



## Macbeth at Shakespeare's Globe

Last month, a group of Year 11 English students headed to London to watch Shakespeare's Macbeth at the world-famous Globe Theatre.

Unfortunately, we didn't pick a very good day for it, as these photos reveal! But the pouring rain didn't dampen the students' enthusiasm.

Everyone donned their raincoats and ponchos, and enjoyed this unique opportunity to see an outstanding performance of their GCSE text at an iconic theatre.

As always, students were a credit to Vandyke. We hope everyone has dried out by now!



## Sports Award - Girls' Football

Last month, Leighton Linlade's Schools Sport Partnership was Highly Commended at a national awards event, bringing prestigious national recognition to the scheme.



The Partnership is led by Vandyke Upper School's Stewart Seymour. Stewart's work in promoting girls' football was among short-listed nominations and was announced as runner up at the Barclays Girls' Football School Partnerships conference which took place at St George's Park, home of England Football. The conference was hosted by BBC presenter Clare Balding.

Provision for girls' football across the Leighton Linlade School Sport Partnership is well ahead of that found in other areas.

Stewart said, "The conference acknowledged the impact of the Lionesses' successes at the 2022 Euros and this Summer's World Cup in generating interest in women's football. We have seen this in our schools in terms of the excitement among girls and enthusiasm for playing the game. Our ambition is to build further on this in achieving equal access for girls to play football."



## University of Bedfordshire Conference

The University of Bedfordshire recently hosted a conference for subjects such as Law, Business, Finance, Marketing, AI, Human Resources and Hospitality.

Year 12 and 13 students attended a range of lectures, including some from many inspirational speakers on success and resilience. Speakers included; a local law firm business owner, a HR consultant, and an impressive Quantity Surveyor.

Students and staff were fully refreshed with breakfast and lunch, with some even receiving £20 Amazon vouchers for giving feedback on camera.



## Uniformed Protective Services Drill Competition

Part of the course for Uniformed Protective Services is taking part in team building activities – one of these being a Drill Competition. Students who take this subject would expect to do this in Year 13, as part of the teamwork and leadership assessment.

The competition itself consists of using leadership, communication and listening skills. It allows the students to engage with their peers and to increase their confidence. There are unique elements of this where every individual gets a chance in a leadership role and working together to improve their performance. These factors allow students to have the ability of potentially coming out of their comfort zone and involving themselves in new activities.

The competitive aspect, albeit friendly, of the whole process is extremely enjoyable for the individual as well as the group as a whole. It gives students opportunities to

give their own feedback (when rehearsing) to specific individuals or the team altogether; whether this is positive or if there are areas which could be worked on and improved to their best ability. I felt that this gave me, personally, a boost of confidence and motivation when it came to the competition itself.

The overriding sense of achievement by the group from where we started to where we are now is something that we can be incredibly proud of.

**Charlotte Duffy, Y13**



## Great Atmosphere At Open Evening

We hosted another successful Open Evening last week. Year 8 students and their parents/carers arrived in their hundreds, taking the opportunity to find out about our school.

Students were able to visit all subject departments, meet staff and students, and try their hands at various activities, challenges and experiments.

There was a fantastic atmosphere around school all evening. Special thanks to all the staff and students who welcomed our visitors and made it such a special event. You'll find a full album of photos on our Facebook page—just scan the QR code below right.



## Fine Artist of the Fortnight



Well done to Olivia (10DSS) for producing an excellent painting of her own primary photo taken in Oxford in the summer. In this painting, Olivia has shown great colour matching in comparison to the original photo and great attention to detail. Well done, Olivia!



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Mon 9th—Fri 20th October	Open Mornings for Y8 students and parents/carers. 9am-11am every day.
Mon 9th & Tues 10th Oct	Year 9 Assemblies
Thurs 12th & Fri 13th Oct	Year 10 Assemblies
Wed 11th & Thurs 12th October	Year 11 Subject Consultation Evenings
Wed 18th & Thurs 19th October	Year 10 Subject Consultation Evenings