

Career fair offers lots of options

by Callum Cocker

THE school hall was packed with a host of different careers' advisers and potential future employers.

When I arrived I found a local woman that had come from a college.

I went over for a closer inspection and I was talking to her about the different course options I could pick for the job I wanted.

There were many colleges, some of which were offering different courses including music, biology, chemistry and other subjects like English literature.

Across the room I saw the Scots Guards and they gave me advice about joining the army and the different roles that I could have,



but they made me realise that it was not the job for me.

I am now thinking about being a marine biologist or a musician



Helping hand for the homeless

by Isabella Venn

SCHOOL counsellor Edel McGinn puts a stop to food waste at Coal Clough Academy.

Edel said: "I felt the food was going to waste, whilst so many people were in need."

Staff from our school also help the homeless by donating their unwanted clothes and toys to three organisations: Elizabeth St Project, Burnley Women's Refuge and Feed the Homeless in Burnley.

Large amounts of

clothing go to help the homeless in Burnley.

Edel drops it off on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings with Kelly, the coordinator.

The Elizabeth Street Project offers emergency housing to those in need and the Women's Refuge offers emergency accommodation to women and their children who are escaping domestic abuse.

Edel added: "I would also like to say a big thank you to Sue Clements, and her family, who always support the appeals."



Year 9s enjoy a trip to Crosby beach to see the sculptures

by Antony Gormley
'Another Place'.

Challenge

by Albert Buruiana

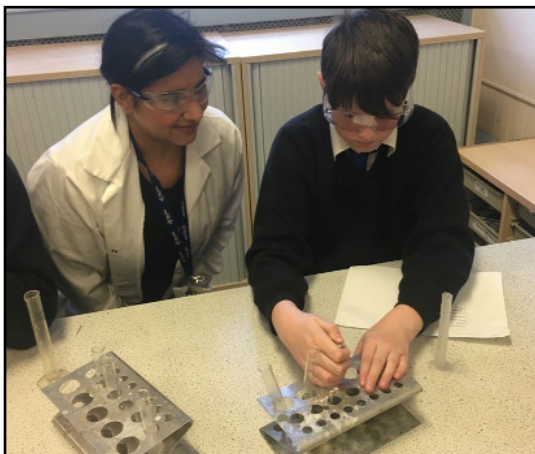
THE marshmallow challenge was a team building activity which allowed groups of people to work together to build the tallest free standing structure.

A mix of Year 10 and 11 students got together in the Learning Support Unit as a part of their Prince's Trust teamwork study.

They were given specific resources and they had to come up with ideas to make the structure without support from the staff.

Each group had 18 minutes to build the tallest structure using 20 sticks of spaghetti, 1m of tape, 1m of string and one marshmallow that had to go on top of the structure.

At the end the students and the staff said that it had been a good experience and it was very good to do something different in lessons.



Theory becomes a reality

by Edward Smith

STUDENTS from Key Stage 3 enjoyed gaining practical skills in their science lessons.

Science teacher Fazila Karolia explained: "They did theory over in Key Stage 3 building then

came over to the Key Stage 4 to do their practical experiments in the science lab.

"Numerous science lessons were spent on the subject in order for the students to gain practical skills which can be used for their GCSEs, because they will be required to

complete a practical skills element.

"All of the pupils had been given a method and had to make their own results table."

They followed the method step-by-step to make sure everything was done correctly and there were no anomalies.



A school newspaper written by students from Coal Clough Academy, Burnley.

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Exploring the great outdoors

by Courtney Burrridge and Charlotte Cross

WE GET the chance to have outdoor lessons and earn a BTEC qualification at the same time.

From archery to abseiling, canoeing to walking, Coal Clough students enjoy a whole range of sports.

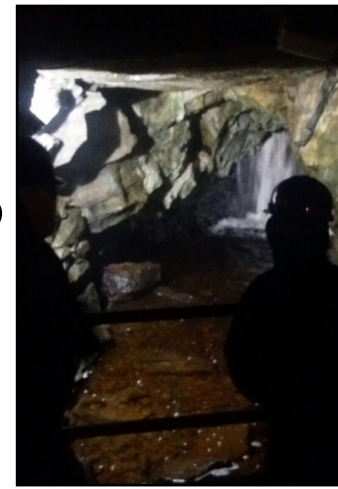
This half-term we had Year 9 students abseiling at Nogarath Quarry, Year 10s learning how to be archers at Penistone Archery while Year 11s went mountain biking in Rivington.

Our Key Stage 3 nurture group went to White Scar Caves in North Yorkshire while Year 11s hiked around the spectacular waterfalls in Ingleton.

Troy Tattersall said: "We go on Mondays and Wednesdays to do different activities which I enjoy as it increases our fitness."

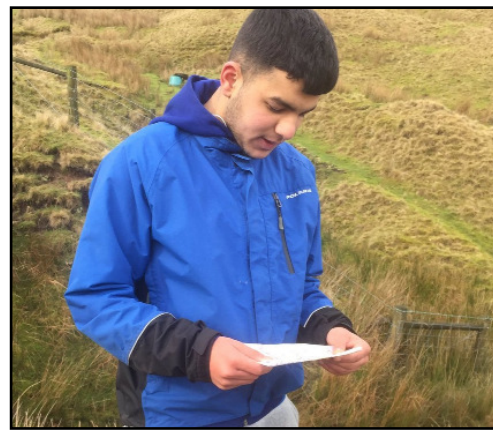
Josh Burgess said: "It's fun, interesting and we get to learn new skills."

Outdoor education is a way of earning a BTEC qualification and some of the amazing places students have been to include Gisburn Forest and Pendle



Hill; this is getting them out of a classroom environment and helping them find confidence and to use team building skills.

Even though there are only small groups of maybe four or five students at a time, they find it fun and interesting. Getting out in the fresh air makes a nice change from sitting behind a desk.



Red nose day bakes

by Albert Buruiana and Callum Cocker

RED Nose Day is all about raising money for projects in the UK and Africa through comedy.

It all starts with a red nose and a whole series of events and our school took part too.

Students baked cakes, which were sold on parents' consultation day. On the same day we also had

a careers' day and we raised £53 for the charity.





Entrepreneurs run market stall

by Isabella Venn

STUDENTS turned up bright and early at Burnley Town Centre to sell their enterprising products at Burnley Teenage Market.

Haroon Baig, Josh Burgess, Troy Tattersall, Jack Hardman and Josh

Howarth all took part in the Burnley teenage market to gain experience of business situations, and to sell their products they had manufactured to the public. Not only did students turn up, teachers did too to support the pupils.

Sarah Thomas commented: "The day was

a huge success it was used to show people what we have achieved at Coal Clough Academy. Students were a credit to the school. The staff were very proud of the students. The money will be used to reward the students who took part."

The students' hard work raised £54.



Students having an amazing time in the Thai chi session, all thanks to Jeff.



Delicious tea party fit for a Mad Hatter

by Courtney Burrridge

HAVE you read the book Alice in Wonderland? If so you'll know about the Mad Hatter.

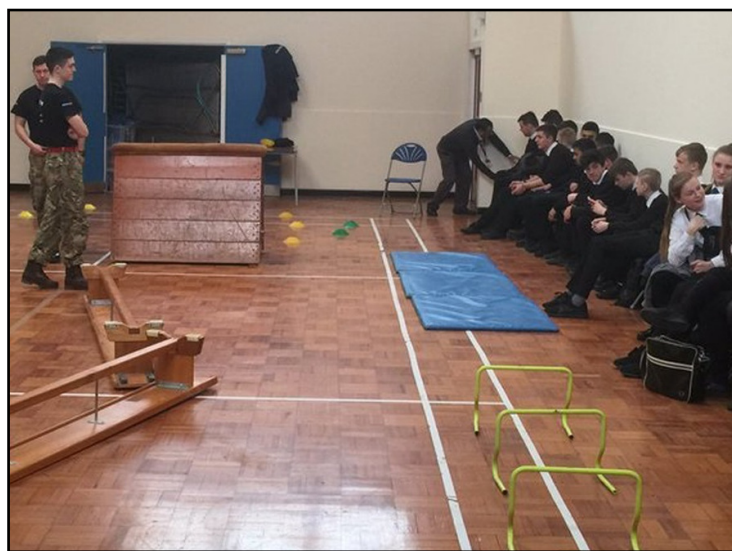
Four students, Troy Tattersall, Charlotte Cross, Isabella Venn and Courtney Burrridge, attended the North Lincs Training Group centre for a Mad Hatter's Tea Party and a challenge.

Troy and Courtney did a tech challenge where they made and decorated a cake stand while Charlotte and Isabella undertook a cooking challenge making sandwiches, cakes and other sweet treats using the Alice in Wonderland theme.

The whole team designed and decorated their table for the tea party.

Sixteen schools competed and we came in second.

Charlotte Cross said: "It was good, it made us work together, which improved our team building skills."



The Army organises a physical training session as part of careers' week.



Abigail is put through her paces in the boxing ring.



Bike ride nets £200 for Macmillan

by Tyler Simpson

OUR Year 10 boys set themselves the target of cycling 100 miles, but they smashed it by completing 156.

In Exercise4less the students were allowed to use the spinning suite to raise money for Macmillan.

Katie Smith, PE teacher, said: "I couldn't



have done it without the help of Tyler Brindle who helped to organise the event.

"By smashing the target, the students managed to raise a whopping £200 for Macmillan."

Grandparents visit school

by Courtney Burrridge

AS PART as our personal and social development group, students looked at charities within the local area.

As mentioned in Issue 2

of *Coal Clough News*, it was decided to team up with Age UK so we invited pensioners and our own grandparents to a war-themed social.

We held activities including a quiz, bingo and sing-a-long.

Students also spent time preparing a buffet of traditional wartime food.

English teacher Alice Walters said: "It was a huge success for the students and our visitors and we hope to do another event in the near future."



Outstanding teacher award

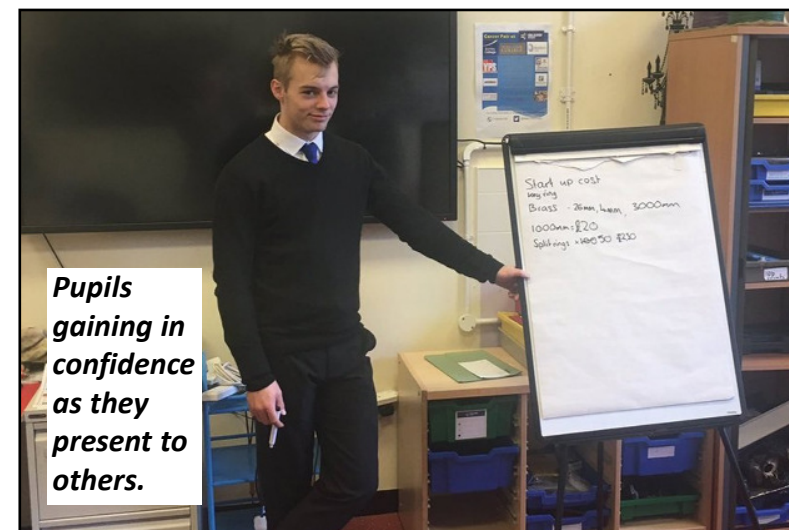
by Charlotte Cross

A TEACHER who only recently joined Coal Clough Academy Katie Smith has won an award.

Katie won the outstanding teacher of the term award from

Hays Teaching Agency for making contributions and organising so many fun filled activities.

She said: "It was presented just after the staff briefing and I felt really emotional and proud; I sent photos to my mum and dad. I felt like I'd achieved something."



Pupils gaining in confidence as they present to others.