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KATE MEETS LEO: OUR INTERVIEW WITH YEAR 8 CHARITY HERO

POLICE CALLED AFTER INCIDENT OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Police were called after an incident took place close to school on Wednesday afternoon, **writes an Observer reporter.** Nobody was hurt and police and teachers were quickly on the scene to protect students.

"We understand that this may cause undue stress and worry to anyone who witnessed it", said Mr Cavanagh.

"We ask that students speak to staff if they are worried."

YEAR 7s WORK FROM HOME DUE TO COVID ABSENCE

Year 7 students were again asked to stay at home on Tuesday as a result of staff shortages, **writes an Observer reporter.**

The school said that the unfortunate measures were taken as a last resort.

"This decision has not been taken lightly and as we navigate our way through these challenging times, I have to ensure that the health and safety of the College community is not compromised," said Mr Cavanagh in a letter to Year 7 parents.

Students were set work on Google Classroom and were asked to follow their normal timetable.

They returned to school on Wednesday.

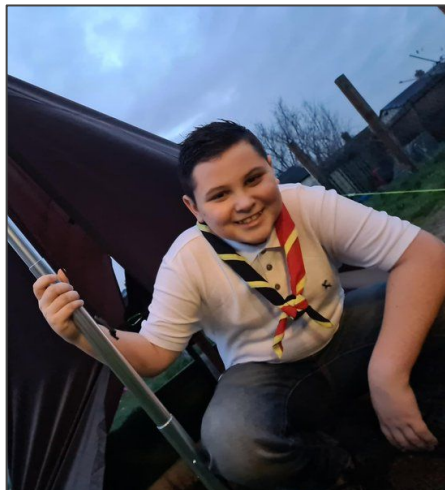
HARRIS BLOCK ROOF WORK NEARS COMPLETION

Students could soon be enjoying a new roof on the Harris Block, **writes an Observer reporter.**

Scaffolding has surrounded the building for longer than expected due to delays caused as a result of the Covid crisis.

But with work set to increase over the half-term break, hopes are high that the work will soon be completed.

Workers have recently been spotted placing insulation on the new roof.



Happy camper: Hero Leo

BY MIRKO CUCCHIARA and CASEY DAY

A Year 8 student has met with Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge, after he raised £8,000 for a mental health charity.

Leo Street, the older brother of Year 7 student Kiana, spent a year sleeping in a hammock in his garden to raise money for Shout, a mental health text service.

"It was really fun, I enjoy camping a lot and I was doing it for charity", Leo told the Kemnal Observer. But the biggest challenge was the weather. "The temperatures were pretty wild, it was snowy so it got really cold", he explained.

Leo decided to take on the challenge because many people his age struggle to talk about their feelings. A recent study by the BBC found a 77% rise in the number of young people requiring specialist treatment for their mental health.

Leo is already planning his next charity challenge: a 453-mile cycle ride from London to Glasgow in Scotland. Go Leo!