



A Battlefields Trip to Remember

Our Year 12 and 13 history students have recently returned from a study tour of the Belgian Battlefields. The trip, over four days, added real depth and resonance to their study of international relations in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Over 30 students travelled to France and Belgium, taking in a range of sites and learning from professional guides at locations including: Lijssenthoek British Cemetery; Essex Farm Cemetery and Dressing Station; St Julien Canadian Memorial; Langemark German Cemetery; Lochnagar Crater, Vimy Ridge and the Menin Gate. They also visited the Thiepval Memorial and Visitors' Centre, Sanctuary Wood (Hill 62 Museum), the Cambrai Tank Museum and Citadel New Military Cemetery.

Not only have the students come away with a better understanding of the scale and tragedy of the WW1 battlefields, they left an impression on their hosts and teachers, who praised them for their maturity, dignity and academic inquisitiveness. We are very proud of them all.

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York gives up its data!

Year 12 geography students were out in the field last week, visiting York to hone their data collection skills.

The day, in the heart of the City of York, was spent collecting data to investigate the urban structure of its central business district

The visit was the first in a series of field trips which see the geographers develop the practical skills they will utilise throughout their A-level studies and, we hope, into their onward careers.



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Student of the Month Awards



Our first 'Student of the Month' awards for the new academic year saw more students recognised for their commitment to our core values. Winners included Year 12 students Libby Jackson and Emma Wilkinson (pictured) and Jude Fleming. Well done also to our Year 13 winners Frank Crosby, Hannah Moody and Ruby Trevor.

Congratulations to all those nominated this month for outstanding effort; exceptional class work or excellent independent study.

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Aspirational Alumni

We recently had the pleasure of catching up with former student Melvin Mensah, who completed A-levels in Biology, Business and Chemistry in 2021.

Studying Biomedical Science at Lincoln University, Melvin graduated this summer, and is now planning on pursuing a postgraduate course in Dentistry.

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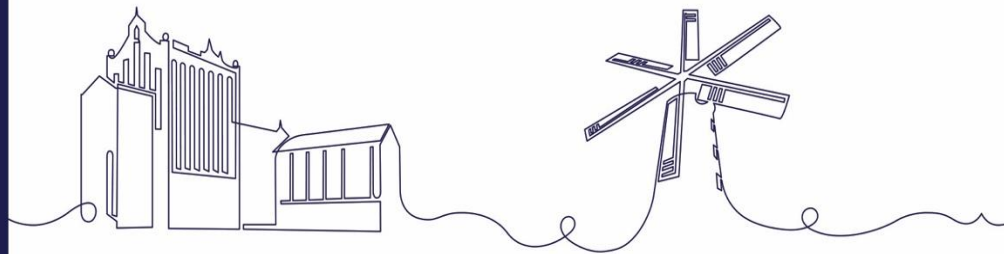


Flying High!

Many congratulations to Year 13 student Zander Charlesworth, who has recently passed his Private Pilots Licence (PPL) Skills Test.

This rigorous test assesses the ability of a pilot to carry out the procedures and manoeuvres taught during training. It follows his passing nine theoretical written exams and a series of practical exams, including his first solo flight and a cross-country flight. An impressive achievement!

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Coffee, Cake and a Good Cause!

We are extremely proud of the fundraising efforts of our new Student Council, whose inaugural event of the year was a Macmillan Coffee Morning held on 27th September.



Led by Fundraising Officer Ruby Leak, students and staff baked and bought coffee and cake, raising £254 for Macmillan's annual campaign to support people living with cancer. A huge thank you to everyone that supported this fantastic event!



Inspirational Performance

Our A-level Dance students enjoyed a fantastic day visiting The Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA) this month.

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Students toured the inspirational facilities, met current students and watched third-year dance classes in action. In the evening the group attended a performance by the Rambert Dance Company of 'Peaky Blinders' at Liverpool's Empire Theatre. Having reflected on the techniques demonstrated, the students will now begin preparing their quartet as part of their practical assessment. We hope they feel inspired!



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