

# Langley news

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It brings me great pleasure to introduce Issue 9 of Langley News, reporting on a very busy start to the academic year. Thanks to the inspiration, dedication and imagination of teachers at Langley, the half term was packed with a huge amount of co-curricular, academic activity with something for everyone to get involved in. Please encourage your children to make the most of all the opportunities afforded to them. Remember this is their magazine too, we welcome contributions from all pupils, be it an article, poem or piece of artwork for example. We are looking forward to an equally action packed half term leading up to Christmas.

## Model UN

A group of our sixth form students competed at the prestigious Wycombe Abbey Model United Nations event over the weekend of 7th-8th October. Billy Lund, Toby Emerson, Alex Conroy, Paolo Feser, Tobias and Jabez Cooke competed in teams of two representing three different countries: Israel, Ghana and Nigeria. They debated, discussed and negotiated issues connected with the protection and advancement of women and the girl child during armed conflict and post conflict situations. This topic tested the skills of all delegates as they worked with representatives from other countries to establish and build consensus to agree a final resolution.

Thank you to Mr Kempton for preparing and coaching the team and Mr Felton and Mrs Lund who accompanied the students.



## Politics Trip

Mr Sparkhall and Mr Felton took the Year 12 Politics group to Notre Dame High School for a Question Time debate hosted by their Politics department. Amongst the panel members were Clive Lewis, MP for Norwich South, and Patrick O'Flynn, UKIP MEP for the East of England. The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to see and hear at first hand the differing ideas politicians of various parties have on issues such as Brexit, the leadership of the Conservative Party, environmental policies, and taxation policy for small businesses.

The trip was a great experience and we hope to host our own version of Question Time at Langley next Spring.

## Chiller Week!

Following on from a week of activities in the library at lunchtime to celebrate National



Libraries week, we went straight into Chiller Week to celebrate Halloween. Monday saw the students help decorate the library with cobwebs, spiders and skeletons and Fin Spear, Year 10, read a chilling story from Chris Priestley's *Uncle Montagues Tales of Terror*. Tuesday was Creepy Chess and on Wednesday we held a very well attended Halloween quiz in which Suzi Porter gained full marks. Thursday saw a much anticipated showing of Roald Dahl's *The Witches* and to finish off the week, Drama's Mr Watts did not disappoint with a animated and entertaining reading of Edgar Allen Poe's 'The Black Cat'. This was a great way to finish off the term, introducing students to new books and embedding the idea that reading and literacy is fun.

## Create Your Future



Students from Music, Photography, Drama and Art went to the UCAS Create Your Future event in London where

they were able to talk to course leaders and current students at many of the UK's leading creative universities.

With lots to see and do, the students are now looking to attend open days and explore their options for university entry. They were able to get advice on portfolio and subject choice. With strong creative specialisms at Langley, staff wanted to highlight the value and importance of creative subjects being offered at university.

# Check it Out!

Langley took on Norwich school at chess for a second time and have shown a clear improvement from last year's match. Langley's team: Tom Connor, Jessica Stone, Michael Stone, Samuel Buxton, Asa Cohen, Finley Dunn, Freddie Mills and Eri Olanrewaju each played three games, winning six out of 24. Particular praise to Jessica and Michael who won two games each.



## Castle Acre Priory

On 12th October, Year 7s spent a day at Castle Acre Priory. The Priory includes the remains of a medieval monastery, closed down on the orders of Henry VIII. Students learned many features of the site and the life of the medieval community. They were given the opportunity to create their own illuminated manuscript, to learn about medieval markets as well as making designs for clay tiles. The Langley students and staff are very grateful to Chris Madeley and the English Heritage staff who organised all of the sessions and helped to make the trip such an amazing day. Thanks must also go to the Langley staff who accompanied the group: Mr Felton; Mrs Piddock; Mrs Bodmer-Tripp; Mr Watts and Ms Bartlett.



There is so much going on at Langley this term, we don't want you to miss anything. Please visit our website for the latest news and results from around the school: [langleyschool.co.uk](http://langleyschool.co.uk)



## Black History Day

For the past ten years, Langley students in Year 8 have been taking part in an annual Black History Day which has seen a variety of subjects work together to produce an exciting day which recognises the vast contribution of men and women from black and ethnic minority backgrounds. This year the students experienced African drumming; learned about the contribution of Walter Tull, a black officer and the first black professional footballer; produced a creative picture of a slave ship; explored African folk tales; helped to cook some food from around the world as well as learning about slavery and the law.

Thanks are due to all staff who gave up their time to prepare and run these wonderful sessions: Mrs Woolsey; Mr Oakes; Mr Read; Mr Ogden; Mr Watts; Mr McAllister and Mrs Bodmer-Tripp. Thanks are also due to the organisers of this annual event: Mr White; Mrs George-Broom and Mr Felton.

## Young Historians

Congratulations to Jessica Stone for winning first prize in her age group at the Young Historians Prize ceremony in Portsmouth. Her project, titled 'Why the Battle of Britain was the turning point of the Second World War' gained the approval of the panel judges earning her the £100 top prize category. There was also success for fellow pupil, Keenan Langley whose entry, 'Bletchley Park', was highly commended by the judges. He

received a certificate and a book token. The ceremony was held at Southsea Castle on 30th September and was attended by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, several wartime veterans, supporters of the organisation and families of the winners.



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