# Principal's Blog

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#### **BILLY TRAMPOLINING SUPERSTAR!**

Huge congratulations to Billy in Year 10 in his latest competition, the World Age Championships. Billy finished in 5th position in his age group of 13-14. To be ranked 5th in the World is an absolutely amazing achievement.

Billy then made history as he qualified to take part in the first ever Junior World Championships! This is for a larger age group of 13-16 in which Billy finished in 11th position.

This photo of Billy appeared on the World Championship and British Gymnastics social media sites. We have seen the video in the academy - Billy truly is a superstar and we are very proud of him.



#### **GETTING USED TO FIELDWORK**

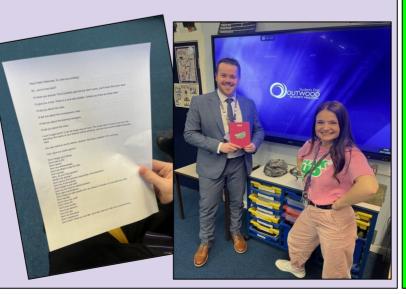
On a very cold November morning this week, Year 7 Geographers were still very excited to get out and complete some human fieldwork! The health & safety team were working overtime with those icy surfaces!





#### **SPEAK UP!**

Mr Eccersley got to see the #NTSpeakUp students in action this week. Lots more to come on this in the future and we are really looking forward to seeing what our young people produce with the team.



## FOCUS ON STAYING SAFE AND POSITIVE WELLBEING

Preparing children for a life online.

A free online programme to educate young people on how to stay safe and be kind online has been launched thanks to support from Home-Start families. EE has created PhoneSmart, the first phone Licence, offering a free online programme that provides young people with the tools and confidence to use phone technology safely and responsibly.

The Licence teaches children about key components of phone safety across four modules including online hate, digital wellbeing, staying safe online and digital & media literacy. It was developed thanks to insights shared by a number of Home-Start families who have personally experienced the wonderful but also worrying side of children getting their first phone.

Learn more about the project and the Licence here.



Remember, the vast majority of issues in the academy start outside of the academy - mostly from use of technology and social media. Please help your child to understand how to be kind online and how to seek support.

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