



Apprenticeship Fair

The evening of Wednesday 5th February saw Marlborough once again host more than 20 exhibitors at our annual Apprenticeship fair. Alongside companies offering apprenticeships were representatives from The University of Hertfordshire and YC Hertfordshire who were able to explain more about this increasingly popular career path.



A wide variety of apprenticeships including Hairdressing, Accounting, Engineering, Hospitality, The Armed Forces and Sports were represented and provided valuable opportunities for our students and those from other local schools to explore their career options.

The National citizenship Service were also present to discuss the Summer Outreach Programme with Year 11 students and the evening was once again a great success.



The LIFE Project

This Year's LIFE Project, (Local Intervention Fire Education) was held from Monday 27th to Friday 31st January at St. Albans Fire Station. Students from Year 8 joined the Fire Service for the week. The LIFE project is an interactive experience for students who have faced challenges to learn transferable skills through firefighting activities.

Specially trained Fire Fighters deliver the LIFE project; it is an intensive five-day work experience course in a disciplined and well-focused environment. With the help of the friendly trainers, the students learnt the job of a real firefighter through taking part in a range of activities that included using ladders, breathing apparatus equipment, and learning casualty rescue techniques.



There were some classroom sessions too where the students learnt about social responsibility, and how different behaviours can impact on the community, their families and themselves with the intention of getting them to adopt a new set of values and understand the consequences of their behaviour and the choices they make in everyday situations.

By the end of the week the students had gained resilience, self-esteem, confidence and the ability to improve their life skills.

All our students successfully completed the course and received an AQA accredited certificate from John Boulter, Head of Protection, Herts County Council at an official Passing Out Parade attended by parents, carers and families of the students. Well done to all our students who participated!

Miss Pounnas



Remembering the Holocaust

International Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on the 27th of January each year. This year marked the 75th anniversary and The Marlborough Science Academy was lucky enough to be able to attend Northwood United Synagogue to hear the testimony of a Holocaust survivor.

Vera Schaufeld MBE, formerly Vera Lowyova, was saved by Sir Nicholas Winton a man who refused to stand by during the Holocaust. She was born in Prague in 1930. In May 1939, following the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia, Vera was told that she must move to England on her own. She was only nine years old.

"I remember sitting on Liverpool Street station in London, hearing announcements in a strange language, seeing children all round me being collected and fearing that I would be left there alone."

Vera had a lovely childhood previously, growing up in a town called Klatovy in south-west Bohemia, Czechoslovakia (now in the Czech Republic). Her father, Eugene, was a lawyer and a prominent figure within the Jewish community. Vera's mother, Elsa, was the first woman in her town to become a doctor.



Klatovy was a small but progressive place. Growing up, Vera never experienced or witnessed any forms of antisemitism. She remembers her childhood as being very happy. She was an only child and felt loved by her parents and her grandmother, who had moved from Germany to live with the family in 1934. At school Vera had many friends, both Jewish and Christian. Despite being one of the few Jewish children in the local primary school, Vera was hardly aware of being a minority and it was not until the Germans invaded Czechoslovakia in March 1938 that she understood what this meant.

'Within a few days, my father was arrested because his name appeared on a list of prominent Jews. Suddenly the atmosphere of fear grew.'

Shortly after the German invasion, Vera experienced antisemitism first hand from a teacher. She remembers realising that to the teacher she had become 'the Jew', losing her personal identity. Her father was arrested and her mother was no longer able to practise as a doctor, yet Vera admits that as a child she had little understanding of what was happening in Germany: '

I suppose my parents wanted to shield me, but this was no longer possible.'

One day, after school, Vera's mother surprised her by taking her to a small park. She was told that she must go to England on her own. Trying to reassure her, Vera's mother said that she and Vera's father would try to join her in England as soon as they possibly could.

When Vera arrived at Prague station, she was devastated to be told that the parents of all the children were not allowed onto the platform to say goodbye.

'My last sight of my parents was as they stood behind the barrier, waving their handkerchiefs, while I looked at them out of the train window,'

This would be the last time Vera would see either of her parents. Vera's memory of arriving in England was sitting at Liverpool Street Station, surrounded by other children who had also been saved by Sir Nicholas Winton, fearing that she would not be collected by anyone.

A Christian family agreed to take Vera into their home. They were called Leonard and Nancy Faires. Their daughter, Betty, was three years older than Vera and Vera remembers her as being very kind – kind enough to share her pocket money! Before the war broke out on 3rd September 1939, Vera's parents would send her presents and they were even able to speak to her on the telephone. After the declaration of war, however, Vera had no further news of her parents.

On 7th May 1945, Vera's English lesson was interrupted by an announcement that the war in Europe was over. Vera was ecstatic. She remembers thinking:

'This is wonderful. I shall see my family and friends soon.'

It was after a trip to the cinema where Vera saw images from the concentration camps that she learnt no one in her family had survived.

Due to the time Vera spent in England, she had had very little contact with other Jewish people. For this reason, she decided to travel to Israel to spend a year working on a *kibbutz* (a communal settlement in Israel). Here she met Avram, who had survived Auschwitz and



Buchenwald. Vera and Avram were married in 1952 – you can see them in this photo, which featured in 2015 as one of Holocaust Memorial Day Trust's Moving Portraits.

Before moving to Israel, Vera had trained to be an English teacher and when she returned to England, with Avram, she continued to work as a teacher.

In 1972, Vera took the decision to use her experience of learning English as a child in order to teach English to a group of Ugandan and Kenyan children, who had recently arrived in Brent, London. Most of the children were of Asian descent and had been expelled from Uganda by Idi Amin – the then President of Uganda. Amin had given all members of the Asian community living in Uganda in 1972 90 days to leave the country. Many members of the community sought refuge in the United Kingdom. Evidently, experience of being a refugee during the war had shaped Vera's life choices.

It was 50 years after her journey to England that Vera knew of Sir Nicholas Winton and the role that he had had in saving her life. In 1988 Vera was invited to participate in Esther Rantzen's television programme *That's Life!*, where she met other children, now adults, who had been saved by Sir Winton. Following this, Vera developed a lifelong friendship with Nicholas and his wife Grete.

Vera works closely with the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust to share her story and to ensure that the future generations will preserve the memory of the Holocaust.

Miss Fogarty

Upcoming Events



THE GRIMM TALES

4th - 6th March 2020
Da Vinci Hall
7pm

Adults £8
Concession £5

Family £20
2 adults and 2 children
1 adult and 3 children

Tickets available via School Gateway



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND ...

PTA QUIZ NIGHT
FRI 20 MARCH @ 7.30PM
DA VINCI HALL

LICENSED BAR INCLUDING SOFT DRINKS AND SNACKS
MAKE YOUR OWN TEAM (MAXIMUM 8) OR WE CAN FIND A FRIENDLY TEAM FOR YOU TO JOIN
STUDENTS WELCOME ALTHOUGH THIS IS PRIMARILY AN EVENT FOR ADULTS

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON
SCHOOL GATEWAY or PAYPAL www.ptaquiz.co.uk
ADULTS £8
STUDENTS £5

Contact: PTA@marlborough.herts.sch.uk

Book Week

2nd – 6th March 2020

Next week is our annual Book Week and we have lots going on in the LRC and throughout the school. Staff will be displaying a 'What I'm Reading' poster to encourage discussion, we have a 'Who's Behind the Book Competition' a form competition to decorate the form room door with a book cover and lots, lots more.



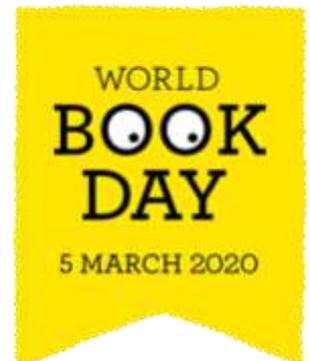
We will be holding a second hand book sale in the LRC on Tuesday and would be grateful for any donations of books in good condition. These can include books for younger children and adults as many students like to buy them as gifts.



There will be quizzes and crafts in the LRC at lunchtime and on Friday there will be a staff house competition to decorate a papier mache book. Can Mercury House make it three wins in a row?

Students will be taking part in a 6 word story competition in their English lessons and will be hearing a short story throughout the day on Thursday -World Book Day itself.

All year 7 students will have the opportunity to chose one of the special £1 World Book Day books as well as receiving a £1 book token which they can use in book shops or online at <https://www.scholastic.co.uk/> where every order over £10 will earn 25% back for our school in books. There are extra tokens available from the LRC for any student from other year groups who would like one.

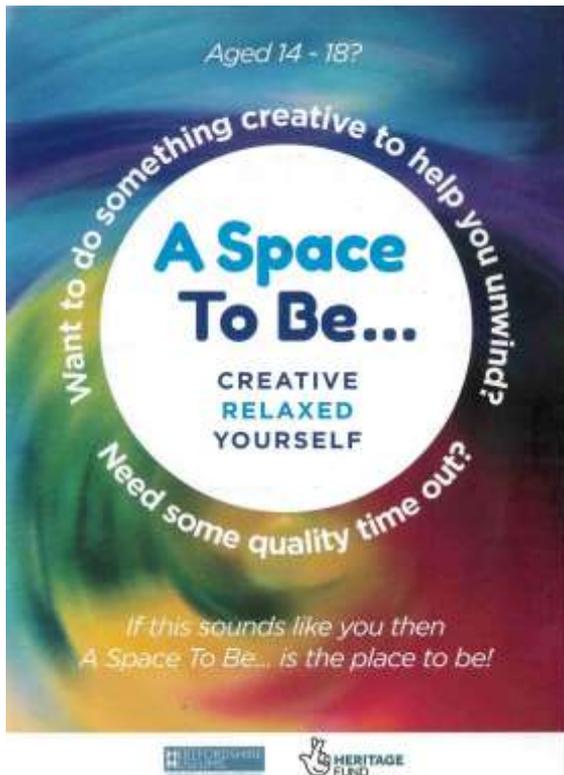


This Week's Quote of the Week

"The great thing about books is there are no commercials" Anonymous

Word of the Week

Spontaneous (adj) the result of a sudden impulse



M Festival – Saturday 4th July 2020

Our eleventh M Festival is coming up in July with another great line up and even more activities for all the family to enjoy.

This year we are going all inclusive so your entry price includes the fun fair rides and all activities. All you will need to pay for is food and drink on the day.

Early Bird tickets will sell out soon so go to www.themfestival.co.uk to secure your tickets for a fantastic day out!



Careers Opportunities



Early Years Apprenticeship Mount Carmel Kindergarten



Mount Carmel Kindergarten is St Alban's most popular independent nursery school, offering high quality preschool education for children aged 2 to 5 years.

We are a family run business which has forged a reputation for being a warm, caring and nurturing environment which prepares children for their transition to school.

As a small family run business we pride ourselves on nurturing our staff team, building a strong professional working environment where everyone is valued for their contribution to the setting.

www.mountcarmelkindergarten.co.uk



Early Years Apprenticeship Scheme

Each year we have an exciting opportunity for an Early Years Apprentice to join our wonderful team.

This permanent position is well suited to a school leaver that is looking to begin a career in Early Years, gaining hands-on experience in a thriving and supportive workplace as well as working towards nationally recognised qualifications.

Based at either our Kinder Lodge or Sandpit House site, you will work closely with the staff team to support the children's learning and development.

Our comprehensive Apprenticeship Programme is structured to give you hands on experience within the setting alongside gaining your Level 3 in Childcare. Each apprentice is supported by an experienced and dedicated mentor within the setting and you will benefit from regular training sessions with our specialist training provider. As most of our other employees have undergone similar qualifications there is a huge amount of support within the setting. At the end of an apprenticeship, there are excellent career prospects, and ability to further develop.

We look for people with the right qualities and not the right qualifications. Apprentices will demonstrate

- an enthusiastic, positive and professional attitude
- a warm and caring personality
- an ability to communicate and relate well to young children and a genuine interest in working with children
- initiative and common sense

For more information or to register your interest please email info@mountcarmelkindergarten.co.uk

SCHOOL DIRECT

What is School Direct?

School Direct is an initial teacher training programme based in schools as opposed to university. Although trainees are released one day a week most of the training is in school. The idea of School Direct is to give trainee teachers a more 'hands-on' teaching experience than traditional university based routes into teaching. There are two School Direct programmes offered; these are fee paying and salaried. Both routes award QTS at the end of the programme.

School Direct (Fee-Paying)

On the School Direct (fee-paying) route you will need to pay tuition fees, which have been frozen by the Alban Federation at £6900, but vary from provider to provider. UK and EU students are eligible for a student loan to cover 100% of the fees. However, although you will have to pay fees, there are generous bursaries available for a number of subjects. All trainees with the Alban Federation will receive expert tuition on learning and teaching and will gain invaluable experience from colleagues at school.

Course Requirements

GCSE English (or equivalent) at Grade 4 or above (Grade C or above under the old grading structure).

GCSE Mathematics (or equivalent) Grade 4 or above (Grade C or above under the old grading structure).

An **honours** degree (2.2 or above), awarded by a UK university or an overseas award recognised as equivalent by NARIC.

Usually we would expect the degree to have a minimum 50% content of the subject in which the applicant is applying.

Advantages

As a fee-paying trainee you will:

Work alongside expert and experienced practitioners

Get a real feel for the profession by being immediately immersed in school life

Receive qualified teacher status (QTS) at the end of the course

Could get your fees covered by a student loan

Could be eligible for a bursary (limited to certain subjects)

School Direct (Salaried)

The School Direct (salaried) means you will be employed by the school and receive a salary while you train. These places are usually offered to candidates who are already working in schools and are starting the course with some classroom experience. This route is only available for the subjects that the DfE designate as high or other priority. Currently the Alban Federation offers:

Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design Technology, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, MFL, Music, Physics and RE

Course Requirements

GCSE English (or equivalent) at Grade 4 or above (Grade C or above under the old grading structure).

GCSE Mathematics (or equivalent) Grade 4 or above (Grade C or above under the old grading structure).

An **honours** degree (2.2 or above), awarded by a UK university or an overseas award recognised as equivalent by NARIC.

Usually we would expect the degree to have a minimum 50% content of the subject in which the applicant is applying.

Advantages

As a salaried trainee you will:

Receive a salary as an unqualified teacher while you train (You'll be paid and taxed as an unqualified teacher).

Work alongside experienced and expert practitioners

Get a real feel for the profession by being immediately immersed in school life

Receive qualified teacher status (QTS) at the end of the course

Why Train With Us?

Our schools are fantastic places to train, work and learn. They provide a unique school-based learning opportunity in partnership with the Alban Federation. Our partnership's vision is simple but powerful; to ensure the delivery of high quality initial teacher training that meets the needs of the local area.

Also, all partnership schools endeavour to create an environment in which staff, pupils and trainee teachers alike feel valued and supported. We have all worked with trainee teachers for many years and we fully recognise how much vibrancy, enthusiasm and drive they can offer our respective school communities.

Importantly, the partnership sees its staff as its most valuable resource and its schools have a proven track record in training and professional development. Our teachers are excellent practitioners and are eager to share their skills, knowledge and practice with the next generation of teachers.

[Link to Alban Federation](#)

Learning Support News



DSPL7 would like to invite parents and professionals
to the **SEND Information Village**
Wednesday 4th March 2020, 10am – 12pm
The Hub, Fleetville Junior School

ABOUT THE EVENT

An opportunity to meet and talk to Specialist Advisors, Educational Psychologists, Service Providers and representatives from Special Schools, Oaklands College and the Voluntary Sector.

The SEND information village is a gathering of professionals dedicated to providing specialist support to children and young people (0-25 years) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Some of those attending include:

DSPL7 SEND Team, NESSie, Harpenden Plus Partnership, St Albans Plus Partnership, Links Academy Outreach Service, Speech, Language and Communication team, HPCI, SENDIASS, Carers in Hertfordshire, KIDS Hub, Independent Support Practitioner, The Collett Outreach Team, Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database, Add-advance, SPACE, Families in Focus, Early Years SEND Team, The EP team and more.....



DETAILS

- DATES:** Wednesday 4th March 2020
- TIME:** 10:00am – 12:00pm
- VENUE:** The Hub, Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4LW
- COST:** Free for parents and professionals
- PARKING:** There is no parking at the school. Free parking is available in the surrounding streets and at the local supermarket.
- REFRESHMENTS:** Provided

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Term Dates

2019—2020

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January to Thursday 2nd April 2020

Half Term Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020

Inset Day - Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020

Bank Holiday- Friday May 8th 2020—Please note the change of date.

Half Term Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2020

2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020

Half Term Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Occasional Day—Friday 20th November 2020

If you have any questions and are not sure who to ask
please click here for the [general enquiry form](#)



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