

Boarding at Ridley

RIDLEY Hall used to be the country seat of the Bowes Lyon family. It is a rural mansion with massive grounds.

Because of the huge school catchment area, some students have to travel great distances every day. The boarding wing offers those students the opportunity to live closer to the school. Ridley Hall provides a very homely atmosphere and always looks out for students' welfare. With activities such as bowling, cinema and go-karting, there is always something fun and exciting to do on weekday evenings. All these factors make students feel Ridley Hall is a home away from home.

BY ALISTAIR WATSON

Carbon challenge

AT HBHS, a student-led project is reducing the school's carbon footprint by using the enthusiasm and scientific knowledge of students. The old orchard has been replanted, each tree on average taking in 10kg carbon annually, and the school is looking forward to the installation of a small-scale wind-turbine. This term students are making research visits to explore new technologies to reduce the impact humans have on the environment. They hope to learn more about what they can do to make a difference, and look forward to putting more bright ideas into action.

BY MAEVE HANLEY

Charity day @ HBHS

This week's Kron page is written by Haydon Bridge High School and was designed at:



Next week's Kron page will be written by Warkworth First School and Seaview Primary School.



MUSICALS MAYHEM – charity costumes

ONE of the most exciting and successful dates on the Haydon Bridge High School calendar is Charity Day.

It is a day when both staff and students enter into the spirit of the Sixth Form-driven and organised initiative in order to dress up, clown around and raise money for important charities.

Charity Day is always themed - this year it's 'Musicals' and last year's theme was 'Movies'

where £2,500 was split between three local charities.

Months of planning and preparation by the Sixth Form Committee go into the day with activities involving the whole school and having a laugh with the staff! This year the highly anticipated 'Staff vs Sixth Form Obstacle Course: The Re-match!' proved to be a fabulously messy chaos! £2,500 was raised for Tynedale Community Hospice and Great North Air Ambulance, special thanks to everyone who donated and participated throughout the day!

BY AMANDA DAVISON

Youth in Europe

ERYF is the European Rural Youth Forum. It brings together young people to socialise and discuss issues of international interest affecting rural communities across Europe.

Last July Northumberland students visited Serbia with students from seven other countries.

As well as having great fun and making many new friends, we visited areas of cultural interest including mosques and churches. Our trip was partly funded by generous donations from trusts such as the Shaftoe Trust and Haltwhistle Town Twinning.

As a result of the success of the Serbian trip we have been given an opportunity to go to another country in July - Poland. We are looking forward to it tremendously.

BY REBECCA BLACKITH

Trust plan agreed

FROM 1st April 2008, the governing bodies of Allendale and Bellingham Middle Schools, Haydon Bridge High School and Samuel King's School, Alston, have agreed to form a Trust sharing educational expertise. The first of its kind in the country, the Trust is attracting national interest, due to its innovative developments.

The Headteachers of the four schools that form the North Pennine Learning Partnership all agree they 'look forward to building upon the many strengths within our schools and working closely with our partners', including county councils of Northumberland and Cumbria, Liverpool and Cumbria Universities and other influential associations.

BY AMANDA DAVISON

Boarding at Ridley Hall

Ridley Hall Boarding Wing
 A fine country house steeped in history and set in 33 acres of gardens and woodlands 25 miles east of Carlisle.

Are you interested in sending your son / daughter to Haydon Bridge Community High School & Sports College 'the most improved school' in the region? (DCSF Achievement & Attainment Tables 2007)

- Boarding places available Monday to Thursday nights in September 2008
- Staff at Ridley Hall provide good support to pupils and there is a culture of respect and trust. Pupils confidence and team building skills are fostered and developed (Ofsted, July 2007)
- Parents contribute towards residential costs.
- A good and improving School (Ofsted, October 2007)
- Sixth form curriculum provision judged as outstanding (Ofsted, October 2007)
- As with all state schools, no tuition fees.
- Easily accessible by rail or bus.

Places available for Year 10 and Year 12 students from September 2008. Open days will be in April when you visit the school and tour Ridley Hall. Further details and information is available by contacting Haydon Bridge High School, Northumberland.

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Brussels trip

WE were recently part of a delegation to Brussels to promote enterprise in rural Tynedale and to raise awareness about ID8 - a fund that allows young people to turn ideas into reality. The highlight of the trip was a meeting with Fiona Hall MEP. We saw a plenary debate with a heated debate about Tibet and global warming - translated into 27 languages at an unbelievably alarming rate. It was funny to think that decisions made there impact on our everyday lives.

We also visited Leader Plus - a scheme that funds projects in rural areas in Europe, and met Sarah-Jane King, the director of the Brussels office of North East England. Between meetings we walked through La Grand Place and experienced real Belgian chocolates and the tastiest part of the trip - waffles!

BY NAOMI TODD AND CAITLIN MCKIERNAN

Unique opportunity



SPRING ARRIVAL – one of our students with the new lamb

THE school has an on-site 75 hectare mixed-use working farm. Year 9 students learn basic agriculture, and can then continue with land-based industry diploma courses throughout their time at school. Along with written work, students carry out tasks such as feeding stock, and planting trees. Lambing, one of the favourite times of year, has recently finished. Many students are now beginning extended work experience or completing final assignments before leaving for work or university.

BY IAN PORTEOUS

Most improved in NE

AT Haydon Bridge we pride ourselves on delivering excellence with our outstanding curriculum and extra-curricular provision. I hope you enjoy reading this page which gives you a taste of our activities: we also stage high quality music and drama events and offer a wide range of sporting activities: along with opportunities to participate in educational visits at home and abroad, such as Barbados, Russia and Serbia. Jim Knight, Minister for Schools, recently congratulated HBHS on sustained improvement at five A*- C GCSE results including English and Maths. In the top 20 nationally, the school was the 'most improved' in the North East. Sports College specialist status helps build self-confidence and self-esteem in our students, with a positive impact on learning across the whole school. Last October, Ofsted confirmed Haydon Bridge as a good and improving school, with outstanding student behaviour.

BY JOHN DOWLER HEAD TEACHER

In fine feather

CREATIVE textile students have made a real name for themselves in the world of fashion design. Each year they work to a design brief, which shows their creative talents. Previous themes have included the launch of Gretna Football Club tartan, and 'Vindolanda the Musical'. This year's fashion brief was 'Birds of Prey'. Stunningly original designs were showcased against a backdrop of visually arresting images and pulsating sounds, with event management provided by Awesome Productions, a school enterprise. We are very proud of our Art department and the Arts Mark Gold standard awarded to us, and we would love to showcase our designs at a bigger venue - any offers, anyone?

BY SHEILA COOK