

## Students honour fallen local heroes



**Students from Freebrough Academy and eight local primary schools have now completed a project to commemorate the start of World War 1.**

Students from Year 9 visited the primary schools on a joint project with Skelton History Group to work with children using real artefacts from the Great War and also to get an understanding of why it started. All students have contributed to a community mosaic on the theme of remembrance to be displayed in the locality. Posters showing the remembrance mosaics were displayed in St Leonard's Church in Loftus, St Margaret's Church in Brotton and All Saint's Church in Skelton in the week before Remembrance Sunday.

Meanwhile, Freebrough Academy students have been finalising a permanent memorial, designed by students Jake Gallagher and Kennedy Simpson and Charlie Mainprize and Alex Hodgson have created the memorial from the plans designed by Jake and Kennedy. All students at the Academy were asked to write a message to the 'Unknown Soldier' in remembrance of the sacrifice of the fallen during WW1. Ex-servicemen from the British Legion then selected their favourite message to be inscribed on the memorial.

Kennedy also travelled to the battlefields of Belgium and France as part of the Community Remembrance Project, along with another Freebrough student, Billy Scott. You can read their personal reflections on the visit on page 2.

The students travelled to Ypres and the Somme Valley, visiting many memorials and cemeteries in what was a powerful and moving experience for all concerned. The Ypres Salient, a bulge in the front lines which allowed attack from three sides, was particularly dangerous. Ypres was strategically very important to Germany as it would have allowed them to threaten the channel ports and British supply lines to the western front should they have captured it. The Battle of the Somme was also strategically important as it was fought to relieve German pressure on the French at Verdun. Both battlefields fully represent the horrors that young soldiers from the community had to face during the conflict of 1914-1918.

Local history groups have produced extensive research on the fallen soldiers from our community during WW1. These publications provided an excellent starting point for the students as they embarked on their visits to battlefield sites and cemeteries. As the visit progressed students visited the Menin Gate to participate in the Ceremony of the Last Post and lay a wreath in honour of the fallen soldiers. They also visited Tyne Cot Cemetery and the Thiepval Memorial in the Somme Valley. Students were able to identify local soldiers such as Michael Davey, who was killed in action at the first Battle of Passchendaele in 1917. Students and staff paid their respects to one and all of the fallen.

As the project continued a pattern emerged.

Students identified fallen soldiers but these were almost always commemorated on the memorials dedicated to the missing. Of the sites to be visited it was proving difficult to identify a grave of a local soldier to visit and pay their respects to. This of course reflects the awful reality of World War 1 in that many of the fallen were killed by artillery shells and their bodies never recovered.

A change in the schedule of visits meant a visit to Dernacourt Cemetery and here they did finally encounter the grave of a local fallen soldier. William Ernest Jackson died of wounds received in the Battle of the Somme on the 16 September 1916. His brother Abraham Jackson also died in the 'Great War'. Staff and students again paid their respects to one and all of the fallen.

Any visit to the battlefields of Belgium and France is a moving experience. Many people are aware of relatives who served in the Great War but there are also many who did not know of these connections. Whilst preparing for the visit to Belgium, Mike Houlgate, Director of Learning for Humanities at Freebrough Academy, learned he had a relative that was awarded a Victoria Cross for disposing of a live shell during a German barrage in World War 1. Indeed the impact of such visits in not confined to students as Mike explained: "Whilst visiting Belgium and France two gravestones had messages on that stuck in my memory. One was of a young man, Albert Bogg, who died on Armistice day; 11 November 1918. Another was



the moving epitaph on the headstone of a soldier which simply read 'our boy'. Such a remark is a reminder once again of the price paid by the fallen and their families during World War 1." Lest We Forget.

*Please turn to page two to read the views of the two students who journeyed to France and Belgium to learn more about our local fallen heroes.*



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## Remembrance visit to France and Belgium



By Billy Scott

### Visiting the cemeteries and memorials had a massive impact on me.

The giant scale of deaths on these memorials, 50,000 at the Menin Gate and 72,000 at Thiepval, was very moving but what was more emotionally affecting was the fact that all of the names on these memorials were missing and their bodies were never found.

When searching for a local soldier that had died during the Great War, we only found one soldier from this area who had a grave

and a final resting place, the others that we searched for from this area were listed on one of the memorials as missing. The large amount of missing gave me a glimpse into what the fighting in the war was like and how horrific it must have been to be a part of it.

There was a running theme of missing soldiers throughout the tour, even at one of the cemeteries, Tyne Cot, 75% of the men buried there could not be identified and so were listed as "Known unto God". I would like to thank the 'Unknown Soldier' for the ultimate sacrifice he made to protect our nation.

## Exceptional results in English significantly exceed national average

This summer Year 11 students celebrated outstanding English results, achieving an impressive 82% at grade C or above.

This is a fantastic increase of 26% on the number of A\*-C grades attained last year and is testament to the hard work and dedication of students and staff. The BBC has reported that across England, English A\*-C grades have fallen on average by 1.9% compared to last year taking the 2014 National Average of A\*-C in English to 61.7% this figure places Freebrough 20.3% ABOVE the national average in England for A\*-C grades achieved in English.

85.3% of students made expected progress (three levels) from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4, this is another increase against the national average. Furthermore, the number of students making 4 levels progress increased from 13% in 2013 to 58.7% this year, almost double the national average. We can also report a sharp increase in the number of students making 5 levels progress in English and two students made a superb 6

levels progress.

While there have been significant Government changes to the English curriculum over the past two years, the English faculty have worked hard to ensure that Freebrough students are not affected adversely by the changes. Mr Hukin, Assistant Principal commented, "Despite the significant changes to the English curriculum and exam entry rulings, the English team stayed focused on achieving the best outcomes for the students. This, combined with hard work and positive thinking from our young people, has brought us these brilliant results. I'm absolutely over the moon."

Principal of Freebrough Academy, Mrs Halbert, was overjoyed with the results which saw a record 42 grade A or A\* awarded and said: "Against a backdrop of volatile exam results around the country, Freebrough students have made outstanding progress in English. I am extremely proud of these young people and wish them continued success in their undoubtedly bright futures."

## My new understanding of World War I

By Kennedy Simpson

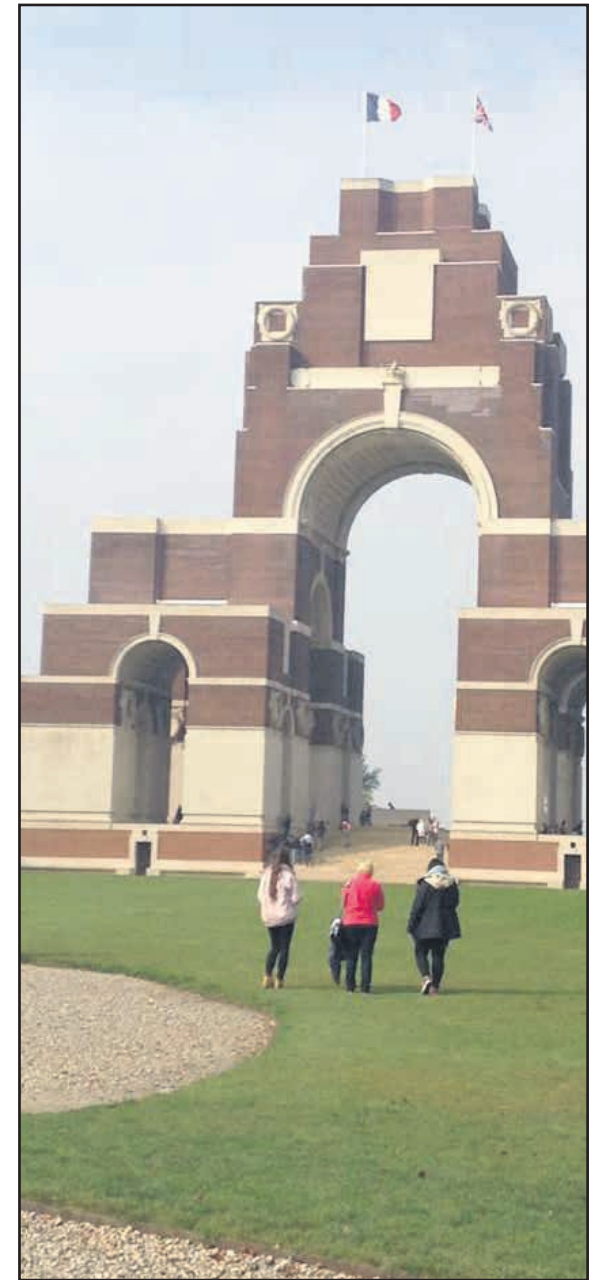
The Battlefields trip was an experience that I will never forget.

It was educational, emotional and eye opening but at the same time enjoyable and at times, fun. I learned many things that I would never have known if I had not been lucky enough to go on the trip and I know that the trip had a huge impact on the way I now look at what happened during the war.

The place that affected me the most was the Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest British and Commonwealth War Cemetery in the world. In total, 11,956 soldiers are buried in the cemetery and along the back wall is a memorial to the missing where the names of a further 34,927 soldiers are recorded. In my opinion, seeing these figures on paper does not compare to actually seeing the size of the cemetery and how many graves it holds within its walls. Seeing a sea of white grave stones with messages from loved ones engraved on them was incredibly moving especially when the graves were of fathers or young men who were only 16, sometimes younger. Some of the words that were the most poignant were 'His all, forget him, no. We never will. We loved him then, we love him still' and 'His king and country called and he answered with his life'.

Other sites that had a substantial impact on me were the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, due to the sheer size of the memorial which holds the names of 72,192 missing soldiers from the Battle of the Somme, and the Sheffield Memorial Park because it represented the Pals Battalions and those who lost their lives on the Somme in a battle that was virtually impossible to win.

We tried to trace many soldiers from East Cleveland, mainly Loftus, but we only managed to find one. However, at the Menin Gate, we found a few more that were missing in action. The Menin Gate in Belgium is a memorial to the missing and has a staggering 54,406 soldiers recorded upon it who lost their lives in the Ypres Salient and have no known grave in Belgium. Every night at 8.00 pm the Last Post



Ceremony takes place as an act of remembrance and I was lucky enough to be chosen to take part in this ceremony along with three other students from other schools.

I laid a wreath as an act of remembrance to those who had died in the war in front of over 5,000 people which was exceedingly nerve wracking but I feel very privileged to have got the chance to partake in such an extraordinary event. These memories will stay with me for the rest of my life.

## Freebrough teacher wins leadership award

Sean O'Donnell, Assistant Director of Learning for Mathematics at Freebrough Academy, was honoured at the Teaching Leaders Graduation, where he was awarded the ASCL Leadership Prize for demonstrating outstanding leadership within his school.

The ceremony took place on Wednesday 12 November 2014 at the Town Hall in Manchester, with Kevin Brennan, Shadow Schools Minister, as the keynote speaker for the evening.

Teaching Leaders is an independent education charity which addresses educational disadvantage by developing middle leaders (heads of department, heads of year) in schools. It currently works with more than 400 primary and secondary schools and more than 1,200 middle leaders on its programmes.

This is the second year that the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) has sponsored the Leadership Prize. Brian

Lightman, general secretary of ASCL comments, "Without a doubt, Sean is a worthy prize winner; he has been commended by his Teaching Leaders coach for his drive, commitment and unshakeable belief in the potential of young people to succeed. He's an asset to Freebrough Academy and inspiration to middle leaders across the country!"

James Toop, chief executive of Teaching Leaders adds, "Middle leaders have an increasingly important role to play in influencing what happens across the school to improve teaching and learning. This in turn means that they have a direct impact on young people's lives and the opportunities afforded to them. Our extensive work with middle leaders across the country means that we've seen first-hand just how crucial they are to a school's success. We are extremely proud of Sean and all of the other graduates."

## A word from our Principal

**We have had a really positive start to the new term and the new school year at Freebrough Academy.**

Staff and students are very proud of our improving examination results and the current Year 11 are working hard to improve on these again in 2015!

Our new Year 7 students have settled in well, thanks to their early transition in July 2014 (while they were still in Year 6). By the time they returned to us in September they were coming back to a school that was familiar to them and to the new friends they have made.

We were delighted to welcome over 300 parents and children to our Open Evening on 23 September 2014. The feedback from those who visited was overwhelmingly positive and they enjoyed all of the activities on offer from experiencing "mini lessons" to decorating biscuits in food technology, making fireworks in science, tasting George's

Marvellous Medicine in English and creating shapes in maths. Visitors commented on the very positive relationships between staff and students and the fantastic facilities at Freebrough. Many of the parents who visited have had no experience of the changes to the school since we became an Academy in September 2010. They were impressed with the improving academic standards and the polite and respectful students who are so proud of their school.

Over the last four years our teachers have worked really hard to continue to improve the quality of teaching. All teachers at Freebrough have been trained through the Teacher Effectiveness Enhancement Programme (TEEP), delivered by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, based in London. This programme is based on what research tells us about the best practice in teaching and learning. We are really proud to have

been awarded TEEP Ambassador School Status for our improvements in the quality of teaching and our commitment to continuous improvement. As a result of our work staff and students have been asked to present at the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust National Conference on 4 December 2014 in Manchester. We are really proud of this recognition of all of the hard work of our teachers over the last four years.

Our students continue to work hard and develop as effective learners. This year we have seen our first students recognised as "Expert Learners". These are students who set the highest standards in academic achievement, attendance, behaviour and attitudes to learning. The students are recognised by their "Expert Learner" badge and are entitled to "VIP" rewards in recognition of their achievements. The expectation is that all students will work towards Expert Learner status and strive to be



the best they can be.

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## Freebrough awarded TEEP Ambassador status



**On our journey to outstanding, one of our main focuses has been to ensure that all of our teachers have the tools to deliver outstanding lessons for all our students.**

To support staff, we introduced TEEP (Teacher Effectiveness Enhancement Programme) in October 2012.

TEEP is rooted in evidence-based research on effective teaching and learning. It aims to support schools to provide the best possible learning experiences for young people.

We are now in our second year of TEEP and have fully embraced the teaching and learning framework. We have an extensive training programme ensuring all teachers and key learning support assistants are trained to at least TEEP Level 1. The majority of teaching staff are also trained to the second level enabling them to work as teacher coaches across the Academy. Two of our teachers are at the very highest level and deliver TEEP

training in other schools and academies for the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust.

In recognition of our commitment to continuous improvement in teaching and learning, the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust has invited Freebrough Academy to become a TEEP Ambassador school. This is a prestigious award and one of which we are very proud. In addition, in December we also have been invited to showcase our expertise in Manchester at a National Conference run by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. A team of teachers and students from the Academy will deliver a workshop on how TEEP has been successfully developed at Freebrough to strengthen teaching and learning and improve pupil progress.

Teaching and learning is at the very heart of everything we do at Freebrough Academy and we are delighted to receive this national recognition.

## Expert learners reap the rewards of hard work



**Students who consistently exceed our expectations across a range of criteria including attendance, punctuality, attitude to learning, attendance at extra-curricular activities and living by the Freebrough Values are rewarded by being given Expert Learner status.**

They are presented with an Expert

Learner pin badge to wear proudly on their blazer and become eligible for weekly rewards and privileges. Rewards have so far included a lunch time party hosted by Mr Donnison and jumping the queue when getting a school lunch.

Students hold the title of Expert Learner for a term but are then able to reapply if they still feel that they meet the criteria.

**If you have any feedback, questions or comments on our newspaper we would be delighted hear from you using the contact details below.**

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# Freebrough in the Community

## Freebrough gives a helping hand to Home-Start



**L**ast year, our Academy Council chose Home-Start Teesside to be our nominated charity.

We held a number of fundraising activities to support the charity, including a non-uniform day and a collection of clothes and household items.

To say thank you Home-Start Teesside kindly invited our Academy Head Boy and Head Girl to their AGM lunch at Trinity House in North Ormesby.

Michael and Abbie had the opportunity to meet with the volunteers who support the charity and gained a real insight into how our support has benefited the charity.

Home-Start offers a unique service. They recruit and train volunteers, who are usually parents themselves, to visit families at home and

offer them informal, friendly and confidential support. The families they help have at least one child under five.

Amy Hollinshead, Pastoral Leader at Freebrough Academy, was delighted to accompany the students to the lunch: "I am incredibly proud of the initiative our Academy Council students have shown in supporting such a worthy cause. It is a real pleasure to see what the students have achieved. I was thrilled that the students' success was recognised in such a kind way by Home-Start Teesside. We look forward to strengthening our links with Home-Start over the coming year."

Pictured are Bob Norton (Vice Chair) and Michelle Hardy (Family Support Coordinator) with our Head Boy Michael and Head Girl Abbie.

## Engineering a new exhibit for Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum

**T**he Level 3 BTEC Engineers currently studying at Post16@Freebrough are engaged in a project with the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum in Skinningrove to create a new exhibition for the museum.

This work will form unit three of their BTEC, the 'Engineering Project'. The project itself is to restore the mines Sirocco fan and incorporate it into a wider interactive exhibition of the working of the fan as part of the mine in its heyday. There are ten Year 12 BTEC

engineering students involved and each has taken on a distinct aspect of the project which includes lighting, sound, health and safety, display, interactive models as well as building the fan itself. We have had a number of site visits and at present are working on proposals to be presented to the mines trustees for their approval. This is a wonderful opportunity for Freebrough students to work on a live project that will benefit the local community for years to come.

## Working with our primary schools on rights and respect



**F**reebrough Academy students Michael Algie and Sophie Gettings attended a Rights and Respecting meeting at Lockwood Primary on Wednesday 22nd October 2014.

Both students worked with primary schools from all over the local area to

develop student voice in the community. Freebrough will now be a part of the East Cleveland Learning Trust School Council and will be attending monthly meetings along with other students from our community, supported by adults from external agencies.

## Proud to play host to the Coastal View Awards



**O**ver the years we have been working with Coastal View to produce this publication, we have developed some strong friendships and we were honoured to be asked to host the Coastal View Awards at Freebrough Academy at the end of October.

The night was a huge success and our Academy showed itself to be a truly fantastic space to host such an event. Everyone who attended was very touched by the stories of the Young

Carers for whom we were raising money and some very worthy Community Champions were recognised for their brilliant contributions to the area we live in.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to the Academy for the 2015 awards!

If you are planning an event and want to talk to us about the facilities and services we can offer at Freebrough Academy please call 01287 676305 or email [info@freebroughacademy.org](mailto:info@freebroughacademy.org)

## Our students become teachers



**A**s part of their course our Year 10 health and social care students

planned and delivered a session to Year 3 and 4 children from St Peter's Church of England Primary School.

The children completed a treasure trail and then designed and made their own finger puppets. The Freebrough students were assessed demonstrating the care values with service users as part of their qualification. All students involved were excellent and really did themselves proud. The primary school children really enjoyed the activities and teachers were impressed with the provision and the attitude of the Freebrough students.

## Kirkleatham classic car show gets extra helpers

**C**lassic car restoration company, Rusty Bugs, have been working with Freebrough art students on some new ventures.

As well as work placements and after school programmes they also asked if students could design and make a selection of scarecrows for the company to use alongside their classic cars at Kirkleatham show.

The scarecrows gained some interesting reactions; particularly from the Freebrough

Academy cleaning staff who took quite a fright when they thought they were real people sat in the darkened art classroom!

At the show visitors commented on how realistic they were when seated in the cars or reaching under the bonnets.

Year 10 student, Macey Wright, said: "I really enjoyed making the scarecrows. Mrs Hopper, the art technician, helped us and created some very interesting faces, we had fun and laughed a lot!"

# Freebrough in the Community

## Skinningrove Community Garden



**Year 9 students from Freebrough Academy have been helping to brighten up the Skinningrove Community Garden.**

The students designed and created five large boards, four of which depicting the four seasons and a fifth showing a gateway containing a poem that was written by Pem Holiday who was a resident of Skinningrove and held the village in great esteem.

The boards were created in eight weeks and a different group of students worked on each of the spring, summer, autumn, winter and gateway boards adding their own ideas and interpretations for each.

Liam Bradley and Joe Adamson, two students who were involved, have both said how proud they were to see their work displayed in such

an interesting way.

The boards have now been mounted onto the Riverside Building exterior wall, looking out onto the community garden.

Councillor Barry Hunt said: "We worked alongside the art team at Freebrough to create boards that I had envisaged for the community garden. Once again I was very proud to have worked with the students and staff of Freebrough Academy, they have created something very special for us."

Heather Goodwill said: "The students were very proud to be given the opportunity to work on a community project and are now looking forward to their next venture working with Councillor Hunt to produce a mural for the repaired bridge at Skinningrove."

## Brotton village hall given a new lease of life



**The village hall in Brotton is well loved by local residents and is used for a variety of purposes, including the Brotton Over 60s Friendly Club.**

However, over recent years there had been a decline in the condition of the hall due to a lack of funds for anything more than essential maintenance.

Now thanks to the support of Tees Valley Rural Community Council and grants from Tees Valley Community Foundation and Councillor Barry Hunt's contingency fund the hall has taken on a new lease of life and is ready for use by the local community once more.

Work was carried out by E.C.Y.H Trust of Loftus, G.M.I Domestic of Lingdale and S.B. Roofing of Liverton Mines.

To further compliment the newly decorated

interior of the hall artwork was provided by the students of Freebrough Academy who were led by Freebrough staff Heather Goodwill and Di Hopper. The exhibition will be changed each term to provide an on-going celebration of student work. A selection of student art work from Key Stage 3 and 4 is currently on display in the centre and has already had some very positive comments.

Heather was delighted to be involved with the students on the project: "It is always a pleasure to work with the local community on projects such as this. The artwork produced by the students was of a fantastic standard and will now be admired by the local community who use the hall regularly. Visitors to the centre have remarked on how much brighter the place looks with all the wonderful art work on the wall."

## Guides go potty for pottery



**Heather Goodwill, teacher of art from Freebrough Academy, ran a workshop for 1st Marske Guides on Monday 13 October 2014.**

Heather demonstrated how to make lamps using

clay, and the girls proceeded to make some fantastic Diwali lamps. The girls had a fabulous time and the finished products when fired and glazed looked fantastic!

## Raising money for two causes close to our hearts

**Staff and students in the Academy joined together on Friday 24 October 2014 to raise money for two very special causes in memory of a hugely popular member of staff, Ann Chapman, a Learning Support Assistant at Freebrough Academy, who sadly passed away at the beginning of the school term following a**

**brave battle with cancer.**

A non-uniform day was held which raised over £500 which will be split between Macmillan Cancer Support and the Freebrough memorial garden which is currently under development. The garden will provide the Freebrough community with a quiet and peaceful space to reflect and remember.

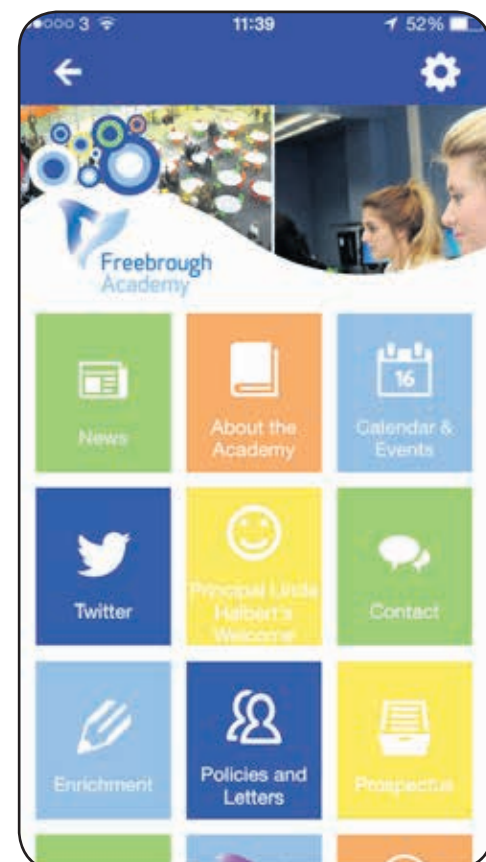
## Try our fantastic new phone/tablet app

**We are proud to announce that we are one of the first schools in the area to launch their own Smartphone App.**

It is free of charge to download on Apple devices and Android phones and tablets. The App enables parents to stay in touch with the Academy, giving term dates, news, events and general information. No longer will parents need to search through school bags, behind sofas or on the fridge door for the slip or letter outlining the "back to school" day, the information will now be automatically on their mobile.

With the publication of our Smartphone App, we hope to demonstrate that we are forward thinking and comfortable with technology and are encouraging our students to be comfortable with it too. The App allows parents and carers to communicate with the Academy directly by telephone and email. In making use of these facilities parents can comment on specific items within news stories and there should be no excuse for students to forget their PE kit on sports day!

For more details or assistance with the App, please contact the Academy's Network Manager Mark Tann. You can also visit the Freebrough Academy Facebook page and follow us on Twitter; #FreebroughAcad and #enterprise@freebrough.



# Our Primaries

## Handale News



**We have had an amazing start to the new term at Handale with lots of exciting things happening and of course preparations are now well underway for our Christmas celebrations and our production of Oliver.**

We look forward to sharing with you news of our new build as time goes by. The children have asked me to share with you three exciting events and we hope you enjoy reading them.

The new term brought great excitement to the pupils and staff of Handale Primary School as work began on our brand new

school building. Fences went up, diggers moved in and the pupils watched on as the old school field was dug up. The children loved seeing the giant excavators biting out huge mouthfuls of soil from the footprint of the new building. In the middle of September two other machines moved in - a bulldozer and a roller. The excavator spread the grey stone around then the bulldozer levelled it out. The roller then compacted it down to form a solid base for the machines and men to work from when the next stage of the build takes place.

Over the next few weeks, the concrete

foundations will be poured and the steel framework of the building will go up like a giant construction kit. There will be lots more men and women arriving to work on the site as labourers, engineers, foreman, machine operators, steel fixers and crane drivers. Also over the next few weeks, children from the school will start visiting the site to see for themselves how their new school is being built.

When complete, the new Handale school building will be a modern, state of the art environment which is capable of housing over 300 pupils. In addition to the teaching rooms, the building will include a large, open plan area for the early years children, small group teaching areas, large communal spaces such as a library and ICT zone and a large assembly/sports hall. Outside there will be many different play zones for the children including Astroturf pitches, playgrounds, wildlife zones, trim trails and a large school field.

Although we are looking forward to the opening of the new building, we are also planning a series of events to commemorate and celebrate the history of the existing school. The school will be opening its doors for past pupils and staff and members of the local community to visit the buildings and to look at old photographs and displays as well as the work of the modern day pupils. There will also be a performance of the musical Oliver to remind everyone about the age and history of the existing school. We look forward to opening our doors to you all over the coming months.

What an amazing day our key stage 2 pupils enjoyed in October! Eighteen children travelled to Croft Circuit in Darlington to watch the final round of the British Rallycross Championship. Rally cross is a brilliant sport to watch as the cars whizz around the track at speeds of up to 120 mph.

There were lots of crashes and bumps, wheels flying off and cars breaking down. The racing was really exciting with each child cheering on their favourite.

The highlight of the day was when we visited the pit lane. We got to meet the drivers and mechanics and get a close up view of the cars. We even got to sit in a few of them. Everyone we met was very friendly, there was even an inflatable climbing wall for us to race up.

We loved every minute of the day at the rally cross; we can't wait to go back next year.

## Hummersea News

By Maisie Hollins and Lois Gill, Year 5 Students

**Hope you all had a lovely summer, here at Hummersea we are preparing for the year ahead.**

Hallelujah! The rain stayed away again this year for our annual summer fair. Families and friends came together to raise money for our school. We managed to raise over £1200! We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated and supported us.

Amazingly, we have had some of the best SATs results in the country. Five children in maths achieved a level 6 (which is almost a GCSE)! All students and staff at Hummersea are incredibly proud of them especially Miss Davies (Year 6 teacher) and Mr Tyreman. We all hope they enjoy their time in secondary school.

Our ever expanding school gained two new classrooms, during the summer holidays.

Our delicious school dinners are still only £1!

We are looking forward to lots of exciting things happening, trips, Christmas parties, families coming in for our Christmas card competition, our staff and students paper chain competition and of course our Christmas dinner. We are expecting over 400 guests this year!

## Kilton Thorpe News

**George Dunkerley, Lewis Johnson, Stephen Johnson, Stuart Tipp, Martin Gill and Shaun Smith have been selected for the England Special Olympics Basketball Team 2015.**

The competition will be held in Los Angeles, California. We would like to thank everyone who attended our BBQ and disco event; we raised £380 to help our young boys with their trip.

## Two year old champions at Handale



By Helen Blakeley

**We are absolutely delighted to be able to share the good news that Handale Primary School has been chosen as one of a group of schools classed as 'Champions' for provision for two year olds.**

In recognition of the hard work that was put in by the school in the two year olds demonstration project, which ended in November, we have been selected as a school providing excellent practice for two year olds. This means that we are able to share this excellent practice with

other schools and receive funding to do so. The school will work with up to three other schools to assist them in making their provision the very best it can be. This is not only a celebration for the school, but also a chance for us to share some of the excellent practice that goes on in the East Cleveland

Co-operative Learning Trust. We are very proud of our achievements for two year olds and if you haven't visited our group and would like to please telephone school and ask to speak to Mrs Skirving.

We hope you enjoyed reading our news and we hope to see you soon.



# Our Primaries

## St Peter's News



### Values Week at St Peter's was held from Monday 13 October to Thursday 16 October 2014.

The aim of the week was to promote the Christian Values to children and parents and to embed our four school values of: Courage, Truthfulness, Friendship and Responsibility that the school community had decided upon.

The children in school were encouraged to be 'Values Champions' and children that were seen displaying any of the Christian values were rewarded with special certificates and stickers at the end of the day. The children were also asked to nominate each other if they saw a friend acting out one of our key values in class or on the playground.

Prayer stations were set up for the children to access at lunch times. There were four prayer stations and each one referred to one of our school values. Members of the Worship Team supported children as they came to the station. They explained what to do and questioned the children about their thoughts and comments. They were a great help!

The children had the opportunity to create friendship flowers, were encouraged to have the courage to share a worry of their own and place it in the huge bag of worries, write a prayer on a footstep and were asked to think about a change they could make to their life today; what would they like to get better at or try harder at? It was great way to launch our values.

## Year 6 visit to St John's in the Vale, Keswick



**D**uring the Autumn term we had the pleasure of taking the Year 6 children to St John's in the Vale in the Lake District.

The school were supported by Hartlepool LA Outdoor and Adventurous Team and used Carlisle Diocese Youth Centre Accommodation situated a couple of miles outside Keswick. The children enjoyed three days of activities that included canoeing on Derwentwater, mountain biking on the

disused railway line in Keswick and gorge walking in Newlands.

The 27 children that attended were exceptional as recognised by the instructors. Their team working skills, support for one another and positive attitude were clearly evident during the visit. The staff were very proud of the children and we too enjoyed the activities alongside them including immersing our heads in the lake and doing a superman dive into the gorge!

## Sporting success at St Peter's

**R**ecently two teams of boys and girls in Year 5/6 competed in a tag rugby competition against 17 other primary school teams in Lingdale and came away victorious, crowned East Cleveland Champions.

Both teams played each other in the final which finished 2-2 so they shared the title. The following week they then competed in the Redcar and Cleveland finals at Laurence Jackson School and both teams played well against the winners of each other cluster.

Unfortunately both St. Peter's teams had to play each other in the semi-final which led to one of the teams being knocked out of the competition. St Peter's A won, progressing to the final while the second team had to settle for fourth place after a play-off with Belmont.

St Peter's A met St. Paulinus RC Primary School from Guisborough in the final and after a tight start we scored four tries in a row with no reply. The game finished 6-1 to St Peter's A.

They will now represent Redcar and Cleveland in the Tees Valley finals in Middlesbrough and will travel to Newcastle next summer to play in the North of England finals.

Riley, a Year 5 girl, said: "I've loved doing Tag Rugby during the last couple of years in PE, it's a great game to play and the teams are fantastic this year. The final was superb, especially winning the medals. I'm excited for



the trip to the Tees Valley Festival and to go to Newcastle Falcons."

The Year 5/6 football team recently competed against 17 other teams in the Derek Butcher Memorial Cup in Marske.

Both teams that were entered played well, improving as the morning progressed. St Peter's won the tournament following an all Brotton final against Badger Hill Primary School.

We will now represent East Cleveland in the Cleveland County finals to be held at St Peter's. They will play the winning Primary Schools from Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Redcar for an opportunity to play in the North of England Finals which are normally held in Manchester.

A big well done to Mr Ormerod, Mr Ahmed and the children in both the Rugby and Football teams. What a magnificent half term for Sport at St. Peter's!

## Harvest Service 2014



**O**n Friday 24 October we joined together as a school community to celebrate and give thanks within our Harvest Eucharist Service.

The theme of the service was sunflowers as we were raising money for Christian Aid's 'a seed for change' campaign.

Father Jonathan led the service with help from Caitlin and James who performed readings.

The sermon was replaced by performances from children throughout school. The children performed songs and poetry to their proud parents.

Father Jonathan then continued with the Eucharistic service and he invited each class to bring a prayer to the front of the hall that they had written on a petal. The petals were joined together to form a large sunflower. Members of the school community were then invited to receive Holy Communion at the front of the hall.

Our wonderful service was followed on the afternoon by our harvest sale of produce. We had been inundated with a wide variety of donations of fruit and vegetables and as a result we were able to create a fantastic harvest display.

## Freebrough students experience a day in the life of a radiotherapist

On Saturday 4 October 2014 a group of ten Year 11 students and four Year 12 A level human biology students attended an open day at the Radiotherapy centre at James Cook University hospital.

The aim of the visit was to engage students with applications of medical physics and discuss career entry and progression routes in this most rewarding of medical fields. Students were shown round the facility by Catherine Wilson, a Clinical Radiotherapist and were certainly keen to ask lots of questions about the equipment that was demonstrated. We were able to view the scanning machine for initial diagnosis, the dosimetry area where radiotherapy dosage is calculated and the X-ray linear accelerator where treatments are delivered. Students were given lots of information about the personal characteristics needed in this demanding job and one student, Brad Money, was able to practice his skills on a virtual training model.

All the students learned a great deal from this trip and at least one student is now looking to pursue a career in radiotherapy.



## Silence please!



Year 8 students have been putting their non-verbal communication skills to the test by performing behind masks.

Trestle masks are used by actors all over the world and the Freebrough drama department are lucky enough to have a set. The students have been putting on short performances in

their drama lessons wearing the masks. Mrs Skidmore has been very impressed with some of the work this group has produced: "The students have been absolutely fantastic and as they weren't allowed to speak when wearing the masks, the lessons have been some of the quietest I have ever had!"

## Good news for GCSE psychology

Freebrough students who completed their GCSE psychology this summer achieved more than three times the national average for grade A or A\*.

A huge well done goes to Miss Baynes and to students Molly Broughton, Tom

Collins, Chloe McNaught, Georgia Cranston, Adam Torka, Stacey Sayers, Emma Walton, Rebecca Anderson, Mary Fletcher, Adelle Oglesby, Beth Kemp and Sadie Howard for their outstanding achievement.



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Level 2 Extended Certificate (1 year)  
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(2 years)

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**A Level Maths (2 years)**  
**A Level Human Biology (2 years)**

**Level 3 Diploma Creative Media Production**  
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## It's going to be an enterprising year for Freebrough Academy

**Business and Enterprise is our specialism here at Freebrough and a 'can-do' attitude underpins our ethos.**

We want students to look at any challenge with the attitude that they can achieve if they show determination and hard work. This year students at the Academy will be given an opportunity to develop their enterprising skills right across the curriculum and beyond.

This September students started work on their tutorial journey through the vertical tutor programme. Students build a portfolio of work completed in tutorial over their time

at the Academy and this includes how they are developing as an enterprising learner. Students will be asked to record examples of when they are using the Freebrough enterprise skills (represented by our mascot Zenny Zeebrough), and when demonstrating progress will be awarded with a bronze, silver or gold award in an enterprise skill. When they receive their award they will be given a badge to proudly wear on their blazer.

This year students will also be able to take part in three 'can-do' challenges. This is an enterprise activity that students work on with

their tutor group. The first challenge will start in November and will give students the opportunity to develop a range of skills through a business start-up activity.

Directors of Learning at the Academy are also going to be searching for enterprising stars in their faculty next term. Students who demonstrate the skills in a subject area might be awarded with the "Enterprising Student of the Term" award for that faculty.

These are just a few examples of our enterprising activities, read the next flyer to see how our students are being enterprising this year!



## Children's takeover day

**The students of our Academy Council took over the running of the Academy for a day on 21 November 2014.**

Students had the opportunity to work with members of staff at every level to gain a real insight into how our Academy is led and managed. They delivered lessons, attended meetings, worked in the office, assisted in

the restaurant and much, much more.

Students are now evaluating their experience and preparing valuable feedback on how we can make improvements for the benefit of everybody. Overall the event was a fantastic opportunity for both staff and students and we hope to repeat it in the future.

## Netball trials

**A group of dedicated key stage 3 girls have been travelling with Miss Deakin to a series of district netball trials over the course of this term.**

The girls have trained hard and played

to a very high standard throughout and may now have the opportunity to represent Cleveland.

Well done to: Lauren Dixon, Sophie Ward, Danni Breckon and Mel Overfield.

## Heads or tails

**The Year 10 GCSE drama students are working on a small production called entitled 'Heads or Tails'.**

The performance is about a man who lives his

life through a coin. He uses the coin to make decisions but some of his decisions don't turn out to be the right ones! They will be performing this piece to parents in the near future.

## Students frightened by Woman in Black



**Year 11 GCSE drama students were treated to a terrifying experience as**

they went to see a production of **Woman in Black** at Billingham Forum Theatre as part of their studies.

There was screaming, hiding behind coats and a sleepless night for most (and that was just the boys!) The group thoroughly enjoyed the trip and, as always, they were a delight to take out. The students will now be completing a 2000 word review of the show in their drama lessons.

What some of our students thought:  
Harry Watson: "It was exhilarating!"  
Andrea Anderson: "It was interesting and quite easy to follow."

Zoe Wills: "I couldn't sleep once I got home!"

## Halloween spooktacular



**The students of the Freebrough Prosthetics Club have once again excelled by putting on a creepy and scary family Halloween event.**

The students planned, organised and delivered the entire evening; providing family and friends with face painting, fake wounds, refreshments and Halloween themed games. The evening

was a great success and there were plenty of walking zombies, skeletons and witches!

The Freebrough Prosthetics Club is a totally unique after school club which offers students the opportunity to develop their skills in applying face paint, fake wounds, bruises and burns. They also make prosthetic body parts such as fake noses and chopped off fingers!

## Stars in their eyes



**Freebrough staff have been at it again! Teachers, support staff and even the Academy Principal have been strutting their stuff on stage as their musical idols (or trying to anyway).**

It was a fierce competition but unfortunately there could be only one winner. Stealing the crown this year was 'The Village People' with

their medley and what can only be described as outrageous costumes! Other acts included PJ and Duncan, a Grease Medley, Celine Dion and Mel and the Kims.

However, the real stars of the show were the Key Stage 3 girls from Freebrough's dance club who performed for the first time ever! Well done girls, you were awesome!

# Subjects join together to celebrate Day of the Dead



**I**n light of welcoming Spanish to the Academy curriculum, the week before the October half term, staff and students carried out a school-wide 'Day of the Dead' cross-curricular project.

The Day of the Dead is a joyful Mexican festival following Halloween on 1st/ 2nd November and is a celebration in which the souls of loved ones, who have passed, return to earth and are celebrated by their friends and families.

In Modern Foreign Language lessons students studied the Austrian artist Anatol Knotek and the way in which he creates

portraits and concrete poetry using words. The students wrote paragraphs about a skull they then decorated with colourful writing in French or Spanish. In mathematics, students looked at the symmetry of the traditional candy skull designs.

In English lessons students researched the festival for a speaking and listening task whilst comparing and contrasting the ways in which we celebrate death in our own culture.

In science lessons students made traditional skull masks by using their scientific knowledge to make a polymer using PVA glue and borax

(disodium tetraborate). The polymer strands were cross linked in the glue to make it more solid and flexible and then decorated with felt tips to reflect the celebrations for Day of the Dead.

Using the same method one class was able to produce an entire skeleton of Charles Darwin, complete with cotton wool beard! The celebration provided excellent opportunity to look into the geography of the celebration and also the spiritual aspect as well in humanities. The creativity of the Freebrough staff didn't stop there; students re-enacted Michael Jackson's Thriller in their dance lessons,

worked with masks in drama, created mod rock skeletons in art and were surrounded with the sounds of the Day of the Dead whilst getting changed for PE.

Within the business and enterprise department Year 7 students worked to create a collaborative artwork. Each student was given the chance to investigate the traditional Calavera designs that are central to the festival. They each designed their own skull mask and then using creative learning skills transferred this design to fabric. The individual designs will be joined together to create a large art display for the Academy.



## Congratulations to staff and students on this year's excellent examination results

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# A taste of the world of work

**D**uring October our Year 10 students took part in our fantastic work experience programme.

Students completed a week of work experience in a career sector of their choice to help them develop their employability skills and gain a true insight into what they think could be the career for them. All of the students involved gained invaluable skills throughout this process including teamwork, confidence, using their own initiative, decision making and independence.

We are supported by a vast array of businesses covering many sectors right across the Tees Valley area and have had some fantastic feedback about our students and their time with the businesses. Our students can now go on to use the new skills they have developed in all aspects of their studies to help them achieve the best grades possible and secure their future career path.

The students will also take part in mock interviews as part of the larger whole Academy careers programme where they can put their new skills into practice! We are full of appreciation for the many local employers who supported us in giving our students a taste of the real world of work. Big thanks to: 442 Soccor, AAA Roofing, Andrew Stonehouse Building, Badger Hill Primary School, Bells

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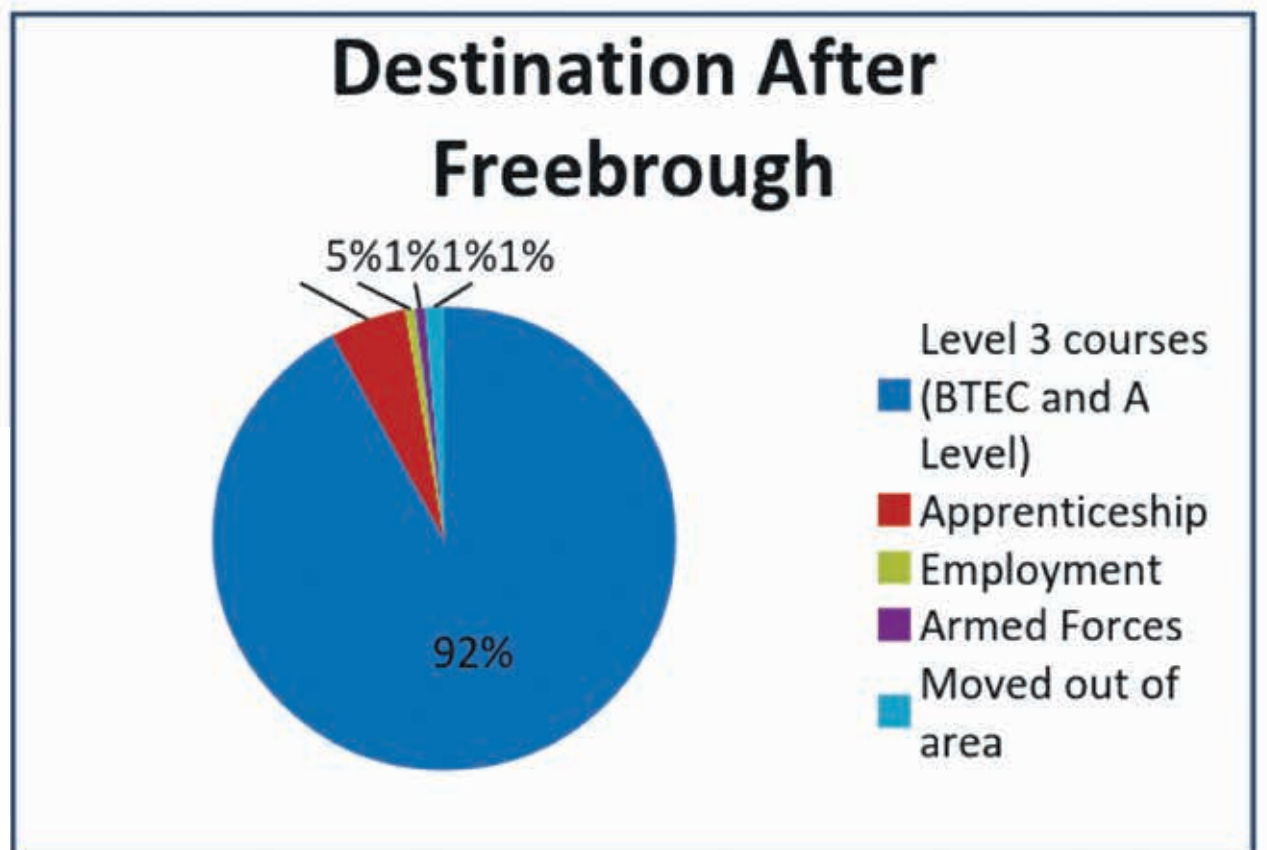


## Well done to our year 11 leavers

**100%**  
in education,  
employment  
and training

We are delighted to share with you that every student who left Freebrough Academy in summer 2014 has gone on to education, employment or training, meaning that our NEET figure for this year is 0% - a truly fantastic achievement against the national average of 5.9%. NEET stands for not in education, employment or training and is a measure used by the government.

The pie chart accompanying this article shows where our students have gone on to.



# Superstar Students



## English - Zoe Wills

Zoey is currently producing some fantastic grade B work and is showing a fantastic attitude in all her English lessons.



## Sport and Health - Becky Kidd

For outstanding achievement in her swimming and horse riding as well as continued outstanding achievement in both BTEC sport and GCSE PE both practical and theory based.



## English & Engineering - Daniel Bland

Daniel has an excellent attitude to learning, attends all available after school sessions and always completes all homework on time. Daniel is always engaged and interested in the wider aspects of engineering and has a very mature attitude towards his studies.



## Resistant Materials - Robert Wills

Robert has started off in Year 10 with such enthusiasm for the subject. He has excelled in both his practical and his written work.



## Art - Amy Fairweather

Amy always puts effort and thought into her work and shows skills with original creative thinking and independent working. She always (voluntarily) attends extra-curricular sessions and is a polite and respectful student.



## ICT - Kenan Sanderson-Lettin

Kenan has an excellent attitude to learning and has shown lots of determination in his recent examination.



## Dance - Sophie Brown

Sophie is fantastic both in dance lessons and after school dance club. She has superb movement memory, always has a positive attitude and gives everything 100%.



## Computer Science - Alex Yeoman

Alex was great at talking to parents and demonstrating programming during the Year 6 Open Evening and is making excellent progress in computer science.



## Drama - Leah Hopper

Leah has very good ideas for her drama lessons but is very modest. She always puts lots of detail into her log book and responds well to feedback. Her ideas for her most recent performance using Brecht's theatre techniques have been very creative.



## Maths - Hannah Richmond

Hannah is proving to be an outstanding maths student. She is currently completing weekly basic tests at level 7-8 and is scoring highly. Hannah is part of an outstanding Year 7 maths group where all are making excellent progress.



## Business and Enterprise - Maisie Willett

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## Business and Enterprise - Jordon Laity

Jordan's attitude to his own learning and quality of work has been the most improved in Year 11 so far this year. Well done Jordan!



## History - Liam Carver

Liam has made a superb start to Year 10 with great research and a genuine interest in Weimar Germany. Liam has demonstrated that he has A\* potential and he is very ambitious in what he wants to achieve when writing GCSE answers.



## Modern Foreign Languages - Charlotte Jones

Charlotte shows real passion for the subject and works incredibly hard.



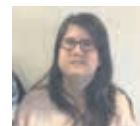
## Religious Studies - Chloe Busby

Chloe has shown continuous effort to achieve the best possible grade and should achieve an A\* in her final exams.



## Modern Foreign Languages - Callum Butler

Callum is proving that extra-curricular work in languages will have a huge impact on your learning in the classroom. Well done Callum.



## Post 16@Freebrough - Hannah Green

Hannah has applied herself 100% since joining our Post 16 Centre even though she was new to the area. She has settled in fabulously!!!



## BTEC Science - Gemma Jackson-Thompson

Gemma puts outstanding effort into every science lesson.



## Textiles - Lauren Stackhouse

Lauren is very creative and works hard by following her own research and design ideas. She is able to write her plans and work practically to the highest standards to produce top quality outcomes.



## Core Science - Megan Gill

Megan puts outstanding effort into every science lesson.



## Catering - Kian Wildmore

Kian always makes an excellent effort in the kitchen and with written work.



## Psychology - Richelle Tart

Richelle gives her best to every psychology lesson.



## Health and Social Care - Lucy Bowers

Lucy was fantastic when she helped with the recent Primary School Open Evening and always works hard in lessons.