



NEWS & VIEWS

Be The Best You Can Be

Headteacher: Mr I Smyrk

Traditional Values

Learning for the Future

Outstanding Personal Achievement



Headteacher's Comment

Good afternoon

It has been an absolute pleasure to get into so many lessons this week to see such fantastic learning and teaching going on. It is particularly pleasing when our students take responsibility for their own learning as a class of our Year 8 students did when carrying out one of their science experiments.

The work on the Key Stage 3 production is becoming more intense in preparation for the shows next week and I will be meeting some of our brilliant AV student technicians next week to show me what they do behind the scenes.

Good luck to our hard working students in Years 11 and 13 as they continue with their exams next week!

In this week's news and views, I share the fantastic achievement from our Head of Faculty for PE and Performing Arts, Mrs Swan who represented England at the Nations Cup in Netherlands for Badminton. Huge congratulations well done.

Finally, we share news of our Year 10 and Year 12 trip to Berlin which took place before the May half term. Thank you to Mrs Mercer and all the staff involved in helping organise this trip.

Have a good weekend.



Nations Cup Badminton

Congratulations to our Head of Faculty for PE and Performing Arts, Mrs Swan, who represented England for Badminton last week at the Nations Cup team event in Haarlem (Netherlands).

England beat France, Spain, Germany, Sweden and Holland in a 4 day competition which saw over 400 players compete. Mrs Swan is the current over 45 women's doubles European Champion, having won Gold in Slovenia last August. She will next represent England at the World Championships 2023 in South Korea! #BeTheBestYouCanBe



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Year 10 & 12 MFL Trip to Berlin

We are very pleased we have been able to offer again our popular Berlin trip for GCSE and A Level students. This year proved once again to be a packed schedule of many of Berlin's most famous sights.

After an incredibly early departure from school we arrived in Berlin and started off our trip with some fantastic 360° views of the city from the top of the Fernsehturm. After a bit of light shopping and a delicious Schnitzel lunch we made our way to the interactive DDR museum. We then returned to our hostel to enjoy some free time, where many students took advantage of the hotel's table football and snooker table.

On day 2, we gained more understanding into Berlin's history through a guided walking tour, which took us from the well-known Brandenburg gate, towards Checkpoint Charlie, the Holocaust Memorial and Hitler's bunker. We were able to enjoy some German Currywurst for lunch before making our way to the concentration camp at Sachsenhausen, where we had another guided tour. The evening finished off with a visit to a traditional restaurant at the river bank.

On day 3 we experienced more German history with a visit to the Holocaust Museum and after lunch we then entered the Reichstag, and walked up to the dome at the top. The day was made complete by a relaxing visit to a bowling alley where we all enjoyed some light-hearted competitiveness together.

On day 4 after a traditional German breakfast, we had plenty of free time. We started off our day with a walk along the East Side Gallery (the largest remaining part of the Berlin Wall which separated East and West Berlin for nearly 30 years). After visiting the famous Rausch Scokoladenhaus we headed towards Unter den Linden for some more shopping, followed by some important souvenir-buying opportunities from the famous Ampelmann shop.

Overall the trip was a great success and an excellent way for all the students to practise their German skills and to gain an introduction into German life, history and culture.





Year 10 & 12 MFL Trip to Berlin Cont.



Dates for the Diary

- 12.06.23 -16.6.23 - Year 9 Reflection Fortnight
- 12.06.23 - More Able Trip
- 12.06.23 - Lower School Production Dress Rehearsals
- 14.06.23 - Year 10 Computer Science Trip
- 14.06.23 - Year 12 UCAS Discovery Trip
- 13.06.23 & 14.06.23 - Lower School Productions (Beauty and the Beast)
- 14.06.23 & 15.06.23 - Year 10 Geography Trip
- 16.06.23 - Year 7 and Year 8 Reports Home

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