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Year 12 trip to Parliament



On Monday 8th January 2018, the Year 12 Government, Politics, and History students went to the Houses of Parliament at the Palace of Westminster. This was to enhance our knowledge for our studies in school, but to do so outside of the classroom, as well as to see the Houses of Parliament in person instead of looking at pictures or videos in class.



During the day, we went to the Houses of Parliament and were given a tour around including visiting the House of Lords and House of Commons, standing where the members sit themselves



(including Lord Sugar), as well as being told about the history of the Houses and what happens in its different areas.

We then gathered and spoke to a lady who led a presentation and activities for us to



better understand and get more involved with our electoral system.

After this, our own MP of Southwark Neil Coyle gave his time to speak to us and answer any questions we prepared pre-trip for him, which he was very impressed with, so impressed that he stayed with us. Next, we visited the Supreme Court in Westminster: we went to the exhibition which provided an insight into the work and history of the UK's highest court, as well as the history of the building, and we also went to a court room to see what it is really like in the highest court in the UK and were able to sit in the judges seats, as well as to read documents set out on the side which spoke about the courtroom itself and what type of cases it hears. After this, we walked to 10 Downing Street to see what it looked like. After our lunch, we made our way back to the Houses of Parliament to watch the live debate in the House of Commons at 2:30 regarding the MP's constituencies asking the minister's questions and included the late Minister of Education Justine Greening. - **Lucy Johnson**

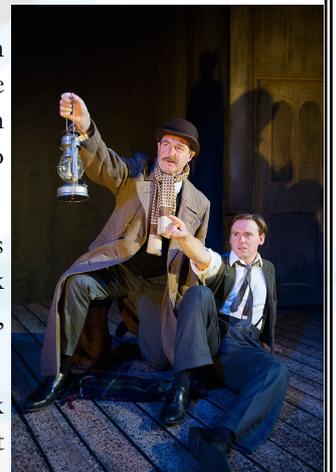
Meeting the "Woman in Black"



My Drama class went to see the extraordinary play "The Woman in Black" on Tuesday 9th of January at the Future Theatre as part of the Curriculum, to prepare for the Life Theatre Review in the written exam that we have to sit in the summer. Despite being played by only two actors the play had so many thrills: at one point I was even off my seat!

The actors told the story of a grieving mother who had died and comes back as a ghost to haunt everyone. Once you've seen the Lady in Black a child would die. With the use of special effects and sinister lighting, they brought this terrifying take to life.

My personal favourite part was when the actual woman in black appeared behind one of the actors. The whole performance was left when on a cliff hanger, - I won't spoil that for you.



I definitely think this is a must see theatre performance. The night was absolutely brilliant!. - **Toni - Yr 11**

Great British Dance Off 2018



The 15th of January was a big day for all the students of St Michael's Catholic College that participated in the dance club by Mrs Hillman because it was the day when we would be in The Great British Dance Off.

It was amazing !!!

When we got there, there were many students practicing from different schools. We were the first ones up for rehearsal and I felt quite nervous. When we finished we started to get ready and had our lunch. After everyone rehearsed we were all put into two groups: the first group (where we were) had to perform in the first part of the performance and the second group performed after the break. The lady who was hosting told us what room number we had to go to, to prepare ourselves, and when I stepped inside the room I felt like a popstar (like Hannah Montana) with the lights on the mirrors . So cool !!!

We were up next and butterflies started to come, but once on stage I started feeling a little bit better because of the smoke that blocked my view, so I couldn't see anybody's faces staring at me (which is good).

After our performance we received little treats for how well we did: delicious! And when the break started we went to sit down and watch the others perform. They were really good!!!!

It doesn't really matter where we came in place, it just matters if we had fun and that's what we had.

Our day was incredible. Thank you Mrs Hillman and Mrs Iwobi for taking your time out to help us prepare our amazing dance and taking us on a safe journey there and back. - **Laura Proenca**

Table Tennis House Competition



The scene was set, 11am at break the Heads of houses would battle for 500 points playing table tennis, making their way to the table tennis area like Gladiators entering the Coliseum with cheers from students.

Representing the House of Saint Dominic Savio were Mr Nwandison and Miss Osei vs House of Saint Mary Mozzarella were Mr Walker and Mr Gilchrist. It was a frenetic start from both sides

trading shots and winning points in a bubbling cauldron of noise and bravado from students. But in the end Saint Dominic Savio were victorious with expert skills from Mr Nwandison to take the 500 points for His house Savio. - **Mr D. Nwandison**



Chaplain's Bulletin

In January, the Catholic Church celebrated the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus; and in February, we turn to the entire Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

“Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy holy Family, that in the hour of our death Thy glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by Thee into everlasting dwellings: who live and reign world without end. Amen.”



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