



The importance of voting in young adults

As many of you may know, the UK general election is occurring on Thursday 12th December and it is your opportunity to vote for the future of your country. If you are 18 years or older it is vital that you contribute your vote so that the government can hear our voices and understand what needs to change within our current government. Your decision, along with other residents in Chelmsford, will decide which political party represents our city. Don't forget to register before November 26th so that you can head to your local polling station on December 12th and make your vote count.

The current parties to vote for are: The Labour Party, The Conservative Party, The Liberal Democrat Party, UKIP, The Green Party and Plaid Cymru (party of Wales— only able to vote if you are registered in Wales).

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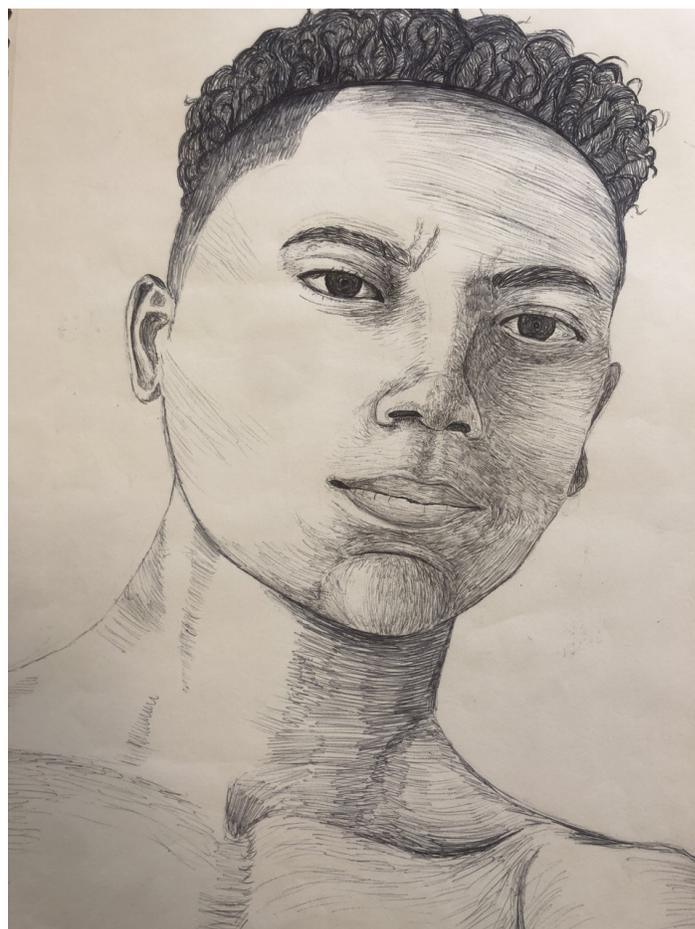
Sporting success for Boswells

The Boswells School has had a prolific history of volleyball talent and our current students are no exception to this with current England youth volleyball players studying here. I recently spoke with one of these students to get an insight into what it is like to play for England. The player, year 13 student Connor Reeve, said that playing for England was "very rewarding" however performing at the international level requires hard work and dedication, to maintain his place in the squad he must train in four separate 2-hour sessions a week. This does not include England training camps or the games he plays on weekends. As an England player, the camps are a key part of training and when asked how the Boswells training schedule measures up to the standard of national volleyball he stated that as we share training staff with the English volleyball team, the drills are very similar. However matching the intensity at which England trains is an almost impossible task for a school. Connor is very grateful for his place in the England youth volleyball team and we wish him every success in his future games.

Article by Matt Williams

Annual Carol Service

On Monday 9th December at 7pm, the school will have its annual carol service at All Saints Church, Springfield. It will be a night filled with seasonal music, popular carols and traditional readings. Admission is free but on a first come first served basis. Tickets are available to collect from the Front Office from Monday 25th November.



Artwork by Jake Norman



Our Year 13 students enjoying the shops in Washington

The Year 13 Washington Trip

In October half-term, myself and other students from year 13 went on a school trip to Washington D.C. to explore the U.S. capital and discover more about the political history of the country. After more than a 7 hour flight, we arrived in Washington and got our first insight into how differently the Americans live. Whilst we drove through Washington we couldn't help but notice the beautiful scenery; everything in America is so much bigger than in the UK, for example the cars and the fast food (which was saltier but delicious). On our first official day we headed to the Capitol building - the home of the U.S. Congress, it was amazing to learn so many facts and see the historical sculptures throughout the building. In the same day we had a tour around Washington including the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial and both the Vietnam and Korean war memorials- during this we met a WW2 veteran. Later we got to see the Lincoln memorial which was my favourite part of the tour- later we ate at Ben's Chili Bowl which is a restaurant loved by celebrities such as the Obamas.

The following day we went to the 'Newseum' which displayed the evolution of news and communications in America and across the world. We then walked to The Smithsonian National Museum of American History- it contained items from pop culture such as Dorothy's shoes in The Wizard of Oz. Afterwards we went to The Pentagon Shopping Centre followed by dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe. On our final morning we went to The Pentagon, our tour was led by members of the armed forces. We then went to Mount Vernon and visited George Washington's home there, it was beautiful with many animals on the grounds. Then we found ourselves heading back to the airport to catch our 11:35pm flight home. It was an amazing trip and we thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the lifestyle that Americans live.

Article by Ellie Buckley

Mock Bar success

On Saturday 2nd November a Team from the Boswells School Sixth Form won the regional heat of the National Mock Bar Trial competition, in Ipswich. They will now compete in the National Finals involving schools from across the UK, at the Old Bailey in March.

The competition is run by the Citizenship Foundation and students took on the roles of barristers, witnesses, court clerk, usher and jury. The students were given two case studies which they had to prepare and compete against other schools. One case involved an allegation of ABH and the other involved drug possession with intent to supply. The students have worked really hard in preparation for the day and have been supported by Mrs Flanigan, Mr Rogers and a criminal law barrister, Allan Compton. The Law Department and the Mock Bar Trial Team is sponsored by Tees Law. The students should be congratulated for their hard work and enthusiasm. There are some very convincing budding lawyers in the group and we were very proud of the team.

Article used by Emma Bumpstead from the schools press release



News this week

The BBC and ITV has merged this week to create the new streaming site 'BritBox'. With the hope that it will out-compete the current streaming site Netflix.

A subscription to the site costs £5.99 per month and contains all of the classic TV series' such as Gavin and Stacey and Vera.

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