

# Remembrance Day Service and tributes at Merrist Wood College

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Last week, Merrist Wood College remembered the fallen and celebrated the roles that their departments would have made during the Great War.

The Sport and Public Services students and staff held a very moving ceremony to commemorate the end of World War I. Students, Chloe Booker and Shannara Donnelly both gave a reading and Freia Bryceland played The Last Post on trumpet to mark the beginning of two minutes silence. Paul Mizzi, Public Services tutor, gave a brief speech reminding us of the sacrifice our service personnel gave during wartime and many still give today.

Other students have been using their vocational skills to create displays for Remembrance Day too. All around the grounds, there were colourful creations, including a "field" of red poppies outside the Animal Management Centre and purple poppies representing the animals used during the War, made by our Animal students. Many animals were used throughout the wars, mostly dogs and horses but also 100,000 carrier pigeons were used as messengers.

The Equine Management students remembered the huge part that horses played in the war and made poppies to decorate their horses and bridle-wear and the equine arena, with the overall effect looking spectacular.

In recognition of the land-based work done on the Home Front, the Level 2 Horticulture students weighed and packaged poppy seeds that could be purchased for £1 per pack and sown and Level 3 Horticulture and Landscaping students read a poem by John Donne.

Employability students created hidden rocks to remind people to think about fallen soldiers and animals who lost their lives during combat. The Remembrance Rocks were then hidden around the College for others to find. When found, people were asked to take a picture, post to our official social media accounts and then re-hide the rock.

The Floristry students made beautiful floral tributes using poppies, greenery and ribbon and placed them around the College. And Arboriculture and Countryside students made wreaths and floral displays, both inside and outside.

Remembrance is part of modern life, culture and heritage and Merrist Wood College gave a very fitting tribute to mark the Armistice Centenary.



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