



## King's College

From the 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May, 24 Year 8 King's Scholars were lucky enough to spend three days at the university, gaining and insight in to a range of subjects that they may be interested in studying in the future.

Students were given lessons and participated in activities around subjects such as: Should Stop and search be legal? How did Donald trump get elected? What do teeth tell us about their owners and in

Psychology, did Zimbardo go too far in his prison experiment? Students also learned about clinical skills in healthcare.

All the students behaved brilliantly and they all said that they gained a lot from the experience. Students will now need to choose their specialist subject and produce an A level style EPQ.



## Jack Petchey

Yasmin Bonsu in Year 10 represented St. Michael's at the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, having won the school competition for the best speaker. Julia Malie from the Speaker's Trust stated that Yasmin gave a 'wonderful' performance at the final and that she spoke 'beautifully'.

Being a regional finalist in the Jack Petchey Speak-Out Competition was a thrilling and life-changing experience. I have learnt and developed new skills that will be of great use in the future; I have made new friends and it has given me a chance to gain more confidence.

Before Jack Petchey, I was a student that could handle giving speeches but wasn't a really big fan of it. Ever since I stepped on the stage to voice out my opinion on social media's effect on the youth, I have been more confident to give out speeches- no matter what size of the crowd. The Jack Petchey Speak-Out challenge was a very interesting and fun journey. I had huge support from friends, family and teachers and I had the chance to declare a very opinionated talk on one of the key issues on society today.

I think Jack Petchey is a marvellous programme that allows young people to come out of their comfort zone and explore what they can do, when challenged. I'm very glad that I took part and I intend to use the skills I learnt effectively in the future. -

**Yasmin B, Y10**



## Tideways and London youth Rowing

One of our Year 10 class attended a graduation ceremony for Tideways in association with London Youth Rowing mentoring programme. The students started the programme in September last year and finished last month. There were 4 other schools that took part in an inter school rowing competition and St Michaels won. Here follow the words of one of our students.

Tideways and London Youth Rowing and mentoring programme was a great experience. I was able to learn many new skills and also improve many existing ones ranging from teamwork to time management. The course was very worthwhile and enjoyable, I took part in many rowing activities which helped to boost my confidence as I had never rowed before. By the end of the course, we all graduated and got certificates we met many important people. Overall the Tideway programme was outstanding and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to all year 9 students!

- **Emmanuel O.M. 10CA**



## Geography Trips

### **Year 9 trip to the Royal Geographical Society**

A group of year 9 Geographers had the opportunity to go the Royal Geographical Society recently to learn more about the relevance of Geography in the real world. The RGS work with geographers and explorers all over the world to support them and advance Geography worldwide, so it was an exciting venue to visit. They had four different sessions run by Geography Ambassadors who are currently studying Geography at University which gave them an opportunity to ask questions about the subject at GCSE and further on. The sessions included topics such as 'the Geography of Star Wars,' creating a research project, climate change and using technology in Geography. Overall, the students gained a lot from it and could see how varied and relevant Geography is as a subject!



### **Year 11 trip to Stratford**

A couple of weeks ago the year 11 Geographers went on their final trip of their course to Stratford Olympic Park. Despite the freezing temperatures and being outside all day they did a really good job of researching the effect of the Olympic Park on the environment. They went to four different sites and carried out different fieldwork techniques. Well done to Devonté and his team for on top of all of this creating a video to teach year 7 Geography fieldwork techniques!

### **Year 12 and 13 Geography trip to Wales**

During February, the year 12 and 13 Geographers went to Wales for a week to conduct their research for the Non Examined Assessment part of their course. They spent their time split between the beach and the town of Tenby, and in the below freezing temperatures it was a real experience! They spent two days being taught different fieldwork techniques and then the last day conducting their own research based on a fieldwork question they created themselves. We have a wide range of questions – from the effectiveness of coastal defenses to how Tenby is affected by tourism, and comparing how people live in Tenby with Bermondsey. Good luck to them with their coursework!

## Chaplain's Corner



On May 25th we remember Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor.

VENERABLE BEDE, the illustrious ornament of the Anglo-Saxon Church and the first English historian, was consecrated - to God at the age of seven, and entrusted to the care of St. Benedict Bishop at Wearmouth. He became a monk in the sister-house of Jarrow, and there trained no less than six hundred scholars, whom his piety, learning, and sweet disposition had gathered round him. To the toils of teaching and the exact observance of his rule he added long hours of private prayer, and the study of every branch of science and literature then known. He was familiar with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. In the treatise which he compiled for his scholars, still extant, he threw together all that the world had then stored in history, chronology, physics, music, philosophy, poetry, arithmetic, and medicine.

## **Prayer**

O Christ, our Morning Star,  
Splendour of Light Eternal,  
shining with the glory of the  
rainbow,  
come and waken us  
from the greyness of our  
apathy,  
and renew in us your gift of  
hope.

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