

# Work Experience 2013

When I had just started the Fifth Form, I had a vision of myself in the summer after my GCSE examinations with my feet up in front of the television, relaxing after the dreaded revision. However, this was not the case, as the majority of the Fifth Form undertook one week of work experience. It was undoubtedly more fun than I had anticipated and it was also very interesting to get involved in different areas of the workplace and learn about different aspects of a company. I was at a construction firm but we all applied to different businesses whose work we were interested in. The experience allowed us to see first-hand

what it is like to actually have a job in the industry. This was helpful. We learnt a lot and it gave us a better idea whether or not that area of work is something we wish to pursue in the future. It was a brilliant and very helpful experience, and I would say to future students that it would be foolish to pass up the opportunity.

Matthew Brown

## A German experience

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to spend a week working in a Kindergarten in Germany over the summer. I found that working with young children offered me a unique new way to use my language skills – and within the first ten minutes I had learned the words for ‘songs’, ‘toys’ and ‘get-off, that’s mine’!

Working in a foreign country is something I would whole-heartedly recommend to anybody studying a foreign language.

Isabel Parkinson



## A local experience

Alex Zeitlin joined the Works Department at Ackworth School last term for a period of work experience. He is a very pleasant and friendly young man and had a very positive attitude to working with us. He carried out all instructions in a safe and diligent manner and never shied away from any instruction or task. I would like to thank Alex for his contribution to the upkeep of Ackworth School.

Roy Simpson, Deputy Clerk of Works

## Sightseeing in Stratford

We went on a trip with Mrs Chadwick on Saturday 19th October to Stratford-upon-Avon. Firstly we went on a boat trip and then had two hours of free time. We were guided around Stratford by the amazing Margo and visited Shakespeare’s house along with his family’s graves. We had a great day and a really good time.

Barbare Rukhadze

## Looking for Richard

‘Romeo and Juliet’, ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’, ‘Hamlet’; all famous Shakespeare works. On a mostly sunny day, twelve young students were dragged from their warm beds at an ungodly hour to see Richard II. Haven’t heard of it? Neither had we... but despite this the twisted history of the reign of unfortunate King Richard (played by David Tennant) was unmissably captivating. Everyone was in awe of the beautiful staging, daring sword fights and even The Doctor in chains.

Sophie Goodwin



## It's A Knockout

It's a Knockout was one of my favourite events of the year so far. The service provided by the hosts was great; we had no problems at all. The only set back was the weather. Apart from that it was excellent and I would definitely want to do it again. Thank you for the fun!

Khalil Duncan



## Old Scholars and New do Founder's Day!

No parent was more excited than Elaina Glossop when she trekked off on Founder's Day this year – this time with her son William! For Elaina, an Old Scholar, it brought back many memories. "I remember Founder's Day as the best day of the year," she reminisces. "I can't remember any places we went, but I do remember the adventure and the excitement of the day."

For William this was the first of hopefully many future Founder's Days, however, this one was so special sharing it with mum. After a wonderful day together, Elaina added, "Tea was just as I remembered it – delicious!"

Sally Slater



## Kitchener Scholarship

Before I left for university in September last year, I applied for a Kitchener Scholarship – a scholarship available to the children of current or ex-servicemen and women. The scholarship was originally set up to allow servicemen whose education had been interrupted by their duties to continue their studies. An interview followed, and I was lucky enough to be accepted along with about twenty others out of the one hundred and forty who applied. The Kitchener Association holds regular events throughout the year, and provides an excellent opportunity to network. I would strongly advise any student whose parents are, or have been, members of the Armed Forces to apply.

Toby Lebeter

## PSA

### Bag 2 School

Many thanks for your continued support. The next collection will be on Friday 9th May 2014

### Midsummer Ball

Thank you to all those who attended the ball at Nostell Priory in June. We raised £3,175 in total from the event. We are holding another Midsummer Ball at Nostell Priory on Friday 20th June 2014. Tickets will be available in the New Year. Reserve early as it's likely to be a sell-out again.

### Spring and Summer Term events to be confirmed

### Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz Night

### Tennis Tournament

### Family Fun Cycle and Afternoon Tea

### School Treasure Hunt and Barbeque

### History of the School Talk and Tour

### Cookery Demonstration

### Recipe Books

## Advice 41

Try to live simply. A simple lifestyle freely chosen is a source of strength. Do not be persuaded into buying what you do not need or cannot afford. Do you keep yourself informed about the effects your style of living is having on the global economy and environment?

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# Ackworth Today

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Not for oneself but for everyone

## Year 3 & 4 Residential to Castleton

The residential trip for the year 3 and 4 pupils staying at Castleton Youth Hostel was a positive success despite the heavy rainfall. A big walk up Mam Tor and an eye-opening visit to Treak Cliff Caverns filled the day time on Sunday followed by a creative evening of candle-making. Monday was an action-packed day of archery and outdoor games which everyone enjoyed!

Linda Armstrong



## Ilkley Festival

English has never been my strongest subject, so even getting invited to go to the Ilkley Literature Festival was good. When I arrived there were a lot of very intelligent people for the activities. I chose to do graffiti and comic strips. The classes were over and everyone had shown their pieces of work; the results were in and I won the Best Work Award. A good end to a great day.

Mac Livock

## Coram's 9-1 Football Victory!

Coram's under 10s recorded an emphatic 9-1 victory over rivals Lyndhurst on Tuesday 24th September. From the outset Coram dominated possession, but were unable to break through until 15 minutes into the first half. Coram continued to hold the majority of possession in the second half whilst maintaining an effective defence play. Well done, guys!

Richard Grogan



## 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

For this term's School Production, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is being performed. It is one of Shakespeare's most celebrated comedies. Rehearsals are a part of the day we all look forward to, and there hasn't yet been a rehearsal we haven't found hilarious! This play has been so much fun, and it couldn't have been done without all of the cast and crew.

Thank you Mr Vergette for putting it on!

Isabel Johnston-Knight



# Head's Message



*Nothing's better than the wind to your back, the sun in front of you, and your friends beside you.*

(Aaron Douglas Trimble)

This term has seen all the major sports teams compete in numerous fixtures against a substantial number of other schools. I am delighted that over the last four years the level of sport at Ackworth has increased significantly. This has meant that every week a good number of fixtures take place for all ages. Our students really enjoy their sport. Not only do they now win on a regular basis but they are also excellent ambassadors in the games they play. Whether they win or lose they do so with honour and pride and every member of the team is valued.

Although playing sport is superb in ensuring an excellent level of fitness, health and well-being, recent studies have shown that there is also a direct link between exercise and academic attainment. Whether it is playing team sports, walking, cycling, climbing or kayaking, a teenager's academic performance is boosted by doing regular physical exercise.

Recent research by the University of Strathclyde and Dundee, published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, discovered that student examination grades improve in direct correlation with the amount of regular exercise they do. In particular, moderate to vigorous exercise helps girls to achieve better results in science. The students' GCSE results showed a link to the amount of physical activity they undertook - with an increase in performance for every extra 17 minutes a day done by boys and every extra 12 minutes a day by girls.

So, the Christmas holidays are nearly upon us and the temptation is to become more armchair-bound, linked permanently to the latest technology. To ensure those brain cells are kept functioning and active, it is essential that exercise levels are maintained and that we all engage in meaningful and sustained physical activity. Perhaps it is time to ask Santa for a new pair of running shoes!



## Osmotherly Meeting House

A group of students visited Osmotherly Meeting House to help them by cleaning and gardening. We also got to venture into the village where hot chocolate was bought.

We got lots done afterwards and it felt amazing to give to the community and spend the day working together.

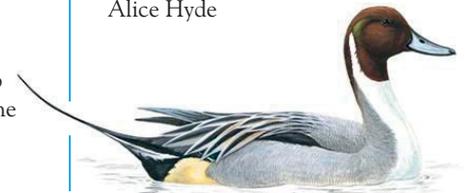
Georgia Mattison



## Old Moor RSPB Nature Reserve

On a cold but sunny Saturday morning, the intrepid Natural Historians set out to visit Old Moor RSPB Nature Reserve in the hope of seeing some of the species of waterfowl that inhabit the reserve. We were lucky to see many species of duck including Gadwall, Pochard, Wigeon and Pintail, but the highlight of the trip was, of course, the café!

Alice Hyde



## News from Old Scholar

Hello there, this is Yoshimi Muramatsu from Japan who graduated from Ackworth School in 2003. I hope you can recognise me even though after ten years I may have changed a little and I hope you are all well.

Today, I write to you because we (Japanese Alumni) gathered in Tokyo this summer after ten years and we talked about the times in Ackworth.

We had such a great time of our life in Ackworth and so we all think about you often.

Yoshimi Muramatsu





## The Yorkshire & North Eastern Regional Biathlon Championships

On Sunday 6th of October I competed in the Yorkshire and North East Regional Biathlon championships at Queen Margaret's School in York. The biathlon competition comprises a swim and then a run. Times for both events are added together and converted into points and the athlete with the most points wins. In this event I had to do a 1600m run and a 100 swim. It was a warm day and the conditions for running were perfect. I managed to win the second heat in the run with the fastest time in my age group. However going into the swim I knew I had to do something special

because nearly all of the people I was going to be racing against were amazing swimmers. In the end I finished second overall and I have now qualified to go to the National Biathlon Championships in Birmingham in November but because I finished in the top three I have also qualified to compete at the National Schools Biathlon Championships which is to be held at the Olympic Stadium and Aquatics Centre in London next year. I never imagined that I would ever get to compete in two amazing venues!

Holly Kitching

## Boarder Explorers!

This term has been a busy time with plenty of trips which have included visits to Nostell Priory, Harewood House and Stratford-upon-Avon, the home of Shakespeare. We also tried indoor surfing – a first for boarders and not as easy as it looked! The golf range at Walton saw a wide range of Ackworth talent. Of course, it all kicked off with the annual 'It's a Knockout' – another eventful afternoon spent clambering over large foam covered inflatables.

After half term we have trips to York, Newcastle and the Royal Armouries in Leeds to look forward to.

Ulrike Dahms



## Ackworth – In a League of its own!

From cooking scrambled eggs and apple pie to learning the alphabet to the Forest School and Founder's Day walk, we are constantly being impressed and excited with the school and the activities on offer. Oliver and Daisy have had no settling in problems since joining Coram House in September; they just haven't had the time.

Life is far too interesting to worry about that! After the first week when I asked my children if they liked their teachers they replied, "Mummy we don't like our teachers we LOVE them!" What more could a new parent want?

*Sarah, Tony, Oliver & Daisy Page.*



## TV Filming

I have recently been filming for CBBC and DCI Banks, which is still ongoing. The experience is great because I get to interact with the actors and it has given me the opportunity to understand what it may be like if I were to carry on with this after I leave school.

Sydney-Jay Barlow

## A Cracking Time

As a team building exercise both the Upper and Lower Sixth were separated into groups. Our task was to design and create a mode of transport for a hard-boiled egg. We were given limited materials and had limited time. It was an 'eggcellent' night of laughter, frustration and glory as some contraptions worked, but most teams were left scrambled!

Kurt Hope

# Charity Week...

Charity week is a big thing in the Sixth Form. Every single member of the year put loads of effort into the events. Whether it was preparing the hot dogs or even dancing in front of the whole school, everyone played their part, knowing the money raised will go towards changing many people's lives and giving them that extra boost.

Jonathan Howell



## Synchronised Swimming

Many of you know I have been a competitive level synchronised swimmer for several years. During recent months I have achieved Silver and Bronze at the Yorkshires, two Gold at the North East v North West competition and Silver and Gold at the Scottish National Age Groups.

At the end of November I will compete at the National Age groups competition in Gloucester. This event will also select for trialists for National squads.

Wish me luck!

Alice Dewhirst

## The Geography Trip

We're at Mappleton!  
Now we're on the slipway  
Sitting on the rough rocks  
Writing about the boulder day.

We're at Hornsea!  
Flood gate, groynes and sea wall  
Hard engineering  
Wall is very tall!

Flamborough seaside!  
Platform at low tide.  
Faults are cracks  
Stumps are stacks.

Holly Rice

## Flow House

A group of boarders were excited to go on a trip to Xscape to try Flow Boarding, which is a type of surfing, but inside, and with a machine to generate waves.

Firstly we used a body board, which was not hard to use. Later, as everyone was confident with the easy body boarding the group went onto something harder; we used a thinner board and we needed to stand on it. It was twice as hard but twice as much fun!

After all it was a very enjoyable trip for everyone.

Fabian Herzog

