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Dear Parents and Carers,

Great enrichment experiences for our students on school trips this week...

STEM Trip

On Monday 24th June, 24 Year 9 pupils attended a STEM fair at Selby College. Pupils were given the opportunity to see various STEM subjects in action through four, 45-minute, sessions. These activities included ;

Investigating the heart rate of *Daphnia* (Biology), STEM+ Masterclasses- Forensic Science, Engineering Building (workshops) - building towers, Gastronomy (Hospitality and catering), Acid-base titration experiment in chemistry, Determining the Wavelength of Light with a Diffraction Grating (Physics)

Pupils enjoyed the different classroom environments and the opportunity to see science in action! The trip also allowed pupils to see what college life is like. As we were walking around it was nice to see some of our past pupils who stopped and spoke to staff and pupils about their education after Holy Family.

“Do the research. Ask questions. Find someone doing what you are interested in! Be curious!”

–Katherine Johnson, mathematician whose calculations were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights

London Trip – commentary by Mr Coombs

The London Arts trip was a jam-packed gem. A 7:47 Breakfast on the LNER was followed by pupils leading us by Tube to Blackfriars, onto Millenium Bridge and to the Tate Modern where pupils enjoyed a 90 minute tour of some of the best Contemporary Art on the planet. Lunch next to the Thames was followed by a sunlit stroll along the Southbank, taking in St Paul's, Shakespeare's Globe, the Festival Hall, Graffiti and Performance Art, Buskers, Exhibitions, Pop-up Library's and the wonderful smells coming from colorful 'indie' cafes and eateries. We paused on Jubilee Bridge to take in views Westminster with a soundtrack of the quintessentially British 'Nimrod' from Enigma Variations.



A short Tube ride away we emerged into the blazing sun in Victoria, grabbed a cool drink & ice-pop, and then were ushered into the wonderful air-conditioned auditorium of the Victoria Apollo for an amazing performance of 'Wicked'. The rush-hour double Tube trip from there to Leicester Square would've tested the most seasoned traveler, but our students were amazing - leading the party through the sweating crowds in and out of the bowels of the city to reach a bustling China Town, adorned with Chinese Lanterns, Pride Flags and throngs of T-shirt clad tourists and locals. Refreshment parties split, with some preferring McD's in Leicester Square, and some opting for the authentic Chinese buffet with an MC busker soundtrack. An M&M, bubble tea and tourist shop visit later, and two pupils led the final charge to Kings X via a sweltering Piccadilly Line. A tired but amazing party of 29 pupils arrived back to Doncaster at 21:45. The students were remarkable ambassadors for the school throughout the day and had an excellent day, packed with some of the finest Art, Architecture, Culture and Music that the country can offer.

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New Year 7

It was lovely to see our new Year 7 intake's parents on Tuesday. We hope all the information was useful. There are various information sheets that need completing and bringing back to school. We would be grateful if they can be returned before the 19th July. We are looking forward to transition day on Tuesday 2nd July. We will gather students into the hall when they arrive. They will have a great day!

Taste testing

On Thursday, a group of Year 10 students took part in some 'curry taste testing'. The catering team are busy updating the menu options that will be available in September. Tasty!



Preparing for the French Trip – update from Madame Gibert

Our Normandy trip students are very excited and singing their heart out in practice for the mass in Lisieux cathedral where they will sing the exit hymn as a choir! I am very proud of them all.



Athletics Finals

Well done to Jessica D, Paisley S and Archie W for reaching and taking part in the regional athletics finals this week. We achieved two second places against very strong competition. Making it to these finals was a great achievement for our students – we are very proud of you all!

Next week...

Y10 Lourdes group

Next Thursday nine of our Year 10 students, Mr Sweetman and Mrs McGee set off on the Leeds Diocese Schools annual pilgrimage to Lourdes in France. Today they had their wheelchair training so they can assist and support pilgrims with disabilities. Our group will take prayer intentions from our school community. They will have an amazing time and we wish them Bon Voyage!

Finally this week...

Many thanks for all your patience with our phone line issues this week. The problem was identified but they had to wait for a part to fix it. Normal service should resume next week. In the meantime, if you can't get through, please email enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk. If it is urgent please put URGENT on the subject line!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs D. Mitchell
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