

Year 8 Hatchet Hunting

'On Friday 26th of March, our English class went down to the field to practise surviving in the wild to empathise with the character Brian in the novel 'Hatchet' by Gary Paulsen, which we are studying in class. We did it to get an idea of how it feels to be in Brian's position, (stranded alone in the Canadian wilderness)... we learnt that surviving alone isn't easy as it sounds!' - **Kyoungmin**

Our tasks were to build a fire, to catch a fish and to catch a bird. Our goal and the whole point of this experiment was to experience what Brian did in the novel (or as close as we dared!) so we could learn to empathize with Brian. It sounded like a pretty simple task, however, when we actually got down to doing it, we realized it wasn't easy after all.' - **Twanya**

'From this I learnt that trying to survive in the wild is very difficult even with a group of us.' - **Cara**

'I think we all understand how hard it was for Brian... This was a great lesson for us to learn, and I know that I learned some skills which might help me in the future.' - **Kelly**

'I learnt from the experience that it is hard to survive on your own. I now see how Brian is really feeling out there on his own with nothing to use to make a fire with, catch food or make a shelter with. If I was Brian I would be terrified to be out in the middle of nowhere on my own.' - **Sophie**

'This, for me, was a remarkable experience. It made us realize the conditions Brian was in and how he adapted with nature. I really appreciated this task and want to thank Miss Brown for giving us the remarkable experience.' - **Kao**

