

Heathcote Challenge Day

Once again we re-organised the day to set exciting learning challenges for all our students.

A Message from the Head



Zoë Cozens, Headteacher

The challenge Day is traditionally a fun, lively and high achieving day and this one was no exception.

As I walked around the School students were engrossed in a variety of activities. Some of the more memorable events included the Suntrap students covered head to toe in mud and James Hankey in Year 11 modelling an environmentally friendly recyclable bikini – in full uniform of course!

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Year 7s split up to do three different activities.

Year 7

One group went to the outdoor facility, Suntrap, where they did orienteering.

Another group went to the Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge and went foraging in the forest. They used

their finds to make collages later on in the day. They also took part in cooking some Tudor recipes.



They had a poor-person's lunch sampling wholemeal bread, rustic vegetable soup, yeoman's pudding and apple rings.

The third group spent the day doing PE activities and fitness testing. They went to ICT rooms to log the data they collected.



Year 8

Year 8s had a programme of educational visits, to the Tower of London, the Natural History Museum and to the National Maritime Museum.



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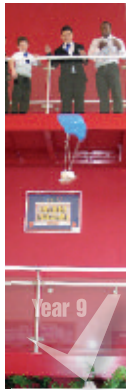


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Year 9

Year 9 students took part in three challenges, in House teams, based around Science, Technology Engineering and Maths. They were building bridges from paper, nuts and bolts, making parachutes and creating marble runs.



Year 11

Year 11 took part in an Enterprise Challenge where each group formed a company, wrote a business plan and designed a product from recycled materials. The day finished with a trade fair where the products were launched. The winning team came up with a very stylish way of using recycled materials to create beachwear.



Year 10

Year 10 students took part in challenges relating to their option subjects. The BTEC Art group worked with visiting artist, Faga Cooper. They used plaster of Paris to make moulds and casts. The Drama group practised skills, developed a play and had it ready to perform to an audience of Whitehall students. A professional company called Access to Music came in to help our students develop their ensemble work. The PE

group went to the Mile End climbing wall, developing new sporting skills and teamwork. In Dance, students worked with



freelance dancers, Ella Robson and Paul Isles on choreography and performing a dance set. In Business Studies, after a "Dragon's Den" type activity, students analysed products and gave presentations to advertise them. Local and oral history were the focus of the History group's work. They toured Chingford Library, listened to a visitor talk about local history, worked with local history materials from Vestry House



Museum and conducted a survey themselves. The Personal and Social Development

group visited Waltham Forest College for a taster day to experience college life.



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