

## **BBC SCHOOL REPORT – WHITLEY ACADEMY REPORTERS' JOURNEY**

Student Voice reporters have taken part in BBC School Report since 2008, reporting on local, national and international stories that matter to them. Here's a brief overview from Miss Nguyen from Student Voice explaining what stories have been covered:

In our first year students reported on an exclusive at a Dr Who exhibition in Coventry's Transport Museum and worked with BBC Coventry and Warwickshire producing stories, image galleries and a film for BBC Midlands Today.

Year One report by pupils:

- Who's in Town?:  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/coventry/content/articles/2009/03/11/dr\\_who\\_exhibition\\_feature.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/coventry/content/articles/2009/03/11/dr_who_exhibition_feature.shtml)

In our second year we held a BBC Question Time style event for councillors in Coventry to answer questions off pupils. The event was planned, researched and the questions asked by our Student Voice pupils and was covered in the Coventry Evening Telegraph, BBC Coventry and Warwickshire radio and on the BBC School Report website. We also took part in the School Report Sports Day this year, in which we had our very own Question of Sport show.

Year Two reports by our BBC mentor Rachael Smith and pupils:

- Coventry pupils get election fever - [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school\\_report/8560954.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school_report/8560954.stm)
- A Question of Sport at school -  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school\\_report/school\\_report\\_sports\\_day/8776357.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school_report/school_report_sports_day/8776357.stm)

Our third year we decided to focus more on local issues regarding the Olympics in Coventry and we were given the opportunity to report at the Ricoh arena about the name change of the stadium for the games. This story was filmed for BBC School Report and BBC Midlands Today. We also had the opportunity to report on an FA Cup Women's Final and our own pupil's visit to South Africa.

Year Three reports by BBC School Report and our BBC mentor:

- Kicking stadium into touch: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school\\_report/9432687.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school_report/9432687.stm)
- Reporting an Women's FA Cup final:  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school\\_report/school\\_report\\_sports\\_day/9501480.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school_report/school_report_sports_day/9501480.stm)

So far this year we've had opportunities to report on even more stories such as our own pupil's journey through to BBC Children in Need, an interview with Lord Sebastian Coe during a visit to Birmingham and most recently; an interview with Julia O'Connell – the lead artist creating the extraordinary size-54- coat for Imagineer Productions Godiva Awakes as a part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

This year's reports by our BBC mentor:

Meeting Lord Coe: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school\\_report/school\\_report\\_2012/9645654.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/school_report/school_report_2012/9645654.stm)