfortable place because the seats comfy. The people in front of us, which was another school, were really noisy.

The play was really funny, especially Puck calling Lysander lasagne! Puck also wore some 3D glasses and ate some pop corn. People at the theatre were so active and brave.

The characters are so hilarious, even the man dressed up as a woman. Bottom was not as funny but he should have been. I enjoyed the theatre and the whole show and I had a great laugh there. I would recommend it to any performance about reading Shakespeare.

RED NOSE DAY EVENTS

The Red Nose Show Concert at the Royal Albert Hall broke the world record for Most People Playing The Kazoo Simultaneously... conducted by Basil Brush... attended by 14 students and 6 members of staff, and numerous 'celebrities'



SWIMMING GALA NEWS

OBAMA SWEEP THE BOARD!!

All the honours went to Obama House in the 2011 swimming gala. As well as winning the Inter-House Swimming Cup, by having the highest points total, Ben Taylor and Emma de Witte, both Obama students, won the 'Most Improved Swimmer' and the 'Best Swimmer' Awards.

Ben Taylor won the 'Most Improved Swimmer' shield and Emma de Witte won 'Best Swimmer'. Ryan Kalifa, Obama House Captain, holds the House Swimming Cup



Buddy and Mentor Lunch

We had a snack and drinks and socialised with our Buddies in Northanger back room at break time. It was good fun and nice to catch up with our Buddies. The food / drink was absolutely delicious and Miss Campbell, Miss McGuinness and Miss Bayliss couldn't have done a better job than they had.

Well done to Seb, Kane and Luke for achieving outstanding work in the Mentor and Buddy Programme.

We had some nice group photos and it was nice to welcome Lydia, Emma and Oliver to the Programme. We have such a great team of Mentors and Buddies that have lots of fun. Unfortunately Tom could not be with us because he is unwell and we wish him the best.

Next term we will hopefully try to organise another lunch with our Mentors and Buddies and another fun active event. Hope we continue to keep up the good work and make the Speech Therapists and the School very proud.



By Mike Conlon



VISIT TO O2 TO SEE THE X FACTOR STARS

Staff accompanied the following students on the 19th of March as a weekend residential trip:

Tom Robson, Oliver Riley, Matthew Hamilton, Harry Dawson, Jon Haslett, Caoimhe Patterson,.

We travelled up by mini bus to the O2; Harry was amazed by the size of the dome. It was the first concert that Harry, Caoimhe, Tom and Matthew had been to and they made comments like, "This is the best thing I have ever done". Matthew, "This is amazing, it blows me away"... Harry.

They were all a bit worried about the height, as we were seated quite high up, but once the music started they all got up and danced the night away.

Fantastic night.





TRIP TO CUCKMERE HAVEN

On 2nd march 3HU and 3LP went on a Geography field trip to Cuckmere Haven. It provided students to see the river features that we have been learning about in Geography 'in the flesh'. It was a lovely, sunny day (if a bit windy) and we had a great time.



OXTED PROJECT FEEDBACK FROM YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Project Experience at Sainsburys, by Matthew Bore

For my Oxted Project me and Seb was working in the local Sainsburys.

At first I was really nervous when they got me the uniform that I will be wearing for five weeks. I then felt proud wearing it.

My main job was stacking up shelves. Colin one of the staff members showed me what to do. I had a really, really good time there.

Colin was really funny. He dropped a wine bottle on my first day. I thought someone died because of the red wine looked like blood but gladly it wasn't a real person!

If they want me back in the future I will return. I miss them a lot.

Oxted Project at The Woodhouse Centre – by Matthew Hamilton

For my Oxted Project I went to The Woodhouse Centre.

Every week except week 5 I made poppies. The number grew every week! The final week was good because it was nice to see what they made apart from poppies.

It was lovely to talk to the ladies and the friendly man Kenny I will miss them all very biggly. Thank you Woodhouse Centre - see you at my school and my summer fete.

My Oxted Project Experience at Morton's The Padlock, by Angus Smith

When starting Oxted Project I was looking forward to it because it meant that in the future when I need a job I will have the right skills for it.

On Thursdays from 3rd-31st March I worked at a shop called Morton's The Padlock. This shop is a place where you can get construction items.

I liked where I was working because the staff were kind and showed a somewhat fondness for me.

What I did was work at a till, clean dirty areas and show customers around.

I really liked it because now I will have experience when applying for a job and I know what I can do when working.

My Oxted Project Review, by Michael Conlon

My Oxted project has been extremely crazy because the first four weeks I missed. That was because I had a massive eye injury and I got back to school and I was very confused about where I was working because I had only just come back from a eye injury that I have been struggling with.

Then I found out that I was working in the front office with 'Crazy Ann' and 'Loopy Linda' as they had been saying to each other and I couldn't stop laughing.

I have really enjoyed working in the front office because I had lots to do every Thursday and I had some brilliant fun. I have also enjoyed meeting up with the rest of my year 10 mates in Oxted and being able to have fun down the park and get lunch out. I personally think that I have made Mr. Hart and all the other Key Stage 4 staff proud considering I think I have only been 45 to 50% well.

I felt honoured to be working for Mrs. Dobbie and by creating a 'Statement of Purpose' for the rest of the school. It made feel as though she was my boss and I was her employee. I couldn't stop looking at Christine's amazing cupcakes with whipped cream on top.

Working in the office made me feel as though I didn't want to stop working there. I enjoyed making the teachers speechless with my positive and incredible work, but I couldn't of done that without my team mates Ann and Linda and all the other staff.

I very much loved Pizza Express and being able to figure out why the photo of the "pram race" had holes in it. I was happy I was allowed to take part in the Oxted project after I was just sitting at home on the sofa worrying about it and not being able to show what I've got. Like I said I eventually found the right place to work at the front office. But in the end I eventually had the opportunity to do the project and I really felt that I have been trying my best to please Linda and Ann and the Key Stage 4 crew to keep up with the others and my work and I thought I did well with that in the end.

I will never forget this brilliant experience because it has been so cool working with probably two of the most kindest staff in the school. I feel I have shown a positive attitude towards everything I've done in the weeks I've been working in the front office. I also feel I have shown some great respect towards my work and staff.

It was quite hard at first, but I managed to get through the horrific pain of my eye.

I really enjoyed learning new things that really only the staff of this school know for example changing ink cartridges and replacing the school back up system. I actually consider myself lucky that I am probably the only student to know how to do these jobs myself now that I have learned from my helpers.

I really enjoyed using the franking machine to stamp the letters that needed to be stamped because It felt really lazy and I didn't have to pick one stamp at a time which I thought was outstanding. I really enjoyed having the job title of being the schools little postman because I got to sort out the post and put it in the pigeon

holes of staff and different departments. I was very lucky to be able to steal a brownie from the staff room with Ann (It was her idea – joking!).

I felt as though I had the privilege to become a staff member for a day because I went in rooms like the computer room in one of the staff houses that really only the staff could go in and it was awesome because on normal Mike being a student day I couldn't do any of that.

I wish that the Oxted project didn't have to end soon, but I know some day it's gotta. I have probably had the best experience in the world working in the front office because it definitely wasn't boring it was 1000% awesome. I had loads and loads of fun with the jokes from both of my crew members every Thursday in the front office. I only really had lunch breaks because I enjoyed the work placement so much.

I wasn't that shy or anything at all and I just got on with the job and interacted with many of the admin staff. Linda and Ann have taught me loads in just weeks and now I know how to do all of these things thanks to Linda and Ann so thanks a lot to them and all the year 10 gang who have pushed me further and encouraged me and kept calm when necessary so thanks to all of them. Without people behind me I wouldn't be writing what I'm writing now.

My Oxted project has been extremely awesome and I have really enjoyed my time in the Oxted project.

My Oxted Project at Medivet, by James Andrews

I went to Oxted on my first day at Medivet. I was a bit nervous but it was okay. I helped the lady. She wanted me to do a favour for her so she said that can you paint the walls for me! I was like okay then I painted the walls for 2 hours. It's life. I really enjoyed it but my back was killing me. I went to wash my hands then went to Oxted to see the others at lunch time!

2 weeks later I was happy to go to Medivet. I saw the Jack Russell, it was a girl her name was Jay-jay. She was being spayed so I went in the operation room. The lady said to me that if you faint, sit down on the floor. I was like okay then. When the operation started the veterinary surgeon cut the skin on the Jack Russell. It was disgusting but you get used to it and it was interesting.

The blood was coming out of the Jack Russell made me laugh because her tongue was sticking out of her mouth. And she looks like she is dead but she is asleep by a special gas. She was so cute anyways the lady came along and said you got 2 minutes so I left the operation room and got ready to leave from Medivet. In Oxted I had some lunch - fish and chips. Then back to school!

Oxted Project Experience at Boots – by Ryan Kalifa

For my Oxted project I worked in Boots for 5 weeks with Steven every Thursday.

In those 5 weeks me and Steven stacked shelves in Boots in the shop floor and the basement. What we stacked was shampoos, food and etc.

Week 1

My first day at Boots was ok but a little boring but that's part of life so get over it. Steven wasn't there because he was at a college visit so it was just me. The staff there were nice and so was the manager Clare King she was a very positive person. What I did was I packaging the products, the products were medical health like tablets, it was quite fun packaging the products. It was also good getting to know the staff.

Week 2

This time Steven was in Boots with me!! We stacked shampoos on the shelves on the shop floor. It was quite easy but also tiring, but in life you will do jobs like that. That's what I call work experience.

Week 3

We did the same like last week but we were stacking foods like crisp and sweets (it did not make me hungry!). There was one mistake I did when I and Steven and Clare were moving a shelf to the front of the shop, I got distracted by a TV ad and I bumped the shelf into another shelf into another shelf that made all of the products fall down. Don't ever make a embarrassing mistake like that!

Week 4

More stacking shelves, we stacked crisps and shampoo again but that's still work experience. It was very tiring doing those jobs but it was good getting to know were the products were.

Week 5

It was our last day at Boots so we did something different instead of stacking shelves, we put sun shades in the right bag (I really wanted to try one of them on), sorting out the smoothie drinks in the right box and stacking shampoo on the shelves all in the basement.

If you are worried about work experience then don't worry about it, it is very fun, but it is what a job would be like. Even though I know I want to be a film director; you don't go straight ahead to a job like that you need to work hard for it.

Oxted Project at Co-op - Report by Will Gell

My placement was at the Co-Op and I was not very nervous because I was prepared. When I had my first day I said hello and they got me straight to work and had a tour around the shop and then I did everything the told me to do very quickly throughout the day.

The second day there was a new kid on work experience. He was a pretty nice guy and very handy he was called Andrew he had speech and language problems but still was a cool guy. After the two hours we went to eat at the Deep Blue and that's a fish and chips shop. I had two jumbo sausages with chips with mayonnaise, salt and ketchup.

The third day the assistant manager told me to sweep the warehouse and that means clear the warehouse from shelf to shelf to the end. I would not want to work at a supermarket because its something that does not interest me but it was good experience working at the Co-Op and I enjoyed myself a lot in some of the areas that were a bit more appealing.

Oxted Project at Knights Garden Centre – by Tom Robson

My Oxted project was at Knights Garden Centre. I did not get off to best of start because I had never been into a garden centre in Oxted. So me and Mrs Greig had a chat about going there. I know she was telling the truth about Knights. Then I went I got through week one. I was nervous about going to Knights when outside but I loved it. It was good to be back inside from the cold.

So week 2 I had to redecorate a shelf in the barn it was fun do this, and turn notes into coins.

Next week it was week 3 - at least I had my comfortable shoes because I did a lot of jobs at Knights that week. Week 4 I fell ill so I didn't go to Knights I was upset being a couch potato at home!

Then next week it was funeral so me and Kate didn't go to Knights. Instead we went to Pizza Express it was lovely. I think that I myself have bloomed into the Oxted Project so that I was really proud of myself.

by Tom Robson

P.S. Thank you to Mrs Vallance, Mr Hart, Miss Greig for teaching me about Oxted Project so I have a wonderful opportunity in Knights Garden Centre.

Oxted Project at Knight's Garden Centre – by Kate Crumpler

At Knight's I have been doing pricing the wellingtons, also cleaning the chairs and tables. Then stacking the potatoes and onions too.

Mr. Knight showed me how to arrange flowers. I also did work in the office and did invoices. I found it quite hard but I just got on with it.

I helped outside and the sun was shining that was nice.

I think it was a good experience because I did a range of things in Knight.

Over all I found it interesting and fun.

By Kate Crumpler

Oxted Project at Sainsburys – by Seb Smith

Sainsbury's

Well what I have been doing for 4 weeks was helping Sainsbury's out and I had Matt B to help. What we did was we got uniforms and got name badges too and the boss there called Gemma was giving me and Matt B things to do.

We got some stuff and put it out on the shelves. It was a lot of fun because we well I had a great time with the people who work there because they were so nice and I felt like I had a lot of friends.

And anyway the 6th week I am going there again because today I couldn't go as I had hurt my hand. I really wish I could have gone today to work there and that's all I have to say.

But I will come back to work there to finish my work so I am going to have a lot of fun next week. So yes I am really learning a lot and I am really happy because I am doing these things so I feel great and confident.

And as well when I am older I know what I am going to do for my job - Sainsbury's because I know what to do and when to work so I feel really great about that, because I know what it is going to feel like and see what going on so I will go straight in and I have no problems and it will be really good for me.

Well I will say I am going to do my best all by myself when I come back I am going to work like I never have before and I going to help more and I going to be really nice.

I will thank all the members of staff and the people who I have been working with and I have to say I felt good all about this so thank you ever so much I have really enjoyed myself so thank you.

By Seb Smith

Oxted Project at JJ's – by Gemma Cox

When I got told I was working at JJ's with Kathryn I felt happy and confused at first, because I didn't know what shop JJ's was.

When I got told what shop it was I felt better, not confused any more.

When we got to the interview they told us we had to wear black trousers and a white shirt.

We started after half term. On the first day there I sorted out ballet shoes and tucked labels in. We sat down and had a drink. Unfortunately my finger was bleeding I don't know how but it did. Then we put the clothes on hangers. I found that fun.

The next week we did the shop window.

I really enjoyed the rest of the weeks I was there it was great fun.

After all the times we were at JJ's at the end of each two hour session we would go out for lunch for example, Fish and Chips, Morrison's, the park and Pizza Express.

I thoroughly enjoyed it!

My Oxted Project at "Boots" - By Steven Hartley

Originally, I was only going to spend 5 weeks at *Boots* the pharmacy shop in Oxted, but I had a college visit on the first week. However, I did manage to complete 4 weeks at *Boots*. The four weeks I spent at *Boots* was an alright experience for me – although it wasn't much like what I expected. But I do wish I got to work somewhere where I was originally going to go to – like the Tandridge Leisure Council.

At first I didn't like the look of the pharmacy shop because I thought it was a shop where they sold products for "girls" (even my friends at home agreed), and I thought that I was going to be working on the ladies shampoo and items. But it wasn't as bad as that – I

survived! The boss (or the manager) was a rather nice person. But I got on with my work because I didn't want to be distracted. Myself and my co-worker for five weeks, Ryan Kalifa, spent most of our five weeks at Boots mainly stacking up crisp packets from the storage room and organising and categorising stuff. Some of the work was boring, and we hoped to do some work on the photo machines – but we had to accept the fact that sometimes work can be tough.

The last week was better because we managed to get a different job assignment. We were going to be working upstairs with some different people. We spent our time sorting out boxes and organising sunglasses into different boxes according to the manufacturing company. We even were placing some flavoured smoothies into the right boxes – and I have to admit that was sort of a little bit of fun. True, sorting out the stuff may have been boring – but it was better than sorting out the crisp packets. I enjoyed talking to Ryan a lot because it did stop me from being bored of the work.

It did turn out “ok” for me but I'm glad that the Oxted project is now over. It was worth the experience.

My Oxted Project at “Kim's Bistro” by Henry Ellis

We were doing the Oxted project, I think Mrs Greig told us we were doing the Oxted project, at first I was nervous, but then when I got used to it, it was fun and exciting.

I was working in Kim's Bistro which is a café in Oxted, I was quite nervous on my first day because I had to introduce myself and Kim said things like what school do you go to, what year are you in etc.

I wanted to get started and get cooking straight away, but first I had to go into the kitchen and Kim went through a risk assessment with me first so I know what I have to do in the kitchen. Kim pointed to the KP trainee chef, that was me, a KP trainee chef. A trainee chef needs to wear protective clothing, and do a basic hygiene course, which is cool. Then I helped with the cooking, we made a Victoria Sponge cake. At the end I got a hot chocolate!

In weeks 4 and 5 I also got to help at the front with Sue and Sarah who were new members of Kim's Bistro because Kelly and Lin are on holiday and Diane retired which is sad.

When I was at the front of Kim's with Sue and Sarah I started on the till and took people's orders from the till. There were a lot of people in Kim's on week 5 and it was very busy, which was good because you get more money for Kim's Bistro, well not for me but for the café. I was also a waiter at Kim's which is cool because you can take people's orders at their table, carry a tray with food on it etc.

On the last week, week 5, when it was 12.00 noon I went downstairs and got changed in the staff room into my normal clothes and then went upstairs and said goodbye to all the staff, and especially to Kim. I said thank you to all the staff as well, and especially to Kim for helping me with everything she's done for me. Then I walked to pizza express to have lunch there, which was tasty.

I really enjoyed the experience – also because I had loads of hot chocolate, caramel slices, milkshakes and cookies, which were all very tasty when I was there at Kim's Bistro.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Red Nose Day 2011.

Red Nose Day 2011 proved to be very exciting and a HUGE success! The School Council at Moor House had an incredibly busy run up to Red Nose Day 2011, with the members of the Fundraising Sub-committee working extremely hard to make sure all events were as successful as possible.

Read below to find out more about the events we held to help us raise an outstanding amount of money for Comic Relief.

Moor House Has Talent.

12 brave students participated in the 'Moor House Has Talent' show, which was fabulously supported by all members of the Moor House community. After enjoying an afternoon watching a variety of outstanding acts, our knowledgeable judges, Mrs Willis, Miss Jennings and Mrs Hardman, decided that Gemma Cox's singing performance was the winning act. A huge well done to Gemma and all students who took part in the event as standing on a stage in front of lots of people is something most adults would find really scary!

Mufti-Day.

The whole Moor House community took part in our Mufti-Day, where students and staff paid £1 to wear their own clothes (including a red item of clothing) or to wear fancy dress. There were lots of funny outfits, all of the Specialist Teaching Assistants dressed up as pirates and Mr Hart was a knight in shining armour!

Guess the Baby

The School Council decided to launch a 'Guess the Baby' competition, whereby staff handed in a photo of themselves and everyone at Moor House had to guess who was who! Everyone who took part spent hours trying to work out the answers and the competition was incredibly close but the winners were....Tom Robson and Mr Hart, who both guessed 28 out of the 36 answers correctly. Well done!

Angus' Hair cut

One particular student, Angus Smith, went above and beyond the expectations of our school councillors and decided to complete a sponsored hair cut. Angus parted with his shoulder length curly locks in front of a very large audience and raised an outstanding total of £1362! A HUGE thank you to Angus for all of his hard work, we know that Comic Relief will be very grateful for the money he raised.

Finally we would like to say a really big thank you to all students and staff that helped with the many events, Red Nose Day 2011 would never have been as successful if we didn't have your assistance and support.

We look forward to Red Nose Day 2013!

The School Council.

MOSAIC WORKSHOP

On the 14th and 15th March Moor House School were lucky enough to have an 'Artist in Residence' for two days.

Anne Sweggman-Fielding, a mosaic artist, worked with twelve Year 10 Art and Pottery GCSE students.

The results are stunning; twelve beautiful mosaics with a fruit theme have been produced.

These are due to be unveiled by Ann Hollywood and Wendy Moore from the Decorative Arts Society on May 4th in the school during our assembly at 10.15am.



Integration at Holland School

I have been going to Holland school every Thursday from September. I get there for lunch time, I go to lunch in the dining hall without a teacher and sit with my friends.

After lunch we play some games on the playground, then I do some lessons with 6C. Mr Carter is a very nice teacher. I do ICT, making a computer game with a friend. After that I do grammar, then I do football afterschool. I dressed up for World Book day as King Arthur like Horrid Henry on the poster. The other children all looked nice on World Book day. I also do DT, making a mountain with a small group and making some thing for the Easter festival on Saturday.

I would like to say a magic thank you to Holland school and goodbye to Mr Carter- thank you for the nice lessons!

By Luke Warren.

THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

On 30th March all of Key Stage Three attended a concert given by one of the best orchestras in the world, the London Philharmonic. They listened to a performance of Icarus at the Edge of Time. This is a film score set to a film made by Al and Al and based on the children's book of the same name written by renowned physicist Brian Greene. It is a modern version of the ancient Greek myth of Icarus - the boy who wanted to fly.

The students were captivated by the story before we left and so they were looking forward to seeing the story being brought to life through music and film. It was lovely to look along the row of students and see their faces! Totally immersed in a classical concert. The students enjoyed looking for all the instruments in the orchestra as we had learnt about them in music lessons during the year.

It was as usual a real pleasure to take out students from Moor House School. They were definitely the best behaved in the Royal Festival Hall. Many thanks to all the staff that helped to support this trip and especially to the students for making this such an enjoyable trip.

S Hardman

OFSTED

We had an OFSTED inspection on 22nd and 23rd March.

Moor House School is now officially 'Outstanding'