

Year 12 UCAS Event

Ms K Levere

Year 12 have been learning all about University - from the subjects they could be studying to how to budget when you are a student. The aim of the two-day event was to inspire our students to really consider university.

Guest speakers included representatives from Oxford, Cambridge, Middlesex and Hertfordshire Universities. Staff from the Academy talked to the students about their experiences at University and Geeta Varma from Credit Union spoke to students about the importance of financial management.



Army Careers Day

Ms J Colledge

A group of Year 9 students from the Academy had a chance to find out all about the armed and uniformed services when they recently visited an Army Training Barracks.

The group travelled by coach to Bassingbourne, in Hertfordshire, where they spent the day exploring the exhibition which gave them an insight into all the pathways the Army offers, including careers in catering, administration and dentistry. As well as seeing a number of demonstrations including combat, motorcycles and marching bands students got the chance to talk to young soldiers about their working lives and aspirations.



Sky / Whatif Workshops

Ms J Colledge

Students from the Academy recently took part in a workshop provided by Sky TV and the creative agency Whatif.

The event was designed to give students first hand experience of the Research & Development process in Business.

The students took part in a number of creative activities before taking part in an exercise to design the entertainment system of the future.



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Georgia chosen to represent Essex



Talented Year 9 athlete, Georgia Tuckfield has been chosen to represent Essex in the England Schools Athletics Championships, which are being held in Gateshead on the 1 and 2 July.

Georgia, who runs for Walthamstow Academy and Orion Harriers, won the Virgin London Mini Marathon two years running and will be looking to add to her recent silver medal in the Essex Schools 1500m.

Olympic Village Trip

Mr G Matthews

On 8 June a group of students made the short journey to the Olympic village to see how the preparations for next year's games are taking shape.

The PE department are keen to use the Olympic Games as a platform to raise the profile of sport across the Academy. The students who were invited to attend the trip were all talented sportspersons and included Georgia Tuckfield, the winner of the Virgin London Mini Marathon (Girls 13-14).



Academy students at the Olympic Village

Year 7 Share-A-Story Month

Ms J Lesneski



Some of our Year 7 story writers

Year 7 students marked the *National Literacy Trust's* Share-a-story month by writing a collective story. 7C wrote the introduction and this was then passed, throughout the week, to each tutor group in Year 7 who developed and added to it. At the end of the week the whole of Year 7 had created a collaborative story. On Monday 23 May two representatives from each tutor group read the story aloud during the Year 7 assembly.

You can read the full story on our website.

Professional Interview Day

Ms J Colledge

Year 10 students got a taste of working life when they took part in a Professional Interview Day. The students completed job applications and were formally interviewed by visitors from a range of business organisations.

We are extremely proud of all of our students who took part. The interviewers commented on how professionally the Academy students presented themselves and how well prepared they were for their interviews.



Year 10 students being interviewed

Message from the Principal

As we approach July we have, as usual, much to celebrate and much to look forward to. I am particularly pleased with the events we have held over the past few weeks to encourage our students to think ahead to their university choices and to their careers. You can read about many of these in this newsletter.

This term, our students in KS4 and KS5 have had exams to revise for and to take. We have been so proud of how well they have handled these pressures; they have been confident and calm throughout. They have shown us that they want to



Emma Skae—Principal

do their best and we know that, in August when they get their results, every student will feel confident they could not have tried any harder. In the last newsletter, I wrote to you about our response to the surveys you carried out about the Academy. Having now consulted with students on what we can do to address their concerns, our Development Planning is almost complete for the next academic year and we are confident that the Academy will continue to improve and excel. I would like to thank you for your support throughout this process.

Year 10 Work Experience

Ms J Colledge



Year 10 students at the Academy have just completed their two week work experience placement. Students worked for the fortnight in a broad range of workplaces including schools, shops, doctors surgeries, hospitals, garages, landscape gardeners, publishers and film production companies.

Many of our students responded exceptionally to the challenge and some have been offered summer placements and part-time jobs as a result of their efforts.

Comments from the employers include:

"Sets the bench mark now for further work experience students to live up to."

"Has shown great maturity and initiative throughout."

"Has been so good we'd like to keep him for an extra week please."

"Really good team worker. And has great skill when dealing with customers"