



Westcliff High School for Girls

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Activity Day Special February 2010

Year 8 Visits National Gallery

A trip to the National Gallery was enjoyed by Year 8 on the recent Activity Day.

The focus of the trip was paintings that portray movement, a topic that pupils have been studying this academic year.

Pupils viewed paintings mainly from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. While at the gallery, pupils were given talks by gallery staff and tasks to complete, such as finding particular paintings and writing about how they show movement.



The National Gallery



Leeds Castle Architecture Observed

More than 150 Year 7 pupils visited Leeds Castle in Maidstone, Kent during Activity Day as part of their class work on the Tudors and the Normans. Henry VIII was the castle's most famous owner and the Banqueting Hall is named after him. The room's most notable feature is its ebony floor but the room also has impressive carved beams. The girls saw the Norman

Barbican and studied the castle's defences such as the Portcullis. They went into the thirteenth century part of the castle and witnessed the transition in architecture throughout the ages. They also viewed the interior of the castle where the main focus was the portraits. For many, however, the highlight of the day was getting lost in the maze!

Enterprise Day for Year 9

Gaining an understanding of the job market was the focus of Year 9's Activity Day.

Representatives from local businesses, the police force and the armed forces visited the school to talk to pupils about their occupations.

They also conducted mock job interviews during the afternoon session.

Throughout the day, pupils were required to write an application letter for one of a range of jobs and to prepare a CV.

They were then interviewed throughout the afternoon and successful candidates were awarded a job! WHSG would like to thank all the external companies and outside agencies that helped with the Year 9 Activity Day.

Sixth Formers Consider Multiculturalism and Politics

Year 12

Multiculturalism was the theme of Year 12's Activity Day.

Three outside speakers visited the school to share their culture and beliefs.

Mr Kevin Bonavia, the local Labour candidate, spoke about his ideologies and what initially inspired him to become a politician. This was followed by Ms Joanna Green, a spiritualist from St Celia's

Church, who spoke about spiritualism as a religion and her beliefs about life after death. The final speaker was Mr Abbie Ben Ari who spoke about the conflict in Israel and the Middle East.

Year 13

Learning about party politics and understanding the importance of voting were top of the agenda for Year 13 on Activity Day.

News in Brief

West Wing Opens

Teaching begins in the new West Wing on Monday 1st March.

Netball Match

Year 7 and 8 are to play Eastwood at home on Wednesday 3rd March. Good luck girls!

PTA Quiz

The PTA Annual Quiz is to take place in the main hall on Saturday 6th March at 7.30pm.

New Cycle Sheds

New cycle sheds are currently being installed at WHSG. They are being paid for by a grant from the LA.

Final HPV Injections

The HPV3 injections will take place on March 11th for Years 8, 10 and 13. Years 11 and 12 will have their injection on 12th March.

Celebration

Mrs Jan Howard celebrates 30 years of teaching this month.

Sixth Formers to Visit Auschwitz



Two Year 12 pupils, Anabel Farrell and Amoret Larkin, have been chosen to represent WHSG on a one day trip to Auschwitz, Oświęcim and Birkenau. The trip has been organized by the Lessons from Auschwitz Project.

The girls have already attended their first seminar with around one hundred other students from eastern England. The seminar allowed pupils to discuss, in groups, their reasons for taking part in the project and to talk about their preconceptions and expectations of their forthcoming visit. Pupils were also able to listen to Auschwitz survivor, Ziggi Shipper talking about his experiences.

The visit, which will take place on 2nd March, will see the students departing from Stansted Airport along with local MPs and Echo newspaper reporters.

Interestingly, the pilots and crew from the flight will also accompany the group on their visit.

On their return, pupils will attend a follow up seminar in which they will be able to discuss what they have learnt and reflect on their initial thoughts prior to their visit and evaluate what they have seen.

The aim of the Lessons from Auschwitz Project is to raise the profile of the atrocities that took place during the Holocaust. All visitors will be presenting accounts of their experiences and will take part in follow-up activities such as assemblies, displays and presentations on issues dealing with the Holocaust.

Further information on dates and events, PTA news, buildings updates and headteacher reports can be found online at www.whsg.info

Year 7 Girls Raise Money for "Send a Cow" Charity

Girls from 7N have raised more than £113 for the charity Send a Cow. The aim of the charity is to help families in Africa to grow enough food to eat, sell their produce and develop small businesses that last.

Karishma Patel and her friends organised a cake sale and a raffle in aid of the charity. The charity aims to provide training, livestock, seeds and ongoing support. It also aims to help families make the most of the land and resources they already have. Send a Cow aims to show that Africa can feed itself.



Review Day

Review Day, which took place on Wednesday 10th February, was well received by parents according to Headteacher, Dr Paul Hayman.