

Heathcote Challenge Day

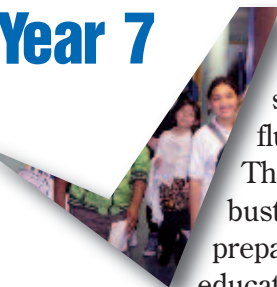


The word 'challenge' includes: to test, trial, experiment, question and face up to. As you read the text for the first challenge day this academic year, you will see that it has lived up to all these meanings, from murder mystery to preparing year 11 for their forthcoming exams.

I am pleased to report the construction of our sixth form is on time and within budget! We hope this particular challenge will stay the same all year.

Zoë Cozens

Year 7



Our latest Challenge Day started with a flurry of activity. The corridors bustled as students prepared to go out on educational visits, sporting activities and to visit galleries and museums. While, at school, we welcomed visitors from various organisations to work with our students and put on challenging activities relating to the curriculum.

Year 7 students took part in a variety of activities. A group went to Suntrap



for outdoor and indoor activities and team-building. Another group took part in fitness testing and assessment, using the computers to log their data. The third group spent the day in Science using Forensic skills to analyse a crime scene.



Year 8



A Year 8 group visited the Natural History Museum, where they had a trail to follow. Another group from Year 8 went to the William Morris Gallery to see the work on display there, and use it as inspiration for some printing work of their own back at school. Jamal Adan in the third group wrote: "Today for Challenge Day, we did a murder mystery, which meant we had to look for the murderer who apparently murdered Mr Patel. We had to find out the cause of death and the killer

by looking for many pieces of evidence and interviews that led us to the suspect and, finally, the real murderer. We also performed a play, showing step-by-step the death of Mr Patel. After a long day of being detectives, we found out that Mr McCarney was the murderer."



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Year 9

Year 9 students had a day of Work Related Learning in the form of an Industry day, this was supported by

the Education and Business Partnership for Waltham Forest. They had presentations and activities put on by representatives from engineering firms, leisure services, London Zoo, Chartwell Catering Company, the police, Stansted Airport and the



Army. These activities gave students the opportunity to do some team building activities, to learn about skills needed in certain areas of work and to gain insights into different types of work such as admin and the services.



Year 10

Year 10s were in their option groups and worked on different aspects of their GCSE courses. The BTEC PE and sixth Form PE groups went to the climbing wall to practice skills and work in teams. Year 10 drama students worked with a professional actor, Aine King. They used the challenge day to work on performance techniques and working with masks. Year 10 Catering used some of their session to research different foods especially using internet sites. They also had a food testing session.

The Resistant Materials Option group visited B&Q and were given



information about the materials they stock, and shown the automated paint mixing processes. They were given very attractive aprons, which they used for their product-making when they came back to school. The year 10 Art option group worked on a collaborative piece, each student worked on a different section of a large image, and they were used together to create a final picture.



Year 11

Year 11 students were all working in groups with outside trainers. They spent the day learning about learning styles, how to remember information for exams, note taking and other skills to boost their confidence and ability as the mocks approach.



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