



13 September 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

The school welcomed over 2000 people yesterday for our Open Evening and the feedback has been exceptional. A huge thank you to our pupil volunteers who gave up their evening to support in last night's event. The visitors were very complimentary about our pupil volunteers who are a real credit to themselves, the school and to their parents and carers. I took the opportunity in my opening speech to share our academic achievements and sporting successes over the last year, which are very impressive. A few key highlights I mentioned: Emmie Lole in Year 10, signed for West Ham Women U16 Youth Team, Fleur Bennett in Year 9, for West Ham Women U14 Youth Team, Marley Frohock in Year 11 who signed for Arsenal's U16 Youth Squad, Olivia Szczepanik in Year 8, who won Gold and Bronze in the British Open Karate, Joe Tomalin in Year 12 who represented Great Britain as part of the U18 Ice Hockey team.

I would encourage all pupils to be part of the school beyond the classroom and to see if there are any clubs or activities they can get involved in. Please visit this link on our website for all our extra-curricular activities [here](#).



Year 13 Trip to Stratford Upon Avon

Year 13 had an amazing couple of days in Shakespeare's hometown of Stratford Upon Avon and were treated to two amazing shows – Shakespeare's *Pericles* and Sheridan's *School for Scandal*. Pupils were involved in a practical workshop with the RSC and had the opportunity to take a back-stage tour of the RSC's Swan Theatre. Some pupils even got to meet Alfred Enoch who played *Pericles*! *Miss Barnes Head of Drama*



Year 12 Careers and Team Building Day

On Tuesday Year 12 engaged in a number of team building activities. The day was designed to help them get to know more students in their year group and develop essential skills of communication, resilience and working with others. Later in the day students learnt about the different roles in the army from vets to finance and routes that they could explore post 18. *Mrs Frappell Head of Careers and Aspirations.*



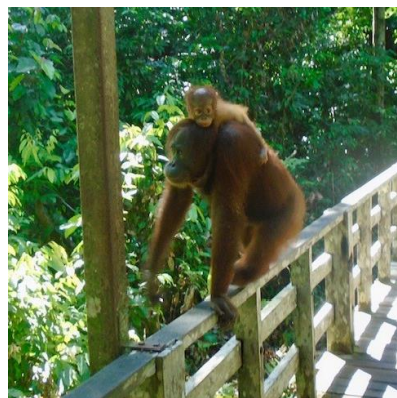
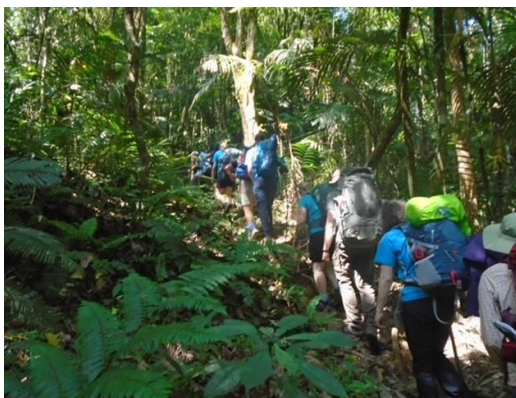
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Sixth Form Expedition to Borneo

This summer a small but adventurous team of sixth form students spent three weeks on expedition in Borneo. After only a single night in the city we set out into the jungle with our local guides and spent three days trekking, and learning about many of the species of plants and animals found there. The second phase of our expedition involved attempting to summit Mount Kinabalu – the highest point in Malaysia. After two very challenging days, the whole team made it to the top! The view when the sun rose was breath-taking, making the achievement all the more worthwhile. The following week was spent working with farmers in the Tenom region, planting a coffee garden on land reclaimed from oil palm plantations. The coffee grown there will provide income for the locals for many years to come, and also be used to educate and inspire others in the region to undertake similar projects. Our efforts saw over one hundred new coffee plants placed and protected from the sun. Our third and final week was spent relaxing, and enjoying some of the incredible wildlife the island has to offer. Highlights included seeing orangutans in the Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre and spotting a herd of around twenty pygmy elephants on the banks of the Kinabatangan river. All in, it was a fantastic experience for students and staff alike.



Dates for the Diary

- 16.09.24 - Year 12 Welcome Evening
- 17.09.24 - 27.09.2024 - Year 6 School Tours Commence
- 18.09.24 - Year 10 Curriculum Evening

Word of the Week
Week 2 Amiable



Adjective: Friendly, sociable, agreeable

Sentence: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is admired not just for his success in wrestling and acting but also for his **amiable** personality.

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