



Message from our principal

Our students enjoyed the range of activities and trips that took place for our academy's first Enrichment Week. It was an excellent way to end the year celebrating the progress and achievements of every student.

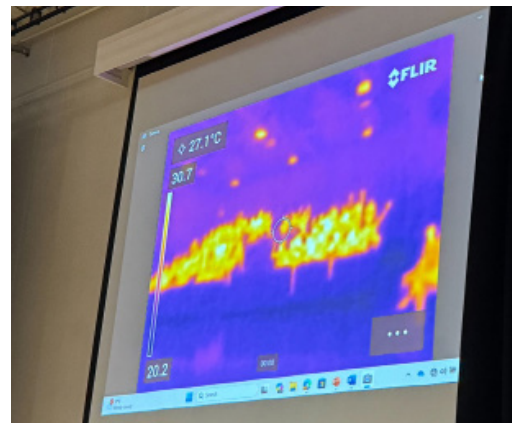
I wish every family a restful summer and we look forward to welcoming our students, including our new Year 7s, on Monday 1 September for another great year ahead!



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

Space Conference:

Our Year 8 students has the opportunity to interview John McFall, a reserve astronaut for the European space agency. Alongside this, John spoke to the students about his experiences from travelling, losing his leg while becoming a doctor, then onto becoming a Paralympic medalist before starting on his journey being a reserve astronaut.



Enrichment Week

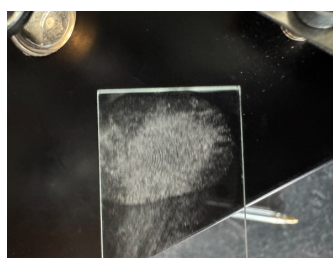
Escape rooms:

This week the IT department created escape rooms for students to participate and test their logical, practical and critical thinking skills. Students had to break through 3 rooms by completing a series of riddles in order to escape the building and make it to summer! Rooms included: Cyber Lab - decoding an encrypted message to find hidden clues; Eco Lab - sorting through rubbish to find valuable hints to a code; Cone Escape - testing their communication and memory skills; and finally the Riddle Room where they had to answer and interpret riddles in order to escape! The students enjoyed their time participating and really gave their all. Some Year 7 students had an impromptu dance off in order to escape, boys vs girls to 'Timber'. Bonus points for the suave dancing and amazing singing they did.



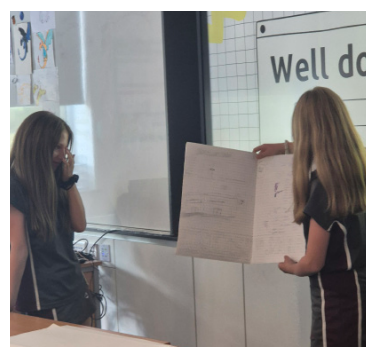
Whodunnit?

Our students experienced becoming forensic scientists to identify who had kidnapped Kermit the Frog. They tested hair, fibres, soil and ink samples and finished by lifting fingerprints from the crime scene!



Creating a business:

In maths, Year 7 students put their heads together to create a business. After putting thoughts to paper, each team had to present their idea to the room.



Celebrating our curriculum



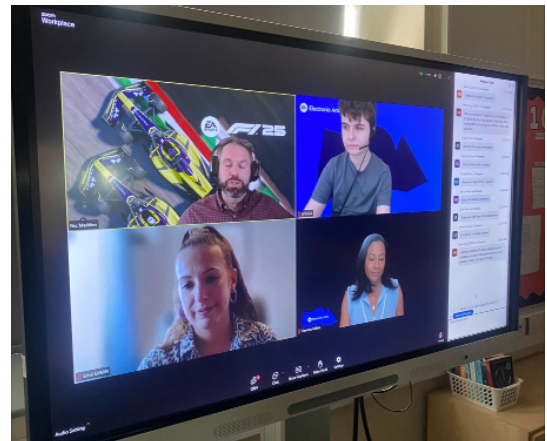
Superheroes:

Have a look at our Year 9 superhero costumes. Can you guess what their powers are?



EA Sports:

In geography last week, students joined other schools in a live webinar with EA Sports. The session explored career paths with EA Sports and there was a Q&A session where students from each school were able to ask questions.



Theme park trips:

Earlier in the week our Year 7 & 8 students went to Alton Towers. Our Year 9 & 10 students also enjoyed their trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. One student even came back with a purple friend!



Celebrating student achievements

Sparx Maths:

These scores are an indication of the high levels of integrity and hard work that our students have developed this year.

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	
1st Place	Jack	7Y	Shafia	8Z	Aistis	9Z	Ivan	10W
2nd Place	Jack	7D	Naya	8W	Birva	9X	Joseph	10A
3rd Place	Fatuma	7Z	Jessica	8W	Aarna	9Y	Dorsa	10Y
4th Place	Aun	7W	Ceridwan	8X	Noor	9X	Fodayba	10W
5th Place	Samik	7A	Nirav	8D	Holly	9Y	Isabel	10Y
6th Place	Harley	7X	Lucas	8W	Lucy	9W	Lily May	10W
7th Place	Jessica	7A	Jeremi	8A	Layan	9C	Franciszek	10B
8th Place	Lucas	7D	Imogen	8A	Callum	9Y	Kian	10D
9th Place	Charlie	7B	Idriss	8X	Ruby	9X	Raghav	10D
10th Place	Dimitris	7D	Ousman	8W	Sharise	9X	Ellie-Mae	10A

Attendance:

There were 141 students who achieved our academy target of 97 - 100% attendance this year, well done and keep it up!



Final day of the year:

A sweet way to end the term and the year! Students (and staff) were treated to ice cream on the final day of this academic year, and they loved every bite!

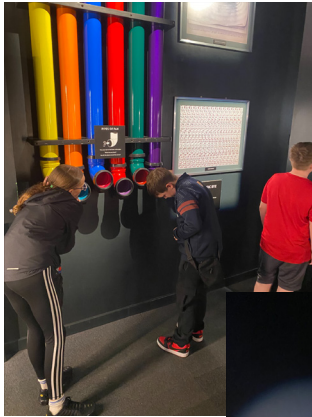


Edinburgh geography trip

3 days away in Edinburgh:

This week, some of our geography students travelled to Edinburgh, they had a bustling schedule of activities:

National Museum of Scotland
Ghosts and Gore tour
Royal Yacht Britannia
Dynamic Earth Museum
Camera Obscura and Illusions
Edinburgh Zoo



Ghyll Head reflections

Challenges and best moments

Alanna

Challenge: *the sunburn I got on the second day as it hurt for a while.*

Best moment: *playing in Loch Ness when we had the chance to relax in the water.*

Angel

Challenge: *coping with the cold wind whilst paddling and sailing on Loch Ness.*

Best moment: *the camping laughs, being with everyone!*

Birva

Challenge: *finding motivation to keep going on the last stretch whilst it got dark, and we were feeling tired.*

Best moment: *bonding with the others and laughing together.*

Kyle

Challenge: *putting the tent up on the first night.*

Best moment: *playing cards and games with the others.*

Kush

Challenge: *controlling the ropes when sailing, dealing with the rope burn.*

Best moment: *being with new people.*

Payton

Challenge: *putting the tent up each night.*

Best moment: *playing catch and spending time together.*

Tamsin

Challenge: *avoiding the midges.*

Best moment: *having responsibility for cooking.*

Vik

Challenge: *the midges and the midgey head protection.*

Best moment: *flying through the water at full speed.*

Ms Boden

Challenge: *dodging the midges, missing my shower, and feeling clean!*

Best moment: *feeling confident and at one with the water, the thrill of shooting across the waves.*

Mr Martin

Challenge: *the midges and the combination of midge cream and sunscreen.*

Best moment: *skimming on the waves on Loch Ness.*



Family
Hub



Is Your Child Starting High School This September? **Join us this Summer!**

We're here to chat about anything on your mind, including:

- First-day nerves and how to ease them
- Helping your child manage anxiety or worries
- School uniform help and where to get support
- What to do if your child is unwell
- How to support good attendance from day one
- Who to contact at school and when
- And any other questions you might have!

Fun for Kids Too!

While you chat with us, your child can join in with fun activities and meet other young people — a great way to make new friends before school starts!

Thursday 7th August

1:00-3:00pm

**Crossacres Family Hub,
M22 9TA**

Thursday 14th August

1:00-3:00pm

Hollyhedge Park

Thursday 21st August

1:00-3:00pm

Baguley CC, M23 1LB

Thursday 28th August

1:00-3:00pm

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