

St Edward's School Newsletter

450 Million Years in the making!



Students from the sciences attended a lecture at Bryanston School as a part of the Science Society Lecture programme. The October lecture on Palaeontology of the UK and Jurassic Coast was presented by Simon Pen from the YHA Jurassic Coast Team. Students were introduced to the history of the subject and the very special reasons why the Jurassic coast is still providing new and exciting species to add to our fossil record. Simon was able to describe how he and his colleagues discover and extract the delicate fossils before identifying the species and naming those new to science. Simon described how the right geology and the right minds advanced the science of palaeontology in the British Isles and how the

discoveries of their more recent contemporaries have added to our understanding of the past 540 million years of life. He described what to look out for and how to find fossils in the local area. He closed the lecture with the enticing and exciting information that some of the biggest dinosaurs to rival the icons of the era are still lurking as fossils beneath the surface of the British Isles and that the opportunity to discover these could become a reality for anyone in the room with an interest in the subject. Our thanks to Dr Mike Kearney of Bryanston for inviting us along and we look forward to the next lecture of Marine Conservation on Friday 11th November.

Stuart Keene—Science Subject Leader

German Exchange 2016

On the 30th September a group of 25 students and 2 staff from the Gymnasium am Kaiserdom School in Speyer arrived in Poole for our annual German Exchange. This is the 16th time that we have exchanged with the GaK and as usual the week was hugely successful. The German students enjoyed a programme of trips and cultural visits during their stay, as well as being given the opportunity to attend lessons in our school. During their week here they were hosted and looked after by St Edward's families, giving them a truly authentic experience of life in Poole. It is this element of our trip that makes it so valuable and so successful. We are one of very few schools in the area who offer full exchange visits to our students, with the partnership between students and families, and the resultant cultural immersion, being crucial differences to a standard trip. The cultural, linguistic and character building experiences offered by an exchange provide a unique opportunity for our students. My sincere thanks go to all participating families for making the German students so welcome, and to our students who seemed to mix so brilliantly well with their partners. We now wait with keen anticipation for the return leg of the exchange, with our students, including 6th formers, departing for Speyer at the end of November (just in time for the Christmas Markets!!)

Matt Lenarduzzi—MFL Subject Leader



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CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all students who entered the European Day of Languages Competition.

The winners are:

Year 7—Aleesha Young

Year 8—Joel Biju

Year 9—Summer Lakin

Please see Mrs North in the MFL office to collect your prize.

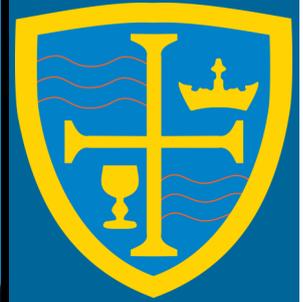
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 20 October—7pm
Y11 Information Evening
- Monday 24 October to Friday 28
October—Half Term
- Tuesday 1 November—7pm—
9pm—Sixth Form Open Evening



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OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 1st November

7pm—9pm

**or call Georgie Wills on 01202 740950 for
more information**