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World Youth Forum For Ruby



Ruby, Vo Quynh Anh Hoang, jumped at the opportunity to represent both the school and her country and the recent World Youth Forum, held this year in Cairo, Egypt. At the gathering, rather like the Model United Nations events held in many UK schools, Ruby was able to attend masterclasses in several of the topics that both interested her and are currently pertinent to world affairs. Politics, Brexit, climate change and much more besides were available to her. The event will undoubtedly help Ruby with her Government & Politics A Level when Ruby sits the examination this coming summer.

Extended Project Qualification goes from strength to strength

Two more EPQ presentations were given this term by Luca Parramon and Duy Khai Ngo. Both were well-researched but very different in how they were demonstrated. Luca turned his interest of the Second World War into a documentary with questions and answers by key people involved in the decision making during the Battle of Britain. Duy Khai's presentation, on the other hand was based on research, design and the ultimate construction of a fire extinguisher, which used sound waves to put out fires.



Careers Talks and Lectures

In a new development for Brooke House, we have this term seen many more universities come to the college to deliver careers advice presentations, masterclasses, and along with other external speakers, subject specific lectures. We hope to be able to expand and grow this provision in the future.



Representative Honours for the Football Academy

This term has seen continued success for the players within the Football Academy. As well as good cup runs and strong performances in our respective leagues, several players have been selected to represent either their country or the Independent Schools Football Association (ISFA). We have had 5 players selected by ISFA to represent England in their forthcoming internationals; Ilsanmi Oluwaseun and Gabriel Egbe for the U16s and Doku Emmanuele, Success Makainjuola and Ibrahim Alhassan for the U18s. In addition to this honour, Success, Gold Chinonso Emeka and Ojo Adebayo have all been selected to represent Nigeria in January and February at the 15th African Cup of Nations U20 tournament held this year in Niger. It goes without saying that we wish them well and hope to see our three Nigerian superstars on the television and live streaming of the tournament in Niger.



The Crystal

On 4th December the Intensive English students went to the Crystal in London. The Crystal is an iconic building and a unique exhibition, designed to improve our knowledge of urban sustainability and help people explore how a better future can be created for our cities. Urban sustainability is a global issue which presents challenges and opportunities for us all. The cities of the future will make a huge difference to all our lives. At the Crystal, the students learned about the major global trends facing our cities today and explored the latest technologies and innovative solutions that will help create sustainable cities for the future. Among a wide range of interactive activities, they calculated how much water they use every day, they saw a vertical garden, they discovered that it is possible to collect kinetic energy from the human body, they discovered why renewable sources of energy are better than fossil fuels, they saw BMW, Volvo and Tesla electric cars, they analysed the model cross section of a wind turbine blade, they learned about the greenest cities in the world and what makes them green, they designed their own sustainable buildings, and they had a go at having their crowd management skills tested.

The fun hands-on experience got the students talking about a shared sustainable future: how we live in cities, how we struggle with ideas about how to improve them, how we can make our urban habitats more efficient, cleaner and better to live in - not only for ourselves, but for future generations and the earth's diverse ecosystems.



Marketing around the world

Under the excellent leadership of our Director of Marketing, Carolyn Blackshaw, many of her team and other staff have been around the world marketing and recruiting for 2019 and beyond. This term has seen the team in several African countries, South-East Asia, the Far East and across Europe. Wylie, our Director of The highly successful Summer School was also able to recruit for the Summer School, the main school and was even more delighted to present certificates to successful students from this summer's courses.



Jurgen Klopp, the Liverpool Manager hoping to pick up some coaching advice from our very own Istvan.



The Football Academy has not become a national force to be reckoned with over the past two years or so by accident. Since Istvan's appointment, the academy has almost doubled in size and is now turning out many players of outstanding quality. Our congratulations go out to Istvan for the amazing job he has done since joining the academy and for his team of outstanding coaches as well.

Istvan our Football Academy Manager received his International Master Class Academy Management certificate this term



New Social media Video

Two new video stars were created this term when Clara and Gianni starred in the college's new social media video, which can be found by visiting the college's Facebook page. Featuring Clara in her busy day and focusing on Gianni with his studies and football training, the video shows snapshots of the wide variety of activities that take place in a typical student's daily routine. In addition to our current students, the video also includes images of Jonny, who left us last summer to join Trinity College, Cambridge, where he is reading Engineering.



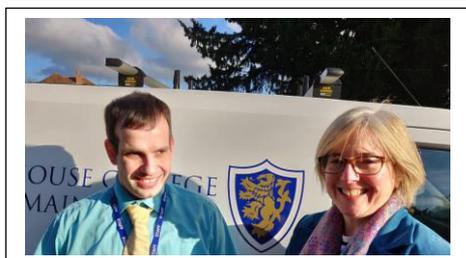
Boarding is Fun

What do boarders do after their work is done? With a great many distractions available nowadays with games rooms, TV rooms and access to the internet to download favourite films and music, there is still no substitute to some of the more traditional ways in which you can entertain yourself. This term, our boarders have enjoyed 'activity' evenings in the PK building, Halloween and Christmas parties as well as quieter moments playing board games.



It is not just the pupils who are learning

Whilst our pupils have been busy with their studies, two of our teachers have been doing their own studying this term to gain the NQT qualification. As a part of the college's ongoing drive to see our staff develop their careers and attend as much CPD training and courses as possible, William Roberts and Victoria Speed, both from the science faculty, have now completed and passed their ISTIP sponsored NQT course.



More Duke of Edinburgh's Award Success

Claudia and Panha were delighted to receive their Silver award certificates and badges from the Principal just before the end of term. After a lot of hard work, which saw the girls complete their expedition and voluntary work, they are now looking forward to the Gold



IELTS Developments

The Intensive English Faculty has added to its provision this term with the introduction of a new digital library and more practice tests in King's Hall to get the pupils as well prepared as possible before they sit the real things. This is seen as a key new initiative to help this important part of the college to develop further. The digital library in particular is a tremendous new resource

New screens adding to the teaching experience



Further investment in the classrooms around the campus has seen new interactive touchscreens enhancing the learning the process. Now used extensively in every faculty, the teaching experience has been significantly improved with the advent of new technology. In the science faculty, new research lap-tops and tablets allow virtual experiments, whilst the arrival of 'Alexa' has enabled the whole faculty to be networked and set up with EAL teaching in mind as well.



School Council leads the way in National Anti-Bullying Week

The school council, ably led by Ada Liu has again this year been promoting national Anti-Bullying week. Each member of the School Council, along with Director of Boarding and Pastoral Care Mr Leo, spearheaded the school's focus by wearing tee shirts, giving out stickers and taking a lead in school assemblies to get the message across that bullying is not acceptable here or anywhere else. The message was further reinforced by presentations by the Principal and the PSHE team. A continued emphasis on living well within a boarding community has been strengthened further this term with the school joining the Boarding Schools' Association (BSA) and the residential tutors taking part in the BSA's training courses.

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