

# Newsletter



Whitecross Hereford  
A High School and Specialist Sports College

## January 2016

### Combined Cadet Force

Some of our CCF cadets recently took up the opportunity to spend a day on a shooting range firing live ammunition. The five Year 9 boys not only spent the Sunday in Brecon, in far from ideal weather conditions, but they also gave up 4 hours on Saturday to do intensive weapons handling training to pass their WH Test.

They all achieved a pass grade in shooting, which is no mean feat on a 25metre range, with Tom only 2 points off achieving 'First Class Pass' with some of the most consistent groupings of the day. Needless to say, they represented themselves and Whitecross impeccably. Mrs R



"An intense weekend but I enjoyed it. I'm really proud of myself!" *Harry*  
"Amazing, exciting and intense!" *Dan*  
"A bit cold but definitely worthwhile." *Nathan*  
"It was amazing!" *Tom*  
"5 t-shirts!! But fun!" *Jakub*

Our value this half term is:

Love

### Whitecross PTFA Hereford

The Whitecross Hereford PTFA had a very busy Autumn Term and thanks to our wonderful students, staff, families and friends, we have managed to raise over £1800 at the Summer Fete, Ladies Fashion Show and Christmas Raffle! The lucky raffle winners were:

1st	H Watson	6th	L Rickards
2nd	P Craig	7th	M Fleet
3rd	J Wilkes	8th	D Rose
4th	T Tugwell Coles	9th	I Williams
5th	H Watson		

The Spring and Summer Terms look as though they will be just as busy. Please make a note in your diaries and join us at the following events:

Bingo!	Friday 18 March, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Ceilidh	Saturday 7 May, 7:00pm

More information and tickets will be available soon. Please do come along and join in the fun!

### February diary dates

Tuesday 2	Year 8 Trip to Oxford
Saturday 5	Hereford 6th Form College Open Morning
Friday 12	Maths Trip to Paris departs
Wednesday 24	Year 9 Options Evening Years 10 & 11 Careers Convention
Thursday 25	Geography Trip to Iceland departs



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## Radicalisation & Extremism

Our values are at the heart of what we do as a school. Alongside our own school values we work hard to promote the British Values of democracy, rule of law, freedom, respect and tolerance. We also have a duty to address issues such as radicalisation. There has been a lot of media coverage about radicalisation and the position of schools. In Religious Education and PSHE lessons, we give your child the opportunity to become informed and knowledgeable about this issue through the content of our programmes of study. It is important to us that your child is given correct information and the opportunity to consider the issue in a safe environment.

Nicky Morgan, the Education Minister, has been promoting a new government website to offer teachers and parents practical advice regarding radicalisation and extremism. The website is very informative and there is a useful section on there for parents and guardians.

Please take time to visit the website:-

[www.educateagainsthate.com/parents/what-tips-are-there-to-help-keep-your-child-safe-from-extremism-online/](http://www.educateagainsthate.com/parents/what-tips-are-there-to-help-keep-your-child-safe-from-extremism-online/)

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. Mrs B

## School Uniform

The introduction of the new style school skirt for all Year 7 girls in September 2015 has been a real success. The two options are very smart and offer the girls a choice of style.

Following this gradual introduction, our Uniform Policy has been updated and from September 2016, the new style school skirt will be compulsory for all girls.

All of the Whitecross uniform is available from:-

The School Uniform Shop  
10A St Peter's Street, Hereford HR1 2LE



Please ensure that school always has up to date information regarding your child's medical needs. Our reception staff are happy to help you. Call in or telephone 01432 376080.

## Film Night @ WX



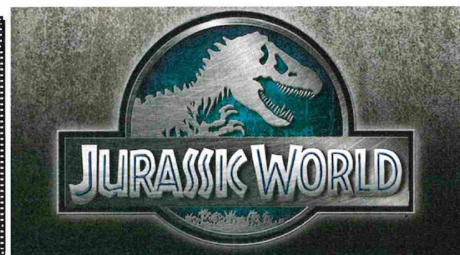
**FILM NIGHT AT WHITECROSS**

**FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2016**

**FILM STARTS 6:30PM**

**INTERVAL 7:30PM - 8:00PM**

**FILM ENDS 9:05 PM**



A night out for our students! All students are invited to our Film Night on Friday 29 January. The evening starts at 6:30pm, ending about 9:15pm. Feel free to bring a cushion or two and you'll be able to tuck into refreshments which will be sold during the interval. Pick up your tickets at main reception.

## Email ...

Help us keep you up to date with all the latest information from Whitecross Hereford. Do we have the right contact details for you? If not, call main reception and update them with your current contact details. Emailing is an easy way to send you the latest news, so make sure we have your email address on file too.

## Vaccinations

For your information, the vaccinations are scheduled in school as follows:-

14 March	Year 9, Meningitis ACWY Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio
21 March	Year 10, Meningitis ACWY Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio
22 March	Year 11, Meningitis ACWY
17 May	Year 9 girls, HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
30 June	Year 8 girls, HPV (Human Papillomavirus)