



Transition Week

The first week of July is always transition week, where Year 6 students across Bassetlaw spend up to a week in their new schools, finding their feet for when they start fully in September.

The Elizabethan's new intake come from 28 different primary schools, and with only ten official linked primaries, this means that more parents are choosing to send their children to the Elizabethan than their actual catchment school.

Unlike in previous years, Year 6 made their own way to and from school for the week. Many were, of course dropped off by parents, who took us up on our invitation to join Mrs Horrocks at the welcome assembly or to share experiences of Day 1 over a cup of tea with Mr White the following day.

Students were accompanied by Teaching Assistants for the week, who nominated their stars for a Special Mention in assembly at the end of the week. Choosing just a dozen was tough, so extra congratulations go to the following:

- Bethany Bailey – Carr Hill
- Oscar Benham – St Peter's C of E
- Bertie Bower – Sturton-le-Steeple
- Lilyana Brammer – Clarborough
- Brandon Ellis – Mathersey
- Millie Gladwin – Sir Edmund Hillary
- Katie Grocock – Blyth
- Callum Gorwood – Carr Hill

- Abigail Hewitt – Carr Hill
- Connor Mason – St Augustine's
- Mercedes Nicholls – St Joseph's
- Jacob Perch – Carr Hill
- George Sanderson – Everton
- Benjamin South – Carr Hill

We asked pupils (above) what they had enjoyed most about the week. Leo Vardy, from Bracken Lane, said that he'd enjoyed meeting new people, especially the teachers "as they are all very helpful".

Holly Barrell, from Ranby said that she enjoyed Science "especially using Bunsen burners and chemicals".

Daniel Askin from Carr Hill chose German as his favourite lesson, because "it's really fun learning languages".



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The cast has been announced for what is possibly the Elizabethan's most ambitious musical yet: *Les Misérables*. For some, it is their fourth year in a major role. However, for the young actors playing Gavroche and young Cosette, this will be their first taste of starring in an Elizabethan production.

We are delighted to announce that the following have secured parts in the show: Katie Grocock from Blyth and Ava Slaney from Ranby are sharing the role of Cosette, and Callum Gorwood from Carr Hill and Joshua Parker (already a Year 7 student at the Elizabethan) will be playing Gavroche.

Competition for the roles was tough, and some of those who auditioned have secured places at the Elizabethan for September 2018 under the ArtsMark scheme. A further round of auditions is being held in September – see our website for details.

Year 10 Work Experience

Students in Year 10 got a taste of the world of work at the end of July, with many deciding that working was much harder than it looks!

Until recently, work experience was funded by the Government. However, when the funding stopped, so did work experience. The Elizabethan is one of the few schools in the area to give all students this fantastic opportunity.



Will Lyon, who worked in the finance department at Wilkinsons Head Office, said that it had made him a much more confident person: "I've worked in a new environment with new people, and have had to learn when to use my initiative and when to ask for advice."



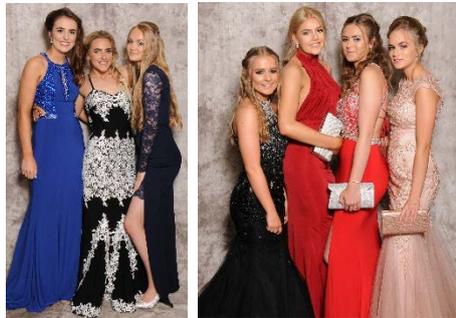
Cameron Harper, who spent the week at Worksop Leisure Centre, said he'd learnt a great deal from the experience. "I now know that I can really achieve something if I try my hardest" he said.

Feedback from employers about our young people has been very positive. Many thanks are due to all those who welcomed our students into their workplaces.

Our next stage of preparing students for the world of work comes with mock interviews before Christmas, where they will be able to use what they learnt on work experience to back up many of their answers.

Year 11 and Year 13 Proms

Students celebrated the end of their exams in style last month, with proms held at Ye Olde Bell (Year 11) and at the Crown Hotel in Bawtry (Year 13).



Debating update

The Elizabethan's Year 9 Debating Team have just returned from the national finals of the Partners in Excellence "Up for Debate" competition. The finals were held at the prestigious Harrow School, where our debaters came up against regional winners from across the country.

The team acquitted themselves very well, winning two of their three debates, including beating the eventual finalists. However, they were just a few points short of a place in the overall final.



Academy Principal, Chris Horrocks, said that she was "immensely proud" of the team. "I have always said that our students can hold their own against the best in the country, and Daisie, Connor and Chris have proved just that."

Dancing success

Congratulations to Lottie Tomlinson and Oliver Johnson of Year 7, who competed in the Welsh Open Dance Championships in July. They came fourth in the Latin American and second in the Ballroom events and have now qualified for the Champions of Tomorrow contest in Blackpool next January.

