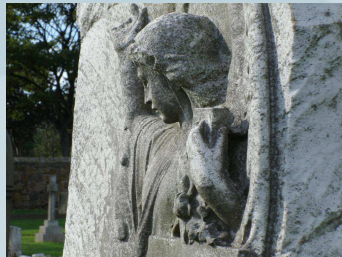


GCSE Photography

September 2011 saw the beginning of the new GCSE photography course at Rye Hills. Ten students are currently taking the course and have already begun to hone their photographic skills.



Part of the course involves visits out into the local area and the first of these took them to Redcar Cemetery where students met the 'Friends of Redcar Cemetery' who were tending the gardens. Students took photographs of the cemetery, some of which may be used in forthcoming Friends of Redcar Cemetery Newsletters. The cemetery offered many different photo opportunities, including close up images of the local flora and fauna, as well as studies of headstones and the many sculptural objects in the gardens. Students also visited the sea front at low tide, taking some shots of lobster potters and the new building works along the front.



The groups next visit was to Newcastle to see the Turner Prize which was being shown at the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art. This is only the second time that this prestigious award exhibition has been shown outside London so it was a great opportunity.

On the way there the group stopped off at Gateshead to visit the Angel of the North. The angel, which was designed by Anthony Gormley won the Turner prize in 1994. While the pupils were admiring the massive sculpture, a BBC News 24 Chanel crew were filming live. Our pupils became the 'ants' viewing the sculpture in the background.

The photography enthusiasts visited the Great North Museum and the Laing Gallery, walking between venues and learning about the architecture of Newcastle on the way. The Students had very interesting views on who should win the Turner Prize, most of them liked the work of George Shaw, who works using Humbrol paints. Altogether it was a hugely successful visit and the pupils and staff felt very proud to have witnessed an exhibition that will be talked about for a long time to come.



Tata Steel Cadets Graduate

Five pupils in year 9 have just graduated from the first ever Tata Steel Industrial Cadetship. The pupils involved were Lewis Caddy, Tom Doyle, Beth Johnston, Shannon Cahill and Charlie Newton. To gain a place on the Cadetship the pupils had to write a letter of application and were then interviewed by a representative from the company. Once appointed the pupils attended eight sessions at Tata Steel where they enjoyed a wide range of activities and experiences including visits to the steelworks and classroom based exercises. During the October half term holidays the Cadets were introduced to HRH the Prince of Wales during his tour of the steelworks.



The final night of the Cadetship was Monday 21st November when the pupils involved did a presentation for an audience of parents, Head Teachers and managers from local industry and the cameras from The Evening Gazette and Look North. Despite this pressure the pupils performed exceptionally well and did a fabulous job of representing our school. As a result of the success of the programme, Tata Steel and other local industries will be putting on Industrial Cadetships next year.



Celebration of Achievements

Rye Hills hosted a celebration of achievements evening for the class of 2006-2011 on Thursday 24th November.

Last year's year 11 students were presented with a variety awards for their academic achievements including sporting trophies. A very rare award and a prize of £100 each was presented to Hannah Wade and Bethany Bentley who each gained 100% attendance for all 5 years they spent at Rye Hills.

The school singing club, a year 10 band with Mr Knox and the school ensemble led by Mrs Parker provided guests with an array of music including 'Never Forget' by Take That and 'Feeling Good' by Nina Simone. A slide show of the year 11 prom photos compiled by Mr Ord jogged some very happy memories and reduced a few ex-pupils to tears. The evening was very well attended by staff, students and parents and was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.



MFC Enterprise Competition

Ten Year 9 students took part in an Enterprise competition at Middlesbrough Football Club on Friday 14th October. They entered the competition as two teams. They were asked to come up with an idea that would improve the match day experience of supporters. Team A (Emma Bowes-Colley, Natalie Harrison, Milly Mazzezy, Esme Stogdale and Emily Watson) created an App for the football club. This included various options such as being able to buy tickets for matches. Team B (Emily Davies, Abigail Hobson, Beth Johnston, Lydia O'Connor and Amelia Webster) created a new style seat with a screen attached. The functions of the screen were to be able to order food and watch replays of goals amongst many more! In total there were eight teams from five schools. Both of our teams presented their ideas really well. After much deliberation the judges deemed Team B as the overall winners!

At 9:30 am on Sunday 13th November Miss Prudom met five very excited girls at the train station in Redcar to catch the train to London. They arrived in London and were taken by coach to White Hart Lane where the team spent around three hours putting the finishing touches to their presentation. They had an early start the next day and were feeling slightly nervous. Hayley McQueen – the Sky Sports News presenter – hosted the day. They saw presentations by Donna Cullen (Executive Director for Tottenham Hotspur), Andrew Devenport (Youth Business International), Mark Prisk MP (Minister for Business and Enterprise), Richard Scudamore (Chief Executive of the Premier League), Ledley King (Tottenham Hotspur defender) and Sir Keith Mills (founder of the Air Miles and Nectar loyalty schemes). Out of 15 teams team B were fifth in the line-up. The girls presented their idea really well. Unfortunately, although the team did not win they can certainly be proud of their achievements! Well done ladies!



Lanehead Outdoor Centre

On 7th-11th November, 29 pupils attended the Lanehead Outdoor Education Centre which is situated in the heart of the Lake District. While there the pupils had the opportunity to take part in kayaking, canoeing, abseiling, climbing wall, ghyll scrambling, mountain walks, orienteering and night walks, as well as lots of team building tasks and games. Most of the pupils tried every activity, bravely overcoming their fears and nervousness and really proving to themselves that they had the courage to try something new. The year 8 boys surprised everyone by winning the competition for the tidiest bedroom. Overall the pupils and staff had a great but tiring time. Visit the website for more information: www.laneheadcentre.co.uk The photos below show some of the activities our pupils took part in:



Quick News

• At the beginning of autumn term Mr Ashmore's GCSE Geography class visited Saltburn beach to investigate erosion and deposition at the coastline.



• This term saw the highest Friday Night Youth Project numbers so far this year with 295 pupils attending. Every Friday pupils have the opportunity to socialise and take part in a range of activities such as table tennis and snooker. Refreshments are available to buy.



• Rye Hills fitness club in booming with over 20 pupils per session!!! (fitness club tues wed thurs 3:15pm-4:15pm)

• Table Tennis league started in November where pupils have the chance to take on other local school teams. (table tennis club is on Fridays 3:15-4:30pm in the dining hall)

Waste Collection

Please be advised that this service will be suspended from 1st December 2011 for the winter period and no collections will take place during December 2011, January 2012 & February 2012. Collections will resume on 1st March 2012 (as per your scheduled collection date).



The decision to implement this suspension has been based on the volumes of green/garden waste generated during winter months and the Council's drive to reduce costs and improve efficiencies. Residents wanting to dispose of green/garden waste during the 3 month suspension period can use the Household Waste Recycling Centre's at Warrenby and Dunsdale.