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St Ursula's and Anne Frank

On Friday the 9th of March 2018, we went on a school trip to St Ursula's and learnt all about Anne Frank's story and how she coped with Hitler's army.

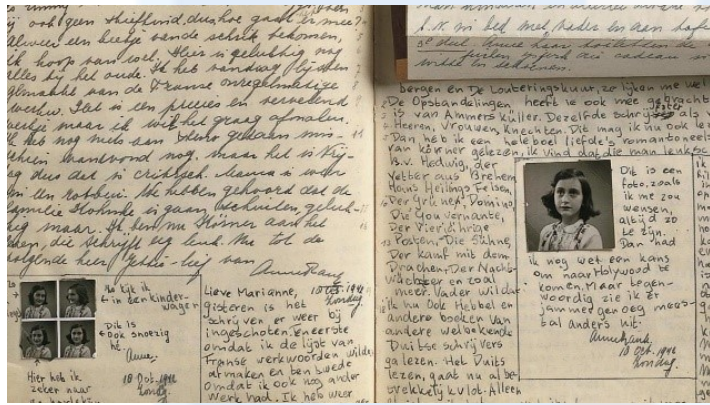
Hitler's Army was a nightmare for the Jewish people. He wanted to persecute them because he deemed they were not worthy and important in his view. Anne Frank was trying to avoid this happening to her and her family.

We have learnt a lot during our visit. They taught us that Anne Frank was a Jewish girl who had to go into hiding during World War Two to escape the Nazis. Together with seven others. She hid in the 'secret annex' at Prinsengracht 263 in Amsterdam.



Later on, Anne Frank didn't have anyone to talk to therefore she called her diary "Kitty" as it was the only thing she could talk to. She "tells" her diary all about Hitler's Army trying to find her family, how she was worried and decided to hide. She was somehow found out by the soldiers and eventually was killed with many others.

Anne Frank is important because she is one voice out of 6 million Jews who were murdered systematically during World War-II. Anne Frank's wish was "to live even after her death". And she did so through her diary. - **Maria, Hermy and Laura**



City career Open House

On Monday 12th of March, we went to PWC for a celebration of our mentoring and to receive our certificates. We took part in many activities such as a presentation about a business company and trying to see if the company was a good thing or a bad thing. We also made new friends from different backgrounds and religions, I think this helped us to make our presentations better because of what they eat, do and believe. Working in different groups helped us to put our information together and present everything at the end. Finally, we received certificates for our great effort and having a PWC mentor really helped us to see what we can improve at school as well as home. We really enjoyed our day there and hope we can come back soon! - **Isabella O., Greta G. Year 10**



Brilliant Scholar's Club

The Brilliant Scholar's Program is a course designed to give young people the opportunity to experience what it's like to be in a university. Our launch was at Kings College University and we met our PHD tutor, Florence Platford for the first time. We also took a tour of the University and got to know a bit about it so we can already start planning about what university we want to go to. Then, over the course of 6 weeks, we were able to learn about human progress throughout history and key ideas about philosophy. We were working towards an ultimate goal, which was our 2000 word essay. By the end of it, we all passed with exceptional grades and got to take part in a graduation trip to the University of Cambridge. I personally liked Cambridge much more than KCL but both trips were equally enjoyable. We once again got to tour the campus and partake in different activities designed to help us understand university life, like an interactive speech. Overall, it was an amazing experience that I would definitely do again if I was given the chance. - **Sophia M-K**





A trip to King's University

On Wednesday, 7th March, the Year 9 Kings Scholars travelled to Embankment, to go to Kings University, to participate in one of the many careers days that they offer. On this day, we met with some highly skilled lawyers: one barrister and one solicitor. They both produced a power point about how they became lawyers, their career paths, why they love their jobs, and who they work with. I felt that my knowledge was extended to a point where I now have an ambition to become a lawyer. After this, we worked with King's Scholars team to come up with inspiring and creative drama performances about different career paths that we had learned and researched about prior to this. From this I learned a lot as I found out further information about different career sectors, I also now know more about what I will learn about in University and what degree I need to apply for in order to become a lawyer. - **Ellie F. 9WE**

Easter Hamper Raffle

Year 7 have recently completed a business enterprise project in partnership with Grant Thornton.

Each house group were given a £50 start up loan to use to make their own businesses. This included learning about what makes you an entrepreneur. We learnt a lot of important skills such as teamwork, delegating different roles and leadership. Each year 7 house group had to deliberate and come up with their own business proposal. Bosco originally chose to make and sell slime. However as slime is a contraband in school we soon changed our idea to an Easter egg raffle. We organised ourselves into sub-teams such as sales, advertising and design and the ticket sales soon came in. We had strong completion from the other forms selling, hair bows, sweets and even running a talent show.

Overall year 7 raised £212.77, with Bosco House raising a winning £111.32 of this, Savio £71.08 and Mazzarello £42.36.

Year 7 had the opportunity to help one of four entrepreneurs to set up a small business in lower income countries. We chose to loan our profits to Maria Carmen Mormorales Guandinango from Topo Grande who is now using this to fund her business making traditional indigenous blouses for women, and bracelets with designs from her local area. This has been a great experience for us and we are glad to know that our efforts will have helped change Maria and her family's life. - **Sadie B. 7DA.**



About St George



St. George was a high-ranking officer in the Roman army who protested against the Romans' torture of Christians. Roman emperor Diocletian ordered his death for failing to recant his faith. And that's how he became a Christian martyr. People may think St George's was English, but he was actually born in Cappadocia, Turkey, around 270AD and passed away on 23 April, which has become St George's Day. He's not just England's patron Saint, he's also patron Saint of countries like Ethiopia, Georgia and Portugal, and cities such as Freiburg, Moscow and Beirut. George was seen as an especially powerful intercessor.

Prayer to St George

Heavenly Father,

give us the bravery of St George
to stand up for the truth and the glory of
God

that we have seen in the face of Jesus
Christ.

Give us the strength to overcome
in our lives and in the world,
all that is contrary to your rule of justice
and love.

Help us to be good news to the poor,
proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind;
let the oppressed go free, and
proclaim the good news of God's favour
and Jubilee.

Amen

Safeguarding

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