

Queen Mary & the Cell



By Andrew Grant - DLCO of Year 8

On Tuesday 24th April 2018, a group of 20 year 8 students were selected to visit Queen Mary University. The purpose of the visit was to give students an idea of what university life is like and to help answer any questions they may have.

Students took part in various workshops run by a staff member of the university, as well as two current Queen Mary University students. They had a lot of fun learning new things about not only Queen Mary, but about other universities too.

The year 8s also learnt how to apply to university and the processes that they would have to go through. Their questions were asked and answered, leaving our students with a much clearer understanding of university life.

After the workshops and Q & A session, we took a tour around campus which ended in lunch at the campus restaurant!

After the tour, we walked down Whitechapel

Road to the Centre of the Cell. The Centre of the Cell is another part of Queen Mary University where the Blizard Institute and School of Medicine and Dentistry is. This is where students studying Biology, Medicine, Cells and Life Sciences are based and it is the location of a science education centre, home to an interactive 'pod'.

The interactive 'pod' is designed to be a nucleus which opens up and has a variety of games, activities and workshops to teach primary and secondary students about Science.

The year 8s had a lot of fun at the Centre of the Cell! It was educational and interactive, encouraging them to seek out answers for themselves.

Overall the university trip was a massive success, our students enjoyed themselves immensely and learnt a lot about university life at the same time!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 14th May

Whole school external exams start

Tues 15th May

Aim2Attain trip to Gilwell Park (Selected Year 8 students only)

Mon 11th Jun

Year 6 Parents'/Carers' Evening 4pm-7pm

Tues 12th Jun

Aim2Attain Celebration and Next steps (Selected Year 8 students only)

Fri 15th Jun

**Eid ul-Fitr
School Closed
Date To Be Confirmed**

**Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June
2018
Half Term Holiday**

FEATURE POEM

If I can stop one heart
from breaking,

I shall not live in vain;

If I can ease one life the
aching,

Or cool one pain,

Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,

I shall not live in vain.

By Emily Dickinson

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FUN FACT!

Swanlea staff are constantly learning, with numerous training courses & INSET days throughout the year!



The Jewish Museum By Zara Islam - Media & Marketing Manager

This April year 9 students visited The Jewish Museum, where they took part in workshops to learn more about the Holocaust.

Students got the chance to handle authentic yellow Star of David badges and a passport from WWII and learn more about the history of the badge.

They also watched a video of Holocaust survivor Leon Greenman OBE, a heart-breaking story told by a man who became an anti-fascism campaigner after the war.

Finally, our students were privileged to meet and hear the stories of Holocaust survivors Mala Helfgott and Harry Spiro. Thank you to The Jewish Museum, Mala and Harry for a great trip.

Isle of Wight

By Faizah Miah - 7L & Samirah Rahman - 7S

On Friday 27th April we went on a 3 day residential with other year 7 girls to the Isle of Wight. It was an amazing opportunity for everyone to get to know each other better.

We did a lot of team building activities such as abseiling, archery and the 3G swing, which was my favourite. The thrill and challenges of the activities helped our confidence grow. We also visited the beach, which had some breath-taking views.

The best part of the residential was that whatever the weather was, we always had fun! I wish we could have stayed there longer



Brilliance at Cambridge! By Hannah Ridge - DLCO of Year 7

On Thursday 19th April, selected year 7 and 8 G&T students visited Cambridge University to launch the Brilliant Club.

The Brilliant Club is a charity, which enables disadvantaged more able students to build skills that help them access top universities.

Students worked with PhD tutors on specific topics relating to Arts, Humanities and STEM topics and were set assignments. The tutors were very impressed with our pupils and their knowledge on the topics discussed!

The Brilliant Club will continue every week where the PhD tutors will come in to work with the students on their assignments. Thank you to Cambridge University for hosting the trip!

Eid Cards for Sale!

By Margaret Williams - Senior Leader

Eid is next month and to celebrate we are selling our very own Eid Cards! Designed by the very artistic Simla Nadia of year 7, these beautiful cards are being sold to raise money towards our school charity to build a school in Cambodia.

One card is £1 but a pack of five is £4 (every card comes with an envelope).

Due to the high demand, all cards are made to order. Please email your orders to marketing@swanlea.co.uk

Another way you can donate to our fundraising is via our Virgin money page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SWANLEASCHOOLSWANLEASCHOOL>

