

A termly update from the Head of Sixth Form & Prefect team



Happy Easter!
We hope you all have a lovely break!



Year 13 Sociology Trip

A group of year 13 sociology students visited the Old Bailey. They were given a tour of the historical building and were able to sit in on an assault trial. The trip linked to their crime and deviance topic, allowing them to see the law in action and gain a deeper understanding of how the criminal justice system operates.



Scent A Hug

For a limited time, the Year 12 Young Enterprise team are offering fantastic Pamper Packages for the low price of £10!

These boxes of luxury contain a relaxing face mask, an under eye mask, bath salts, a bath bomb, a bookmark & keyring as well as sweet treats, and are sure to spoil that special person in your life.

Rest assured that we also include the relevant allergen information. If you're interested, please contact us at scentahugye@gmail.com or visit our website at <https://scentahug.co.uk/>



Important Dates for Sixth Form

- 2 - 7 May: Year 12 exams
- 7 May: Year 13 leavers day
- 8 May - 21 June: A level exams
- 24 - 28 June: Year 12 Work Experience
- 26 June: Year 13 Prom
- 16 - 30 July: World Challenge
- 15 August: A level results day

The Kite Runner

On 8th March, Year 12 and 13 English Literature students went to Aylesbury Waterside theatre to watch the play of 'The Kite Runner'. We are studying the novel for our A level social, political and protest writing paper. Watching this play has allowed the students to experience learning about the novel in an interactive fun way away from annotating the text in a classroom. The play was extremely well produced and the sixth formers loved it.

Amelia Kaye,
13C



A reminder that any outstanding payments for Year 13 prom (£25/person) need to be paid by 28 March.

Year 12 Auschwitz Trip

The trip to Auschwitz Birkenau was eventful in many ways. First of all with the horrendous plane food which will not be mentioned, and after a 2 ½ hour flight the plane had arrived in Krakow. Then an hour long bus trip towards our destination where we were taught about a destroyed Synagogue during WWII by the Nazis, a place of worship for the Jews at the time.

After it was the museum tour and which showed all the shoes and suitcases which were left there, finally it was the memorial visit of Auschwitz Birkenau, giving off a very ominous and eerie feeling amongst the camps. Finally after, waiting an hour and thirty minutes for the plane to take off the trip was over. Overall the trip was a fascinating experience and definitely something future Year 12 students should look at taking part in next year.

Jackson Rice, 12B



Sixth Form students become lifesavers

A speaker from the Anthony Nolan Trust visited the sixth form to show students how their stem cells could be the ones that save a person's life. The charity matches people with blood cancers and disorders who are in need of a stem cell transplant with potential donors. They focus on finding young people aged 16-30 as donors to ensure the best possible chance of a successful transplant.

Students were invited to sign up to the stem cell register on the day by swabbing their cheek and providing their details. They will stay on the register until they turn 61. Most people on the register will never come up as a match, but those who do, could become a lifesavers. An amazing 38 students signed up to the register on the day, which the Anthony Nolan Trust said was a fantastic rate. Thank you to all students who selflessly signed up.

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Geography trip to Wales

For our Year 12 Geography NEA (Non-Examined Assessment), we went to Wales to research the area and base our NEA question around our studies. For our research, we spent a day in Criccieth (North Wales) and measured different material on the beach, which would help answer our question that we were trying to find out, for example the impact of the sea defences at Criccieth. Although the weather was rainy and windy, the experience was enjoyable and fun but cold! There were other schools at the Field Study Centre, which meant we met new people who we enjoyed the experience with. This trip has helped a lot in making our NEA as we got helpful advice, top tips and fun days out in Wales.

Jess Newman, 12A



Cit-Com speakers

This term we have welcomed several speakers for our sixth form Cit-Com lessons with the aim of broadening students' horizons and generating a deeper understanding of current affairs to prepare for life beyond school.

Animal Aid

Animal Aid campaigns peacefully against all forms of animal abuse and promotes cruelty-free living. The speaker spoke about experiments on animals, the use of animals in sport and the rise of veganism and finished with a healthy debate with students.

WizeUp

The financial charity WizeUp have provided some excellent educational sessions this term to help Year 13 students prepare for financial responsibilities after leaving school. Sessions have included how to budget and earn extra money, and how to manage flat sharing.

Academic Study Group on Israel

John Levy returned to John Colet to provide insight into the current political climate in the Middle East with a thought-provoking session on the economic, social and religious influences on the region, with some insightful questions posed by students.

Bucks Skills Show

Forty year 12 students attended the Bucks Skills Show at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, meeting over 125 employers and education providers in the local area. The interactive careers event showcased career pathways and education and training opportunities, with work experience and apprenticeships offered by multiple employers.



Parents and carers of Year 12

After Easter we will be starting to look at life after sixth form, with a talk on 'why higher education?' from Coventry University in the first week back. Students will be learning about the UCAS process and a trip is planned to the University of Hertfordshire to get a taste of university life. Year 12 exams take place from 2-7 May; please support your child in ensuring they are prepared for these. We hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Parents and carers of Year 13

When Year 13 students return after Easter they will have just three weeks of taught lessons at school before they go on study leave. Please help your child gain the most out of this crucial time by supporting their attendance at all timetabled lessons including study periods. We hope that all Year 13s have a productive Easter break and find the right combination of revision and relaxation.