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**Eden Valley
Sports Partnership**



Year 9 trip to Liverpool – Geography, History and Art

Three departments joined forces to take Year 9 to Liverpool on Thursday 22nd June. After lots of singing on the bus on the way down, 'Sweet Caroline' will be forever etched on my memory, we arrived at the iconic Albert Dock and split into two groups to visit the Slavery Museum and The Tate Art Gallery.



Mrs Wealleans had organised a guided visit to the Tate gallery where students got to view art works on the impact of the global movement of people on artists and art movements throughout the twentieth century and beyond. Students got to see works of art which explored the themes of migration, colonialism and international exchange and how they are relevant to the history of Liverpool. Many of our students had never visited an art gallery before and were impressed with what they saw inside.

The History department, led by Mrs Steels, followed on the theme of migration and colonialism by visiting the Slavery Museum. Students were given a talk about the Slave trade and the role Liverpool and its merchants of the time played in the transportation of millions of African slaves. It was very informative and emotive, with students gaining a better understanding of this shocking and shameful time in our history.

The weather was kind to us and we had our lunch on Liverpool waterfront, the seagulls soon spotted us and either demanded our lunch or flew overhead and a few unlucky students got more than they bargained for.

In the afternoon Mrs Sayers and Mrs Thompson, from the Geography department, led a walking tour from the Albert Dock leading up to different parts of the city centre to look at the regeneration of a major UK city. We walked through Liverpool One – one of the most successful regeneration projects undertaken in the UK, all the way up to Bold Street completing fieldwork on our way. Our aim was to see how the environment around us changed as we wandered through the regenerated part of Liverpool and then into an area which has seen substantial decline. There was even time for a cheeky McDonalds – what more could they ask for! Oh Yes – more singing on the way home! Mrs Sayers

Dear Parents, carers and students,

Welcome to another jam-packed summer newsletter describing in pictures and words the wide range of trips, events and sporting achievements that have been going on over the last term. The staff have clearly been taking advantage of the good weather to take students to a variety of places such as Liverpool, Newcastle, Malham, Grasmere, Coniston and Blencathra.

There have been a plethora of Geography Field Trips, Science and Technology events, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice expeditions, as well as old favourites such as Comic Relief day.

As usual, we have excelled in team sports, particularly netball, alongside some outstanding individual achievements in rugby, karate and fell running.

We have even had a group of young female entrepreneurs, who have represented the school superbly in the 'Call to Social Action' project at Carlisle Racecourse.

Once again this wide range of visits, activities and events shows the outstanding commitment and drive of the staff at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School. There has been so much going on that there are many events that we haven't had space to include in the newsletter, such as the Western Front History trip to Belgium just before Easter, the Summer Music Concert and, of course, the Year 11 and Year 13 School Proms.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday whatever you are doing and wherever you are, and I hope that we get some of the June weather back in August.

Best wishes,
Gary Hartley



School trip to the Life Centre in Newcastle

We got on the bus at 8:50am at school and set off to the Life Centre in Newcastle for a school trip.

When we arrived we got off the bus and got into our groups and then went into the Life Centre, we put our bags away where we were going to have lunch later in the day and then my group went to the workshop. When we got to the workshop we got to watch electricity being made on an old static generator that sparked. Then we investigated generating energy using windmills and wind power. In the last part of that workshop, we got to light a light in pairs.

Then we met up with other group and had half an hour in the fun zone, playing with beads, water wheels, building bridges and lifting our own weight with pulley systems.

Then it was lunch time and we went to the shop to buy some things. After lunch we went to the planetarium and looked at space and the constellations, it was very relaxing. Then we went to the space zone and looked around. We used a green screen like a weather reporter, saw how they went to the toilet in space and touched some moon rock.

We set off home at 2:30pm and got home at 4:30pm. Thank you to all the teachers who looked after us.

By Charlie Ivo, Evan T, Henry T and Dexter G Year 7





Technology Challenge

On Friday 24th March, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 travelled to Carlisle to attend the Rotary BAE Systems Technology Tournament. The challenge was to build a Flashing Beacon. The first hour they had to plan and build a portfolio up and the rest of the day was full with lots of drilling, cutting, gluing and construction! Ellie Hall



Energy Quest Workshop

Early in May the Year 8's took part in an engineering workshop. They had to work together to help a student lost in the woods to survive. This included building a fruit battery to charge a phone and devising a way to clean water, they could only use what was available in the student's 'backpack' and items they could find in the wood. The Year 8's came up with some varied and well thought out designs, many of which worked fantastically well. They also learnt more about what an engineer does and the different routes into engineering. Claire Slack



D&T Car Project During the Spring Term Year 9 students worked on a rubber band powered car. Pupils needed to work accurately to ensure that the cars travelled the furthest and in a straight line. Nathan Mawson's project didn't win but it came in the top 3 and was constructed to a very high standard. Nathan received this award for being the most enthusiastic pupil. Well done Nathan. Do we have the next Lotus engineer in Kirkby Stephen?

D&T Constructors Car Champions

Holly Treece and Kate Thompson produced another excellent car using a mixture of hand tools, power tools and Computer Aided Manufacture. They worked well together as a team and won their category! The girls say they are keen to get driving! Well done. Kevin Gough





Investigate glaciation and it's human impacts on Grasmere

After a 'trip-free' couple of years, a group of Year 11 geographers took part in a fieldtrip opportunity on Wednesday 23rd March to Grasmere and on to Easedale. They took part in investigative activities to assess the impacts of tourism, an impact of glacial processes, on Grasmere village. After this, they hiked up to Easedale Tarn, consolidating their understanding of the glacial processes which formed the landforms in this spectacular glacial landscape. The group were a pleasure to accompany and a credit to the school! Cath Thompson

Comic Relief 2023 11th May proved to be another enjoyable and successful Comic Relief at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School, if a little delayed! Having investigated living conditions in Kibera, Nairobi, Africa's largest shanty settlement, Year 8 Geographers rose to the challenge again, creating their own link to Africa by raising money. Each member of the year group completed a sponsored mile in various ways from walking and running to three legged. Our total this year is £443, without the non-uniform total from Comic Relief Day in March. Well done Year 8 – a little effort can make a real difference elsewhere in the world. Mrs Thompson.



Year 8 after completion of the 1 mile



Yanic Voican received a Bronze Medal in the Under 14's team kumite for the Northern Regional Karate squad at the Berlin Open June 2023



Archie Steel completed the 10K Yomp in 56 minutes & 18 seconds. He was the fastest under 16 to complete the 10K Yomp and the 2nd fastest person to complete the 10K Yomp



Nathaniel Twiss, fullback for Wigan Warriors Scholarship Team



NETBALL NEWS

The Golden girls of KSGS made history last term by winning all of the Eden District netball titles from Year 7 to the 6th form team. This is an unbelievable achievement for a small school. These dedicated pupils attend lunch time and after school practices and all of the teams won all of their games against the other Eden schools to gain their titles. This will probably not happen again, but I know that the pupils will be there next year ready to try again. Well done ladies !
Helen Paul

Year 11 leaving day

Prior to their leaving day, the year 11 students marked the end of their 5 years at KSGS with a celebration afternoon. During the afternoon they offered farewells and thanks to staff whilst experiencing the traditional shirt signing experience. The students also enjoyed a slide show marking their time at KSGS and listened attentively as Mrs Wealleans attempted poetry with her 'leavers 2023' rendition. Cakes and juice, provided by the canteen, were enjoyed by all followed by an afternoon of rounders in the sunshine.

Students were in good humour and enjoyed spending time with their whole year group, Mrs Wealleans, Mr Bromfield and their form tutors to mark this important milestone.

We hope all students have some fond memories of their time at KSGS and wish them luck with their next steps whether at KSGS 6th form or elsewhere.

The class of 2023

There's the quiet ones, the loud ones,
The 'head in the cloud' ones.

The sporty ones, the arty ones,
The 'I just want to party' ones.

The tie forgetters, the trend setters
The instant 'bad behaviour' regretters.

The rule followers, the corridor hollers
The regular sanction swallows.

Those always on time, those who are 'fine!'
And those always willing to shine.

The trainer wearers, the corridor starers,
The seemingly 'I don't carers'.

You have all played your part, now it is time to depart
To begin your exciting and fresh new start.

Thanks for the memories, Mrs Wealleans



Welcome to Cumbria Youth Alliance's Call to Social Action celebration event 2023



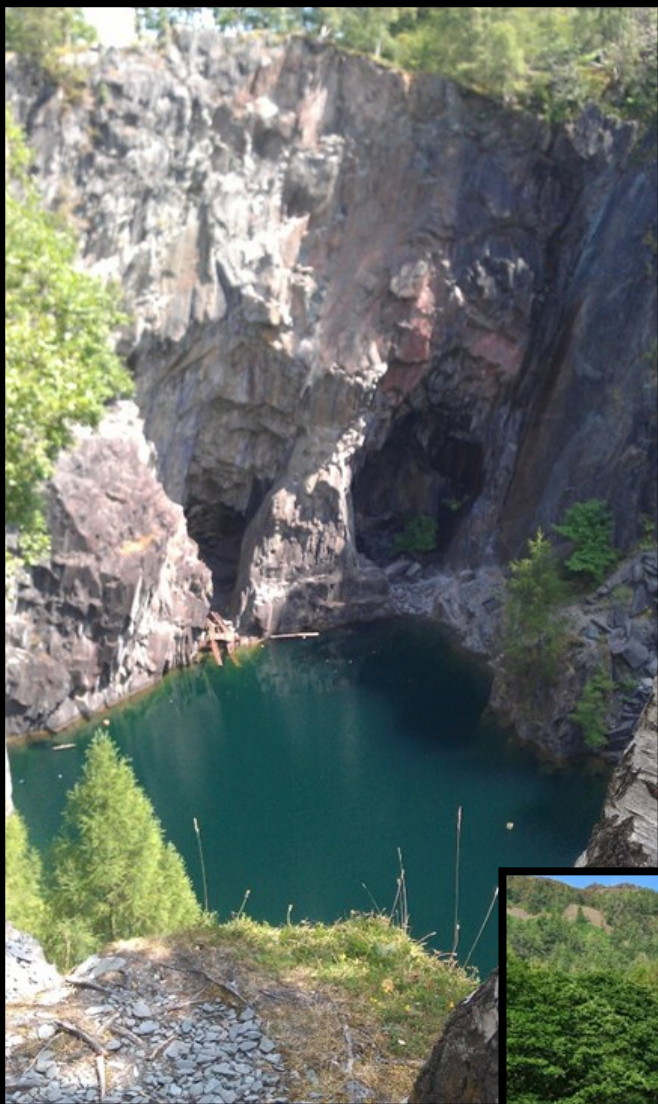
Call to Social Action Project

Well done to Summer Pike, Natalia Elliott and Emily Tyson from the 'Red Roses' who represented KSGS during the final of the 'Call to Social Action' project. The event was staged at Carlisle Racecourse in March. Although the team didn't win in the end, they were excellent ambassadors for the school and should be proud of their achievements. Joanne Sutterby

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition for Year 9 in the Lake District

Twelve Year 9's from Kirkby were joined by a local boy who goes to Barnard Castle School for their Bronze DofE Expedition in the Lake District over the weekend of 17/18th June.

The group had trained with Kirkby Stephen Mountain Rescue volunteers over several weeks at the Mountain Rescue base opposite school, as well as taking part in a full day on the fells around Kirkby to practice the skills they'd learned. This included navigation, camp craft, cooking using a camp stove, and some basic first aid skills.



Hodge Close Quarry

Group 1

Harry Banks, Ben Chapman, Jacob Eastham, Ewan Morrison, Harry Slack, Corey Tallentire, James Verity

Group 2

Connie Davey, Chloe Murphy, Suzanne Nunn, Isabel Sansom, Summar Lindsay-Shihadah, Kate Thompson

Group Leader Adrian Cottrell

The Bronze Award requires participants to help plan a two-day, one night expedition which is entirely self-supported. Their journey covered about 23km over the two days, on terrain as varied as small roads through to open fellside and well-worn paths to barely discernible tracks.

DofE Expeditions are 'remotely supervised' meaning that the groups' supervisors were not always with them. This puts more emphasis on students having to work together making important navigation decisions, and builds self-reliance and self-confidence.

The weather was very kind and, other than one or two minor showers, it was warm and sunny for both days, if a little humid.

The groups both started at Coniston and headed North through woods on different routes past old quarry workings to camp in the Langdale Valley surrounded by dramatic mountains.

The campsite was quite busy and the students behaved impeccably, being respectful of other campers and their children, not making too much noise, and keeping the area around their tents tidy. They were a credit to themselves and the school.



Bays Brown Camp Site – Chapel Stile Langdale

Year 8 Investigate Limestone LANDSCAPES AT Malham



On Friday 9th June Year 8 geographers escaped to the wilds of Malhamdale. Students carried out a range of activities to present their observations of the features of limestone landscapes and the processes responsible for them. They investigated the opportunities that the limestone creates for people and the impacts that the resulting tourism has on the environment and local economy. They also observed the role of The Yorkshire Dales National Park in managing tourism and its impacts to ensure that tourism is sustainable. Students were able to take advantage of the fair weather and walked to the base of the cove where they saw the rich variety of birds and wildlife and the people that this attracts, as well as the skilful climbers who were scaling the scar face. Having climbed the hundreds of steps built to aid the many visitors, they reached the impressive limestone pavements and dry valleys made famous by featuring in the penultimate Harry Potter film. Although there was much huffing and puffing on the way up to the top of the cove it was agreed that the views were worth the effort. Students rewarded themselves with an ice cream at the local store back in the village of Malham. I would like to thank the staff who accompanied the trip and commend all the students on their impeccable behaviour. Mrs Thompson

Y10 Blencathra

What an amazing way to spend the day. Y10 travelled to Blencathra Field Studies Centre to complete a river study on the Glenderaterra Beck, the main aim was to investigate how rivers change as they go downstream. The pupils measured the width, depth and how fast the water was flowing – a lasting memory of students chasing corks down a river! It was a gorgeous day, plenty of sun cream was required and plenty of accidental splashing took place. When we got back to school, we completed our write up which forms Paper 3 of our GCSE – the doughnuts went down well that's for sure. A huge thank you to The Westmorland Fund, for supporting this trip and making it financially viable. Mrs Sayers

