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"O yonge, fresshe folkes, he or she!"

Chaucer, Troilus and Criseyde.

"Haec olim meminisse juvabit."

("One day we shall be glad to remember these things.")

Virgil, Aeneid, I, 203.

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NOTES AND NEWS

This summer, Mr A.M. Blight (O.H. 1942 - 1950) retired after 37 years on the Staff here, or more simply, a lifetime's dedicated service to the School. He is a legend in his lifetime; a full tribute appears below. We also say goodbye to Miss J.A. De Vince and to Mr J.M. Haslam, both of whom have been here for eight years; their contribution is also fully acknowledged in these pages. Revd Dr M.E. Weymont is leaving us after two years teaching Economics and Business Studies, Miss P.M. Kelly after one year in the English Department, and so is our French Assistante, Mlle Ghislaine Mermillod. We wish them all well, as we do Miss P.J. Moorfield who stood in during Mrs Pollard's maternity leave.

In September 1996 we welcome Mr S.C. Parkin and Mr J.R. Wise (English), Miss A.J. Raw (Geography), Mr B.S. Swales (Teacher in charge of Religious Studies), Miss F.V. Collier (Business Studies and Economics) and Mlle Gaëlle Ginestet (French Assistante). Mr N.P. Dunn becomes the new House Master of Byrom, and Mr A.R. Austen Warden of Hardraw. Mr M.C. Gorman is the new Assistant House Master in Gaskell.

Speech Day was held in the Free Trade Hall on Thursday, 14th September; the Principal Speaker was Mr Dudley Wood, Past Secretary of the Rugby Football Union. The Founder's Day Service was held on Tuesday, 5th March in Manchester Cathedral. The address was given by the Very Reverend Ken Riley, Dean of Manchester, and the Anthem was John Rutter's "God be in my head".

For the School year 1995/96 M.N.A. Bartlett and D.K. Mosley were Joint Heads of School. School Prefects were: V.L. Ash, C.S. Babington, C.L. Barnes, M.J. Birtwistle, A. Caine, S. Dé, R. England, J.P. Flatman, D.J. Gent, B.N. Ghazi, A.J. Holden, C.J. Hope, D.A. Hufton, A.F. Hyams, C.W-Y. Ip, S. Jaiswal, D.A. Johnson, S.P. McCarthy, B. McCurrie, L.R. Owen, A. Patel, T. Rahman, J.M.E. Robinson, S. Stephenson, R.J.A. Strudwick and D.I. Taylor.

We congratulate the following students on their Oxford and Cambridge places: at Oxford S.B. Burney to read PPE at Balliol, N.B. Ghazi to read Modern History at St. Catherine's, D.A. Hufton to read Engineering Science at Merton and T. Rahman to read Economics and Management at Exeter; and at Cambridge J. Inaba to read Mathematics at Trinity, K.N. Khan to read Medical Sciences at Fitzwilliam, Q.M. Khan to read Law at Magdalene, and R.C. Lamb to read Computer Science, also at Magdalene.

Charities Week this year raised £7,500 for Charnwood Nursery School. We raised and sent £350 to Dunblane. Just before Christmas, 4J sent £150 plus useful goods in kind to Lifeshare, and two Third Year girls, Jennie Porter and Faye Todd, took £130 in sales of Fairly Traded Goods to help the Third World. All these initiatives are fully described elsewhere in this edition.

We congratulate Old Hulmeian James Hickman (left 1994) on his splendid swimming performances in the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia. Full details appear in this edition.

We congratulate Mrs Howling (née Knowles), Mr Dunn and Mr Welch on their respective marriages, and Mrs Pollard on the birth of her son Joshua.

G J Turner

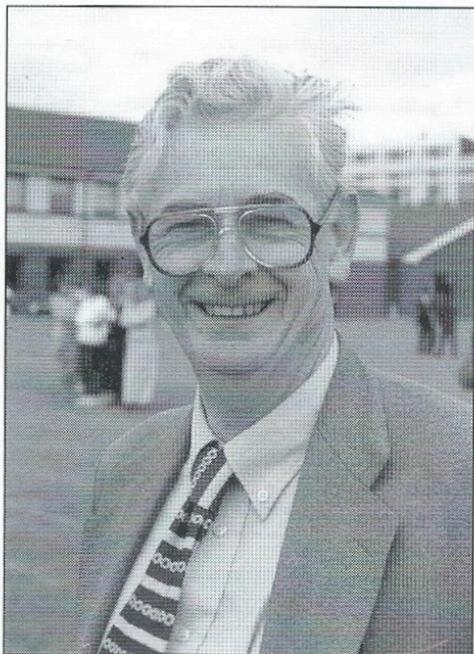
RETIREMENT

ALAN M. BLIGHT

In September 1942 Alan Blight joined William Hulme's Grammar School as a pupil and in July 1996 he retired from the teaching staff of the School. All but 9 of this span of 54 years were spent at William Hulme's: this lifetime of service to the School is an achievement which is unlikely ever to be repeated.

Alan's schoolboy career was of academic and sporting success. During his final year he was a member of the 1st Lacrosse X, Head of Heywood House and Head Boy. He left William Hulme's in 1950 and served with the Royal Artillery for 2 years. Again sport came to the fore as he played cricket for Western Command. He continued his education firstly at Leicester University and then, following illness, at Culham College, where he became Senior Student in the years 1956/57 and captained the cricket team in 1957. In that year, qualified to teach English and History, he embarked on his long career in the classroom. He learnt his craft of teaching in three local Secondary Modern Schools and in 1959 joined the staff of William Hulme's Grammar School.

During Alan's farewell speech to the staff at the end of the Midsummer Term he said how grateful he was to have been a member of William Hulme's Grammar School. Surely we as pupils and teaching colleagues must be grateful to him for all he has done for the School during his long career. He taught within the History Department from 1959 - 1993. In 1977 he side-stepped somewhat from teaching History full-time and took over the responsibility for the teaching of Religious Studies, a post he held until his retirement. This brought him into contact with a very large number



Mr. A. M. Blight.
(photo: J.H. Thomson)

of Junior School pupils, all of whom have a single Religious Studies lesson each week. During the past few years Alan developed the GCSE and 'A' level courses in Religious Studies.

Beyond the day to day teaching Alan was responsible for countless pupils in a pastoral capacity having been a Form Master of children of every age level and House Master of Byrom House. He made this role a very special one as he was in charge of Byrom for 25 years. At any one time 80 - 90 pupils in Byrom were organised, encouraged and supported by Alan. Sporting, musical and dramatic competitions make up the year in, year out, outwardly visible activities of any House. Alan spent many hours with his House preparing for these activities and it was fitting that on the last morning of his final day in School, Byrom won the House Athletics Championship.

Alan also devoted many hours, particularly at weekends and during the holidays, introducing children to his favourite places in the Lake District. Byrom House trips to the Lakes are legendary. Teaching and House activities could well fill the working life of any School Master but Alan also found time for his special sporting love, cricket. He played as a boy, as a soldier and as a School Master and passed on his skills to countless pupils. He took charge of 1st XI Cricket from 1965 - 1976 and once again was prepared to spend time travelling to matches with his cricket teams. In 1968 he started the now well remembered cricket tours to Somerset and Devon. Alan's memory is known to be formidable; he can meet an Old Hulmeian from many years ago and not only can he recall who he is, but can remember how many runs he scored in a particular game and how he was out. In a way this typifies his involvement with pupils and their interests. All of these activities have an end product; a cricket game, a stage play or a walking weekend. However, in a strange way all of these visible signs of activity are not the most important part of Alan's contact with children. What is important is the caring concern Alan has given to pupils and the hours willingly given by him to guide them through their School careers. Many young men and women will be very grateful for their contact with Alan Blight. A further example of his care and concern for others was his organisation for many years of visits to take pupils to Waverley Old People's Home.

School took up the majority of Alan's time and I often wondered how he managed to find time to devote to his lay preaching and teaching in the Methodist Church and to his work with the Unsworth and Sunnybank Youth Club which he ran for 15 years. Where did he find the time and energy?

I shall remember Alan Blight as a caring School Master who was totally devoted to his students. I express the gratitude of William Hulme's Grammar School for his work for so many years and wish him and his wife Penny many years of happy retirement. I thank him for all he has done.

M Loveland

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OTHER STAFF DEPARTURES

MISS J A DE VINCE

Jane De Vince came to William Hulme's Grammar School some nine years ago direct from PGCE training at Manchester University. From the outset of her career, she has shown herself to be wholeheartedly dedicated to the craft of teaching. Highly motivated and efficient, with a genuine concern for her pupils' well-being and progress, the English Department was quickly aware that here was a young teacher who could be relied upon to cope enthusiastically and, indeed, indomitably with classes of all levels and abilities.

As her career developed, her contributions to the Department became ever more varied and vital. She played the most important part in the inception and teaching of English Language 'A' Level, in the organising of Junior School English and in the developing use of Information Technology. She was especially influential in improving the overall presentation and display of work. Her inheritance of the labours of mentor to PGCE students reflected the confidence she had engendered in her exemplary teaching methods from Year 7 to 'A' Level.

Significant as her departmental work has been, it was but one dimension of her activities in the School as a whole. Passionately fond of theatre - and a formidable amateur actress in her own right - she made a real impact on School Drama. Either as director or co-director, refreshing vitality in a series of clearly articulated, unstuffy productions was the hallmark of her work on the stage. A generation of students and staff will remember, with pleasure, their part in such works as 'Oliver', 'Smike', 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'Seasons' and the vibrant 'Grease'. Miss De Vince can reflect also with real satisfaction on her own performances as Miss Prism in 'The Importance of Being Earnest' and, delightfully and unforgettably, as Badger in her production of 'Toad of Toad Hall' for the Junior School. Her concern for catching the enthusiasm for young actors and actresses early led to the formation of the Junior Drama Club, thus laying foundations for a more sustained development of theatre in the School.

The organiser of, and eager participant in, numerous trips and visits both at home and abroad, her contributions beyond the classroom were in the best Hulmeian manner. Sociable and loquacious, she will be missed in the Common Room on whose Committee she served for some years.

She now goes on to lead her own English Department at Denstone College. Her new colleagues and pupils may be confident that this principled, committed and energetic teacher will serve them well. Theirs is the good fortune, ours the gratitude for her far from mis-spent youth!

A E Watson

JOHN HASLAM

John Haslam joined the Geography Department in 1988 after careers in Outdoor Pursuits and the Oil Industry. After a year studying for a PGCE at Bangor University, John put his energies into developing the Geography Department. His patient approach and knowledge of the 'Great Outdoors' was appreciated by the pupils he taught. He has nurtured eight separate second forms and done his best to develop in them the organisation and positive attitude necessary for success. He has spent a great deal of time with the pupils out of school. He has been on countless Geography and Geology field courses when inevitably his patience has been tested to the full. He has made a great contribution to the teaching of Geology in the school and has imparted his interests and enquiring approach to study with great humour. This was never more tested than when his minibus ran out of petrol two hundred feet below the summit of the Applecross Road in N.W. Scotland - the highest pass in Britain. John organised the pupils to push the bus, through the snow, over the summit and coasted down the other side. Surprisingly he continued to spend a great deal of time in the minibus, ferrying Duke of Edinburgh pupils all over the country. He organised an unforgettable sailing trip around the Scottish Islands and this summer is taking a group to Norway. His most lasting contribution however will be Harris House, Hardraw. Over several years as Warden he organised the complete renovation of the Outdoor Pursuits centre into a comfortable, warm, well equipped, well used facility. The plans, National Park Authority, Local Council, builders, all had to be co-ordinated - often from a distance.

For the past two years John has been completing an MA course at the University of Keele. This has allowed him to study the organisation and management of a school and will stand him in good stead for the future. We wish him well in the further development of his career and thank him for the effort and time he has put in for the sake of the pupils of William Hulme's.

H. N. Veevers

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OBITUARY

JOHN F. CHUDLEIGH

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death, on 9th July 1996, of John Chudleigh. John was a Member of Staff at William Hulme's Grammar School from 1972 - 1990. Before joining the School teaching staff his career in the army had taken him to many parts of the world and had prepared him well for his role as Officer Commanding the Combined Cadet Force. Many young men will remember him for introducing them to the wide variety of outdoor experiences available through the CCF and for giving them the opportunity to assume responsibility within that organisation. Members of Staff who became Officers within the CCF remember him with gratitude for the help and encouragement he gave them as they learnt the new skills required of Forces Officers. Others will remember him for his teaching of Geography, for his work within the Games Department, particularly on the Rugby field, and for his House Mastership of Gaskell.

John was unwell for a few years and I recall his fortitude in dealing with that illness. I was privileged to attend his funeral at Narberth, South Wales, in the company of a very large number of his friends, and I extend to his wife and son the School's sincere condolences.

M Loveland

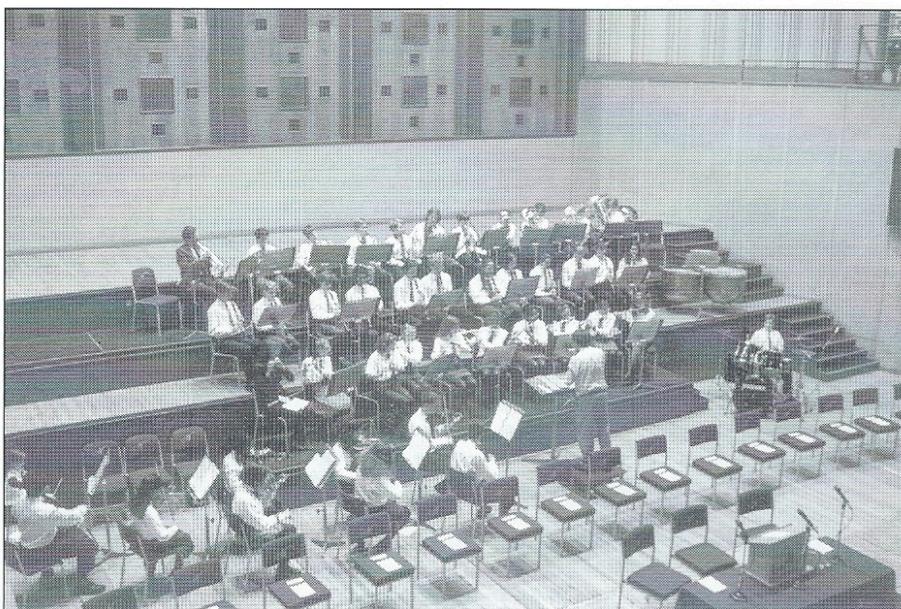
SPEECH DAY 1995

In his novel "Howard's End", writing in 1910 about London's dreary Queen's Hall, E.M. Forster declares that at least it is "not as dreary as the Free Trade Hall, Manchester"! Well, this "dreary" venue for our annual Speech Day will soon be no more, and we look forward this year to our new Speech Day location, the exciting Bridgewater Hall opposite G-Mex. But in any case there was certainly nothing dreary about our last Free Trade Hall Speech Day, held on September 14th, 1995, where the Guest Speaker was Mr. Dudley Wood, CB.E., Past Secretary of the Rugby Football Union.

After a fine performance by the School Concert Band, the Head Master gave his address. He first extolled the virtues of common sense as shown by Mr. Wood in his professional judgements, a "sound and sane voice in the Rugby Football Union for ten years". Mr. Briggs went on to apply the same criterion to our attitudes towards competition and academic league tables, before discussing the advantages of co-education, and the dialectic nature of each new generation healthily challenging the values of its predecessors. He then proceeded to the usual review of the year and tributes to departing colleagues. He concluded with a reference to our deep sadness at the sudden death of our late colleague Mrs. Margaret Cruttenden, and a recollection of her great contribution to the School.

Mr. Dudley Wood presented the prizes and then addressed the School. He alluded to the present Government's policy that Rugby, and Sport in general, is to be encouraged in schools. 500 schools in the last two years have taken up Rugby. He rejoiced that Rugby is no longer an exclusively male sport. He stressed its therapeutic value, and asserted that "sport makes friends". He then ended with a plea for valuing friendship as one of the most important blessings in life.

G J Turner



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LEAVERS 1995

AHMED, Rizwan	Manchester University	Medicine
ALVI, Muhammad A	Abbey Tutorial College	A Levels
ANJUM, Kamran	Stockport College of FE	A Levels
* ARRAN, Kathyne P	Wrexham College of HE	Primary Education
ASLAM, Mohammed Yaseen	London - Queen Mary & Westfield	Medicine
* ATKINS, Sara E	Abbey Tutorial College	A Levels
BAKKIOUI, Anwar	Westminster University	Biological Sciences
* BARON, Rebecca K	Bristol University	Soclyg&SocialPol/Adm
BARRACLOUGH, Geoffrey G	Sheffield University	Architecture
BERKELEY, Tyrone M	Liverpool University	Computer Sci(Foundn)
BHAKTA, Dipak	Nottingham University	Town & Country Plnng

* BORG, Louise M E	University of Central Lancashire	Marketing
BROCKLEHURST, James A	Edinburgh University	Geology & Geography
BROWN, Christopher M	London University (King's)	Law
BYROM, Nicholas J	Re-applying	
CHANCE, Andrew M	Napier University, Edinburgh	Institutional Mngmnt
CHAUDHRI, Assad H	Manchester University	Accountancy
CLEMETSON, Neville R	London University (S.O.A.S)	Law & Politics
COHEN, Stephen J	Liverpool John Moores University	Land/Property Mngmnt
* COLCLOUGH, Jennifer L		
COOKE, Iain J	Re-applying	
* COPE, Sarah	Birmingham University	German
* COWAN, Michelle H	Birmingham University	History& Archaeology
CRAIG, Mark A	Liverpool John Moores University	Info.& Library Tech.
CRAWSHAW, James E	Univ. of Central Eng. in Birmingham	Building/Surveying
* CRILLY, Sophia D	Stockport College of FE	Foundation Course
* DAUD, Dalia	Reading University	
DJEDDOUR, Tarik A	London Univ. - Imperial College	Mechanical Eng.
* ELLIS, Jennifer		
ENGLAND, Martin B	Exeter University	Geology
FOGGON, John P	Sheffield University	BusStuds/InfoSystems
* FULAT, Ayesha		
GEE, Philip S	Nottingham Trent University	European Languages
* GILMORE, Elizabeth	Leeds University	Geography
GLEAVE, Christopher	Loughborough Univ. of Technology	Systems Engineering
GOLDSTEIN, David R	University of Humberside	Law & Accountancy
* GOODMAN, Nita M	Leeds University	Cognitive Science
GRAHAM, Ian M	Birmingham University	Political Science
GREENBERG, Steven D	University of Humberside	Bus/Mngmnt Studies
GROVE, David		
GRZESIAK, Steven A		
* HANIF, Navida	Manchester University	Dentistry
* HANLEY, Nadia J	University of Derby	Psychology
HAROUTUNIAN, Raffi	Sheffield Hallam University	History of Art
HASAN, Saadi	Manchester University	Dentistry
HASSAN, Daniel S	Israel	Bnei Akiva Hachsana
* HUTCHINSON, Samantha M	Manchester University	Law
INABA, Seiji	London Univ. - Imperial College	Physics
* JALALI, Leila	West of England University, Bristol	Law w.French & Germn
KAYE, Marc H	London - University College	Spanish with French
* KEABLE, Elisabeth H	Durham University	Modern Languages
KELLY, Mark A	Manchester University	History with German
KNOWLES, Mark A	Cambridge University (Downing)	Classics
KUREISHY, Faisal	Re-applying	Medicine
LEWIS, Joseph M	University of Wales - Cardiff	History w.Arch'ology
LOLE, Andrew J	Heriot-Watt University	Engineering
MADDOCK, Guy E	Durham University (UCS)	Science & Society
MALIK, Fahid Y	Manchester Metropolitan University	Law
MARCHANT, Zulfikar	Xaverian College, Manchester	A Levels
MATIN-RAZM, Afshin	Sheffield University	Law
* MATTHEWS, Lisa J	Manchester University	Theology
MAWSON, Anthony R	Bradford University	Technology & Mangmnt
* MEGITT, Phillipa J	Leeds University	Psychology
MEHTA, Dharmesh B	Nottingham Trent University	Business/Mngmnt Stud
MEHTA, Jasel D	Sheffield Hallam University	Computing/Mngmnt Sci
* MILLER, Gabrielle C	Birmingham University	French & Hist.of Art

* MILLER, Nicola M	Nottingham Trent University	Mod.Langs/Comm.Studs
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MOODIE, Robert S	Salford University	Production Engineerg
MOSCROP, Stephen P	Sheffield University	Chemistry
* MUNIR, Farah D	Manchester Metropolitan University	Law
MYDDELTON, Benjamin A	Birmingham University	Civil Engineering
* NAYAR, Aarti	Manchester Metropolitan University	Law
NEARY, Stephen P	York University	English
NOLAN, Kevin J		
OROZCO, Andres		
PARRY, W Morgan		
* PATEL, Kinnery	Coventry University	Law
PIMBLOTT, Richard K G	Manchester University	History with Spanish
* PORTER, Sarah D	Oxford University (Brasenose)	Physics
* RAJA, Tehira A	Westminster University	Law
RATCLIFFE, Ian P	UMIST	Electrcl&Elctrcn Eng
READING, Nicholas J	Birmingham University	Civil Engineering
* REICHL, Claire E	Abbey Tutorial College	A Levels
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* SADIK, Hala Y	Sheffield University	Medicine
SALES, Terence M		
* SCHOFIELD, Yvonne L	University of Newcastle	Astrophysics-Foundn
SERRANT, Richard S	Other School (not identified)	A Levels
SETHI, Praveen	London University (S.O.A.S)	Law & Politics
* SHELDON, Sarah L	Birmingham University	Law
SIDDIQUE, Irfan	Manchester University	Medicine
SIDEBOTTOM, Phillip	York University	Economics & Finance
SILLS, Jonathan R	Birmingham University	American Studs&Hist
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WITTER, JosÈ R	Leeds University	Elctrn/CompSystemsEng
WOOLRYCH, Benny T	Manchester University	Politics&Mod.History
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(Girls' names are characterised by an asterisk)

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Allman Further Mathematics: J. INABA
Classical Studies: J.A. TAYLOR
Dehn History: Q.M. KHAN
Design: J.H. PEARSON
Dorrington Greek: C.J. HOPE
Dorrington Latin: J.A. TAYLOR
Business Studies: A.I. PIERCE
Eastwood Geology: J.A. CUNNINGHAM
Hewlett Geography: M.J. BIRTWISTLE
Knoop English Language: B.N. GHAZI
Knoop English Literature: S.B. BURNEY
Lymer Mathematics: D.I. TAYLOR
Margaret Cruttenden Art: C.L. BARNES
Music: S. DÇ & H.A. RALSTON

O.H.A. Biology: M.T. ROYDS
Palmer Chemistry: M.T. ROYDS
Palmer Physics: D.A. HUFTON
Pankhurst Spanish: V. POHOOMULL
Reid Politics: D. HARRIS
Simon Smith Economics: A.J. FARRELL
Vlies French: A.J. HASLAM
Vlies German: A.J. FARRELL

LOWER SIXTH

Business Studies: A.H. MARKS
Chemistry: S.J. COCHRANE & R.H. WESTBROOK
Classical Studies: D.S. GILBERT
Design: A.S.M. XIDACIS
Economics: I. AHMED
Forrest English Language: P. HOLT
Forrest English Literature: K.S. BAGLEY
Further Mathematics: R.T. PORTER
Geography: P. HOLT
Geology: F.M.I.C. MATTHEWS
German: E.G. HEYNES
Hawley French: E.L.C. WEEDEN
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Latin: C.E. ALDERSON
Physics: P.A. BEALES & R.T. PORTER
Politics: K.S. BAGLEY
Pontiero Spanish: E.L.C. WEEDEN
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Sydney Goodman History: K.S. BAGLEY

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Art: M.J. WHYATT
Biology: M.R. GALE
Caiger French: M.J. WHYATT
Chemistry: C.E. LELONEK
Design: D.A.C. MELMOTH
Hewlett Geography: D.A.C. MELMOTH
Geology: R.A. LONGWORTH
German: T.J. ROSS
Greek: N.L.R. SMITH
History: T.R. BARRACLOUGH
Latin: D.Y. DURRANCE
Mathematics: M.R. GALE
Music: C.F. MATTISON
Parents' English: D.A.C. MELMOTH
Physics: M.R. GALE
Spanish: D.A.C. MELMOTH

FOURTH FORMS

Art: N. SADEGHI
Biology: R. HUSSAIN
Chemistry: E.H. BARKER & F.R. YOUSSEF
Design: E. CHUI
English: L.J. SIMON
French: J.M. SHAW
Geography: N. SADEGHI
Geology: E.H. BARKER
German: J.R. ARNOLD
History: L.J. SIMON
Latin: J.M. SHAW
Mathematics: J.M. SHAW & L.A. STANDRING
Music: S. HOPE
Physics: R. HUSSAIN
Spanish: J.M. SHAW

THIRD FORMS

Art: L-M. EDWARDS
Biology: L.K. BERRISFORD
Chemistry: A.J. RACE
Design: J.J. HOLLAND
English: L-M. EDWARDS
French: M.J. MKUMBWA
Geography: V.M. LANE
German: V.M. LANE
Greek: N.R. WHITEHEAD
History: E. CRUICKSHANK
Latin: N.R. WHITEHEAD
Mathematics: T.J. TURNBERG & N.R. WHITEHEAD
Music: G.J. LAYCOCK
Physics: A.J. RACE
Spanish: M.J. MKUMBWA

SECOND FORMS

Art: J.A. STREET
Biology: F.C. RIDLEY
Chemistry: A.P. GREEN
Design: J.A.R. MEERS
English: A.U. OPARA
French: F.C. RIDLEY

Geography: J.A.R. MEERS
German: A.U. OPARA
Greek: M. AHMED
History: C.J. HOWARTH & A.U. OPARA
Latin: P.D. IRVING
Mathematics: H. AL-BAYATI
Music: E.A. COCHRANE
Physics: A.D. MUIR & P.M. STONEHOUSE
Religious Studies: S.L. JOHN
Spanish: F.C. RIDLEY

FIRST FORMS

Art: S.P. ONYEMEM
Biology: J.M. McCONVILLE
Chemistry: G. SINGH
Design: M.G. BRIGHOUSE
English: H.A. KENT
French: J.M. McCONVILLE
Geography: J.M. McCONVILLE
History: G. SINGH
Latin: J.M. McCONVILLE
Mathematics: J.M. McCONVILLE
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BURSAR'S CORNER

The past year has been a time of steady progress with improvements to the materiel of the School and time to consolidate on past achievements.

We were sad to learn of the deaths of two members who had retired only recently after giving many years of valuable service to the School. Jim (The Joiner) Moloney and Mrs Joan White, who looked after the Chemistry Department, both passed away in the early months of 1996; the school was well represented at their funerals.

There has been a modest crop of changes amongst the staff. Mrs Astley left to take up another post in Manchester and has been replaced as the Registrar by Miss Sara Dawes. Mr Liam Cartwright spent six months with us in the Grounds Department and has been replaced by Mr William Sparrow.

The cold snap at Christmas had penetrated some of the older insulation in the School. In spite of the normal precautions, there were four burst pipes - the most serious of which required replacement of the gymnasium floor. The refitting gave us the opportunity to refurbish much of the equipment and the room now provides a more modern and useful facility.

During the summer holiday just ending, we have renewed much of the original (60-years plus) pipework under the quad, serving the heating in the Science Block. As the block had been developed piecemeal over the years, the system had become less than satisfactory and so, with some re-engineering within the building, we have reduced the underground pipework and provided a more effective and efficient system throughout the whole building.

The refurbishment of old laboratories was so successful last year that we are now completing two more, one Biology and one Physics. The provision of new cupboards to replace the old brown varnish, newly sanded and polished floors and new equipment give a new lease of life to these well-proportioned rooms.

The Governors approved the appointment of a Marketing Manager early in the year and Mr Terry McNamara joined the School staff part-time to fulfil that role. Through his good offices we plan to develop relationships with commercial contacts in Manchester and to increase awareness of the School and its activities.

Finally, my thanks go to all in the Bursar's Department for their continuing loyalty and high standards.

M H Peters

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HARRIS HOUSE, HARDRAW

Harris House has, once again, had a successful year. Internal facilities have been improved and further refurbishment projects are planned for the coming year.

My primary task has been to enhance the infrastructure so that the centre is more attractive to hirers. This has been achieved.

External hirings continue to generate considerable income and I think it is fair to say that without them the centre could not continue to function in its present form. My thanks must go to all those colleagues who have used the centre during my tenure, although the centre could be used more frequently by groups from William Hulme's.

As noted above, my main task has been to concentrate on the buildings and facilities; for my successor, A.R. Austen, the task is more difficult - to improve usage by the School and to help decide what role the centre will play in School life over the coming years.

There are several options and I would like to see the School give a clear message to the Trust as to where it fits in, in the overall long term development plan of William Hulme's - it would be a great shame to lose a unique and valuable resource.

Finally, as I move on to a new post, may I formally thank all those with whom I have worked on Harris House - namely the Trustees of the J.G. Bird Trust, colleagues at School, my father for endless help with tasks at the centre and the local community in Hardraw and Hawes for their help and support.

I have enjoyed the challenge greatly and have learnt a lot from being involved.

I wish the venture all the success in the future.

J M Haslam (Warden)

DONNER LIBRARY

This year marked a new phase in the use of the Donner Library in that the computer was available for use by all pupils. Many pupils took advantage of the CD-ROMS on offer for both project work and entertainment. A number of pupils used the word processing facility for school work.

The library has also started to stock videos for educational purposes. They include classic films which may help in the understanding of a play, a novel, history or help with modern languages. These will be available for loan during the next academic year. They will be found on the computer catalogue just as books are found. Videos will be issued as overnight loans or weekend loans. Failure to return promptly will result in a fine of 50p per day.

As well as videos, the library has also started an educational cassettes collection, again for overnight loan.

The library stock stands at just over 12,000 items, all of which are on the computer. With CD-ROMS, videos, cassettes, books and magazines, the library is becoming a true resource centre providing information in various formats.

I would like to thank last year's prefects Alice Caine, Vicky Ash, Nick Ghazi and Shaun McCarthy and wish them the best of luck for the future.

This year's library prefects are Catherine Zoeflig, Caroline Ashley, Kelly Bagley and Vicky Williams.

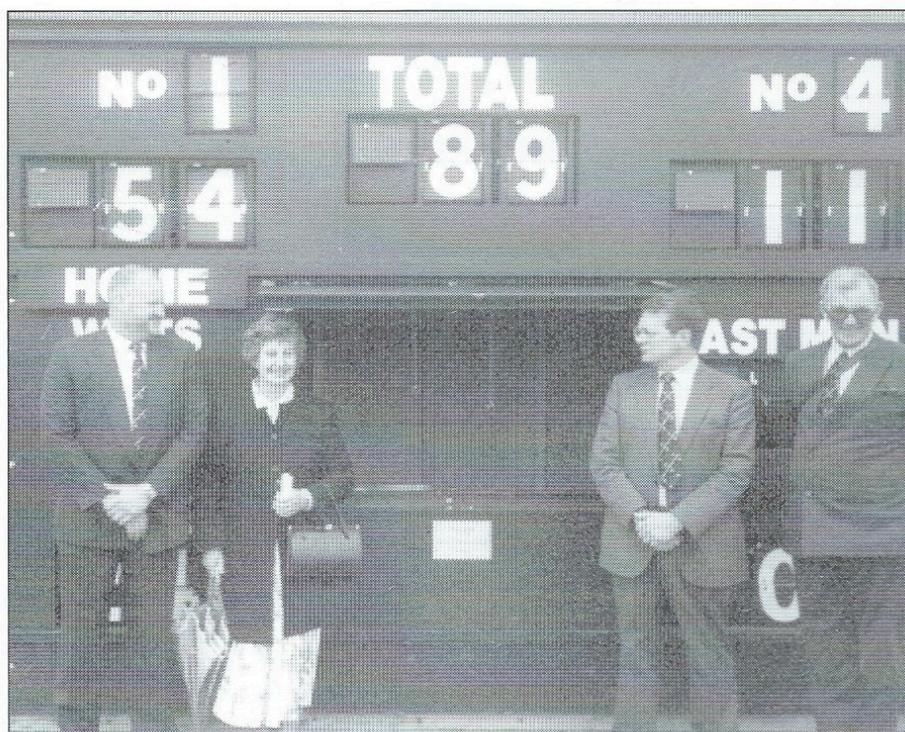
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NORMAN A. BARBER, MBE, TD (1906-1994)

On Saturday, 29th June 1996 the School welcomed Mrs. Diana Lucas, daughter of the late Norman Barber (Old Hulmeian 1912-1924) and her husband, Captain Victor Lucas (Old Hulmeian 1952-1959), to unveil the School's new cricket scoreboard. This scoreboard and two bench seats for use in the new quadrangle were given to the School by his family and members of the Old Hulmeians Association as a tangible memorial to Norman Barber who died in 1994. Captain and Mrs. Lucas spent several hours in School and met a representative group of Old Hulmeians, a number of whom knew Norman Barber. His association with the School was a very long one and he will be remembered particularly for his support of Lacrosse within the Association and at local and national levels. A picture of him with details of his service to the School has been placed in the Old Hall and written below this picture is:

Norman, like his father, was a dominant figure in Lacrosse. He gave 62 years of service to Hulmeians' Lacrosse. He was North of England League Secretary for 44 years. Pre-war, he was an attack player at Club, County, North and England levels. Despite poor health after being a Japanese POW, he played in Hulmeians' successful side as a goalkeeper, playing on into the 60's. For 40 years he wrote articles for the National Press. His meticulous record of articles and results has left a superb history of Lacrosse. Somehow he found time for distinguished post-war service in the TA. He received the MBE for his military career.

M. Loveland



From Left to Right: David Barnes, President of OHA, Mrs. Diana Lucas, Mr. Loveland and Captain Victor Lucas.

JAMES HICKMAN, OLYMPIC SWIMMER

Old Hulmeian James Hickman left us in 1994 to read Geology at Manchester University. In that year he was a double Bronze Medalist in two Swimming events at the Commonwealth Games. This year he represented the United Kingdom as a swimmer in the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

In the 200m butterfly he finished his heat with the third-fastest qualifying time for the final, beating world record holder Denis Pankratov in his heat, and establishing a new British record of 1:58.16. In the final itself he came seventh, cheerfully telling the TV interviewer who thought he might be disappointed: "I've got a new British record, I've reached the final at my first Olympics and I beat the world record holder as well".

James also won the B final of the 100m butterfly in a British record time of 53.23. This would have put him in fifth place in the final.

All of us at William Hulme's Grammar School send James our warm congratulations on his achievements in Atlanta.

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TRIPS ABROAD

WERL COMES TO MANCHESTER

On Saturday 7th October 1995 we landed at Manchester Airport. We were very excited, because we were on our own in a foreign country and we would live with people we never saw before. After we were welcomed by our partners, we left the Airport to drive to "our new home". Some were tired and wanted to sleep and some wanted to get first impressions of Manchester. We had the first weekend with our host family. Some went to Blackpool. We went to the Arndale Centre and on Sunday to church and the museum.

On Monday it was our first day at W.H.G.S. Mrs Wright and the Headmaster welcomed us and then we were shown around by some students. One of the subjects we had this day was "What is Cricket?". It sounds strange, but this is a game we don't play in Germany. In the afternoon we prepared for Liverpool.

On Tuesday we went, yea guess, to "LIVERPOOL". We visited the "BEATLE MUSEUM". That was the highlight of this trip, the teachers told us.

On Wednesday we had to go to school. After some funny German lessons we had Portuguese with Mr. Bull. This language confused us. Praise God we had a football match in the afternoon to cool our heads down. England vs. Germany, the Germans.....lost. In the end the score was 5 for England and 4 for Germany. Next day we all went to Conway and Llandudno together with our partners. Llandudno is a nice town with a very good view, especially from the Great Orme.

On Friday the 13th we had school and went with our partners to Assembly. There I had to read the speech of thanks, in front of 450 people. I was very nervous and nearly died, but I had to manage it and it worked. Some hours later we had Spanish with Ms Minto. Oh boy, nearly the same as Portuguese. She gave us a text of a Spanish boy who looks for pen-pals. We had to write an answer. At the end of the lesson she collected the letters and told us that she would correct them and we would get it back before we left. Hours later we had the best lesson of the day (at least I think so) "What is the CCF?" Major Fisher explained everything as well as possible and answered all our questions. This was our last day filled with subjects at school.

Then we had another weekend with our host family. We went to Stockport. After many videogames, a bowling match and a game of Quasar we were tired and drove home.

On Monday we went to the City Centre and visited the Town Hall and then we "conquered" the Arndale Centre and spent a big part of our money there.

Then, on Tuesday it was an outing for all again. The destination: Alton Towers. The favourite rides: "Nemesis" and "Thunderlooper". Some people fell asleep on the coach, so you see how exhausting a theme park can be.

Next day we had to leave. Many of us didn't want to, but we had to, but first we visited the "Manchester Museum of Science and Industry". Then we came back to school for lunch and after that we set off to the airport. At 9.20 in the evening we arrived at the station in Werl and our parents and relations collected us there.

I want to thank everyone for the nice time we've had, especially Mrs Wright, and I'm looking forward to seeing you in February.....

Folks, that's it
Bye for now:

Patrick Wilmes (Marien-Gymnasium, Werl)



Outside Werl Town Hall.



In the Oberstufezentrum (Sixth Form Centre).

GERMAN EXCHANGE

As usual, the German Exchange was very successful and enjoyed by everybody who took part. The weather was much worse than last year as it snowed almost continuously, and woolly jumpers and hats proved to be a valuable addition to our suitcases. Despite the cold weather, we embarked on a variety of interesting excursions, including the fascinating Mining Museum in Bochum, which was followed by a trip to the Aquadrom. The inevitable visit to the Town Hall in Werl went very smoothly, except for the fact that a German boy had a nose bleed in the middle of the Mayor's speech, but apart from that it went well and we continued with a walk around the town.

The tour of Münster was enjoyable, as we were able to sample a few of the delights which make up this beautiful historic town.

Soest was also very picturesque, and we walked along the old city walls. After a quiz which took us all around Soest, we eventually ended-up in a German cake shop, where we tried the famous "Kaffee und Kuchen" which Germany is well renowned for.

During the exchange we found ourselves in the midst of street parties and parades, which are part of the Carneval celebrations that occur at this time every year in Germany.

The last night was spent bowling and a final visit to the Gallerie in Werl was a great end to a brilliant trip.

On behalf of all the German students who took part, we would like to thank Mrs. Wright and Mr. Gracey for making it so enjoyable for everyone.

Asha de Silva (LJGH)
Eleanor Heynes (LJGH)



Part of England's Indoor Squad at the Sporthalle.

SPANISH EXCHANGE TRIP TO SALAMANCA 1996

In March of this year, three Sixth Form class mates and myself accompanied several Fourth Form Spanish speaking students on our Spanish exchange. Our team of fluent Spanish speakers began the two hour journey as we flew out to Madrid from Manchester Airport, unaware of the supplementary four hour journey that lay ahead from Madrid to Salamanca. We arrived in Madrid where we were greeted by Angela, the Spanish teacher who also organised the exchange project, and were driven to Salamanca by coach. We arrived in Salamanca at eleven o'clock and we were all pretty exhausted by then after lugging our heavy bags around, but full of excitement at what lay ahead.

The small town of Salamanca contained many interesting and picturesque features that appealed to us all. While Mr Bull and Miss Minto seemed to be fascinated by the museums, galleries and the University of Salamanca, we students spent most of our time shopping in the 'Plaza', going to the cinema or catching up on some well deserved sleep. Going out at night soon became a little tiresome and exhausting as the Spaniards believed in partying until the dawn chorus can be heard.

Group excursions included a visit to a small historical village called Alba in which the heart, the elbow and the index finger of ancient saints are preserved and on show to tourists; a day trip to Spain's capital where we visited museums, had a picnic in the park, roamed around the town and did a little shopping.

At the time that we were staying in Spain there was a special religious celebration so there were many 'procesiones' (processions) taking place in the plaza and generally in the streets of Spain. The sounds of celebration were everywhere with spectacular statues being carried throughout the streets of Salamanca. My Spanish friend and I were invited to another Spanish girl's flat to celebrate. It was fortunate for me that her flat was on the top floor so I had a magnificent bird's eye view of the whole procession.

The family with whom I was staying was very hospitable, generous, kind, reassuring, caring and somewhat shy due to its limited understanding of the English language. As I was living on a farm, the family was a typical suburban one where each member had individual tasks to perform, such as feeding the cattle or cleaning the stables. However, the family would abandon its work at times in order to take my friend and me into Salamanca, which was fifteen kilometres away. It was very fortunate for me that I was never asked to perform such tasks of cleaning and feeding the animals on the farm!

On the whole, the exchange seemed to be worthwhile due to its success in social interaction and of course language acquisition of the students who took part. One can immediately notice the incredible effect the two week holiday immersed in foreign language had on the students when one listens to our current fluency!

After two weeks of very enjoyable activities (except for having to attend Spanish school), fascinating day trips and experiencing some incredibly beautiful and picturesque sights of Salamanca, we were sad to say good-bye to our exchange partners and the town itself. However, I must add that like all the other teachers and students, I was glad to be back home. Thanks to Mr Bull, Miss Minto and Angela.

Amarjit Sagar (LPMB)



A great day in the village of Alba. You girls at the back, what are you doing?



A smashing day in Madrid as we take in the sun, sitting in the park.

NORWAY '96

On July 19th the following people arrived at School to experience a holiday (oops) a school trip of a lifetime:

Will Stoddart, Ben Kent, John Daniels, David Melmoth, Rachel Westbrook, Caroline Ashley, Mr J Haslam, Mr A Austen and Mr & Mrs D Fisher.

We were going to Norway, the first School trip there since 1974. First we had to travel through Western Europe to get there. When we had loaded all our rucksacks and 2 weeks supply of makeup (that's for the boys) into the van we left School and headed to Harwich. From here we took the overnight Stena Sealink ferry to the Hook of Holland. In the morning we arrived very tired; however, we managed to take in the Dutch scenery and way of life as we sped past rows of greenhouses on our way to Germany. Passing through Hamburg we travelled through the day to our first campsite at Skorping in Denmark where we made use of the airdome and slides, then built a campfire and continued to get to know each other.

Early next morning we caught the ferry across the Skagerrak to Gothenberg in Sweden, and from there north into Norway. However we still had a long way to go in order to reach our destination - the Jotunheim mountains. We camped another night after another ferry to take us past Oslo before arriving in Bismo in the Jotunheim mountains on the 23rd July.

The Jotunheim mountains are in the central region of Norway and are known as 'the realm of the giants'. They contain Galdhoppigen Mountain which at 2,469m is the highest peak in Scandinavia. This area was chosen because of the hundreds of craggy peaks, vast glaciers with crevasses, ravine like valleys, rivers and waterfalls, fjords and lonely tarns, rolling hills and plateaux. Whilst we were there we intended to see the beautiful sites, learn a little geography and take in the culture.

On the 24th we drove the van high into the mountains. We climbed a rocky mountain near Galdhoppigen. The climb was hard going but fulfilling when we reached the top. However the ascent was not without accident. I slipped on some loose rocks and ended up waist deep in the cold glacial river. Mr Austen also managed to crush his big toe by dropping a rock on it! We stopped after a couple of hours for lunch on the edge of the Stuggebremen Glacier, where we looked over the glacier and frozen lake at the distant skiers criss-crossing under the intense glare of the bright sunlight. Although the walk was only six miles the rugged terrain made it hard going. It was amazingly warm considering we were at 2220m (twice as high as anything in the U.K.), and we saw or met few people as we left snow tracks in previously untouched powder.

We also had a trip up Leivassbu which stands at 2020m high. As we drove up to a ski hotel to park not even a camera could have captured, in detail, the way the rocks were shaped, their huge dimensions nor the way the glaciers hung from them. The actual walking was easier over the more gentle gradient which afforded us time to take in the arctic flora and discover signs of life in the valley. We crossed the ice sheets and cliffs to the foot of the two peaks, danger still lurking if one took a wrong footing! The smaller of the two peaks was climbed first. One side of the mountain was a sheer drop. Nothing in England could be compared to this. The second peak was so dangerous that only Mr Fisher dared climb it. However, the view when he reached the top was spectacular, it was such a clear day he could see the panorama of the Jotunheim mountains for miles.

Although we went by minibus, which was rather cramped, it meant we weren't restricted to where we went and what we saw, with everyone pointing out the scenery and surroundings as we travelled through vast amounts of Norway and the Skjak region. We even saw a bridge being built from timber by just 3 men over a fast, glittering river, for the few tourists and locals who visit these places.

On one of the 'minibus tours' we visited the 'Troll Wall' in Romsdalen. This is the highest climbing wall in Europe, and although we didn't get to see it right to the top because of clouds, we would have fallen over backwards looking up so high. It's hard to describe how daunting a large rock it is, it's said to be six times the height of the Eiffel Tower.

To get to many places we had to go through tunnels as long as 6 miles in the mountains. These were the darkest places of all the holiday as the nights were very light, with only a few hours of semi-darkness.

As for waterfalls, if you think Hardraw Force is big, in Norway there were hundreds of huge torrents of cascading freezing water, which can be seen for miles, pouring into the village rivers. We didn't just see mountains, we also visited museums and villages where we experienced Norwegian culture. In Lom, the town nearest to our main base, there was a Norwegian Stave church dating back from 1200 AD. It is a beautifully built wooden church with wooden roof tiles and dragon heads on the arches and dove cotes added to the sides. In the museum there was a miniature replica showing the same detail and describing how it was made. There was also a display of mountaineering equipment from past ages.

Travelling back towards Oslo we also went on to Europe's biggest plateau, the Hardangervidda (12,000km²). Then we went through Telemark, where skiing was first introduced as a sport and not just a form of transport. For the last few nights we stayed near Oslo which meant a day to explore and visit the Fram Museum, which described Nansen's treks to the North and South Poles. We also saw the Kon Tiki, Ra I and Ra II and the story of Thor Heyerdahl's voyages across the Pacific Ocean, which were fascinating.

We also visited the Norwegian Viking museum, which had three massive Viking ships and lots of wooden and metal objects and artefacts from the Viking era, such as cooking utensils and sledges used to carry the dead.

Once in Oslo centre, we explored and ate lunch in the harbour area, whilst well dressed Norwegians walked by. In Oslo they dropped the shell suits they all wore in the mountain areas for designer clothes. When we went shopping we discovered that Levis were £90 a pair! Apart from shopping there was time to visit the Palace, where Norway's king and queen live.

Then we were homeward bound and the holiday ended with three days travelling back to Manchester taking the same route apart from in Holland where we drove along the Polders, reclaimed land, and passing the IJsselmeer, an inland sea where we stopped for lunch by a nature reserve. We managed to drive through the night through Northern Europe to catch the night ferry home to Harwich. It was a tiring but entirely worthwhile and exciting trip to a place where many would never consider going on holiday - IT'S NOT THAT COLD!

Although only 10 people went, the four teachers who gave up two weeks of their holidays have given us a once in a lifetime experience. The trip could not have taken place without the help and support and funding of the following people:-

The late Mr D Heap, formerly Head of History here at W.H.G.S., who became Head Master of Handsworth Grammar School, Birmingham and then of King Edward's, Lytham. Mr Heap used to run caving trips to Norway, and kindly endowed funds to the School to be used for such an expedition. Mr Hardy also helped with funding and the School paid for all the fuel.

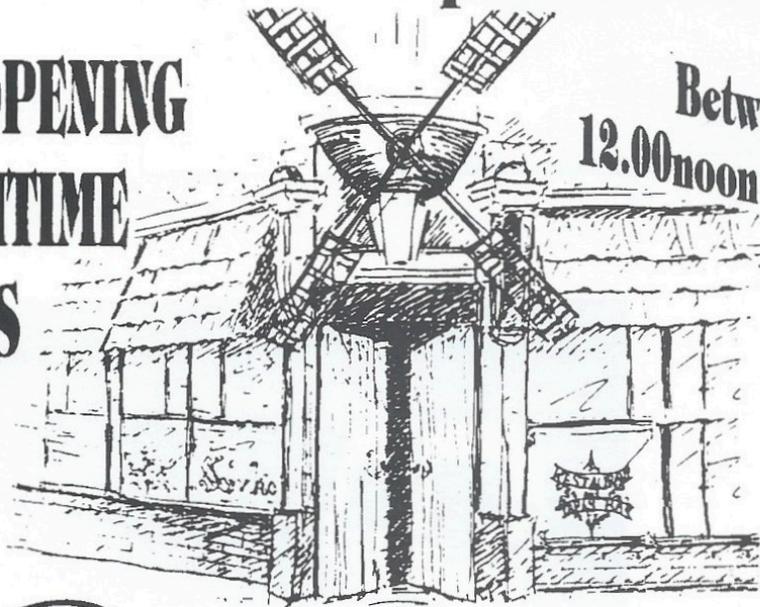
Our parents, who funded us and provided some of the equipment we needed, and the CCF who also provided some equipment.

Finally our thanks to Mr Haslam, who organised the trip with Mr Austen, to Mr Fisher, who helped us with our tents when they collapsed, and to Mrs Fisher who made it possible for the girls to go. Thank you all for driving, camping and looking after us 24 hours a day. We really appreciate your all making the trip a wonderful experience.

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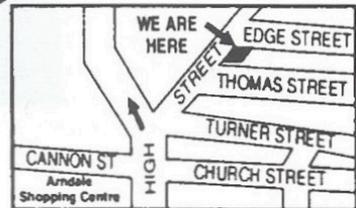


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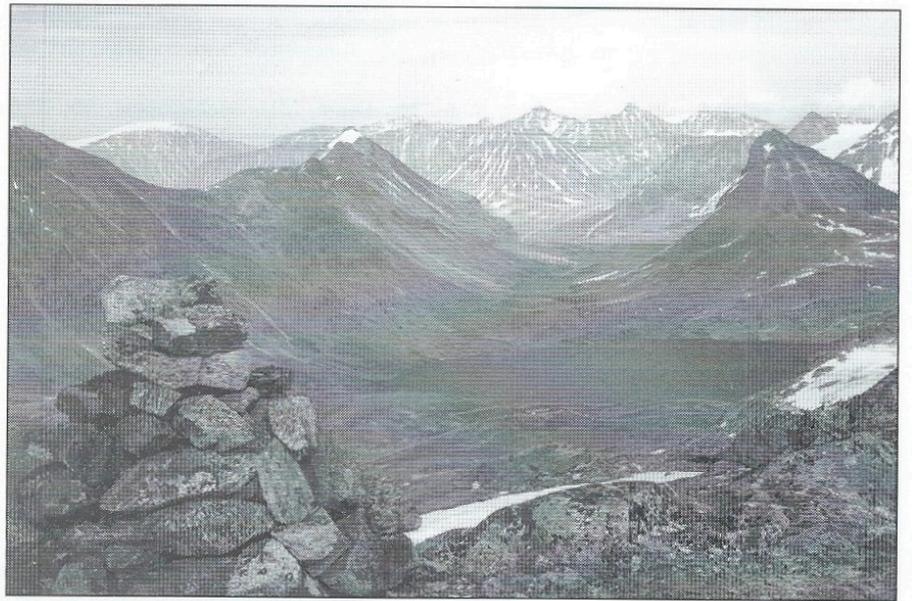
Late evening dinner at the Bismo campsite at Bispen
(photo: D.M. Fisher)



The Geirangerfjord.
(photo: D.M. Fisher)



In the heart of the Jotunheim mountains.
(photo: D.M. Fisher)



The effects of glaciation: a perfect flat-bottomed valley.
(photo: D.M. Fisher)



The party: in the background, Galdhopiggen, Western Europe's highest mountain.
(photo: D.M. Fisher)

SKI TRIP TO SCHEFFAU, AUSTRIA

The school skiing trips are an extremely popular annual event and there are many now almost legendary tales. Everyone enjoyed a fabulous trip which included some hilarious incidents. Here is some background information on just a few stories which are recorded below. When it came to the final night, Mr. Mallinder found out that the hotel manager had double booked on purpose to get some more money; it meant that we had to crowd into one tiny room to eat our meal and some people missed out completely on their food. Then there are the famous Jones crashes which can be traced right back to 1993, and finally the time when the showers broke down and all our party had to share two showers before the hot water ran out.

School Party visit Austria for skiing trip

On February 17th a group of 44 school children and 6 teachers embarked on a skiing trip to the picturesque town of Scheffau. They travelled across Europe by coach for 24 hours eventually arriving at their hotel. After getting settled in and having a full night's rest, they hit the slopes early the following morning. They had arrived at just the right time as there had been blizzard-like conditions for the previous fortnight creating a thick blanket of snow, perfect for skiing. There was a lot to do on the trip such as swimming, discos and bowling as well as the superb skiing.

Terror on the slopes

Man in spectacles in another crash. With snowboarders and advanced piste machines the slopes are dangerous enough to ski. However, a new terror has now hit the slopes. The school teacher from Manchester, originally hailing from Wales, is not only a danger to himself, but also to those who collide with him in mid-air. Although he has improved, every slope he has skied has been graced with the signature tell-tale trademark of a Jones wipe-out. It was once said that the army tried to recruit him as a kamikaze assassin on the slopes, but their plan was foiled when Mr. Mallinder realised that Jones was following an army platoon instead of him. Mr. Jones stuck with tradition and suffered head wounds after a full frontal wipe-out.

The whole party would like to thank Mr. Dunn, Miss McNicholas, Mr. Myers, Miss Barlow, Mr. Jones and Mr. Mallinder for accompanying and organising yet another fantastic ski trip.

Paul Murphy (5L)

SIXTH FORM SKI TRIP TO LES MENUIRES

A new venture for the W.H.G.S Ski Club, driven by demand from the pupils themselves, an exclusively Sixth Form group set off on Boxing Day to the exclusive resort of Les Menuires, venue of the last Winter Olympics and part of the largest ski area in the world.

It was a very early start, 5.30am, but all arrived, some clearly suffering from over-indulgence of the festive spirit. The advantage of the early start was that we were in the hotel by lunch time, which gave us plenty of time to settle in, get our equipment and go for a walk to see the lie of the land. The conditions when we arrived were not ideal for skiing. It was warm, raining and the scene in front of the hotel was mainly green with some artificially produced white runs. However overnight the temperature dropped and we awoke to a winter wonderland of deep snow. It continued to snow on and off throughout the week, which ensured we had some excellent skiing.

The party was made up of experienced skiers, a group of intermediates who had been once or twice before, and a pair of complete beginners. It was also very nice to have old Hulmeian, Martyne Jones, in our number. We skied every day in small groups of like ability and each day had a lesson from an Ecole de Ski France instructor. Everybody will have his or her own personal highlights which will stay with them forever but I particularly remember the picture on Alex Warhurst's face after his successful descent of the steep section of slope outside the hotel after only two days on skis. Also the account of a high and spectacular jump by Dan Power. His take-off and form through the air would surely have gained high marks even from the Russian judge, however the landing was less controlled but no less spectacular. I don't believe he wanted to leave an impression quite so deep and colourful in the snow. What pleased me was the way that everybody looked after each other and encouraged everyone to make progress.

The activity continued après-ski with no let up in pace; we were introduced to Pub Golf by our rep. Simon. Everybody started the course but only a few finished, the two outstanding performances coming from Michael Dodd (G.F.D) and Abby Hyams. New Year's Eve took on a Mexican theme both in food and fancy dress from the hotel staff who were super throughout the week. The evening started with a torch-lit descent of the mountain by over 200 ski instructors. At one point they stopped and formed 1995 which changed to 1996. This was followed by a large firework display and free *vin chaud* (hot wine) in the square and, needless to say, the fun carried on well into the early hours of the morning.

Another experience for some was the chance to drive a skidoo, (motorbike built for snow) high up into the mountain at speed, sliding round corners and jumping bumps in the dark - simply exhilarating!

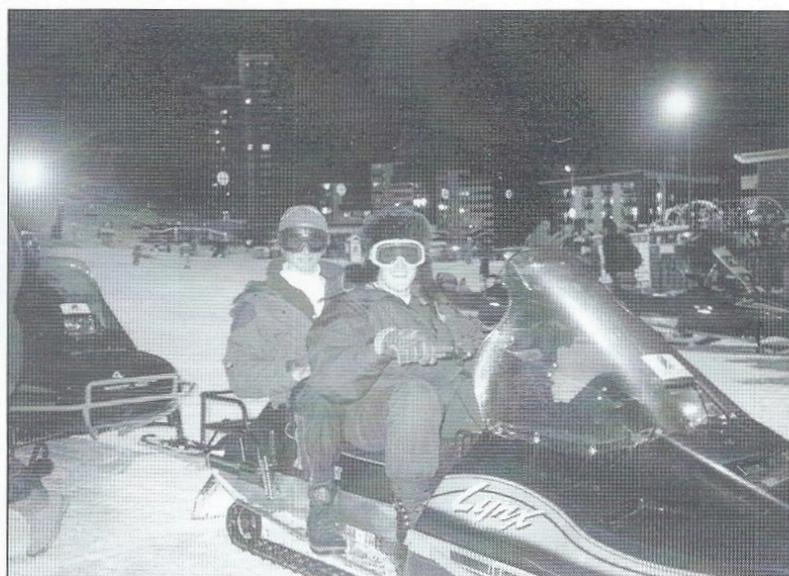
As always the end of the week came too soon and we had to set off for home. However, before we left another lady guest in the hotel paid us a great compliment, saying that she had been worried when she saw a school group, but that this was unfounded as they proved to be excellent company. This pleased me enormously and I would like to thank and congratulate everybody for making our first Sixth Form Ski trip so successful.

N.P. Dunn

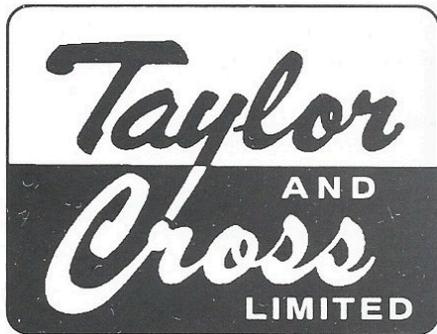


Lunch on the hotel terrace.
(photo: N. P. Dunn)

Jeff and Dan set to Skidoo.
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Geraldine impresses the instructor.
(photo: N. P. Dunn)



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U.S.A. LACROSSE TOUR 1996

In June 1995, Mr Wood placed an article in the U.S.A. Lacrosse Magazine, requesting an American School or Junior Club to contact him if they were interested in participating in an lacrosse exchange with William Hulme's during the period 1996/7. He very soon received a phone call from Suffern High School, in the Hudson Valley, just north of New York, and they were happy to host a party from William Hulme's during the summer of 1996, and would aim to return to England during the following year. Hence, preparations got under way for the first lacrosse tour from this School for four years.

Over the next six months, an interested group of boys from the School's Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 lacrosse squads were brought together and all necessary details for a tour were considered. Eventually, the group was finalised as 15 boys and two staff, Mr Wood and Mr Wenham. Time was spent in arranging the best air fares and insurance, necessary playing kit, leisure wear and appropriate gifts to take. Many transatlantic phone calls took place between Mr Wood and Suffern staff and parents, Joe McKee, Richard Harvey and Karen Bryant, in order to finalise requirements. By June 1996, we received details of our host families and of our very comprehensive programme for the period of 13 days that we were to be in America. Lacrosse training was organised by Mr Wenham, and all looked forward to the culmination of all the planning.

Thursday July 11th The 17 tourists, together with a multitude of parents and family, met at Manchester Airport between 7am and 7:30am, prior to our 10am British Airways flight. With some slight apprehension, we settled into our 7½ hour flight, during which some had problems filling in their Customs and Immigration forms. On arrival at J.F.K. Airport, New York, there was a short wait for our 'Laidlaw' yellow and black bus before we were on our way to Suffern, about 50 miles and 1¼ hours away. The Harvey home was our meeting point - the 66 seat bus fit up the drive without problem! - and we had the first of our many parties, meeting all the host families. After much eating and socialising, all went to their respective homes for a good night's sleep.

Friday July 12th A mid-morning rise for a game at Suffern High School. Dave McNally, a School coach, marked out the pitch, Chris St Lawrence took time off from campaigning for the senate, and the local newspaper came for interviews. Our team, of three different age groups, had not played for four months, had not played together, and were nowhere near as fit as the Americans. All this soon showed on the pitch. We scored first, thanks to a good cut from Paul Murphy, but quickly tired, and our handling was not good enough. We conceded the next seven goals, before Joe Holland ran through to score a solo goal. Paul scored the final goal in a 3 - 9 loss. The defence did not talk enough and were unable to clear for the midfield. The final ball was seldom good enough and the attack did not look sharp. After the game, there was the inevitable cook-out and the opportunity to socialise. In the evening, many went to see the impressive stadium at Montclair State College, and watched Suffern win their Summer League game.

Saturday July 13th Rain, and the aftermath of Hurricane Bertha, meant a change of plans, and a 40 mile trip to West Point Military Academy. Bad weather stopped the bus tour of the site, but we watched a video showing the many and varied activities of the students, and visited a comprehensive museum of military history. Our bus took us around the site, with views of the Hudson Valley. Shopping was to take priority for the afternoon, with a visit to Woodridge Common, a very large site of quality shops, all selling quality goods, especially clothes, at much reduced prices. Lots of money changed hands!

Sunday July 14th We were up early enough for a morning practice session at the School, but heat and tiredness restricted the time spent. We soon realised the extent of our lack of fitness, and the effect that the heat would have on us. We made our way in cars to Montclair to play against the local team, the best in the Summer League, on the astroturf of the impressive stadium. Some found difficulty with rules to which we were not accustomed, and we were never in a match played in 100° temperatures. We lost 0 - 13, despite using some Suffern players as guests. Yet another party in the evening, when all visited the home of the Pacor family, and several hours were spent in their sunken pool, swimming and playing basketball, with still more food.

Monday July 15th We were given the use of an unusual vehicle for the next week, when our hosts collected a 'Ramapo County Police Athletic League' minibus for Mr Wood to drive, and the party to use as required. The local police provide minibuses for any Youth groups in the area who participate in sporting ventures, and their leaders may use them for transporting the teams. This became very useful all week. Rain during the day did not prevent a group going into New Jersey for shopping trips. Visits to Garden Valley and Paramus Malls, together with the large Sports Authority store, provided opportunities to spend and to relax. An evening visit to the New York Mets baseball game was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went - especially after Dave McNally explained the rules - and we saw a rare Mets victory. The match started at 7:35pm, finished at 11:15pm, and it was 1:30am before all were home.

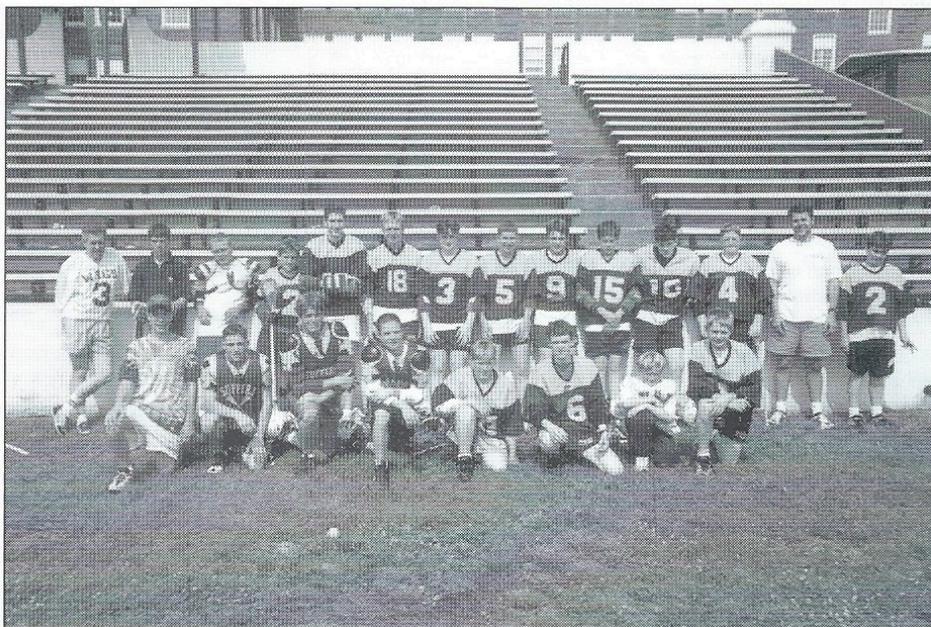
Tuesday July 16th An early meet was arranged for a bus trip to New York. After discussion with our hosts, an appropriate tour was decided upon. Our first visit was to the Circle Line for a four hour boat trip around Manhattan Island. We shortly saw the Statue of Liberty, followed by the World Trade Centre, the Empire State Building, the United Nations and the Yankee baseball stadium. After hearing some of the history of the island, and passing under the many bridges of the Hudson, Harlem and East Rivers, we made our way back to the waiting bus. Our next stop was at the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre, where there were crowds waiting to visit the lookout on the 110th floor. Having reached the top via express lifts, all were impressed with the outstanding views, and many photos were taken and souvenirs purchased. Once down, the bus took us to the south of the island, and the South Street Seaport. Entertainment, shops and restaurants on the pier, two tall sailing ships in port and a preserved pedestrianised area all made for a pleasantly relaxing end to our day in The Big Apple.

Wednesday July 17th This morning was our second scheduled match against Suffern, when it was not quite as hot, and all were determined to put in an improved performance. This certainly proved to be so, as we started out much more comfortably, and had our passing been more assured, we could have been comfortably in the lead. The defence helped each other, especially in the clear, the attack passed the ball around, and the midfield worked well. We had much of the pressure, but failed to make full use of the chances we created, and eventually lost 7 - 10 in a very close game. Goals came from Jonathan and Paul Murphy, William (2) and James Veitch, Adam Dignan and James Higgins. In the afternoon, we had a civic reception at the Ramapo Town Hall, where we were met by the mayor of the township (the supervisor over all the local

mayors), Herbie Reisman, who explained to us the role of local government in the U.S.A. We were given gifts and were awarded Honorary Citizenship of the Town of Ramapo. That evening came the news of the T.W.A. crash from the local J.F.K. airport, and there was concern about the reaction of the boys in our party.

Thursday July 18th The bus arrived early at our meeting point for a two hour journey to the ocean at Spring Valley, New Jersey. We met at the beach home of the Bosco family, with 60 persons having lunch in their back garden, under the shelter of the canopy they had rented, and consuming some of the hundreds of cans they had bought. A short journey to the beach, through the lovely town and past the large, old homes and guest houses, was followed by the necessary large doses of sun cream, as the temperature was in the high 90's. A selection of sports were available, but most borrowed boards to enjoy the surf. After five hours on the beach, we returned to the Bosco's for a large spread, including a six foot long filled sandwich roll and a three foot square birthday cake for Andrew Machin. Another long and very enjoyable day finished with a late return home. "This is the best day I have ever had", was one comment. Only one had asked about the plane crash, and he was reassured.

Friday July 19th The local newspaper phoned Mr Wood to ask the reaction of our boys to the plane crash, and printed a short article the following day. Another shopping trip in the minibus was arranged for half the party, when more gifts were bought to take home - from those who still had money left. How pleasant it was to socialise in a small group, and to see their enthusiasm when shopping. We returned to our hosts to prepare for an evening game under lights at Montclair. Our expected weaker opposition of West Essex did not materialise, and we faced a strong Randolph side. The rules again caused us problems, as did the uncertainty of whether we were playing four quarters of 18 minutes, two halves of 28 minutes, two quarters and one half...! Although Paul Murphy and Neil McLeod scored goals for us, we lost heavily 3 - 13.



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Saturday July 20th After a morning free, we met at lunchtime to travel north to the Ponderosa Ranch and Fun Park. Some authenticity was brought to the surroundings when the Murphy brothers wore cowboy outfits brought by their hosts. Bob Bryant obtained half price tickets for the rides, and all kept supplying him with \$1.50 for a ticket. Many races on the go cart circuit - with several crashes - and several sessions of wetting on the bumper boats provided early fun. After some crazy golf, a large group went for one hour's horse riding. For several, this was their first ever time on a horse, and, despite seeing two runaway horses just before we left, all enjoyed the walks through the wooded areas, the trots and the canters. Most spent the evening at the rodeo, where Joe Holland won the 50/50 lottery, and Jonathan Murphy almost won the shoe race. However, none of ours took part in the steer wrestling, or even the sheep riding!

Sunday July 21st Our last full day was spent with the host families, before an evening farewell party for all tourists, hosts and their families at Hillburn Community Centre. We had a fascinating talk from David Bray, president of the Iroquois Nationals, who spoke about the history and development of lacrosse, together with the role of the Indians in the sport. After the food and drink, we exchanged gifts with our hosts, and pledged that both groups would continue these exchange tours, with Suffern coming to Manchester in 1997. After saying our farewells, we returned for our final night in Suffern.

Monday July 22nd Our final meet for the bus was at 1:00pm, when photos were taken and thanks and farewells were said. Our final journey to J.F.K. Airport was uneventful, and a good tip was collected for our regular driver. We had a three hour wait at the airport before taking our grouped seats on the plane home.

Tuesday July 23rd Returned to Manchester Airport 45 minutes early at 5:30am to be met by families after a wonderfully enjoyable tour.

With Suffern so well organised, we need to make careful and thorough preparations for their return in February 1997. Now that the contact had been made, and that we found an ideal group for a regular exchange, it is intended that tours are organised on an annual basis, alternating between Suffern and Manchester. Our boys realised, however, that they can only



USA Lacrosse Tour 1996.

work commitments. All our hosts were very generous, readily picking up our players after midnight from a long day out, or taking one shopping and paying for a replacement for a lost gift. All host families worked hard together, both in preparation and during our stay, and all proved to be very sociable. Our boys gained much from experiencing a different culture, and from socialising in a different atmosphere.

match the Americans on the lacrosse field if they are much fitter and train on a regular basis, both with individual skills and with teamwork.

Some of the quotes of the tour included :(Hosts) "Thank you for allowing us to be part of your tour", "Thank you for letting your boys stay with us", (Tourists) "Ow, there's another bruise", "Let's put another shrimp on the barby", "Full on, baby", "Cheese".

The touring party were a credit to William Hulme's, with all hosts saying what a pleasure it was to have our boys with them. Ours found it enjoyable to stay at different homes during the two weeks - one stayed in as many as four homes, because of family or

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TRIPS WITHIN THE U.K.

'A' LEVEL ECOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO PRESTON MONTFORD CENTRE

We arrived at School on Thursday morning feeling rather apprehensive about the following five days we were to spend at Preston Montford Field Centre near Shrewsbury. We added our huge bags to the enormous mountain already established alongside the minibuses and were ready to set off.

Once we were settled inside the bus, shouts of "Is everybody here?" received no reply from Mr. Moore as he had forgotten to leave his car at home and turned up over an hour later. Eventually we arrived at the centre where we were met by our tutor for the weekend, Harriet.

On entering our rooms, we were a bit shocked at the sight of the large work desks. We soon overcame this by quickly disguising them as dressing tables and food stores.

No more than five minutes later we had our waders on and found ourselves standing thigh deep in a murky pond where we stayed for several hours, not only because we were enjoying it so much, but because we were hopelessly stuck in the water. We finally escaped for tea and cakes and, after the evening meal, we were soon rushed off to the classroom to discuss the day's results. We were devastated to be told by Harriet that an 'A' level Ecology student learns more new vocabulary than an 'A' level German student.

The following day, which arrived far too quickly for most of us, was spent studying fresh water invertebrates. We observed them for so long that even when we closed our eyes, we could see them swimming before us.

The next day, we had a rather nice teacher called Tom and a South African visitor called Tim joined us. We spent the day studying heather moorland and seeing the effects of its management. This involved bringing a small sample of heather back to the centre although Riaz failed to grasp the concept "small" and brought back most of the heather moorland with him.

We rushed back to the centre after convincing Tom that it would be criminal to miss the England v Spain semi-final of Euro '96 (luckily he was an avid football fan). We were all screaming for England apart from Shabbir and Craig who supported Spain (typical!) and Rebecca who was too busy recycling her dinner (sorry).

Sunday is supposedly a day of rest but to us it was another fun-packed 12 hours. We were to study polluted rivers and you wouldn't believe how polluted they actually were.

Due to a stroke of luck on the teachers' part, they were unfortunately prevented from helping us sample the polluted river due to headaches and bleary eyes obviously caused by their late night preparations for the following day's activities. However, we are sure they deeply regretted this.

We then returned to the centre and rushed to the showers which were occupied for hours.

The evening was spent like every other. This involved discussing the day's results and analysing the data.

The next day when we jumped out of bed, our eagerness was not at all due to the fact that we were going home that day, but that we were looking forward to the full day's work ahead of us.

We visited Whixall Moss which was a protected site (so why on earth did they let us in?). The site was very beautiful and we were grateful for the chance to visit it.

After we had packed our bags into the van, we said goodbye to Harriet and the centre for the last time. However, our floods of tears were soon endangering the nearby wildlife and so we were quickly ushered into the buses to make our way home.

We had all thoroughly enjoyed the trip and learned many lessons (although not all necessarily about ecology). Paul Amadi learned that no matter how stylish Armani jeans may be, Giorgio did not design them for wading in Preston Montford pond. Riaz learned that to make a cup of tea, it is not advisable to place the tea bag directly in the kettle and boil. He also learned the hard way that bringing pingu boxer shorts can lead to embarrassment as they may be worn openly by female members of the group. Lastly, contrary to popular belief, the girls had their faults too. We learned that wearing shorts and wellies in the sun can lead to a slightly uneven and unfortunately permanent suntan.

We'd like to thank the teachers, Mr Moore, Mr Welch, Miss Matthews (and Mr Myers for THAT sheet) for taking us on the very useful and informative trip.

Louise Ives (LDAM)
Soraya Khan (LJGH)
Sara Khoshneviszadeh (LDAM)

LOWER SIXTH VISIT TO LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY 14TH MAY

Boarding the coach to Liverpool, many of us had little idea of what to expect from a university. Most had preconceived ideas of all-night parties, living in the squalor of student digs and maybe the occasional lecture.

The open day at Liverpool was an ideal opportunity to start thinking about what courses we wanted to study and what we actually wanted from a university.

We arrived at the university after about a 1 hour coach journey and, armed with a rather simplistic university map, we went to find the departments that interested us.

At each department there were staff and students who gave an outline of what the courses involved as well as answering any questions we might have. The information was useful and the atmosphere was relaxed and friendly.

After lunch there was an organised coach journey to the halls of residence followed by a brief tour of Liverpool itself. The halls of residence where most students live for their first year were about 10-15 minutes from the campus by coach. The tour of the halls of residence was given by two first year students and therefore provided a honest and amusing account of life in student accommodation.

The bedrooms were small but adequate. Each hall had a communal bathroom and kitchen as well as a T.V. room and launderette. The halls seemed to provide a social base for first year students, as an ideal meeting place and with organised events such as discos.

The tour of Liverpool pointed out famous landmarks such as the Albert Docks, the Liver Building and The Cavern - a club where the Beatles played.

At the end of the day we all reassembled to get the coach back to Manchester. Overall the day had given us an insight into university life and information on the choice of courses available.

Jane Lawson (LEGT)

LOWER SIXTH ENGLISH LITERATURE TRIPS 1995/96

During the school year 1995/96 a number of English Literature trips were made in the North-West region. The aim of each trip was to not only sharpen our perception of various aspects of English Literature, but also, as in the case of the productions of 'Doctor Faustus' and 'Edward II', to further our understanding of the set texts that have been chosen for our 'A' level examinations next year.

The production of 'Doctor Faustus' by Christopher Marlowe at the Buxton Opera House in mid-March was probably the most memorable theatrical productions which we had the opportunity to experience this year. The rebellious, aspiring, egotistical character of Doctor Faustus was brilliantly and powerfully conveyed, while the performance by the demon Mephostophilis perfectly captivated the many facets of the devil's character, ranging from his ingenuity and malevolence to his veritable impotence. These powerful individual performances, as well as those of the strong supporting cast, helped to develop a sense of tragic inevitability which was clearly emphasized throughout the play. The modest scenery, excellent manipulation of lighting and extensive use of imagination and amusing props and costumes served to create a highly effective and subtly impressive and visual performance; however it was undoubtedly the contrasting interplay of serious tragic moments and extremely amusing comic scenes which produced an overall effect of an extremely impressionable, effective and emotional production.

Another play seen earlier in the school year which was also memorable, though undoubtedly for the wrong reasons, was that of 'Oedipus the King'. The production, performed by 'The Actors of Dionysius', was unfortunately quite disappointing. Although the actors maintained a great deal of enthusiasm they sadly lacked the coherence and stage presence to render a challenging and difficult performance successful. And so, given the fact that we had also not previously studied the text, most of us were left unimpressed and slightly bemused by this particular interpretation of the play.

More recently, a number of us viewed a production of 'Edward II' at the Octagon Theatre, Bolton, with the intention of familiarizing ourselves with other works by Christopher Marlowe. Given the impression created by 'Doctor Faustus' earlier in the year, this particular production was subjected to equally high expectations and, fortunately, we were not disappointed. In 'Edward II' Marlowe concentrates upon the political power of the English throne and the English aristocracy. As in 'Doctor Faustus', there again occurs Marlowe's obsession with questions of power, and so the production provided us with a useful opportunity to formulate comparisons between the two plays and look further at Marlowe's style and technique which proved beneficial in the study of our set text 'Doctor Faustus'. The performance of 'Edward II' was visually impressive, poignant, coherent and extremely enjoyable.

As well as attending various theatrical productions, we also visited Manchester City Art Gallery in March, in which students were presented with the opportunity to consider the relationship between Pre-Raphaelite painting and Victorian poetry. Through the study of the Pre-Raphaelites' style of painting, and concentrating upon such artistic aspects as their obsessive use of images of nature, their manipulation of colour and shading, and their constant eye for detail, we were able not only to develop a sense of quality of the art work, but also to deepen our appreciation of Victorian poetry by considering it from an alternative and consequently thought-provoking perspective.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the English teachers who were responsible for organising the various excursions and who accompanied us on these trips.

Emma Weeden (LPMB)

SIXTH FORM HISTORY TRIP TO LONDON

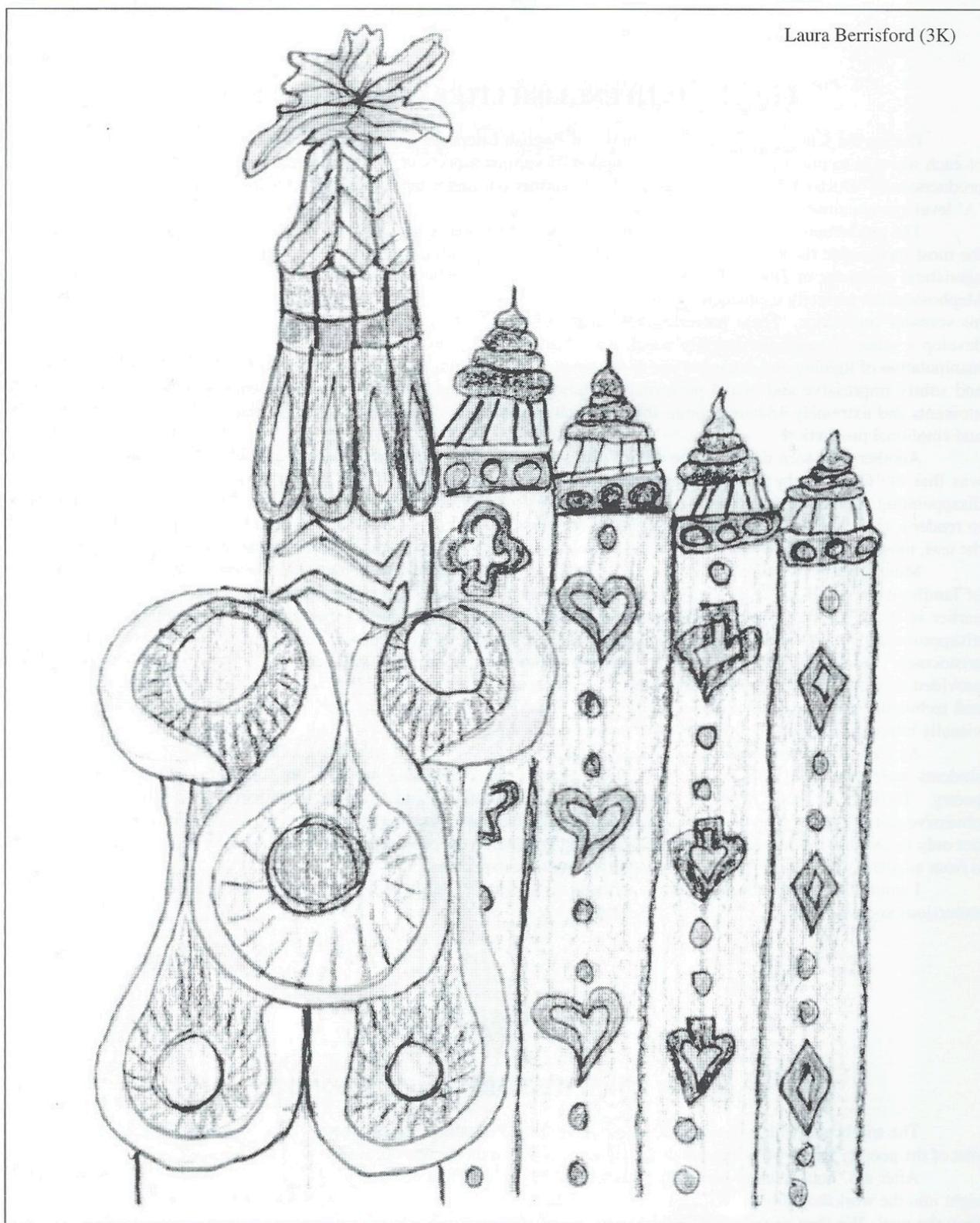
The trip began with a bleary-eyed mob of people at Piccadilly Station just before 7 o'clock! We were joined by the rest of the people, led by Miss Tandon at Stretford Station, and then made our way down to London.

After a 3 1/2 hour journey we finally reached the theatre and had missed the opening lecture due to delays, but jumped right into the workshop group. With interesting comments from many of our School, we really shone through as being better than the rest! We then eagerly watched lectures by 3 people who in different ways were involved in film. All the lectures

were of a high standard and were full of interesting points to note. After lunch and a look around the museum, which was large and fascinating, we went to the main event. The lecturer was our very own P.J. Callaghan. With his superb wit and intellect Mr Callaghan provided us with the relevant information that would draw the rest of the day together as well as some very good examples of using film as evidence. When the lecture was over we dispersed and set off for a bit of light relief in Covent Garden where we ate, shopped and had an interesting conversation about the England football team with a charming old man carrying a can in each hand. After a long day we took the train back to Manchester, on which I feel general consensus was that everybody was very tired, but had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Special thanks go out from all of us to Miss Tandon and Mr Hewston who led us through the mayhem of the London Underground and of course to Mr Callaghan.

Jonathan O'Keefe (LEGT)



ART TRIP TO THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

At the crack of dawn, on Thursday, 9th November 1995, 'A' Level and GCSE art students, accompanied by members of staff, set off on a trip to the capital. After the initial shock of the meeting time at Manchester Piccadilly of 6:45 am, we began to wake up, and on arrival in London we were all anxious to begin the day's plans. We made our way by various underground tubes to the Royal Academy of Arts.

There we viewed the works of David Hockney, the contemporary artist, renowned for his portraits as well as drawings, paintings and photographs of interiors, but less well known for his, admittedly promotional, painting of an entire BMW car which was on display in the courtyard. I think all of us were stunned by this, and some of us questioned its aesthetic quality. Some of the drawings in this exhibition dated back to the time when Hockney was a student himself, and consisted of cartoons and graphics, then his recent works, and studies in the style of Picasso.

Next we viewed the exhibition entitled 'The Art of a Continent'. This was a selection of African art, which was later to inspire us to produce our own creations. The exhibitions displayed the age of Africa and the unique length of its cultural history. Some of the artefacts dated back over a thousand years, some a little more modern, all incredibly distinctive and curious. There was a vast variety of pieces to view; ceramics, wood carvings, weapons, weaving, jewellery, etc...from all over the continent, Ethiopia to Cape Town. We trotted all around the globe with our sketch books and pads, and came up with some interesting interpretations.

The exhibition made us aware of art beyond the classroom. It was an uplifting experience viewing art from many African cultures, learning about their history, and traditions. The exhibition had dual effects; not only did the experience of the whole day open our eyes to the art of Africa, but it also contributed to their gradually closing on the journey home. Thanks go to Miss Boothroyd and Mr Bennett for organising such an enjoyable trip!

Laura Levenson (LEGT)

GEOLOGY & ART TRIP TO HARDRAW

On 22nd April, 4th Year Geology and the Lower 6th Art class visited Hardraw with Mr Veevers and Miss Boothroyd, a fine combination for giving us 'pupils' the leeway to enjoy an educational trip to the full, allowing us to excel in all aspects from studying rocks, to having a great game of pool! Even before arriving at Harris House, we began producing work whilst our arrival was delayed by our visiting other areas. So much so, that our dinner was in the dog and unfortunately due to this, we had to visit the chippie in Hawes. Whilst attempting to get there a certain teacher managed to upheave part of the ground surrounding the gates, immobilizing us until five of our strong pupils managed to impersonate He-man!

During the next three days we didn't let the weather prevent us from going on expeditions into the wild. As a result, we had a lot to show for the visit. The beautiful waterfall, renowned for its size and part in a film, lived up to our expectations, as did the food made for us (Ham and Cheese!!). The scenery was amazing, clouds both in the sky and on the fields (with legs!!). Many thanks go to Mr Veevers and Miss Boothroyd for taking us there; we thoroughly enjoyed it, even though it was hard work!.... Long live the sheep!.....

Laura Leveson (LEGT)

LOWER SIXTH GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO HARDRAW

This year's Hardraw L6th Geography trip was enlightening to say the least and I could never recreate the atmosphere of the weekend in a short piece like this.

Whilst a bitter Welshman tore up a betting slip (just reward for backing against United), a tall man dreamt of cheese factories, Craig tried to somersault across the Yorkshire landscape and Jon won the high voice of the year award. But there was some Geography in between all the fun, and we saw all sorts from nuclear power to farms, with all our hosts given the chance to benefit from Mr Hardy's infinite wisdom and advice. You had to be there to appreciate it.

Steve somehow managed to cope with all the travelling without emptying his stomach, which is surprising given his track record in the minibus.

Four days later we returned to Manchester having benefited enormously from the trip. An enjoyable time was had by all, and thanks to Mr G H Jones and Mr J H Hardy and not least Mrs Barnes for making it all possible.

The L6th Geography group: Nick, Jon, Mark, the two Jimmys, Debbie, Craig, Andrew, Rebecca, Caroline, Catherine, Steve, Jordon, Nilesh, Tom and myself, Phil.

Philip Holt (LTPH)

Usually the Editor edits out arcane "in jokes", but the freshness of this article somehow defies all attempts to prune it - Ed.

THIRD AND SECOND YEAR GIRLS TENNIS TRIP TO EASTBOURNE

Miss Barlow, along with Miss Minto, arranged a trip to the International Tennis Championships at Eastbourne, for the Third and Second Year Girls' Tennis teams. We would leave School on the Thursday morning and would return on the Saturday night. There were twelve girls in all: Elli, Caroline, Georgina, Danielle, Louise, Laura, Hannah, Gemma, Beth, Laura, Helia and Anna. We were all very excited about seeing the tennis stars but we were also quite nervous because we had to play two matches at two different schools when we were down there.

The first matches were played against a school on the way down to Eastbourne. When we arrived at the school we found the children to be very friendly and the matches were laid back. We won the majority of matches we played and then we said our goodbyes and piled into the minibus once again, next stop Eastbourne.

Eventually we arrived at Eastbourne and a youth hostel which was to be our bed and board for the night.

We got up early on the Friday morning, so all twelve of us could have a shower but that mission was impossible! Then we set off for Devonshire Park, where the Direct Line Insurance International Ladies' Tennis Championships were being held. So as the girls from William Hulme's Grammar School headed for centre court to witness the return of Monica Seles.... the minibus broke down! Miss Barlow immediately pulled out her mobile phone and rang for help. Not to worry; we had about an hour before Monica was to play and surely it wouldn't take that long to fix a puncture. I was wrong!! Two hours later we set off but it was too late, by the time we young British hopefuls reached centre court the American number one had already won her match, packed her bags and was halfway to the changing rooms! Never mind, because Monica won her match she would play later in the afternoon. This gave us a chance to go autograph hunting. We worked out that the best place to get autographs was to wait outside the changing rooms. As we were on our way we spotted Sanchez Vicario training with her brother on one of the spare tennis courts. We all rushed over and asked for her autograph. From that point on there was no stopping us! The moment we saw anyone who was walking around with a tennis racquet we would ask for her autograph, even if we didn't know who she was!

By the end of the day we had the autographs of Monica Seles, Conchita Martinez, Jana Novotna, Katrina Adams and Mary Joe Fernandez.

We had such a nice day that we nearly forgot that we had to play a tennis match. We were particularly nervous about this match because the school that we were playing was a boarding school and it was advertised in the programme at Eastbourne! The moment we saw the school we thought we were going to lose...badly. Miss Barlow told us to try our best and that is exactly what we did do and we won quite a lot of matches.

We had a great time at Eastbourne. Thank you Miss Barlow and Miss Minto for taking us and putting up with our singing in the minibus! From Elli, Caroline, Georgina, Danielle, Louise, Laura, Hannah, Gemma, Beth, Laura, Helia and Anna.

Elli Metcalfe (3J)

FRENCH LECTURES

Only a short way into our 'A' level course, the thought of spending a whole day listening to someone speak French filled most of us with dread, but that's what was facing us; we were to attend a day of French lectures at the Whitworth Hall in Manchester. It was a far cry from GCSE French, particularly as the lectures were to be given by real French people, and like nothing we had ever done before, so we went expecting not to understand a word that was said.

On entering the hall we were all issued with a hefty booklet of notes which proved to be extremely useful throughout the day and as future reference for revision, as they listed the most important points from each of the five topics discussed, young people, immigrants in France, the role of women in France, the media and the environment.

The lectures were all very interesting. Some of the issues discussed were thought-provoking, opening our eyes to the plight of too many young French people facing a life of drug addiction, AIDS and unemployment, to the problems experienced by many immigrants who come to live in France, and to the condition of the environment and its future. Others purely gave us information about other aspects of French life including the media and the role of women in French society, about which we knew very little.

The notes, together with additional information provided by an overhead projector, made the lectures easy to follow and it was impossible to lose track of the subject being talked about. Towards the end of the day we had almost forgotten that the lectures were being conducted in French, well almost!

The day had been extremely worthwhile, providing us with valuable information which could be used in essays at a later date, and enabling us to understand a great deal more about this country whose language we had been learning for the last five or more years.

Louise Ives (LDAM)

PERFORMANCE OF “DIE VERWANDLUNG” AT SALFORD UNIVERSITY

At the end of November, a group of around 20 A-Level students, all studying Franz Kafka’s work “Die Verwandlung,” or “Metamorphosis”, were fortunate to see a production of the play at Salford University’s Chapman Theatre. “Die Verwandlung” has always provided great scope for theatrical adaptation, but Steven Berkoff’s willingness to go beyond the conventional in his adaption of the play has turned such performances into enlightening experiences.

The story is essentially a simple, if somewhat far-fetched one: Gregor Samsa, a travelling fabric salesman, awakes one morning, from restless dreams, transformed into a giant beetle. Thus his already narrow life, encompassing little more than his family and his work, becomes yet more restricted, with his cold relations feeling little sympathy for him. When we read the text alone, the vantage point is quite clearly from Gregor himself, and although the text is written in the third person, everything is refracted through Gregor’s consciousness. It is thus a great break from tradition, when, in performances using Berkoff’s adaptation, Gregor himself plays only a minor role in the production, being situated at the back of the stage and carrying out elaborate routines on what is essentially a scaffold framework. Such routines, according to the director of the production we saw, Guy Holloway, “illuminate and makes fresh the text”, and as Berkoff himself points out, “it is not so much a question of fidelity to a literal representation of Kafka as of another way of telling the story”. It is thus Gregor’s family, namely his parents and sister Grete, who provide the key roles in the production. Through these people, we gain insights into the life of Gregor both before and after his transformation, which offers a contrasting angle to the original text. Personally, I found this novel approach to the play a refreshing change, and have no doubt that the experience greatly aided my A-Level literature studies.

Steven Berkoff’s “Meditations on Metamorphosis”, describing the different performances of his own Kafka adaptation from 1969 to 1992, is published in paperback by Faber and Faber (1995).

Michael Bartlett (UGJT)

JOINT LANGUAGES AFTERNOON AT SALFORD UNIVERSITY

The afternoon began with a short journey to Salford University with a bus full of students busy eating a packed lunch. The afternoon was designed for Lower Sixth Formers currently studying French, German or Spanish.

The first lecture I went to was the French lecture about young people in France and their problems such as drugs and unemployment. I found this lecture very useful and got plenty of information about the young people for my Topic C work. The lecture of course was all in French, but the lecturer was easily understood. After about an hour, we had a short break. Those people taking two languages then had the choice of staying with one language or moving to another. I chose the second option and I moved to the Spanish room. This group was a lot smaller than the French lecture so everyone could see and be seen! This lecture was all about the different types of Spanish music, ranging from the flamenco to pop songs. Everyone found this lecture really interesting because we were all involved with the understanding of songs and music in general. I believe the German lectures were about teenagers’ tastes and the differences between the Driving Test in Britain and its equivalent in Germany.

We all left all three lectures slightly tired but glad that we went. I would like to say on behalf of all the language students a big thank-you for organising and taking us that day to all the language staff, especially Mr Hofton, who masterminded it. Salford University also organised individual language days earlier this year for French, German and Spanish. We attended these too and found them very useful.

Victoria Fleming (LPMB)