

Principal's Blog

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RESTART A HEART

Year 9 was a credit to the academy with 190 students being taught the valuable life saving skill of CPR along with 125 schools across the country to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the programme.

The healthcare professionals visiting for the day all commented on how much they had enjoyed themselves, how well the students engaged and carried out the skills with such an adult matter.



UNIVERSITY TRIP

An amazing visit to Cambridge University took place on Tuesday 17th October, with 28 of our Year 10 students getting to experience first hand a sample of University life at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Our students had a jam packed day, starting with a tour of Selwyn College, visiting the lunch hall, the chapel, the library and student accommodation. They then were able to attend a lecture in either History looking at threatening letters from the 19th Century, or Medical Sciences looking at venom. A quick lunch stop followed, with a walk into Cambridge City Centre and a visit to the Zoology museum to finish the afternoon off in the sunshine.

The Year 10 students had a wonderful time at Cambridge University, being able to experience first hand University life, speaking with current Cambridge students. They were complemented on their conduct and behaviour and were a credit to the Academy.



OUTWOOD HONOURS

We are very pleased to announce the launch of the Outwood Honours Programme this week for all Year 7&8 students. This will allow students to gain honours "badges" in a variety of areas within school and the wider community. It is intended to recognise our students' commitment and participation in school life as well as their achievements and talents beyond the school gates. Students will use their Outwood Portal to apply for different badges of their choice, submitting their evidence of how they have met the criteria, which is then reviewed and awarded by a member of staff. Some badges (such as the reader badges and ACE awards) will be awarded directly to students once they meet the criteria in school.

Our Honours Programme will help your child to take ownership in developing themselves right across the secondary curriculum; developing their intrinsic values, thriving academically, understanding British Values, equality and diversity and offering them opportunities to enrich their school experience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at a.watson@freeston.outwood.com if you have any questions.



FOCUS ON STAYING SAFE AND POSITIVE WELLBEING

WIZZ - An [information leaflet](#) is available on our website explaining what parents and carers need to know about an app called WIZZ - a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with people around the world. I would suggest all parents and carers read this carefully.



Parents Against Child Exploitation - Wakefield Local Authority are offering parent awareness sessions. Sessions available are in November, January and March.



An [information leaflet](#) is available on our website.

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