

Year 12 Activities Week

Activities in lessons

School has hosted a range of activities for students to get involved with over the activity days that not only broaden their knowledge but also give them good experiences. Activities included fun lessons hosted by teachers such as Miss Reynolds and Miss Landeg who got involved with their psychology students and did lots of different activities such as quizzes that led to a good deal of rivalry between students. Students also created studies then obtained primary data by going around school asking people to participate. This allowed students to apply their knowledge of the subject to real life applications and recap what they learned in year 12 in a fun way.

Help with the move

As the big move to the new block approaches, departments such as DT and Kingswood have needed help packing up the equipment and other items from the rooms and moving them. Students have lent a helping hand to make the move smoother and quicker. Crates have been moved up and down the stairs by the helpful volunteers to help organise the move.



Lesson help

Those students looking to go into teaching or who wished to help by sharing their knowledge on their subjects have been able to help in lessons for the younger years. Doing this, students will get the experience they need to be a leader and help when people are struggling.

Boost

During the Boost course students have learned all about leadership and how to do it well. We have completed loads of team building activities such as tent building to help us learn leadership skills. We also learnt about how the brain works, how big an issue mental health is, and how to support people with mental health issues. The year 12 students who participated will later on in the year lead year 8 students through the same activities.

Science fair

The science department got students involved in preparing for the primary science fair where they helped put together all the experiments and demonstrations to show the 300-400 year 3 and 4s on Wednesday. They put on many displays to demonstrate different elements of science including heart dissection, rocket making and friction waves. All the children were able to participate and get involved. This was a day full of fun and new learning experiences for the youngsters and year 12s worked hard to create fun and interesting experiments for them to get involved in teach them about practical science.



Course catchup

Courses that were taking place during the year 12 enrichment weeks could be completed. Those doing EPQ were given the time to further improve and complete their work. Subjects that include coursework have also allowed students to further work on and improve them.



First aid was also offered to students over the duration of enrichment weeks. Students who were unable to participate during enrichment had the opportunity to complete the course, delivered by a professional trainer, during activities week. First aid provides students with the correct skills to spot and assist someone in a medical emergency. The course provides both the theoretical knowledge and the practical application skills so students can apply the skills in real life situations with the use of proper equipment. Having students know the correct skills may just save someone's life.

MOOC courses

Sixth form students had the option of many online courses, which they could complete to boost their knowledge of a subject/ area of learning in which they are interested. These varied from accounting courses to creative arts courses. Students said they enjoyed having these courses as an option as they could focus on an area they enjoy. These courses provided an insight into new industries and allowed students to decide what they are interested in and may want to pursue in a career. Many courses offer certificates to show the effort and progress that students have made which they can show employers.



TEFL course

Students completed this to gain a qualification in teaching English abroad in the Philippines and Thailand. The course gave students with an insight into how to instruct others and an opportunity to strengthen applications for further education. This course broadens students' employment options, as they are able to teach or get jobs abroad. These teaching skills are key as they help improve leadership and communication skills.

Sign language



This was an opportunity given to students, by the school, which began in enrichment and then was finished during the activities week. Learning sign language was an amazing opportunity that is not often provided. Students said they enjoyed the course as it was fun, and they noted that sign language should be offered as an option throughout school. Many students said they decided to learn sign language as it is an important life skill. This communication skill may come in handy at any point in life and may give them an upper hand if it is on their CVs as it may be looked for in their line of work.

Sociology Gloucester Crown Court trip

Students spent the morning in the court listening to a range of cases; they also had the opportunity to speak with the judge to ask questions about law and crime. Students felt this was especially useful as it gave them the chance to apply their knowledge of sociology to what they saw in court. This trip links with the Crime and Deviance topic the sociology students study. This also gave students a glimpse of working in the criminal justice system and they were surprised by how many different jobs there are. These jobs are always interesting and incredibly involved as you always get to see or learn something new.



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) trip to Bristol Uni



STEM students spent the day at the University of Bristol getting involved in all kinds of activities, which they found incredibly fun and insightful. They attended a lecture in which they learnt about composite materials in the construction of airplane wings to improve fuel efficiency aiming to reduce global warming. They also carried out experiments in the labs which they found extremely exciting. This gave students a look into what uni life would be like and the courses they could study.

Spanish trip

Those who went to Spain said it was great fun and full of activities. They explored different historical sites of Seville and Cadiz, which they found particularly interesting. Students said they liked that they could apply their skills of speaking the language to the locals and indulged in making local dishes such as paella.



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