



...Engineering their Future

On Friday 11 October a group of Year 12 students visited Anfield stadium in Liverpool as part of our STEM activities for the 'Engineering Your Future' event. Aleisha, who attended the event, said "Taking part in the annual Engineering Your Future event in Liverpool was a fantastic opportunity to explore many different fields of engineering through a mixture of hands-on activities and interactive workshops. It was great fun working in teams to build on teamwork and leadership skills as well as trying to win some prizes along the way! I would recommend the event to anyone considering a career in STEM as I found the chance to engage with real-world professionals invaluable in showing me the many possibilities that can be achieved by applying science to life."

... Spectroscopy in a Suitcase

On Monday 14 October, Year 13 chemists came into school on their study at home day for 'Spectroscopy in a Suitcase'. Dr Kat, a professor at Manchester University and part of the Royal Society of Chemistry explained the theory behind the analytic techniques in infra-red spectrometry and nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry which really helped develop their understanding of what they have done in lessons. After her presentation, students got to see the equipment in action – this was a brilliant opportunity as the equipment can cost millions of pounds, so is not something A Level students can usually access! They got valuable practice in problem solving activities to decipher what the spectrums were showing and students could more easily imagine how they are used in different industries. Four undergraduates from the University of Manchester also attended to help run the session who were very helpful with the session and in discussing university life with our students.



...Charity Committee

This term our Charity Committee have been working hard to raise money for the Dementia Ward 15A at Southport Hospital. Students and parents generously donated the most delicious cakes for sale at break time (including Lily's cupcakes featuring the Dementia charity logo)! Students paid to write a personal memory for our Memory Wall in the hall; these will be put into a time capsule to be incorporated into the new classroom under construction. We were joined by Hilary McLaren, Ward Sister at the hospital, and we look forward to expanding this friendship further in the future. Well done to everyone who got behind this very worthy cause and raised £150.30!

... Election Fever!

Nevermind all the political turmoil and the prospect of a looming general election (yes another one) – our parliament is firmly in order and all students will come together to elect their Junior Leadership Team representatives during the first week after half term. Each year group will have two elected JLT Reps and candidates will be speaking to their respective year groups during assemblies throughout week commencing 4 November. Good luck to all involved and watch this space for the announcement of our winning candidates!

...Independent Reading Challenge



This term 7H took part in an independent reading challenge in English where they had to read a book of their own choosing and create a 3D model based on the book. We had a great range of reads, including Awful Auntie by David Walliams, The Diary of A Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney and the Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton. The models included characters, settings and plot lines, and some students chose to explain their work to the class as well. Everyone put in a great effort and some were chosen to be displayed in the Library.

...Theatrical Insights

A Level Drama and Theatre Studies students attended a fabulous performance of Hedda Tesman at The Lowry Theatre, Manchester starring Haydn Gwynne. The trip was in preparation for the students' forthcoming examinations and to aid their study of Ibsen's original text Hedda Gabler.



...Library Corner



With Halloween fast approaching what better than a spooky Goosebumps book...Chris and his twin, Meg, have a problem. It started the night before Halloween when the twins found a gang of bullies hassling someone in costume. The twins rescued the kid, only to find that it was a bald, pink alien who promptly swore allegiance to them. "Weirdo" is smelly and gross with a lot of disgusting habits, and the twins can't shake him. Little do they realize that their troubles are only beginning, Weirdo's invited hundreds of aliens to town on the 31st for a full-scale invasion and to come live in the twins' house!

...Pearl of Africa

As they do each year, our friends from the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir visited us on Wednesday for a fantastic collaborative evening of African music at Holy Trinity Church in Formby. Joined by students from Redgate and Freshfield primary schools and our very own Voiceworks, Mundo and G:Force choirs, the Pearl of Africa concert was a sell-out event and thoroughly inspired the audience.



Since losing our colleague, Miriam, to a brain tumour a few months ago, the school has been committed to supporting The Brain Tumour Charity through several fundraising events. As part of the Charity's national 'Twilight Walk' campaign, over 40 of Miriam's colleagues completed a 5k walk last week on what would have been Miriam's birthday and with the help of fellow colleagues, friends and family raised £1385.

...Twilight Walk for Miriam

...Sporting Matters

A very busy sporting half term is over with far too many achievements to list! A 'shout out' to Dan (Year 10) who has just been selected to take part in the Sale Sharks Development Player programme in their Junior Academy for Rugby and to Kavan (Year 10), who sailed to 14th place (against adults) in the 24 hour West Lancs Yacht Club race (having also finished 3rd in the Youth National Championships)! Year 7 boys are through to the next round of the Merseyside Football Cup and our Cross Country runners gave outstanding performances at the English Schools Cup to get through to the next round. Finally, well done to everyone at FHS who got involved in the first Fitness Friday enjoying many physical activities throughout the day!



On the Horizon...

- ★ Return of staff and students – 4 Nov
- ★ Y7 Assessment Week – wc 4 Nov

- ★ Future Chef heats – 4 Nov (1525-1700)
- ★ Y13 EPQ Workshop – 6 Nov



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