

European Day of Languages

In September the students celebrated European Day of Languages.

They completed a number of different activities throughout the day, all based around different European Languages and Cultures, from escape rooms, making pizzas and a brave few pupils even tried l'escargot (snails)!

The students all participated really well in the range of activities and enjoyed learning how to say 'hello' in so many different languages, well done to the brave students who tried a snail or two!



St Catherine's Hospice Project

The BTEC construction students and one of our younger students have volunteered to make some furniture for St Catherine's Hospice.

They recently met with the volunteering team at the Hospice and discussed their designs and ideas, the volunteering team chose their favourites and the ideas which would benefit the Hospice staff and residents. They were also given a tour of the hospice to see where their projects could be used.

The pupils left a good impression with all the staff and later we received the following email from the Hospice:

"It really was an absolute pleasure to meet you all and we are so grateful you have chosen to support Saint Catherine's.

Our CEO is actually really keen on the hedgehog house and the wishing well".

Pupils returned school eager to begin their new projects, we can't wait to see their ideas come to life and to be installed at the Hospice!"

Anti-bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 took place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November with the theme: Choose Respect.

Students took part in lessons which educated them about the different forms of bullying, why people bully others and what they can do if it is happening to them or to someone else they know.

Odd Socks Day took place on Tuesday 12th November, staff and pupils enjoyed wearing a wide variety of unusual and odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue

In November pupils were taken on a school trip to visit the Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue. Pupils learnt all about the service and the amazing work they do. They were shown the specialist equipment needed to carry out rescues efficiently and safely and even got to take part in a training exercise and practice rescue!

The rescue team works in cooperation with the police and other emergency services to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards on the North York Moors, Dalby Forest, Yorkshire Wolds or anywhere else they are needed.

There are currently fifty operational team members including doctors, paramedics, nurses and people with hillwalking and climbing experience.

The service is on call 24/7 365 days a year – whatever the weather. With all volunteers, receiving neither payment nor expenses for participating in training or incidents. The service relies solely on donations and sponsorship for funding.



Forest School

Despite the cooler weather, pupils have continued to enjoy their Forest School activities. The students are very enthusiastic and are learning many practical skills as well as learning to work really well as a team!



Remembrance Day

In November all of our pupils took part in themed activities and a two minute silence for Remembrance Day, followed by a visit to the memorial at Oliver's Mount where they were able to see the poppy wreaths.



Children In Need

In November all of our students and staff took part in a sponsored walk for Children in Need. There were two different walks, one for the older and more capable students and another for our younger pupils.

Unfortunately the weather was terrible, however everyone persevered and managed to enjoy the day knowing they were raising money for Children In Need. So far we've received an amazing £96 in sponsorship money for this amazing charity!



Dates for your Diary

School closes at **12 noon** on Friday 20th December 2024 for the Christmas holidays.

School re-opens for pupils at 8:50am on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

School closes at 3pm on Friday 14th February 2025 for the half term holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Monday 24th February 2025.

School closes at **12 noon** on Friday 4th April 2025 for the Easter holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

School is closed on Monday 5th May 2025 for the May bank holiday.

School closes at 3pm on Friday 23rd May 2025 for the half term holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Monday 2nd June 2025.

School closes at **12 noon** on Monday 21st July 2025 for the summer holidays.

School Policies

All school policies are available from reception.

Staffing News

All the staff wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year!

Merry Christmas