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**“Everyone at Rushcliffe
will be given the chance
to shine brightly”**



Italian Club School Trip – Letocetum Roman Baths and Museum

We had a wonderful day out in the sunshine at the Letocetum Roman Baths and Museum!

The children enjoyed exploring the ancient ruins and learning about Roman history in a hands-on and engaging way.

A highlight of the trip was being able to touch real Roman artefacts, which made the experience even more exciting and memorable. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to connect with the past while having fun together.

Thank you to everyone who took part!

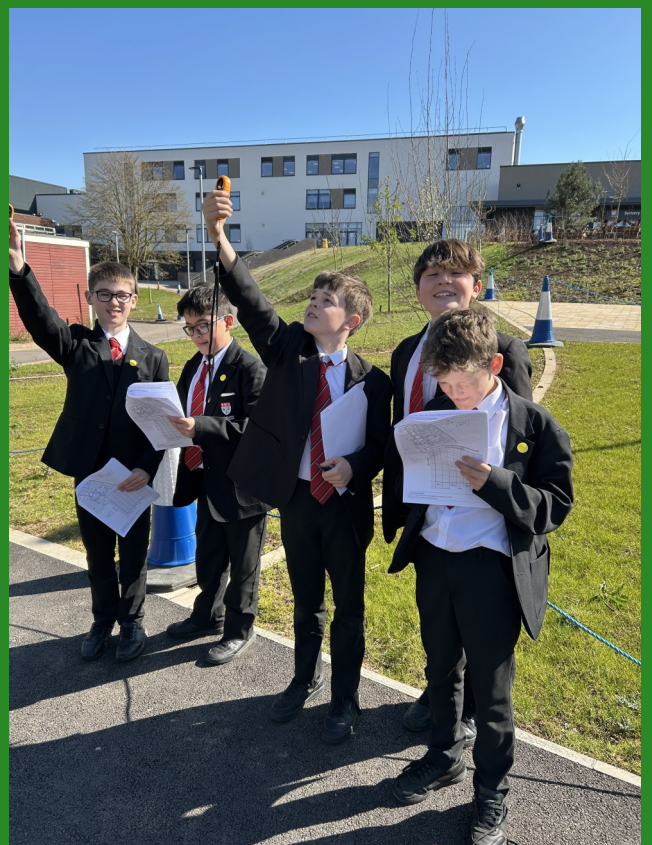


Microclimate investigations - Geography

This term Y7 Geographer's have been investigating where on the school site would be the most ideal location for the installation of wind turbines and solar panels.

They did this by measuring the wind speed and light intensity at a variety of locations around the school including A Block quad, the athletics field and the grassed areas between the school buildings, ensuring accuracy of their data by repeating their measurements several times finding an average. Students subsequently plotted & analysed their data and concluded that the best location with the greatest wind speed and light intensity is the athletics field.

Students showed great team spirit and enthusiastically developed their graph, math and report writing skills.



Y12 Geography Fieldwork Experience



Year 12 Geographers recently took part in two field trips to develop their understanding of data collection skills, sampling methods and data analysis techniques.

Students first visited Lincoln where they undertook a range of fieldwork activities including asking members of the public what they thought of the high street as well as collecting data on how the environmental quality changes from the train station up to the castle.



The following week students visited Sherwood Pines where they investigated the biomass storage in the woodland as well as infiltration rates across differing surfaces around the area.

Both field trips provided students with a taste of human and physical data collection methods that they could go on to utilise in their independent fieldwork that they will carry out as part of their Non-Examined Assessment.

Junior Maths Challenge

The students in the Year 8 top sets and a selected group of Year 7s took part in the Junior Maths Challenge on Wednesday 29th April. The maths challenges encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are designed to make students think.

Twelve students did amazingly well in the challenge and made it through to the Junior Kangaroo follow on round on Tuesday 10th June. In the Junior Kangaroo Hayden, Bilal, Fiona and Samuel received bronze certificates. In an exceptional performance with only one wrong answer, Sam received a gold certificate.

Well done to everyone who took part!



United Kingdom
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Award Winner!

Congratulations to Reuben in Y7 won the Music 11-15 category at the Nottingham Young Creative Awards.

He was proud to represent the school at the ceremony held at The Playhouse in Nottingham. Reuben wrote an original piece of music, performed keyboards and saxophone, and recorded and produced it using Logic Pro software. What an achievement!



Rushcliffe secures 2–1 Victory Over Toothill



Rushcliffe came out on top in a closely contested match, securing a 2–1 win against local rivals Toothill. From the first whistle, both sides played with intensity and purpose, but it was Toothill who broke the deadlock midway through the first half with a confident finish into the bottom corner.

Rushcliffe responded well and managed to equalise late in the first half with a great individual goal from Aleeza Asgar.

Ten minutes into the second half, Rushcliffe won a penalty which was calmly slotted past the keeper. In the closing stages, Rushcliffe defended with discipline and saw out the game to claim a well-deserved victory.

A brilliant team performance from Rushcliffe, full of resilience, determination, and quality in key moments.

Rushcliffe Careers Fair

June 20th was Rushcliffe's annual Careers Fair for our Year 9, 10 and 12 cohorts. Pupils had the chance to be introduced to local colleges, universities, companies and businesses to engage in careers discussions, collect info and ask lots of great questions. Thank you so much to all the employers who kindly gave their time, knowledge & enthusiasm. We hope our pupils had an informative & enjoyable afternoon



Well Done to the Y8 Boys Football Team

Although the year 8 boys football team did not win a trophy this year, I feel they deserve an honorable mention.

They were runners up in the county cup and reached the semi-finals of the South Notts Cup. They played brilliantly and were unlucky to not get their hands on at least one of the trophies.

Mr Anderson



Student Voice: Ciao Italia!

At the start of July, I had the absolute pleasure of joining various musical ensembles from within Rushcliffe Spencer Academy on a musical journey around parts of Lake Garda in Italy. Over 7 days, we toured several places, including the famous 'fair' Verona, the fascinating 'music capital' of Cremona and the hustle and bustle of Bardolino on the shoreline of the lake. At each stop, we would perform an extended and jam-packed performance including contribution from all the major ensembles as well as many impressive solo artists.

The journey to Lake Garda was not one for the faint hearted. It consisted of a long and tiring coach journey which took us down through England for 4 hours, where we crossed the Channel between Dover and Calais which took another 2. From here we headed south through the majority of France taking up about 10 hours of our trip, (unfortunately not spotting the Eiffel tower), then through beautiful Switzerland, and through the famous and stunning alps which took another 6 hours. We then headed down into Italy, and towards Lake Garda, taking up the last 5 hours of our journey, which brought the total travel time to nearing 27 hours.

We stopped for lots of breaks along the way, including meals and toilet trips, so we got to experience the wildly different exchange rates in each country we stopped in.

The performances throughout the week were by far the most impressive and memorable part of the trip. Our first gig

was out in the busy streets of Lazise, where passers-by would stop to watch the show. As the evening sun began to dip between the brightly coloured shops and houses, the dusk gave in and let the sound of the likes of Orchestra, Guitar Group, Choir, Samba band and Swing band reverberate around the walls next to the small, town square. Our second performance overlooked the beautiful Lake Garda as the sun set over the vast waters. We managed to lure in a large crowd of people with a range of fun and exciting tunes. Our final performance was in the capital of music itself, and the place that Stradivarius created and fashioned his million-pound violins. This performance was, in my opinion, the most impressive, and in one of the best places I'd say I've ever performed. The stage was situated in a large, open-air courtyard, with classical architectural designs dotted around. The shape and material of the area gave it incredible resonant properties: even the smallest note could be heard from everywhere. The performance on that night, however, was considerably better than the rest, as everyone went all out, and had an incredible time. Special mention to the two saxophonists in swing band who had a glorified 'Sax Off' during the solo section of 'The Chicken', which left everyone transfixed and in awe.

But the trip wasn't just all performances, we spent a considerable amount of time exploring and looking through the markets and shops in the small Italian villages. Every single street had a story to tell, and it was fascinating seeing the culture. We were given a talk by a professional violin luthier who talked us through his process of making an €8000 violin. He showed us his tools, his oils and his glues. In the streets of Sirmione, every shop was an ice cream shop. And each Gelato was irresistible. Aside from all the learning and shopping, we scaled the largest clock tower in Europe whilst visiting Cremona, which let us see the whole view of the gorgeous town from above. We took lots of photos and documented everything we could. When we weren't exploring and shopping and scaling large towers, we were in the pool



at the hotel having fun, having water fights, and playing water polo or throw and catch.

On one of the days, we planned to visit a water park, but soon after we got there it was closed due to a thunderstorm that had recently arrived. So instead, we visited a local shopping mall and had hours wandering around the variety of shops. Lots of people bought things that day, lots of gifts and lots of souvenirs.

Overall, I think this has been a trip to remember. I'm definitely going to be grateful for everything I did on it. I know that every person who attended had an incredible experience, and found everything fantastic. Five stars.

I would like to finally commend the teachers that made this whole trip possible: Mr Dove, Miss Banner, Mr Gray, Mrs Frost and Miss Taylor.

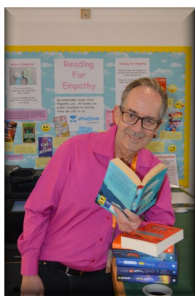
Written by Toby, Y11



News from the Rushcliffe Library



Author Visit - Ross Welford



Children's author Ross Welford recently visited Rushcliffe for the day. Ross gave an entertaining talk to year seven students about his work as a writer and answered a variety of questions.

There was the added fun of some amazing magic tricks by Ross who is a member of the magic circle. This was followed by a book signing opportunity for students who had purchased Ross's books. Ross also ran a special question and answer session for Book Club students and a creative writing workshop for literacy intervention students.



All the students enjoyed the day. Ross is the author of several different books including the 1,000 Year Old Boy and Time Travelling with a Hamster. Seven of his titles are available to borrow from the LRC.



Writing Club

Our popular Creative Writing Club continues to meet after school on a Wednesday.

Students enjoy engaging in a variety of activities as a starting point for their writing including using objects to create poems, inventing strange creatures, and writing stories from looking at works of art.

Want to join us? Just head to the LRC to find out more.



Book Club

Students in Year 7 & 9 Book Club have been getting creative this term making a book in a box. Students brought in shoe boxes and enthusiastically worked in small groups or individually to create a scene based on a favourite book.

A variety of amazing artistic creations emerged including scenes from Alice in Wonderland, Murder Most Unladylike, The Hunger Games, Harry Potter, The Soup Kitchen, Matilda and Little Red Riding Hood. Prizes were awarded for the best ones with first prize going to a scene from The Hobbit which included a dragon and a box of treasure.

Bookclub is now engaged in The Book Talk Challenge run by The National Literacy Trust. Students are working in small groups of up to three to make a presentation about a book to share with the rest of the group. Over the next few weeks, they will also be decorating the Book Talk Tree on display in the LRC aiming to fill the branches with books they have read.

Year 8 & 10 Book Club are currently reading shortlisted titles from this year's Carnegie Award. The books focus on some challenging topics including bereavement, gang violence, deprivation, and poverty. Masculinity and what it means to be a young man has emerged as an important theme in the shortlist. Each student has chosen a book to discuss with the group by reading extracts and asking questions to prompt discussion.



Diary Dates September-October 2025

3rd Sept:	Year 7's in School
4th Sept:	Year 7's and 12's Back to School
5th Sept:	All Students Back to School
9th Sept:	Year 7,8,9 Parent Information Evening
11th Sept:	Drama Trip: Blood Brothers
17th Sept:	Enterprise and Marketing Trip: Cadbury World
18th Sept:	Year 8 Roald Dahl Literacy Trip
19th Sept:	Geography GCSE Field Trip
22nd Sept:	Geography GCSE Field Trip
23rd Sept:	Individual Photos
24th Sept:	Applied Business Studies Trip: Alton Towers
6th, 8th, 10th Oct:	Year 7 Walesby Trip
8th-10th Oct:	Hagg Farm
13th - 17th Oct:	Seville Trip
20th-31st Oct:	October Half Term



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