



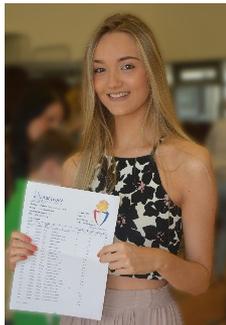
Exam Success for Year 11



**Students Celebrate GCSE Success**

Top honours at the Elizabethan this year went to Holly Harthill, who achieved seven A\* grades, three As and a starred distinction. She said "I'm lost for words. I'm so pleased that the last five years of hard work has paid off. I'm so grateful to all my teachers for all their support."

Holly is continuing her education at the Elizabethan, studying Biology, Chemistry and Maths at Retford Post 16.



Hot on Holly's heels, were Dulcie Hall, with six A\*s and five As, and Will Speirs, with five A\*s and six As.

James Mooney, whose eleven grades included eight A and A\*s, said "I'm very happy with my results and it shows that all the hard work I've put in was worth it."

James is also studying Economics, Maths and Further Maths at Retford Post 16 next year.

Christine Horrocks, Academy Principal, said: "These results are testament to the hard work of both students and staff. We have really focussed this year on ensuring excellent Teaching and Learning. What is important is what goes on in the classroom day in day out and also knowing students as individuals."

"Following on from a golden summer in terms of performance at the Olympics we are looking forward to a golden year for the Elizabethan Academy!"

Last month, the Academy received national recognition of its results from the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust who wrote to Mrs Horrocks to congratulate the Elizabethan on this year's results.

**Summer School 2016**

32 students from 17 different Primaries applied to take part in this year's Summer School.

They all got on-board with a variety of daily activities ranging from a Treasure hunt where they had to solve numerous clues, producing 'Pixel Art' which they translated on to mosaic

tiles and fabric printing to create a giant patch work design all sewn together by the students.

A great day was had with a circus entertainer learning how to juggle, spin plates and throw a diablo all in preparation for their presentation to their families.

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## Tanzania 2016

This summer saw 20 students from The Elizabethan Academy and Retford Post 16 take part in the trip of a lifetime to Tanzania and Kenya with Camps International. During their four week expedition they stayed at four different destinations and embarked on project work within local communities.

The first destination was Camp Mbokomu in Moshi, where the students rolled up their sleeves and worked hard to help renovate a classroom at the local primary school which had fallen in to a state of disrepair. This was no mean feat: they completed several tasks from digging up a concrete floor ready to lay a new one to preparing foundations for a new wall and walkway, while still finding time to take Swahili lessons to help communicate with the students and their families.

One of the best days was meeting the students from the school, playing games and spending time getting to know them. Finally the work at Mbokomu primary was

complete and the last day saw everyone either preparing food with the ladies from Rau village, planting banana trees or collecting water the traditional way, carrying it on their heads. After a sing song in the school hall and handing out gifts, everyone said their farewells ... Next stop camp Tsavo in Kenya



The journey to camp Tsavo was spectacular, driving through Tsavo West National Park everyone got to see giraffes, herds of elephants with their young, plus antelope, gazelle, zebra, ostriches and wildebeest. On arrival at camp the first task was at Sasenyi Primary School, where they had to dig foundations to lay a concrete floor for a new classroom, followed by some wildlife conservation work at Rukinga Wildlife Sanctuary, where the wildlife was breath-taking.

Their main task was to complete the work at the primary school in the allotted time, as the school had been promised a new class teacher for the new classroom. This was enough motivation to ensure it was done. With the work at the school and sanctuary complete next stop was the Marungu Hills ...

The final day in Kenya was spent at Marungu Hills tree nursery. Students filled pots with soil and manure, then managed to plant over 1000 seeds, beating the record of any other group, by 200 seeds! Well done!

Back to Tanzania where everyone got to go on Safari at Tarangire National Park, which was incredible, before heading along the coast to Tanga to offer their support to the local villagers, helping to plaster walls of a new house that was being built. To top it all everyone took their PADI scuba diving qualification along with completing several dives. Retford Post 16 student, Jack Rust, said: "This has been a life changing opportunity, a chance to experience first-hand a culture which is completely different to my own. It is something I will never forget."

## Year 7 find their feet

September saw the biggest Year 7 intake for four years, with students joining the Elizabethan from 29 different primary schools. The first few weeks saw students clutching timetables and maps and navigating their way around school, but all have now settled well.

Lunch was a novelty for many, with a bewildering array of different food available. Millicent Gee, from Harworth Church of England Academy, said that the dinner system "took a bit of getting used to, but now it's really easy. You get much more to choose from here... I particularly like the chocolate brownies!"

Adam Boddy, from Everton Primary, told us that he was particularly

enjoying the PE lessons. "We keep doing different sports: basketball, netball, dodgeball... I do football at lunchtime and after school too."

Alfie Tyrrell, from Carr Hill, said that Science was his favourite subject, especially the practicals. He said that coming from a big school like Carr Hill was an advantage, "but even the people from smaller schools have settled well. Taking part in clubs helps, and I've started going to rounders club."



Asked what advice they would give next year's Year 7, Adam said "make a good first impression. I think I've done that, and I've got to know the teachers really well really quickly."



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