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Dear Parent / Carer,

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION

The weekend of 22nd-23rd April saw a number of intrepid Year 10 and Year 11 students taking time out of their hectic schedules to take part in an expedition as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. On the first day their route took them from Ashford-in-the-Water to Haddon Grove Campsite via Monsal Head and Lees Bottom.



Despite getting lost a few times and their aching feet, the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and can't wait to do their main expedition on 6th May. Thanks to the members of staff who gave up their weekend to assist and good luck to everyone for 6th May.

VISIT TO RAF COSFORD



On 26th April a small group of students and parents, accompanied by Mr Strickland and Miss Bowden plus one of our school Governors, Mr Singh, visited RAF Cosford in Shropshire to see how the Royal Air Force operates. The visit was also to address any misconceptions of military life.



Saturday night was spent in tents, camping out and the night was freezing cold, but everyone survived. On Sunday they warmed up with a walk from Haddon Grove to Monyash via Youlgrave and One Ash Grove Farm. The students found some areas of the expedition difficult along the way, but they bravely carried on and were exhausted but triumphant at the end.



RAF Cosford is not only home to No 1 School of Technical Training as part of the Defence School of Aeronautical Engineering but also to the Aerosystems Engineering and Management Training School and No 1 Radio School, with all three coming under the Defence College of Technical Training.

The RAF School of Physical Training and the Defence School of Photography are also based at Cosford and RAF Apprenticeships, as delivered at RAF Cosford, were recently recognised as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.



Although it was a very long day for all concerned, the visit went exceptionally well. The students and their parents were impressed, particularly with the high-flying opportunities available in the RAF.

Many thanks to the Royal Air Force in particular Squadron Leaders Brian Ramsey and Andy Thayne for making the event happen

EY FOUNDATION VISIT SHOWCASES BRIGHT FUTURE

Thirty Year 10 students had a taste of corporate life at one of the world's top four professional services companies this week.

EY, previously known as Ernst & Young, is committed to corporate social responsibility, with its charitable arm the EY Foundation running programmes to help young people realise their career ambitions and make a successful transition into work, higher education or self-employment.

Upon arrival at EY's Manchester office complex the learners were introduced to the company and the EY Foundation which facilitated the activities.

After the introduction, the pupils took part in an icebreaker activity before moving on to a session highlighting employability skills.

A speed networking activity then allowed the learners to meet a range of professionals and find out about different pathways into employment, including university and apprenticeship.

This was followed by a challenge activity, in which they were broken up into teams competing to build the tallest tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. The competition allowed the Year 10s to demonstrate excellent problem-solving, leadership, communication and team-working skills.

Although only one team could win, the day was highly successful in flagging up the importance of key employability skills such as networking.



DEBATE MATE

On Thursday 20th April, ten Year 9 students travelled to the Royal Institute in London to take part Debate Mate's 'Big Debate' in partnership with Comic Relief.

They were there to watch a show debate between two of the leading teams from London and listen to the renowned Bill Gates speak about his life and career. They then took part in a question and answer session with Mr Gates and other celebrities who attended the event.

Manchester Academy students were selected to interview the celebrities for a video of the event. After this, they visited the local attractions. All in all, they had a wonderful time!



On Friday 21st April, the Debate Mate Cup took place at The University of Manchester. Twenty-five pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in three debates during the day and even won some of them.

Ahmed Amir went on to win 'Best Floor Question of the Day' and Sultan Suldan was declared the 'Best Improved Debater', making Mrs Sealy and Miss Holt very proud.



¡VIVA! SPANISH & LATIN AMERICAN FESTIVAL



On Friday 31st March, the Year 11 GCSE Spanish students visited the Opening Night of the Spanish and Latin Film Festival.

The event took place at Manchester's new venue, Home, where foreign films are shown and events take place.

The students enjoyed an evening of Spanish culture which involved watching salsa dancing, interacting with Spanish people during the 'fiesta' outside and watching a short Spanish movie, followed by another Spanish movie set in Valencia called Cien años de perdón.

The Year 11 students learnt an extensive number of new words and phrases which will surely help them in their upcoming GCSE exams. Altogether it was a fun and exciting evening, much enjoyed by all.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Every week the different subject departments select a student who has done exceptionally well and nominate them for Stars of the Week. Each student receives ten merits and on Friday, is invited to breakfast with the Principal.

Name	Reg	Subject	Comment
Mustafa Said Mohamed	9LMC	CV	For an excellent start to our new topic
Mohammed Delshad	11BLI	English	Mohammed has worked tirelessly to improve his English. He regularly participates in class and has produced some brilliant answers. He is rarely discouraged by failures as he sees it as an opportunity to learn. This is a trait for which he should be commended
Gihan Achaiba	10JAR	Geography	Superb attitude in Geography and full marks in classwork on climate graphs.
Abdulrahman El-Gheryani	9EMA	History	Fantastic effort and level of work, keep it up!
Moheel Farooqi	9LMC	History	Fantastic answers in class and happy to help other pupils
Ridwan Jeylani	9LMC	History	Brilliant work and some amazing answers in lessons
Muhammed Haidar		History	As always, fantastic manners and levels of effort, superb example to the rest of his year!
Ayoub Malla	10RSA	History	For consistent effort, great attitude and mastery of historical skills.
Kaydi Ulett	10DMA	History	For huge improvements to effort, expectations and conduct.
Munir Benotman	11BLI	History	Great effort with brilliant answers and attitude to History and the new topic. Well done Munir!
Mohamed Islam	7MGA	ICT	For his ideas for a Smart City
Faiso Hassan	7KDO	ICT	For their effort in ICT lessons
Mariam Jeylani	7BAN		
Kaydi Ulett	10DMA	Maths	For her impressive effort and excellent behaviour in Maths this week.

Name	Reg	Subject	Comment
David Brandt	10WMO	Science	For his fantastic work ethic and motivation outside of lessons to prepare for his Science GCSE, including teaching a lesson on electrolysis to his peers at Catch Up Club

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 10th May

Year 10 Progress Evening, 4.15-6.00 p.m.

Monday 15th May

First written GCSE exam for Year 11

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Griffin,
Principal