Puttin’ on the style, above from left, Ryan Jelly, Max Imbornone, Cade Anderson-Smith, Tom Sanders, Sonny Greaves, Megan Gregory, Morgan Lambert, Robbie Roberts, and below from left, Amy Stevens, Kathleen Horgan, Demi Butler, Emily Blanchard and Grace Flaherty.

More pictures at www.christs-hospital.lincs.sch.uk
Where’s the fire!

Students, above from left, Josh Unsworth, Owen Bailey, Arthur Watts and Mark Sadler certainly made an entrance on this RAF Fire and Rescue Engine! Also pictured are, left, Celine Leu, Ellie Mitchley, Alice Walter and Shan-nae Stanton; below left, Tegan Keeley, Laura Laban, Katie Emeny, Miss Fearn, Agne Sabaliauskaite, Georgia Gladding, and below, Andia Newton, Charlotte Graver and Rosie Hollingworth.
A moment to reflect...

AROUND 30 Year 7 students took a flight into the past as part of their English studies. Teachers Dawn Andrew and Sarah Lockley took the youngsters for a day exploring the arts at Metheringham Airfield Visitor Centre.

Upon arrival the students learned about the history and significance of the airfield during the war, before being whisked off to a 1940s-style classroom. Joel Stickley, previously Lincolnshire’s Poet Laureate, read the group some poems and took them to explore the various displays and artefacts.

Fuelled with ideas, enthusiasm and the beautiful weather, the students put pen to paper and created some excellent poetry which they shared back in the 1940s classroom.

Pictured, above from left, are Roisin Wilcox, Hannah Sewell, Elise Wiles-Komurcu, Freya Alcock and Lucy Smith; above right, Ella Zigante with Miss Andrew; and below, the students spreading their wings.

Remembering D-Day

CADETS from all branches of the armed forces paraded in uniform and laid a wreath at a memorial on the Cloisters to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day in June.

The students are pictured below, giving the salute before marching to the front of the school where they were addressed by Assistant Head Teacher Glen Thompson, himself a member of the Territorial Army.
LIKE all schools, we know the future is in the hands of our students… but what about the past? Unlike most other schools, LCHS has appointed staff to organise and look after its vast archive of material reflecting its long history. But who are these mysterious men? And what exactly do they do? The Leader gave them an opportunity to explain.

PETER Harrod is the Archive Assistant responsible for the Garton Archive and the school’s pre-1974 records and documents. Appointed in 2011, his main tasks are to sort, classify and take care of the existing material, and to perform similar duties with new material constantly being donated to the archive. Further tasks involve research, writing articles, encouraging an interest in the archive, welcoming visitors, mounting displays, and responding to enquiries.

He said: “The role is important because it keeps alive, celebrates, and makes public the history of the four schools which combined in 1974 to form LCHS: Lincoln School, Lincoln Christ's Hospital Girls' High School, Myle Cross Secondary Girls' School, and St Giles Secondary Boys' School. John Hurt

Nearly 100 articles have been written in the past three years, some several thousand words long, on subjects ranging from legendary teachers and head teachers to types of punishment, house systems, visits from Royalty and other eminent people, and former pupils such as John Hurt, who have achieved success in their chosen careers. All the articles may be downloaded from the LCHS website under: LCHS History/School Archive.

CHRIS Williams has been Honorary Archivist since the Garton Archive opened, and Assistant Archivist responsible for the post-1974 collection since April. This new post recognises that LCHS is now 40 years old and needs to ensure its more recent past is not forgotten.

He said: “At the moment I have two main tasks: to bring together items and articles related to LCHS so that these are available for future generations; to collect memories and photos from 1974 when four schools closed at the end of the summer term and a new establishment, ours, was created. “This role is important because time is passing and the school is getting older year by year. We need to provide a place to store objects such as newspapers, documents and reports and photographs. Most importantly we need to capture memories and human interest stories for our successors to enjoy, and perhaps learn from. The boys and girls who joined the school in 1974 are now at least 51 years old. What can they tell us about their time here?” Unusual

He admitted the role was unusual for a state school but added: “We are a very unusual school because we can trace our origins over 900 years back to 1090.”

ROTA returns

STUDENTS from all over Europe arrived at Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School for this year’s annual ROTA conference. The week-long event, now in its 23rd year, is an opportunity for Sixth Form students from five countries to meet, learn more about each other’s cultures, and take part in a variety of workshop and social activities.

A total of more than 70 teenagers from Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany linked up with 20 students from LCHS in an initiative which has become a firm fixture in the schools’ calendar and is hosted by each of the participants in turn. The ROTA students could choose to take part in workshops in drama, music, dance, art, journalism, photography, design & technology, or forensic science, all led by LCHS staff. They also had morning language sessions, including Turkish, Polish, Lithuanian, Spanish, Chinese, German, Dutch and sign language.
Bound for Boulogne!

MORE than 70 Year 7 students travelled to France on a whirlwind tour of tourist treats! Setting off from Lincoln in the early hours of the morning, they were in France in time for breakfast before heading to the Nausicaa Sea Experience Centre where they had a close encounter with sharks, sea lions, turtles and penguins. After checking out the centre of Boulogne, they moved on to Calais for more shopping before it was back on the ferry and then the coach for a well-earned snooze on the way home!

Didn’t I see that in a film? Students are pictured travelling to and enjoying the delights of Boulogne during the longest day trip of the year.
Monsters Inc

Fargo
Review by Mike Lyon

I AM still reeling. First he killed his wife with a hammer, then proceeded to cause the deaths of several other people - including his second wife - and ruin his brother’s life in the process.

But that’s not the shocking part. The shocking part is that this was Martin Freeman: the redoubtable John Watson in Sherlock; the young Bilbo in the Hobbit movies; the lovely one in The Office. That Martin Freeman.

Career high

In a performance that must rank as a career high to date, Freeman slowly metamorphosed from loser to monster in Fargo, the chilling new TV series created by the Coen brothers and inspired by the film of the same name.

Freeman’s superb showing - complete with credible Minnesota accent - was matched by Billy Bob Thornton as ruthless killer Lorne Malvo in a small screen marathon that bore an undeniable resemblance to its source material but seemed to take in Twin Peaks on the way. A superb and unmissable thriller that may well spark a sequel, although following the deaths of both Freeman and Thorntons’ characters, will have to incorporate a whole new crop of monsters.

OVER TO YOU...

IS there a film, CD, show, book or gig that YOU would like to review for The Leader? Email your review to M Lyon in the English Department, and please include your name and form.

Dust Lands Trilogy by Moira Young
Review by Jessica Wyatt

THE first two books in this series - Blood Red Road and Rebel Heart - were really good, keeping you engrossed until the last page. In fact I couldn’t wait to read the next book.

But when Raging Star was released, I found the ending disappointing, like there should have been more. Perhaps there will be another volume... you never know.

Kidnapped

The series follows a girl called Saba who rescues her kidnapped brother and then has to deal with what follows.

Its incomplete ending aside, this is a series I would thoroughly recommend.

Noah - Review by Davindar Grantham

IF you think Noah is an exact recount of the well-known Bible story, you’re wrong. This movie portrays a dark, tormented character with a depressing storyline throughout.

As with all Hollywood blockbusters, the special effects are impressive, but outstanding effects do not make for an outstanding movie.

Depressing

Noah was too depressingly and negative, ultimately coming across as too self-centred and isolated, making it difficult for the viewers to empathise with him.
Record-breakers!

TEMPERATURES rose and records fell when LCHS staged another scorching sports day.

Students and staff turned out in force for the annual event with heats ranging from field and track to the ever-popular tug-of-war.

There were new records for Joe Donnerstag in the Year 9 Boys 300m; Josh Desforges in the Year 10 Boys 200m; Archie Richardson in the Year 8 Boys 300m; Jack Stocks in the Year 7 Boys 300m; and a new record for Minster in the Year 8 Boys relay.

* Here on this and the preceding page is a selection of images from Donnerstag in the Year 9 Boys the day, with more on the school website.