

Year 9 'In tune' with The London Symphony Orchestra

You will remember from a previous issue of 'School Matters' that Year 9 had been involved in a music making project with the London Symphony Orchestra. The project concluded last Monday when Year 9 attended a concert at the Barbican where the LSO played a programme of music relating to Olympic themes. The composer Rachel Leach, who had led our workshops in school, presented the programme and gave us a 'shout-out' from the stage. We are very proud of the partnership we have with the orchestra and will watch out for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympics when our friends at the LSO will be playing.

Where are they now?

Many of our ex-pupils come back to school to let us know how they are doing, or to ask for some help. These three young men left in 2010 and have continued to build on their success. Here are some comments from their visit.



Kyle is at City and Islington College undertaking Level 2 in Creative Media where he learns about all areas of the media business. He would like to one day work making music videos. Kyle is keeping fit by running track events for the Finsbury Park Heathside Athletics Club. He has been competing for the club in several competitions for the last two years.

Stephen is at City and Islington College undertaking a Level 1 course in Media Production. He is motivated to advance to level 2 in this course next year. Stephen has found his college to be very supportive, if he does not understand an aspect of his course there is a support resources centre that he can attend to gain assistance. Stephen is enjoying life and he would one day like to work in the media/music industry.

Abiola is attending City and Islington College where he is undertaking Level 2 in Business Administration. He finds the course very interesting as one day he would like to run his own business.. He is also learning to drive at the moment, and trying to keep fit by going to the gym at Clissold Leisure Centre most days, he has also continued to keep up with the indoor rowing that he started whilst at Stormont

Up Coming School Events

- Monday 2 July Year 7 visiting Stansted Mount Fitchet Castle
- Monday 2-6 July Y10 France school journey to Boulogne-Sur-Mer
- Friday 6 July Y7 and 8 at The Paralympics Championships

'Year 8 go back in time at Kench Hill'

Year 8 travelled to Kench Hill in Tenterden, Kent on Monday 11th June, accompanied by Mr Cravioto, Ms Clements and Mrs Napier. The group had a very busy week undertaking a variety of curriculum linked activities and excursions. The main themes for the week were the Victorians and the weather. On Monday afternoon after settling in the group went to Tenterden Leisure Centre where they experienced the 'Fun Time Activity Session', which included the wave machine, floats, slides and water fountains. Mr Cravioto started the weather charts that would continue throughout the whole week.

Tuesday morning was a little wet, but it did not stop the pupils from undertaking the bread and brick making activities. In the afternoon they went to Bodiam Castle where the pupils were treated to a guided tour of the castle and a history session where they were able to try on helmets, breastplates and amulets. They were able to experience what it was like to hold a sword or a long bow.

Wednesday morning started with a group of pupils feeding the chickens that live on site at Kench Hill, they got the chance to hold the chickens and look for eggs which the cook would be giving them for breakfast. The first session of the morning was led by Sandi Bain, the centre manager; she showed the pupils a selection of household items that the servants of Kench Hill would have used in the Victorian era. The second session was orienteering; the pupils were given clues to find flags around the house and gardens. The pupils had already been able to use their map reading skills that they learnt with Mr Cravioto back at Stormont House.

On Thursday the pupils had a whole day of excursions to look forward to, linking to the Victorian session they experienced earlier in the week, the pupils went to Woodchurch Village Museum which looks at life in the village in the Victorian era. In the Museum quiz, the team of Gianni, Hoai-Phong, Warren and Yolanda got full marks which the curator said had never happened before. Mr Hawes our Chair of Governors was able to have lunch with the pupils at Kench Hill, as he is a trustee of the centre and was attending its Annual General Meeting. In the afternoon the pupils went to Camber Sands where despite the high wind, some of the pupils paddled in the sea.

On Thursday night after the pupils had completed their diaries they were treated to a disco and film session to finish off the week.



Medieval fun at Bodiam Castle (left)

Year 8 pictured with our Chair of Governors, Bernard Hawes (right)



The pupils had a wonderful week and all came back tired but happy. **Well Done Year 8!**

Countdown to School Move



17 days

408 hours

24480 minutes

(At time of going to press)



Term dates for Pupils

- Reminder:** Summer term finishes earlier than usual on Friday 13 July at 1.15pm
- Monday 10 September – Year 7 and 11 pupils return for the start of the Autumn term at our temporary site at Mount Pleasant Lane London E5 9JG
- Tuesday 11 September Year 8 9 and 10 pupils return for the Autumn term