

## News from Burford School

In January, the English Department took 36 sixth form students to visit the WW1 Battlefields. Doug Lyons said; *“It was a moving experience especially seeing the grave of a boy who enlisted aged 14 and was killed when he was 15.”*

### Argentinian Touring Teams

Burford School hosted St Andrews Scots School from Buenos Aires in January, competing at 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby and 1<sup>st</sup> XI girls' hockey.

In Rugby, Burford lost narrowly 8 - 3

thanks to a Nicolas Allende try. Richard Stratford kicked Burford's penalty.

In the Hockey, Burford were comfortably beaten 4-1.

Forty students were billeted

with families during the three - day stay in what turned out to be a very successful visit. Action photographs can be seen on [www.kickphoto.co.uk](http://www.kickphoto.co.uk)



### Fund4Darfur

During Holocaust week, the school joined with six other schools in West Oxfordshire raising awareness of the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Four members of the School Council Joanne Cox (16), Harry Ebsworth (14), Georgia Conlon (13) and Danielle Godwin (12), gave a 20 minute presentation at each Year assembly to encourage all students to join the campaign. Staff and students raised an impressive £1,100 for the *Fund 4 Darfur* charity.

Students signed a petition asking that the situation in Darfur be kept at the top of both political and media attention. This was handed to David Cameron at the Corn Exchange on Friday 1st February.

### WOBA

Together with five other schools in West Oxfordshire, Burford School has set up its very own Book Award for 2008, to help celebrate the National Year of Reading ([www.yearofreading.org.uk](http://www.yearofreading.org.uk)).

Students from Years 7-11 are taking part. The West Oxfordshire Book Award (WOBA) was launched in December. Reading Groups selected a

shortlist of five books to be voted for by students at the participating schools and announced on World Book Day (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March). The five short listed WOBA novels are; *Berserk Ally Kennen* (Marion Lloyd Books), *Life on the Refrigerator Door* Alice Kuipers (Macmillan Children's), *Skulduggery Pleasant* Derek Landy (Harper Collins Children's), *Mad Dogs* Robert Muchamore (Hodder Children's), *Kiss* Jacqueline Wilson. The name of the prize winning book will be announced at the end of April.

A glittering prize-giving ceremony is planned for September 2008 when it is hoped that the author will attend.

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