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Culture Day 2024



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Year 9 and Year 10 Culture Day

On Monday Year 9 and Year 10 celebrated a culture day which was a day where we came together to celebrate the different cultures within our school. We learnt about other countries, their traditional food dishes, traditional dress and we learnt some basic words and phrases in lots of different community languages. We also tried several different traditional foods throughout the day.

We wanted to celebrate this day so that we could understand cultural differences and similarities within our school. We wanted to celebrate our school values, mainly respect, caring and responsibility.

The prayer that we wrote to celebrate the day is below:

Dear Lord,

We come before you, seeking unity and harmony within our school. In a world too often divided, we pray that our school may be a place where diversity is celebrated, and differences are bridged with understanding and compassion.

Guide our teachers, our students, and our community in fostering an environment of love, acceptance, and mutual respect founded on our understanding that we are all made in Your image.

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit both now and forever until the ages of ages,

Amen

Jana and Megi | Year 10 Students



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Message from the Headteacher

We have had an action-packed week at the end of a very full school year. On Monday and Wednesday we enjoyed sharing services of Thanksgiving with our old friend Father Damian at St Katharine's Church. Also on Monday, Year 9s and 10s had a kaleidoscopic Culture Day, discovering and celebrating the history, customs and costumes of their own and other nations. The excellent opening prayer from Jana and Megi emphasised that we are all God's children, made in His image. Whipsnade Zoo offered a delightful window into the diversity of the animal kingdom on Tuesday for Year 9s and our Year 12 Biologists took a field trip to the same location on Thursday. A select group of pupils from years 7, 8 and 10 enjoyed a glimpse into the future this week as they travelled to our sister school, Turing House, which has a very similar building, built by the same contractors, to the one springing up on Brunswick Park Road. You can see the full write-up of the day, with more pictures, in Apostle News, our student-led publication.

Please do take a look, too, at the end of term letter and the parents' booklet we have put together with all of the details you will need for the next school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful teachers and support staff for all the hard work they have put in over the course of the year, including those who are leaving us - they go with our very best wishes. I would like to thank, too, all of you as parents, for your continuing support of our school as we grow towards the grand opening of our superb new buildings next year.

Wishing everyone a restful and restorative summer. Yours in Christ.



Philip Hills
Dr Philip Hills, Headteacher

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NEWS



Faith – Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah – 20 July

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe in 900 B.C. The life of Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (3 Kings; 4 Kings; Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58). The name Elijah ('the Lord's strength') defined his whole life. He dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their Fathers; they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship and she converted her weak husband to follow Baal. After three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab and promise to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah, who served the True God.



The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol all day in vain: the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. So confident was he that he even soaked the wood for his sacrifice in water. Then the prophet turned to God in prayer. Fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened, and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah's mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

According to the Tradition of the Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.

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Design and Technology

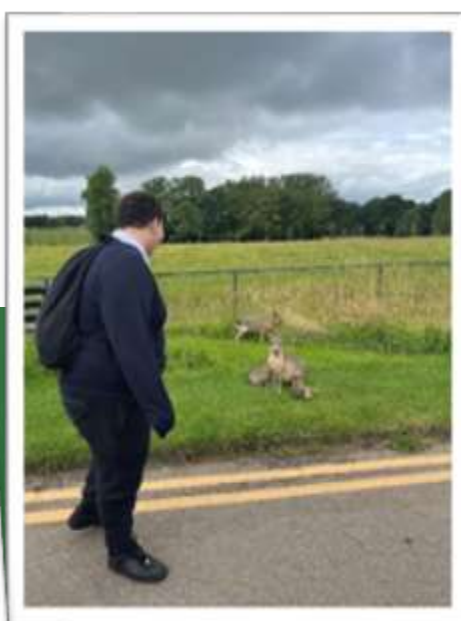
In Design Technology our Year 8 students have been crafting unique personalised door signs for their bedroom or as a gift for their friends and families, they have been utilizing a wide range of materials, machinery, as well as hand-painting finishing touches. Students are exploring their creativity through the design process as well as gaining hands-on experience expanding their practical skills. It's amazing to watch their progress as they bring their designs to life. Here are a few photos of their masterpieces.

Miss Agathangelou | DT



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Year 9 Whipsnade Zoo Trip



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End of Term Thanksgiving Church Visits



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STA Students visit Turing House

Our trip to Turing House School to see what our new school will look like turned out to be fantastic. Mr Hounsell and I had fifteen students from Years 7, 8 and 10 with us and we ended up not just being impressed by the building but with the students and staff too. We were treated like VIPs.

The building is wonderful, everyone and everything in the same building. The bottom floor houses a fantastically kitted out auditorium with a huge stage and retractable seating. Behind the stage is a further large drama space. The sporting facilities brilliant, well kitted out sports' hall. What did impress too were the toilet facilities. They are not closed off as a separate room instead a student can walk into toilet area from the corridor. The cubicles have doors from floor to ceiling, so total privacy - opposite them are the sinks. It is a very safe environment.

The school has been opening now for two years yet there was no sign of wear and tear which bodes well for our new school. The canteen is airy and has a high ceiling where the upper floors can look down into.

The headteacher Mr O'Sullivan gave of his time generously, both in a length Q&A session and being our personal tour guide around the three floors of the school and the wonderful open areas outside as well as the spacious playing field.

Ms Casey | Teacher of English



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Mountfitchet Castle



Last week, our Year 7 History students had the opportunity to step back in time with an exciting visit to Mountfitchet Castle near Stansted. This remarkable reconstructed Norman castle provided a vivid glimpse into medieval life, enriching the students’ understanding of their history lessons. Upon arrival, students were awestruck by the imposing wooden fortress, complete with its formidable gatehouse and high palisade walls. The castle, originally built in 1066, is renowned for its detailed recreation of a medieval stronghold, offering a hands-on learning experience that textbooks simply cannot match. The self-guided tour led by St Andrew’s knowledgeable staff began with an exploration of the inner bailey and the keep. Students ventured through various reconstructed buildings, including the blacksmith’s forge, the bakery, and the granary. Each structure was meticulously designed to reflect the daily activities and lifestyles of the castle’s original inhabitants.

The authentic replicas of tools, weapons, and household items provided a tangible connection to the past, making history come alive for the students.

In addition to the architectural marvels, Mountfitchet Castle is home to a variety of friendly animals that delighted the students. The goats, rabbits, and deer roaming freely within the castle grounds added a lively and engaging element to the visit. Students enjoyed interacting with these animals, who were remarkably tame and friendly, offering a unique and enjoyable experience.

As they boarded the coach back to school, the Year 7 students carried with them not just new knowledge, but also fond memories of an engaging and educational day spent exploring the wonders of Mountfitchet Castle.



Mr Walch | Head of Humanities

'Camp Phoenix' youth courses and activities are open to anyone aged 9-16. Camp Phoenix runs daily throughout the school holidays from Easter to October half term. Full day activities run from 9:30-16:30 / 10:00-17:00 each day. For more information on where we are located or what to bring with you, click the logo below:



Parents and carers, we would love to welcome you and your child(ren) to our fun and friendly summer travel training session. Suitable for children and young people (Year 6 and above) with SEND or those who are particularly vulnerable or anxious whilst travelling on public transport. Top travel tips will be shared to help make travelling easier and safer in this interactive workshop.

Limited spaces available – book soon to avoid disappointment! Please contact road.safety@barnet.gov.uk for more information and a booking form.



Students can sign up to Springpod to gain access to a great selection of Virtual Work Experience programmes. These short courses take around 6-8 hours to complete and include video content and activities for students to work through. Upon completion they will receive a certificate. You can find information on work experience opportunities [here](#). Click on the boxes in this PDF to view the experience.



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Due to the ongoing construction of our new school buildings, it has become necessary to extend the barriers of the construction site. As a result, the school entrance via Brunswick Road will no longer be available. This measure is essential to ensure the safety and security of our students, staff, and visitors, to facilitate the completion of the construction project, and to maximise the possible space for our all-purpose weather pitch.

From Wednesday 4 September 2024, the only entrance to the school building will be via the main entrance of the North London Business Park. You can use either Brunswick Crescent or Brunswick Avenue to reach this entrance. We sincerely apologise for any disruption to your daily routine. More information can be found on our website under 'letters'.



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- U12 White
- U12, U16, U20 Par-Disability

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