

3 May 2024

# Parliament trip - Monday 29 April



Edwins thoughts...."I thought the parliament trip was very good on the whole. A highlight was definitely getting to go in both chambers of the house and greeting to be part of the full guided tour.

Further along Westminster Abbey was spectacular and truly awe inspiring to see round.

It was also quite nice to get a bit of time in the middle of the day to have a walk round London and to be able to have lunch where we wanted.

On the whole I think the trip was spectacular and I would love to be able to do things like it for other subjects."

## **Tempest Photography**

The Sixth Form whole school photograph is now available to view and order <a href="here">here</a>. Please remember to place your order by 4pm Friday 17 May for delivery to school and avoid paying P&P.

## Y13 Leavers Celebration Assembly - Friday 3 May

Year 13's last day went very well indeed, Suhani and Dan did a fantastic job of their Big Quiz and presentations in assembly and the BBQ was a hit, despite the weather. It was a fitting end to their Sixth Form time at Claires Court.



## Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's most recent blog - "I got a feeling we are not in Kansas anymore - Dorothy to Toto in the Wizard of Oz"



# Making a Difference - Skydives for charity

On Saturday 25 May, three of our amazing Y12 students, Edwin, Caitlin & Juan will be doing a tandem skydive in Wiltshire in aid of their respective charities (see more below). They will fly to an altitude of around 2 miles, then their 6 minute journey to the ground will commence. We are very proud of them and you can find their just giving pages below if you wish to contribute.

Caitlin - I am doing the sky dive and raising money for Parkinsons UK because my Grandad has Parkinson's and the Charity has provided him with support and activities that have really helped him. My wish is for others to have the same opportunity, as I have personally seen the benefits.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/caitlinsskydive24

Juan - Choosing to support the Alzheimer's society charity holds profound personal significance for me.Losing my grandmother to Alzheimer's was a heart-wrenching journey, witnessing her gradual loss of memory and identity. No one should endure the anguish of watching their loved ones forget cherished

moments or even their own family members. By backing the Alzheimer's society, I aim to contribute to vital research, support services to alleviate the burden of this debilitating disease. Together, let's strive to create a world where no one has to experience the pain of losing grandparents to Alzheimers or witness the erosion of precious memories. <a href="https://gofund.me/b619f789">https://gofund.me/b619f789</a>

Edwin - My association with the brain tumour charity goes back to March 2018 when I underwent surgery to remove a tumour from my head. After I recovered I set myself the goal to raise £5000 to fund a new heart rate monitor for the ward that treated me. I ended up beating this target and raised over £7000 for the hospital that treated me. Ever since then I have used every opportunity to raise money for those that treated me and the charity that supported me. That is why I have decided to do a sponsored parachute jump to raise money for the brain tumour charity. This charity is a fantastic organisation that's helped thousands of people over the years and any donations to help fund their life saving work would be greatly appreciated. From the bottom of my heart I would just like to thank all of you for taking the time to donate to this wonderful charity.

https://justgiving.com/page/edwin-griffith-1708627334019

#### **UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR YEARS 12 & 13**

Find out more <u>here</u>.

**The Unitasterdays.com Students' Guide to University 2024** is available now. It is a large document full of important information and can be found <a href="here">here</a> for you to read.



When it comes to deciding which university is right for your students, there's no-one better placed to answer their questions than current undergraduates!You are invited

to our virtual event to **chat with undergrads from 30 universities**, including Loughborough University, University of Exeter, and SOAS. You can attend **live sessions** on personal statements, how to make the most of open days, preparing for living away from home, choosing the right course, and more. Throughout the fair, there will be dedicated timeslots for students to visit universities' **virtual booths** to get their questions answered one-on-one.> **Students can sign up here** (Wednesday 8 May, 4.30pm -6.30pm)

### **HE Guidance: What's It Really Like To Be A Student?**

On Tuesday 14 May, Higher Education Advisers at UEA will support current students who will share their experiences about moving away from home, the first few weeks, a typical day and how to manage your academic and social life.

 May 14 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: What's It Really Like To Be A Student? UEA (KS5) Find out more »

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# **Summer Work Experience**

Our 2024 Summer Experiences are quickly reaching capacity, with some programmes already full!

Our programmes enable students to explore potential career paths first-hand and gain practical experience to boost university applications. Whether they're interested in finance, politics, engineering, or fashion design, we have tailored programmes in 15 competitive fields to suit your students' ambitions. You can view the brochure for the summer programmes here

# **Apprenticeships**

Please see this very helpful parent guide to apprenticeships here



Tesco Retail Apprenticeship programme webinar - Tuesday 14 May 4pm & 6pm

Book your place here