

Sixth Form Corner

On the first day back from our Christmas holiday, it was announced that Gisby, due to the harsh weather conditions, had been flooded. I just assumed it would be "a few drops of water here and there" but as I entered the building, I realised the extent of the damage caused by the snow. So contingency plans were made and as our students returned, they joined the main school until the half-term break. I know it has not always been easy, and I am so grateful for the way all our Sixth Formers coped with the situation, and adapted to their new environment. But, perhaps, because I always try to look at the positive in everything which happens, I actually feel a lot of good came out of this situation. Due to the lack of room to spread themselves about, the Year 12 and 13 students seem to have become closer, and many Sixth Formers, themselves, commented on the fact they liked being "part of the senior school". The Tuck Shop became more popular than ever as it was held in the main Foyer, rather than in Gisby, and as a result of this gained popularity, it has been decided that it will now remain in the main school on the usual Wednesday and Friday (Marianne is very pleased to say that so far, over £100.00 has been made through selling sweets and other types of food). We are now back in Gisby, admittedly not in the best of comfort, but the builders are now working hard, and hopefully everything should be in order after Easter. Once again, thank you to all of you for "putting up" with such a situation.

January was mostly scattered with A Level examinations, leaving students even more tired than they already were before the holidays, but as soon as these were over, plans were made for our annual Valentines Day celebrations. This year, it was decided that every Sixth Former would take part in this event and Monday 14th February saw a group of smartly dressed (in red and black only) students, who certainly made many children's day whilst delivering roses, presents and cards. At break time, marshmallows, biscuits, doughnuts dipped in hot chocolate and many other goodies were sold, leaving, as usual, many with too full a stomach to even contemplate approaching the dining hall at lunch time!!! I wonder what part of the day pupils will remember most; receiving a rose, eating lots of chocolate or indeed listening to the fabulous duet sang by two of our talented Year 12 students during assembly? Whichever, it was indeed a very successful day and all the Sixth Formers must be praised for the effort they put in organising such a great event. Over £90.00 was raised, which will be donated to St Andrew's Hospice.

A number of our Sixth Formers took part in the Apprentice Challenge during this term, and all the hard work they put into raising money for Red Nose Day must be applauded. Ultimately, Marianne's team won the first Team

Prize and Freddie won the Individual Prize. Very well done to everyone who participated.

Finally, on a more sad note, Lucie, one of our German students who arrived at St. James' in January, is returning to Germany next term. Lucie has settled in so well in our school and it has been a pleasure to have her with us. We will really miss you, Lucie. Please do keep in touch and come back to visit us as soon as possible. We wish you all the very best for your future.

On behalf of everyone in Gisby, we would like to wish you all the very best for Easter.

Mrs. F. Lambert, Head of Sixth Form & French

