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Tideway East trip: Year 12 students met and talked with Sadiq Khan

We attended a Conference/Q&A session at the Tideway East project office about a social integration programme to support young black men. Due to them having statistically higher unemployment rates, the programme's aim is to create opportunities for young black men to advance into high-level, employment sectors, such as construction engineering. The Mayor of London – Sadiq Khan was amongst the people delivering speeches, expressing his interest and support for the programme as well

as outlining future plans for the scheme. We were lucky enough to talk to the Mayor and even get a picture with him!

Overall, it was an inspirational, unforgettable and motivating experience.
Shaun S. Year 12



Brilliant Club Scholars Launch trip - Royal Holloway University

On our visit to Royal Holloway University, we took part in many activities. We had an introduction to the Scholars Programme where the purpose of the project was explained and we were given an explanation of what we'd be doing: studying ideas about whether an external reality exists. We also had a tour of the university where we were able to get to find out about life at university and what living on a university campus is like. To be able to know more about university, we were able to ask some volunteer students questions. While we were at the university, we also met other schools involved in the scholars programme. Additionally, we had a lecture on medieval literature to experience a lesson at university and to experience one of the many things you are able to study at university. **Nina Year 9**



PwC

On Friday the 18th of July 29 Year 9 students took a short walk to the offices of the prestigious multinational Pricewaterhouse Coopers. PwC ran the event to help our students to get an idea of pathways and opportunities the biggest businesses in the world look for. Associates and partners of the firm worked with small groups on the skills that the students would need in order to work at a company like PwC. Students showed great confidence in 'pitching' app ideas to professionals from around the world. The Students also enjoyed a tour of the offices and had a chance to ask questions to accountants and auditors alike. The associates at PwC commended the Year 9 students for their maturity and confidence. All the Year 9 students agreed that they are looking forward to returning to PwC in the near future.

Mr G. Merrigan





DNA

In preparation for my exam, I went to watch DNA at Southwark Playhouse, London. It was an interesting interpretation of the play because, it was displayed in an unusual yet effective way. In my opinion it was a great performance and one of the main things I liked about it was how it showed how the characters can be gender neutral and the important thing is how the character is portrayed, which the actors in DNA demonstrated really well. Another thing I liked was the multi-set on the floor as it was used to represent the forest and the road which worked well really and kept the simplicity of the stage.—*David A., Year 11*

Year 10 Geography Trip

Last week the Year 10 Geographers undertook a fieldwork investigation along the Dorset coastline. Their aim was to investigate the natural processes occurring along the coastline as part of their GCSE course.

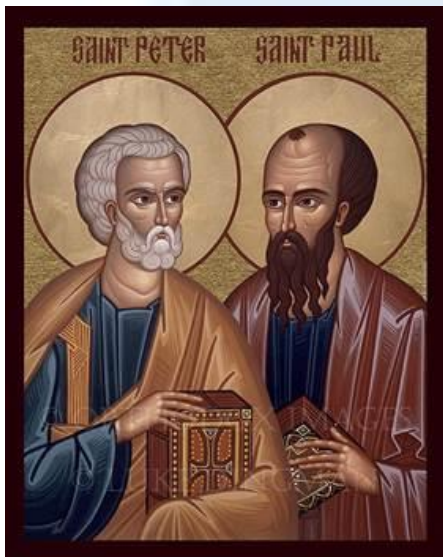


On arrival, the students hiked four miles from Studland to Swanage observing a variety of coastal landforms that they had previously only seen in their textbooks. On day 2, the students familiarised themselves with a range of fieldwork techniques including groyne profiles, wave counts and questionnaires. To complete the 3 days in Dorset we visited Lulworth Cove and the limestone arch of Durdle Dor where students perfected their field sketch



techniques. It was not all work, in the evening there was time for football, basketball and tennis. Overall, the students described the trip as an “unforgettable experience” and on returning to College on Monday asked if we could go back. *Miss Hayden*

Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul



The feast day of Saint Peter and Paul is on June the 29th and is a holy Day of Obligation for Catholics in England.

St Peter was one of Jesus Christ’s 12 apostles and spent most of his life preaching the Christian gospel after Jesus’ death. He died by crucifixion around 67 CE and is regarded as the Catholic church’s first pope.

St Paul, formerly known as Saul of Tarsus, was converted to Christianity on the road to Damascus shortly after Jesus Christ’s death. He became an influential leader in the Christian church. He was beheaded around the year 67 CE during the Roman emperor Nero’s persecution of the Christians.

On the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, the Catholic pope places the pallium (a type of woolen cloak) on archbishops that were appointed over the past year. It serves as a reminder of religious significance of the bishops’ work and symbolizes the unity of the church.

Safeguarding

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