

LATITUDE!

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WELCOME TO LATITUDE



SPRING
TERM
EDITION



Dear all,

Welcome to this edition of Latitude showcasing lots of the opportunities available to students.

There is an ever-increasing range of clubs, trips, competitions and performances and over time we are seeing more and more students actively getting involved with all types of activities across the school. A massive thank you to all the staff who make these experiences possible and who always go the extra mile.

Education is about so much more than just the academic subjects and it is amazing to see so many students flourish through all the different activities and sports.

We are fully committed to the personal development of every student and this is an area of the school that we all want to continue to grow so that everyone can benefit from these opportunities.

As a result of all these activities, students develop a real sense of belonging to the school community and they show this through the work of the student leaders. Groups from the School Council continue to make progress on improving all areas of the school by working together with staff leaders.

Now let's see what the summer term brings 😊


Chris Doherty

Mr Chris Doherty
Headteacher

Dare to Dream, Aim to Achieve

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Letters
from...

Ypres



ALNS Year 9 History Trip to Ypres

From the 14th to the 16th of February, 41 Year 9 students went on an amazing history trip to Ypres, Belgium. We visited key sites from World War I, learning about the soldiers who fought and the impact of the war.

Day One: First Stops

After a very early start, we arrived in Belgium and began our journey through history. Our first visit was to Lijssenthoek Cemetery, the second-largest war cemetery in Belgium. We learned about Nellie Spindler, one of the few women buried there, who was a nurse during the war.

Next, we went to Essex Farm Cemetery, where the famous war poem *In Flanders Fields* was written. Seeing the grave of Valentine Joe Strudwick, a soldier who died at just 15, made us realise how young many of the soldiers were.

We also visited Yorkshire Trench, a real trench from World War I. Walking through it helped us imagine what life was like for soldiers in battle.

After a long but interesting day, we arrived at Hotel Pax, where we had dinner and some time to relax.

Day Two: Cemeteries and Remembrance

The next day, we visited Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world. Seeing so many graves made us really understand the scale of the war.

At Hooze Crater Museum, we looked at weapons, uniforms, and a model trench. Then, we explored Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood), where we walked through real battlefield trenches.

That evening, we attended the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, a special event held every night to honour fallen soldiers.

It was a proud moment when Toby, Beth, and Isabelle laid a wreath on behalf of ALNS. As the buglers played, it started to snow, which made the moment even more special.





day 3

Day Three: Museum and Chocolate!

On our final day, we visited the In Flanders Fields Museum, which had interactive displays about the war. It was a great way to learn even more. Before heading home, we stopped at a Belgian chocolate shop to pick up some delicious treats!

A Big Thank You!

This was a fantastic trip that helped us understand World War I in a much deeper way. A huge thank you to Mr. Lapham for organising everything, and to Mx Hender, Miss McCulloch, Miss Suffolk, and Ms Barnes for supporting us throughout the trip.

What an experience—one we won't forget!





SERVICE CHILDREN

PUPIL VOICE EVENT

On 23rd January 2025, a wet and blustery day, myself and 7 students attended the Gosport and Portsmouth Festival of Friends Service Children's Pupil Voice event at the University of Portsmouth, along with a large number of other schools.

After a wonderful welcome in one of the lecture theatres, we made our way to one of the classrooms and met Clive Sanders, a military poet and retired Army Officer. He told us how he became a poet and said that everyone can be a poet!

He showed us a beautiful poem he had written about Remembrance and encouraged everyone to write a few lines of what they thought about Remembrance and what it meant to them. As a Service Child myself, I found this all very interesting. The students then discussed some memories, and again wrote some lines. It was great listening to some of the memories, and took me back to some of my own!

After lunch we met for a sharing activity. Some of the other activities had been crafts and song-writing. Some students read their poems out at the front.

Our afternoon activity was as a team. We had a Dandelion drawing and everyone was encouraged to write something on the Dandelion about how it felt to be a Service Child and what we could do as a school to help and support them. Our Students talked about meeting up regularly and having access to mental health support at school.

Everyone enjoyed the day!

Mrs Clark



girls network



Some of our students last year took part in a research project with the University of Portsmouth, looking at language used in print and social media to influence teenage ideas of body image and the effects it can have on young girls.



The girls from last year and this year's cohort with the Girls Network were invited to the launch of initial findings of the research held by the University of Portsmouth's Dr Helen Ringrow and her team. The event was held in the D-Day museum and the girls and their mentors got some time to workshop some of the topics discussed.

Mr Ringrow



Culture Day



ADMIRAL ACHIEVERS

Admiral Achievers is to celebrate your out of school accolades!

Do you have a story to share?
Contact latitude@alns.co.uk
to feature in the next issue!

PORTSMOUTH YOUTH CABINET 2024/25 REPRESENTATIVES

Admiral Lord Nelson School would like to give a huge congratulations to Oscar in Year 8, Theo in Year 9 and Daria in Year 10 for being selected to represent our school in the Portsmouth Youth Cabinet for 2024/25! What an achievement!



ETHAN VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2ND YEAR AT NORTHEND PLAYScheme

Ethan in Year 9, Mary Rose II, has volunteered to help for the second year at the Northend Playscheme. It takes place every year within the city at Mayfield School.

Ethan volunteered all week to help the children at the playscheme which was in a different configuration to any other year that this has happened. A very enjoyable week!

Well done Ethan!

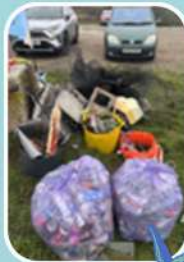


BILLIE'S ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN

Every year, Billie in Year 8, Victory 3, organises a beach clean on Eastney beach.

The last one was on Sunday 28th December 2024. There were 83 volunteers and around 200kg of rubbish cleared!

Amazing work Billie, keep it up!



MILA TAKES PART IN ANNUAL ICE SHOW

Mila in Year 7, Spinnaker 12, took part in Aladdin on Ice!

She took part in the annual Christmas ice show. She skated to three routines as a group in two shows. It was a long day full of costume changes but the show was a success!

Well done Mila!



CHARLIE AT OPEN MIC NIGHT

Well done to Charlie in Year 7, Mary Rose II, for absolutely smashing the Open Mic Night at the Bold Forester before Christmas!

Charlie received a standing ovation and was offered £5 for singing and playing his guitar!

Keep up the great work Charlie!



HENRY WINS BRONZE IN THE ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Henry in Year 10, Warrior 12, attended the English Championships for Men's Artistic Gymnastics in Telford at the end of February. He performed some great routines and placed an amazing 3rd place on floor to take the bronze medal!

He also placed 4th on High Bar and 13th AA in the Men's U16 category.

Well done Henry!



LUCAS WINS HIS FIRST EVER TENNIS TOURNAMENT



On Saturday 1st March, Lucas in Year 7, Victory 1, entered his first ever tennis tournament - and won it! The tournament took place at Portsmouth Tennis Centre in Alex Way.

Well done Lucas - Keep up the great work!

COREY'S AMAZING DARTS JOURNEY SO FAR

Corey in Year 10, MR 8, first showed an interest in his Dad's steel tip dartboard at home at just 7 years old, so for his 8th birthday, he received a soft tip dartboard to practice safely. From then on he progressed to steel tip darts and soon joined the Portsmouth Darts Academy for under-18s. 🎯



Corey's ability has seen him rise to the third from top ranking in his Portsmouth Academy! While the recent success of Luke Littler has influenced children to take up darts, Corey was ahead of the game – He has been playing darts for nearly seven years now. Corey's ability has seen him join the local Portsmouth Darts League in Waterloooville where he plays alongside professionals such as Andy Jenkins and Simon Whitlock.

Corey finished as runner-up in his first regional under 17's tournament recently – This was a competition open to local youths U17s from in and around Hampshire.

In February, he entered his first National Darts Competition at the JDC Foundation Tour, held in Coventry where he revealed his first very own custom-made darts shirt! He played some great darts and finished the match with 8 100+ scores, a 180, another decent 3DA and an average check out of 66.5.

Corey is currently the highest place youth player and 11th out of 143 players from around Hampshire and Sussex – He recently achieved a personal best of 1066 in March. Such a score equates to a black shirt level, which prior to 2025 was the highest level possible! At the end of this darts season, he reached the Quarter Final and received his biggest payout yet of £150! Keep up the amazing work Corey! 🍀



KIERAN PLACES 2ND

Kieran in Year 10, MR 2, placed 2nd at the first BIKC Race League event of 2025 at Gosport E-Karting! Well done Kieran!



LIAM AND LOUIS CELEBRATE A GOAL IN THE UNDER-16 GEC MARCONI INVITATION CUP FINAL

Image: Portsmouth News / Nathan Lipsham

LENNON WINS 2 GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS



Well done to Lennon in Year 9, MR 7, for winning two Golf Junior Championships!

He won the Southwick Park Junior Club Championships and the Waterloooville Junior Club Championships.

What an amazing achievement – Keep it up, Lennon!



Random Acts of Kindness Day

During half term, it was Random Acts of Kindness Day! We asked you what random act of kindness you did that day. Here are some of your answers...



Poppy

Woke up and made my sisters breakfast so my Mum didn't have to do it



Niamh

I told a stranger to have a nice day :)



Ava

I helped a worker in the shop who had dropped some stuff



Rhys

I helped my parents in the garden (clearing it out)



Imogen

I bought my Mum flowers because she was having a bad day!

Karson

I made breakfast for my Dad

Genevieve

I made my Mum a cup of tea



Lola

I made my Mum avocado toast with bacon and egg for breakfast



Ella

I walked my friend's dog



Steph

I gave my family presents from Belgium

PD Day 4



Photos taken by Oscar
and Reuben



🌿 HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY! 🌿



HISTORY HUB

HISTORIAN DAN SNOW RETURNS TO TRAFALGAR SCHOOL

On Friday 17th January, our Year 11 History students had the chance to attend an exciting talk by historian and TV presenter Dan Snow at Trafalgar School. The event was interesting and helped support their GCSE studies.



Dan Snow spoke about Elizabethan England, a key topic in the History course. He made the period come alive with stories about the people, events, and changes that shaped that time. Students found his talk helpful for understanding this part of history.

Dan also shared his recent adventure—finding Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship, *Endurance*, in the Antarctic.

He talked about the challenges of the expedition and what it was like to discover such an important piece of history.

The talk was inspiring, showing students how exciting history can be both in the classroom and in real life.



HISTORY QUICK GCSE PODCASTS

The History Department has recently launched an exciting new podcast series on Spotify called "History (But Make It) Quick." Designed to support GCSE students, these short and focused episodes aim to make revision more accessible and engaging for everyone.

The podcast covers key topics from the GCSE History course, providing clear explanations and useful insights to help students with their studies. Whether you're looking for a quick recap or a different way to revise, these episodes offer a convenient way to reinforce learning—perfect for listening on the go.

A particularly exciting aspect of the series is that some episodes have been co-hosted by Year 10 and 11 students, giving them the opportunity to share their knowledge and revision tips with their peers.

If you haven't already, make sure to check out "History (But Make It) Quick" on Spotify! A big thank you to everyone who has contributed so far—we hope this new resource helps support your revision in a fun and accessible way.

BERRY THEATRE TRIP

Year 11 History students recently enjoyed a trip to the Berry Theatre, accompanied by Miss Barnes and Miss McCulloch. The visit was a great opportunity to explore key topics from their GCSE History courses in a new and engaging way.



Students watched two thought-provoking performances: "The Doctor's Show" and "Hitler on Trial." Both shows brought historical events to life, helping to deepen understanding of key content covered in lessons.

As well as the performances, students took part in grade booster workshops designed to support their exam preparation.

These sessions provided useful tips and techniques to help with revision and exam skills, all delivered in an interactive and enjoyable way.

The day was full of interesting moments, with a few surprises along the way. It was a valuable experience that not only supported learning but also made history feel more real and relevant.



THE 'HISTORIANS OF THE WEEK' THIS TERM WERE:

Year 7

Arianna P
Blossom S
Caitlin F
Elliot E
Ethan C
Francisco B
Kaitlin K
Lacey R
Lola D
Lorenzo B
Noah S
Oscar G x2
Summer M
Thian C
Tommy G

Year 8

Aiden H
Anisia N
Ava N
Billie H
Boss W
Connie B
Dexter S
Ellis G
Harrison M
Jersey L
Moneesha C
Noah M
Poppy C
Steven E
Tegan S
Theo E

Year 9

Alivia F
Alyssa L
Ava M
Chloe W
Eleanor R
Jayden G
Leon F
Lena Z
Lily M
Millie M
Naythen S
Rocco O
Scarlett S
Tallulah B
Vlad B

Year 10

Asma B
Ava P
Betsy Mae P
Dale Y
Dive N
Ella B
Ella H
Elsie H
Eve C
Freddie B
Grace P
Harriet O
Honey D
Lily V
Lola W
Macey P
Oliver H
Ralphie B
Serena T
Skye P
Sonny W
Tillie H
Woody M

Year 11

Adam W
Charlie M
Eliza S
Elsie B
Emranul H
Harry E
Henry C
Isabella T
Ishaq A
Kate S
Lionel W
Mia W
Pearl A
Rosie P
Scarlett C
Sienna K
Tilly Ann G



SPORTS CORNER

EMMIE'S CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS!



Admiral Lord Nelson School would like to say huge well done to Emmie in Year 7 who won her 2.5km Cross Country on 13th February!

She was the first placed Year 7 girl (4th overall out of Year 7 & 8 boys and girls) and will now go on to represent Portsmouth in the Hampshire competition. What a superb achievement - Even more so in the freezing cold! Great work Emmie!

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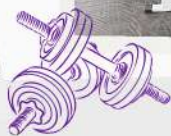
YEAR 10 PE LESSONS

In our Year 10 Core PE lessons we have been trialing some new activities to continue our links working with the community.

Most recently we have taken some students to the driving range and Portsmouth College gym for some taster sessions.

Students at the driving range have been testing out their golf skills and loved testing the interactive games available.

At Portsmouth College students have created their own gym plan with guidance from Miss Conaghan and are now following this within the gym sessions.



Year 8 boys through to the final of the Portsmouth Cup!

YEAR 7 HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT!

Well done to Victory House for winning the Year 7 House Football Tournament!



YEAR 8 BOYS BASKETBALL

Our Year 8 Boys Basketball Team played their first full court game of Basketball in February against Trafalgar. It was a super game that was close throughout, with each team taking the lead at various points. Unfortunately, this time we lost by just one basket but it was a fantastic display of basketball. The boys should be very proud of themselves.



Miss Cooper



FOOTBALL TRIP TO WEMBLEY! LIONESSES VS SPAIN

Miss Cooper and Miss Conaghan not only had the pleasure of taking some students to watch the Lionesses vs Spain at Wembley but the mini bus had it's longest outing 😊

The students enjoyed the match where Jess Park's first-half strike gave England a hard-earned 1-0 victory over Spain at Wembley in the UEFA Women's Nations League.

The second half was slightly more intense as Spain were pressing us quite hard but the Lionesses managed to hold the win. Both Students and staff had an amazing time and soaked up all the atmosphere.



GIRLS FOOTBALL MATCH AGAINST CASTLE VIEW!

On March 18th, although the sun was shining it was very windy football game on the Astro. The girls played a strong Castle View team with many chances for both teams. The game ended in a 0-0 draw which was a fair result for an up and down game. Player's player was Isabelle and Teacher's player was Lolia.



Miss Conaghan



YEAR 9-11 GIRLS CUP FINAL!

Miss Conaghan was delighted to take 13 talented girls to the girl's football cup final against Springfield school. Unfortunately although the girls worked their socks off, they just couldn't do quite enough to beat a strong Springfield team. I am extremely proud of the girls that played, not only great football but also with smiles on their faces!





International Women's Day

#AccelerateAction

8th March was **International Women's Day**. We asked you who you would like to shout-out this IWD... Here are some of your answers!

Mrs Linn, she's forever helping me

My Mum :)

Mrs Flower, she's so sweet!

Everyone!

Ms Maile

Mrs Walker

Miss Bungay

Ms Rendle

Miss Wellham

Ms Barnes

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 6th March was World Book Day 📖📚📕

In our House Assemblies, Mr Fuller talked to us about the importance of reading and the places it can take you. 📍

There was even a competition within the assembly with chances to win some chocolate OR a brand new book! 🍫

WELL DONE to Toby in MR 12 and Tristan in Victory 12 for winning their brand new books! We hope you enjoy reading them! 🌟



**'THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE
THINGS YOU WILL KNOW.
THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE
PLACES YOU'LL GO.'
- DR SEUSS**

We asked you to share what your favourite book of all time is! Here are some of your answers...



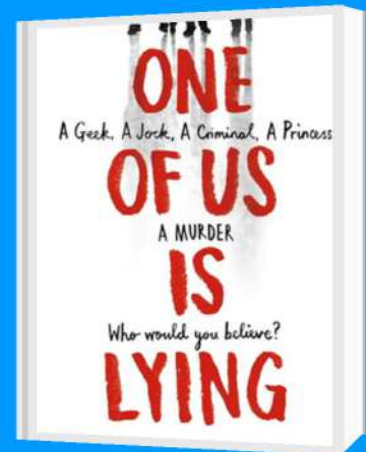
The Hunger Games - Mya



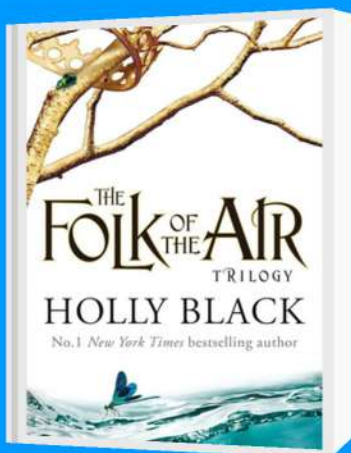
Girl, Missing - Bella



Iron Flame - Cleo



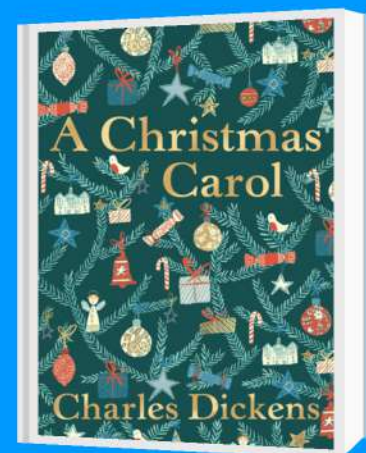
One of Us Is Lying - Lily and Maya



All of the Folk of the Air series - Kayla



Stitch Head - Rigers



A Christmas Carol - Maisie

ENGLISH SUBJECT CHAMPIONS WIN 'YOUNG WRITERS' WRITING COMPETITION



Huge well done to Aadvee, Oli and Caitlyn in Year 9 for winning the Young Writers Competition!

The concept of the competition was 'Fight or Flight - UK Fiction', where the writers were given scenarios as writing prompts.

Oli's story was titled **'The Gun'**
Caitlyn's story was titled **'The Last Letter...'**
Aadvee's story was titled **'Until Death Do Us Part'**.

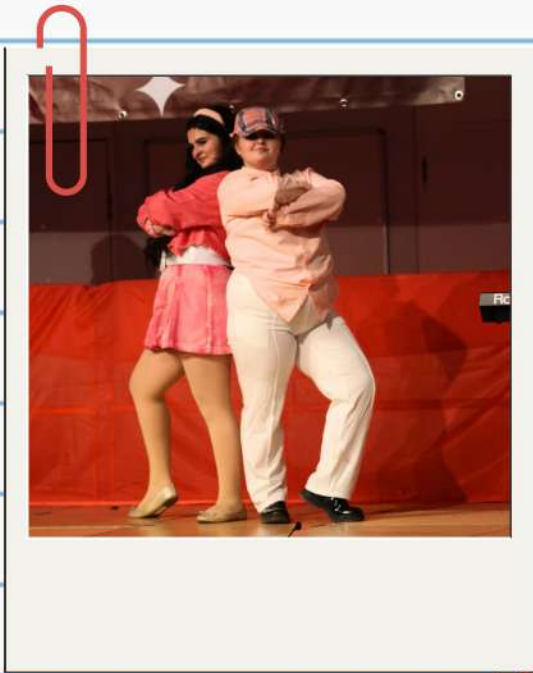
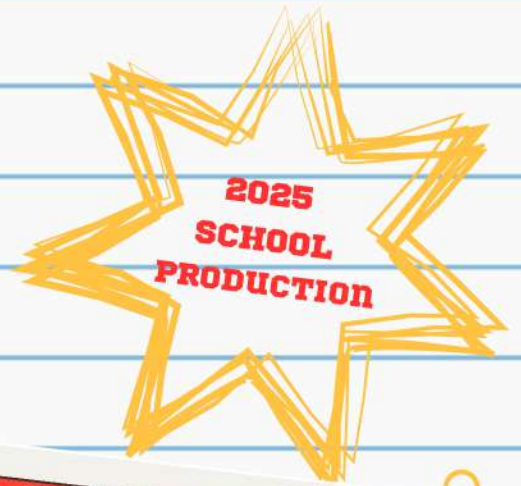
These successful writers will even be given the chance to have their stories published in a book of short stories!

We are super proud of them - What an achievement!





HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JNR







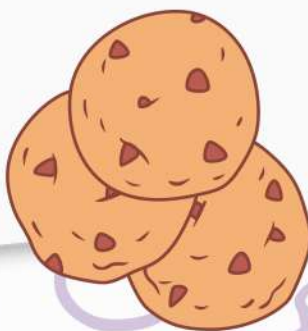


ALNS STUDENTS TAKE ON... BAKE OFF

In the afternoon on 26th March, a selection of students took part in a mini Bake Off!

They had the chance to bake a delicious batch of cookies from a selection of three recipes.

We hope the students enjoyed this great team building and bonding activity!



TREE PLANTING AT GREAT SALTERNS



28th March:

Student led effort to promote sustainability and environment awareness in our community 🌍

What a great afternoon! A selection of Year 7 and 8 students headed over to Great Salterns field with Mrs Popescu, Mr Beecher and Miss Edser to plant even more trees! This is in association with [@woodlandtrust](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk) 🌳

We can't wait to go and visit the trees to see their growth! 😊

Well done to our amazing students for making a positive change for our planet

Special thank you to Ms Lynne Stagg from Baffins Pond Association and the Woodland Trust 🌿



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MACBETH



On Friday 28th March, all of Year 9 and Year 11 were lucky enough to see an amazing, live performance of Macbeth by the excellent Box Clever theatre company. Although for our Year 9's it was only a first look, the GCSE's are just around the corner, so this was an invaluable experience for Year 11 to experience the play again, as it was supposed to be seen: on stage 🌟

Mr Holmes

YEAR 10 TRIP WILLIAMS RACING



On Monday 31st March, a selection of Year 10 students visited Williams Racing for an enrichment day. This introduce young people to the world of motor racing so as to harness the power of the younger generations to support the industry in the future.

The day presents the importance of STEM subjects, by showcasing career possibilities and options within Williams Racing and the motor racing industry as a whole.

The day truly does give young people an unforgettable experience and we hope our students and staff had a great time! Thank you [@williamsracing](https://twitter.com/williamsracing) for having us!

Pod day 6



YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS FEEDBACK

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✨ Success at Our Mock Interviews Event! ✨

A huge WELL DONE to our Year 10 students at Admiral Lord Nelson School for their fantastic participation in our Mock Interviews Event! Their confidence, professionalism, and enthusiasm were truly inspiring.

A massive THANK YOU to our incredible volunteer employers who gave their time, expertise, and support to help shape the future of our students. Your input and feedback were invaluable, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Events like these make a real difference, helping students gain essential interview experience and build the skills they need for their future careers.

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Mrs Riches

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"I really enjoyed the day. The students are a credit to the school and I was amazed how so many of the students knew exactly where they wanted to be in the future and how they were going to get there."

"Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this - the students were fantastic and a real credit to the school! I could not believe how eloquent and well-prepared some of them were."

"Just wanted to say thank you for yesterday. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting your pupils and learning more about them. I thought you had organised the day very well and your two prefect helpers were brilliant."



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MARY ROSE



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► Large Playing Field ► Astro-Turf ► Drama Studio ► Multi-use Games Area

