

Enrichment and Student Development.

Report for SSMC June 2024.

Enrichment Days.

After our successful second Enrichment Day which was held last March we are now finalising arrangements for Enrichment Day 3 which is to be held on Monday 8th March. Activities are as below:

- Visiting primary schools – Creative Day led by Mr Harvey.
- Year 7 – Visit to Stubbers Activity Centre led by Mrs Lewis.
- Year 8 – Aspects of the Ancient World Day led by Mr Lodge.
- Year 9 – STEM and CSI/Forensics Day led by Dr Noble.
- Year 10 – HPQ and Holocaust Awareness Day led by Mrs Onuegbu and Mr Thompson.
- Year 12 – UCAS Day led by Mrs Hopkins.

At the time of writing we are discussing the arrangements for next year's three Enrichment Days but we do not envisage any huge changes being made to a system and offer that work well and provide students with considerable variety.

Year 10 and 12 Prefects:

Our Year 10 and 12 prefects are making excellent progress in their roles and the support which they offered to the whole school open evening in April was much appreciated. Currently the Senior Prefects are working on their plans for the school summer festival which will take place in July and we are looking forward to an excellent community celebration on that afternoon.

House Events:

The cycle of House Events has continued this term with a range of sporting competitions (including House Cricket, a new venture for CCHS and a refashioned school tennis competition organised by Miss Holt. We have also had the ever popular House Cakes to celebrate the school's 117th birthday and were able to donate substantial amounts of cake to the CHESS homeless shelter. Students are now preparing their entries for the biannual House Music competition and planning their teams for our annual Sports Day. We are grateful to Caroline Penn (who studied at CCHS from 2011 to 2018) and who now works as a professional musician for agreeing to be our visiting judge for the House Music competition. Our thanks as ever go to Miss Holt for her energy, enthusiasm and organisation which do so much to make the house system successful.

CCHS Institute Lectures:

After a successful series of lectures in this academic year we are currently organising next year's offering and look forward to publicising details of our confirmed speakers in the near future.

Development of Academic Enrichment.

Work continues on proposals for the further development of our work to support, stretch and challenge our most able students. Further details on these proposals and the progress of this initiative will be shared with trustees at the autumn meeting of the SSMC.

Careers and UCAS.

After the success of the Careers Evening in February Dr Hiner is now planning a new event to take place in late June. This will be an 'Experience of the World of Work Day' for Year 10 and will involve all of Year 10 visiting a workplace for part of the day. Many students will take advantage of connections with parents and family friends but we are also planning a number of visits to companies local to the school in case there are students who have difficulty in arranging their own visit. These visits will give students an excellent opportunity to learn more about the world of work and allow us more effectively to demonstrate that we are fulfilling Gatsby Benchmarks 5 and 6 ('Encounters with Employers and Employees' and 'Experiences of Workplaces'). These visits are to be distinctly different from traditional work experience placements and we are sure that our students will find them to be valuable.

At the time of writing we are working hard with our Year 12 students on the early stages of the UCAS process and making good use of the Unifrog tool to support this work. Students will receive their predicted grades on Tuesday 18th June and this information will help them make good decisions on the universities and courses for which they wish to apply. Each student may ask for up to two days off school in this half term and two days in the next half term to attend university open days; many university open days also take place at weekends. We will also be welcoming a number of visitors (former students of CCHS) who are currently studying at a range of universities to our UCAS Enrichment Day on July 8th and are sure that this day will be very useful to all our Year 12 students as they think about universities, apprenticeships and other options.

Trips and Visits:

The summer term is always a busy time for trips and visits, especially for foreign residential trips.

This term's trips:

- Ypres Salient for current Year 9 – May 2024.
- Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh – May 2024.
- Theatre Trip – *Nye*, May 2024.
- STEM visit to Leonardo – June 2024 and a number of other local STEM visits.
- Year 10 and 12 visit to the Saatchi Gallery – June 2024.
- Year 12 Geography visit to Stratford – June 2024.
- Year 10 History Trip to Globe Theatre and Golden Hinde – June 2024.
- Year 10 and 12 trip to ARU Health Care Expo – June 2024.

- Industrial Cadets Prizegiving – June 2024.
- German leg of the German Exchange – June 2024.
- Nice Study Trip for Year 12 students of French – June 2024.
- Wimbledon Tennis – July 2024.
- Physics trip to Adventure Island – July 2024.
- Year 12 Geography trip to Yorkshire – July 2024.
- Gospel Choir visit to National Festival of Music for Youth – July 2024
- Year 10 (small group) visit to Emmanuel College Cambridge – July 2024.
- Normandy Study Trip for Year 10 students of French – July 2024
- Stubbers Activity Day for Year 7 – July 2024.

Residential Trips for next term and thereafter:

- Year 11 Geography trip to North Wales – September 2024.
- Year 9 History trip to the Ypres Salient – October 2024
- German Exchange 2025 – March and June 2025.
- Year 10 French trip to Normandy – June 2025.
- Year 12 Geography trip to Yorkshire – June 2025.
- Mexico Biology Trip – July 2025.