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KING'S SCHOLARS

Exam Skills

On Friday 17th of September 2017 St Michael's Catholic College attended Kings College London at the Strand Campus for a day focusing on exam skills. We had two hour sessions in groups led by experts in exam preparation. Our session was led by Daniel who gave up a career in computer programming in order to develop revision skills for students.

He taught us various skills and valuable information. One thing that I remember from the day was if you were to walk across all the neutrons in our brain, it would take you around 31 million years. He also taught us how to take notes in class which was one of the King Scholar skills which I learnt in spring up school. In class I had found it quite hard to take notes but I do like drawing. Daniel showed us better ways to take notes in class and I have been drawing diagrams, thus helping me understand better in contemplation of doing well in my exams. Daniel had also showed us how to remember various EU countries and the first 10 elements of the periodic table. The sessions were really entertaining as well as useful. All-told it was really fun day (with good lunch as well) and owing to this day I should do well in my upcoming exams.

De Winton Parker, Year 9BE

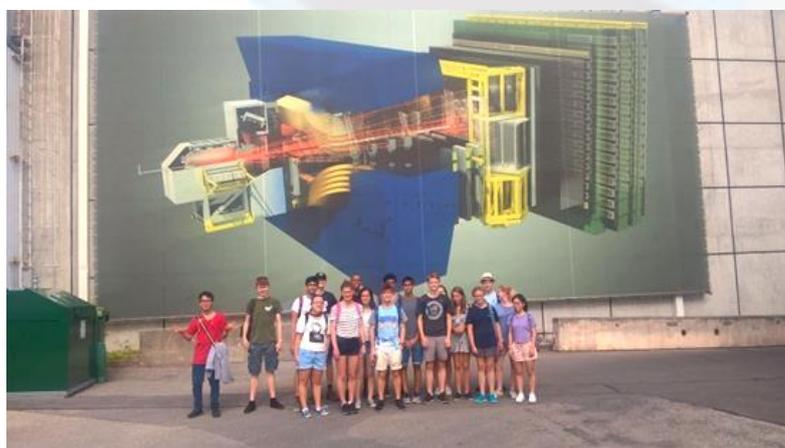


News

Congratulations to King's Scholars Lauren Stewart and Monika Luli who were both awarded a kindle for their excellent essay submissions. As an outcome of the King's Scholars Summer School, all students were asked to submit an essay on a degree area of their choice. The standard of these was excellent across all 13 King's Scholars Partner Schools. So well done to Monika and Lauren for their great achievement.

Year 13 visit to CERN (European Organisation for Nuclear research)

We began our CERN trip by first visiting the Globe exhibitions where we were informed of the principles of the Large Hadron Collider, the layout of CERN and its history.



Over the five days we were in Geneva we were given detailed lectures about particle physics like neutrons and an overview of particle supersymmetry. The lectures were given by professors at CERN and PhD students from Liverpool University. We also visited many different facilities in CERN which conducted different experiments such as the LHCb as well as the ATLAS control room.

During our time at the different experiments we learnt about the structure of each lab and how they were made. The PhD students prepared many activities for us which included Kaon selection and data analysis. Using C++ (programming language) we were given a large amount of raw data which included large amounts of useless background information. We were asked to remove the irrelevant data by using and altering a program.

Overall it was an incredible trip and a good experience and I would encourage more people to apply to it. - *Francis Aigbe*

Breaking barriers on water



For the past few weeks myself and a group of students who have been chosen by our Leaders of Learning and Mr Lewis, to be part of the “Breaking barriers on water” scheme. Every week to begin with we do a warm up task where we can get to know each other better and to get to know our mentors and then we go step by step to learn each stage of rowing. The first week we learnt how to balance on the boat, get in and out and also how to set up the boat. The second week we learnt how to actually row the boat and we went out onto the water finally we learnt how to reverse and how to steer. It is a good experience as we can add it onto our CV’s. I highly enjoy rowing and would definitely recommend it for other students next year if the opportunity does arise, rowing has been a way for me to stay active and healthy through doing something enjoyable, and I look forward to my rowing weeks to come!

Reme Dale-Perkins and Emmanuel Osei-Mensah, Year 10

Chaplain’s Corner



Traditionally in the Catholic Church, in the months of May and October we pray the Rosary.

The Rosary begins with the Apostles Creed, followed by one Our Father, three Hail Mary’s (traditionally offered for an increase in faith, hope, and charity for those praying the Rosary), a Glory Be, and, if desired, the Fatima Prayer. Next come five mysteries, each consisting of one Our Father, ten Hail Mary’s, a Glory Be, and, if desired, the Fatima Prayers.

We conclude with the Hail Holy Queen.

St Michael’s Day

Friday 29th September marked the feast day of St. Michael in the usual tradition we gave out chocolate to the students at the end of the day.

Here is a prayer for St Michael.

In the hour of darkness when overcome by fear
I call upon the Archangel, to protect me here
From Heaven now He will gloriously appear
With an army of Angels to fortify my mind
His blessed powers reaching far and wide
I am strong with St. Michael by my side

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!

Congratulations to Ryan, Marcel, Billie and Edivania from Year 13 history who managed to explore over 40 historical sites this summer. They crept through grave yards to see Karl Marx’s resting space. Climbed up to the Greenwich observatory and visited every major museum in the capital. Our explorers of the past will be receiving a reward of a Nandos dinner voucher.



The picture above shows two of our winners outside the Imperial War museum on either side of a section from the Berlin wall. Come to Mr Magnoff for a special prize if you are able to correctly infer which side of the wall was facing West Berlin and which side was facing East Berlin.

Safeguarding

Important Notice from the Safeguarding Officer - there is a copy of our Safeguarding Policy on the College Website. A hard copy of this is available in the College Office.



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