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Geography Trip to Italy

42 students from Year 10 to 12 enjoyed a Geography visit to Italy this Easter holiday. After a very early start (or long day for those who didn't go to bed), we arrived in Naples and made a visit to Solfatara. Despite the smell of eggs from all the sulfur, it was great to see the landscapes created by this huge volcanic area.

In Sorrento, Hotel Tourist offered a good base for our adventures, with friendly staff who were a great promotion for the Italian way of life. Small alleyways packed with tourist shops and incredible ice creams made the hot weather more bearable. Ready for adventure, students climbed Vesuvius, really challenging some in the climb but offering beautiful views. The afternoon in Pompeii was a real highlight, with students amazed at how well preserved the area was after being buried by an eruption.

On the way to Rome, we visited a Mozzarella farm and found out more about the unique production of the area. Rome was a stark contrast to the quiet coastal areas, but the walking tour gave us a great taste of the key areas. The Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps gave us some definite tourist tick-offs and the day at the Forum and Colosseum made us in awe of what the ancient civilisation was capable of.



A packed few days that allowed us to enjoy the beauty of the landscape and appreciate the culture of past millennia.

Fleur-Jade Howson and Jemima Harbottle, Year 12

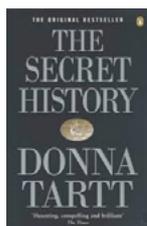


'The Young Engineers' take part at the Year 8 Science Days

The Year 8s had two spectacular science days this year. The pupils were involved in a mission to survive and escape Mars and took part in many activities related to that task. We were also very lucky to have the Young Engineers come in and do two fantastic activities with the Year 8s. The Young Engineers is a national educational charity that promotes engineering through the practical application of science to all UK students. The students had a great time building rockets to escape Mars, collecting rock samples using LEGO robots, building wind turbines and electric cars. Well done to the Brainiacs team on the left hand side and UME Wind team on the right hand side for the best energy generation for the wind turbine competition. Also a well done to Annabel Candy, Tamzin Birch 8SEV and Walter Perry 8BAC for their KNEX tower designs.

Mr P Jones, Science Enrichment Coordinator

The Secret History, a dark and compelling tragedy, Donna Tartt's acclaimed novel was the latest choice for discussion at Book Club.



The plot focuses on an elite clique of New England college students, observed by the somewhat naive narrator Richard. He gets caught up in their inclusive world of classical study and money; intrigued by the bonds of

love and hatred, and murder, that ultimately bind them together up to the novel's dark and twisted end, which so echoes the Greek tragedies the group devote themselves to.

The book was great for discussion - whilst most of the group really enjoyed its complexities, some did find the pace slow and even stifling at times, but others felt that the pace was necessary to emphasise the oppressive and delirious atmosphere that drives the group to go beyond the boundaries of normal morality. We also discussed the empathy (or lack of!) we felt for Richard and the other characters and how frighteningly easy it was to get caught up and seduced by the group into accepting their commitment to murder. And, as usual, lively debate followed when we attempted to choose our next novel to discuss over coffee and sandwiches!

Phoebe Hardingham, Year 12

For more information about book club, please contact tsheehan@sheldonschool.co.uk

Sheldon Ten Tors 2017

This weekend Sheldon students will be undertaking the gruelling Ten Tors challenge.

Over 50 students started the demanding training programme, laid out by Mr Page, 5 months ago. Slowly this was whittled down and 38 students lined up for the final training weekend a fortnight ago. Of those, 30 have been fortunate in being selected to represent Sheldon School over the 35 Mile, 45 Mile or 55 Mile distances.

The 12 students representing Sheldon over the 35 Mile distance are, Megan Heath, Natasha Hole-Jones, Ben Sheppard, Poppy Aspey, Owen Cook, Emily Whitham, Ewan Turnbull, Jack Timberlake, Naima Islam, Jess Warn-Bromley, Jerry Shirazian and Tom Young.

The 12 students representing Sheldon over the 45 Mile distance are Alice Bennett, Poppy Jabelman, Harvey Johnson, Joe Hunt, Jack Joiner, Matt Jones, Ed Dyer, Toby Bond, Kit Stainthorpe, Jordan Cole, Tom Harris and James Nicholson.

The 6 students representing Sheldon over the 55 Mile distance are Fleur-Jade Howson, Rosie Bailey, George Rich, Bethan Paish, Anna Sheppard and Morgan Stevens.

We wish them all the best for the arduous weekend ahead! If you wish to follow our teams' progress you can do so via the Ten Tors website (<http://www.tentors.org.uk/>) or the @sheldonschool twitter feed.

HEAD-ITORIAL

We have recently welcomed 18 students to Sheldon from China who will be staying with us for the next ten weeks to experience British family life and what it's like to be educated in England. Our partnerships with schools in Shanghai, Suzhou and Humen are very well-established and after a fallow year in 2016, we are very pleased to be hosting our latest set of visitors. As well as them learning plenty during their stay in the UK, we will learn plenty from them – their first week has certainly been extremely positive and they have been a welcome addition to the school.

Trips to foreign climes have definitely been on the agenda within the humanities faculty – geographers visiting Sorrento at the start of the Easter holidays and Year 10s returning from Berlin after their history trip over the long Bank Holiday weekend. Both were extremely successful and are further examples of the breadth of opportunity I am delighted we can offer here. Also within Humanities we have our intrepid Ten Tors leaders, Mr Page and Mrs Goldsmith; this weekend we have no fewer than five teams competing in the 35, 45 or 55-mile events – a Sheldon record. The training programme has been intensive so I hope the 30 students involved will be able to draw on this and will manage the challenge comfortably (if 'comfortable' is the right word). We wish them well and I am sure we will find out how they did in the next edition of the Sheldon Standard.

Neil Spurdell, Headteacher



Sheldon Chess Tournament 2017
Well done Edward Cooper 9CGP (on right of photo) for winning the Sheldon School Chess Tournament 2017. He fought off students from years 7-13, culminating in the final against Aidan Bloomer from 7ZXM.



Sheldon Summer Garden Competition

Good luck to Years 7-10 who have started planting their gardens for the Summer Garden Competition. The winning tutor groups design was picked from each year team. 7HLT, 8CLE, 9JMN and 10DXG have been at the allotment making sure everything is set and ready to grow. The whole of each year group will tend the gardens throughout the rest of the year on a rota. We will then harvest the produce and see who has won in July.



Year 11 and 13 Students

Can any school text books that are no longer required be returned to school. Please leave them at reception or take them along to the faculty concerned.
Many thanks

Internet Safety Tips

For a brief summary of practical Internet Safety tips, have a look at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/21259413>

New £1 Coin

The cash loader has now been upgraded to accept the new £1 coin.



Sheldon Associates

Our featured Associate this week is Ellipsis Communication whose profile is below. If you would like to know more about Sheldon Associates, please visit the webpage which can be found under information on the school website or e-mail associates@sheldonschool.co.uk



Helping your business tell its story

Ellipsis Communication is a small but perfectly-formed Wiltshire-based public relations agency built around the skills and creativity of one of the most experienced teams you'll find. We are consultants in the truest sense of the word – grown-up, expert PR practitioners with a career in the industry and experience at all levels.

So whether you're looking for public relations support, media coaching, copywriting or marketing to enhance your business, we have the people and the sheer creativity to help – but all at small agency prices and with the personal service so many big agencies forget.

The MAY MILE™

A Mile Race for ages **16 & under** in a Safe, Off-Road Environment.
Fully Marshalled

Where: On Sheldon & Hardenhuish School Fields

When: Sunday 14th May - U13s Race around 11.30 a.m.

Why: What can be wrong with feeling amazing and having a great time with your mates?

And: It's for a good cause. All profits go to a local charity.

How: Register on the day. Open from 10 a.m.

£5 per person/£20 per group (5 max)

Your Running Categories:

U13 Girls/U13 Boys

U15 Girls/U15 Boys

U17 Girls/U17 Boys.

Trophies for Winners
Certificates for Places

It could just take **10 Mins!**

A **Time** and **Medal**
for every runner

BBQ, Cake Hot Food
Tea/Coffee

The May Mile thanks Sheldon Parents Enrichment Fund for their kind contribution to printing the flyers, also Sheldon & Hardenhuish Schools for their continued support and Elior for their hand in the catering.