

The Summer Review...

Another packed term of activity despite the pressure of external examinations, pupils enjoyed an enormous range of weekend and weekday experiences.

In late April, the first weekend saw a trip to Matthew Bourne's acclaimed ballet 'Cinderella' at the Liverpool Empire. What pressure Matthew Bourne must have felt devising a new version of Prokofiev's *Cinderella* ballet with the composer's son in the room, but the group who attended were spellbound by the performance, which critics described as '*five out of five stars*'.

On the same weekend, Wigan Warriors were the visitors to the Crusaders' ground in Wrexham and put on a table topping display to win 48-16.

The Ukelele Orchestra of Great Britain's performance at Venue Cymru was enjoyed by Dr Ward and a small group of dedicated musicians and this was followed the very next week by an outstanding production, 'Spirit of the Dance'. Irish in origin and bursting with raw energy, 'Spirit of the Dance' is a foot-stomping international production featuring a spectacular blend of traditional culture which Mr Cashell particularly enjoyed. In fact his preview of some of the dance moves at lunchtime in the dining room persuaded several members of the school to attend!

Dr Roberts took the Slovenia expedition kayakers out on the 14/15 May for a practice weekend. The group enjoyed a week in Slovenia in July and have recently returned with high tales of excitement, courage and wipe outs. Dr Roberts is already planning next year's trip.



Junior go-karting (12 June) and Paintballing (19 June) saw the usual competitive edge from pupils vying for the title 'best performer'. Alternatively the Trafford Centre shopping trip (8 May) and Chester zoo trip (19 June) provided those of a more refined disposition, the opportunity to enjoy some retail therapy or just to relax.

Sunday 26 June dawned bright and sunny and heralded the start of a great day at Treaddur Bay. Tom Mather was the lifeguard as several braved the water, played beach games and enjoyed the opportunity for ice creams and cool drinks from the local cafes. Mrs Proudlove, I am reliably informed, enjoyed the latter and not the former!

The last weekend of term (2 July) saw a group see Lancashire smash Derbyshire in the FPT20 whilst the thrill seekers visited Alton Towers for a full day out under the watchful eye of Miss Cunnah, Mr Elson and Miss Lebek. The Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition set off in preparation for their assessment in the summer holidays and had three days walking and camping under the care of Mr Baxter. Year 7 began their Activity week camp at Dinerth Hall Farm with Mrs Cashell and the jazz band tour to Holland set off with Ms Margerison and Mrs Mottershead.

Already abroad were our Sixth form geographers in Morzine with Dr Warrington and Mr Mather and, following them to Manchester airport on the last day of term for three weeks in Uganda, were Mr Simpson, Revd. Sissons, Mrs Teal, Miss Lebek and nine pupils. *Right: the Uganda group*



As always, plenty on offer and, gratifyingly, lots of day pupils and boarders taking full advantage of the opportunity to experience something a little different beyond the school day.

I am still working hard to ensure that our pupils are aware of these opportunities and do take advantage of them by signing up. As well as the school calendar, web site, daily bulletin and chapel announcements in school, pupils still need reminding, prompting and supporting to sign up. We need activities to be planned at least one week in advance so we are asking pupils to sign up by the Friday of the week before. They need to complete the activity booking sheet for the trip and have signed confirmation from parents / house parents on the sheet or via email.



Last term's Hawaiian social for the Sixth form



Amnesty event - a cultural extravaganza

All correspondence regarding weekend activities or extra-curricular trips should be forwarded to me, tcashell@rydal-penrhos.com

A booking sheet can be downloaded from the web site should you wish your son / daughter to sign up for an activity. We welcome both day pupils and boarders' participation and I would encourage you to discuss these opportunities with your child and get them involved.

Have a great summer

Tim Cashell
Deputy Head



Junior mountain walk



Pupils are now helping to run community tea parties every month at St John's church



Newborough beach



Shopping at Liverpool One



Welsh National Opera perform
The Barber of Seville



Top Gear Live