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Musical Success

Congratulations to Sebrina Stain in Year 7 who recently beat off all the competition at Leamington Competitive Music Festival to win two trophies as overall best flute player in both the 12-18 year old categories and then in the grade 4-8 classes too.

Sebrina played the Madrigal that she played at the Lower school concert in May and achieved a score of 91/100 and a different piece in the grades class. The adjudicator gave her some wonderful comments and she was over the moon especially as the standard of playing from other competitors was very high indeed.



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Fundraising cheque for Knowle Football Club

We were delighted to hand over a cheque to Mr Dave Sykes from Knowle Football Club for just under £3000 to help towards the cost of replacing the clubhouse roof which was blown off during Storm Doris back in March. The money was raised on a designated charity day held on Friday 5th May. Students enjoyed a 'non-uniform' day when they were allowed to wear clothes with a sporting theme. In addition to the fund raising, Arden also allowed the Knowle FC junior teams the chance to continue playing their matches on their school field after the damage caused at the club by the storm.



Pictured with Mr Sykes are: Arden Principal Mr Murphy, Esme Norman, Isabella Bowen, Rebecca Butcher, Sophie Dowding, Freyja Browne, Izzy Mitchell, Ciara Lavin & Matilda Murphy

International Women in Engineering Day



Friday 23rd June was **International Women in Engineering Day**. This day focuses attention on the amazing careers in engineering and technical roles for girls and allows the world to celebrate the achievements of outstanding women engineers.

Arden was fortunate to host two female apprentices, currently working at Jaguar LandRover. Lucy and Lauren spoke to all the Year 9 and 10 girls about their career and experiences so far. It was particularly interesting to hear about their motivation for joining the engineering profession. In fact it was an assembly, much like the one she delivered, that first encouraged Lucy to consider the fact that Engineering isn't just for men. A lot of the Year 9 and 10 girls remained at the end to pick up information, they were very taken with the idea that JLR will pay for their degree course as well as paying them a salary!

We hope to invite Lucy and Lauren back into school to work with students, of any gender, that have expressed an interest in pursuing an apprenticeship as a route into a career in engineering. JLR are also keen to

support Arden at post-16 and parent events. Look out for them soon, offering more information about the careers on offer and the potential benefits to some students of an apprenticeship as opposed to full time study at university.

For further information please see Miss Page or have a look at the following sites:

www.inwed.org.uk

www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/



Year 7 Visit to France

The Year 7 French study visit 2017 was a great success! Not only did students speak French to buy their lunch in a local market, they also visited the Normandy landing beaches and learnt a lot of French history. The pupils enjoyed several other activities including a visit to a goats' cheese farm which was a real highlight!

The three centres at Houlgate, Asnelles and St Aubin were all on the beach so pupils made the most of the 35 degree heat!

Thank you to all the teachers who took part in the study visit and to the students who were so well behaved!



Year 9 and 10 MFL Visit to Barcelona

The excitement began at the Arden gates at 1am on Saturday 27th May. After a long and tiring journey, we arrived at our hotel in Calella, just outside of Barcelona at 11am the same day! Day one was spent mostly unpacking, exploring the town and playing on the beach (conveniently situated directly opposite the hotel!). Following an eventful first night and a much needed sleep for everyone, we were all ready to begin the sight-seeing and see what Barcelona had to offer.

Over the week we were lucky

enough to see many amazing sights (some by cable car) including: the fabulous Sagrada Familia, which everyone was completely amazed by; Camp Nou, which was a great hit with the football fans, and surprisingly interesting for the non- fans too; and Las Ramblas - great for shopping and tapas tasting.

The final day came all too quickly, but fortunately the trip ended on a high with a fabulous day out at Port Aventura theme park. Both students and teachers had a

great trip – many thanks to the teachers for taking us; being so fun (most of the time!) and helping us make such great memories.

Olivia Lynn—Year 9



Young Enterprise Final

On Thursday 16th June, five Year 12 students represented Solihull and Birmingham in the West Midlands final of the Young Enterprise competition. Young Enterprise is charity whose aim is to empower young people to harness their personal and business skills by making a connection between school and the world of work and enabling them to develop the knowledge and attitudes they need to succeed.

Our students worked incredibly hard to reach this level of the competition and their stand and presentation were both brilliant. They had some tough competition from five other schools and put up a good fight. They didn't win the overall best company, but **they did win two trophies**, including the award for the most ethical and socially responsible company. Out of the 150 schools in the West Midlands that started this competition at the beginning of the academic year, Arden finished in the top six which is very impressive and we are

obviously very proud of their achievement.

The experience was a very positive one especially as they also got to meet the winner of this year's BBC programme 'The Apprentice', who was an inspiration to all the students! There were a lot of positive comments about the students and they represented Arden excellently and in true business-like style. Miss Long who has worked with the students throughout the programme was amazingly proud and impressed with how they have responded to this insight into running a small business. Miss Long also wanted to thank all the Arden staff who have supported the group whether through buying the product, providing props and most importantly, moral support.



Year 8 Romeo and Juliet

Ms Cook and her Year 8 English class enjoyed participating in a masked ball during a recent lesson. The 'star-crossed' lovers met and the students all danced until lunch.

The students thoroughly enjoyed this engaging opportunity to partake in active reading of the text they are studying. A fabulous time was had by all.



German Exchange Students

Visit Arden

The German exchange students came to England from 4th-11th June. They took part in a variety of activities including a visit to West Midlands Safari Park, The Black Country Museum, Stratford-upon-Avon and two days at Arden.

For a full account of the exchange, please follow the [link](#).



German exchange students and their partners in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Language Students Fly High

Many congratulations to the Year 10 Language students who were prize-winners at the RAF 'Flying High' event for linguists held on Wednesday 28 June. The students had to give presentations in French, German and Spanish to a team of RAF linguists & business experts and also answer questions.



The students who represented Arden so successfully were:

During the day long event they also had the opportunity to:

- learn Arabic
- translate Russian
- try code breaking in a foreign language in order to release staff members who had been taken 'prisoner' by RAF personnel.
- create a parachute which could fall slowly for 10 metres. (We attached a chocolate egg to the parachute not a student!)

Michael Dacombe
Georgia Fair
Hannah Fitzroy
William Boles
Jonathan Swales
Danae Fotsis
Kiara Henry
Jessica Georgeu
Bruno Stain
George Sansom
Jessica Gardiner
Sachin Patel

Make IT! Award

As part of the GCSE Resistant Materials course students took part in the 'Make IT! Wood and Timber' competition 2016. Students were required to design a piece of furniture from a sustainable resource that was useful and creative. Design booklets were completed and sent off in Year 10 to the organisers. .

We would like to congratulate Phillippa Hinds for being the **WINNER** of the nationwide 'Make IT! Furniture, Furnishings & Interiors Competition 2016'. What a fabulous achievement.



Rotary Young Writer's Competition

It is with great pleasure that I can announce Arden's success, again, in the Rotary Club Young Writer's Competition. Following on from last year's National Senior winner, Lucy Jones, many students entered pieces hoping to win with this year's theme of 'Reflection'.

The pieces were whittled down to four within school and these were submitted for the local competitions. Rosie Breslin (Year 11) won the Senior District competition with her piece and Zoë Wilkinson (Year 9) won the intermediate District competition. Both were then forwarded for the next level of the competition and Rosie Breslin was eventually awarded second place nationally at Senior level. Obviously it would have been nice to win at the National level but the chances of that with last year's win were always going to be slim.

Comments on the pieces included this for Zoë: '...a fascinating piece of descriptive writing... a clever storyline leading to his ultimate separation of mind and body.' And this for Rosie: '... a very poignant story, beautifully written... filled with touching descriptions... an excellent piece of writing.'

We offer congratulations to them both and eagerly await next year's submissions!



Year 7 Visit to the Black Country Living Museum

Year 7 recently went to a fantastic trip to the Black Country Museum. Sophie Scott in 7D has written the following report.

At 9am we set off to the museum. When we arrived we were put into groups. I was put in a group with Miss Tite and our own information guide. We had an interesting day searching round the historic village, learning about the Industrial Revolution. We were all shocked when we found out the average life expectancy was only 17 years and 8 months! At lunch we were allowed to explore the town, my friend and I soon found the sweet shop! We later found out that the children would never get sweets as they could barely afford a loaf of bread.

My favourite point on the tour was the chemist and druggist, as there was so much information that has changed. For example they would have four different colour bottles in the window to represent the elements. Red for fire, blue for water, green for earth and clear for wind. The chemist and druggist was the only medical help available for those who couldn't afford to see a doctor. They would make their own medicine and sprinkle them in sugar. I was appalled when I found out they would give babies cocaine to make them go to sleep! You could also easily get

a disease like cholera or typhoid by drinking water.

We also went to the coal mine and although reluctant at first, we all finally went into the mine. My main feeling thinking about the creeping darkness now is sorrow for everyone who had to work there for hours. With only a little or no money for what they had to do. Children as young as six were sent down and would hardly ever see the sun. Children would have to sit for hours, cold and lonely in the dark having to stay awake to open the doors. Lots of deaths would occur from sliding rocks, floods and being crushed on the way to the bottom of the mine.



Sports News

For all the latest news about all things sports related don't forget to follow the Arden PE Department on Twitter

 @ArdenPE

Tennis Success

Congratulations to our Under 13 and Under 15 teams who beat Solihull School (winning both matches 6-0). This is an absolutely fantastic achievement.

U15

Singles

Luke McSkimming 6-0
Josh Taylor 6-2
Mohamed Youssef 6-3
Will Naisbitt 6-3

Doubles

Luke McSkimming/
Josh Taylor 6-0

Will/ Naisbitt/
Mohamed Youssef 6-1

U13

Singles

Tom Basterfield 6-2
Max Mladjenovic 6-1
Rohan Jogi 6-4
James Stanley 6-2

Doubles

Tom Basterfield/
Max Mladjenovic 6-0

Rohan Jogi/
James Stanley 6-2

Arden Athletes Shine

Arden students represented Solihull in a clean sweep of wins in every category at the West Midlands Athletics Championships. There were some stand out performances from Henry Thorneywork, Ashleigh Bailey, Mary Takwoingi, Kaili Woodward and Sophie Williams winning their events with Ava Edmeade, Poppy Koumbilis, Freya Webb, Jamie Russell and Rhys Tippings getting top three finishes.

Our Junior girls and boys also recently came 5th and 6th respectively in their Regional Finals.

Well done to all athletes who have been representing the school so successfully.



Javelin club honing their skills



The Junior team

Year 7 Cricket

League – The Year 7s have comfortably won their first four league matches beating Tudor Grange, Heart of England, Lode Heath and Alderbrook respectively. In the first two matches we were well led by Sam Newman until he unfortunately broke his arm; Jacob Rock has since carried on the duties of captaincy.

The main reasons for their success have been some excellent batting from Jacob Rock who hasn't been dismissed in the league this year and Rohan Jogi who are the top run scorers. The bowling has also been strong and very accurate with Jamie Vizor, Ethan Mullins, Jacob Rock and Joe Rastrick each taking a number of wickets.

Cup – The Year 7 team had two very close matches in the Cup competition beating Bishop Vesey by just 9 runs in one. Jacob Rock scored his first 50 and took 2 wickets for just 8 runs, and Ethan Mullins took 1 for 11 runs off their four overs. These overs were the highlights of the match.

In the quarter final Arden played Lawrence Sheriff and restricted them to 95 off their 20 overs. In reply, Arden were going well however a middle order collapse meant the last pair of Greg Gahan and Ben Tomlinson needed 18 to win off 3 overs. Eventually they needed 8 to win off the last over. A few singles followed and a four from Ben Tomlinson meant we needed 2 to win off the last ball. We scampered a 'bye' and lost on the virtue that Lawrence Sheriff lost less wickets than Arden.

A cracking game of cricket!!

To find out more about the extra-curricular activities on offer to students (including sports), please follow the link to the [website](#) where you will find a list of activities that take place before school, during lunch and after school.

Alumni News

Madeline Smith

Former student, Madeline Smith (2006-2013) who features on our [Alumni page](#) is currently working with UK Sport to educate students in promoting sport. Madeline, currently studying at the University of Bath, was a successful

athlete and swimmer before being identified as possessing Olympic potential in the Skeleton event via a talent identification programme called 'Power2Podium'. She has recently spent a couple of days in school talking to students and sharing her experience to date.



Vacancies

We are currently advertising for the following positions:

- Science Technician.
- Learning Support Assistant

Further details about these vacancies can be found at: <http://www.arden.solihull.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Abigail Davies

Mr Murphy recently attended a concert in Stratford which featured one of our former students, Abigail Davies. Abigail joined Arden in 2008 and studied at our Sixth Form before leaving in 2015. She is rapidly gaining a reputation as a first rate cellist. You can read more about her career to date by following the link to our [Alumni](#) profile page.



Staff News

Congratulations to Mr (and Mrs) Fletcher on the birth of their son William.

We very much hope you enjoy this latest issue of our monthly newsletter—if you would like to view or download earlier copies, please follow the link to our [website](#).

If you have any comments about the newsletter or recommendations for future issues, please email the editor on: newsletter@arden.solihull.sch.uk

Important dates for July

Monday	03.07.17		Year 10 Geography visit to Stratford-upon-Avon
Tuesday	04.07.17	7.00pm start	Summer Concert in the School hall
Wednesday	05.07.17		Year 10 Maths Conference (Solihull Sixth Form)
Thursday	06.07.17		Year 6 transition day
	06.07.17	7.00pm-8.00pm	Anti-Radicalisation meeting (for parents/guardians)
Monday	10.07.17		Year 10 Geography visit to Stratford-upon-Avon
			Year 12 Business & Economics visit to London
Tuesday	11.07.17		Year 12 visit to London art galleries
Thursday	13.07.17		Arden's annual sports day
Friday	14.07.17	9.00am-11.00am	Year 7 Awards Ceremony in the School hall
Monday	17.07.17	9.00am-11.00am	Year 8 Awards Ceremony in the School hall
Tuesday	18.07.17	9.00am-11.00am	Year 9 Awards Ceremony in the School hall