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RIVER CRUISE

Cruising down the river Thames to see the famous landmarks, such as the Shard and HMS Belfast, was the highlight of my London visit. I'd highly recommend the river boat experience to those who are looking for a unique and memorable view of London. - Achim, Yr 12

PARLIAMENT

I enjoyed seeing the different rooms of Parliament and learning the history of each section. My favourite part however, was having the opportunity to talk to the MP, David Williams. He truly showcased how much work and rules MPs are guided by in their daily lives. - Nabiha, Yr 12



CAMDEN MARKET

Camden market is full of lots of different things to do and this trip was no exception!! Camden market is known for its wide array of street food. Me and my friends all bought Blank Street matchas, and this is one of the things all teenagers must try as the long lines are a testimony for just how good it actually is! The shopping options are immaculate, with a variety of shops catering to different styles. Camden market was a great experience for me and I would recommend it to anyone. - Sofia, Yr 12

SPORTS DAY



On Friday 4th July, St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy hosted its annual sports day. Sixth formers participated, helping out with events such as nerf throw, shot put, javelin and even volunteering to run track races with the students. The sixth form team also assisted with photographing students and teachers on the podium! It was an eventful, fun-filled day with lots of encouragement seen from students and teachers, such as when the students cheered the staff on during the space hopper race! - Izzy, Yr 12



MADE IN STOKE

For the past few months, several Yr12 students have been participating in the planning for the Made in Stoke event which will be taking place on the 4th of September. This alumni event has been assembled for the purpose of showing Year 11s that although they are from Stoke, their future potential is unlimited. Many thanks to our event planners such as: Rosanna Chapman, Madison Longshaw, Izzy Saunders, Mariya Thomas, Lydia Pace, Keiran Lee-Jones, Aaron Cope, Ayousha Khan, Ann Joseph, Zaynah Mustafa and Angela Jacob. - Madie, Yr 12



GEOGRAPHY TRIPS



Over the past couple of weeks, the year 12 Geography students have been on a variety of self-selected fieldwork trips to gather data for the coursework section of their course. The destinations were as follows: The Local Area Day (Hanley, Middleport, Burslem, Tunstall), Ainsdale, Southport, Trentham Gardens and Cannock Chase. With each day, the group was lucky enough to experience good weather, and were able to collect a diverse range of data and samples that will be hugely useful in the independent research task. - Lydia, Yr 12

ALUMNI EVENT

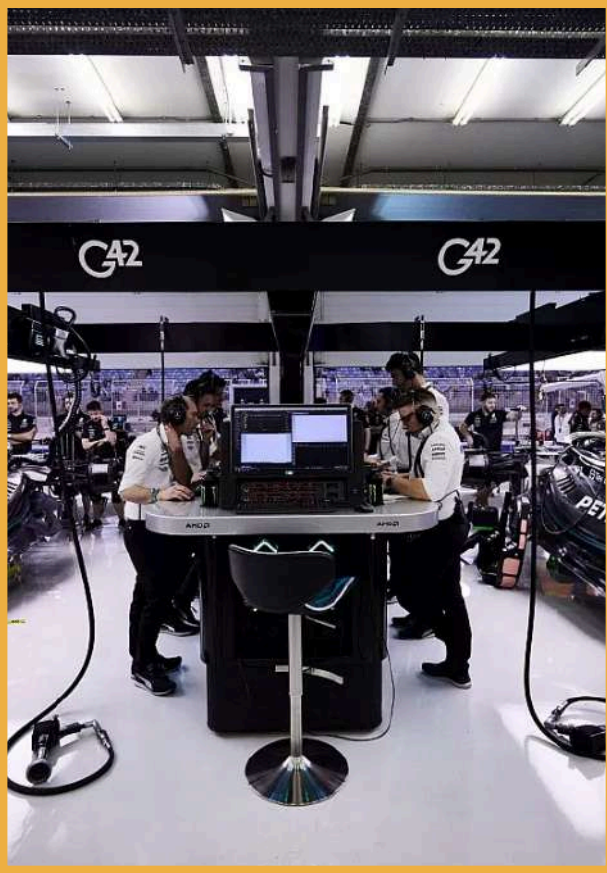


Recently, the Sixth Form held an alumni event where our Year 12s had the opportunity to learn more about university life from previous students. For instance, Josh Baldwin, a previous SMW student, studying International Business Management at the University of Bath, taught the students about the many advantages of accessing work placements as undergraduates. Also, Jess Hunter and Meghan Hall, who are both currently studying at the University of Liverpool, disclosed information about the excellent campus, great student life and variety of societies at the university. - Madie, Yr 12



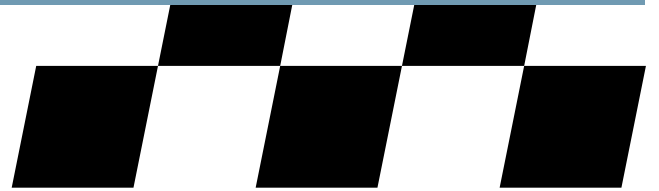
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WORK EXPERIENCE



MOTORSPORT ENGINEER

I have done an online course with the company Motorsport Engine, which is led by engineers and chief technical officers at the Mercedes F1 team. The course includes introductions to life working with an F1 team, as well as exploring various roles within the team such as aerodynamics, electronics, computer aided design and various forms of simulating and testing systems. The course explains the best softwares and skills to learn to enter different F1 teams and provides access to a multitude of people within the industry who can be contacted in the future to help with careers. - Imogen, Yr 12



For my work experience, I volunteered at Chell Area Family Action Group (CAFAG), a registered charity which is situated in the heart of the community of Fegg Hayes, Chell, Chell Heath and the surrounding areas of the City of Stoke-on-Trent. It has been a privilege working for such a caring and wonderful community who help to support those in need. By doing my work placement at CAFAG, I was able to assist them in providing services for the community such as: running the charity shop, and taking part in their annual litter pick as well as getting to meet and work with their fantastic volunteers. My work placement at CAFAG has not only provided me with an opportunity to apply my skills to a work environment but also enabled me to take part in the local community. - Rosanna, Yr 12



CAFAG
Chell Area Family Action Group



SUTTON TRUST

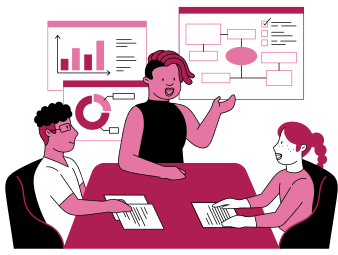


The Sutton Trust at Nottingham University was a great learning experience. I chose to do Literature, Language and Culture for a week and the course gave me an idea of what university is like and what I'd like to study in the future. The course was not what I expected, as I didn't learn much about English culture and literature but rather, a multitude of cultures such as Japanese and Portuguese. Overall, I had a good time and made some friends and I'd highly recommend it if you are unsure about going to university. - Maisie, Yr 12

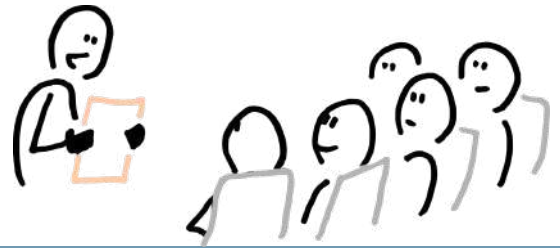
LOURDES TRIP

In May, several Year 12 students went on their pilgrimage to Lourdes. The experience was surreal and it was incredibly rewarding to help the pilgrims. I couldn't begin to put into words how gorgeous the views were from any angle you looked. The trip however wasn't about the views or the new friends, it was the pilgrims, every single one of the assisted pilgrims were all a pleasure to take care of during our time, and we couldn't have asked for better individuals. Overall, the pilgrimage was a great religious excursion, and I would highly recommend it to anyone, no matter their faith. - Aaron, Yr 12





MAY LECTURES



BUSINESS

Myself and a number of students attended a Business lecture led by Professor Ian Vandewalle from Liverpool Hope University. Coming from a deprived background, he encouraged us to be confident with choosing what to study at university as our success will depend on our enjoyment and commitment to a degree. Additionally, he told us that it is immensely important that we have the skill of confidence as well as communication because unlike academic achievements, these skills are what will make us unique to the rest. - Izzy, Yr 12

MEDICINE



The main theme of the lecture was the mistaken assumption that a career in medicine lacks various opportunities. In addition to the expected role of a doctor, Dr Angela Coumbarides shared her experience about being in a team and helping to plan and build a hospital in Manchester. Also, she shared that she had many different medical careers, to reinforce the idea that once you have trained as a specialist, you are not restricted to one singular role and you can easily study for another. She also had a passion for rugby and was the team doctor in her free time. As a team doctor, she has had the privilege to travel all over the world. Finally, she gave details about the process of applying to university and offered some advice about budgeting and accommodation. - Ann, Yr 12

LAW

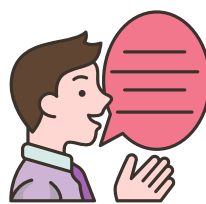


As a student who has a keen interest in the field of law, I found Professor Emily Carroll's lecture to be insightful and fascinating as not only did she discuss the integral factors and skills needed to be a lawyer, she also told us about the complexities and ambiguities surrounding morality and ethics in law, and overall whether it is more important to follow the rule of the law or the client's interest. Professor Emily Carroll also addressed the many roles and fields lawyers can work in such as: business affairs, commercial property, conveyancing, environment etc. She also answered our enquiries on what it was like to study and practice law at Birmingham University compared to other universities. - Rosanna, Yr 12



ESB

We are delighted to share that on July 3rd, our Year 12 students successfully completed the English Speaking Board (ESB) Grade 6 examinations. This challenging qualification assesses students on their confidence, clarity, and communication skills in formal speaking contexts. We are incredibly proud to announce that every single student achieved a Merit, Merit Plus, or Distinction —an outstanding result that reflects their hard work, dedication, and growing confidence as communicators. Congratulations to all of our students on this fantastic achievement! These results exceed national expectations and reflect our best results to date!



FUNDRAISER

I am participating in a sponsored swim for the Dougie Mac charity, aiming to raise money for cancer research. I am going to be swimming 5000 meters which is a total of 400 lengths in a 12.5m pool. My boss, Hannah Jones, is also taking part in the sponsored swim as we are doing it in memory of her dad who unfortunately passed away earlier this year. She is going to be doing the entire 52km by herself! We have already raised over £600 and any support would be appreciated. - Abigail, Yr 12



ALUMNUS STUDENT



I studied Maths, Further Maths and Biology at Trinity Sixth Form. After receiving my A-Level results, I was offered a place at the University of Surrey through clearing, and began studying Biomedical Science BSc in September 2022. During my second year, with the support of my university, I applied to work in a clinical nanobiochemistry lab at the University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy. I also applied to a summer course at the University of Sao Paulo Business School, Brazil as I love to travel. I have continued to travel since, such as in July 2024 when I studied Brazilian economics for one month, travelling to Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo city on weekends. At one point, I was also given the opportunity to spend a couple days in Sao Paulo University Hospital where I got to go into the operating theatre and witness the removal of a malignant tumour from the lip of a patient, and an advanced facial reconstruction. It was a unique and surreal experience and I am so glad that I have continued to experience these opportunities since, such as visiting local countries: Austria, Switzerland and Italy. My current research is focused on the synthesis and testing of hybrid nanoparticles, introducing polymers into liposomes, and this is very interesting as I presented this topic as a potential for future research as part of my EPQ. Overall, I have plans to travel more in the summer and hope to graduate in the summer of 2026. - Lloyd



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Being an English teacher requires me to have read multiple books and the majority of the books I have come across would be defined as "pale, male and stale" (old books written by white men!) The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo was recommended to me to remind me that books are there to challenge expectations and ideologies, not just to read what we are "supposed to read".

This text follows the narrative of a dark and disturbing secret that has been buried for years. Mikael Blomkvist, with the help of Lisbeth Salander, seek to reveal this secret and build a complex relationship whilst doing so. Mikael probably would be classed as the protagonist of the text, but readers cannot help but be drawn to Lisbeth as she is so unorthodox: her voice is not only refreshing, but she seems to break every stereotype you could think of!

There is a section in the text that made me stop and take a picture of it. Again as someone who has read many things in life, it is rare for me to do that. The section, in some shape or form, summaries the key idea of the text and reminds readers of issues we are still battling even 20 years after the text was published:

Lawrence, a man who is the legal guardian of Lisbeth even though she is over 18, says: "You're one of those women who has a funny idea about men"

Lisbeth: "I am one of those women who has seen men do things that are not funny"

Lawrence: "Oh please, this is Europe. We're a little more house trained over here."

Lisbeth: "A wolf must be a wolf and a dog must be a dog". - Miss Bullock

If you like twisted romances, then this book is definitely for you.

Wuthering Heights explores a multitude of themes, ranging from the battle between the head and the heart to the effects revenge has on the psyche. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and at some points, it even brought me to tears. Brilliant - it definitely deserves its status as a classic. - Sofia, Yr 12

