



Fyling Hall Matters

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Unity in Diversity

The fear of cultural differences makes us close our borders and our minds. Recently, we saw President Trump ban the entry of Muslims to the US because of a superstitious fear of terrorism.

We as a school with many international students stand as a great example of the fact that people of many nationalities can peacefully co-exist. This cultural mix enriches our experience here. In response to this, we want to give you some insight into the amazing experience so we created this edition with the theme of "INTERNATIONAL".

The Benefits of a Multi Cultural School

Fyling Hall is a multi-cultural school and I find it appropriate at this moment in time to talk about the many advantages that we have gained from attending a diverse and multicultural school. Here at Fyling Hall we are lucky enough to have a wide range of cultures represented in both the staff and in particular the students: including Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Spain, Egypt and right across the globe to Hong Kong and South Korea. In my eyes, there are many benefits to being educated amongst this diversity. Our eyes are opened up to new perspectives and traditions, and our minds are broadened to understand the world in a more informed manner. At school, the international students regularly share their cultural traditions, such as Chinese New Year, and during whole school activities and events, but even if these organised activities did not take place, we learn from each another - just by being together and becoming friends. Fyling Hall promotes tolerance in its ethos, but really, this happens quite naturally just because of our social circles. In a world that seems to be, at present, promoting division: I am proud to be in a school that is diverse, tolerant and multi cultured.

Anna Ayckbourn



Hats for the Women's March

On January 21st a Women's March through Washington DC took place to protest the arrival of Donald Trump as US President. Women from around the world were encouraged to take part in local parades or to send knitted, crocheted and sewn hats to Washington for others to wear. I have been making crocheted blankets and hats for around 10 years and thought this was a chance to take part in something bigger whilst killing some time on a Saturday afternoon!

Having sent off 3 hats to Washington along with a note explaining my reasons for wanting to take part in the protest and including my Instagram handle, I didn't expect any reply. So I was pleasantly surprised to receive a message back from 16 year old Acadia Noll from Maryland, USA. Acadia wore the hat I had made to the Women's March protesting equal pay for all people and equal representation. They are important issues for her and her friends.

She writes "A woman gave me this for free out of sheer kindness and this hat is so special to me! I'm so glad women and men from all over the world joined together to call attention to the issues we care about." What an inspiring young lady!

Mrs Jeeves

Words of the Week

	This week	Next week
Tricky:	everywhere	spirited
Trickier:	omnipresent	vivacious
Trickiest:	ubiquitous	ebullient

Karolina asked some student's what they love most about their countries...

Lilian: We have both sea and mountains.
So we can swim and ski!
Germany

Emma: Beautiful architecture
Germany

Cristina: It's amazing! It's sunny and we have beach!
Barcelona

Charlie: Scenery
Germany

Dami: Art and the music
Nigeria

Gabriela: People are really open and know how to have fun
Poland

Mr Batchelor: Pubs, theatre and the countryside
England

Omar: Everybody lives in peace and does not want anything from other people
United Arab Emirates

Karolina: Wrocław, rich historical legacy, dumplings, Wisława Szymborska
Poland

Paula and Fanny: We have cool clubs and you can go there whenever, even in the middle of the week. You have freedom and we are proud that we take so many refugees.
Germany

Johannes: Order
Germany

James: Weather
England

Pauline: It's beautiful
England

Nigel: Ocean park, clear water bay and that you can meet nice people, sometimes
China

Sue: We have the fastest internet in the world
South Korea

Mr. Nitschke: Everybody has a chance
America

Johanna: No speed limit on highways!
Germany

Connor: The pride people have in being British
England



"Our cultural strength has always been derived from our diversity of understanding and experience."

Yo-Yo Ma

Importance of travel

With the fast pace of modern life, it easy to slip into the typical 9-5 lifestyle and ignore the importance of taking a step back and just enjoy living. Personally I believe the most fulfilling and exciting way to do this is with travel. HOWEVER let me make it clear that when I say travel I do not mean going to a Spanish island resort and staying by the pool all day or any form of 'all-inclusive' holiday- to brandish this as travel is sacrilege. To truly explore a country it is necessary to get down to the nitty gritty and submerge yourself in their culture as well as enjoying the tourist attractions. If you do this successfully I am positive that your outlook on life will be refreshed and you will experience on the following ways:

You are STRONG. Many people at when in their native country are in their comfort zone and stick with habits they are used to. By discovering a new country you will often find you are more resourceful and adaptable in unfamiliar and nerve-wracking than you could ever

imagine.

People are nicer than you think. Similar to the previous point you will often find yourself in situations in which you feel isolated.

Making friends is the perfect way to combat this and you will often genuine people who love to talk about their own cultures and network. Meet as many people as you can!

Increased cultural sensitivity. We now live in globalising world where many people making assumptions about others due to their race, culture or religion. By opening yourself to different countries you can attempt understand and appreciate practises in their culture. Furthermore it can deepen our own understanding of international conflict and issues.

Sharron Normanton

*Rester, c'est exister. Mais voyager, c'est vivre.-
Gustave Nadaud*

"Teaching in action"



On this day in ...

... 1789, 69 members of Congress voted to elect George Washington the first president of the United States. The votes were unanimous but Washington accepted the position rather reluctantly, because being president would put him in the middle of the legislative debate regarding the character of the new government. Additionally, he was worried because he was getting on in age. (Quite a contrast to newly elected Donald Trump).

Sophie Ferrer



"Studying in action!"

Advantages of Learning a Foreign Language

We live in an extraordinary, complex and multicultural society nowadays; we are surrounded by countless nationalities, each representing a unique background and heritage. With the gradual increase in diversity, we come into contact with foreigners more frequently.

With Britain being an extremely diverse country, most of the immigrants have to adapt to Britons, by learning English and becoming acquainted with the culture of the British Isles. Britons expect foreigners to be able to speak English, but why not take an alternative approach?

It turns out, that taking a step towards multiculturalism, by learning a foreign language, might have more advantages than you think. It has been shown by research that learning a language challenges the mind to a great extent, it poses one of the hardest challenges that one could experience. People who are polyglots (speak more than 4 languages) demonstrate a high grade of intelligence and are able to show versatility in tackling logical problems; they have sustained working memory. Research has also shown that people who undertake this challenge and are successful gain an entirely new perspective on the world around them, while also having direct access to the beauty and magnificence of a different culture.

They may discover it also provides an overall advantage when it comes to multi-tasking and even possibly impressing at a job interview!

Another advantage is the fact that a decent level of proficiency in a foreign language allows you to ignore multiple barriers between cultures. With the amount of various nationalities living among us, with most speaking English as a second/third language, an immersion into the culture and an acquaintance with the background of another person allows one to not only "speak to the person's heart, but also come through to the person's soul".

The final advantage is the opportunity for personal development and expansion of horizons. It is incredibly important to engage as early as possible, because unfortunately as we get older, our affinity for language learning worsens, so why not change your life and immerse yourself in the vast pond of languages there are to explore!

"Die Grenzen meiner Sprache sind die Grenzen meiner Welt" Ludwig Wittgenstein

(The borders of my language are the borders of my world)

Aleksandr Akulov

Year 6 and 7 Football Match

On the 31st of January the year 6 and 7 football team played Scarborough College on a really cold day. We were abandoned by two of our players who were ill (we will not name names!) but we still played really well despite the lack of experience and players and we didn't give up.

Two players from the opposition were put forward to be on our side due to the loss of our players. In the first half we lacked inspiration because instead of going to the ball, we went back waiting for them to pass to someone (and it didn't work anyway.) So I want to thank Mr Coates for encouraging us and pushing us forward, because without him we would've lost, like 9 – 0!

Toby Richardson and Ali Elhawary

Diversity is not a characteristic of life; it is a condition necessary for life ... like air and water.

Barry Lopez

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The Week Ahead

Sat	4 th	1:30pm	Mini bus to Scarborough
Sun	5 th	10:00am	Boards attend St Stephen's Church
Tues	7 th	2:30pm	U13 Netball v Scarborough College (Away)
Wed	8 th	4:00pm	U13, U15 Netball v CCW (Away)
		4:00pm	U15 6 a side Football mini tournament @ CCW on astro
		4:30pm	Year 12 Drama practical exam
Thur	9 th	1:00pm	Year 12 & 13 drama pupils trip to The Tempest
		1:30pm	U15 District Netball tournament @ Ryedale
Fri	10 th	1:00pm	Half term begins
		1:30pm	Parents' meetings

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