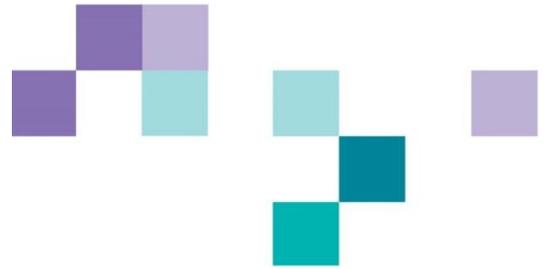


Sarum Academy Principal's Blog 24.3.16



Happy Easter

In the last week prior to the Easter holiday we have had much to celebrate in the Academy. Our creative writing competition **TBW** reached its grand finale with the Awards' Ceremony on Tuesday. Our finalists and their parents gathered with all the pupils in Years 7,8 and 9 to hear the judges' results. As well as hearing extracts from the winning pieces which were read by the authors and beautifully overlaid with imagery, we heard a short speech about the power of writing by local author Julia Edwards, author of the Scar Gatherer Series.



It has been a fantastic competition this year – many congratulations and well done to our prize winners. Some of the winning pieces can be heard on our website – please do take the time to listen to them.

The final prize winners were as follows:

Special Prize for “Best Concept” – **Daisy Clark Year 7** awarded by John Potter (Chair Salisbury and District RSA Fellows Network)

Special Prize for Technical Accuracy – **Faheema Khatun Year 8** awarded by John Potter (Chair Salisbury and District RSA Fellows Network)

Special Prize for “Best Prose Style” sponsored by Valley News – **Steven Brant Year 11** awarded by David Parker (Editor of Valley News)

The Wilton and District Business Chamber Prize for best writing from a Wilton Pupil – **Olivia Miller Year 13** awarded by David Parker.

Best New Zealand Themed Piece sponsored by The Salisbury Arts Festival – **Dylan Antunovic-Fry Year 7** awarded by Sophie Amstell (Learning and Participation Manager, Salisbury Arts Festival)

Best Piece, Year 7 and 8 – **Jasmin Antunovic-Fry Year 7** awarded by Sophie Amstell.

Best Piece Year 9-10 – **Daniel Vass Year 9** awarded by Canon Chancellor Edward Probert (Canon Chancellor at Salisbury Cathedral)

Best Piece Year 11-13 – **Olivia Miller Year 13** awarded by Canon Chancellor Edward Probert.

Best Staff pieces – A TIE! **Ms Senior and Ms. Mills** awarded by Julia Edwards

Year 11 Drama pupils enjoyed the performance of Ibsen’s **Hedda Gabler at the Salisbury Playhouse** – thank you to Ms Blues and Mr Filer for accompanying them.

Wednesday was non uniform day and fundraising continued for **Sport Relief**. A big thanks to Philipps School who organised an impressive cake sale.

Year 10 and 11 had the opportunity to hear the incredible story of **Hannah Kennedy- Jackson** this week. Hannah has an **inspirational story** and is passionate about education and the impact good teaching and learning can have on young lives. As a young child surrounded by violence and negativity, growing up was never going to be easy and the possibility of success seemed impossible but with amazing support from one key person she achieved a great set of GCSE results and went on to University.

At 19 years old Hannah started a career as a professional speaker and soon became the youngest Professional Member of the Professional Speaking Association. In July 2015 Hannah was made a Fellow of the PSA, a terrific achievement shared with only around 700 speakers

globally (PSA Fellows and Certified Speaking Professionals) and has been the youngest speaker to ever do so.

She made a big impression on our pupils and additional resources that can be used by them to support revision can be found on her website at <http://www.abcsuccess.co.uk/free-stuff/>

The Sixth Form headed off to **Bournemouth University** on Wednesday to explore their academic futures at the **UCAS convention**. A useful and insightful day was had by all.



Sports news this week is that **Year 11** will now play Wyvern in the final of the **Salisbury School Cup**. **Daisy Ridgers in Year 8** took part in **Salisbury Schools' trampoline competition** at St Edmunds and finished 15th out of 25 with an impressive score of 16.8 out of 20. competition.

The **Highest Attendance Awards** this week were won by:

Arundells:	A3	Mompesson:	M3
Clarendon:	C3	Philipps:	P4

Congratulations to our **Pupil Achievement Award** winners this week who were:

Arundells:	Kieran Rebbeck	Year 8
Clarendon:	Mabel Bradley	Year 7
Mompesson:	Kieran James	Year 8
Phillips:	Callum Bradburn	Year 7

Term ended today with a lovely **celebration assembly** – we enjoyed music and drama as well as a review of all the achievements and successes of the term. Lots of certificates and prizes were awarded - too many to mention here but well done to all who contributed to the assembly and to those who achieved so well. We concluded with a **Chefs' Challenge** with Mr Curtis and our very own Academy Chef, going to head to head making smoothies! And the winner was..... CHEF!



Finally Sarum Academy wishes you all a very **Happy Easter**. Term starts again on **Monday 11th April** when it will be Week 2.

Parent calendar

March

17th	Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Walk
30th/ 31st	Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition

May

2nd	Bank Holiday - Academy Closure
3rd	KS3 Examinations all week
16th	Public Examination main GCSE and AS/A2 examination period commences
26th	Non Academy Kit Charity Day
27th	Close of Term 5