

End of Autumn term Monday 16 December

School will close on the above date at the usual time of 3.30pm and not reopen until Monday 13 January at Downs Park Road E5 8NP

Year 7 trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

On Tuesday 3 December Year 7 travelled to Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne, Hertfordshire. The trip was funded by the Variety Club of Great Britain. Ms Chenard and Ms Motin organised the trip to promote the bonding of friendships within the Year 7 classes.

The pupils left school at 9.15 and arrived at the park at 10.15. When they entered the park everyone was given a wristband which allowed them into every area of the park. The pupils were taken into Animal Park where they were able to meet some amazing animals face to face! The park has a huge collection of over 400 animals including a collection of big cats. The collection of cats includes: white tigers, white lions, Amur tigers, Sumatran tigers, African lions, snow leopards, leopards, cheetahs and ocelots. There was also able to see penguins, meerkats, monkeys, gibbons, lemurs, zebras, tapirs, wolves, wallabies, reptiles, birds and much, much more.

The pupils also experienced the play area of the park where they played on the bouncy castles, slides and other play equipment. The pupils were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being out with their classmates. Ms Motin and Ms Chenard were very pleased with their classes.



Year 11 Work Experience Reports

Year 11 undertook their external work experience placements from Monday 11 November to Friday 22 November. Each week we will be focussing on a different pupil to give an insight into their work experience and how they felt it went. This week we are focussing on Terence from 11P.

Work Experience Placement Report

Name: Terence
Where: William Lea Ltd (Tag Marketing)
 Brand Design Services
When: 11/11/13 to 22/11/13
Position: Project Design Assistant
Days and Hours Worked: Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm



Details: I worked with Tony Hall and his design team at Tag Design Services. Tag Design is part of the Williams Lea Group. I worked with a group of people to design a brand package for marketing. I worked on the computer to help with the marketing campaign for H & M. I worked in a studio with Matthew who showed me the processes of how the company work to advertise a product. I worked on a project with Matthew to design an advertising poster for H & M. Matthew showed me lots of shortcuts to help me design a poster that the company would like.

I travelled independently to my work placement and I went out at lunchtime to get my lunch by myself and with other work colleagues. I think that this has improved my confidence to do things independently. I am going to be an independent traveller at school as soon as I have undertaken my travel training. I don't think I would have been able to do this if I had not been able to travel independently to my work placement.

How well did I do? Satisfactory Good Very Good **Excellent**

What went well: My ability to travel independently and work well in a new environment.

What I found difficult: I learnt lots of new shortcuts on the computer.

Skills I learnt or developed: I learnt to travel independently, I learnt how to work as part of a design team and I learnt lots of new shortcuts on the computer.

Skills I need to Improve: I would like to continue to learn new design skills on the computer.

Dates for your Diary 2013/14

Year 11 Work Experience	Monday 11 – Friday 22 November
Carol Service & Christmas Dinner	Monday 16 December
End of Term for pupils	Monday 16 December – school closes at 3.30pm

CHRISTMAS Holiday

Pupils return (start of Spring term for pupils) Monday 13 January 2014 (Downs Park Road)

Careers Evening Years 10 & 11	Tuesday 21 January 6-8pm
Half Term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Year 7 Parent/Carer evening	Tuesday 4 March 3.45 – 6pm
Years 8 & 9 Parent/Carer evening	Tuesday 11 March 3.45 – 6pm
Staff Training afternoon	Friday 21 March (school closes at 1.15pm)
Reward Outings	Thursday 3 April
End of Term for Pupils	Friday 4 April 2014 (school closes at 1.15pm)

EASTER Holiday

Staff Training Day	Tuesday 22 April (School closed)
Pupils return (start of Summer term for pupils)	Wednesday 23 April
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May
Half term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
End of Term for Pupils	Friday 18 July (school closes at 1.15pm)