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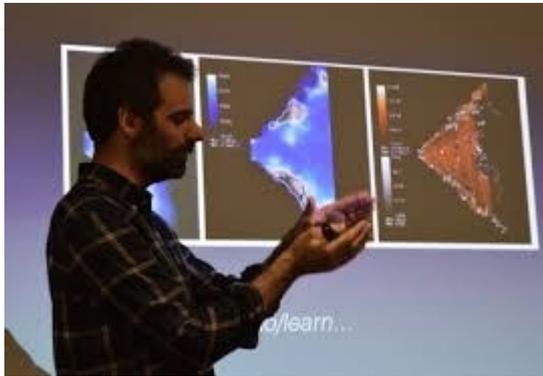
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Big Ideas Lecture Series: Landing on other Planets – Review

The second lectures of the Big Ideas lecture series, organised by the College was delivered by Dr. Salvador Navarro, a Senior Lecturer at Imperial College, London. Though he currently specialises in the field of thermo-fluids (the study of fluids at varying temperatures), his lecture to us was on his PhD topic of aeronautics and aerodynamics (the study of motion of the air/object within the air, and the motion of craft in space), specifically during the re-entry of space craft when returning to earth or, for future applications, the entry into the Martian atmosphere. It reinforced the concepts that we had learnt during the

progression of our course, in addition to introducing students to a few complex yet intriguing equations and applications analysing the re-entry process of crafts like the Command/Service Module of Apollo 11, and the Boeing X-37 Space plane. Apart from further insight into the struggles of the modern-day aeronautics engineer, including dealing with high temperatures and the changing environment within the stratosphere, students could appreciate the importance and value of these intricate equations, and the work of engineers who endeavour to further humanity's reach out into our solar system and help us to realise our dreams of going further beyond.

Jed Young, Year 13.

Year 10 Business Trip to Metro Bank Head Office.



On Wednesday it was International Girls day. The Business Studies department decided to celebrate this day by bringing 16 girls who study Business to the head office of Metro Bank in Holborn London. The day was aimed at giving girls advice and experience in dealing with job interviews and CV writing. There were bank staff working with the girls individually and group tasks aimed at encouraging girls to aim for top jobs within the City of London. The girls agreed the day was a success with one of many corporate partners St Michael's has links with.

- Mr Merrigan - Head of Business and Economics



The UN Day of the Girl Conference at St. Paul's Cathedral



The Girl Talk event is a programme where girls get to go around and meet mentors from a variety of jobs in order to increase awareness about the selection of job opportunities available for them. The Girl Talk mentoring event surpassed my expectation. The architecture of the Cathedral was captivating and the mentors that participated were informative and engaging. I appreciated the advice about the importance of work experience as this was not something I considered as significant after university. Previously, I was never interested in Law or consultancy but after the talks with the women in the Legal and the Business Regulatory Management Departments, it started to appeal to me. Overall, I am fortunate for this opportunity and was particularly won over by the free pens that were given out. - *Bilikisu Salami*, Year 13

Year 11 trip to the Half Moon Theatre WHAT ONCE WAS OURS



On Tuesday 5th of October the Year 11 Drama Class took a trip to the familiar Half Moon Theatre in East London. We were the first audience to watch the full complete performance of "What Once was Ours" in a peculiar and new staging format that came as a surprise. This initially enabled us as an audience to feel our Fourth Wall being shattered by the characters of Callum and Sarah who directly addressed us and also engaged in an off-script conversation with us, mid-performance!

The performance was highly beneficial to us as it allowed us to pick and replicate ideas that we can use in our upcoming Drama exam.

There is a clear and strong relationship between St Michael's and Half Moon



as our work from our Year 10 workshop module is what they based the whole performance on.

The highlight of the day was when we had the opportunity to ask the actors questions about their preparations and the practice that it was based on. We met the entire crew and they invited us to voice our opinions as many of us engaged in filmed interviews, allowing us to represent our school in a positive light. As always. - *Ricky Obaseki, Year 11*



CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION

We collected £210.10 during lunchtime on CAFOD Fast Day 6th October. Many students were very generous and put their loose change into the collection boxes. This money will go to CAFOD which supports

the world's poorest people with a combination of short term and long term aid.

THE ROMERO PRAYER

This prayer was composed by **Bishop Ken Untener** of Saginaw, drafted for a homily by Cardinal John Dearden in Nov. 1979 for a celebration of departed priests. As a reflection on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop Romero, Bishop Untener included in a reflection book a passage titled "The mystery of the Romero Prayer." The mystery is that the words of the prayer are attributed to Oscar Romero, but they were never spoken by him.

A STEP ALONG THE WAY

This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need
further development.

We provide yeast that produces far
beyond our capabilities. ...

It is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to
enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but
we are workers, not master builders;
ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our
own."

Safeguarding

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