



BELL BAXTER DIARY



August 2010 - Welcome Back

It's a new year and we begin this first Bell Baxter diary by extending a warm welcome back to all our readers, pupils and staff - old and new. For many staff and pupils, summer has been eventful and enjoyable. For our senior pupils the exam results were a cause for celebration and the passport to pastures new or further study. Well done to all. The Diary team hopes your summer was as good as ours, and we also hope that you enjoy the upcoming editions of Bell Baxter Diary.

New beginnings

Once again it has come the time for a new first year to make the transition from primary school to Bell Baxter. We decided to find out how their first week had been and how they felt about moving up to a new school to start their secondary education. Overall comments were positive, with pupils saying they had enjoyed their first week and were looking forward to exploring new subjects, such as science, drama and English.

The Ultimate Frisbee Under 20's World Championships

On the 1st of August Francesca Hill, Joanne Rearie and Laura Geyer participated in the under 20's Ultimate Frisbee World Championships in Germany, representing Great Britain. Despite Joanne's unfortunate injuries to her ankle, both she and Francesca agreed it was "an amazing experience" where they learnt a lot. They were able to mingle with players from the other participating countries and as a result, were able to meet new people who share their passion. Their competition was tough as they were placed in a group where the two finalists were competing. The girls were grateful for the support of school players and coach of the Bell Baxter team Jamie Blair, Callum Rearie and Mr Thomson who accompanied them to Germany. They also worked on the competition newspaper that was published each morning. Ultimate Frisbee is run at Bell Baxter on Tuesdays after school and Mr Thomson would welcome any new interest. If you would like to see any issues of the paper made in Germany you can view them online through the link www.WJUC2010.de. Well done players and coach.

MagNASA

Well done to Magnus More, of S6 who has successfully progressed to the next stage of this year's Space School. He applied online back in March 2010 along with 800 pupils. Out of these pupils, only 120 of them made it to Space School. He was accepted onto a week long residential course at Strathclyde University in June. There were NASA guests, lectures and workshops where the pupils built rockets, heart monitors and investigated techniques on landing the Mars Rover and Lander which gave the pupils an insight into what NASA does. Since completing the course, he has been invited back for a one day workshop at Strathclyde University along with the final 40 pupils. If Magnus is successful at this stage he will have the opportunity to visit the NASA Johnson Space Centre in Houston Texas for 10 days in November, providing him with a great opportunity to attain high level knowledge about space etc. There are only 10 places available on this course, so good luck Magnus!