



## Academic

**Well done to Year 13** who have worked incredibly hard for their summer exams. We look forward to celebrating with them at the results day in August.

**Year 12 students showcased their EPQ journeys** and the process involved in delivering a successful essay. Students presented to supervisors and peers about the challenges and positives of doing an EPQ; the planning and execution, what they had learnt and how it would help in the future.

Uther said: "I thoroughly enjoyed researching my topic for the EPQ and have gained valuable skills from it that will help me with essay writing at university. After dedicating many hours to it, it was nice to finally present my EPQ journey to my peers."

**Year 12's UCAS and Post 18 Preparation day** was a great success. The students enjoyed researching university courses as well as apprenticeship avenues. There was lots of interaction and help from teachers and the overall feedback from the students was that it was a very useful and informative day.

Libby said "I wasn't sure if I wanted to go to University but having looked at my options I am definitely now thinking about it".

The **English Literature** students attended a poetry conference in London. They heard from inspirational poets and speakers such as Michael Rosen, Daljit Nagra and Patience Agbabi. The process of writing was revealed and debated. From advice and guidance for exams to an exciting poetry slam, the students were immersed in poetry and all its professional and competitive natures from the leaders in their fields, including Esther Menon from Edexcel, and Harry Baker, winner of the poetry slam world cup. Danielle said "The day as a whole was thought-provoking and incredibly useful to a student looking to achieve higher grades at their exams, or to inspire a creative response, to enter competitions and gain self-confidence in writing poetry ourselves".



## Congratulations

Having successfully completed their **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award**, our Year 13 students, as well as Charlie in Year 12, visited the Palace to collect their certificates. This was a very proud day for them and we congratulate them on their achievement.

## Contributing to the College Community

One of our School Ambassadors, Henry, was on hand to support the Prep School's Band Showcase. As well as greeting and chatting with parents about his experience of the school, he helped the nervous performers get ready for the event. In Year 13, our 5 ambassadors will be busy representing the school and Sixth Form at key events throughout the year. They have been specially selected for this role because of their friendliness and excellent communication skills.

The Head Boy and Head Girl team, James, Eve, Scarlett and Oliver put a team together to help with the Prep School KS2 Sports Day. It was a good afternoon!



**Enrichment Week** A practical, informative and fun week that rounds off a successful Year 12. It includes a wide variety of activities that will appeal to all, including first aid, water safety, university survival skills, website & digital production, self-defence, car maintenance, chocolate cookery, Teaching English as a Foreign Language course (TEFL) and organising and hosting a tea party for local elderly residents.



## Extra-curricular activities for Year 12

### This year's overseas volunteering team

set off for Ghana, anticipating an amazing experience. Anya said "We are all very excited. It's going to be such a great experience to travel with friends to Ghana and help within a local community. We are looking forward to learning Ghanaian dancing and teaching the children lessons".



**The Three Peaks Challenge team** tackled Scarfell Pike, Snowdon and Ben Nevis in 24 hours. Covering the equivalent of a marathon, the team will be ascending and descending 3000m and covering 460 miles to reach all three mountains. Matt said "I think it will be really good. Personally, I think coming down the peaks will be harder for me than going up, the lack of sleep won't be a problem. I'm really looking forward to it". We wait to hear if they beat the record of 23 hours and 17 minutes, set by a previous Sixth Form team.

## More Trips and Subject Workshops

Seven Geography students braved the weather and visited Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre over 2 days to trial a range of data collection methods and begin to design their own independent investigations into a geographical topic of their choice. The physical geography day focused on collecting data on carbon stores and infiltration rates around Box Hill and the human geography day was based in Dorking, researching the urban environment through methods such as interviews, mood mapping and road counts. Charlotte, Geography captain, said "This trip really did help us to explore and gave us ideas of methods and how to present them for our projects."



Year 12 History students took part in a workshop based on their new topic 'British Warfare.' There was a range of activities, from learning about medical treatments used during the Napoleonic wars, to making their own musket cartridges. Poppy said: "It ended with a re-enactment of a musket firing on the field, where even some of the students and teachers were allowed to have a go. The day was a rewarding and dynamic new way to learn about British Warfare and we are all looking forward to starting to learn about it in great detail".

## Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Days

Ninety-seven Year 11 students, including 18 from external schools, came into Sixth Form for their Induction Days. First, a team building day with Bright Futures and then a day of taster lessons in their chosen subjects, with plenty of time to experience life in Sixth Form and to meet our new Year 13 students.



Paul said, "It was nice to see a sea of new faces and I look forward to welcoming them all next year".

## Year 13 Art

By Olivia



By Josh



Students showcased their A Level work. Mrs Folkard was very impressed, saying "I was blown away by the creativity and talent of our students and they deserve to achieve highly".