



Farewell to Year 13

Students at Retford Post 16 have celebrated the end of their seven years with the Elizabethan in style.

They gathered for breakfast at the Centre before playing a game of "spot the sixth former" from their Year 7 photos taken way back in 2010.

A couple of rounds of "It's A Knockout" style games followed, involving eggs and super soakers.



Tatenda and Jack in 2010 and today.



It was a particularly poignant day for Vice Principal, Jason White, who like the current Year 13 joined the Elizabethan in 2010. "It has been a real privilege watching these students grow up over the years. I cannot believe that the little boys and girls I taught French to all those years ago have matured into such confident, polite and well-rounded adults. I wish them every success for the future."

Jack Rust, who is heading off to the University of Bristol to study Veterinary Science, said "I look back fondly over my time at the Elizabethan. Staff were so supportive, their help and guidance gave me confidence and inspiration to take on the next steps in my future. My time at Retford Post 16 has been amazing, it has a friendly atmosphere, everyone is encouraging and supportive and I've made some lifelong friends."

Abigail Robinson, who is embarking on a Masters course in Environmental Science at the University of Leeds, said "I enjoyed my time at the Elizabethan; I worked really hard and my teachers were always supportive. My time at Retford Post 16 has also been great. Year 13 has been tough at times, but it has been the best year and I know I've made some great friends."



Of course, it was not a final farewell for Year 13, as all will be returning after half term to sit their A-Levels.



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Elizabethan students recently rallied round collecting tins in aid of the Retford Lions Humber Bridge Centennial Event.

The Lions celebrate their 100th anniversary on 7 June. Clubs either side of the Humber are collecting over 20,000 tins of food which they will use to line the Humber Bridge.

The Lions are local groups who work to improve the lives of their local communities. Following the anniversary, the tins of food will be donated to local food banks as part of their Feed the Hungry project.



Competition between the Academy's four Houses was tight to see who could collect the most tins, with Hardwick narrowly coming out on top. A group of Hardwick students used their free time to sort and pack the tins ready for collection.

The Retford Lions were very grateful and thanked the students for all the tins they had collected.



Mrs Horrocks said "we are extremely proud to be part of the Retford community, and wish the Retford Lions every success with their venture."

We are delighted to say that the new uniform is well on track for this September. Following extensive consultation with parents and students, the first samples have been delivered to school and were proudly modelled this week by Sam Adams and Elysia Woods.



Mrs Horrocks said "Sam and Elysia looked so incredibly smart in their new uniform. We always say that we have traditional values but a modern outlook, and I believe that our new uniform encapsulates that brilliantly."

Parents who attended the Open Evening in April were among the first to see the finished uniform, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Primary students couldn't wait to sign up for the Elizabethan so they could wear it!

As part of our ongoing discussions with Uniform Direct, we will be writing to you shortly with all the information you will require to purchase the new uniform.

Alongside the new uniform comes a new badge with the Latin motto "finis coronat opus" (the end crowns the work... basically, you get out what you put in!)



The new Elizabethan website is also ready to go live. Following feedback from parents at the last PTSA meeting, we are making the final tweaks to the site, which will be launched straight after half term.

Athletics Success

The Elizabethan Year 8 – 11 Athletics Squad recently competed in a variety of field and track events at the Borough Athletics at Worksop College.



The team's spirits shone through in all the events, especially when Year 10 student Kate Richardson threw an amazing 17.23m winning first place in the discus. Kate said "I've never really thrown the discus in competition, only during PE, so I was really pleased when my throw placed me first." Kai Wyld, also of Year 10, threw an outstanding 40.10m gaining him first place in the javelin. Kai said "I was very pleased with my result. It was a tough competition, as I was throwing against some strong Year 11s."



Debate Update...

The Academy Debating Team, fresh from their victory at Manchester Grammar, have taken part in several debating master classes in London. They were involved in some intensive workshops and seminars including a series of tough impromptu debates at Broadcasting House. They were also treated to a surprise theatre visit to see *Wicked*.



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