



CLASSROOM BUZZ

A GIBRALTAR COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

RECYCLING BY KATIE PHILBIN

It's simple right? You separate plastic, paper and glass; put them in their separate bins and you're good. The sad fact is that it is not that simple. Here's why:

After being collected from the recycling bins, the recycling should be taken to a sorting plant and then sorted, checked and put into bails before being put on the market to be sold. China was the biggest buyer for recycling goods but that has stopped. In 2018 they put restrictions so high for the quality of the recycling that it is almost impossible to sell to them. Up to 50% of recycling goes to landfill and recyclable materials can only be recycled so many times, so no matter what, that plastic bottle will end up in landfill at some point anyway. Did you know the recycling process uses fossil fuels too?



We have all heard of the three R's; Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. It is a good model, don't get me wrong, but I think there is a better new one: the five R's. Reflect on your habits; Refuse what you don't need, Reduce what you do need, Reuse what you can't reduce and Rethink recycling. Recycling should be used as a last resort, a little planning ahead won't hurt you but not doing it will hurt the planet.

I encourage you all to talk to people about recycling. While we fight for the government to take a stand against climate change, remember we can make a difference too. No one is too young or too old to make a huge difference. Greta Thunberg is a sixteen-year-old Swedish schoolgirl who has started making a huge difference through her passion to save the planet. In August last year she walked out of school and camped outside of Swedish parliament demanding change and she hasn't stopped there; she now does this every Friday and she wants people, anyone, anywhere, to join her #fridaysforfuture movement. She has now travelled far and wide raising awareness about the urgency of climate change and has a TEDx talk with over 2.2 million views online. If she can make a difference, we all can.

We shouldn't wait for the government to change when we still can. A little done by a lot of people can make a huge difference. So let's all make a change.



SHORT STORY COMPETITION WINNERS IN THE YEAR 11-13 CATEGORY FOR THEIR SPANISH STORY ENTRIES!



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY BY GRACE JACKSON

World Environment Day celebrated on 5th June encourages awareness and action annually for the protection of our environment. This year they are calling everyone to take part in the Mask Challenge. Face masks are a great symbol to show leaders we want to breathe clean air. Make a pledge and challenge others to take action!

- Take a photo or video of yourself wearing a mask to post on social media.
- In your post share the action you'll take to reduce air pollution
- Tag 3 people/organizations/ companies to challenge them to do the same.
- Use #WorldEnvironmentDay and #BeatAirPollution in your social media posts and don't forget to tag @UNEnvironment.

Here are some examples on how you can take action and #beatairpollution:

- Use public transport or car sharing, cycle or walk
- Turn off the car engine when stationary
- Save energy: turn off lights and electronics when not in use



ON BOARD THE CELEBRITY INFINITY WITH THE GIBRALTAR COLLEGE

Last Thursday 9th May, Gibraltar College students studying AS travel & tourism were treated to a tour of the cruise ship celebrity infinity, a millennium-class cruise ship visiting Gibraltar.

This visit provided students with the opportunity to tour the ship and all its facilities and also ask questions about jobs on board a ship. Useful for students preparing for upcoming examinations as well as for those seeking employment opportunities.

Students were accompanied by Ms S Agius and Mr C Hayward. Ms Agius would like to thank Incargo Shipping for their help in organising this and Chloe, Events Co-Ordinator on board the ship for her professionalism and support which made for such a memorable outing!



OUR A2 LEVEL TRAVEL & TOURISM STUDENTS ATTENDED PRESENTATIONS LAST WEEK BY 2 WELL-KNOWN EXPERTS ON THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY - MANDY GAGGERO FROM M H BLAND AND NICKY GUERRERO FROM THE GIBRALTAR TOURIST BOARD. THEY FOCUSED THEIR TALKS ON THE TOPIC OF MARKETING AND SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BRANDING, MARKET ANALYSIS AND VISITOR PROFILING. THESE TALKS PROVIDED STUDENTS WITH AN INSIGHT INTO THE LOCAL TRAVEL MARKET AND THEY LEARNT ABOUT UPCOMING PLANS TO BOOST TOURISM FURTHER AND ENHANCE THE TOURIST EXPERIENCE FOR OUR VISITORS. OUR THANKS GO TO BOTH SPEAKERS.

Whats on this month...

AWARDS CEREMONY

Thurs 6th June 2019

YOUNG ENTERPRISE FINALS:

Tues 11th June 2019

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY:

Mon 17th June 2019

NO COLLEGE!

START OF HALF DAYS:

Tues 18th June 2019

JASON MANFORD- MUDDLE

CLASS TOUR 2019:

Thurs 20th June 2019 @ St.

Michael's Cave. Visit

www.buytickets.com for

more info.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR:

Fri 28th June 2019