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## Cadet 150 – Royal Review

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July is a date that will stay in the minds of a number of Adams' pupils for the rest of their lives. After several years of preparation the Cadet 150 Royal Review took place in London.



AGS pupils **Fred Collins, Adam Coomer, Chris Beal, Lorna Hemingway, Jonathan Sisson, James Brothwood, Matthew Grindrod** and **Edward Kendall** had all been selected to play in the National CCF Marching Band, the largest contingent from any single school in a band of 58 musicians. They had attended several training courses at HMS Raleigh in Plymouth and Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth in preparation for the march from Horseguards Parade down The Mall to Buckingham Palace. They were joined by fellow pupils **Angus Kille, Kevin Hobbs, Connor Laycock** and **James Osborne**, accompanied by Flt Lt Weaver, from the CCF RAF contingent. The latter group were amongst a contingent of some 100 cadets and officers from CCF RAF sections around the country. They had also been involved in several hours of demanding and rigorous drill practice under the close scrutiny of RAF Warrant Officers before being approved as of a high enough standard to parade down The Mall to Buckingham Palace.



*“What an amazing day!”*

Thousands of people were in attendance, including senior personnel from the Armed Forces and Andrew Robathan, Minister for Defence, Personnel Welfare and Veterans, to see the five different bands and their respective cadets march at three minute intervals down The Mall, which was lined with crowds of proud parents and families, as well as curious tourists, watching the amazing spectacle. HRH Prince Charles took the salute as each band and cadet contingent marched past.

As the National Band, led by our very own Drum Major **Fred Collins**, reached Buckingham Palace the Red Arrows flew overhead, trailing their famous red, white and blue vapour – perfect timing for the Adams' contingent.

The parade was then followed by a garden party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. Band members and cadets, including Adams' **Cadet Warrant Officer (CWO) Kille**, formed a ceremonial guard of honour at the steps of the Palace and along the route to the Royal Tent, CWO Kille being inspected by His Royal Highness. The Royal party on this occasion comprised HRH Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, Prince Edward, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent. **James Brothwood** was chosen to be presented to Prince Edward, who is himself connected to The Haberdashers' Company. Adams' parents in attendance were also honoured to be presented to the Duke of Kent, who was interested to learn that Adams' is one of the few state grammar schools nationally to have a CCF Marching Band.

Flt Lt Weaver sums up the feeling of the day, “Each year our CCF cadets have the opportunity to experience a range of amazing activities, from flying and gliding, to camps at military bases and a wide range of courses. For those of us lucky enough to be involved last Tuesday, we had an experience that will be hard to beat and we will certainly not forget it.”

View the You Tube clip: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMhHbkC7P3k>  
(Set the time to 1m10sec and view Fred and our other band members.)





## French Exchange 2010

The thirteenth French Exchange between our two schools returned from The Ardèche region on 18<sup>th</sup> June after yet another successful and very memorable visit to this wonderful part of Southern France. This year Mr Festuot, joined by Mrs Crowe and Mrs Kosinski, accompanied our English party of 28 pupils to the South-East of France.



Despite the long journey to Aubenas, all the boys were delighted with their visit and have not only enjoyed their time with their French counterparts but also discovered the natural beauty of the region. Indeed, during their stay there, our students combined a mixture of sightseeing and sporting activities. This year, they went canoeing, adventure tramping, did swimming as a group and much more time was spent with their counterparts at College Roqua, observing and contributing to French lessons, doing Radio shows with their partners and much more. In addition, many of the French families arranged for further activities in the evenings and at the weekends, such as visiting Marseille or the Pont du Gard. They also visited the gorgeous town of Avignon, le Pont d'Arc, the famous caves of Orgnac, a Wine museum and other local tourist sites.

As expected at that time of year, the weather was hot from beginning to end but it rained quite heavily for 2 days. Many of the French Exchange parents were keen to comment on how well the Exchange had worked, both during the visit of the French in March and in the course of our own pupils' return visit. Most, if not all, of the pupils developed very good friendships with their counterparts and we hope that they will stay in touch. We even had a few tears as the partners were waving goodbye to each other. The whole experience has undoubtedly been an extremely positive one with regard to our students' appreciation of the French language and culture; everyone involved needs to be commended for their input, not least the parents and staff involved on both sides of the Channel. *Vive l'entente cordiale!*



## English Department

### Coming Soon ...

#### Calling Literature enthusiasts in Y11-Upper Sixth

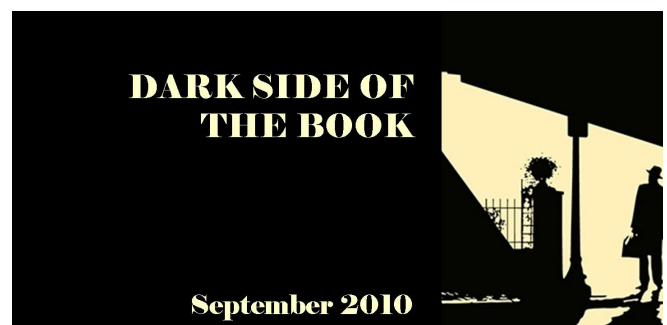
Do you have a passion for literature?  
 Are you drawn to the dark and dangerous?  
 Do topics that push the boundaries sound up your street?  
 If so, then read on. . .

On Wednesday 15th September (second week of Autumn Term), I will be launching a new fortnightly discussion group to explore and discuss the darker and more taboo topics found in literature through the millennia, from Old Norse sagas and Ancient Greek tragedies through to groundbreaking twenty-first century novels and poetry from around the globe.

It will broaden your horizons and hopefully your world-view, offering a chance to defend your ideas and listen to others; most importantly you will get a taster of new and exciting texts from around the world, past and present, that deal with gripping issues.

The group will primarily be targeted at anyone in the Sixth Form considering the study of Literature or Humanities at University; any brave Year 11s looking to really push their knowledge of Literature will be most welcome too. You don't have to be studying A-Level English, although we will be using extracts from literary texts and films to springboard discussion.

In the first session we will be looking at, and questioning, portrayals of Terrorism in literature. Topics to follow include Nightmares and Visions, Sex, Madness and Misrepresentation, Drugs, Possession, Exile, and the Apocalypse. Wednesday 15th September, S6, 4-5pm. Don't miss it – see you there!



## Food Technology

In September 2011 our pupils will be learning about food for the first time within the school curriculum at KS3 (Years 7-9). We have designed a brand new building, purpose built for the activity using government funding, to deliver this exciting new subject. The new facility, which will be located on the school campus, will enable pupils to engage in a broad range of cooking activities as part of the 'licence to cook' scheme. (You can find out more about this on [www.licencetocook.org.uk/](http://www.licencetocook.org.uk/))



Artist's impression by Jack Baxter

This September we hope to collaborate with other local schools to form an extra-curricular cooking club. We are keen to involve parents in this initiative so, if you have relevant experience or a particular interest to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Andrew Jones, Head of Department, by e-mail at [AJ@adamsgs.org.uk](mailto:AJ@adamsgs.org.uk). We will update you further through the Newsletter as this exciting project develops.

## Personal Achievements

### Library

#### Pupil Librarian Achievement Award - Gold Standard

Five boys from Year 9 have completed 3 Terms work in the Library. They have followed The Pupil Librarian Award set up by the School Library Association and achieved the Gold standard. This has been a great commitment by the boys, giving up break times and lunchtimes to help in the Library. They were presented with their certificates during last Monday's whole school assembly.

<b>Matthew Cousins</b>	9C
<b>Kade Lafferty</b>	9T
<b>Tom Shepherd</b>	9T
<b>George Jackson</b>	9W
<b>Harvinder Power</b>	9W

For displaying flair and extra dedication the **Bibliophile Award** this year will go to **Matthew Cousins** (9C). This will be presented at Speech Day.



Left to right: George, Kade, Matthew, Tom, Harvinder

### Smallpeice Trust



**Christopher McMahon-Stone** (10W) and **Ben Taylor** (10C) have both recently undertaken four-day residential courses organised by the Smallpeice Trust.

Christopher attended an Engineering Materials course organised by the Trust in partnership with University of Manchester's School of Materials and the LATEST (Light Alloys Towards Environmentally Sustainable Transport) EPSRC Portfolio Partnership. He was one of forty-five students aged 14/15 to have a taste of the expanding subject.

Ben attended a marine Technology course at Strathclyde University. He was one of forty students to attend. Both courses offered much deeper insight into their respective fields as well as developing students' team building, communication, problem-solving, time management, planning and presentation skills, whilst also experiencing university life.

### Music

**Jack Pierce** (10C) composed the music for the finale song of the recent Community Cohesion Festival at The Place, Oakengates. Many local schools participated. Jack also accompanied the choir when they sang it.

### Languages

**Miki Collinson** (10W) spent the half term break in Budapest, Hungary, taking a language exam. Miki has Hungarian as a mother tongue and has taken the 'Hungarian as a second language' examination from The Centre for Advanced Language Learning. The exam was in two parts: an oral exam assessing speaking skills and listening comprehension and a written exam assessing reading comprehension and writing skills.

## Arkwright Scholar

It has just been announced that **George Riley** has been awarded an Arkwright Scholarship.



This is a prestigious national initiative open to year 11 students who are studying engineering, design and technology. The selection process is rigorous and involves applicants sitting an aptitude paper then, if shortlisted, undergoing a detailed and lengthy interview and presentation of work at a nominated university in front of a panel of expert judges. George had to identify a genuine need and demonstrate flair and originality in solving the engineering design challenge. He chose to produce an engineering solution to transport heavy items (such as from a supermarket or DIY store) in and out of a car.

George will receive £250 for each sixth form year and our DT Department will also benefit from £200. He will be formally presented with his award in London at The Institution of Engineering and Technology in October.

## Sport

### Triathlon

Our Triathlon this year was won by **Craig Judd** (10C) in a time of 37 minutes 20 seconds, an excellent achievement. Second place was taken by **James Wilkins** (L6) in 39 minutes, 23 seconds and **Ned Ruty** (11W) came in third in 39 minutes, 39 seconds.

The Mini Triathlon was won by **Jago Robins** (year 7) in 40 minutes 33 seconds.

Our pupil participants were joined by three members of staff and four parents. Well done to all participants!

### Swimming

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July **Edward Saxon** (7D) competed for Market Drayton Swimming Club in the **Shropshire County Sprint Championships** gaining Gold medals in 50m Butterfly and Backstroke, and Bronze medals in 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle. He swam personal best times in Back, Breast and Free, and is ranked no. 1 in his age group in Shropshire for Fly and Backstroke. His next competition is in August when he will take part in the Welsh National Championships in Swansea.



Staffordshire Schools event

### Orienteering

#### Staffordshire Schools Orienteering Festival

Twenty-three boys from years 7 and 8 took part in an orienteering competition on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, held on Cannock Chase. The year 7s dominated their age category, with four pairs of individuals finishing in the top 5 places. **James Dowson** and **Matthew Storey**, running as a pair finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Adam Lewis** finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. First scorers in year 8 were **Rob Haycock** and **Louis Mottershaw**.

### Shugborough Relays

The Shugborough Relays are an annual event held at Shugborough Hall. Teams of all abilities and ages compete over a 2 mile multi-terrain course. This year Adams' fielded 3 boys' teams who finished 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. This is impressive, considering that most other teams are from athletics clubs. Most impressive performance of the night was **Arthur Charlesworth** of year 8 who ran 11:19. Full details of the race including the times of the members of staff who took part are available on the Stafford Harriers website.



### Cricket U17 National Cricket Cup

Adams' beat Wymondham College by 4 wickets.

Wymondham College 85 all out.  
A Russell 5-22, Adams 87-6, A Day 47



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Follow the link, click on Adams' Grammar School and enter your name and email address. While on the site, you may like to follow the link to sign up for tickets for London 2012 Olympics. A great opportunity to see world class talent in various sports!



## Athletics

### Round up of Telford & Wrekin events

There have been a smattering of athletics meets throughout the final term, with Adams' enjoying a lot of success within Telford and Wrekin. The events are always held at Oakengates and this year we were blessed with some glorious days of sunshine to match the sizzling performances on the track. The year 7s won their event quite convincingly, with **Fergus Mulhern** leading the way, coming 2nd in the hurdles and winning the 200m. **James Heywood**

was 2nd in the 400m and we managed to win the 800m. **Jago Robins** is steadily becoming a force to be reckoned with when it comes to throwing things, with some notable performances in the shot and discus. **Ed Saxon** came a credible 4th in the high jump and there were good showings from **Alex Partridge** and **Nihal Chanian**, with the 4x100m team cruising into 3rd place. It was an excellent all round performance, which bodes well for the future.

The year 8s have had a sensational year and it was highlighted in the Telford and Wrekin competition where they beat all the local competition into submission. In the throwing events, **Chris Parsons** set the tone winning the shot putt, although there were good performances also from **Max Beeching** in the discus and **Michael Barratt** in the javelin. **Zak Christie** won the high jump, **Jacob Harnisch-Price** won the triple jump and **Gregor Sukara-Fielding** managed 2nd in the long jump. On the track we were equally dominant, with **Zak Christie** winning the hurdles and **Max Beeching** blitzing the 400m by 7 seconds. **Will Doherty** was 3rd in the 200m as was **Jamie Grimsdale** in the 800m and **Arthur Charlesworth** in the 1500m. We also performed superbly well in the relay, winning it comfortably to confirm our dominance on the day.

Not to be outdone by the younger performers, the year 9s were fantastic on their day too. With the exception of the long jump, in which **Michael Oyekamni** finished 2nd, we won every field event, with **Bill Price** winning the high jump, **James Mulhern** cruising the triple jump; **Ross McGinn** outclassed the field in the javelin. **Derek Effiom** won the shot putt and **Callum Burton** won the discus. On the track, **Mark Richards** won the hurdles, **Michael Oyekamni** was 4th in the 100m, with **James Mulhern** 3rd in the 200m. **Bill Price** won the 400m and **John Stephens** came 4th in the 1500m. The most amazing result came in the 4x100m relay, with **Mulhern, Price, Oyekamni** and **Effiom** gliding to a win by 3seconds.

The final competition was a year 10/11 combined event, which we also won. **Josh Webster** won the shot, with **Ryan Cattle** a close 2nd in the discus. **Aquille Smith** was 2nd in the javelin and **Duncan Morrison** was 5th in the long jump. **Michael Walsh** was 3rd in the high jump, with an excellent performance from **Cameron Roberts** to finish 2nd in the triple jump. **Michael Walsh** then finished 2nd in the hurdles, with **Aquille Smith** 2nd in the 100m. **Duncan Morrison** was 2nd in the 200m and **William Wallace** 2nd in the 400m. **Ned Rutty** was superb in the 800m, winning outright by 7 seconds, with **Ryan Cattle** a very close 2nd in the 1500m. In the relay, we won by nearly 3 seconds to prove our overall dominance.

It has been a great year for athletics and hopefully we can go on and win even more competitions next year.

*Mr Armstrong*

## House Handball Competition

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the midday sky beating down on the paddock, the year 7s looked set to contend for the plaudits of house handball in a cross-curricular link between languages and PE. In the first game, it was Clive who faced the mighty Darwin. A very close contest, which saw Darwin come out as 5-4 victors, with **Daniel Sherwood** scoring 3 goals and **Noah John** and **Rhys Evans** grabbing the others. In response, **Tommy Pullan** and **Abdullah Tahir** both scored 2 goals in the first enthralling encounter.

In the other semi-final, it was yet another close affair, with another 5-4 victory, this time for Talbot, spurred on by their fearless leader Mr Robins. The lead changed throughout the contest, with **James Heywood** scoring 2 of Talbot's goals and **Sam Hazeldine** and **Tom Hall** scoring the rest. **Fergus Mulhern** was the leading light for Webb, cashing in with all 4 goals, but it was not enough to deny Talbot the victory and set up the prospect of a mouth watering final against Darwin.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> play-off was between Clive and Webb and it could have gone either way, both teams adjusting the conditions and producing some scintillating moments of brilliance that would grace any World stage. **Abdullah Tahir** scored 2 of Clive's goals, with **Maciek Peplinski** and **Joe Donnelly** grabbing one apiece. In response, the tournaments' top scorer, **Fergus Mulhern** scored twice, as did **Keetan Patel**, with **Arjun Moudgil** scoring the winner to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In the final, Talbot put up a good fight, with **Sam** and **James** scoring, but they were no match for the irrepressible Darwin who won 4-2 thanks to **Daniel Sherwood** and his 2 goals and **Jake Mottershead** and **Tomas Brennand** also scoring. It was a fantastic contest, enjoyed by all and played in a good spirit, well done to all those who took part!

*Mr Armstrong*

With my very best wishes for a relaxing summer break.

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