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MyBnk "My Money" and "My Choices"

Careers and Enterprise morning with Year 9

All Year 9 pupils took part in the MyBnk "My Money" and "My Choices" Careers and Enterprise morning on Wednesday 16th January where 5 trainers from MyBnk came into school to work with the pupils. The two sessions took place over 3 lessons and the pupils learnt about all aspects of financial awareness. This included banking, budgeting, employment and the world of work, salaries, tax, national insurance, pensions, credit cards/credit agreements, interest rates and the benefits of saving money. The pupils found the sessions both interesting and informative, with them taking a lot of new knowledge and understanding away from the experience.



Here are the words of one of the participants:

Today I learnt that it is all well and good to spend money but it is also necessary to save it. Also, I have figured that you should be aware of your spending and work out what you need and what you want. The best job in the world is the job that you're happy with and a job which makes you financially stable. If you don't save or realise that you need to save then you wouldn't have a back up for the future. I enjoyed today's lesson because it has taught me that I need to put my head down and start focusing because I do want a good job, I do want to help my family and friends. So, to achieve my ambitions I will try my hardest in everything.

Teddy L. Year 9BC

The Big Ideas Presentation

No apologies: why confident women are good for everyone

At the end of January, Penny Jones, formerly of The Guardian and Conde Nast, came into present on a subject she feels passionately about: why women should be confident. A mixed audience- for we all need to encourage each other to be confident in ourselves- listened sagely to her stories of over-apologising, speaking timidly and shrinking your body. They were encouraged to think positively and to take up more space.



Jack Petchey “speak-out ”

On the 18th January 2019, 25 fortunate students in Year 10 (selected by their English teachers based upon on their potential and ability in public speaking and presentations) were honoured and privileged to take part in an all day workshop with one of the representatives from the Jack Petchey “Speak Out Challenge”, a programme to help further develop our presenting skills.

Overall the day was worthwhile as we were able to notice what we naturally did well and what improvements we needed to make in order for us to advance and become better public speakers. Personally, I found it extremely insightful as I discovered further elements that contribute to great public speaking that I didn’t know had an impact on the audience. I also learnt interesting and more constructive ways on giving feedback in order to further enhance someone’s public speaking skills.

At the end of the workshop each individual chose a topic that they were passionate about or interested in and created a one minute speech using everything we covered to present to the group along with Ms. Rughooputh, Ms. Sayed and the mentor. Each speech was evaluated by the teachers and they selected a person to represent the school in the upcoming Jack Petchey “speak-out” challenge in March, competing against schools throughout the whole of Southwark.

To be a part of this programme was a truly unique and exciting opportunity as Jack Petchey is a name that is recognised internationally, meaning prestigious universities will take into serious account the fact that any participating student has completed such an extensive workshop as this. For this reason I am grateful that this has been set up as it allows me and other students to better ourselves in preparation for the world of work. **Sade S. Year 10**

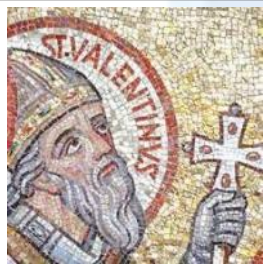
French Film history Tour at the BFI



As a French enthusiast and film lover, the opportunity to attend the BFI on the 25th January definitely came as a chance to be taken! Both Year 12 & 13, accompanied by two members of staff, travelled by tube to Waterloo to enjoy our day out. The first half of the day consisted of an introduction to the history of French film and the development from the old “cinema de papa” films to “La Nouvelle Vague” (The New Wave). These were creative and modern films with low budgets made by directors who sought to tell a story with their films rather than reenact a love story or a moment of history. Elements from this “New Wave” of film include no explicit beginning, middle or end. Rather, the viewer is

placed directly into the scene, giving the director control of the message they want to convey. The second half of the day saw us watch a modern French film ourselves called ‘Entre les Murs’ (The Class) which personally left me astonished as I thought there was no clear end or resolution. Overall, the experience allowed me to engage with my studies on a deeper level and understand the contextual factors of our A-Level course which will hopefully boost my grade next year. **Bless N. Year 12A**

St Valentine’s day



This year this day falls the day before we break up for half term. St Valentine is the patron Saint of Love, Young People and Happy Marriage

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman Saint widely celebrated on February 14th and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of Saint. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different Saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that Saint. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed Saint. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a Saint, listing him in the February 14th spot of Roman Martyrology.



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