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HUGH CHRISTIE NEWS



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Year 10 Work Experience

Most of our Year 10 students participated in work experience for two weeks recently. We are very lucky to have good relationships with many local businesses which helps enable us to offer the students this opportunity. Mr Mort works very hard to ensure every student can go to a good placement that has been checked for health and safety and public liability insurance.

Students can find their own placements or choose from a list of contacts that Mr Mort provides. The experience is invaluable and helps them build on their work ethic, skills and personal attributes such as teamwork and reliability.

It is a real pleasure for staff to visit the students and see them in a different environment to the classroom. It has been encouraging to see how many of them have flourished in the work environment.

This year students have experienced workplaces from boxing gyms to equestrian centres and everything in between; the most diverse probably being Jay King who spent two weeks at Hawkforce at the Beltring Hop Farm.



"an enthusiastic atmosphere for learning" - Ofsted 2014

REAL Tudor Experience

During Focus Fortnight, students in the REAL Academy have been working together on a number of exciting projects. They took part on a balloon debate where they were visited by staff impersonating six influential Tudors and had to decide, through questioning, which one of the six would remain in the balloon and which five who would be thrown out! William Shakespeare was the lucky Tudor to survive!

Students visited Hampton Court and The Tower of London to gain some inspiration. They then had to create exhibits for their Museum. On Friday morning the doors opened and many parents visited REAL to see the work achieved. Students worked really hard on creating an exhibition to be proud of.



Friends of Hugh Christie

A big "thank you" to Haywards Butchers in York Parade for their generous donation of a £50 shopping voucher, which was used as a prize in the Christmas Grand Draw.

Many thanks to all those who supported the Christmas Grand Draw, which raised a total of £653 for the school.

Please support your school and come along to the Friends of Hugh Christie AGM on Wednesday 10th February at 7pm in the School Library. You will find out how the last year's fundraising has made a difference to the students, by purchasing resources and funding learning experiences.

Year 9 Enter the Dragons Den

Students were challenged with redesigning one of three products (a plimsoll, a calculator or a Cadbury's Crème Egg). They had to work in teams to think about what improvements or changes they would make to the product, how much they would charge customers for it, where it would be distributed and how they would promote it.

They presented their ideas to one of the 'dragons', with the best six going through to the final. Finalists then had to re-pitch their ideas to the rest of the year and the full panel of 6 'dragon's! The presentations were excellent with some fantastic and original ideas.



Student of the month is

Finley Rockell in 7DT

Finley has been excellent in supporting a student who does not yet have a good grasp of the English language.

Finley has worked in a group with this student to prepare and give a presentation during Focus Fortnight.

Congratulations to Finley for supporting other students.



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The place to be.....

Year 9 Football Team Triumph

Saturday 16th January saw our Year 9 football team play their Kent Schools Quarter Final Cup Match against Harvey Grammar School.

It was the first time any Hugh Christie football team had reached the Quarter Finals of this competition in ten years!



It was a tough match, with both teams playing exceptionally well, but unfortunately Hugh Christie were beaten 3-2. It was a great achievement to reach these final stages of the cup, and the effort shown by all the whole team was outstanding!

Year 9 Learn About the Future

As part of our whole school approach to Career Futures, students in Year 9 recently took part in a day of activities to assist them in acquiring the skills and behaviours which will be helpful in the workplace. Students then had the opportunity to practise these skills, in groups, in a series of team challenges.



In addition to this, most of Year 9 also visited the University at Canterbury to learn what it would be like to go on to Further Education in the future.



Both these events are designed to help our Year 9 students start to think about future jobs and what skills and qualifications they will require.

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A Rugby Team has been formed as part of a Community Action Service Activity by Sixth Formers Jack Hemming, Lee Waterhouse and Harry Howell. As part of this, the students sought sponsorship, purchased a kit and were recently delighted to have received a number of generous donations.

The team are very grateful to the following sponsors of the Sixth Form Rugby Team: Manak Solicitors, Edward Prentice Chartered Surveyors and Jane Anderson of the Kent Education Partnership.



Year 9 Trip to Buddhist Temple

Year 9 students visited the Buddhist Temple in Wimbledon during Focus Fortnight. Prior to entering the Temple, students had the opportunity to explore the peaceful grounds and surrounds of the temple where they were able to witness first hand people meditating.



Once inside the ornate temple they were greeted by one of the Buddhist Monk's who was able to explain the decorative and unique paintings that adorn the walls and have done so for the last thirty years. Students were mesmerised and entranced by the experience and even took part in meditation and chanting. They all fully embraced the experience and the insight into a different culture and way of life. It was a spiritual experience for the staff as well who thoroughly enjoyed the day with the students.



It is nearly that time of the year again.....



Annie

3RD, 4TH, 5TH MARCH 2016
DOORS - 7PM

Adults - £7.50

Concessions £5.50

Table for 4 + Bottle of Wine - £40.00

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