



BOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLETIN

*Week ending Friday 1 March 2019
From Jonathan Maddox, Headteacher*

YEAR 10 HISTORY TRIP TO THE BATTLEFIELDS - *Report by Ella Head (Year 10)*



From Wednesday 13 to Saturday 15 February we went to France and Belgium to learn more about the First World War. After arriving in Belgium on the first day we visited Poperinghe to see what soldiers used to do in their free time, such as playing the piano and singing. On the second day we went to see Zillebeke Cemetery, Vancouver Corner, and Hooge, where we learnt about the progression of gas warfare and the role of the Canadians in the Great War. We also visited Black Watch Corner, where we were taught about how the Australians, Indians, Americans, and New Zealanders helped us. At the Menin Gate we saw wreaths being laid, including one from our school by three students, and heard the Last Post being played. We also looked for some relatives' names whilst there.

On day three we made our way to France to see the Somme battlefield where we learnt that around 19,000 men were killed on the first day, and Mametz Wood, where a statue of a Welsh Dragon remembers the fallen in the battle. On the last day we went to Pozieres to learn about tank warfare and then the Thiepval memorial to see more names of the missing. The trip was certainly emotional for us all, but nevertheless educational and interesting, and I know for sure that everyone had a good time outside of the serious moments.

There were many touching moments during the trip, but one in particular that struck a chord with me was when we visited the grave of one of my relatives. I had never imagined how emotional I would get, or how much it would mean to me to take time out of our trip to visit Albert, and others like him. I felt highly privileged to be able to see his grave, as there are so many people who will never have that opportunity.



When we were there, our bus driver, Kevin, played the Last Post to commemorate Albert's death on 20 February 1917, over 100 years ago. It meant a lot to me for him to do so. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin, and our tour guides Rory and Julian, but most importantly the History Department - Miss Capper, Mr Topham, Dr Barmby, and Mr Bainbridge - for everything they have done for us on this trip.

The grave of Great great great uncle Albert, who died on the Somme in February 1917

SKI TRIP 2019

Day 1 - Friday 15 February (Malavika Lena and Mia Pietrzak)

On Friday 15 February we set off from school at 11:40 for a 24-hour coach journey. We travelled towards Dover for the ferry ride for just under four hours until we were ready to leave the country at 15:35. After an hour of queuing, we finally got onto the ferry and we got a chance to go to the toilet - what a relief! During the hour-and-a-half-long ferry ride we bought hot meals and a lot of sweets for the rest of the trip. Once we finally got off the ferry, we had a long drive through France, having arrived there at 19:00 French time. We drove for three-and-a-half hours then stopped at a service station to brush our teeth and go to the toilet; some people had a tea or hot chocolate. Our stop was near Paris. After this stop, we had to endure a seven-hour night with next



to no sleep. Very few people got a good sleep and those of us who didn't got around two hours of on-and-off sleep. The night felt extremely long and some of us got through a lot of podcasts and music when we couldn't sleep. We got to stop at 07:30 to buy food and we set off towards Andorra. We arrived at the resort at 12:30 and had a few hours to get our rooms sorted and get our skis fitted before we could get a reasonable night's sleep. We were excited about getting onto the slopes!



Day 2 - Saturday 16 February (Abi McCullough and Millie Armstrong)

It was the first day of skiing and we had to be up at the crack of dawn as we had to have an early 07:45 start. When we reached the gondola we all went up in groups - it was a squeeze! When we reached the top of the mountain, we all put our shoes in the lockers and we were ready to go! We all got put into our separate groups depending on our ability and off we went. In the intermediate group we took a chairlift to one of the slopes so we recapped the basics and we went off for a lovely ski. Then we skied from 09:00 - 11:00 and then stopped for lunch - we went for a buffet in the resort which was 10/10.

After that, we went off for the afternoon session which was 13:00 - 15:00. Every group got to experience more of the slopes and so we went to the top and skied all the way down. It was a nice, relaxed skiing afternoon. After all the hard work, we returned to the hotel for a bit of free time then for one of Mr Jones' quizzes, and we ended the day with a meal at the hotel and a lovely chat about tomorrow's activities.

Day 3 - Sunday 17 February (Sophie Brown, Hannah Taylor and Charlotte Sanderson)

Sunday was day two of skiing and we woke up early. We had breakfast and headed out with all our ski kit. We all separated into two groups and got on our coaches for another journey. The drivers thought we were so kind on day 1 of skiing and on our journey there, so they said they could drive us up the mountain to get there earlier. We arrived and put our boots on and collected our skis from the locker rooms, which took ages! Finally at 09:00, we headed out, found our instructors and went off. Our Beginner 1 group practised our snow-ploughing and mostly our parallel turning. Our instructor let us go on a new slope which was fun but tricky for some of us. After that, we had a nice lunch of chicken nuggets and chips, and spent two hours outside relaxing or throwing snowballs at each other. After lunch, we developed the skills we learnt in the morning and did some fun exercises. After a long day, we came back and went shopping! We then had dinner which for most of us was chips and meat - it was really nice. We then rested after another long day's activity.



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Day 4 - Monday 18 February (Max Etherington)

As usual, we got some breakfast and headed to Vallnord. Skis on and boots clipped, we assembled into our groups and hit the slopes. Our morning lesson of 09:00 to 11:00 consisted of technique exercises and a funky new way of skiing backwards for the advanced group. Lessons over, we got some lunch and then hopped on our skis, this time ready for the infamous black slope, the source of the famed fall from grace of Mr Farrell. We looked over the tremendous drop with flashbacks of Sir's terrible tumble with fear in our eyes. Unluckily, one of our members, Seth, felt jealous of the great feat and performed a live re-enactment, however there were no injuries. All in all, a very solid and beautiful day in Andorra.

Day 5 - Tuesday 19 February (Asha Taank)

In the morning we went down a couple of blue slopes and a green slope to warm ourselves up. Even though they were some of the easiest runs, most of us managed to fall over a couple of times anyway. Our ski instructor, Andy, took us on the green slope so we could practise basic turning from forwards to backwards, and backwards to forwards. After lunch we went down a couple of new blue slopes which was exciting. On one of these slopes, Theo managed to board straight past the flag that we were told to stop at. Consequently, he slid straight down a steep part of the slope and thought it would be best to remove both his feet from the board and attempt to climb back up





the slope to where the rest of us were, even though Andy told him to just clip both his feet back in and board back down to the bottom. Theo then slid down the rest of his slope on his bottom, unattached to his board which slid straight into an orange net and took out a green pole! Obviously, Theo was the first to be awarded the *Urban Steele Award* (formerly named the *Boarding Wally Award*). Leo got *Boarding Whizz* as he put in loads of effort and barely fell over during the whole day. After a tiring day of boarding we set off for the ice rink. We got our ice skates and helmets and got on the ice rink - we all tried not to fall over but most of us definitely did! The ice skating used up the rest of our energy and we had a long sleepy bus ride back to the hotel.

Day 6 - Wednesday 20 February (Barnaby Sykes)

On another sunny morning, we went down the blue slope which we were used to by now as we'd spent a lot of time practising our snow-plough on there, but it was no surprise that Louis seemed to manage to end up on the floor about 100 metres behind. We also had a few funny moments when Callum fell over and knocked into a young girl which also came with a *Ski Wally* award. In the afternoon, Vincent took us to the top of the slopes, which gave a stunning view of Andorra and Spain, where we took lots of photos. However, for Louis the fun stopped there as he went down the red slope at about 5 mph and he was screaming constantly! After a hard day skiing, we went shopping in Andorra and went for pizza all together which was really fun, particularly because it came with Sunny D! We then headed back to the hotel with many falling asleep after another busy day.

Day 7 - Thursday 21 February (Jack Griffin)

Our penultimate day of skiing was the best so far. To warm up, we started our daily drills on simple red slopes - this took us to the top of the mountain, so that we could practise our carving again that some of us were still trying to get the hang of. In the afternoon, we went back on the black slope to try to master the hard drop-in, as some of us had not had the confidence to do it the day before. We all managed the hardest entry into slope fine, but as we got towards the bottom the pride had gone and we were all really exhilarated, which led to a few falls! After the slope, we decided to get a button-lift which one person found a little too tricky! We then finished off the day with some off-piste and jumps which was great fun.

Day 8 - Friday 22 February (Zara Chambers)

On our last day in the advanced group, to start the day we went over to the other side of the mountain for the first time. Our instructor took us to the snow-park with lots of mini-jumps, but surprisingly no one fell. It was great to work on some more advanced tricks. After this, we started to head back for our lunch which was pizza and chicken nuggets. At the end of lunch, we also got a choice of having some frozen yogurt, a fizzy drink or a hot chocolate. Getting back on the slopes, we practised skiing off-piste which is one of the most memorable things about the trip. Sadly, our last two hours skiing came to an end but I will never forget this ski trip as it has been one of my favourite trips ever.

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY - SPECTROSCOPY IN A SUITCASE - Mr Marsden, Subject Leader - Chemistry

On Wednesday 13 February, Spectroscopy in a Suitcase (SIAS) visited the Chemistry Department with a portable infra-red spectrometer to allow students a chance to practise an important analytical technique.

Year 12 Chemists used the £25,000 apparatus to solve the case of the murder of Mr Blue by analysing several chemicals found at the crime scene. As well as learning how to prepare and properly handle samples, students then had to interpret the data and determine the structure of each of the chemicals - a vital exam skill. It was also interesting to learn some of the real-world applications of the technique, from portable drug identification at festivals to assessing the quality of sausage skins.

All of the students gained a valuable insight into how the technique works and is used in a lab' setting. Mr Blue was killed by strychnine poisoning after Mrs Blue discovered his secret affair.

Thanks go to Tracy McGhie from University of Leicester for delivering the sessions, funded by the RSC. Thanks also to the students, who entered into the spirit of the day and grasped this opportunity, and their teachers for making the whole day possible.

CHICAGO - Wednesday 27 - Saturday 30 March 2019

Saturday night's performance of *Chicago* has now sold out. Tickets for other performances can be purchased online via the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/279474>. Please contact the Box Office via boxoffice@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk if you have any queries or if you wish to go on the waiting list for returns once a performance date is sold out.

**Please note that the tables are situated adjacent to the band and may not be suitable for those with sensitive hearing*

Performance Date	Adult Ticket Price	Concession Ticket Price (Student, OAP, Staff, Governor)	Table* (price is per table and can host a maximum of 4 guests)
Wednesday 27 March, 7pm	£11.50	£9.50	£60.00
Thursday 28 March, 7pm	£11.50	£9.50	£60.00
Friday 29 March, 7pm	£13.50	£11.50	SOLD OUT
Saturday 30 March Matinée at 2pm	£10.00	£10.00	£60.00
Saturday 30 March Gala Performance at 7pm	SOLD OUT		



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Anica Andali	7	Mr Chan	Mathematics
Sammy Harriss	7	Mr Chan	Mathematics
Tristan Ng	7	Miss Segarra Ginés	Spanish
Cristian Zagorodniuc	7	Mr Delport	Design Engineering
Daisy Nickerson	7	Miss North	Geography
Daisy Nickerson	7	Dr Hanson	Science
Lottie Crane	7	Mrs Somerville	Art
Alinta John	8	Mr Gatland	English
Hannah Knight	8	Mr Gatland	English
Poppy Johnson	8	Mr Fone	Computing
Sania Shaji	8	Miss Creedon	Spanish
Oliver Speakman	8	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Sam Harris	8	Mr Gatland	English
Charlie Rigby	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Oscar Potts	9	Mr Hewitt	German
Joe Cox	10	Mr Graves	PE
Maisie Lloyd	10	Mrs Clark	Spanish
Molly Morrison	10	Mr Sheppard	Statistics
Daisy Rushen	11	Mr Perez	Registration
Alex Gibbs	11	Mr Bowers	PE
Emily Henshaw	12	Miss Bennett	Media Studies
Timothy Parker	13	Miss Doerpinghaus	German