



In January, we set off for a visit to the holocaust memorial site located in the centre of Berlin. We travelled there with Mr Matadar and Mr Clare, whom we thank as well as the school for organising this remarkable experience for us.

After a comfortable flight from Manchester, we arrived at our hotel late in the evening. Preparing for the prompt start the next day, we soon checked in and went to bed. Everyone was enthusiastic for the visit on Friday.

Once having eaten a tasty breakfast we proceeded with our journey via tram to a lively square and where we took the train to the heart of Berlin where the memorial site as well as many other landmarks are situated.

In front of us, we saw 2711 giant concrete blocks, which symbolise many things such as the graves of those who lost their lives during the horrific rule of Hitler.

Underneath the blocks is an exhibition dedicated to visitors to gain insight and understanding of important aspects of the holocaust. These included harrowing stories from survivors and images of concentration camps.

We do not have the words to describe the full impact of the memorial but we hope we have managed to give an insight to this eye-opening memorial.

In addition to this, we also managed to visit some famous landmarks around the city of Berlin.

By Yusuf Bapu & Rafee Chowdhury.



# Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu 'alaikum and peace be upon you

As always it is with great pride that I write about the achievements of your children and the lengths that staff go to in order to offer your children the very best and most exciting learning experiences!

The spring term was packed full of amazing learning experiences, from a whole range of sporting events to the languages spelling bee to an action packed Science Week with rockets taking off at regular intervals on our new MUGA pitch! The school has been buzzing and I hope the enthusiasm I have seen around the school has been shared with you at home as well.

Alongside the main work of teaching your children, the Estates Team have continued to develop the school building and the catering provider developing new menus and our wonderful Year 11 pupils passed on the responsibility of the school library as they began their exams preparation in earnest.

When data was released for 2017-18 by the Department for Education we were delighted to learn that yet again, our whole school attendance figure of 97.7% was amongst the highest across the whole country putting us in sixth place. This placed us in the top 1% of schools nationally. To continually achieve such consistently high levels of attendance is a real credit to you as parents and demonstrates just how keen our pupils are to come to school. We really must not underestimate just what an achievement this is. I really do hope that we can strive as a school and community to aim for the top spot in the coming years.

I cannot finish without talking about our Year 11 pupils. We have watched them grow from the year 8 pupils who began with us at Guildhall Street to magnificent young men. They have been a credit to themselves, the school, their parents and the community. I have no doubt we will hear all about their future success in the years to come. As they begin to intensify their preparations for their GCSE's and finally sit GCSE examinations, I, like all the staff here at Eden Boys, wish them every success. I would also like to thank all of our parents for the hard work and commitment they put in to helping our boys secure the very best outcomes they can

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful May holiday and we all look forward to welcoming your son back to Eden Boys on Monday 3rd June

Miss A. Middlemass

Principal



# History

In December, five Year 9 students Maazz Roudwell, Abdur Rahman Bhula, Muhmmad Yameen Patel, Mohammad Umair Patel and Mohammed Omer were invited to take part in an event debating both sides of the Arab-Israeli Conflict. The students, accompanied by Mr Clare had been working in a series of workshops with Hugh Castle, the Head of History from Lancaster Royal Grammar school through the Parallel Histories focus group. Parallel Histories aims to help students understand histories from opposite perspectives on political and social controversial issues.

Before the debates started the 'Solutions not Sides' offered the boys real life experiences of the conflict. Two young people, one from Palestine, the other from Israel, shared their life experiences living within the conflict. This allowed the boys to understand that the historical content they were learning about had modern consequences for their generation.

Our Eden students argued that the Balfour Declaration was a positive piece of legislation from the perspective of the British government in the first debate. Although the decision as to the victors of the debate went to the more experienced Lancaster Grammar student debate team, the experience gave the boys confidence that they took into the second session. This session focused on whether armed conflict between Israeli's and Palestinians was inevitable after a certain point in the History of the area. The Eden boys were not shaken by the fact that they had been separated and were now working in mini workshops with other students from Lancaster Grammar and Abrar Academy. Some final decisions of this debate went in favour of our students, others lost out narrowly again.

Overall the event brought students and teachers from different backgrounds and educational settings together and working collaboratively in order to look at the world we live in with another perspective. The Parallel Histories group aim to make the debate and workshops an annual event and we hope to enter at least two more teams next year.



## Winter Markets

On Wednesday 19th December 2018, 14 year 9 boys were taken on a trip to Manchester to experience the Winter Markets with the MFL Department. Mrs Ramsay and Miss Greenwood had organised an evening of fun and cultural insight for the students, which included visiting the French market, the local market and the multi-cultural market on Albert Square. The students saw all different types of cuisines, from German to Spanish and Greek to Indian. Perhaps the main event of the night were the Italian macaroons, which are a delicious dessert of coconut, egg whites and sugar baked together. The students displayed exemplary behaviour, and thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

### Macaroon recipe

- 100g desiccated coconut
- 100g caster sugar
- 2 (medium-sized) egg whites
- 1tbsp plain flour
- 1 pinch of salt
- 1tsp vanilla extract

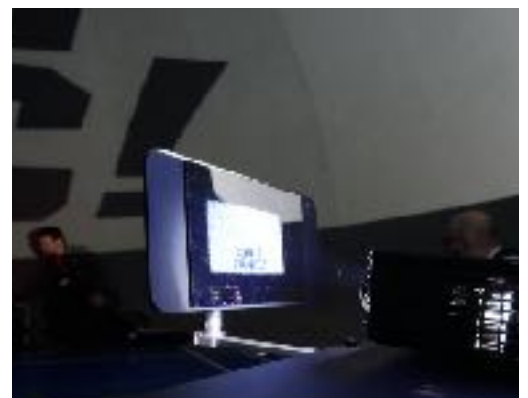
Mix it all together to make a sticky batter, then make 16 balls of the mixture. Put it in the oven at 180°C for around 14-16 minutes or until the macaroons are golden brown. Wait to cool and enjoy!

You can also melt some chocolate and dip the base of the macaroon in for an even tastier treat!

# Science



On the 11th March 2019, as part of the Science week activities, the pupils at Eden Boys Preston enjoyed an outer space experience in a giant inflatable indoor planetarium. Pupils were taken on a voyage to the furthest limits of imagination and knowledge. Year 7 and 8 pupils went on a journey through space visiting our near neighbours whilst the Year 9 and 10 pupils experienced the life and death of stars and objects in the night sky. The experience was thoroughly enjoyed and the immersive experience enthralled our very excited pupils, leaving them enthused and eager to explore and learn more about Astronomy and the journey into space.



# Science

Spring was a very exciting term for our pupils in science. Pupils have had the opportunity to get involved in many enrichment activities that have involved taking part in engineering challenges, exploring the solar system in 3D, travelling to the NEC in Birmingham and taking part in our highly competitive, fun-packed, tutor group led, rocket building challenge. During national science week we invited pupils from all year groups to put their engineering skills to the test in our transport and structures challenge. The first task was to build an air propelled car from only recycled materials. Our boys' problem solved to build a car from CDs, balloons, cardboard and straws with the aim of it having to travel a set distance (being propelled by an inflated balloon). Some fantastic cars were designed by the boys who worked as a team to road test their prototypes and were able to evaluate their designs to make amendments. The second engineering challenge required pupils to build a tall structure with a minimum height of 30cm out of dry spaghetti and blue tack. The aim was for the structure to be able to hold a small weight. This proved to be a difficult task for our young scientists, but through trial and error and resilience our teams managed to put forward some great designs with well thought out structures. There was also a school-wide competition to build a rocket, which as you can see from the photos, attracted a huge amount of interest. The engineering challenges were enjoyed by all who took part and watch this space for more science enrichment opportunities for our boys next term.



## The Big Bang Fair



On Wednesday 13th March our year 9 embarked on a journey to the NEC in Birmingham to take part in the annual 'Big Bang Fair 2019'. The Fair was a national STEM collaboration aimed to inspire young people with the many possibilities of science. There were hundreds of workshops and live shows to get involved in and cutting edge technology on display from the RAF, pharmaceutical companies, alternative energy suppliers, Rolls Royce and Siemens (only to mention a few). Our pupils had a great time exploring the applications of science and were amazed by the number of future career possibilities that involved science, engineering and maths. The boys particularly enjoyed the 'Best experiment in the world show', trying their hand and generating electricity, learning about deadly diseases and being able to sit in the pilot seat of an RAF fighter jet! The day was a great success and hopefully now some of our year 9 will start planning their pathways into an exciting career in science and technology.

# Art



In Year 10, pupils have been studying a variety of fine art techniques, using skulls as their subject matter. The study of a variety of artists including Ali Gulec and Gerrard King have resulted in some excellent responses.



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In Year 9, pupils have been studying the American Modernist painter Georgia O'Keeffe and have been experimenting with oil pastels and painting techniques. The students have really enjoyed getting to grips with this exciting style.



# Plastic Pollution

Ever since we have seen some of the disturbing images linked to plastic pollution, staff and pupils at Eden Boys' School have made a determined effort to make sure that plastic generated in school is recycled.

In the last 8 weeks we have recycled 82kg of plastic just from snacks, packed lunches and meals. Over the course of the coming weeks and months we are looking at how we can further reduce plastic waste and use in all areas of school life.

In the past 100 years, humans have produced a lot of plastic. It's cheap, light, and strong and has many uses. Plastic is however contributing to our changing climate and the waste harms our environment, pollutes our waterways and is threatening wildlife.

12 million tonnes of plastic ends up in the sea each year

Only 9% of all plastic waste has ever been recycled

700 or so marine species have been tangled in plastic

Over 1 million plastic bottles are bought worldwide every minute

100,000 tiny bits of plastic could end up in the ocean with each shower you take, depending on the products you use

9 billion fewer plastic bags have been used in England since the 5p charge was introduced

We are determined to all do our bit!



## RE



Last year, we saw our Year 10 pupils achieve some excellent results in RE with 96% of pupils achieving a grade 4 and above. The current Year 10 cohort have just sat their first official GCSE exam. We pray that the Year 10 boys perform exceptionally well in their exam.

As the Quran says, "My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

We have an upcoming trip for our Year 8 boys who will be visiting the Manchester Jewish Museum located in a former Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. It is the only Jewish Museum outside London and is housed in the oldest surviving synagogue building in Manchester, completed in 1874. As part of their learning in RE and History, the boys will experience a game show on Jewish religious practice and also extend their understanding on the Holocaust through an interactive session of historical enquiry. It sounds great and we can't wait.

# News from Year 7

## Spelling Bee

On Thursday 28th March 2019, 3 year 7 boys were taken to Trinity Church of England High School in Manchester to compete in the Routes into Languages Spelling Bee. They had a minute to spell as many words as they could in either French or German. They had to learn 150 words which were listed randomly during the minute, so the boys didn't know what was going to turn up. They not only had to hear the word in English, they then had to translate it and spell it in that language. Sadly, the boys did not advance to the national competition in Cambridge, but they ensured that Eden Boys' made it from the original 3863 schools to the final 68 as regional winners. What an achievement! Don't worry boys, we will be back next year!



## Enterprise

This term Year 7 are taking part in a fantastic opportunity to raise money for charity. Derian House Children's Hospice has provided care and support to children and families in Lancashire for over 25 years. This year they are updating the Hospice to ensure they are fit for the future.

All forms in the year group are therefore taking part in an entrepreneurial challenge. Each tutor group has been given £25 to use in a creative way, could your son's tutor group be at the top of our challenge board?

So far we have lots of sponsored events planned, an inter-form football tournament and a movie night! The boys have also raised money by filling an image of the Derian House logo with coins.

Please support your son in his fundraising and help him make a difference to children's lives. You can offer your support by donating directly to your son's tutor group total – the tutor group who raise the most money will win an activity day out of school! Alternatively, you can donate to the charity via the following JustGiving link;

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/EdenBoys-HighSchool>



## Dragons' Den

The Spring Term saw Year 7 take part in a Dragons' Den type workshop where the main aim was to use their negotiating skills to persuade the 'Dragon's' (aka Miss Thackeray!) to part with a healthy investment into their product.

Explore Learning lead the sessions and in teams pupils were given a product to market and 'sell' in front of their class. They thought about the product information, features, benefits and target markets. The boys worked hard on their presentations and managed to promote products such as 'the dustpan and brush slippers', the 'Butter stick' and 'the toaster/kettle combo'!

# Junior UKMT Maths Challenge

Our first entry to a junior UKMT Maths challenge was a great experience for the boys to see maths used in a wider context as well as interacting with pupils of a similar calibre from other schools in the county. Two boys from year 9 and two boys from year 8 were chosen to take part. They were selected from a Mock UKMT test within their classes. As it was our first time attending the challenge the boys rose to the occasion and tried their very best to complete all the challenges. We will hopefully be competing every year and aiming for the top place so they can then move on to competing at the national level.



# Physical Education

It has been another extremely exciting term of fixtures and competitions for a number of the sports teams at Eden Boys' School Preston. The PE department would like to congratulate all of the students who have attended clubs or have represented any of the school teams during this term.

This term, we have hosted one side of the district Handball competitions at

Eden Boys' School. The competition involved teams in years 7, 9 and 11 from Ashton, Our Lady's, Christ the King, St Cecilia's and Fulwood High Schools. Handball is a sport that we have introduced into the curriculum this year and we have been extremely impressed with the technical and tactical development of a significant number of our students.

In a fiercely contested year 7 competition, our boys produced a number of outstanding performances to win our half of the district competition. Going into the final game, our year 7 boys needed to beat Our Lady's School to finish at the top of the table. After an extremely competitive 10 minutes of Handball, our boys came out victorious with a fantastic 5-2 win. They now progress to the district final where they will meet Broughton High School after the Easter break. Many congratulations to our year 7 Handball team who are pictured below.



In addition to the success of our year 7 team, our year 11 Handball team also performed exceptionally well in their respective competition. The level of quality throughout the tournament was extremely high and the boys finished second overall producing a selection of very impressive performances.

## Football

All of our football teams have recently competed in the Preston Cup and a selection of friendly games. The PE department would like to congratulate all of the teams on their good performances throughout the last term. Particular congratulations go to our year 10 team who performed extremely well in a very competitive Preston cup game against Our Lady's School. In addition, we would like to congratulate our year 8 team who produced an outstanding performance to beat Westholme School in a friendly game back in February.



## Extra-curricular

The PE department would like to congratulate all of the students who have attended the extra-curricular sports clubs during this term. We have had some fantastic numbers at a range of clubs and we hope to see our students continue to flourish in sport and physical activity. Clubs that have been provided during this term have included Football, Handball, Table Tennis, Badminton, Basketball and the use of the fitness suite.

We look forward to seeing many of our students representing Eden Boys' during the summer term.



# Our Visits to the Etihad Stadium



Within the last few months, Mr Johnson, Mr Flynn, Mr Harwood and Mr Mahmood have taken a number of our students to Manchester City to watch them play in the Champions' League. We attended the game against Hoffenheim in December and then ventured back to the Etihad in March for the game against Schalke in the knockout stages. On both occasions, the boys had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of watching Champions League football at the Etihad Stadium. City were outstanding in both games, winning 2-1 and 7-0 respectively.



# Table Tennis



In addition to the Handball competitions, we have also hosted the district Table Tennis competitions at Eden Boys' School this term. This year's competition involved students in years 8 and 11 who competed in a round robin format. Our year 8 team included Harris Mamsa, Muhammad-Ameen Saleh, Junaid Wadee and Ahmed Nariyariwala. In addition, Ahmad Wahdati, Abdur Rahman Khan, Umar Ibrahim and Parvez Ahmadzai represented our year 11 team. All of our students performed extremely well and represented Eden Boys' School to a very high standard.

# Indoor Athletics



This term, we entered a year 7 and 8 team into the Indoor Athletics competition at Preston College. The PE department would like to congratulate both teams who performed extremely well. Pictures of our year 7 and 8 team can be seen here: