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Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

It is the end of another extremely busy week, it has been a real pleasure to get into so many lessons particularly with Years 11 and 13 who are working so hard in preparation for their exams which start in the next few weeks.

Today I managed to join the latest meeting of our student ARC group who are continuing to work behind the scenes on projects that will be going live to the rest of the school over the coming months and more details regarding this will be in News and Views next week.

In this week's News and Views, we hear all about the plans for The Queen's Jubilee and how the school will celebrate this momentous event. We also get a glimpse of what our students have been doing to celebrate British Science Week. Have a great weekend.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Queen's Jubilee celebrations will be taking place on Friday 27th May. This will include a non-uniform day where we are encouraging red, white or blue colours to be worn. There will be a special British menu including our usual fish and chips available at lunch. We will be hosting a mini playground party for some of our Leadership Teams with the Music Department band helping to host the event.



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British Science Week

The Science Faculty has been busy over the last term bringing experiments into the classroom and planning visits beyond the classroom.

British Science Week

British Science Week is a celebration of science throughout the whole of the UK.

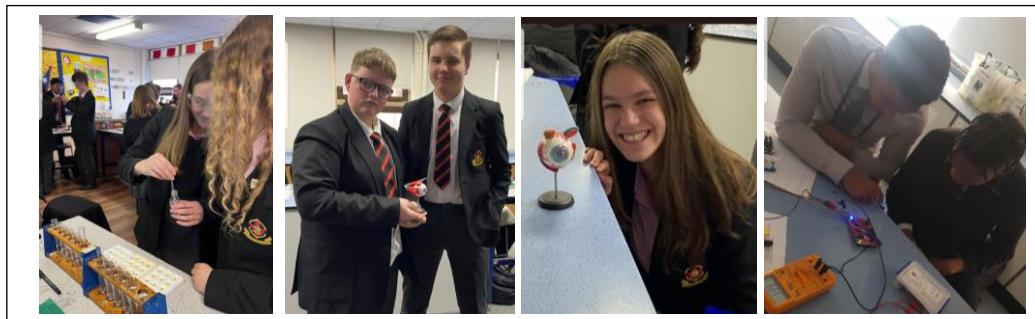
This year the theme for British Science Week was 'Growth'! Students in Years 7 and 8 had the opportunity to take part in a quiz, national poster competition and growing spaghetti towers challenge.



In lessons students have been continuing to use practical investigations to consolidate their understanding. Year 8 students have been investigating drag as part of their unit on forces and Year 9 have applied their knowledge of polymers to investigate the properties of slime.



Whilst Year 10 students have started studying waves and used Slinkys to describe the properties of transverse and longitudinal waves. Year 11 have been focussing on the required practicals which will feature in their GCSE papers, including the effect of pH on enzymes. Year 12 were able to measure Planck's constant using electronics kits from The University of Southampton.



The summer term will see visits to Colchester Zoo and The Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition.



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