

News from Burford School

In March Y10, Y12 and Y13 design students visited the Centre of Alternative Technology in Machynlleth, Powys.

After the long mini-bus journey they took the train (run by water) up to the Centre. After lunch they visited the eco cabins where they were to stay for the night. All were slightly worried about the outside toilet, but were reassured when they got into the cabins and saw the modern toilets!



The Shape of the Future

During the tour of the site, students were able to see some of the ways we can cut down on our carbon footprint, such as the use of environmentally friendly materials, like mud and cork for the walls. They then explored the eco cabins. Each cabin had a wall display showing how much electricity the solar panels produced, a wood burner heated the water and a display showed how many five-minute showers students had during the evening.

The next morning, once breakfast was over, the students took part in two workshops. Y10s worked on a wind-power session; students had to make their own turbine and test their designs to try to get the highest speed. All did exceptionally well.

The Y12 and 13 students went to a sustainable building workshop to investigate different materials to use in their buildings. They were also able to

investigate how environmentally friendly their designs would be.

Summer Prom

The annual end of term concert will take place on **Friday 19th July** at 7pm. Local ales and ciders will be

served and we encourage all to bring a picnic hamper. Students will play a selection of songs from the very successful production of *Grease* and Burford's Symphony and Training Orchestras will be playing music from *Les Miserables*. Tickets are available from Mrs Andrew in School Reception on: 01993 823303.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

28 students are planning a walking expedition to the Peak District in Derbyshire in July. The walking trip is part of the students' Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. The expedition is over four days with three nights camping and they will walk a total of around 80 kilometres. The trip is just one part of a year-long (and for some 18 months) endeavour to secure the highest award the scheme has to offer. We wish them well!

Burford School Friends

Burford School has recently set up an alumni association for past students, staff, parents and governors of Burford School. Please visit our new site and register at: www.burfordschoolfriends.org

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