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Dear Parents and Carers,

National Careers week

Many thanks to the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme who organised for employers to talk about their careers, students heard from the head of visual effects and safety and civil engineers.

"The favourite part of my job is finding solutions to problems that arise." Civil Engineer

Some of our Year 10 students took part in an 'Art & History' workshop led by Caroline Slifkin, an experienced Holocaust Educator, who specialises in teaching about the Holocaust through Art. This was an amazing and thought provoking day for all involved.

We welcomed Craig Storton, Managing Director of Whitewing Recruitment into our KS4 assembly today. Last week our Year 11 business students presented their 'business pitches' to Craig and he was so impressed that he personally funded 'pizza voucher' prizes. Many thanks to Craig for all his support and well done to everyone who presented.

Prize winners:

Easiest Presentation to understand: Jacob L

Best Use of a USP Unique Selling Point: Sonny C

Most mouth-watering Pizza: Emily G

Happiest Presentation: Milly S

The Best overall Presentation: Aaron K

Most Innovative use of Marketing: Jazmine S

Best Mascot Design: Kasey R

Most Innovative Idea for a Pizza: Erik G

Most Natural Presentation: Ellis C



Craig commented on Aaron's presentation, 'At the end of his presentation I had to take a breath and take in the most professional presentation I have ever had the delight to witness from a year 11 student in 30 years of doing my job.' **Well done Aaron!**

Craig contacted us after the assembly to say...

'Best wishes to all of year 11 as they sit their GCSEs and go on to new horizons after the summer.'

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Year 9 Options Evening

Our Year 9 students and their parents/carers came to our Options event, finding out about the courses on offer and speaking to teachers about the subjects. It was lovely to see everyone and we have been very impressed with the mature attitude of our Year 9 students as they make these important decisions.

Next week...

Industrial action

There are two planned days of industrial action next week, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. We have looked at the timetable affected on both days and will have to ask some year groups to stay at home on these days. To ensure that all students are in on at least one of the days and that Year 11 are not affected as they approach their exams the arrangements are as follows.

Wednesday 15th March:

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11 to attend as normal. Year 9 and Year 10 to stay at home.

Thursday 16th March:


Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 to attend as normal. Year 7 and Year 8 to stay at home.

Classcharts work will be provided for those students who are at home.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I hope that everyone has a restful and "snow free" weekend.

Upcoming Events

Year 7 Parents' Evening in school on Thursday 23 March. More details to follow next week.



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