

SECONDARY PARENTS' WEEKLY SHEET

November 6th 2014

Secondary Residential: What a stunning residential! Mrs Tossell, Mr Bradshaw and Mr Dawson were so impressed at every student participating in every activity on offer and behaving impeccably. Well done to all involved. Mrs Tossell is putting together a CD for participants with photos of the adventure on it (some are copied below). Thank you to all.

Curriculum News: We hope that the following gives a flavour of some of this week's studying:

Arabic Non Native: Year 7 and 8 learned The Story of the Grasshopper and the Ant - *Anamlah wa al- jaradah*; Year 9 learned Ala' Ad-Din and the Sea - *Ala' Ad-Din wa al-bahr* ; **Native Arabic:**

Y7 الصف السابع: درس الطلبة مادة نحوية "النعته". Y8 الصف الثامن: درس الطلبة قصيدة "الأم". Y9 الصف التاسع: درس الطلبة قصيدة "تحية لقائد المسيرة" واستطاعوا حل الأنشطة والتدريبات المتعلقة بها.

Art & DT: Students have been learning about Remembrance Day and understanding the symbolism behind the poppy through studying artists who have painted poppies including: Van Gogh, Monet, Emil Nolde and Georgia O' Keefe. They've created poppy paintings in the style of a chosen artist using water-colours and created Flanders' fields using tissue paper to create life like poppies.

English: Year 7 have been writing about a special place – in the vein of Roald Dahl's writing about Norway; Year 8 have been enacting two scenes from 'Romeo and Juliet' that focus on the characters of Juliet, the Nurse and Friar Lawrence – in preparation for a formal assignment on who was to blame for the tragedy. Year 9 have explored language change along the centuries, while continuing to study 'The Lastling'; they have also studied two WW1 poems by Rupert Brooke and Rudyard Kipling.

Computing: Year 7 worked very hard and finished their 'Macbeth' themed comic book in preparation for peer evaluations to take place; Year 8 are in the final stages of their current project – 'Do Aliens Exist?' and are busily completing all project work in preparation for their final project grading; Year 9 are completing their brochure focussed on the popular Lake Garda tourist destination.

French: Year 8 French students will be having unit test next week on TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER (Orchid period 5; Jasmine period 7); the Year 7 unit test will be on TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER (Aloe period 4; Cinnamon period 6)

History: Year 7 have been studying the story of Henry II and Thomas Becket, examining the causes and consequences of their conflict. Year 8 are finishing their work on the Italian Renaissance by looking at its legacy and planning an end of unit essay. Year 9 have continued their work on Gallipoli and the Ottoman Empire during World War One.

Islamic Studies: Islamic students are preparing for tests next week.

Maths: All year groups have just taken unit tests, so they are beginning new units. Yr 7 Aloe will study fractions; Yr 8 Jasmine will be solving equations; Yr 9 start looking at quadratic sequences; Yr 7 Cinnamon are exploring functions and mappings; Yr 8 Orchid are exploring powers of 10 and revisiting written methods of multiplication.

Music: Yr 7 are finishing their Musical Journey Compositions in preparation for recording next lesson; Yr 8 have designed an original product to advertise and have started composing their Jingles. Yr 9 have composed variations for their Minimalist pieces – impressive!

Science: Year 7 have finished their assessment on Acids and Alkalis and self-assessed their knowledge gaps. Year 8 continue with the mixtures and compounds topic and are looking at different separation techniques including electrolysis and distillation, before moving on to compound synthesis in this topic. Year 9 have completed an assessment on Metals and Metal Compounds, then carried out assessment analysis, self assessing their knowledge gaps, before moving onto Physics: Energy and Electricity.

Dates for the Diary: Year 7 Aloe are undertaking a 'Bake Off' challenge this week, while Year 7 Cinnamon undertake this challenge next week. **National Day** will be celebrated at our school on Thursday 27th November – we look forward to it!

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014: thank you to all who helped AAIS to remember and mark the 100th Year Anniversary of World War 1 this week on Remembrance Day. Like much of the world, we were silent on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 o'clock . . .



Secondary Assessments:

Arabic: 1 hour 30 mins test on Sunday 30th Nov. for Yrs 7, 8 & 9

English: 1 hour 30 mins assessment on Sunday 30th Nov. for Yrs 7, 8 & 9

French: Yr 7- 1 hour on Tues. 25th Nov; Yr 8 – 1 hour on Tues, 18th Nov; Yr 9 French or Spanish – 1 hour on Sun. 23rd Nov.

Islamic: Weds. 19th Nov. for Yrs 7, 8 and 9
Maths: 1 x 1 hour test on Sunday 23rd Nov. for Yrs 7, 8 & 9 plus 1 x 1 hour tests on Sunday 30th Nov. Yrs 7, 8 & 9

Science: 1 hour test for Yrs 7, 8 & 9 on Monday 1st December

Social Studies : 1 hour test on Monday 1st Dec. for Yrs 7, 8 and 9

All other subjects will be assessed via classwork & Home Learning.

