

# An explosive start...

## BBC Student Reporters Practice Day

### 13 November 2015 – the Recount Blog

By Daizy, Dylan, Duncan, Afrah and Alex – year 7 student reporters



*From left: Daizy, Dylan, Duncan, Afrah and Alex*

This is our brand new BBC School Report project. We started Whitley Academy only two months ago 😊

We started planning for our storyline quite early - Tuesday 3/11.

A lot of us stayed after school so that Mrs Nguyen - our Student reporter teacher could sit down with us properly. We decided to do the newsround on the happenings in our school since September this year. It has been both fascinating and to research around our school community. There were many inspiring stories!

We decided we would go for a video clip named "Whitley Academy News" and this blog! (You surely know we have been nervous to get the blog started. It has been very positive though).

Our D- Day for filming was for at least two days starting from Tuesday after school 10th November.

Mrs Nguyen helped us by telling us some story sources we could have a look at. We started dividing our group into pairs to read the news on our school website.

She also helped us to make appointments with these inspiring students. Then on we went!

**Filming location: our Learning Resource Centre**

**Actors: Our team of presenters and interviewers**

**Guests of honour: Pavani of Year 13, Georgia and Rhiannon of Year 12 and Kira and Ellie of Year 8**

Hope you enjoy watching our video clip 😊

### **On our D-Day Friday 13/11/2015**

This is Melissa – Year 7 student reporter

We have just finished being interviewed by a staff member of the BBC School Report !  
Wow!

The six of us: Daizy, Duncan, Charley, Brandon, Afrah and myself were interviewed.

It is so nice to be able to talk to and to be interviewed by a staff member of the BBC School Report HQ in London.

We were asked many questions about our experience and what we'd learnt so far. Brandon felt very nervous at the start; however once he finished it, he felt very proud of what he achieved.

As for Charley, he had mixed emotions : at the start he felt nervous but while he was talking on the phone he regained his confidence.

During the experience Afrah learnt that you should always reply politely and formally if you didn't hear what they had to say.

My emotion (of course from Melissa 😊) was the same as everyone else's as we had never been interviewed by the BBC SR before. Daizy felt the excitement and anxiousness!

## *Our reflection on our brand new reporting journey.....*

**This is the sharing from Duncan, Dylan and Alex .**

Hope you like it!

Daizy, one of my fellow student reporters, was very shy and nervous yet still, when the interview started she became a loud, confident interviewer. This taught me that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover. A person may appear to be quite a shy person ...but once the video camera beeps, the person may change for the better: speak up clearly and loud , and handle an excellent interview!

On the contrary, some fellow reporters turn out to be quite different. One of our fellow reporters, Phillip, is a very confident speaker, when the camera is not rolling that is. However when the machine goes beep he turns into a totally different person, he isn't the cheerful and funny Phillip any more...He even did not smile when he ran the interview. He said he would try to be more cheerful though.



**It is Duncan again.**

I had already been chosen to interview on Tuesday 10th but unfortunately, I was selected for the football team to be the goalkeeper. I tried to explain to my P.E teacher how I had to do the interview but it was an important cup game so I couldn't. In the end, we won 5-3 and I was celebrating with the team after the game. But before the match I kept on thinking about my fellow reporters. I wondered if my fellow reporters missed me, and of course I hoped everyone worked hard to their best possible. And they really did a good job!!

## This is Alex.

As soon as I get home after school, I'd normally play the PS4. During the past two days I stayed behind with my fellow reporters and we worked non-stop.



We left our HQ (the Learning Resource Centre) at around 5:00 pm and it gets dark. But I really enjoyed our new experience to be a team together. Some of us were interviewers, cameraman, photographer or simply the audience. It was sometime stressful when our phones rang and we knew our families wanted to know where we were. Everything was fine though.

Now I think I am a part of the new student reporter family. I am also the BBC School Reporter! I would prefer being with my new teammates instead of going home and getting on with my console. I know I am a serious thinker....All about school rather than messing around with the modern device!



**As for me, Brandon,** I am very similar to Alex – often spending time on the Xbox. I enjoy being in the team of many year 7 student reporters. I see our friendship with pupils from different tutor groups which we do not normally do. Another lesson I have learnt is that we need to be very focused and sensible. We also work extremely hard. We have stayed after school to around 5pm to film and interview other students. It is getting darker quite fast when we walk home. But I feel proud of myself for all of the hard work we have done.



*And lastly... it's Duncan again 😊*

We have all learnt different things but all of us have learnt one thing which is the same: interview techniques and how to come up with open questions. Now when interviewing, we all should look natural. We know that there must never be a yes/no question, as it would make the interview less interesting. I have learnt learnt how to take the perfect photos and how to write a transcript for filming. We are now more confident to do blogging!

We cannot wait till the next BBC School Report Practice Day!!!



A moment to  
'chill out' 😊

We congratulate  
ourselves on our  
first successful  
BBC School  
Report project 😊

