



Theme - The Environment

In line with National Plastic Free Month our theme this week has once again been the environment. Scripture has been taken from Genesis 2:15 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till and keep it.' Being good stewards is an important message that we revisit in school and consider ways that we can care for creation. This week we have been encouraged to walk or cycle to school and try a no-meat day once a week.

Sports Events

This week our students have been involved in the many sporting activities within and outside of school. We have a number of students who have represented their Houses or the school in Octathlon Day, Euros and athletics.

Year 6

We welcomed the new year 7s this week with an evening event for parents/carers and a Year 6 Welcome Day in school. It is always wonderful to meet our new intake and their parents ahead of September to ease the transition into 'big' school.

Geography Field trips

All Year 7s have been on a Geography Field Trip to Ferry Meadows and Year 8 will visit Hunstanton next week. Field trips are an important part of the Geography curriculum allowing students to experience and witness some of the theory they have learnt that year.

DofE – Silver Expedition

We wish all our Silver DofE students good luck as they go on their expedition this weekend. What an amazing challenge which I am sure they will all enjoy and be successful in!

Kate Pereira

Euro Competition

Last week we hosted the Yr9/10 Euros competition. The competition concluded with a thrilling final on Friday between Poland (Yr10) and England (Yr9). In a topsy turvy encounter nothing separated the 2 teams in normal times which meant the dreaded penalty shoot out. Elijah pulled off some fantastic saves for England which gave Alfie the opportunity to secure the win for England. Alfie smashed his penalty home which triggered jubilant scenes amongst the England side. Well done to all who took part in our Euros competitions.



Mr Plane, Head of Expressive Arts Faculty

Westminster Charity Day

On Friday 28 June, Westminster held their charity day raising money for RSPCA and Little Miracles. A total of £671.80 was collected from the sales of samosas, cakes and many more delicious treats. Many thanks to all who donated.

Brilliant Club Scholars Programme

Last term students from Year 7 were selected to take part in the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme. Students took part in a series of seven university-style tutorials, delivered by a PhD tutor. This year the students had a Social Sciences theme and studied life expectancy in different countries. Students received feedback and support from their PhD tutor to write a final assignment of 1,500-2000 words, demonstrating the subject knowledge, written communication and critical thinking skills they had developed throughout the programme. The final assignments were marked using undergraduate success criteria and the results were fantastic. Two students achieved a 2.2, 6 students achieved a 2.1 and one student achieved a fantastic 1st class grade. I am so proud of the students and can't wait to celebrate their achievements before the end of term. Students will receive full written feedback, their final grades and official certificates in the last week of term. More information to follow shortly.

Well done to the following students, I look forward to hearing about your successes in future.

Nikola, Eli, Alyssia, Zuzanna, Mario, Aleksander, Lily, Oscar, Zach.

Mrs Davis, Brilliant Club Coordinator.



The Brilliant Club

Upcoming Events	
8 July	Westminster House Celebration Assembly
9 July	Parent Power meeting 5.45pm ARU
10 July	Beverley House Celebration Assembly
11 July	Rochester House Celebration Assembly
12 July	Cambridge House Celebration Assembly
17 July	Activities Day
18 July	Sports Day
19 July	St John Fisher Day. School closes at 2pm



Year 11 Prom

Year 11's definitely celebrated their 5 years in school in style! There were amazing entrances in fabulous cars, an inflatable dinosaur, beautiful dresses and very smart suits. All student's celebrated with a meal, awards , dancing and even an ice cream van. It certainly was an evening to remember filled with laughter and fun. We wish all our year 11's much luck on results days and with the next part of their journey.



Awards

Each house gave awards to some of their students. Also, students voted for their Prom King and Queen.

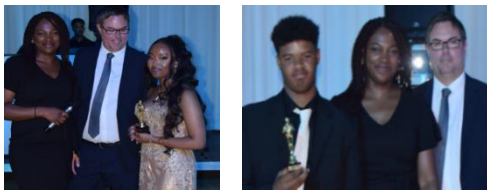


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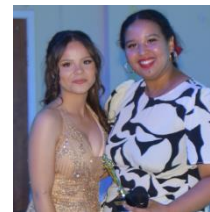
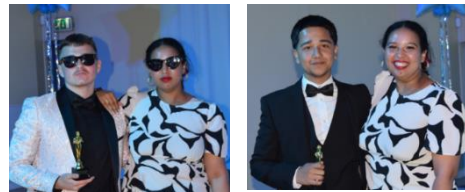
A very big thank you to Mrs Reid for organising such a great event.
Mr Bates, Assistant Headteacher



Beverley



Rochester



Cambridge



Westminster



“Vapes?,” “No.”

Vaping is the process of heating an e-liquid to create steam that both contains nicotine and is breathed into the lungs. This creates several lung conditions and brain conditions that are very dangerous to the developing human mind.

We discovered that this aerosol can cause several conditions, such as popcorn lung, which causes scarring and inflammation of the lungs' smallest airways. They also *might* cause cancer, though this is not confirmed by any source. This assumption is based on the similarities that vaping has to smoking.

The neurological effects are possibly worse. Your brain keeps developing until the age of 25, which both smoking and vaping heavily interrupt. The highly addictive substance, nicotine, has a serious effect on your brain. It affects learning, memory, ability to focus, impulse control and mood.

We also learnt that the packaging of the vapes aren't always consistent in two ways. First, medical vapes that are used to bring people off smoking are packaged in a white box that tells off the presence of nicotine in the product. Meanwhile, public-use vapes are in bright colors that appeal to young audiences. More importantly, the vapes on occasion contain unsafe levels of nicotine, often given by unofficial or illegal sellers. It is also illegal to buy vapes under the age of 18.

Vapes and cigarettes affect those around you as well, particularly near or in public stations. To anyone who smokes or vapes, **think before you puff.**

Jakub Kwiatkowski, Beverly House, B4, Year 7

Insight Discover Paxton Pits Trip

On Friday 28 June, 5 students from year 8 travelled to Paxton Pits Nature Reserve. They started the day with a climate change talk from a Cambridge University Professor, and then rehearsed and performed drama



productions about sustainability in different sectors. Students had lunch in the nature reserve, sat on tree stumps for chairs and shared stories about their wildlife experiences. In the afternoon students use repurposed leather, that was saved from landfill, to design a leaf key ring. They picked a leaf to copy, cut their leather, hammered holes into it and then sewed patterns following the lines of the veins. They then moved to the nature reserve ponds and carefully found and identified Water Boatmen, Great Diving Beetles, Leaches and even witnessed Dragonflies emerging from their 3 yearlong nymph stage. Before leaving for home, students potted wildflower seeds in coconut husk containers to take home. The students were impeccably behaved, engaged with the other schools and asked fantastic questions. Sakina W, Keara B, Isla S, Lukas M and Matthew C should all be very proud.



Mrs Davis, Insight Discover Lead.

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