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## Year 9 Raising Aspirations Trip

### Wednesday 25 January @ UWE

On Wednesday this week, we visited UWE for an Ambitions Event to help us decide what we want to do in the future. This was a great opportunity for us to find out more about our interests and learn how we can turn our hobbies into a full time job. One of the parts that stuck in our minds was Cameron Parker's motivational speech at the start of the event. Hearing Cameron talk about his school and life experiences was inspirational and connected with many of us; he made us see that every day we should take every opportunity available to us. Another part of the day was going to our chosen stands and taking part in various activities that were related to careers we were interested in. We also got a chance to talk to students that are already at university or college and ask them any questions we had about university life. The day was really good and we now have a better understanding of what we want to do when we are making our GCSE Options and different journeys we might go on once we finish Year 11. *Written by Cara Rodman and Hollie Fudge.*



## **Year 9 Pathways**

Year 9 parents will be very aware that we are in the midst of the important business of Key Stage 4 course selection. We are calling this process 'Pathways'. Details of this process can be found on our website [here](#). All forms must be returned to Student Reception by Friday 10 February.

To support this process, Year 9 students attended our Raising Aspirations event at UWE (see above). This event gave students an understanding of what is possible post 16 and post 19. Amongst a wide variety of topics, students had a chance to consider employment, college, apprenticeships, university and further education. It was also a delight to receive feedback from one of the exhibitors at the show:

*"I wanted to pass on my compliments – the JCA students we came into contact with were all completely engaged with what we were explaining to them. They asked really detailed and useful questions. I was also very impressed with how polite and courteous they ALL were. All too often teenagers are given a really bad press; your students certainly gave a very good impression and represented JCA very well indeed."*

## **Holocaust Memorial Day**



We always try our best to open the eyes of our students to all that is good and positive in the world. From time-to-time, it is also necessary to make children aware of the lowest points in human existence so that we can all learn from the past and build for the future. On this note, I am grateful to Miss Ashworth and staff who organised learning around Holocaust Memorial Day this week. Student participation was excellent and I am very proud to hear of the way students discussed this topic in a sensitive and intelligent way. More information can be found [here](#).

## **Safer Internet week**



Next week, we will be discussing safe use of the internet in assemblies with all year groups. We will also touch on the topic of Child Sexual Exploitation so that children are aware of this serious issue and what they need to do to keep themselves safe. I would also encourage parents and carers to keep a close eye on their children's internet use to be sure that any social media use or electronic contact is safe and appropriate. More information can be found [here](#).

## **Winter School Games**

On Tuesday 24 January, six John Cabot students from KS3 took part in the Level 3 Winter School Games at SGS Campus. They participated in Polybat, Sitting Volleyball and Bocca; competing against students from six other schools. Their effort and application throughout the day was fantastic, as they were taking part in sports many of them had never played before. During the competition, they won both of their Sitting Volleyball matches, both their Polybat matches and they won one of their games of Bocca. This meant they won the overall competition, with each student receiving a gold medal. Also at the event were students from another CLF school, Bath Community Academy, who finished second, winning silver medals.

During the competition, the students also got the opportunity to meet Jack Rutter who was the 7a-side Great Britain Football captain at the Rio Paralympics 2016. They got to asked him questions about his experiences in Rio and some of the barriers he has had to overcome during his sporting career. Names of the students who took part are below:

Jack Ford  
Jack Watts  
Joshua O'Inn  
Maddison Williams  
Lee Wintle  
Emily Sheppard



Well done to all the students for their brilliant achievement.



### **Engagement System**

Parents will probably be aware that we have made changes to our behaviour and rewards system. All students were given a letter to take home today outlining the new changes that have been implemented. A copy of the letter is available [here](#).

### **KS3 Celebration Event**



On Monday 6 February, we are hosting a celebration event for KS3 students who having been performing exceptionally well in their lessons since the start of the year. Students who have above 96% lesson scores of 1/2 (and no referrals) will get an invitation to attend a disco and be entered into a raffle. There are only 50 places available per Community so permission slips need to be returned asap in order to be able to purchase a ticket for the event.

## Go4SET trip

Team A from the Go4SET project went on a visit to the MOD at Shrivenham recently. Students were able to see the armoury, which contained many different types of weapons, and even got to hold some of them. Our students were very well informed due to their knowledge of the game Call of Duty. Students were then taken to an IT suite where they played an online combat game that simulated real life action and manoeuvres. Students then had a lesson on how to fire an extremely large weapon and all the skills that are needed by a team of people. Finally, students ended the day by climbing on some different tanks and army vehicles. All the students really enjoyed pretending to be out in the field. The day was very well organised and allowed students to see that engineering isn't just about fixing things but can apply to many different situations and jobs.



## Girls Football Club



A new girls football club will be starting next week, on Wednesday 1 February, taking place on the large Astro on Wednesday evenings after school, from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. All ages and abilities are welcome. If any students are interested in joining, please register their interest with Mr Harrold in the PE office.

## Dates for the Diary

Below are a number of key dates into the near future that parents may wish to be aware of:

Years	Event
All years	Y9-Y11 mountain biking trip to Ashton Court, Saturday 28 January Term 3 ends, Thursday 9 February (Inset Day on Friday 10 February) Gambia trip leaves, Wednesday 8 February (returns on 25 February) Term 4 starts, Monday 20 February Academy Production, 14-16 March Friends Spring Fair, Saturday 25 March
Year 7	Y7 Parents' Evening, Thursday 30 March
Year 8	Y8 Parents' Evening, Thursday 9 February Y8 Girls HPV vaccinations, Friday 24 February
Year 9	Y9 Girls HPV vaccinations, Friday 24 February
Year 10	
Year 11	Y11 mock exams week, w/c Monday 20 February Y11 Parents' Evening, Thursday 9 March
Sixth Form	Post 16 Open Evening, Wednesday 22 February Post 16 Parents Evening, Tuesday 28 February

## Fortnightly Focus

The fortnightly focus for the final two weeks of term is stillness and reflection.

# Fortnightly Focus Stillness and Reflection



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## Lost property

Please remember to go along to Student Reception to collect any lost property items belonging to you. The current list of items waiting to be collected is below:

Adidas boot bag with Adidas boots	Blue notebook
Blue Sports Direct water bottle	Clear lunchbox
Adidas football boots	Clear pencil case
Pandora bow ring	Navy 'SEN Sport' joggers
Navy H&M jumper	Black Karrimor gloves
Green Nike water bottle	Black New Look shoes (lace detail)
Clear green water bottle	Grey Trespass gilet
Clear pink water bottle	Black pencil case
Camouflaged pencil case	Black glasses
Black pencil case	Blue Nike coat
Nike underlayer	Black New Look coat
1 grey Superdry glove	Black sweatshirt (Route One)
Grey pencil case	Grey Slazenger hooded jacket
Green combat trousers	Black and red Frampton Rangers hat
X2 rose gold rings (found in the Cabot Eye)	Team GB tin pencil case
Black F&F coat	Keys x 2 (1 with smiley face print, 1 plain silver)
Hockey stick	Purple/pink glasses

Best wishes

**Mr S White**  
**Principal**