Principal's Blog

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CAREERS - GIVE CONSTRUCTION A TRY

Twelve Yr9 students attended the Give Construction a Try careers event on Wednesday 13th March at Castleford College. Students were involved in careers talks and took part in hands on activities in the world of construction. It was a really inspiring day, with students being able to build a mini wall as part of bricklaying, wiring a plug in electricals, and soldering copper pipes when in the plumbing department. They also met 'Spot the Dog', a surveying robotic dog for construction sites, along with looking at how drones can help and also used a mixed reality headset!

Students had a fantastic time throughout the day, with some of them talking about how they would now like a career in the construction industry! Thank you to Wakefield College for hosting this.



YEAR II MOCK RESULTS

This week we celebrated the successes and the improvements YrII made in their mock exams. Students received a short presentation before they collected their results. As part of this, there were also lots of rewards for students to collect with vouchers they found in their envelopes! Students then enjoyed time to spend with staff and peers with some light refreshments available to all! The focus is now on the real exams starting in May - 100% effort and attendance is now required to reach full potential. Come on YrII - you can do this!

ATTENDANCE FOCUS

As I am sure you are aware attendance is a huge priority in the Academy and one thing everyone can do is to ensure students arrive on time. If a student arrives after 8:55am they receive a U code for their morning mark which means it has a negative impact on their overall attendance. From after Easter we will introduce a I hour c4b detention if a student arrives after this time without a valid reason.

FOCUS ON STAYING SAFE AND POSITIVE WELLBEING Reporting an image or video shared online

'Report Remove' is a tool that allows young people to report an image or video shared online, to see if it's possible to get it taken down. Provided by Childline and IWF, it keeps the young person informed at each stage of their report, and provides further support where necessary. More information can be found on <u>Childline here</u>.

There is also a really good video that can be used for students to watch - <u>https://youtu.be/zhKwpdv6vQQ</u>

I SAY BRITISH, YOU SAY JEW EXHIBITION

On Monday a number of Year 10 students attended the "I say British, you say Jew" exhibition and education programme at Outwood Grange. Students were tasked with discussing dual-identity and the impact of conspiracy theories on young people through social media. Faye said: "Today I enjoyed the discussion about propaganda. We delved into the true meanings of some pictures and saw just how unfairly represented the Jews were. The idea of punching up and punching down racism against Jewish people was really interesting, and how it shows that even normally positive traits like "being rich" can and were used to break down human forms into creatures. It opened my eyes to see how we still need to work and educate people in order that we can eliminate AntiSemitic behaviour".



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