

STARS OF HALF TERM

EMILY LANE
 (ex-Holy Trinity)

Excellent performance in English mock

REECE WILD
 (ex-St Aidan's)

Moved up two grades in half a term

IZZY O'CONNOLLY
 (ex-Throston)

Amazing talent and theatre production

TOM CAMPBELL
 (ex-St Aidan's)

Excellent sporting achievements

MARK POPPLEWELL
 (ex-Stranton)

For 100 per cent effort and over-time

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Auschwitz awaits for history teaching visit

DYKE House students are visiting two former death camps in Poland when they will explore well-known Auschwitz along with Terezin, writes **ERIN CLAYTON**.

The history department at the Hartlepool college is offering this opportunity throughout the year groups.

The Holocaust was an event between 1933-1945 that everyone remembers and it is important for the students to understand what happened and to pay their respects at the two concentration camps.

The students will be away for one week and will learn more about the devastating events that unfolded over the course of 12 years. Year 9 student Bethan Ellet said: "I am most excited about visiting the camps and learning more about the history behind them.

"I decided to go as I think it will be fun and educational, even though I don't study history. I believe it will be useful as I want to learn about the Holocaust and its historical facts. I am nervous about understanding the language if people talk other than English, however overall I think it will be an interesting trip."

The Holocaust affected the Jews and it saw six million people killed because of their religion. When the students are in Poland they



HISTORY: The Birkenau Gate at the Auschwitz concentration camp

will gain a better knowledge of what it was like at the time of the crisis and understand how hard it was for the Jews.

History teacher, and organiser of the trip, Mr Duffy has offered these trips for many years. The location usually changes every year and is always helpful for students to gain an insight of historical events.

Dyke House frequently offers opportunities like this in all the different departments. They believe

it helps students expand on their aspirations and to learn something new.

They have the freedom of venturing to different parts of the country or even somewhere outside the UK. Whether the trips involve coming back the same day or staying over, students benefit greatly from these privileges.

All of the students and staff are very excited for Poland and hope to learn something new while they are out there.

Careers day gives students a taste of future

TEACHERS love to give students at Dyke House College a chance to shine – and that's what they did at a recent careers day, writes **SAM BROWN**.

Opportunities come along all the time. Whether it is a visit to Russell group universities such as Durham and Cambridge through the Aspirations programme, or to gain qualifications such as sports leaders by developing coaching skills, there are often different things to try.

Another such opportunity came from a recent careers day, which was enjoyed by all.

In early February, students from Endeavour School participated in Dyke House's annual careers event. This event has taken place for several years and was as popular as ever.

Students were taken off timetable for a full day to go and listen to professionals from a wide range of professions.

The school's classrooms hosted interactive lectures

where volunteers from the local community explained their jobs and answered questions from inquisitive students.

Presentations ranged from hair and beauty to game design and pupils were given the opportunity to be models or test their skills. Mrs Smith, head of PE at Dyke House, was particularly keen to volunteer so she could have a manicure!

For many of the Endeavour pupils, the most popular lecture involved game design. The man

who delivered the lecture had worked alongside companies such as Rockstar, the creators of famous games.

Endeavor student Ethan Noble said: "I thoroughly enjoyed the day, my favourite part was the game design, as we were tasked with designing a new game targeted at children.

"The person was really interesting. The day really made me consider more jobs in the future. I now know which are more suited to me and why."



World Book Day helps students be creative

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FANCY DRESS: The Dyke House College teachers turned up wearing costumes to encourage reading

WORLD book day is an international charity event held annually to promote reading across the globe, **writes CHARLIE ANGUS.**

Every year people take part in intriguing activities to support the charity: from outstanding outfits to relay reading!

Earlier this month, Dyke House College contributed to the charity, which was initially designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, by their Drop Everything And Read event, and some of the staff members got dressed up as their favourite book characters.

The College's DEAR event is where the pupils and staff must stop whatever they are doing in order to read the novel they have.

At a random point in the day, the

bell will sound to symbolise the start of the event, and for the next 20 minutes everyone reads.

Reading is hugely encouraged inside Dyke House College, so World Book Day is a really exciting day for those who enjoy the activity.

The College already participates in morning reading sessions in Year 7 and 8 learning guide time.

Emily Henderson, Resolution School student (Y7), said: "Reading is my chance to escape to another world and let my creativity get lost on an adventure. I thoroughly entertained my world book day as you can see teachers from a different light. Also, the activities are great fun!"

Reading has numerous benefits for the future. For example, read-

ing increases people's vocabulary range and allows people to have a stronger analytical way of thinking. When the teachers dress up, it is a fun way of expressing the joys of reading. Also the students have a chance to discover what books are available to read.

Mrs Hayes, Dyke House College's library coordinator, explained her thoughts of world book day.

She said: "The yearly event allows the pupils and staff to take part in an range of out of the ordinary activities, including: Drop Everything And Read, Library Events, Staff get dressed up and every pupil gets a voucher for a free book." Generally, Dyke House College can't wait for the next World Book Day.

Gold's galore

DYKE HOUSE'S Year 9 swimming team made a splash to win their respective category at the Hartlepool Schools' swimming gala, **writes REECE ROBINSON.**

Students from four year groups took part in the event at the Mill House Leisure Centre, where collectively Dyke House finished second behind English Martyrs.

The teams consisted of five boys and five girls from each year group. There were four individual races and five team events.

It was the Year 9s who impressed the most, with the boys particularly impressive because they did not lose a single race.

Kieran Wright, Callum Bomersbach, Thomas Godber, Reece

Robinson and Sam Brown all played an important part.

Some of Dyke House's most promising swimmers have trained with double Olympic medalist Nick Gillingham OBE recently – and the work is clearly paying off.

The successful Year 9s saw Brown win gold and Nicole Peckett claim silver in the 25m butterfly. There was a gold for Bomersbach in the 50m freestyle and a bronze for Eve Parker.

Godber earned bronze in the 50m backstroke, while Caitlyn Collins shone for the girls by finishing with a gold.

There was a double gold in the 50m breaststroke when Robinson's victory for the Y9 boys was



Top coaching: The Dyke House swimmers with Nick Gillingham

followed by another triumph for Rebecca Swales.

To cap a memorable day there were further gold medals in the cannon relay, both freestyle relays, the medley relays and then, finally, both of the mixed relays in

the medley and freestyle.

Collins, a former Holy Trinity pupil, said: "It was great fun. It's good that we can all race as a team and compete against the other schools and it's even better when you win."