



BARNES WALLIS  
ACADEMY

*Broadening Horizons*

Our termly newsletter to celebrate all that has happened across the academy

Summer 2017



## Summer Cup Success

Students at Barnes Wallis Academy had an incredible day when they competed in this year's DRET Summer Cup – the biggest event within the network's sporting calendar.

The spectacular event, held at the Grantham Meres Stadium in Lincolnshire, welcomed a number of sporting stars to inspire and support the students as they represented their academies with pride. The star-studded line-up included the likes of Sir Steve Redgrave, Colin Jackson CBE, Crista Cullen MBE, Goldie Sayers, and Joe Roebuck.

Five-time Olympic gold medallist rower and this year's VIP Special Guest, Sir Steve Redgrave, was impressed with the

talent he saw. He said: "I have seen some outstanding performances and thrilling medal celebrations, but there were also students that were just so proud to compete and be part of this incredible event.

"Getting involved in sport is such an important part of a child's education. From health and wellbeing to developing important communication skills, not only does sport prepare young people for living in a competitive world, but it also plays a vital part in bringing communities together. The mutual respect and sportsmanship I have witnessed amongst competitors today has been wonderful to see."

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## Students compete at Debating Cup

Students from Barnes Wallis Academy put their debating skills to the test as they competed in the annual DRET Debating Cup. The heated contest, which was held at the Lakeside Arts Centre within the University of Nottingham, allowed the Year 9 students to debate on political topics such as ‘the voting age should be reduced to 16’ and ‘war can never be justified.’

Sir Michael Graydon GCB, CBE, a former Chief of the Air Staff and Governor of the English Speaking Union, was on hand to offer valuable advice to the students. Caroline Bingham, a Member of the English Speaking Union, also attended the event as a guest judge. She said: “The students’ confidence, clarity of argument and presentation skills were outstanding – it made my job as a judge very difficult!”

## Young carers visit Skegness

Young carers at the academy enjoyed a fun-filled residential trip to our local seaside resort.

During their visit, the students took some time out to relax on the beach, paddle in the sea and compete against each other during an intense game of bowling.

The visit was organized in recognition of the support the students give to their families.

Emma Day, Interim Principal, said: “The trip is just one example of the many ways that the academy recognises students’ hard work throughout the year.”



# Exploring Paris

Modern Foreign Languages students at the academy travelled to Paris as part of a cultural and languages trip. During the three-night stay, students had the opportunity to explore some of the iconic sites across the French capital.

The group's busy schedule included a visit to Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, the Montparnasse Tower and a boat trip on the River Seine. Students also had the opportunity to visit Vimy Ridge Battlefield and Memorial, where they laid a wreath on behalf of the academy.

Mrs Andy, Joint Curriculum Leader of Modern Foreign Languages, said: "Opportunities like this are a fantastic way for our students to develop their language skills. We saw so many iconic sites and students now have a better understanding of French culture."



## David Ross Education Trust Inspiration Fund

Raising aspirations, inspiring interests and enabling young people to see the opportunities the world has to offer are at the heart of everything we do at the David Ross Education Trust. The DRET Inspiration Fund aims to enhance the Trust's enrichment programme, by delivering thousands of new enrichment opportunities for our pupils.

Our students have been taking part in lots of fundraising activities this term, in order to raise as much money as possible for next year's enrichment programme. To contribute to the DRET Inspiration Fund visit our website to find out more.

## Cultural Day

240 pupils from local primary schools attended a Cultural Day, hosted by students and staff at Barnes Wallis Academy.

During the specially held event, young children explored elements of different cultures and learnt more about sustainable living.

As part of the visit, pupils took part in a water walk, which was held to raise awareness about water issues in Africa.

Emma Day, Interim Principal, said: "The students were superb hosts and the visiting pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning about different cultures."





# Rounders Cup Champions

Barnes Wallis Academy is celebrating after securing the DRET Rounders Cup.

The competition, held at the University of Nottingham, saw students from across the Trust's secondary academies compete in the hope of securing the prestigious title. The U13s team put on a magnificent display throughout the tournament, which was held at the University of Nottingham.

Charlotte Dunsford, Assistant Principal, said: "We are very proud of the rounders team and we already cannot wait to compete next year."



## Tour of Team GB HQ

Talented Barnes Wallis athletes joined students from across the Trust for a day at the Team GB Head Office in London. As part of the event, students were given an exclusive tour of the organisation, allowing them to find out more about how the British Olympic Association helps elite athletes to prepare for sporting events.

During their visit, three-time javelin Olympian, Goldie Sayers, spoke to the students about her career and provided an insight into life as an athlete. Alice Page, DRET Sports Enrichment Officer, said: "It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to see what goes on behind the scenes at Team GB HQ."

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## Ellie Stevens inspires

Aspiring athletes were delighted to welcome middle distance runner, Ellie Stevens, to the academy. During the exclusive visit, students had the chance to find out more about Ellie's career as she provided an insight into life as a sports person.

Encouraging young athletes to develop their skills, the 2017 UK Women's League Premier Division Champion also led a number of training sessions with talented students.

Shane Ward, DRET Sports Enrichment Manager, said: "It was so inspiring for the students to meet such a skilled athlete. They learnt a lot about the dedication needed to reach their goals."



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