

# **Upton Voice**

#### Upton-by-Chester High School Newsletter

December 2014



Mrs P. Dixon — Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Staff, Governors and Friends of Upton High School,

The Autumn term 2014 has been as busy, successful and eventful as ever and I'm sure you will not fail to be thoroughly impressed when you read this edition of Upton Voice.

There have been so many wonderful opportunities in which our students have participated that this is a bumper edition – and we could have added even more.

Some of the highlights for me include celebrating our excellent examination results at our star-studded GCSE and A Level Awards' Evenings.

We were delighted to welcome back former UHS student, and Burnley goalie, Tom Heaton as our special guest, to present our GCSE awards and congratulate our former Year 11 students on their excellent achievements. This year, 81% of all our grades were at A\*-C and 20% at grades A\*and A, including 17 students who achieved 8 or more A\* and A grades. Our valued added was also excellent, and many students made outstanding progress.

Tom spoke inspiringly about his success both at school and in football and how his parents had kept on reminding him that, if he wanted to be successful, he had to make sacrifices. He couldn't go out partying every weekend because he had to train with Manchester United and, when he had to miss lessons to attend the MUFC Academy, he had to catch up on school work by studying late at night. And of course all of that sacrifice, the hard work and commitment paid off!

As I write we are looking forward with excitement to our A Level Awards evening, to celebrate some of the best results in Chester, which are above national averages yet again, with 54% of our results at A\*-B grades. Our value added at both AS and A2 level are also significantly above average. Well done to all our students and I look forward to celebrating with you on Thursday. We will be welcoming former student Greg Russell, two time BBC Folk Award winner, to present the certificates, ensuring the evening will be even more special.

Well done to all of the students, staff, parents and carers who made these outstanding results possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new Year 7 students who have made an excellent start and had such a successful first term as Upton High School students. I am so proud of the way they have settled in and look forward to working with them over the next 7 years.

Congratulations too must be extended to our Year 11 students, who have survived their mocks and who have shown great commitment and maturity in their attitude and application.

The hard work and dedication of our Music department has ensured that this year's Christmas celebrations have been a great success. At the annual concert we were treated to an eclectic mix of music, ranging from Rachmaninov to Lady Gaga, with traditional carols and yuletide songs in between – what an amazing experience!

May I wish you all a peaceful, happy and safe holiday and I look forward to an even more successful 2015!

With best wishes.

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#### **GCSE Awards Evening**

On Monday 17th November we welcomed back our Year 11 pupils from last year to celebrate their successes at Upton High School. We also had some special guests for the evening, including broadcaster and historian Dan Snow, who spoke to our pupils and presented some awards. We were especially delighted to welcome back ex-pupil Tom Heaton, who is now goalkeeper at Burnley FC in the Premier League.

Tom began proceedings with a speech about his time at Upton and the positive support and encouragement he received from the staff. Pupils were then presented with their GCSE certificates, before departments awarded individual prizes to those pupils who had shown exceptional achievement or commitment during their GCSEs.

The evening was a wonderful way to reflect on the fantastic achievements of our pupils and proved thoroughly memorable for all those who attended.





#### **Big Storage Toy Appeal**

Over the last few weeks the RS Department has been appealing for toys for the Big Storage Christmas Toy Appeal. The toys needed to be new and unwrapped. At the time of going to press, 9 big storage boxes of toys went towards making disadvantaged children in our community feel a little bit more special this Christmas. Thank you for your support.



## Eye opening biology with Upton Heath

Mr. Warwick worked with 60 pupils from Year 6 at Upton Heath Primary School in November and December. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed studying the structure of the mammalian eye, including dissection identification and structural adaptations.



#### Hexagonal quilting challenge for 6th Form Textiles

Helen Lloyd, a representative from section 13 of the British Isles Young Quilters Guild, visited our 6th Form Textiles students recently to talk about Quilting. She very kindly brought in superb historical examples from York Quilt Museum and some of her own quilts using a whole host of materials such as recycled shirts and jeans. The students also had the opportunity to try some hexagonal quilting which they enjoyed but found very time consuming.





#### **European Day of Languages**

At the end of September, Year 7 took part in workshops supported by Europe Direct as part of the MFL Department's celebrations of European Day of Languages (Friday 26th). In each of the eight one hour sessions held, students challenged themselves to match up flags, celebrities, famous dishes, authors and many other items to the relevant EU country on a giant map.

The students all received their own copy of the Passport to the European Union which they used both to help them with the workshop activities and to get them thinking about the follow-up activity which was to design their own country and flag!



#### **University Geography Quiz**

Two teams of Year 9 students took part in a Geographical Association Quiz at Chester University on Wednesday 3rd December. Our teams finished in the top ten from a group of 21 teams. It was a fun and informative afternoon of

geography quiz questions!



Team 1: Hannah Poole, Callum Edwards and George Germany.

Team 2: Thea Lewis, George MacFarlane and Leah Iordanau.

#### **Visit of Tristram Hunt MP (Shadow Education Secretary)**

Dr Tristram Hunt MP led an inspiring and thoughtful discussion on current political issues with Economics, Politics, History and Sociology A Level students. The visit was co-ordinated by Chris Matheson, the Prospective Labour Parliamentary candidate for Chester.



Mr A. Petty, Teacher of History and Politics, said: "It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to witness a frontline politician at the top of his game." Jake McNicholas, Year 13, stated that "it was a great insight into the ideas and policies of a man who could potentially be fighting for our futures."

Topics covered included changes to A Levels, zero hour contracts and how to deal with the Government deficit. Edward Hawksby, Year 12, enjoyed "the discussion about the risks and benefits of a

meritocracy in society."

Students were rigorous in their questioning of Dr Hunt. Miss V. Brown, Director of Sixth Form, said "we were delighted that Tristram Hunt took the time out of his busy schedule to come and talk to our students about education, current affairs and their wider implications. There was a stimulating Q&A session and I am sure our students will have gained from these experiences."



### National mathematical success for Upton

Our students achieved 1 Gold, 6 Silver and 7 Bronze awards in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge 2014. Over 81,000 students from across the UK returned scripts for the Senior Maths Challenge, with the top 10% receiving gold awards, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze.

Joshua Darwell (Year 13) not only achieved a Gold award but scored amongst the top 4000 students nationally and qualified for the follow-on competition the Senior Kangaroo.

The Senior Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and aimed at students in Year 13 and below.

Mr Biard, Head of Mathematics, said "I am delighted for our students. They have demonstrated how well they can apply their mathematical knowledge to solve some very challenging problems."

Gold: Joshua Darwell

<u>Silver</u>: Hannah Amesbury, Ewan Cook, Dominic Hadley, James Oliver, Marcus Pindard-Baden, Daniel Stroud.



<u>Bronze</u>: Ethan Davies, Andreas Dobson, Anna Geertsma-Dolton, Katie Johnson, Elliot Long, Laura Wiggins, Steven Young.

#### **Showcasing iPad success at a National Conference**

We were delighted to showcase our innovative use of iPads for learning in a workshop at the SSAT National Conference 2014, on the 5th of December in Manchester.

The conference focused on the outcomes and experience of every individual learner and combined inspirational inputs from schools and students with thought-provoking perspectives from employers and leading academics.

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Special thanks to Lauren Lees and Hannah Munro, two of our Year 8 iPad ELFs (E-Learning Facilitators), for representing our school with Mr Keegan and Mr Stott.

#### £250 donation for our Oxfam Youth Group after volunteering success

On 5th October a group of students volunteered to help with the Chester Marathon baggage collection. Students collected and returned over 5000 bags to runners from 7am until 3pm. Active Leisure Events Limited kindly donated £250 to the school, which the Oxfam Youth Group has put into their campaign work to help even more people.

Elaine Hulse, of Active Leisure Events, said of the students, "Your team were great, thank you so much. The feedback we have had from the runners has been fantastic!"

Mrs K. Smale, Head of PSRE, said "we are really proud of our students commitment to this community event. The students really enjoyed their volunteering work and are ready for their next challenge."

You can follow our Oxfam Youth Group on twitter — @UptonOxfamYouth

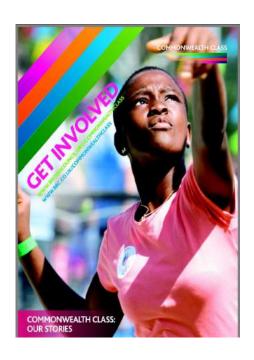


#### **British Council & BBC Commonwealth Class Case Study**

The British Council and BBC online debates brought together schools and students around the world and provided amazing learning opportunities.

The British Council has written a case study about our participation in the Commonwealth Class project and we feature on page 2.

The report can be found here: http://tinyurl.com/commonwealthclassstudy

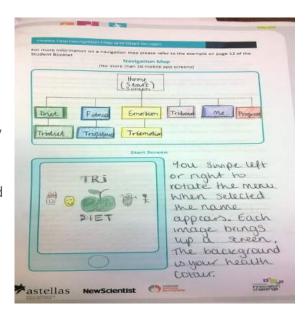


#### **STEM Competition**

Four of our most talented pupils took part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) competition in October. The pupils were selected by subject teachers for their talents in STEM subjects and the team was made up of Antonia Willoughby, William Hannigan, Lucy Fisher (all Year 11) and Lucy Birchall (Year 10).

The pupils were put through their paces in an Apprentice style activity to produce the most creative and innovative health related app they could. In a limited amount of time the pupils put forward an outstanding entry for the school, to be entered into a nationwide competition created by Astellas, a pharmaceutical company dedicated to finding innovative ways to support people across the world to live healthier lives.

The winning entry will not only get STEM funding for the school and individual prizes for the participants, but their app will be created and be available for download in the near future.



#### Upton students have the world at their fingertips

Learning geography simply from maps and atlases could be outdated for school students. A group of our students closed their books recently and took to Skype to learn about and identify a specific place in Sri Lanka. Students on both sides of the world were able to ask questions of each other to identify their country, city and school.



Mrs Mitchell, Geography Teacher, said the Skype session was one in a series of lessons which aimed to help students learn about the world by expanding their learning opportunities beyond the traditional confines. "Technology has allowed students to practice skills such as mapping, using sources i.e. atlases and Google maps and identify what information they need to guide their search for a school," she said.

"The 'Skype in the Classroom' project is giving students the opportunity to connect with students in classrooms around the

world. It is a fantastic cultural exchange from the convenience of the classroom and an amazing enriching development for Geography".



#### A tasty study of the Mandarin food & drink topic

Year 9 and 11 Mandarin students enjoyed studying the food and drink topic so much that their teacher, Mrs Granville, gave them a cooking lesson after school! With the very kind support of the Food Technology department, Mrs Granville and her students had a wonderful cooking lesson after school.



Students learnt how to make Won Ton soup noodles from fresh ingredients. They prepared and cooked their own Won Tons and then cooked them with noodles to create an appetising dish!

All students enjoyed eating their soup noodles and learning from the enrichment activity.

Mrs Granville said, 'it was fantastic to see that they all were enjoying cooking and learning more about Chinese culture'.



#### Year 7 Science Club wins £500 grant and is awarded a Governor's Commendation

Last year the Science Club applied to the Institute of Physics for a grant of £500 to purchase stimulating equipment for our club. After a nailbiting wait they were very happy to receive the full grant in recognition of the outstanding work they do with our Year 7s.

The Science Club this year has an unprecedented average attendance of 40, one of the largest clubs the Stimulating Physics Network has heard of to date. They were able to purchase alternative energy source windmills, electrical conductive paint, vacuum bazookas, air resistance parachutes, along with floating magnets and sonic guns to name a few.

During a recent session, Mr Caine welcomed Mrs Dixon, our Headteacher, and Dr Reading from the Governing Body, who popped in to have to a look at the activities our young scientists were enjoying. What a surprise the visitors got when they walked into a full blown squid dissection! Our Marine Biologists were investigating the squid and how evolution over millions of years has adapted the animal to be hugely successful in the marine environment. They were able to see how squids catch prey, hold prey and eat, and how they communicate with colour and move via jet propulsion. A great educational time was had by all.

After the session Dr Reading presented the club with a Governor's Commendation in recognition for the outstanding work our young scientists have been doing. Our students have also been invited to meet the whole school governing body for afternoon tea, which has caused great excitement amongst the members.





#### Visit to Auschwitz & Birkenau - Molly Wilkinson & Mel Lynch (Year 13)

In the process of becoming Ambassadors for the Holocaust Educational trust we were privileged enough to participate in a one day trip to Poland to visit Auschwitz 1 and Birkenau. In preparation we attended a number of seminars, including an orientation seminar where we had the chance to listen to Holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper, which helped to give us a greater insight into the true horrors that took place during his time at Birkenau. The orientation also helped us to prepare mentally for the emotional journey we were about embark on and meet our group who we would be spending the day trip with.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November we visited a synagogue and were taken around Auschwitz 1 by an expert who supplied us with information on how each part of the camp functioned. He told us about the unimaginable torture and hardship prisoners were subjected to. A part of the tour that both affected us was seeing 80,000 pairs of shoes that had belonged to the prisoners, this helped us individualise the victims instead of their death being just another name on a list. On the day we also had the chance to visit Birkenau, as a group we were taken aback by

the sheer size and almost clinical symmetry of the buildings. At the end of our visit we held a short service within Birkenau in memory of the victims, led by a Rabbi, we finished by each laying a candle on the train tracks which brought hundreds of thousands of prisoners into the camp during the Holocaust, which was very moving.

As a follow up to our visit we attended another seminar where we were encouraged to reflect on our day at Auschwitz, for many this was useful as they hadn't spoken about how they had been affected since the day. We also made preparations for our next steps project which we shall be completing in the new year. Both of us a agree we have been very lucky to experience what Auschwitz is really like and are determined to produce a project to help others learn more and not forget the victims of the Holocaust.



#### World Challenge — Swaziland

After nearly two years of planning and fund raising, 27 students from Upton-by-Chester High School embarked on a truly memorable trip of a lifetime to Swaziland in Southern Africa. The expedition was split into three phases: Project, Trek and Safari.

Our **project** was based in a small remote community called Mdinda. In this community the church is the focal point with children arriving on a daily basis to receive an education and to be fed. It had been decided that what the centre really needed was a perimeter fence to keep intruders out, giving the children a safer area to go about their school and play, and allowing the locals to grow vegetables in the grounds without the fear of wild life ruining them. Our students were required to dig holes in rock solid ground for the fence posts, mix cement with a spade and fix the wire to the posts. Unfortunately, there were not enough materials to finish the fence, so the students voluntarily dipped into their own budget and liaised with World Challenge to release a small amount of funding to finish the job. Come the final day the community centre had a fully completed perimeter fence including a gate. The project was such a success it made national Swazi news with a television crew arriving to report on it. During the project phase we had the opportunity to interact with the children, most of whom were orphaned or living with older siblings, using the community centre. Some had HIV and owned nothing more than the dirty clothes they were wearing. However, their spirit was amazing. So many happy smiling faces enjoyed playing games and chatting to our students. They really were an inspiration.

The **trek** phase took us to the beautiful Malolotja nature reserve where the teams endured a 4 day trek down into the valley, along the valley floor and the gruelling task of climbing up the other side. Before undertaking this challenge we had the opportunity to go on a zip line with the most stunning back drop. The team then made their way through the challenging terrain coming across zebra and impala on their way and we kind of got used to the sound of jackals howling as we went to sleep! The students became experts in setting up and taking down their tents and cooking over an open fire.

The final two days of the expedition we spent on **safari** in the beautiful Milwanae Wildlife Park where we saw crocodiles, zebra, wildebeest and a variety of birds. We viewed the sunset from the top of one of the highest peaks in the safari, following a drive through the landscape in 4x4 vehicles which was a whole breath-taking evening. This was not the only way to view the wildlife however, as the following morning we went out in groups on horseback for an hour's ride! We left with amazing memories and experiences that will stay with us forever.

#### Mr Owen









## Physics students attend Chester Astronomical Society Lecture

Upton-by-Chester High School A-Level Physics students were delighted to accept an invitation from Mr Ebo of the Chester Astronomical Society to attend a lecture by guest speaker Professor Allan Chapman, a historian of science at Oxford University.

The lecture focussed on the life story of famous Astronomer Edmond Halley, who had discovered 'Halley's Comet' visible from Earth approximately once every 76 years. Students discovered that, in addition to being a famous astronomer, Halley was also a geophysicist, mathematician, meteorologist, and physicist who at the age of just 19 visited the South Atlantic island of Saint Helena and went on to catalogue all the stars of the Southern hemisphere.



Mrs Scutter, Head of Key stage 5 Physics said "it was a privilege to witness Professor Chapman's passion for his subject and he is keen to encourage both male and female students to become physicists. We are very much looking forward to the next lecture organised by the Chester Astronomical Society on radio telescopes."

#### **Visit of Natalie Bennett (Leader of the UK Green Party)**

Natalie Bennett, leader of the U.K. Green party, visited Upton-by-Chester High School on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Her visit was arranged with the help of the Speakers4School programme. However, such was Ms. Bennett's interest in the work and attitudes of the students at Upton, it went well beyond merely giving a speech.

Ms. Bennett was shown the work that the Eco Schools group was doing to reduce waste and make Upton a more sustainable institution. Later, Ms. Bennett opened herself up to questions from students, who queried her about a range of issues from the Prime Minister's attitude to Feminism, to what a more ecologically friendly economy would look like.

Upon leaving, Ms. Bennett took to social media to praise Upton for the work of its student-led Eco Group. She was not the only one to be impressed by the day. Year 12 student Leah Winstanley said that "it was interesting to hear views from outside the narrow range of Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives."

Teaching staff were delighted. Miss Main, one of four teachers of Politics at Upton, stated that "this visit is exactly why we engaged with the Speakers 4 Schools programme. Our students were able to see a current national party leader. The experience not only provided them with the intellectual challenge that will develop them academically, but reminded them of the importance of a humane attitude to others. Such progress is what the Politics department aims to develop."





#### Year 9 boys attend Royal Society of Chemistry Christmas Lecture

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December a group of very excited Year 9 boys were given the opportunity to watch a spectacular Chemistry demonstration lecture put on by the Royal Society of Chemistry. The event was held at Bolton Independent School and a lecturer from Manchester University led the audience through a series of whizz bang experiments whilst explaining to us how she had developed a love for the subject. Many thanks to Ms Kam for organising this trip.





#### **Biology expedition to Cuba**

Following the success of 2012's Madagascar expedition, the decision was made to undertake another in summer 2014. This time to the Isle of Youth (Isla de la Juventud) in Cuba. The first 5 days involved a reef ecology course and PADI open water dive training for those requiring it. This familiarised divers with the skills required to identify reef species in preparation for the underwater fieldwork in the second week.

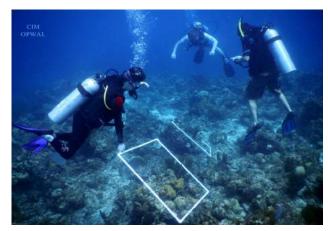
The fieldwork undertaken was from the "Felipe Poey", a research vessel owned by the University of Havana, and named after Cuba's most celebrated zoologist. All data collected was to be assimilated into various projects being run by the University to help protect the biodiversity within the Punta Frances nature reserve. The three days and nights on the "Poey" involved:

- A shark tagging operation (we didn't manage to catch any unfortunately, but did come close as illustrated by a chewed line).
- Stereo video transects of the reef
- Interrupted belt transects of corals across the reef
- Control of predatory lionfish (through spearfishing)

Following the return to "dry land" we gathered further data of fish populations in the bay by netting from the beach. This also involved dissecting the fish to measure, weigh, sex, age and look at their diets. Then followed analysis of our video transects and a day long boat ride through the mangroves to attempt to catch manatees. Once caught, the manatees were to be radio-tagged to study migratory behaviour and a biopsy taken for genetic fingerprinting, should the same creature be snared twice. Our group were the first schools group to catch one, only to be foiled by a hole in the net!

#### **Mr Warwick**





#### **Recipients of the Head of Science Award**

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received the extremely sought after Head of Science Award.

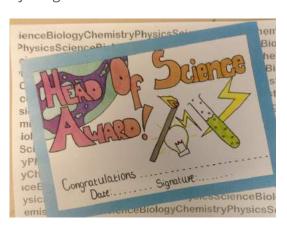
Keira Alderson 11X1YU George Coulthard 10X2ME

Rachel Ferguson 11X2WO Matthew Clough 9Y2WO

Jack Rowlands 11Y2MA Olivia Aylward 9X4WO

Eimeren Dizon 9X4WO Nate Green 11Y4WO

Well done to all for what is a fantastic achievement. Pupils are nominated based on their outstanding effort and or contribution to the school. Receipients are announced every half term.



#### Yunus Hall is leading a collection for our local FoodBank

This year we would like all students to be involved by bringing in provisions and in turn helping us support our local community, especially during the festive period. This will enable our students to display our Hall ethos of generosity, allowing them to understand that true giving, is to those who can never repay you.

West Cheshire Foodbank, provide help to local people who live below the poverty line in the Chester and West Cheshire area providing emergency food to men, women and children in crisis in the UK. We are asking our students and staff to bring in items to the Learning Hub and place in the box provided.





Mrs Johns' Form 7Y1MA have decided to donate to Foodbank instead of buying Secret Santa presents this year.

If you would like to know more about West Cheshire Foodbank, and how they help to make a difference, details can be found on their website: http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/

If you have any questions regarding the appeal, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Noel (Hall Leader — Yunus). Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make a difference.

#### Sixth Form Chemistry students win prizes at RSC Quiz Night

Twenty Chemistry students from both the Upper and Lower Sixth played their part in consuming the 35 pizzas provided by the Royal Society of Chemistry at the annual "Healthy Chemistry Quiz" staged at Techniquest in Glyndwr University, Wrexham.

As well as enjoying the pizza, the students listened to three short presentations from PhD students and industrial chemists.

The main event however was the Chemistry themed quiz which was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to George Jackson from the Lower Sixth for winning a spot prize and to the Upper Sixth team (Sophie Stoneley, James Peaker, Steven Young and Matt Oxley) who came second in the quiz.

Many thanks to Mr Bell for organising the visit and to Ms Kam and Mrs Bradbury for accompanying the students.



# Sixth Form visit to Chester University – a report from Georgia Jones and Rebecca Foxall (both new to Upton-by-Chester High School in September 2014)

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Lower Sixth visited Chester University to get a taste of university student life, student loans and a general tour around Chester University grounds. It gave us the opportunity to talk to the students about how they have found the experience, as well as helping us make the decision whether university life is for us, including whether we would want to study at Chester University.



The day started off with us meeting in a lecture theatre where we were involved in a range of different activities, including brain teasers which made us interact with the people around us to discuss the answers. Next we were introduced to three of the current students who spoke about their subjects, life at the university, accommodation and student loans. This was followed by a presentation about the different campuses and courses available. Throughout the day we took part in a range of different team building activities, designed to make us interact with fellow pupils which proved more useful for ourselves as we both moved from external schools this summer to join Upton. The array of different activities which we took part in meant that we could socialise with other students whom we may not have spoken to before, allowing us to feel more involved in the school.

We both feel like we have settled in very well since moving to Upton. Through the past year we both knew that we would move schools but were unsure on what to expect from the school or the people. When signing up for Sixth Form, a few familiar faces were noted which ensured that I wouldn't be on my own in lessons or during school time. The first day was ok, I was unsure of where I was going and inevitably got lost, however other sixth form members helped me find where I was and everyone was really welcoming towards us. During the first few weeks, work load due to coursework based subjects built up causing me to struggle, however my teachers sat me down and told me how to keep on top of each subject individually. Once the first week had finished, both of us felt as if we had started to settle and learnt our way around. Later on in the month, I auditioned for the musical, not hoping to get a good part since I was new, it was an opportunity to make friends, but I ended up getting a principal part which I was very happy with. Now that it is a few months in, we both feel settled with a nice group of friends and aspirational target grades set.

#### **Georgia Jones and Becky Foxall**

Thank you to Georgia and Rebecca for this super report, we are delighted you are enjoying your courses and have settled well in the Sixth Form. **Miss V. Brown (Director of Sixth Form)** 

#### French exchange with Arradon in September

Upton-by-Chester High School's French exchange with Arradon in Southern Brittany follows the strong links developed by the Upton and Arradon Twinning Associations over the past 30 years. Students and staff from our school enjoyed their visit to Arradon and attended lessons with French students at College Gilles Cahinet.

Tom Bamber, Year 11, said: "I thoroughly enjoyed the exchange, I made many new friends as well as meeting some wonderful people. Staying with a family was great as I was immersed in the local culture and my French dramatically improved. Arradon and the surrounding area is picturesque and ideal for sailing and I would definitely recommend this experience to other students."



#### **Lower Sixth attend Northern Lights lecture**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November the Lower Sixth Physics Students visited Wirral Grammar School for Girls to listen to a plasma physicist talk about the northern lights. It was a fascinating experience and very awe inspiring.

Melanie Windridge was the guest speaker and she spoke about her experiences in studying the northern lights. Further to this she discussed the physics behind why they happen and what sort of space weather we can expect in the future.

Melanie also described our connection to the Sun, the scientific processes behind the differing colours of polar lights and some of the unwanted technological effects of Space Weather.

It was a very interesting talk, which we will look to continue to do with future Year 12 students.



#### Dates for your diary in 2015

15th January — Year 9 Options Evening

21st January — 6th Form Open Evening

27th January — Year 11 Parents Evening

5th February — Year 12 Parents Evening

9th to 12th February — **Grease (tickets on sale soon)** 

10th March — Year 8 Parents Evening

31st March — Dance Show

1st April — Year 7 Parents Evening

17th June — Sports Day

25th June — Open Evening

9th July — Year 10 Parents Evening

15th July — Awards Evening

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