

Heathcote Challenge Day



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On Friday 21st November we held our first Heathcote Challenge Day.

We moved away from normal timetabled lessons and had groups working in different and exciting ways.

There were interesting and challenging activities all around the school and beyond.

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Year 7

Year 7 students took part in one of three different activities: some were involved with PE fitness testing and logging the data they collected. Another group worked with the Languages department around the

theme of "Eurocafe", including learning lots of new vocabulary and making (and eating) different foods. The third group was involved in an EcoSchools activity, investigating concerns about the purchase of bottled mineral water and its impact on the environment. They worked together to make posters and leaflets, and to give a presentation on the subject.



Year 8

Year 8 students went out on trips: to the Tower of London, the Imperial War Museum or the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. Their work in English and Humanities was based around the theme of Remembrance.





Year 9

Year 9 students spent a day working on a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics challenge. There

were two parts to the challenge, one was building bridges, the second was making dragster cars. The day ended with an exciting opportunity for the dragsters to race and for students to see which of the designs was most effective.

Year 10

Year 10 students took part in enrichment activities linked to Option subjects. A visiting artist held a sculpture workshop

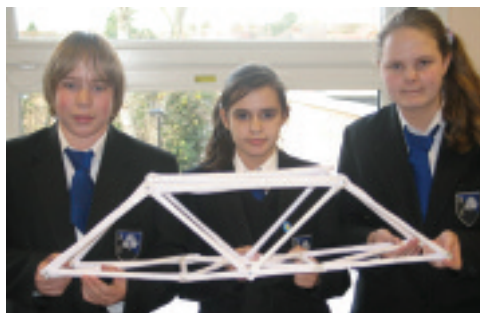
with the Art group. Students who do Graphics created an A1 relief collage based on architecture using different materials and techniques. Music students spent the day refining and improving their ensemble skills. The end result was a professional (and for most students their first) recording of their piece. The Study Plus students prepared questionnaires and interviewed people around the school. They used the informative interview and the data they collected to produce presentations later in the day. Textiles students were challenged to design and produce bags during the day. They had to use all their skills working under pressure. In PE there were team-building and skills activities, keeping the students active for the day. In Business Studies, students were involved in an Enterprise Activity based on the distribution of bottled water. They had to create a business plan based on developing ideas around people, the planet and profit.

Year 11

Year 11 students took part in an Enterprise day working with the Education Business partnership team from the borough.

Working in groups they had to produce business and financial plans,

design and make a tee shirt for the 2012 Olympics and present their work at a Trade Fair. There were some great designs and lots of creative work going on. The winning team was Gold Flame.



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