



**Somme Tree Planting Ceremony**

**Students pay tribute to heroes**

Students and staff from The Elizabethan, along with members of The Royal British Legion and other local dignitaries, paid homage to those who served during the First World War in a special ceremony in Kings Park, Retford, on Thursday 10 November to remember the Battle of the Somme.

One of our talented historians, Daisie Ellis, was a winner in a recent poetry competition run by the National Memorial Arboretum. The competition was launched to commemorate the Battle at Delville Wood where only one Hornbeam tree was left standing. Daisie’s poem was praised by the judges... and the school became the proud owners of its very own Hornbeam.

Staff and students at the Elizabethan decided that this special tree should be shared with the wider community and so, with the help and support of Bassetlaw District Council and the Royal British Legion, the tree was

planted in Kings Park for all to see.

The ceremony was a poignant experience for all who attended. Local historians Judith and Tony Goodall said: “We would like to say how much we enjoyed the event. You must be so proud of the pupils, especially Daisie. We have spoken to several people who were there and everyone has agreed that it was a most moving experience.”

A reception at Retford Town Hall followed and the Elizabethan Drama Club put on a performance, which depicted how local boys and men were conscripted during the First World War. At the end, they remembered and paid tribute to all those who were killed in action.

Academy Principal, Christine Horrocks, said: “It was an honour and a privilege to be part of such a moving event. Our students have really done us proud.”

**Children in Need 2016**

Elizabethan students and staff put the ‘fun’ in to fundraising in aid of Children in Need.

Rather than a traditional non-uniform day, each of the houses organised an array of stalls to raise money for this amazing charity. The Dome was filled with students all taking part in various activities...

**Burghley, Hardwick, Galileo and Shakespeare** provided stalls offering cakes, tombola and games, including bottle flipping, welly wanging and caricature portraits. The Raffle with a ‘twist’ saw students winning prizes from film lunches to tea and cakes with Miss Hankinson.



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The total raised on the day was £480. Well done!



## Retford Post 16 welcomes Lord Lieutenant

Students at Retford Post 16 were delighted this month to welcome Sir John Peace to their Centre. Sir John was born locally the son of a coal miner, and is now Chairman of both Burberry and leading international bank Standard Chartered. He was knighted in 2011 for services to business and the voluntary sector.

He told students that "IQ (intelligence) is as important as EQ (emotional quotient)", going on to say that British Industries are crying out for employees with skills and qualities such leadership, communication and team working. He urged each and every one of them to take the opportunities open to them at Retford Post 16 and in the wider community to develop these skills.

Sir John said he was impressed with the standard of questions students asked, on topics ranging from Brexit to their own future plans: "They showed a clear interest in the world around them, and their questions were incredibly insightful."

Elizabethan Vice Principal, Jason White, who jointly leads the Retford Post 16 Centre, thanked him for taking the time to speak to students. "The visit to Retford was sandwiched between trade missions to China and India, and we are very grateful to Sir John for delivering such a powerful message."



## University Offers

Congratulations are due to Retford Post 16 students Tatenda Nyatoro and Jack Rust, who have already received offers of university places for next year.

Head Boy Tatenda has applied to study Medicine and Medical Sciences, and already has offers from Liverpool and Leeds Universities. They want a minimum of AAB grades at A-Level... but Tatenda is up for the challenge. "I have always enjoyed Science, but would rather work with people than be stuck in a lab all day, so becoming a doctor is a good way forward." Tatenda says he wants to specialise later in neurosurgery (being a brain surgeon to you and me).

Jack has recently returned from interviews for veterinary science at both Bristol and Nottingham Universities. He says he was very pleased with how the interviews went. "They asked me questions about work experience, team work etc and wanted to know why I decided to be a vet." Jack wants to specialise in exotic animals when he's older, and already has an offer to study zoology at the University of Exeter.

## Show Jumping Success

The Elizabethan Equestrian Team recently competed in the NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association) regional championships at Epworth Equestrian Centre.

Laura Scawthorn in Year 12, Shannan Dickenson in Year 11 and Lucy Sanderson in Year 10 entered the 90cm and 1m classes in both individual and team events.

In the 90cm class Shannan finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and Lucy in 3<sup>rd</sup>... out of a total of 84 riders. In the 1m class Lucy finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 36 riders. What an amazing achievement.

They will now go on to compete in the National Championships in Bedford on 4 December. Keep up the good work. Well done, girls, we are very proud of you.



Laura, Shannan and Lucy at Epworth

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