

Rivermead review

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TERM 5
May 2016

KM Teaching Awards 2016



On Thursday 19th May, Leanne Walters and Faith Roberts, Learning Mentors from the Partnership Team, attended the KM Kent Teacher of the Year Awards at Leeds Castle.

The Partnership Team were selected as winners of the Pastoral Care Provider of the Year - Medway District. It was a fantastic evening and a great opportunity to celebrate the amazing work carried out in Kent's schools.

Well done to everyone involved in the Partnership Team and congratulations for getting the recognition you deserve!

CHALLENGER TROOP

Six Year 9 Rivermead learners are currently taking part in 'Challenger Troop', a youth engagement programme with a military ethos to help young people develop individual leadership, confidence and employability skills.

Every Wednesday, learners join pupils from other local schools to undertake a variety of activities and challenges. Learners spent the first week learning about the standards of dress (they have a uniform) and the basic foot drill.

The following week learners travelled to Shorne Country Park to test their fitness levels and took part in team-building challenges. Learners have also been taught various camouflage and concealment skills, how to create a shelter in the woods and safely light a fire. Continuing to the end of Term Six, the learners are looking forward to participating in a navigation exercise and an overnight residential.

The end is near...

The last couple of weeks have seen our Year 11 learners taking their exams and finishing their pieces of coursework. As staff, we can see how stressful this time of year can be and we wanted to let you know how incredibly proud of you we all are. Exam season is nearly over; you will soon be able to relax and enjoy your summer. In the words of Einstein, "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning"

SEAL Form Groups

Our SEAL League tallies merits earned each term as a group. Each SEAL has chosen a charity to raise money for and so far we have raised over £300 through tag days, cake sales, sports and sponsored silences for our charities!

Term 4 SEAL League Results: WELL DONE DRAGONFLIES!



MERITS
406

DEMELZA
HOUSE



MERITS
284

TEXT
SANTA



MERITS
255

SAVE
THE
CHILDREN



MERITS
235

WORLD
WIDE
FUND (WWF)



MERITS
137

CANCER
RESEARCH



MERITS
119

HELP
FOR
HEROES



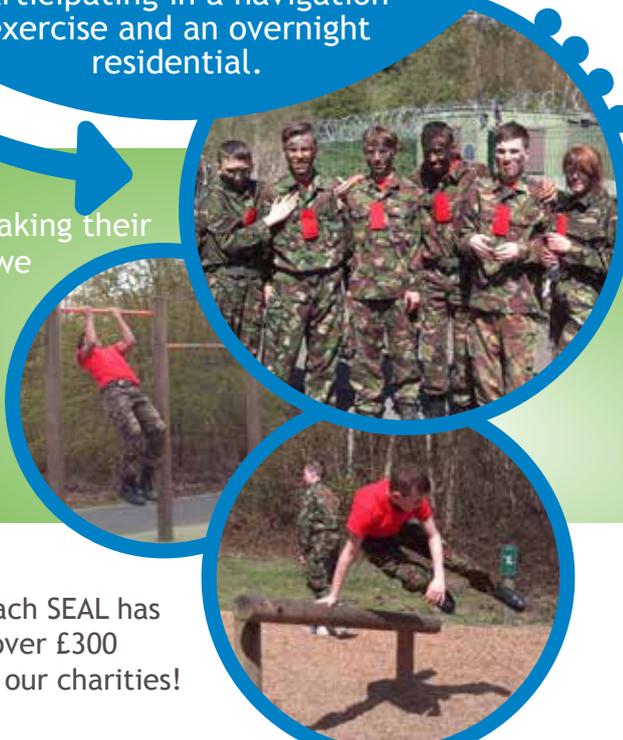
MERITS
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CANCER
RESEARCH

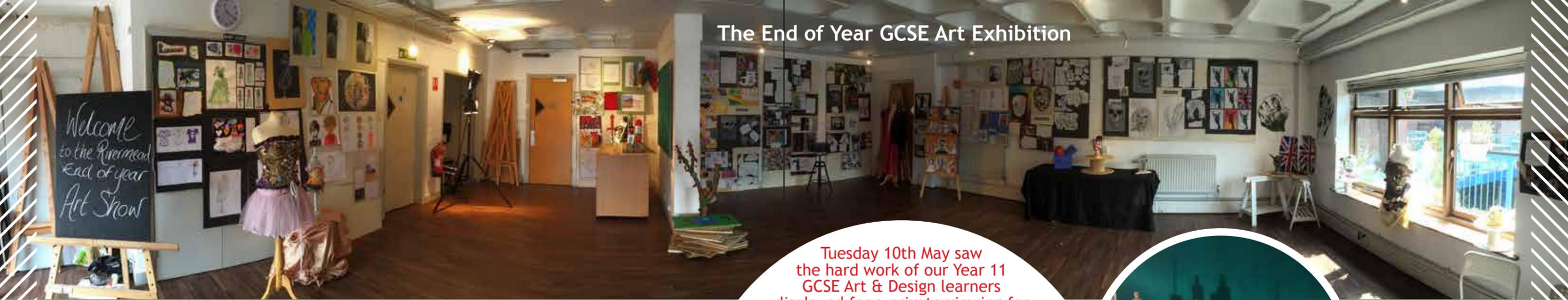


MERITS
38

WHIZZ
KIDZ



The End of Year GCSE Art Exhibition



SPECIAL MENTIONS

One Sunday morning Mrs Anderson decided to go from 'Couch to 5K' - It took 45 minutes and she raised a whopping £671 for the Wisdom Hospice. Miss Horner ran the famous London

Marathon of 26.2 miles in just 5 hours - yes ran - raising over £2000 for WhizzKidz. Mrs Whitton walked the London MoonWalk of 26.2 miles (the 0.2 is very important) starting just after 11pm and completing it in just over 7 hours raising over £2000 for Cancer Research and was interviewed on TV for taking part with her mum. Well done to all three ladies and thank you to all those who sponsored them. Gentleman of Rivermead Staff, the gauntlet has been thrown :-)

Those who attend our after school Gymnastics club on Tuesdays are challenging themselves with different equipment. Well done to you all, Mrs Childs and Mr O'Connor are very proud of your achievements.

A special congratulation goes to **Bella R** for her independent work on the Beam and **Joshua G** for his speed and ability to now make it onto the Vault.

Ms Morris entered some of our Year 10 & 11 learners' work from our GCSE Art and the Friday College Art group into a Portfolio competition run by the Turner Contemporary Gallery. **Melissa B's** work was shortlisted from a whopping 1500 entries this year which is a massive achievement. Melissa attended the awards ceremony and got to see her work on display.



Rivermead School vs Rivermead Partnership

Last week, it was that time of the term where some of our 6th Form Partnership Learners visited Rivermead for a '3 on 3' basketball match with some of our Key Stage 4 learners.

It started off a close game with the partnership taking the lead. Rivermead team pulled it back with some great shots and lots of determination. The match finished 30-10 to Rivermead School. Great shots were taken, glasses broken, but a fun, competitive, yet fair atmosphere prevailed.

A special thank you to our 6th form Partnership learners for participating and having a great team spirit.

These matches look set to become a great Rivermead tradition.

Tuesday 10th May saw the hard work of our Year 11 GCSE Art & Design learners displayed for a private viewing for parents, staff and local dignitaries at Sun Pier House Artist Studios in Chatham. The local press came along to take photos of our learners with their work.

It was a fantastic night, showcasing the amazing artistic talent of our learners in a space to reflect all the hard work and great care our Years 11s have put into their portfolios for the last two years. Two days later we took the rest of the school to see the exhibition and everyone came back singing our Year 11s praises, giving some of our younger learners the opportunity to see the kinds of art works produced at GCSE level.

A big thank you to Mrs Whitton for organising the exhibition and well done to our GCSE Art & Design group for such beautiful work.



Dickens Museum

Over the last two terms, year 10 learners studied the Dickens Novel 'A Christmas Carol' and at the end of the topic we visited one of the houses that belonged to Charles Dickens in Holborn London.

The day began early, as we got into the mini buses and travelled up to London whilst listening to some excellent music choices!

The museum was actually over two houses and contained many original features of Dickens' time there. We had a guided tour of the house and attended a workshop where learners were asked to create characters in the style of Dickens using imagination and mirrored facial expressions to help inspire them.

The museum was fascinating to see where Dickens and his family had once lived. Within the house there were recreations of his bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and dining room. Each room was filled with memorabilia from Dickens including pictures, first edition books and toys that belonged to his children. His famous writing desk was also there along with manuscripts and rare editions.

After the museum visit, learners enjoyed a walk to the local park for lunch before returning to school. It was an enjoyable day and a great way to develop our learners' understanding through enrichment activities.

Abbie H said, "It was amazing and really informative", Kieran B stated "it was interesting" and Gerge W gave "it 8/10" - high praise from our learners.



Project Based Homework



Last year we launched 'Project based' homework. This is where the homework does not 'inform' the next lesson. The Healthy Living homework project has been a huge success with all who participated gaining a reward for their amazing efforts. There was a high proportion of projects gaining a gold award for demonstrating outstanding work.

All learners who took part in the homework project will be visiting the Greenwich Royal Observatory. Those who achieved a silver award received a £5 voucher for the gift shop and anyone who achieved a gold award received a £10 voucher to spend. Well done to all who participated within the Homework project.

**Partnership
Graduation:**
Corn Exchange
Rochester
Tuesday 28th
June



A message from our 6th Form learners at the Partnership

We have been working tirelessly towards exams this month to ensure that we all pass and are able to get on to our first choice courses for next year. In celebration of all our hard work we are also planning a graduation ceremony - the first ever Partnership Graduation!!!

Everyone in the 6th Form will be presenting a speech or a video and we will have some special guests, which we are all really looking forward to! We want to take this opportunity

to thank everyone who has made our year brilliant because we have had the chance to do some fantastic things we never would have been able to do otherwise!

Good luck to everyone who will be coming to college next year - it's the best year of school so far!

The Haven

Mrs Murphy is our in-school Learning Mentor. She helps deal with any difficulties which could impact on your learning. A Learning Mentor will spend one to one time with you to give support, advice, guidance and help in various ways.

You can see Mrs Murphy to help with any difficulties preventing you from learning including: finding school work hard and worrying about it, moving onto college or next year, friendship problems, personal problems, home life, or feeling angry. There are many more reasons for wanting to spend time with Mrs Murphy.

If you feel you would benefit from time with Mrs Murphy, please see your SEAL tutor. Alternatively you can drop in at lunchtime to see her - try to let her know you are coming during SEAL if possible or drop by to see if she is free.



ADVERTISEMENTS

Rock Climbing: Every Monday there is a Rock Climbing club held at Lower Grange Farm - Kent Scouts. It is a free activity after school till 6pm. If you are interested please speak to Mr Nolan

Rivermead Inclusive Trust Summer Fair: Don't forget on 2nd July in Number 5 covered slip at Chatham Historic Dockyard. If you are interested in a stall please contact Mrs Whitton.

Term 6
Monday 6th
June to
Wednesday
20th July

ROCC: Next short breaks session - summer break 26th July to 19th August, £11 per day, to book email shortbreaks@rivermead.medway.sch.uk or call Mrs Speller on 07469 135150

Check the calendar on our website for the activities we have planned for term 6. There are a few of them! Have a great half term break everyone!

