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Jake's
got
scope!



P RINCETHORPE College A-level scientist Jake Sheridan spent four days over the summer vacation attending a biochemical engineering course at University College London.

Twenty six students stretched their academic learning by considering innovative biological therapeutic theories and the importance of biochemical engineering in transforming these life-saving medicines into drugs which are commercially available.

Days comprised of lectures, master classes and practical activities on topics including the manufacturing of AIDS therapies, regenerative medicine, the design of bioreactors

and the process design for manufacturing therapeutic regenerative products.

Jake, who aims to read engineering or physics at university, said: "The course invited me to think about new ways of learning that I can already see the benefit of with my A2 studies. It was very much a fo-

cus on independent research while also being able to pool your knowledge as part of a team.

"Some of the knowledge is transferable to the classroom but mostly it gave me a real insight into what I should expect at university level. It was a valuable learning experience."

FOCUSSED: Jake Sheridan who attended a biochemical engineering course at University College London

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Sarah Timms with her BAGCAT (British age group category) award

Swimming award in the BAG for Sarah

FOR those in the swimming know, winning a BAGCAT (British age group category) award is no mean feat. But nine-year-year old Crackley Hall pupil Sarah Timms has achieved just that.

Taking part in the Coventry and District Primary Junior 5s Sarah powered her way through three key races: the 100 metre individual

medley, 200 metre freestyle and 50 metre back stroke. Her performances saw her accumulate a total of 553 points which earned her a top position spot.

Sarah, who coaches her favourite strokes to be back and free, is a relative new comer to the world of inter club galas. This clearly didn't faze her as she also

admits to really enjoying competitions.

With winter training sessions taking place three or four times a week her extra curricular calendar is fast filling up.

Her next big event will be the forthcoming Midlands Independent Schools' Associations Gala to be held later this month.

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Pupils walk the talk

CRACKLEY Hall drama pupils scooped 11 major prizes at Coventry Festival of Speech and Drama.

A fabulous turnout of more than 80 children from Years 4-6 reflected the commitment and passion Crackley pupils have for the performing arts.

Having prepared their pieces in class under the expert eye of drama teacher Monique Preston all were rated to impress adjudicators Colin Small and Meriel Hiddell-Williams.

First place with Distinction was awarded to Sebastian Dibb with his hilarious rendition of 'What For' in the Humorous Verse Class D, to Junior 4 for their highly entertaining 'Tairy Toss' performance in the Choral Speaking Class D, to Claran Smith, Sebastian Dibb and Oscar Blunsom-Washbrook for their performance of 'Orders of the Day' in the Poems for More Than One Voice class D.

Second place with Distinction went to Ruby Harris for Solo Acting, Vianney Dufrais and Connor Parfitt for their Class C Poems for More Than One Voice and to Junior 5 for their fabulous Choral Speaking entry of Rosalind Wiseman's 'Little Red Riding Hood and The Wolf'.

Other first place certificates were awarded to Freya Dhillon in Verse Reading, to Sonny Hardwick for Prepared Reading, to Sebastian Dibb for Sign Reading, to Hanna Kinsala and Eve Faqsharoon for Scripture Reading, to Junior 6 for Choral Speaking, to Grace McCreary and Sophie Bush for their Duo Acting and a joint first place was given to Sophie Bush and Hanna Kinsala for their Poetry Writing.

Headmaster Rob Duggan said: "Crackley Hall has a history of thoroughly enjoying this festival. Our drama teacher Mrs Preston does an outstanding job preparing the pupils so that they are confident and ready to take to the stage. The variety of different acts was so good to see from scripture reading to acting the talent of our young pupils never ceases to fill me with wonder."

Winning Poems for more than One Voice class D (from left) Oscar Blunsom-Washbrook, Claran Smith and Sebastian Dibb; left, Sebastian, who also won the Humorous Verse Class

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Conquering Kilimanjaro

A 16-year-old endured altitude sickness and risked life and limb to conquer the fourth highest mountain in the world.

T Tyler Newman, a Princesborough A-level student from Durschurch, climbed the notoriously difficult mountain in five months, starting in June. His journey began in an arduous discussion with his dad but quickly led to Tyler conquering Snowdon - which stands at 1,085 meters.

But it would be comparatively easy training in preparation for Japan's highest peak, Mount Fuji, which he conquered a month later. Standing at 3,776 metres, Fuji demanded physical strength and concentration throughout the climb.

With two successful attempts under his belt it was back to the UK to aim for Scotland and England's highest mountains.

Tyler and dad, Sean, scaled Ben Nevis and Snowdon Pike in a back to back session over forty-eight hours in September. With over 2,000 metres covered during one weekend, this was excellent preparation for the endurance that would be needed for their ultimate goal, Kilimanjaro.

Tyler set off for Africa knowing that the fourth highest peak in the world only had a 40 per cent success rate. The route chosen, the Machame route, was notoriously tricky and an anticipated climb time of six days was forecast.

Tyler endured huge discomfort along the way. Describing the climb he said: "I can't describe how painful it was. My knees were sore, my feet were battered and I had terrible headaches and vomiting from the altitude sickness."

Despite the discomfort Tyler persevered, taking small steps to compensate for the thinning oxygen.



"You couldn't recover at night because it was too cold"

The final climb began at 12pm after a few hours' sleep. It was minus 10. Your mind was just focussed on taking each step, nothing else. When we finally reached the summit

somehow I sprinted to the post and saw the first glimpse of the sunrise over Africa. It was totally magical. Princesborough College headmaster Ed Hester has congratulated Tyler, describing his achievement as "a magnificent effort".

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In Malawi a bowl of porridge can mean the difference between having an education or not. With this sentiment taken to heart pupils at Princesborough College celebrated World Porridge Day to raise money for the Scottish-based charity Mary's Meals. The charity provides a daily meal to thousands of impoverished children across the globe as an incentive for them to attend school.

College pupils swapped their usual morning snacks for a tasty bowl of porridge costing £1 for a standard bowl or £2 with extra toppings. A range of additional porridge themed activities caught the imaginations of the charity minded youngsters. A Highland welly wanging tournament took place during the lunch hour with pupils paying to launch the welly the furthest distance. Fancy dress characters of Goldilocks and her Four Bears roamed the corridors in an effort to chivy fellow students into donating any spare pennies.



Sixth Form students organised a cake sale to add to the amount raised with assistant head of sixth form Rod Isaacs also dressed up as a Wild Highland Man to oversee the day's fun. He said: "Princesborough pupils have used the occasion to recognise the vital role that porridge plays in the Malawi feeding projects and we are continuing to raise awareness of chronic child hunger across the globe through our support of Mary's Meals. Sixth formers have put a lot of effort and initiative into the day and we are looking forward to seeing how much cash we have raised."

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ALL SMILES: FLEET-FOOTED youngsters at a Kenilworth school have scored a double success in football and Irish dancing.

Crackley Hall's football team won the Independent Schools' Association's Midlands Tournament held at Dixie Grammar School last month.

The Under 10's team scored their way to a 3-1 victory against finalists St Wycliffe's after playing a five games.

And the girls have done the school proud too, jiggling their way into the Turkey Academy Class Feis and coming home with a bag full of trophies and medals after scooping three first places.

Irish Dancing at Crackley has gone from strength to strength with nearly 50 girls attending the lunchtime club and numbers growing every week.

Head teacher, Rob Duggan, said: "These girls are working especially hard at this popular extra-curricular activity. To take their skills one step further into the realms of external competition is wonderful to see. Their trophies and medals demonstrate their obvious commitment. The Irish dancers can come home with a laugh of trophies."



The football team won the Independent Schools' Association's Midlands Tournament. (4)

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RUGBY UNION

Mills thanks his lucky stars after Welsh sevens call-up



Paddy Mills

Talented Princesborough College rugby player Paddy Mills has been selected to train with the Welsh sevens development squad.

The second year A-level student will be training with six other hopefuls drawn from a series of talent-spotting tournaments held over the summer and autumn.

Playing for the Welsh Exiles, Mills caught the eye of the coaches whose aim is to expose players to the potential of playing at World Series and European Series level.

Mills will attend his first coached session at the WRU Centre of Excellence in Cardiff on Monday.

"It sort of passed me by to begin with as I had just been to Cardiff to have my university interview there to read medicine," said Mills.

"Not until the next day did it fully dawn on me what the invitation meant."

