



Spring up 2019 King's Scholars

Spring Up School for King's Scholars took place on 7th-9th May. It is a 3 day non residential trip for Year 8 scholars to provide them with the opportunity to experience the type of work that they will do at University.

The lessons that were included were Dentistry, History and Politics, Law, Science, Psychology, Language and Literature and Medicine.

On the first day we studied Language and Literature. In this subject we translated old English into French. This was very interesting,

because we learnt a different language independently.

Then on the last day we studied Medicine, which was the most enjoyed subject. In Medicine we took a blood sample, measured each other's blood pressure, sutured wounds and applied a bandage to a broken arm.

In the mornings we had inspirational speakers come in talking to us about the great goals we can achieve if we believe in ourselves and keep persevering!

This trip was an amazing experience and we all learned new things to help us improve our King's Scholar's Skills.



Year 9 and 10 trip to PwC

The PWC Year 9 and Year 10 workshops were run by employees at PWC who are keen to pass on their knowledge of the workplace to our students. The day saw pupils doing a range of activities from looking at interview skills, how finance works and improving their presentation skills. St. Michael's students thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of activities and working and learning from the experiences and insight of the PWC team. Here follows the experience in the words of one of them:



"We were met with special name badges and we were directed to our working area. After we entered, we were informed of our itinerary for the day. We familiarized ourselves with our designated volunteers, our group and the leaders, of the CV skills course. Our first course was an ice breaker which was supposed to relieve tension among all of us. It entailed each individual standing up and making a statement and the rest of the class guessing whether it was true or false. Next, all of us were given a CV skills template that would aid us in creating a mock

CV which would help us in the future when creating a real CV to apply for different jobs or experiences. After that, and before lunch, we were given a tour of our volunteers' office at PWC. It was extremely futuristic and it was evident that it was a productive and intelligent work environment.

Following lunch, each group was tasked with making their own game and pitching it to a board of investors to test out our marketing skills. First we had to decide our company name, our game name, but most importantly our game genre. The genres were described with market rates to help us choose which genre we wanted to emulate in our game. As well as this, we had a matrix which was split into four different sections: the star, the question mark, the cash cow and the dog. We had to split the



four different genres into the four different sections and calculate how much revenue we could potentially end up earning. After carefully considering all of our choices, our group ended up picking the shooter genre because of the paramount room for improvement. After rehearsing our pitch for our game (Clash of Tribes) we were narrowly beaten by another group due to their visual attributes. After we finished we took a picture next to the River Thames and headed home with a much better understanding of CV skills and how to apply for different experiences further along in the future. *Gerald S. 9VI*



Rome Trip Year 9 2019



On the 27th - 31st May we had the privilege to visit Rome.

On the first day we spent most of the day traveling, however when we got there after dinner we went out to see the Trevi Fountain. It was so beautiful! Some of us threw money in the traditional way by throwing it over your head and making a wish. We also had ice cream there, it was so good, and we had so many flavours to choose from.



On Tuesday the 28th we went to visit the Colosseum, it was so amazing and much bigger than you would expect. We had a tour guide who told us a lot about the history of the Colosseum and what it was used for. We also visited three Basilicas. The first one was the Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano: it had a beautiful ceiling and had huge statues of many different saints. The second one was Basilica Papale San Paolo Fuori le Mura, this was also so amazing inside and had gold



everywhere. It was also where they have the names and pictures of all the Popes there have ever been from Pope Peter to Pope Francis. The third Basilica was the Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore. This Basilica had astonishing stain glass windows with all different saints depicted in them.

On Wednesday the 29th we travelled to the Vatican. In Vatican City we got to see the Pope up close and we sat in a service held by him and other bishops. After that we went around to other people who had flags of various countries and took pictures with them for the competition we



had. In the afternoon we explored the Sistine Chapel where we admired the paintings and saw the last judgement as well as the creation of Adam that we will be studying in GCSE RE. After that we went to the Castle Sant' Angelo where we took a picture with our school saint, St Michael.

Then on Thursday the 30th we went on a walk all around the city of Rome. We visited the Pantheon where we saw the dome in which the sun shines through. As well as this we went up the Spanish steps which was a long walk but worth it. On top of this we went to the alter of the father land where we saw the famous monument.

Finally, on Friday the 31st, our last day, we went to visit the Catacombs of St Sebastian. We saw all the graves where they used to bury the Christians that died. After this we travelled back home. *Elsa P. and Nancy B. Year 9*

"The Dead Dog in a Suitcase"



On Monday 3rd June I went with my peers to the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith to watch "The Dead Dog in a Suitcase" by the Kneehigh theatre company. It is a political play that centers around the injustices and corruption in society. This was cleverly shown through the use of music, dance, drama and puppetry. The



story is told through the aid of Punch and Judy who at times acted as the narrators and move the performance along. There was a clever set as there was a slide that the actors would come down to bring them centre stage. The use of live sound grabbed the audience with the actors playing instruments whilst acting. My favorite section was the clever way in which the actors would use cross cutting to flashback and show the near miss death which clearly explained the narrative for the audience. It was a visually captivating show and I have taken inspiration from it for my GCSE devised performance. - *Benedict A. Year 10*



Millwall Trip

Twelve St Michael's pupils went to Hindleap Warren in Sussex on Tuesday the 9th until Thursday 11th April. The outdoor educational trip was organised by Millwall FC and provided students with the opportunity to experience the joys of social mixing in a residential setting. Lauren in Year 10 said, "We had a great time and got to do lots of different activities including raft building, Rock Climbing and problem solving". The trip challenged St Michael's pupils to push themselves to achieve in a challenging environment. Mr R. Gavin



A Gliding Day



On Thursday the 2nd of May, a group of 20 Year 10 students went to Booker Gliding Club for a fun day of gliding - a once in a lifetime experience. Upon our arrival there, we were briefed on the health and safety aspects of the day. We were then taken to the airfield where we got our first glimpse of the gliders we would be flying. Realising what we'd actually signed up for, a collective sense of fear and excitement built up within the group when we learnt that we would actually be flying the glider 20,000ft. However, when we got in the air, we knew we had nothing to worry about. The view was magnificent once we were up there. Overall, it was an amazing

experience which I would recommend to anybody. *Jonas K. 10MA*



Chaplain's Corner



This month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church. Our Friday Mass on the 28th of June will be dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Scrap Fabric needed



If you have any spare scrap fabric that you'll be willing to donate to the textile department we will be very grateful.



Miss R. Davies



MEALS DAILY CAP UPDATE

On the 4th June 2019, the students daily cap for meals increased from £4.50 to £4.75.

This is just a small increase to allow them to enjoy both breakfast and lunch.



Lost Property Collection



A great deal of lost property has been handed in and we would like to give students and Parents/Guardians the opportunity to collect it.

The items will be kept for three months and then due to lack of space we will dispose of them.

Please, encourage your child to come and look for their lost items before the end of the Academic Year.

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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