

HAD NEWS

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On Monday 18th December the English Department took 47 Year 11 students to Liverpool to see a performance of Macbeth starring Ralph Fiennes and Indira Varma, directed by Simon Godwin. The students had a fantastic experience of live theatre, which will help them prepare for their GCSE Literature in May.



Macbeth



The 'Dragon's Den'

Year 12 students Mattie Keegan, Shelby Harrison, Rosie Fellows, Worokiya Sawadogo, Tomilola Owojori and Chloe Shakespeare volunteered to participate in the Livery Award presentations at Haberdashers Hall in London, giving up hours of their own time to research and practice for the event.

In a similar format to The Apprentice or Dragon's Den, teams were required to present a unique business proposition in front of a room full of business experts and experience their rigorous cross-examination of the idea. Our team's idea was to use funds offered by the Haberdashers (the 'Dragons') to set up a bookable electric minibus transport service to take vulnerable elderly people in old people's homes to places of interest around the community. In competition with other Haberdashers schools, the presentation skills of our students were fantastic and although not overall winners, the panel of business experts found their presentation professional and impressive.

Students also enjoyed a well-deserved all-expenses paid overnight visit to London which included train travel, hotel stay and free time around the city. If you come to the HAD Sixth Form next year, maybe you will have the opportunity to enter the Dragons Den?



Carols on the Bridge with HAD music

Carols on the Bridge a Christmas tradition that goes back over 50 years, was once again a joyous occasion with hundreds of people attending the festive event.

Winter wonderland, snow-coated pines.
Twinkling fairy lights, dotted in lines.
A Christmas feel, so jolly and bright.
Breath-taking scenes, what a beautiful sight.
Oh winter wonderland, with fresh glittering snow.
Ice skating children, and such a magical show.
The Christmas air, always smells so sweet.
Of mulling apple juice, and gingerbread treats.
Outside in the snow, we're building a man.
Grab a hat, gloves and a scarf, let's name him Stan!
Although it is now, although it is here.
I'm already looking forward to Christmas next year.



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HAD's Poet Laureate

Congratulations to Maggie Walmsley Year 7, who came second in a national poetry competition run by Reading Solutions.



Well Fayre

9:00am - 3:00pm
Friday 2nd February 2024
Haberdashers' Abraham Darby

Well Fayre is a young persons wellbeing fayre highlighting and connecting young people with the services available in support of their mental health. Presented in a relaxed trade stand style, the setting is a great opportunity for young people to meet and talk with the various providers.

Supporting positive wellbeing and mental health in our community



Joint Concert Featuring Tredegar Town Band & Abraham Darby Bands

**4:00pm
Saturday
24th February**

the Hawke Auditorium
Haberdashers'
Abraham Darby,
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Tickets £10
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House Netball & Rugby Tournament

On the final day of last term we held our annual Netball & Rugby House competition. Although the rugby pitches were a little soft underfoot the weather was kind and remained dry for the tournament.

House Points from the House Netball & Rugby tournaments:

	Netball Pts	Rugby Pts
Darwin	2	3
Owen	2	2
Webb	4	3
Woodhall	3	1

Overall House Points from the Autumn Term:

	House Pts	Rank
Darwin	15	2
Owen	11	4
Webb	21	1
Woodhall	13	3



House Rugby Tournament



Northern Bowl Champions

The U15's beat Bolton School 34-10 to become the Northern Bowl Champions.

We are now in the last 8 nationally. We don't know who we will face in the next round (the National Bowl quarter finals) but the lads will be up for the challenge



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