



Newsletter February 2023

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023. This year has started well at Limpsfield Grange, with students working hard and thinking about their futures. Students have started to receive their individual careers interviews with qualified professionals, where their individual strengths are identified and they talk about the careers they would like to work towards. I would encourage parents, carers and wider family members to talk to the students about the working world and employment in general, to help students develop a wide range of ideas about their future.

Students have been out and about in the community this term. Students in Year 7 have been working with the Animal Arc, learning about how to care for a wide (and quite exotic) range of animals. Students have been learning about animal habits and diet, looking at the complex relationships between animals in the natural world. Year 7 have been very positive about this learning experience, and the capybaras appear to be a firm favourite. Year 10 students have continued with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, braving bracing canoeing conditions on the Thames. They are developing some fantastic interpersonal and team working skills and we are very proud of them.

In January 2023 Alter Ego productions came to school to perform Chelsea's Story, a play about a young woman who is groomed, manipulated and controlled by a young man with links to gangs. The performance was followed up with discussion groups about how to stay safe and what to do if you think someone is trying to control you. Students responded very positively to this topic and shared their very thoughtful observations.

At the end of the summer term, we spent a very hot and memorable day filming with Chris Packham and a crew from the BBC for an upcoming documentary Inside Our Autistic Minds. It was a fantastic day; Chris interviewed our students in the goat pen and the goats were determined to be the stars of the show! I can now reveal that Inside Our Autistic Minds will air on BBC2 at 9pm Tuesday 14th February 2023, and I can't wait to see Limpsfield Grange students talking about their own autistic experiences.

I hope that you have an enjoyable half term break, and I look forward to seeing the students back in school on Monday 20th February 2023.

With best wishes

Sarah Wild

Headteacher