

### Notices

This term we are saying goodbye to Selena Jeyaratnam, who will be moving on to teach Psychology. We wish her all the best. This term we have welcomed three new members of staff; Ashley Hussain, Nadia Falconer and Claire Adam who are new Teaching Assistant's.

Merry Christmas to you all and Happy New Year!

### Dates For Your Diary

#### Spring Term Dates 2017

Thursday 5th January	Inset Day (School closed to students)
Friday 6th January	Inset Day (School closed to students)
Monday 9th January	All Students return to School
Wednesday 8th February	Parents Evening - Year 10/11 6pm-8pm
Friday 10th February	End of half term - School closes at 2:50pm
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 20th February	All Students return to School
Wednesday 29th March	Parents evening Year 8/9 6pm- 8pm
Friday 31st March	End of Spring term - School closes at 12:30
Monday 3rd April - Monday 17th April	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
Tuesday 18th April	All Students return to school

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# Batchwood School

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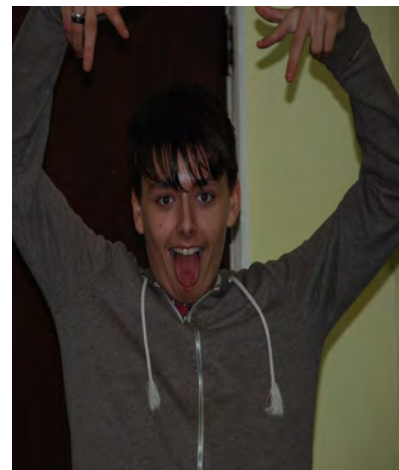
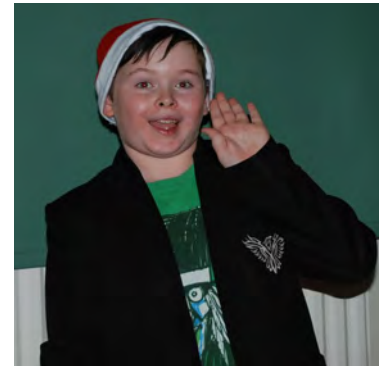
## Message From The Headteacher

It is with enormous pleasure and pride that I write my first ever paragraph for the Batchwood newsletter! It has been a frantic but fantastic winter term; there has been an enormous amount for me to learn but I have been ably supported by the fantastic staff team and of course our wonderful students.

One thing that has struck me during the past few weeks has been the amazing number of opportunities available to students. Not only do they get to follow the academic subjects that will give them a step up into the next phase of their chosen pathway, but they are able to access a huge range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities. I am sure that you will enjoy reading about some of the things that our students have been up to in this newsletter.

I would like to thank all our parents and carers for their ongoing support over the past term and wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Mr M. Triggs



## **Christmas Disco**

On Friday 16th December Miss Wagstaff and the enterprise students held the second disco of the term. This time there was a festive Christmas Theme. The students were selling sweets, cakes, drinks and even gifts such as hand made Christmas Cards. Once again the disco was a hit, with plenty of dancing and playing games. Hopefully there will be more to look forward to next term.



## **Cooking and Nutrition**

This term in cooking and nutrition, students have worked extremely hard in lessons. A large variety of food has been made and enjoyed by both students and staff.



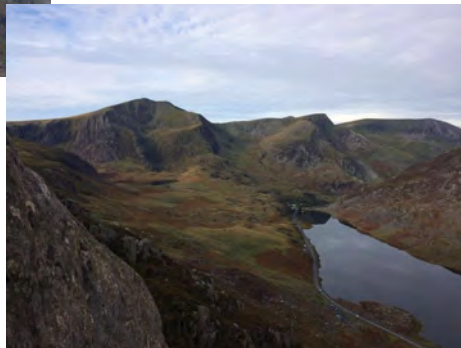
Leading up to the Christmas break, students made chocolate Christmas tree's which also went down a treat!





## Mountaineering

During the Autumn term two groups of students took part in a mountaineering course run by Mr Billingham and Mr Tansey. Each group completed a six week course which culminated in a mountain climb in Snowdonia. The mountain they climbed was called Cnicht, which was seven-hundred and twenty meters high. Although all the students found it challenging, every one of them completed the climb and did so to the best of their ability. All the students walked away from the trip feeling more confident and with a real sense of achievement.



## Cinema Trips

On Monday 19th December some of the students got to go to the cinema. This was either to watch "The BFG" or "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story". This was a great day out and both films were enjoyed by all which was followed by lunch out at McDonalds.



## **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.**

On Wednesday 14th December, some students went on a rewards trip to St Albans Arena to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.



This trip to the pantomime was for good attendance and behaviour that had been shown around school over the term. The pantomime was fantastic and all the students had a great day out.



This was followed later on in the term by a trip to Snowdonia to climb Mount Snowdon. This too was a challenging trip, but students excelled in their efforts. The views and scenery were fantastic.



## **Woodrow High House**

On Thursday 24th November the Year 7 students went on a trip to Woodrow High House. Woodrow High House was Oliver Cromwell's mansion set in 24 acres near Amersham. The students stayed overnight in the idyllic home in late November. They took part in activities such as archery, catapult building and trying to make something to protect a water balloon from popping after it had been dropped from a 6 metre height! In the evening there was a ghost story followed by an evening walk retracing the steps of the tragic Lady Stanhope. One student commented it was the scariest thing she has ever done, but she was glad she did it!

After breakfast came Wacky races where it wasn't just the students sporting prowess that was tested but also their acting ability. The journey home was a mixture of some of them sleeping and some of them asking when they can go again. This residential Trip was paid for by The Happy Days charity.





## Halloween Disco

This term Miss Wagstaff and the Enterprise students held a spooky Halloween Disco.

Staff and Students decorated the hall for the Disco which was made part of Friday's Enrichment. They sold drinks, sweets and of course there was lots of dancing. Some of the students even dressed up in some brilliant costumes.



The Disco went so well that there are plans to throw another one near Christmas.

