



WOLGARSTON HIGH SCHOOL  
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## Dates For Your Diary

- **Friday 26 April to Sunday 28 April**
- **Wednesday 1 May**
- **Friday 3 May to Sunday 5 May**
- **Monday 6 May**
- Maths Revision Retreat at Beaudesert for Year 13 Mathematicians
- Educational Visit to Blist Hill Museum for Sixth Form Photographers
- Maths Revision Retreat at Beaudesert for Year 12 Mathematicians
- May Bank Holiday - School Closed

## New Parent Governor

We would like to welcome Mark Roberts, parent of a Year 10 student, to the Governing Body. Mark recently applied to join our governors and he is keen to help to make a difference.

## Watch this space!

There are new and exciting developments taking place in the Learning Centre.

Following Penkridge Middle School's lead, we are developing a new resource for some of our students to access that will support the work done in our Nurture Room. We are due to open our brand new room by the end of the school year, and it's already taking shape to become a very valuable resource for Wolgarston. The room will be used by students who are identified by staff. They will be students who may need the opportunity to have a calm and quiet place to go sometimes during the school day and spend a short amount of time in a tranquil environment.



It will be a valuable addition to the Learning Centre area.

We are currently looking for support to fund the development of the room and we would be interested in hearing from businesses or any individuals who may be interested in sponsoring equipment for the room, or making a donation to help us to provide resources.

If you think you may be able to support us, please contact Mrs Weston (SENCO) at Wolgarston High School.

## Reminder to Year 13 Students

Students starting a full-time University or College course in 2013 should have applied for their student finance. The deadline is 31 May 2013. Check for further details on the [UCAS](http://www.ucas.ac.uk) website.

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## Dance Festivals 2013

March was a busy month for the PE Department as we hosted the First School Dance Show and Middle & High School Dance Show. We had over 400 students performing over the 3 shows and over 600 people came to watch. The level of performance was excellent and a brilliant time was enjoyed by all. Here are a few photographs that were taken by our own Year 12 photography students during rehearsals for the show.



## Year 10 Battlefields Trip

Thirty-six students from Year 10, Mrs Langston-Jones, Mr Paulauskas, Miss Bull and Mrs Lawson took part in a visit to the First World War Battlefields from 16 to 19 April. The first full day focused on the most famous battle of the First World War, the Battle of the Somme. Students visited Newfoundland Park in Beaumont Hamel, which is dedicated to the Canadian soldiers who fought at the Somme. We also visited Thiepval Memorial, the 1916 Somme Museum and a huge crater called Lochnagar crater.



The second day focused on the Battle of Passchendaele in Belgium. Students visited Passchendaele Museum and viewed an underground bunker, which was not discovered until 1989. They also looked at the differences between a British and a German cemetery. Students really enjoyed wading through the water logged reconstructed trenches at Sanctuary Wood museum and walking through the tunnels. On arrival in Ypres, students visited an interactive museum called Flanders Fields Museum. They were then given some free time to walk around the town centre and sample the Belgium chocolates, before fitting in some bowling.



At 8.00pm, on the last night, students went to a Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres. This ceremony, which includes a two minute silence, has taken place every night since 1928. Three students laid a wreath on behalf of the school. They were chosen because of their excellent attitude and interest that they had shown on the trip. The students were Logan Millard, Alex McNally and Hannah Roberts.

It has been a pleasure to take all of these students away with us. They were all outstanding and are a credit to the school. The knowledge and understanding that they gained from the trip is going to be extremely useful when they produce their controlled assessment on the First World War but we also hope that the memories stay with them for much longer. We look forward to taking Year 9 next year.

Well done Year 10!

***Mrs Langston-Jones (Head of Humanities and Visit Leader)***



## Wheelchair Basketball

Throughout the year wheelchair basketball teams throughout the country have been competing in the junior league in the aim to reach the Play Off's in April to decide the National Reigning Champion Club. This year, two students from the school have been involved. David Chidlow, Year 11, played for West Midlands Whirlwinds; a team put together by the Regional Association at the last minute as no club in the area had an Under 19's team. Despite the fact that these youngsters came from 4 different clubs and had never trained together they progressed through 3 rounds and made play offs, and although they came 8th that was 8 out of 20 clubs countrywide so they can be proud of themselves.

Katie Chidlow, Year 9, plays seniors for Stoke Spitfires and Juniors / Ladies League for Coventry. Katie is not disabled and not many people realise how inclusive the sport is; she got into the game after watching David play and being encouraged to have a go. She is showing great talent for her age, and Coventry took the title and the Gold medals in the Under 15 age group! This is on top of Katie being part of the West Midlands Regional Team who won at the Regional Finals last season.

Katie is now trialling to make the West Midlands Team again and is hoping to go back to the weekend event in July this year. She is also trialling for the UK School Games, held in Sheffield this year! She is certainly onto a winning streak!



If anyone wants to know more about wheelchair basketball ask David or Katie, or look for Stoke Spitfires Wheelchair basketball on Facebook!

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## Sixth Form Assembly

Last Wednesday Claire Grassotti gave an assembly to the Sixth Form about her home country, Italy. It was really interesting to learn about Italy from a real Italian and to hear what Claire thought of the UK and her expectations of it.

Claire arrived at Wolgarston at the start of the year and it just feels like we have known her much longer than the brief period she has stayed with us. She and the other exchange students Vicki and Dani will be missed by everyone when they leave next month and we all hope to stay in touch with them.

*By Emily Pinson*



## Football Crazy at Wolgarston High School



### BTEC Sport at Derby County FC

On Friday 29 March, the Year 13 BTEC Sport students went to Derby County FC to watch their game against Bristol City. In addition to watching the game we also had to complete market research with a number of fans before

the game as part of our Sport Business Unit.

We arrived at Pride Park at 1715hrs and completed the research; we were split into four groups to conduct our research. Each group looked into a different aspect of the club, these included: ticket pricing, merchandising and hospitality.

Before the game started we also got the chance to have a picture on the pitch with ex-Wolgarston student and current Derby County Goalkeeper Adam Legzdins (picture above), we then took our seats to watch what turned out to be a convincing 3 - 0 victory for Derby.

Now we are back at school we have to analyse the information we have collected ready to present our findings back to Derby County FC.

All of the students had an enjoyable but very cold evening at Derby with the highlights being the opportunity to have our picture taken on the Pride Park pitch and for some of the group getting a glimpse of One Directions Niall Horan!

(see picture right, Niall with Mrs Lawson and Mr Skinner)

**By Matty Mayne**



## Football News

The Year 10 Boys Football Team has made it through to the Stafford and District Cup Football Final. The lads made it through after a very tight game against King Edwards High School. The game finished 0 - 0 after extra-time on a very blustery evening at Wolgarston, with the home team running out 4 - 3 victors in the penalty shoot out with all of the Wolgarston player's scoring their spot kicks.

The Final will be Thursday 2 May at Stone Dominoes FC.

The Year 11 team have their Semi Final coming up soon against either King Edwards or Alleynes; the winner of the Semi Final will play the Final on Thursday 9 May at Stone Dominoes FC.

## Ex-Student Gets Professional Football Contract

Congratulations to ex-student Tom Morris (2008– 2011) for being offered his first professional football contract with Port Vale FC.

Tom is over the moon to be offered this contract, after successfully completing a two year scholarship at Vale.

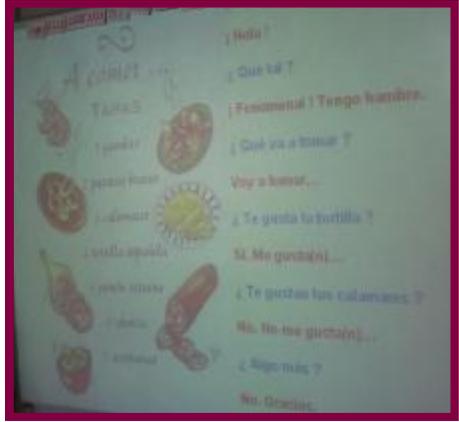
Tom (pictured right with PVFC Chairman, Paul Wildes) says, "It has always been my dream to be a professional footballer and I'm so pleased all the hard work has paid off." Tom is now looking forward to what will be a very tough pre-season training. He knows he has lots of hard work ahead and he can't wait! Well done Tom!





### Year 12 Spanish Students

We went to Brewood Middle School and spent a morning assisting Mr Audouin with teaching the Year 8's about Spanish food. This gave them a "taster" lesson on what they can expect from Spanish lessons at Wolgarston. They went on to use the Spanish words they had learnt to roleplay at ordering food in a restaurant. We enjoyed it very much as it was fun to be able to go and



help out with pronunciation and vocabulary.

**By Sophie Smith and Abbie Tipton**

### Social Networking

To help parents check and monitor the safety of children's accounts on Facebook, we have provided links to "A Guide to Facebook for Parents" and "A Guide to Google+" which is available through the Parent Information, [Family and Student Services](#) section of our school website. You can download and print the documents for your use. Please monitor closely your child's social networking activity to ensure that they keep themselves, and others, safe.



## Famous Dyspraxic of the Month

Daniel Radcliffe

Born 23 July 1989

*"I was having a hard time at school, in terms of being crap at everything, with no discernible talent"*

Actor.

Multi-millionaire.

Dyspraxic.

## April

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