



Fyling Hall Matters

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Now is Not the Time for Fear...

Last Friday saw one of the biggest, and most destructive terrorist attacks seen in Europe in the past ten years. It was most certainly the biggest news story of the week and will almost certainly remain so in the weeks to come. On a completely informal note, I can tell you that, here at Fyling Hall, we give our greatest sympathies to all those who so innocently died and to all the families whose lives have been destroyed by the atrocities committed.

There was a sombre atmosphere during this Monday's assembly. Mr Allen talked about the attacks and reminded us that the people responsible were not representing a religion, only extremist beliefs.

The whole school, representing many different cultures, came together as a family during a minute's silence to remember those who died. What was striking were the discussions and debates from pupils and teachers across the school concerning ISIS and the horrors of terrorism.

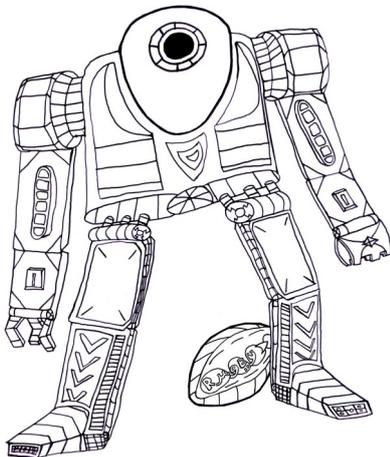
Perhaps what was most interesting about what everyone said is what they didn't say. At no point did anyone say they were scared. Yes, you can cover your profile picture with a French flag, and you should, but being able to say to yourself "I am not scared!" is what living in a free country is all about. I think it is right that those cowards who organised the Paris attacks know that no one, and I mean no one, is scared of them or what they say or what they do.

The so-called Islamic State have driven innocent people out of their homes, desperate to find shelter in Europe from the travesty that ISIS have created, and that makes them, in extreme contrast to their own beliefs, worthless.

Another war is not what anyone wants, but as Francois Hollande said on Sunday, sometimes a war comes to us. This statement forces us to question, is war inevitable?

(Asa Jones)

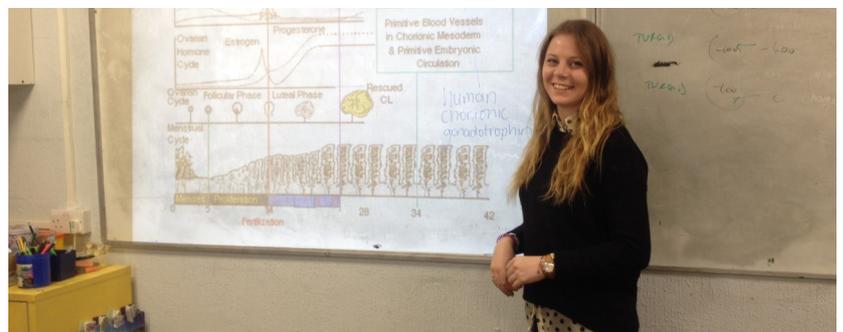
Silas' Soundbites...



"Our U15s new secret rugby weapon!"

Words of the Week

	This week	Next week
Tricky:	brave	foolish
Trickier:	adventurous	deranged
Trickiest:	doughty	demented



Alumni and veterinary student Charlie Edge talks to the A2 Biology class about the oestrous cycle.

On this day in ...

... 2006, the Playstation 3 was released in the United States. Is it an innocent bit of fun or the source of violent crime? Many of these video games can be addictive and there is much controversy over the PlayStation and its games and whether they should be banned or not. Many critics claim that these games are the cause of violent crime. Indeed some people who have committed such crimes, have been in the possession of these games. However haven't we heard this all before? TV cop shows and alcohol have, in the past, been blamed for a host of varied crimes, often with little justification. Is there any reason to suppose it is any different with PlayStation? Should we not be prepared to look for deeper issues and real causes, rather than look for easy scapegoats?

(Jack Starkey)

Turning Your Business Dream Into Reality

Being an entrepreneur is something you might have dreamed about, but never really given much serious thought to. Global Entrepreneurship Week aims to change this. Every single year, its main aim is to encourage 'the next generation of entrepreneurs' to begin their own businesses. It is the 'world's largest campaign to promote entrepreneurship', and in the UK, more than 300,000 people take part in it annually.

Anybody anywhere in the world is able to get involved in this one week in November. If you are interested in discovering your inner entrepreneurial potential, you can take part in anything from local events to global competitions, creating great opportunities for your future career.

Two years ago, 140 countries took part, with tens of thousands of events, competitions and activities. Many of these activities took place in North Yorkshire, including the Virgin Trains East Coast Innovation Challenge.

It has been suggested that over half of the UK's population have dreamt of starting their own business, while fewer than 5% actually take the plunge. GEW wants to change this. It wants to give people the confidence and the skills to set up their own businesses independently.

And so far, they seem to be doing a good job. Last year, nearly 80% of the UK's participants said they were a lot more confident about starting and growing a business after the week.

So, if you've ever thought about being the next Richard Branson or Karren Brady after you've finished school, you should consider taking part in GEW. Check out their website...you could be just a step away from making your dreams become a reality.



(Isobella Austin)

Fun, Food and Culture

In my past experience, some students have low expectations for school outings. Mr Husband and Mrs Wormald, who organised the cultural trip to London last week, proved that this stereotype is wrong. The trip included various shows and visits to the National Gallery, Tate Britain, and the Imperial War Museum. However, the students say the motto of the visit became 'Fun, Food and Culture'. 'If you ever want good street food then Brick Lane is the place to be,' said Tegan. 'It was great going around with all my friends and trying new and exciting food'. Anna-Luisa said 'The trip is always great fun! It's awesome to go on a little holiday to such a cultural place with your friends'. All in all, it sounded like the London visit was a great success and everyone highly recommends it to all students.

(Tamino Schirbel)



The Week Ahead

Sat 21st	10:00am	1st XI, U15 Hockey v Durham (Home)
	11:00am	U15, U13 Rugby v Ashville College (Away)
Sun 22nd	9:30am	Ice Skating followed by bowling or cinema
Tues 24th	4:00pm	U14 Basketball round robin (Away)
Wed 25th	2:30pm	U13 Hockey v Red House (Away)
Thur 26th	4:00pm	U14 Rugby festival @ Malton
Sat 28th	11:00am	U13 Rugby v Queen Ethelburg's (Home)
	11:00am	1st XI Hockey v Queen Ethelburg's (Home)
	2:15pm	1st XV Rugby v St Peter's (Away)
Sun 29th	8:30am	Paintball @ Battlezone Yarm

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