



Battle Abbey School

Newsletter: 19th January 2018

Artwork of the week - Natalie Jiang (Year 12), Renaissance Man inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci.



Welcome

Dear Parents

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to the Prep School after the Christmas break and I am delighted to report that the Spring term has started in a very positive and bright manner.

One particular focus in our assemblies this term has been talking about the start of the New Year; which is a good time to remind ourselves that a new year gives us the chance to explore the endless opportunities we have to start all over again.

We have been discussing and exploring the concept of "turning over a new leaf" which was an unfamiliar term for many. We looked at new beginnings and making resolutions to make fresh starts.

The children came up with many resolutions; to work harder at school, to keep their bedrooms tidy or to do more exercise and make more healthy choices with their snacks. We explored situations where freshly made resolutions had not gone to plan and the children considered what should happen next. Fortunately the children at the Prep School have great resolve and when presented with choices to either give up or to be resilient and start again, they overwhelmingly chose to strive to achieve their goal.

Prep teachers regularly plan for challenges in the children's learning. I noticed a good example of this in a Year 5 Science lesson this week where the children were learning about levers and how they worked. It became apparent through the investigative task set that they would have to overcome difficulties with measuring specific weights required to lift a load in a precise manner, with many of the children either having to start again, move the pivot, or re-measure several times in order to obtain accurate results. I am pleased to report that no child gave up and they all resolved to reach the end of the investigation with a complete set of results!

Developing positive attitudes towards learning does not always come easy, but it is through experiencing these challenges that our pupils develop resilience to overcome difficulties and succeed.

A phrase I love that encapsulates this resolve is, "just when the caterpillar thought its life was over, it began to fly". At the Prep School we are making 2018 the year to keep trying, not to give up, and to see our goals and dreams through to the end.

With best wishes for a successful 2018.

Maria Maslin



Dear Parents

As much as I would like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful 2018, our School community received a shattering blow when we heard that former student, Harry Ross, was tragically killed in a motor accident in Herefordshire last Thursday. Harry was a bubbly, popular and engaging member of the Battle Abbey family who re-located after his GCSEs and, had he stayed, would currently be a member of our Upper Sixth cohort and so he has many friends still at the School. His death has come as a huge shock but I have been immensely proud of the way in which our students have responded – with immense dignity, compassion and extraordinary levels of composure. His friends have been especially impressive in their response and together they are ensuring that his memory will live on and their collective tributes to him have been immensely moving and upbeat.

The sadness of this week however, has not overshadowed the optimism and positivity of the new term. Students returned refreshed from the Christmas break and several spoke fondly of the French exchange trip to Arras and of the much anticipated BAY choir course. Many in the Upper Sixth also came back with news of fantastic university offers to a range of universities including Durham, UCL, Exeter, Kings, Bristol, Manchester and then we were delighted to hear that Katie Jones has been offered a place at St. Hugh's College, Oxford to read for a degree in Biology – a stunning achievement.

Those offers have proved hugely motivational and, as a result, the mock season has had an added level of urgency for those in exam classes. The Year 11 students have been equally busy and have worked diligently in preparation for their GCSE Maths papers earlier this month – and I am indebted to the amazing Maths teachers for their incredible commitment in supporting those students with extra lessons after school, at weekends and even in the Christmas holidays.

Amid the pressures of exams, we have still enjoyed a range of diverse and enriching activities these past few weeks. We have hosted visitors from the Brighton Science Festival, our Dance Company have performed at Brighton University and our cross-country runners have won through to county and national representation. We have also given the term ahead a big careers focus and our new careers team has brought real impetus to this important aspect of school life.

Before signing off, can I please remind parents that our minibuses leave the Abbey each evening at 6pm and we are keen to remind students to observe that critical deadline? Finally, please join us next Wednesday at 5pm for the EPQ finalists evening which will provide a fantastic insight into the intellectual pursuits of some of our senior students.

Best wishes

David Clark

Nursery News



Welcome back from the Christmas and New Year break; the children have settled back well and have enjoyed telling us all their holiday news and seeing their nursery friends again.

The Nursery pupils joined with the Prep School holiday club for a trip to the Izzard Theatre to watch Madagascar performed by Bexhill College Theatre Production students; a great time was had by all!

We are delighted to welcome Angelica, Finn, Noah and Toby to Nursery this term.

The Acorns class have been busy practising their counting, looking at family photos and creating self portraits. The Oaks have been very creative in making a variety of winter pictures and in doctors, hospitals and baby role-play.

Mrs Rapley



Croque!!: This term, Year 5 are learning all about food in their French lessons. This week, the children learned how to give instructions to make sandwiches. After learning the necessary vocabulary, the children wrote out a recipe for a sandwich of their choice. Once they had finished, they read their instructions to me

and I followed them exactly! We only had two children that stopped midway and asked if they could just go and get a pencil and change a bit... Great fun!

Mrs Golding



Brainboxes: The General Knowledge Quiz Team are up and running. Scarlett did some outstanding calculations in Maths in order to solve multi-step word problems.



Paper Engineers: Year 1 have enjoyed putting the final touches to their woven houses this week.

Prep Round Up



Music is the Key: This week we welcomed Mr Scott Nightingale back to our school. He is teaching one-to-one keyboard lessons to individual pupils and is passionate about developing musical talent in children.



Independent Learning: Reception children have been busy looking through books for dinosaur words they like best and then practising their writing, well done everyone!



Rock Cakes: Reception children followed a step by step instruction sheet to make their own Rock Cakes! Yummy!

Prep School News



Open Morning

The first Prep and Nursery School Open morning of the New Year was held today.

Our midweek drop in mornings are a great opportunity to see the school and Nursery at work and play on a normal school day.

Please feel free to visit!

and...Action!

Battle Prep School pupil Artie will be starring in brand new TNT Drama 'The Alienist' which premieres on 22nd January. Tipped as No.1 top watch in 2018 by IMDB. The programme also stars Luke Evans, Dakota Fanning, Daniel Bruhl and Ted Levine alongside other well-known British Actors. Artie will appear as 'Thomas Connor' the son of an Irish Policeman and filming took him to locations as far away as Budapest!



Be sure to keep an eye out for it!

Sport News



On Thursday 11th January the Under 9 Tag Rugby Team played a 9 aside match against Skippers Hill. The match consisted of 3 sessions of 10 minutes but overall the match was evenly contested and produced end to end excitement.

In the first 10 minutes after strong running performances by Rafael and James, Battle Abbey edged in front on the score board and they ended the session winning by 7 tries to 6. In the second session substitutes were made on both sides. Jayden started to gain confidence in his running, scoring 2 tries and good defending by Sam and Balian meant the session ended in a 5 all draw. The final session showed how much both teams had learned during the game. Both teams worked well together to cover the ground defensively making it more difficult to score tries.

Toby showed good spatial awareness and speed to go over in the corner, but James was clearly the Battle Abbey Player of the match as he continued to carry the ball with confidence and overall scored more than a hat trick of tries. The session ended with a 3 all draw.

Thanks to the continuous and enthusiastically positive support from parents on the side-lines, the boys gained in confidence as the match progressed. The final score was a 15 to 14 win by Battle Abbey.

Well done to everyone who played and thank you to Mr Chamberlain for his help.

Jackie Hill - Head of Prep School Games.



Featured artist - Sarah Lovell (Year 13)

Sarah Lovell in Year 13 produces detailed mock exam work on the theme of 'Decayed' using mixed media.



Intermediate Latin Class Motto

By Annique, Felix, Harrison, James and Phoebe.

This week the Intermediate Latin class spent some time translating and discussing a range of Latin mottos, ending up with selecting a motto for our Wednesday Latin class. We considered a shortlist of 5 mottos:

1. per ardua ad astra is the motto of the RAF. It means "to the stars, though hard work", and we all agreed it was good advice for life in general. After all, people do generally have to put in some effort to achieve anything worthwhile. This motto is very motivating, it tells us to work hard and to aim high, which describes our Latin class pretty well. This ended up being our second choice for our class motto.

2. labor omnia vincit was written first by Virgil, the poet of the Aeneid. It means "work conquers all", meaning that if you work hard you will be able to overcome all obstacles. It encourages hard work and suggests that if you don't try, you won't achieve anything. This motto is very encouraging and tells us to keep going even when things get difficult.

3. non scholae, sed vitae discimus. It means "we do not learn for school, but for life". We agreed that learning isn't, or shouldn't be, about grades and exams but about training your brain to think and giving us the knowledge to understand the world better. We thought this could be a good motto for a school, but didn't think this was a good motto for our Latin class, since no modern people actually speak Latin.

4. disce aut discede is the motto of the King's School Rochester. It means "learn or leave", which we all agreed was very harsh, though possibly realistic, since school is meant to be for learning after all. We thought it had a really good sound and is also quite funny. This motto would attract people who want to learn to try Latin, but we were concerned it would deter less confident people. When it came to voting, none of us wanted this to be the motto for our Latin class.

5. sapere aude. This means "dare to know" or "dare to be wise". It suggests the value of learning, even if it's not a particularly popular thing to do. This motto lays down a challenge and encourages people to take a risk and do something stretching or out of their comfort zone, like learning Latin for instance! This motto also suggests that if you only dare to have a go, then you might triumph. It offers the promise of wisdom and glory. We also like the fact that this motto is really concise, and says a lot in just two words.

When we had voted for our first and second favourites, the winner was sapere aude, so that is now the motto of our Wednesday Latin group.



Textile of Week - Tracy Tang (Year 12)

This is a close-up section of the work of Tracy Tang Year 12 who is studying A Level Textiles as a new subject to her this year. Her mock exam piece, on the theme of Environment is inspired by the greenery and shrubbery around the school, from which she has designed her own Islamic style lino print block. She has printed this onto fabric and is machine embroidering to enhance the piece, which is then going to become a bodice.





Featured Textile - Will Fouraker (Year 7)

Work by Will Fouraker in Year Seven. Inspired by an exercise we did in class about drawing alternative textures on an imaginary hand, Will decided to have a go at making a jointed, movable hand using his 3D Printing pen, over the Christmas holiday. He brought it in to his first Art lesson back at school. Well done Will!



Photography - Tom Anstee (Year 12)



The door that opens so many more...



OPEN DAY (Battle Abbey)
Battle Abbey School (Ages 11 - 18)
3rd March 2018: 10.30pm - 12.30pm

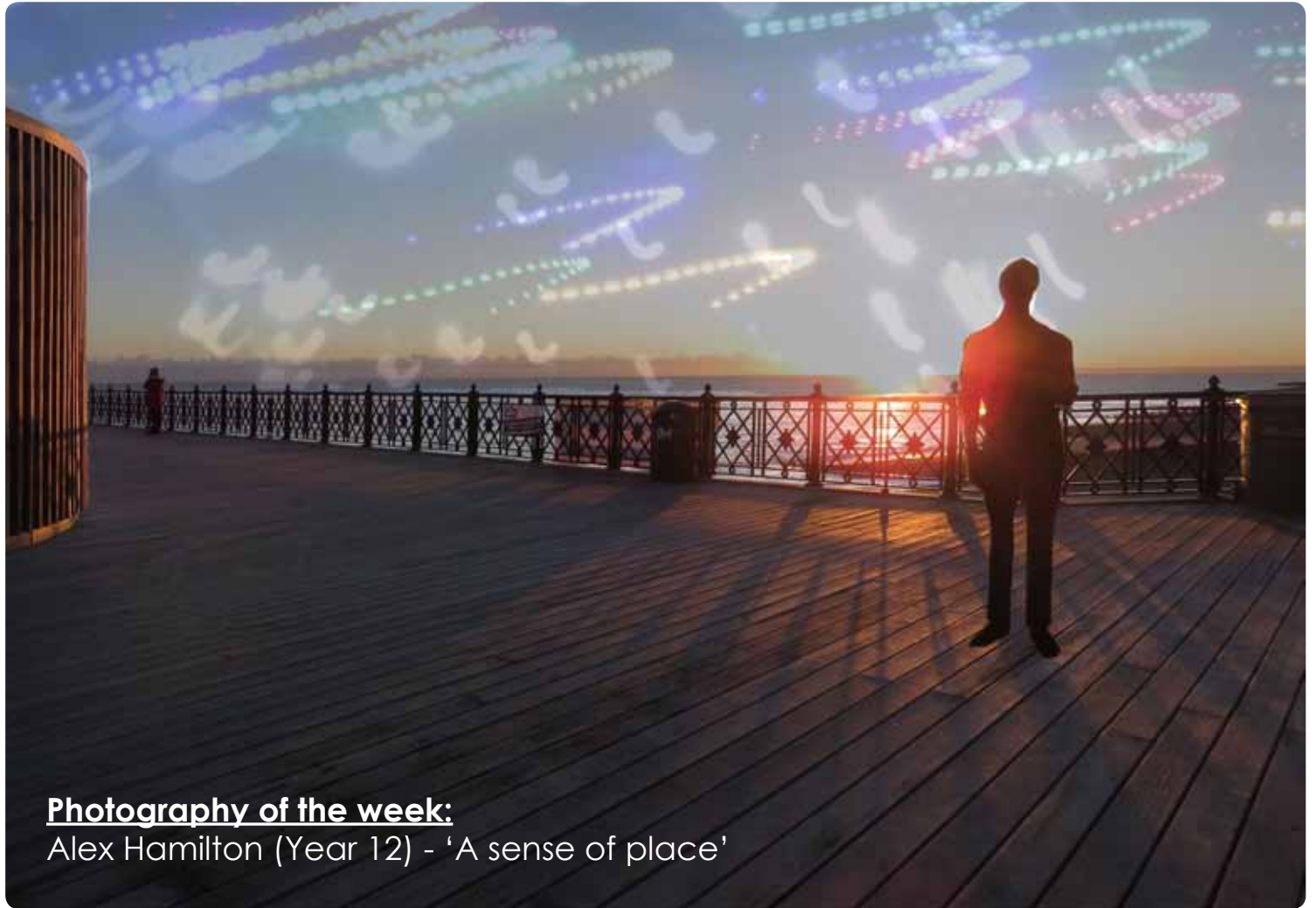


OPEN DAY (Bexhill site)
Battle Abbey Prep & Nursery School (Ages 2 - 11)
10th March 2018: 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Tel: 01424 772385 www.battleabbeyschool.com

Battle Abbey School





Photography of the week:

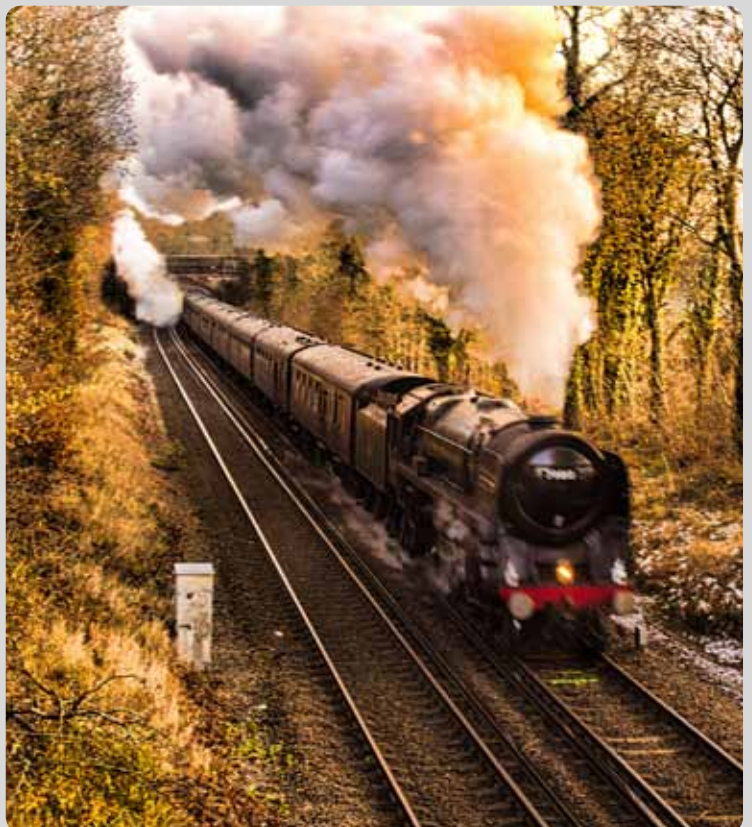
Alex Hamilton (Year 12) - 'A sense of place'

History News

'On Tuesday 12th December 2017, Steam Locomotive 70013 'Oliver Cromwell' passed through Battle, when the photo to the side was taken. This particular special event was rather appropriately named 'The Sussex Christmas Belle', starting off its day in London Victoria, and passing through the South East Railway Network to Eastbourne and Hastings and then making its way up the Battle line, to return to London Victoria – you may have even heard it during the Carol Service!

In 1951, when this Britannia steam locomotive was built, Battle Abbey School would have been, of course, an all-girls boarding school. This time would have seen the first school governors introduced to Battle Abbey. This move was described by the school as being "best calculated to preserve the school's individuality and its special character, and to ensure, as far as possible, its continuity." Students studying in the spring months would sometimes have been allowed to study outdoors, in the unusually warm spring weather. 1951 also saw the festival of Britain. The local celebration of this event was attended by the school's staff and students, and held on the Abbey Green. As this year was shortly after the end of WWII, confectionary, meat, sugar and sweets were still part of the 'National Rationing' scheme, by the Ministry of Food.'

Chris Strickland



Senior Extra Curricular Calendar Spring 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL					Choir
					PAC
	Swimming		Swimming		Swimming
	School pool		School pool		School pool
LUNCH 12.35 - 13.35	KS3 Discussion Group	Chess	Chamber Choir	Science Club	Orchestra
	Headmasters Office	Maths Corridor	PAC	Labs	PAC
	Arabic for beginners	Hockey	Hockey	String Ensemble	Oxbridge/History Club
	TBC	ASTRO	ASTRO	PAC	History Room
		Creative Writing	Drama Club	KS4 KS5 Pilates	Cross Country
		English	PAC	PAC	(Meet at PE office)
		Conversations Club			KS4 Art Club
		MFL 3			Art Room
		HALO (invite only)			KS3 Debating
		<i>Geography Room</i>			English Room
		Dance Club			
		PAC			
AFTER SCHOOL 4:45- 5:45	The Choir	BAS Engineering	Latin (intermediate)	Latin (beginners)	Basketball
	PAC	Maths Corridor	(4.30) Maths Corridor	(4.30) Maths Corridor	Herstmonceaux
	Horse Riding	Science of ... sessions	Photography	Dance Company	Latin (advanced)
	Offsite	Labs	Martlet House	PAC	(4.30) Maths Corridor
	Football KS3/KS4	Whole School Girls Netball	Whole School Boys Hockey	Whole School Boys Hockey	Whole School Girls Netball
	ASTRO	ASTRO	ASTRO	ASTRO	ASTRO
	Ancient Greek	Rehearsal	BAS Conservation Club	Ballroom Yr 11	Golf
	TBC	PAC	Labs	Martlet House	Various
	Martlet Gym	Martlet Gym	Martlet Gym	Martlet Gym	Martlet Gym
	Tech Club	Swimming	Swimming	Rehearsal	Ladies Choir
	PAC	School pool	School pool	PAC	PAC
	Textiles Club		Minecraft	KS3 Maths Clinic	
	Martlet House		IT Suite	Maths Corridor	
	KS4 Maths Clinic			Further Maths	
	Maths Corridor			Maths Corridor	
				Entrepreneur Club	
				Martlet House	

Book Club Mrs Rowland (SEN)
UKMT Maths Challenge Mr Smallman (Maths corridor)
LunchBox Lectures Mrs Comerford (Martlet House)
Sixth Form debating Miss Simpson (English)
NSEA Equestrian Team Mrs Morgan (offsite)

Sport News

Jemimah breaking records!



Jemimah smashed her own South East Region record times taking the Gold and National Junior(15U) Champion title in the 50m breast stroke in 32.56s and taking Bronze in the same Junior(15u) category in the 100m breast stroke in 1.12.17s.

She extends her Age 13 No1 GB ranking. She will commence 2018 defending her County Championship titles and travels to Edinburgh for the British Championships. Congratulations!

William captains the South East Under 18 team

William Ashenden was selected to fence for the South East Under 18 team at the Great Britain Inter-Regional Championships (a competition known as 'Cadet Winton') at Millfield School in Somerset during the weekend of the 16th and 17th December. The competition lasts all weekend and fencers from all of the regions in the UK take part in many bouts in all three disciplines (sabre, epee and foil). William was delighted to be appointed as the captain of the South East Boys' Under 18 Sabre Team (even though he is still only 15) and had his work cut out for him on a number of levels.

This competition marked the end of a very successful year on the piste for William in which he fenced for the England Under 15 team at an international competition in Poland, competed at the South East (2nd place), English and British Youth Championships, fenced for the Kent adult team at an inter-county competition at Bath University (where he was awarded his adult county colours) and became the Kent Under 16 County Champion. He has also started competing in adult county level competitions where he won two trophies for the best intermediate level fencer (in Kent and Hertfordshire). Congratulations!

SPRING CONCERT



Monday 26th March at 7pm in the Abbot's Hall

Do come and hear our Choir, Orchestra and soloists!

ADMISSION FREE but tickets must be reserved in advance. email admin@battleabbeyschool.com tel 01424 772385



Battle Abbey School Careers Network Lunch

Journalism

Mr Smallman

Tues 30th Jan 2018
12.40 - 13.20pm, English Room

Cambridge graduate Mr Smallman's five years as a Senior Producer for Al Jazeera Arabic (based in Doha), concluded thirteen years in documentaries, news and web journalism at Al Jazeera's Arabic and English channels. He also had stints in newspaper journalism in Saudi Arabia and Yemen. Fluent in Arabic, and with good reading skills in Russian and French, Mr Smallman had six years experience in a senior editorial position in the Arabic channel, specialising in Middle East and former Soviet Union bloc analysis, Web journalism, Sub-editing, Media Planning and Producing.



Battle Abbey School Careers Network Lunch

University Life and choosing your Career

former pupil

Richard Wood

Mon 5th Feb 2018
12.40 - 13.20pm, English Room

Richard left the Abbey in 2012 having achieved two As and a B grade at A Levels. He recently graduated with a first class masters in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Surrey and has just completed his first 6 months in Financial Technology at Barclays in Canary Wharf.

Richard will be covering: Selecting a subject to study at University, Selecting the right University for you, University life and Transitioning from University to the real world of work.

Battle Abbey School Photography Competition

Theme of 'The School and School Life'.
Judged by Mrs Stewart, Dr Green and Mr Dennett.

The overall winner will receive a brand new Sony Cybershot 20 mega pixel Digital Camera with the top three selected pictures featured in the School Magazine and beyond.

All digital photograph submissions (highest dpi settings please) to info@battleabbeyschool.com or hard copies by hand to Bursary office by Monday 19th February.

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS
KS3 - KS5

Good luck!



Free Course



Time to Unwind

Craft and
Conversation

Wellbeing

Cookery



Thursdays 18th January—22nd March 2018*
12.30-3.00pm
Battle Children's Centre, Market Street
Battle, TN33 0HQ

9 week socially interactive course aimed at bringing people together through the use of various crafts, cookery and relaxing activities to help us unwind and make time for ourselves.

*Excluding 15/02/18. Unfortunately there is no crèche for this course.



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