



## THE TABLES TURN

### Yr7 test Mr Davies

Freya and Eve recently interviewed Mr Davies to see how he became Head Teacher and what he does in his role..

“As part of our Higher Ability Group we are looking into different careers and professions to help us make choices for our future and give us ideas of jobs we might like to do.”

**How long have you worked in education?** Since 1992.

**What did you study to become a Head Teacher?** O levels, A levels and a Degree from University.

**How did you become Head Teacher, Do you have to work in different parts of the school first?** Yes, Mr Davies has worked in different roles within the school so he knows what each department does. He's had many roles in schools including teacher, Head of Department and Deputy Head.

**How long do you work each day?** Normally he gets up at 5:30am,

starts work at 7:00am and finishes between 5 and 6pm. If there is a Governors meeting it can be 9pm before he finishes.

**Do you have to work during the school holidays, If yes, what sort of things do you do?** He will try to do all the work at the start so he can have a holiday. The exam results are given out in August and everything has to be ready for the new term.

**Do you have to go to meetings. If yes, what kind of meetings?** Mr Davies attends many meetings about lots of different things, because he has so many people working at Prospect.. He needs to talk with them to make sure the school is running well. He also has meetings with external people from other schools.

**Are you busy being Head Teacher?** He is really busy meeting parents, doing lunch duty, planning and organising.

**Are you still learning things in order to do your job?** Yes all the time. For example the law is changing and the school is getting less money.

**Are you ever bored in your job?** He is never bored because the next day will always be different. Each day is a new challenge and he gets to work with lots of different people.

**What is it like and do you enjoy being Head Teacher?** Mr Davies loves being a Head Teacher and he thinks it is the best job he has had.

**Have you been a Head Teacher in any other schools? If yes where?** He has been a Head Teacher in one other school in Twickenham.

**Do you have a choice of who works here?** He does and has interviewed all new members of staff apart from 3. Mr Davies said he like to meet all the people who apply for jobs here .

**What's the hardest part of your job and what's the best thing about it?** Hardest part of the job is to find people to work here and making sure he is finding the best people.

**Do you miss teaching classes being Head?** Yes, Mr Davies was originally a PE Teacher but has also taught IT, PSHE and Geography. He is currently teaching a Year 8 Geography class.

**How do you manage a big site and lots of people?** He

manages it by accepting that he can't do it alone and has to ask for help from staff. There are two Deputy Heads who support him.

And now for a few personal questions:

**What school and university did you go to?** He went to Portland Comprehensive in Worksop and to University in Roehampton.

**Have you had any other jobs other than in school?** Mr Davies has had lots of jobs including



barman, chef, and even opened his own Tex-Mex restaurant where he made chillies.

**What is your favourite subject?** His favourite subjects are PE/ Sport and History.

**What were you like at school?** He was very good at school and had good attendance. Mr Davies said he loved to learn new things .

**What subjects did you pick to study and how have they helped you in your career?** Most of his friends went down the local coal mine or got apprenticeship but he didn't want to do that so he studied History, Geography and Science.

**If you could go back in time and give yourself advice in Year 7 what would it be?** Don't give up languages because

he misses not being able to speak a foreign language. Mr Davies can speak a tiny bit of German which he picked up from friends but would like to speak Spanish and French.

## Prospect Boxing Club



Prospect School Boxing Club launched last Thursday, in partnership with Thames Valley Police and Whitley Amateur Boxing Club.

Boxing benefits students by getting them fit and teaching them about teamwork as well as anger management and discipline.

It also improves their confidence and concentration.

We are very lucky to have two experienced coaches, affiliated to England Boxing, and one is a semi-professional boxer.



The students looked amazing in their club T-shirts at the first session last week, and

we are very excited that we may have a future Antony Joshua or even Rocky!

## Sports Results

9 January 2018

Yr11 Basketball vs JMA (A)  
28 v 26 (Lost)

11 January 2018

Under14 Basketball vs JMA (H)  
32 v 38 (Lost)

## Sports fixtures

23 January 2018

Yr7-9 Badminton vs JMA (A)

24 January 2018

Yr11 Hanball vs Reading Girls  
(A)

25 January 2018

U15 6-a-side football vs JMA (A)

Yr8 Athletics vs JMA (A)

30 January 2018

U19 Basketball vs Little Heath  
(H)

# LUNCH CLUB

Every Tuesday lunch time

Room A6

All welcome!

- Discussing topics from a Christian perspective
- Games & activities
- Snacks

Run by Paul Sparrey: [paulsparrey@learn4lifeuk.org](mailto:paulsparrey@learn4lifeuk.org)



## Numeracy Ninja

Students from 8RI have been working in form time towards completing a maths programme which aims to improve their numeracy skills.

They have five minutes to answer questions on addition multiplication, division & some harder functional skills.

Each week they mark their answers and track their progress through their hard won coloured, ninja belts.



Miss Ridgus is particularly proud of Callum, Sebastian, Asia, Isobel and Tayana (pictured) who have received certificates for maths effort and success.

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## For Your Diary

23 Jan	Yr10 Rushall Farm Visit
6th Feb	Year 8 Parents Evening
6th Feb	Year 9 Rushall Farm Visit
12-16th Feb	Sixth Form Trip to Paris
19th Feb - 9th Mar	Assessment Period Years7-12
19-23 March	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam