

Year 10 Geography Residential Visit Osmington Bay



On the 26th March, sixteen year 10 students, accompanied by Miss Morris and Mr Humphreys set off for Osmington Bay. We spent around 3 hours driving in the minibus and spent around an hour on the beach before setting off for the PGL centre with high spirits.

Our enthusiastic PGL leader showed us to our accommodation and we prepared for that night's activities. We did an unusual warm up and played excitable games such as football and basketball.

Eventually we retired for a good nights sleep...for some. It was an early start the next morning. We were split into two groups that we stayed in for our activities and off-site studies. The first day we visited Durdle's Door, a huge arch in the cliff face and studied the different rock types and how it was formed. After, we walked what seemed a million miles, all starving and desperate for lunch, to Lulworth Cove. We learned how the cove was formed and referred back to the rocks from earlier. The groups separated and we participated in separate activities, one group did quad-biking while the other, climbing. Saturday night was spent in the onsite I.T rooms creating an animation on what we had learned that day.

Sunday, we left early and headed for the island of Portland. It is only connected to the mainland through one road and a long, naturally-formed sand bank that stretches for miles. We discussed why flood defences were hugely important on the isle of Portland due to the fact that if the road is flooded the people living there are stranded. Throughout the day the two groups participated in different activities including, climbing and abseiling, a strange sport named aero-ball and quad biking for the other group. That night we were forced to play a huge game of hide and seek, we were left hiding in large groups in cold, wet corners in the pouring rain.



On the final day each group did two more activities, including climbing, abseiling and the zip wire. We said our goodbyes and left for home Monday afternoon, having had a very interesting and enjoyable weekend!

George and Aimee Year 10

Dates for your diary

Key Stage 3 Sports Day at Sutton Arena
Friday 28th May

May Half Term
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Inset Day - School Closed to Students
Friday 11th June

Year 8 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16th June

Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30th June

EAL Culture Evening
Thursday 10th June

Musical Evening
Thursday 24th June

Dance Show
Wednesday 30th June

Details of upcoming school events can be found on the school website, at www.stanleyparkhigh.co.uk

Stanley Park Achiever



May 2010

Year 8 Literary Walk through Victorian London

On Friday 14th May 102 excited Stanley Park students were crammed into six small train carriages and embarked on a day trip to London. Once at London Bridge we made our way to Southwark Cathedral. From the viewing platform overlooking the Thames we were able to see the 'Gherkin', City of London and in the distance 'Canary Wharf'.

After a few minutes of admiring the scenery our tour guides arrived. Our guide told us lots of strange and interesting facts about Victorian London. We were told about the children who scavenged in the sewage on the banks of the Thames for anything worth selling like bottles called 'The Mudlarks'. The tour guide said the children couldn't even afford to wash afterwards!

We learnt about a man called John Snow who discovered Cholera by drawing a map and noticing a well where people got their water from was contaminated with sewage and was the centre of the Cholera epidemic. This led to the creation of the sewage systems that are still in use in London today.

After lunch on the lawn outside the Tate Modern, we visited the gallery and saw art by many different famous artists like Andy Warhol and his 'Pop Art'. Pop Art is a type of art where one picture is repeated but with different colours or styles. We also saw some comic art and sculptures. My personal favourite was the Pop Art as I liked the different use of colour.

The final place we visited was the Millennium bridge, where we described what we could see from there. I would like to thank all of the staff who helped on this trip.

Christopher Creamore 8JA



Year 13 Geography residential field trip to Devon

After an early start and lengthy minibus journey we arrived at the PGL centre in Devon, where we were welcomed by our team leader who directed us to our rooms to unpack before we had lunch.



After lunch we travelled to Torquay City Centre where we conducted an environmental impact assessment on a part of the city using prepared questionnaires, pedestrian survey sheets and our own observations. We returned to the centre late that afternoon and after dinner collated and evaluated our research data.

We spent the second day studying the River Lemon which was just over a mile from the centre. We studied this river from its source to its mouth. Amongst other things we examined the velocity, width and depth of the river at different stages, as well as its load and sediment size. We returned to the centre around 5.30pm, had dinner and then continued processing our data and drawing relevant conclusions.

Overall the trip was very worthwhile and the skills that we learnt and practised will greatly help us in our forthcoming exam. We also had a great time and would like to thank Mr Mayanja for leading the trip.

Year 13 Geography students



Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

Last term Ollie Fitz-Patrick in Year 10 took part in the annual Schools Speak Out workshop run by the Jack Petchey Foundation. His speech 'Achieving Your Goals' was so impressive Ollie was selected to represent Stanley Park at the Borough Final at Overton Grange. Ollie again gave another impressive performance and spoke passionately about his love for motor bike racing, the audience were gripped and he had them smiling along wanting to hear more.

Well done.

Miss Morris Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

Dance Show Auditions

If you would like to perform in the forthcoming Dance Show then auditions will take place Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th June lunchtime in the Main Hall. Please inform Miss Dodd or Miss Morris if you intend to audition

Duke of Edinburgh

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award has been running successfully in School since January. Students taking part embark on their first overnight expedition in June with their final expedition in July. They will need to work together as a group to navigate themselves from a 'drop-off' point to the campsite with only a map and compass to get them there. On their way there, they will have to cook themselves a meal, then upon arrival set up tents for a comfortable nights sleep.

If you are interested in taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, you must be 14 years old and your next opportunity to sign up will be in July.

See Miss Morris, Miss Arnold or Mr Munro for further details.

Swimming Gala

After the success of swimmers from the DFA in the swimming gala at Westcroft in March a number of students have been selected for the London Youth Games to be held on the 15th June in Hillingdon.

The students selected are Alex, Bradley, Luke, Paul, Archie and Nicole. Blake was originally selected but this clashes with his A-Level exams. We wish them well in this exciting sporting activity.

Additionally at the swimming gala students were raising money for Sports Relief and they managed to raise £202.20.

Well done to all of the swimmers.

Special thanks to Sue Mills for her work at poolside on the day and for staff who encouraged students to participate.

Mr Wardle Head of DFA



Music Department visit to Stanley Park Infants'



The Music Department took the year 10 BTEC group to Stanley Park Infants School to perform for their school assembly. This was a 25-minute performance; our pupils sang, and performed on piano, drums, and guitar.

The performances went very well with many of the infants showing their enjoyment by playing air guitar, air drums, and head banging. Our students all gained confidence by performing to an assembly of about 250 children!

On the strength of our year 10s performance, Stanley Park Infants' School would like us to come back and do another concert in the future.

I would like to say well done to Calum (guitar); Alfie (bass); Aaron (drums); Patrick (piano); Demi, Christina, and Emma (vocals); and Ashley and Sinead (introducing each song) for taking part.

Mr Bradley Music Department

The Virgin London Mini Marathon

Dominic Shaw of 8TW completed The Virgin London Mini Marathon on 25 April 2010. This three mile version of the London Marathon is run on the streets of the capital, and includes boys and girls aged between 11 - 18. Out of all those who competed Dominic finished in the top three hundred, and in the top one hundred for his age group (13 - 14 boys), with a time just under twenty minutes.

Even Mr Sullivan felt that he would find it hard to match such a quick pace!

Well done Dominic.

Mr Towse

The Honeywood Competition

The Honeywood Museum holds a Young Persons Art Competition every year as part of the Carshalton Arts Weekend. This year we have entered work from students in years 8,10,12 and 13. Last year our students were very successful and had their work exhibited in the museum alongside that of local professional and amateur artists.

The winners work will be on display from Saturday 29th May until Sunday 13th June. If you would like more details, or to see last years winners, the museum website is

www.friendsofhoneywood.co.uk.

We wish all our students good luck.

The Art Department

Mathematicians of the Month

Year	Name
7	Stacey O'Brien
8	Grace Bennett
9	Umut Kashif
10	Zoe Baskett
11	James Watson



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