

# THE HIVE

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Issue 5

## STUDENTS BECOME THE NEXT LEADERS

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we welcomed parents and members of the community to a mock election hustings. For the past few weeks, our students have been working towards creating their own 'political parties'.

In the lead up to the general election, the students were asked to create their own manifestos and to present them to the public to gain votes. Receiving



One of our budding political parties presenting their manifesto.

constructive feedback from different perspectives further enhanced their learning and development – and what a success it was!

Our bespoke Global Awareness Programme (GAP) develops character, by encouraging teamwork, leadership, independent learning and builds confidence in public speaking. GAP lessons open up the students to a number of important issues the world currently faces, allowing them to form their opinions, then present and debate their ideas to the rest of the class.

We welcomed another visitor to St Bees School this week, Mr Bettinson. He talked to the students about his experience of war as an ex-Army officer. Opening up conversations such as these allows the students to ask difficult questions, developing their maturity around sensitive subjects. There was opportunity for fun when the berrets and ration packs were passed around!



A ration pack tasting session was in order on Tuesday...

Today we hosted visitors from Shanghai to further strengthen the links between St Bees, Copeland and China. The Deputy Party Secretary of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Pudong New Area and the Vice Chief of Primary Education Guidance Center of Pudong New Area were part of the group. We also welcomed Trudy Harrison, Councillor Chris Whiteside MBE, Doug Sim BEM (Chair, St Bees Parish Council) and Dr Linda Wang (Assistant Professor, School of Education, Durham University) to showcase St Bees as a pioneer in Fusion education.

## COMING UP...

ST BEES SCHOOL  
WHERE WEST MEETS EAST

WES meets ST

CAROL SERVICE

Friday 13th December 2019  
3.00pm - 4.15pm in the Main School

## QUESTION TIME Q&A SHEET

Thank you to all who joined us for our 'Question Time' event in November. The Q&A sheet is now available to view online by [clicking here](#).

If you have a question and it wasn't answered, please get in touch and email us on: [welcome@stbeesschool.co.uk](mailto:welcome@stbeesschool.co.uk)

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

Well done to Maddie in Year 8 who played in her first county hockey match last weekend! We're looking forward to keeping an eye on the scores.