



DEEP LEARNING DAY: “ENTERPRISE”

The highlight of a very busy week of events at school this week was our Deep Learning Day on Thursday based on the theme of “Enterprise”.

All the boys were off timetable for the day and events, many with outside facilitators, were tailored to each year group. Year 7 focussed on becoming a young apprentice, brainstorming product ideas, marketing and presentation skills; Year 8 took the “Ryman Enterprise Challenge”; Year 9 had a range of activities: What is enterprise?, Feeding Britain’s Future, Young Enterprise Challenge, Coding, Apprenticeships and What are my skills? Year 10 divided into groups for Careers carousels, a “Hot Seat” session where a guest talked about their job, plus Who am I? and Leadership sessions.

Year 11 pupils had already been involved in a Careers event on Monday with the alumni network started up by ex-William Ellis students, “Future First”, focussing on self-presentation skills such as handshakes, so on Thursday, all Year 11s had a session on preparing well for their forthcoming exams, and a special one-to-one guidance interview with either a Head of Year, a current sixth form tutor or member of the senior staff about post-16 options. We are hoping that most will remain at William Ellis for sixth form.

Biology Roadshow



On Monday, students from St. George’s University of London came and delivered two one hour workshops with Year 10 Triple Science (on Radiography) and Year 9 Set 1 (on Paramedicine). The university students were a mix of a fourth year medical student, a first year biochemistry student and a third year trainee paramedic. As you can see our students were well engaged and inspired to learn about the careers being discussed in both sessions.



International Astronomical Youth Camp:

Mr Carvalho, Head of Year 8, thought that parents of our older students might be interested in the following opportunity (further information can be found at: www.iayc.org):

The *International Astronomical Youth Camp (IAYC)* is a three-week long summer camp aiming to promote knowledge of astronomy and related sciences in a unique international atmosphere.

“The IAYC is an experience unlike any other; a place for unforgettable memories and lifelong friendships. Young and enthusiastic students come together from all corners of the world, aged between 16 and 24. The camp hosts around 65 participants for three weeks in a remote location, with access to some of the most spectacular skies you may have ever seen.”

Sports News



On Monday, Mr Szymanski, facilitated an U15 Handball event at WES. The WES Year 9 Handball team beat Compton School 6 – 3, Compton lost to The Urswick School 16 – 6, who also beat WES 9 – 4. Although the WES team were a little despondent about losing to Urswick, who were predominantly bigger Year 10s, he hopes they continue improving their handball skills and if they change their mind set, expects they could be a winning team for the London Youth Games next year. Well done!

School Canteen

A group of parents also visited the school canteen on Thursday at break time to see what was being served and what the boys are choosing. This was a useful session with the Mr White, Ms Sharp, parent governor, and the school’s catering manager, Mr Gordon and the school’s catering advisor. More details to follow.





Message from School Office

Letters will be sent home next week “pupil post” informing you of a slightly later start on Monday 22nd February and the date of the next INSET day, when the school will be closed to students. This will also be sent by email. Please do make sure the office has your email address to make sure you receive school communications.

This is the time of year where there has been an increase in illness and quite a few boys have been taken ill during the school day. Please be aware that boys can only be given permission to go home by their Head of Year, who will ask the office to phone you to see if your son can be collected/go home on his own. Whilst we want boys to be resilient and able to put up with discomfort, they should not be sent into school if they have been vomiting or have diarrhoea.

Office hours: 8am-4.30pm

Next week

Monday – Thursday – Breakfast Club: 8am, Homework Club: 3.15pm, with City Year

Monday – Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey) Year 11 Art Students to Tate Modern and St Paul’s vicinity: all day; School Council Meeting, pm; Teaching Leaders Pastoral Network planning meeting: 6pm

Tuesday – Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day); Year 12 Graphic Design Visit to London Met

Wednesday – Year 9 Maths Enrichment Trip to Highgate School; Tree of Life Award Ceremony for invited parents; pm, KS3 Basketball quarter finals in Gym; pm

Thursday – Year 12 Art Trip to Saatchi Gallery and V&A; Year 13 Parents’ Meeting at ABS

DIARY DATES

Half-term break (15th-19th February)	
Year 8 and 9 French/History Trip to Normandy	23 rd -26 th February
MARCH	
LaSWAP admissions interviews	Various dates
Year 12 & Year 13 Mock Exams	w/b 7 th Mar
Year 9 Options Evening	Wednesday 9 th Mar – time tbc*
Year 7 Parents’ Information Evening	Monday 14 th March – time tbc*
Year 9 Music Concert with James Redwood	Tuesday 15 th March – time tbc
Year 10 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 17 th Mar – 4.30pm
Spring Concert	Friday 18 th Mar – 6.00pm
EASTER HOLIDAY (25th March – 8th April)	
GCSE Easter Revision Classes	
Ski Trip, China Trip	

**New listing/amendment*