



# Abraham Darby Academy

Haberdashers' Adams' Federation

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Principal's News

Week 11

14<sup>th</sup> November 2008

## Remembrance Day.

On Sunday the monarch and political leaders gathered round the Cenotaph in London as they marked a two-minute silence at 11am. The same service took place in local communities in Telford and all over the country.

In Telford on Sunday evening, the Abraham Darby Band played at the Ceremony of Light at The Place in Oakengates. The Ceremony Of Light is a service which brings together members of communities from all over Telford and all the different faiths.



This year was the 90th anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War One, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

To mark the event videos of the Memorial Service in London on Sunday were shown in all classrooms and there was a two minutes silence. Eight students also went to Adams' to join their Remembrance Service.



Thoughts of the terrible slaughter of trench warfare, which gave rise to the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance demand reflection. But the cost is constant and in the year since Remembrance was last observed, in November 2007, Britain has lost 44 casualties to operations. This makes the national act of Remembrance assume greater relevance.

Remembrance Day is known as Poppy Day, because it is traditional to wear an artificial poppy. They are sold by the Royal British Legion, a charity dedicated to helping war veterans, although they do not have a fixed price - they rely on donations.

The poppies are worn because in World War One the Western Front contained in the soil thousands of poppy seeds, all lying dormant. They would have lain there for years more, but the battles being fought churned up the soil so much that the poppies bloomed like never before. The most famous bloom of poppies in the war was in Ypres, a town in Flanders, Belgium, which was crucial to the Allied defence. There were three battles there, which brought forth the poppies in greatest abundance, and inspired the Canadian soldier, Major John McCrae, to write his most famous poem. This, in turn, inspired the British Legion to adopt the poppy as their emblem.

## *In Flanders Fields*

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae (1872 - 1918)



### Artwork of the week

This week's artwork of the week has been awarded to Cloe Turner who created this during a lesson on perspective drawing.

The class had been looking at the work of the expressionist artist Edvard Munch.

Cloe has recreated the mood and the colours perfectly. Well done

### Band News

Just a reminder that tonight there is a concert being held at 7:30 pm (Friday 14th November) at Idsall School, Shifnal. Tickets are £5 each and available on the door.

Don't forget to put the End of Term Concert in your diary – an event not to be missed, tickets are £4 & £3 and available from the Bursar. The concert starts at 7:30 pm in the Selwyn Theatre.

### Next Week's Sports fixtures - week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Year 9 Basketball tournament at TCAT 4-5.30pm and Year 7/8 girls 5a side inter house football 3-4pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Year 10/11 Badminton at BRJ 4-5.30pm, Year 10/11 Boys & Girls Football practice 3-4pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Year 7/8 Boys Basketball inter-house 3-4pm and Year 7/8 Girls Netball practice 3-4pm.

### Adams Grammar School Society



#### Shopping for Christmas



Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm  
In the Performing Arts Centre

Over 20 stalls selling jewellery, crafts, cards, handbags, soft furnishings, cakes and other gifts  
Bar, Refreshments and Raffle

Tickets £4.00 includes wine – pay at the door.

### Share the News

If your son/daughter has a 'good' news story, sporting success, etc then please feel free to email the Academy on

[AD.Academy@taw.org.uk](mailto:AD.Academy@taw.org.uk)

or send a note to Mrs Kendall in the Federation Office.

There is an ancient proverb which says:

*"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"*

Confucius

### Club Français



New this half- term:- A fun French club for Year 7. Tuesdays after school 3.00-3.45 with Mrs Denver in E2.

### Work Placement

Carl Norbury has been working at the Malthouse in Ironbridge since September alongside the Head Chef, Sous Chef and Dessert Chef. He has prepared vegetables, fruit, helped make the starters and main courses that are on the menu. So far he has made corned beef potato cakes, lamb hot pot, pasta bolognaise and battered monkfish with Thai curry paste. Well done Carl – we are all very proud of you.

## Gifted and Talented

Year 11 students will be attending Aston University this week for a lecture on Microbes and Mr Hawkes is taking 3 year 11 students to The Grove School, Market Drayton for an Intensive French GCSE Day. There will be opportunities to practise communication skills with native French speakers. News from these events will be in next weeks edition.

## Deputation News

Following the Deputation just before half term we have been staggered by the number of 'thank you letters' that have been received, we thought you might like to see some of the comments:

- "There's never a second chance to make a first impression" – "what a fantastic first impression".
- "We were all delighted that the Haberdashers' spirit had been espoused by the Academy, I still find it hard to describe that spirit – but, like the elephant, you know it when you see it".
- "The students were fabulous – astute, sharp young adults".
- "The Academy today is at the centre of the regeneration of the community – it's absolutely palpable the difference it has already made".
- "It's vital that we capitalise on the momentum gained from the creation of the Academy".
- "I have the feeling that the Academy is at the start of an epic journey and I relish the thought of the Haberdashers' being part of that journey".
- "Not what I expected!! The students are absolutely fantastic. It has been a privilege talking to them. They deserve the best".
- "Never seen a more pristine Art environment".

The Haberdashers' have provided gowns for the Head Boy and Head Girl, similar to those worn by the Master and Wardens pictured here, without the fur trim!. Over time it is hoped that the gowns will also be provided for the prefects.

They will also donate a Haberdasher crest for inside the reception Hall and a painting of William Adams and one of the Ironbridge to be displayed in the Academy.



## Diary Date: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

The Annual Report to Parents from the Academy Governors takes place in the Selwyn Hall at 7.30pm. Do come along to express your views. The report will be emailed to you and placed on the Website, hard copies will be available at the meeting.

## Year 10 RE (Philosophy and ethics)

Pupils discuss many issues - this term it is Human Relationships.

One of the topics explored is marriage...so we decided to have our own 'class wedding'.

This included bride, groom, bestman and even a vicar! Congratulations to the happy couple Lucy Amplett and Ben Coleman (only joking...it was not legal!!)



### GCSE English

These exams have taken place over the last 2 weeks, this will enable students who pass their GCSE now to take English Literature in the Summer

### Abraham Darby Academy Team (ADAT) - Needs You!

Your Academy Council need you to design a logo as colourful and as bright as you want. The winner will get a prize and win points for their house. All entries to: Amy Butler in 11MAB (Bagshaw)  
Andrew Morris 11JSC (Cooper)  
Good Luck !

### Academy Community Commendation

Daniel Barlow has been busy again helping the Wrekin Riders BMX club by setting up and creating a new website. This enables members to communicate with one another and provides information about the club.

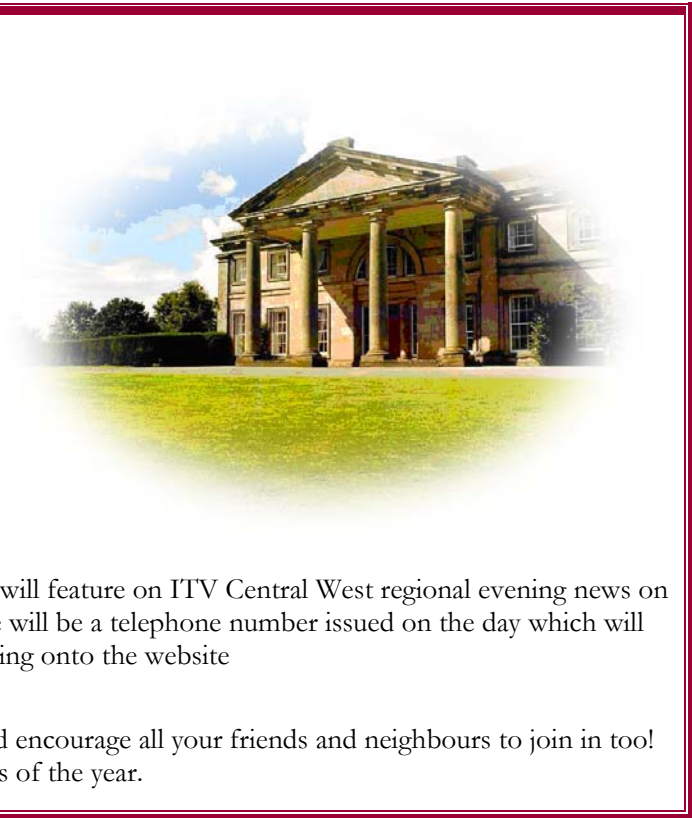
The website is [www.wrekinriders.co.uk](http://www.wrekinriders.co.uk). Daniel has started this website from scratch and although not complete at present, he intends to make it the 'best BMX website in the country'. Well done Daniel. Keep up the good work, we are all very proud of you at the Academy.

### Arboretum at Longford Hall

The playing fields at Adams' Grammar School in Newport are based at Longford Hall. A bid has been made to the Peoples Millions Scheme of the Big Lottery Fund, to establish an arboretum, using a wide selection of trees, shrubs and wild flowers, and to create a woodland walk. In addition it will involve the construction of a sustainably built outside classroom shelter to accommodate wildlife study, with bat and bird boxes and camera connections to record wildlife. The initiative is entirely in keeping with current Government thinking that "Getting out of the classroom should be part and parcel of school life, not an optional extra" (according to Children's Secretary Ed Balls). This resource would be available to the Students at Abraham Darby Academy.

In order to be successful we need your support. The project will feature on ITV Central West regional evening news on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Viewers will be asked to vote, there will be a telephone number issued on the day which will appear on the programme and in the Daily Mirror, or by logging onto the website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/peoplesmillions](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/peoplesmillions)

With your support we can make this a reality. Please vote and encourage all your friends and neighbours to join in too! This will be a facility that is open to the public at certain times of the year.



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With my very best wishes

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