

SLD Success!



The first Super Learning Day of the academic year took place on Thursday 10th November 2016 where we had 15 trips go out across all year groups. Students participated in a range of cultural and educational experiences, from watching theatre productions to going to the Tower of London.

Year 7 and 10 students spent the day taking part in Blast workshops run by Study Skills Zone and a puzzle gym run by The Problem Solving Company. Year 8 students were lucky enough to go to the Tower of London and year 9 students spend the day going to museums. Year 10 students also had the fantastic chance to watch some amazing theatre productions. Year 11 students visited London Zoo and took part in some exciting activities at Stubbers Activity and Adventure Centre.

This Super Learning Day was a massive success, students and staff alike enjoyed every aspect of the day. There were plenty of learning opportunities, with students

stating they can't wait for the next Super Learning Day.

A massive thanks to all those who helped and took part, especially to Mr Gardner and Ms Khatun, both of whom organised the whole day.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 21st Nov
Coffee Morning
9.15am-11am

Mon 21st Nov
Design Club
(Selected students)
3.30pm-4pm

Tues 22nd Nov
Yr 7/8 Boys Handball
(Selected students)
9.00am-3.15pm

Tues 22nd Nov
KS3 Drama Club
3.15pm-4.15pm

Thurs 24th Nov
Yr 7/8 Girls Handball
(Selected students)
9.00am-3.15pm

Thurs 24th Nov
Ex-Yr 11 Certificate Evening
4.30pm-5.30pm

Fri 25th Nov
Pupil Parliament Norton Rose
(Selected students)
9.00am-3.15pm

Thurs 22nd Dec-Mon 2nd Jan
Christmas Holidays

FEATURE POEM

Forever we remain oblivious to the future,
lost to the past and enduring our torture.
Forever we take chances to settle our scores,
losing some battles and winning some wars.
Forever praying out loud hoping someone will hear,
forever crying softly but never shedding a tear.
Forever exists behind a disguise,
but the belief in forever keeps our hearts alive.

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FUN FACT!

Squirrels plant thousands of trees a year by simply forgetting where they put their acorns.

Tower of London

Year 8 students spent the day at the Tower of London where they learnt about British history including the legend of the Tower's ravens.

Students went to the eerie Bloody Tower, where prisoners were kept, sometimes for years on end. They also went to see the Crown Jewels, beautiful treasures protected by the Tower. They found out that there are 21 different towers that make up the Tower of London and each tower has a different story!

Students had a great time learning about the role the Tower of London played in British history and the many stories connected to the different towers in the Tower of London.



Stubbers

Year 11 students went to Stubbers Activity and Adventure Centre in Upminster. Upon arrival they were quickly put to work with team games, promoting team work and leadership.

Archery and rock climbing were amongst the many activities our students took part in. Learning how to shoot an arrow requires skill and determination and our year 11's were eager to learn!

Rock climbing may have been scary at first but once again our students overcame their fears and went to great heights.

This was an amazing activity-filled experience for all involved and we can't wait to go back!



A World to See

A walk through history, a stroll through nature - it was a museum takeover as Year 10's and 13's visited the world renowned galleries and museums of central London.

They visited The Natural History Museum where they went back to pre-historic times when the dinosaurs ruled, they learnt about the dynamic cycles of the natural world. The Science Museum provided an exploration into the great achievements and advancements that the human mind has been able to create, whilst The National Portrait Gallery, The V&A and Tate Modern showcased the incredible artistic talents of artists from both past and present.

This trip was an enriching experience for both staff and students as they gained a different experience from each museum and gallery visited.

Blast and Puzzles!

Year 7 and 8 students went to Blast off! workshops run by Study Skills Zone, where they developed effective study skills and were motivated to become successful learners.

Year 7 and year 9 students had an exciting time solving puzzles with The Problem Solving Company. Based in the gym, sports hall and events room, the company set up a challenge carousel, where various team work and problem-solving activities took place. One year 7 said, "I had so much fun trying to work with my team to make sure we finished the obstacle course! It was really fun!"

Blast Off! and the challenge carousel were fantastic activities and we can't wait to take part in them again!

