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Shireland Debate Mate Cup Winners - Treble Complete

Alan Hansen said 'you'll never win it with kids'...and yet like the Manchester United side of 1999 our Debate Mate Squad has achieved a historic treble with their Debate Mate Cup win – what-is-more the quadruple is still on!

On the 19th April 2018 the Shireland A team battled their way through 4 intense rounds of debating to be crowned the Debate Mate Cup champions. A treble of accolades, Debate Mate Attendance Award, West Midland League and the Debate Mate Cup were secured via an outstanding display of intellectual wit and linguistic style by our students.

Asiba (Yr10), Rushda (Yr10), Diana (Yr8), Abdullahi (Yr7), Jasleen (Yr10) - our primary speakers - and aided by Khadijah (Yr 7) and Sanjiv (Yr 7) formed a formidable squad. All opponents who attempted to take them on were swept aside.

Issues regarding the UN Security Council, the U.K. Housing crisis, the rise of reality TV and finally the harm of Social Media were all argued at full throttle. For each new Debate the team delivered oodles of style, content and strategy to win each of their debates.

This has been the Debate Mate team's most successful year to date and builds on last year's League and Attendance wins. All students involved in the team have developed their confidence and have honed their ability to argue with purpose and meaning – everyone involved in the Debate Mate Club has a lot to be proud of and have been invaluable in the success we have experienced.

As a result of yesterday's win the Debate Mate A team have qualified for the national final in London for the first time. So let's go for the unprecedented quadruple in June!



Year 10 Creative Media Trip

On Wednesday 25th April, Year 10 Creative Media students went to BBC Mailbox for an entertaining and informative tour about fantastic TV, radio and online productions created at BBC Birmingham. Year 10 were surprised and amazed as the tour guides explained how ideas go from script to screen and how production teams work right up to the wire to deliver TV and radio.

Year 10 had a peek behind the scenes of Midlands Today, BBC WM, the Asian Network, and the famous Archers studio. Students had the opportunity to use the green screen to present the weather, be part of BBC WM radio studio and record an Archers script.



Year 11 Science Revision Trip

On the 30th April Year 11 students were taken on a trip to The Village Hotel for a Science revision day. The day was split up into the three section and throughout the day students made their way around a Biology, Chemistry and Physics table. While at each table they received tuition upon the trickiest elements of each subject in preparation for their upcoming examinations. Students worked tirelessly throughout each of the subject tables which resulted in a very successful day.



Vinyl Record Research Yr12 Business April 2018

Yr12 BTEC Business students visited 'The Diskery', a vinyl record store in Birmingham in April 2018. Students were collecting primary research to be able to complete the marketing campaign external assessment. Staff members were interviewed by the students. Some of the questions were based around target market, trends, promotion and technology.

The research collected was then used as justification for their own campaign in the external assessment. Whilst in the store, students were able to look at a number of vinyls including some collectors' items, and listen to one. It was the first time they had experienced this, for a number of the group.



Year 10 Science Trip

On Thursday 17th May 2018 10-Phy1 visited the Thinktank to supplement their Science course.

They found out the answers to some interesting questions, for example:

- How long it takes the International Space Station to orbit the Earth
- What happens if you didn't have a space suit in space
- How our brains react to different stimuli

The students also had a private planetarium session where they found out about how to locate the North star, the relative sizes of the planets in the solar system and the future of our Sun.



Sixth Form University Trip

The "Maths within A-Level Chemistry" trip at Birmingham University was a great opportunity for students to revisit their knowledge over the past year. I was very impressed how quickly the students grasped the knowledge and were able to answer even the most difficult questions.

Aston University aimed at allowing the students to use highly precise equipment often used in laboratories. It was a great mix of hands-on experiments coupled with applying their subject knowledge throughout A-Level Biology. Students extracted DNA from strawberries and then extracted DNA from a sample to amplify. These techniques are commonly used in laboratories and it was a great opportunity for students to get a taste for their possible future careers.



National Youth Orchestra

In the Easter break, a group of ten musical students from our academy took part in an exciting project with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain (NYO). The students became "Young Promoters" and spent the day at Symphony Hall, Birmingham organising the "NYO Teen Hangout", which provides a friendly environment to meet NYO musicians, enjoy some free snacks, relax before the concert begins, and discover the stories behind the music!

The students did a fantastic job of planning, marketing and hosting the event for the NYO. Afterwards the students saw the orchestra perform in concert which the students described as "amazing" and "absolutely brilliant". The Young promoters are looking forward to hosting the next event when the NYO Inspire Orchestra visits the academy in July.



B-SIDE PROJECT 2018

We had auditions at our Academy in April for the B-side Hip Hop festival crew 2018. The final event took part between 9-13th May 2018 at the Birmingham Hippodrome. Four of our students were successful and two managed to perform as part of the curtain-raiser on the main stage. These students, Zedan Russell and Tyreek Newton also had the opportunity to also perform outside Selfridges and the Arcadian. Our Head Teacher, Mr Irish also joined us for the event and was amazed by the level of talent and professionalism our students conducted to the audience. The festival welcomed over 4000 visitors and we are so happy that we got to be a part of the festival.



Sixth Form University Trip

The Dance departments brings to you the Michael Jackson Show 2018. An original production by Mrs Lucy Prince. The students have worked tremendously with this new challenge of combining dance and production arts together. We wanted to push the boundaries a little more this year and see what our students were capable of. They definitely stepped up to the challenge. The show includes hits from Michael Jackson earlier and later years and also performances which are inspired by Michael Jackson's moves and life stories. Please see our social media links for images and videos



Year 12 Photography Gallery Trip

On Thursday 17th May, the Year 12 GCE photography group went on a visit to The Ikon Gallery in Brindleyplace, Birmingham. We had a challenge to take 24 carefully captured photographs showcasing a variety of photography techniques within them. We were introduced to the work of Langlands & Bell in the exhibition which included a series of sculptures, digital animations and portraits that we found very unusual and unique. We were told the meanings and intentions behind the pieces which gave us an insight into what they were made for. Outside of the exhibition, we took photographs of the surroundings to enhance our coursework.



Year 10 London Trip

On the 25th of May, Year 10 visited London Aquarium to closely look at tropical rainforest and coral reef ecosystems. We observed the fish, animals and plants and discussed their habitats. We had lunch in the sun outside of the London Eye and then went on Mr Thaper's famous walking tour of London. We visited Buckingham Palace and hoped to see the Queen but she wasn't in unfortunately! We walked past 10 Downing Street and witnessed the ANZAC day memorial.



Summer Term Dates: Monday 4th June - Friday 20th July

Other Key Dates:

Tuesday 12th June - Year 7 and 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 15th June - Training Day (School closed, except for examinations)

Friday 29th June - Training Day (School closed)

Week beginning 25th - June Mock Examinations Year 10

Week beginning 2nd July - New timetable begins

Tuesday 10th July - Sports Day

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