

Heathcote Challenge Day



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February 12th was our second Challenge Day. We started by saying goodbye to groups of year 8 students going on their various educational visits around London. We welcomed into school: study coaches, engineers, artists and members of Connexions and the health service who came to inspire and work with our young people. This Newsletter only provides a snapshot of an exciting and enjoyable time. Once again, I would like to thank our visitors, staff and students who contributed to this most successful day.

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Year 7

Year 7s moved onto their next activity in the ecoschools-Eurocafe-PE cycle, including exciting opportunities with European food; and excellent, high quality presentations. The PE students were busy testing their own fitness and then logging their data for analysis.

They researched sports and gave presentations at the end of the day.



Year 8

One group of Year 8 was working, with Ms Cozens, designing and making tree houses. Other Year 8s went on their second educational visit, looking at areas of interest in

London. Though, this time, they went to the National Maritime Museum, the Tower of London and the Museum of London in Docklands.





Year 9

Year 9 continued on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths theme. This time they worked with visitors to build a paper model of the London Eye.

They also designed and made fairground attractions using modelling materials. One big change was that they worked in their house groups, instead of their form groups. The competition was won by Zeta, Omega came second and Infinity came third.



Year 10

Year 10s had a range of activities based on their option subjects. The Art and Design group worked on a Lantern Project and had two visiting

artists to work with them. In Art, there was a sculpture workshop. The Expressive Arts students used their skills to prepare a group of Whitehall primary students to put on a performance to an invited audience. In French and German, students worked on film scripts based on disastrous holiday scenarios. They had the chance to practice language skills, and to have their work videoed (using location shooting around the school) to help with future oral exams. History students had a chance to use their Historical skills to carry out an investigation into Jack the Ripper. Business Studies groups were involved in an Events Management activity; and the XL group had a programme of PSHCE workshops, including the chance to speak to and interview visitors, including a health care professional.



Year 11

Year 11 spent the day with professional trainers who took them through a range of revision techniques and looked at ways of developing Study Skills: they learned and used techniques for remembering information, mind mapping and lots of other ways to help revise. This was done in time to get ready for the coming exams.

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