

# A welcome return of radio shows

I'M sure you've missed it over the summer, but our radio shows are back!

Frome College Matters resumes its slot on Tuesdays from 4.00pm - 6.00pm; and Russell Cole and the students take up the Breakfast Show again every 4 weeks starting on 30 September at 9.00am - 12noon. Teenage Kicks where our students talk about what matters to them, also restarts that day from 6.00pm.



**FROME COLLEGE MATTERS** is a weekly, term time radio show, broadcast on the community Radio station FromeFM, and produced by the students of Frome College. It brings news and features from the College as well as local interest, educational and community articles. It is also an exciting and unique way to showcase the diversity and talent of Frome College, and we very much welcome input from all the different faculties and staff at the school.

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Jennie.Smith@fromecollege.org or RCole@fromecollege.org for more information.

**FROME FM BREAKFAST SHOW** is taken over by students and staff every four weeks. It follows an agreed



Megs White and Chloe Brown with Geoffrey Mackett from Fromefm and former Principal, Gavin Ball

## Special show in wake of attack

MEGS White in Year 10 and Chloe Brown in Year 9, hosted a special radio show after the terrorist attack in Manchester because they were so affected by what had happened, they felt it would help others.

Megs White said: "I did the radio show because the attack affected me personally. I was at the Arianna Grande concert a few days before."

"After finding out about the terrible attack, Mrs Smith and I talked about doing a show to

support others and to turn something so bad and negative into something more positive, by helping people who were affected by terrorism."

On Wednesday 12 July, Geoffrey Mackett from Fromefm and former Principal, Gavin Ball, presented the two students with Commendation Certificates and congratulated them on their bravery talking about this sensitive topic on radio, and for thinking of helping others after being so clearly upset themselves.

We hope they will continue their hard work and look forward to more of their radio shows on Fromefm.

## Congratulations to winning writer

ABI Thorne has won the District Winner's Certificate of the Rotary Young Writers Award 2017 which was due to be received at an official presentation at the Rotary Youth Showcase in Taunton on 1 July.

Unfortunately, neither Abi nor her family could attend the event, so David Gerhardt from the Rotary Club visited Frome College before the summer break, to present the certificate to Abi.



Former Principal, Gavin Ball, together with Janine Franklin, teacher of English, David and Chris Page from Rotary, met to congratulate Abi and have their photograph taken presenting her with the winner's certificate. "This capped off a very successful year for our youth programme following successes

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## Finding how we live in the shadow of war



IN June 2017 another party of Frome College Year 9s were transported to the First World War Battlefields of Belgium and France by the History Department. Mr Hurrell at the helm.

This being the 100th anniversary of the infamous Battle of Passchendaele which took place near the city of Ypres in Belgium, there was a real focus on that battle and its impact. Using their detailed work booklets, students did a lot of fieldwork within the German and Commonwealth cemeteries which we visited there - Langemark and Tyne Cot. Tyne Cot is the largest Commonwealth Cemetery in the world and holds 12,000 graves and 33,000 names of soldiers who have no known grave. Initially students searched and found their 'birthday soldier' grave stone and place a poem they had written about the war at his side. They then investigated the ages, ranks, regiments and nationalities of the many and various soldiers who are there to try and make sense of the slaughter that took place there. They also studied the epitaphs etched into many of the gravestones and wrote down the ones they found most affecting.

Mr Hurrell read extracts from Lyn MacDonald's seminal book 'They Called it Passchendaele' to provide substance and background to



this horrendous three month long battle in the Flanders mud. As general Haig said when he finally viewed the battlefields: "My God did we really send men out to fight in that?"

At the end of the day Frome College students were able to witness the spine tingling 'Last Post' ceremony at the Menin Gate. This is to remember the dead and missing of the Ypres salient. One of the 54,000 names of the missing etched into that famous monument was George Stanter Price Hanney of 12, The

man's biggest Somme fortress strongholds. The Thiepval Memorial has 73,000 names of the Commonwealth's missing men. Panels of name after name after name stand in stark testament to the brutal price of war. Whilst there the students searched the cemetery registers to find and then locate their family name.

On our return to the Belgian coast where we were all staying we visited another area of battle and a cemetery where one of our students had a relative recognised. The battle was the 1915 Battle of Loos. The cemetery was called Dud Corner Cemetery. The soldier was called Henry Ernest Cleave. The student who was paying her respects to her great great uncle was called Iris Shulman.

We arrived there as the sun was going down. The sky was deep blue and flecked with orange scudding clouds and a honeyed light resonated from the portland stone that formed the gravestones and walls of this place. Standing on high there in the setting sun surrounded by such scenery and such a beautiful formed graveyard with a warm wind willowing was one of the most moving and special experiences I have had on what must be my 25th First World War Battlefields experience.

Roland Hurrell - Leader Battlefields 2017

## Fantastic journey to see the wonders of the cloud forest

AT the end of the summer term, Mr Haines, Mrs West and seven Sixth Form students embarked on a trip of a lifetime to Honduras in Central America. After much fundraising for the trip, we were heading out to help 'Operation Wallacea' scientists with their conservation projects in the cloud forest of Cuscuo National Park.



We arrived in Miami airport very delayed and had to sprint through the huge airport to (very narrowly) catch our connecting flight to San Pedro Sula airport in Honduras. The next day we arrived at the base camp in Cuscuo National Park, after driving through the park on 4x4 trucks to reach the camp. We then completed a really strenuous four-hour hike to the remote Satellite camp of Cantiles. We stayed at this camp for three nights and whilst here showered in a waterfall and slept in hammocks deep in the rainforest. We took part in many surveys and activities including habitat surveys, night walking and light trapping, where we saw animals ranging from the Honduran

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Spike Frog, venomous 'Timbo' snakes, and Brazilian wandering spider to the endemic species of jewelled scarab beetle.

On our fourth day in the park we hiked back to the main base camp where we spent the rest of the first week of our trip. Here we carried out further surveys and saw more amazing



animals including hummingbirds, fruit bats and a green racer snake.

We ended this week with a sense of satisfaction that we had helped to preserve this special cloud forest. The scientists were really glad of our help in collecting data, as this is used to calculate carbon cap-

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ferry to the Caribbean island of Utila, where we would spend the second week of our trip.

During this week we all took the PADI Open Water Divers Course where we all qualified as scuba divers, apart from Mrs West who had a relaxing week exploring the town and enjoying the views. We also sat in some lectures about Marine Biology with scientist Dr Owen O'Shea, which we all found really interesting. During the days, we completed a series of dives in the warm (28 degree) sea where we encountered some amazing species of marine life, and also explored the coral reef up close. We spent the evenings venturing out into the main town and enjoyed the amazing views of clear water and Caribbean sunsets.

We saw some amazing things and met some fantastic people on our trip and after these two contrasting but incredible weeks, we arrived back home having made memories that will never be forgotten!

On the ninth day of our trip we left the rainforest and travelled from San Pedro Sula to Tela, where we caught the



Enterprise students with principal Ms Reynolds

## Happy days with calendars

ENTERPRISING students produced an academic fundraising calendars to help others

The A3 size academic calendars were designed by Year 10 Enterprise students who worked hard last year gathering material from Frome College Photography students and getting sponsorship from local businesses.

The cost was covered by our sponsors, and the additional funds will go towards a school Councillor.

Year 10 students, Tiegan Evans, Rob Trowbridge, Sam Thropus and Alex Waldeck, wanted to produce the calendar to specifically welcome the new Year 9 students to Frome College with the free gift. Sam Evans in Year 10 said: "Over the past year Teigan, Rob, Alex and I, have designed and created an academic calendar to purchase for £5 via ParentPay and worked all the

way up to the final calendar, sourcing sponsorship from local businesses. We have raised over £1,000 for a school Councillor to help students learning as they progress through the College. Furthermore, each Year 9 student starting at Frome College this year received one of our calendars as a gift to aid their transition. The project has been a great success and we would like to thank all of our sponsors for their generous contribution."

Principal, Ms Reynolds presented the 4 students with Commendation Certificates on Wednesday 20 September, and congratulated them all on their fantastic achievement and initiative, and their inspiring motivation to help others.

The calendars are available to all students and their families to purchase for £5 via ParentPay.

## A valuable work experience

A GROUP of Year 12 students completed a work experience placement with Frome Town Council in July, based at the Town Hall. During the time there, the students designed, conducted and analysed market research based around the businesses in Frome. They then presented their findings to Frome Town Council. The information they learned will be used by the council, and also by Frome College for business and careers development and advice.

Enterprise & Careers Coordinator, Rose Hiron-Grimes said: "We are very proud of our students for their work experience placement and would like to thank the council and all local businesses for their support in offering these students such an interesting project. They were very positive about how much they gained, such as research and presentation skills, alongside overall confidence building."

Frome College offers many work experience opportunities for students throughout the year, and is very aware how valuable it can be for their future next steps. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Employability Co-ordinator, Louise Friend.

After graduation Louise worked for Hartwell's in the Motor Trade in Birmingham, Oxford and Mansfield, rising to Service Manager, an ambition fuelled by there being few females in that position in such a male dominated career.

Prior to entering education eight years ago, Louise also worked in a small engineering business and as Seasonal Logistics Manager for Somerfield Head Office in Bristol. She is passionate about helping students develop a strong CV and presenting opportunities to further their employability skills and help young people aspire towards an exciting career. She will be running our termly Careers Cafés, and the World of Work Course, as well as hosting many guest speakers and employability workshops. Frome College is running a Participation Fair on the morning of 11 October, to highlight different hobbies and clubs which our students can participate in for pleasure and to develop skills, so if you are involved in a local club and are able to attend we would also be delighted to hear from you.

If any local businesses would like to find out more about work experience opportunities, or would like to share the benefits of your experiences with our students, please contact Louise via email at nextsteps@fromecollege.org

