



14th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach half term, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support this half term. As a school, we have made some considerable changes since starting back in September, both to how we operate as well as the physical changes to the site as a whole. We feel we are moving forward in a positive way with regards to the things that are most important to all of our key stakeholders and we are excited to see what the next half term brings.

Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre Appeal

This week students in Year 8 had an assembly delivered by Mario Kosmirak, chair of the Ukrainian Association in Coventry, where he spoke about the Ukrainian refugee crisis. It was incredibly interesting to learn about the history of the first Ukrainian refugees and equally thought-provoking hearing about their more recent experiences in their home country. Students learnt about how Coventry is a City of Peace and Reconciliation, and this was very fitting with some of our core values of kindness and respect.

From this, students have been invited to organise fundraisers to raise money for the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre and we have already had a number of students volunteer to be on the committee for this. As this charity is one of the Lord Mayor of Coventry's chosen charities for this year, those involved will also receive thanks from him as we raise money for those in need.

The English department would like to thank Mario for his time this week as it was a valuable experience for students to make connections to a text they are studying in their English lessons called 'The Crossing'.

Trip to Coventry October 2022

Since the start of the year, year 7 students have carried out a study of the history of Coventry. To complement this, last week they went on a trip into the city centre to visit some of the sights they have been learning about.

The students went on a walking tour of Coventry where they gained an insight into the city's Anglo-Saxon past by examining the priory ruins. They learned about Coventry's medieval history through a visit to Holy Trinity Church where they studied the doom painting and the stained glass window depicting Lady Godiva, both of which are rare survivals from this period. They saw the guildhall and considered Coventry's early modern past by reflecting upon the fate of Mary, Queen of Scots. Finally, they considered modern history through their visit to Broadgate where they considered Coventry's economic progression and the impact of the Blitz.





The Herbert Art Gallery gave the students a valuable object handling experience where they examined Anglo-Saxon cups, cleaning implements and a shield boss. They also considered Coventrians' war time experience by going into a medieval undercroft where people sheltered during the Second World War. Finally, they went on a tour through time by examining the gallery's exhibition of objects from Coventry's history ranging from medieval times to the present day. Those students who attended on Friday also

happened to meet the Lord Mayor of Coventry, Cllr. Maton.

The trip served to consolidate the students' understanding of Coventry history and to give it greater context. I was very impressed by the students' inquisitiveness and behaviour. Their willingness to fully participate in all activities led to some really interesting questions and discussion points. They were a credit both to themselves and to Coundon Court. Well done year 7!

Celebration of Kindness

This week our star of the week nominations have been focused on our value of kindness. Tutors and teachers have nominated students for their kindness in lesson time - supporting and helping peers, helping new students find their way around the school site and showing kindness in the community. Thank you to all the students this week who have been recognised for Coundon's core value of kindness - keep up the fantastic efforts!



Co-Curricular

We are thrilled to share with you our updated Co-curricular offer which is now live on our website. This is something we really value as a school – offering students the chance to have experiences that make their school days magical. As you will see, we are offering a range of performing arts and music clubs, sports clubs, ceramics, photography, robotics, sign language and much more!

Students have been encouraged to get involved in as many clubs as they would like! You can find a link to the page on the website here: <https://www.coundoncourt.org/co-curricular>

Yours sincerely,



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