

Public Services visit to Aylesbury College

Our Y10 Public Services students recently paid a visit to Aylesbury College. The key aim of the trip was to study the importance of the National Health Service (NHS) within the UK, and to practice elements of first aid. The day started with pupils getting into small groups and using equipment and heavy weighted vests to simulate living as an older person in their late 80s. A variety of goggles were also used to replicate common eye problems such as cataracts and glaucoma. Students had to wear these items and rely on partners to direct them through a series of settings such as a bathroom, living room, and hospital bed.

After lunch, students looked at several ways to spot signs of choking, if someone was unconscious, and how to use defibrillators on dummies who were experiencing cardiac arrests. Finally, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was practiced on the dummies – using a number of top hits from the 90s in order to maintain the correct speed for each individual compression! Students will have the chance to practice this skill again in Y11 during their RTC (Road Traffic Collision) scenario. Overall, it was a fantastic day and was enjoyed by all!



Cheque presented to Smile Malawi

We were delighted to welcome Elspeth Baecke, founder of the Smile Malawi charity, to school last week. The Y13 Senior Student Team were even more delighted to present her with a cheque for £3,095! The money was raised during November's annual Smile Week event, when Sixth Form students and staff organised an incredible array of fundraising activities.

Elspeth happily received the cheque before telling our Y12 students all about the work of Smile Malawi and the difference the money we've raised will make. The first Smile Malawi Children's Centre opened in November 2006 and now gives a home to 36 children from Blantyre and the local villages. The charity also helps the local community of Kapeya with a developing outreach programme, primarily targeting the children and local school.

The Sixth Form team were thrilled to smash their £3000 fundraising target and make a great contribution to Smile Malawi's fantastic work. Well done everyone!



Photos on display following competition

16 of our students entered a recent photography competition, in partnership with Building Relations PR, Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes. Students were tasked with taking a scenic view in their local area, or a photo which



represents Leighton Buzzard. We're delighted to announce that Holly G and Amelie BH were the winners, and framed copies of their photos will be displayed in the new Clipstone Park show homes! Congratulations to them both – we're looking forward to being able to pay a visit to the show home to see their work on display.



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Sporting success for Vandyke teams

The PE department have been incredibly busy over the last few weeks, and many of our teams are celebrating successes.

Well done to all of the students who took part in the **South Bedfordshire District Cross Country Competition**.



Alongside a brand new cross country course, the students also faced the challenge of the bitter cold. All students conducted themselves well and maintained a positive attitude throughout the whole event. A large number qualified for the next round and will be representing Vandyke at the Bedfordshire County Competition.



The **Year 9 Boys Football A Team** have progressed into the semi-final of the county cup after an outstanding performance against a resilient

Lincroft Academy. The wind and rain definitely made life difficult for both teams, but Vandyke took their chances in the first half, with goals coming from Jacob and Niccolo.

The second half was all about maintaining composure and playing our game, which we did in fine fashion. We now await our opponents in the semi-final and begin our campaign in the district competition.

Well done also to the **U16 Girls Football Team**, who progressed through to the semi-final of the County Cup after beating Cedars 3-0. It was a great game with superb performances from all.



And finally, a massive well done to our **Y9 Girls Basketball Team** who achieved 2nd place in the Bedfordshire county basketball finals, earning themselves some silverware! The girls played a total of four matches during the day, winning three and narrowly missing out on a fourth win by only 4 points. The team performed incredibly well, demonstrating some amazing basketball skills and also displaying excellent sportsmanship throughout the whole competition.

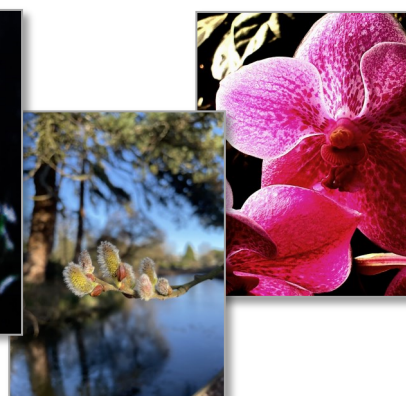
Well done everyone!



Fine Artist of the Fortnight

Well done to Emma C for her excellent effort on the recent Y10 trip to Cambridge Botanical Gardens. We ran a photography competition throughout the day, and Emma won with this fantastic photo (right).

Special mention also to Olivia O and Demi B who were runners up with these excellent photos (far right). Well done all!



Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Y11 Mock Exams Week
Thursday 15th February	Y9 Subject Consultations (online)
Friday 16th February	Last day of the half term
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February	Half term break
Monday 26th February - Friday 1st March	Y13 Mock Exams Week



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