

## Upper 3 bring the Battle of Hastings to life!



The Upper 3 historians enjoyed re-enacting the Battle of Hastings and it helped them to understand the reasons why William of Normandy was the victor in 1066. We chose a sunny, yet breezy day to march to Hastings (the school field by the rugby post!) where the Saxons were able to fortify the hill using a strong shield wall. The half class representing the Normans then made several unsuccessful raids up the hill before feigning to retreat. This Norman tactic then brought the Saxons down the hill and a ferocious battle ensued. We all had lots of fun and the lesson really helped the three groups to understand how different factors can affect the outcome of battles. The pupils then wrote some superb essays answering the key question: 'How did William become King in 1066?'

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