

# Work Hard, Play Hard at Dale Fort!

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All the U6th Biologists!

Diligenter Laborando Ludendoque (English translation: Work hard, Play hard) is the motto of our award winning biology department. It's true. The visit to Dale Fort is a testament of it and is definitely one of the best trips, if not the best, that this school can offer to students.

So how did we learn biology in Dale? Physically climbing rocky shores to work out the biodiversity of the area, seeing and touching organisms that we didn't even know they existed on the beaches, a thrilling speed boat ride to the middle of the sea learning about how planktonic organisms live, using mark-recapture to work out the population of sandhoppers in decaying seaweed (that stinks by the way), catching fish and crabs and releasing them back into the river in a salt marsh, learning biology theory as a big group with all the biology students in a lab, and the list goes on and on. How fortunate were we to have the opportunity to study biology outside of class?

It wasn't just about learning, though. Just normally chatting with friends on the balcony above the lab, playing group games and watching 'Match of the Day' in the student common room were

relaxing. The last night in Dale was one of the most memorable nights when we all gathered around in the courtyard looking at the beautiful night sky full of stars and releasing our bright luminous Chinese wish lanterns to the sky. Friendships are strengthened because of this trip.

All the efforts go to the important people who made this trip, and biology, really fun and enjoyable, especially the staff - Mr Quinton and Mr Marlow. On behalf of all the biology students, I'd like to thank you all for giving us the chance to have such a great experience and we all do appreciate it a lot. Finally, I hope all of our wishes on our Chinese wish lanterns will come true.

It just doesn't get any better than biology!



Jess Puntan out at sea catching giant spider crabs



Sam Thompson – going in one step too far to collect the specimens!