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REMOTE LEARNING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



The Enrichment Programme has been a triumph, and again my sincere thanks to all involved. I perhaps do not publicly praise our Senior Leadership Team enough, but I must say that Mr Blyth and Mr Jerram have been fantastic this week, ensuring that all has run smoothly. In this Enrichment Special newsletter, we look back over the past three weeks at the incredible array of talks and presentations that our pupils have been able to enjoy.

It has been great to see our Year 10 and 12 pupils back in school this week. Witnessing the social interactions between pupils provided a marvellous tonic for screen-weary eyes - face-to-face interaction is so much better for the soul! I am very grateful to all those staff who were involved with pupils in school and also to all teaching staff for their continued perseverance in delivering remote teaching.

It has been good to sense a gradual change towards normality, and I was pleased to be showing a number of parents and prospective pupils around the school in recent days. Our numbers for next September are looking buoyant.

I hope that you all enjoy the forthcoming sunny spell we are expecting.

Mr Paul Smith, Headmaster

Today saw the close of a packed three-week programme of enrichment which has been enjoyed by hundreds of pupils from Year 7 to Year 13. Below are some highlights...

MIDDAY MEET-UPS: OUR KEY SPEAKERS

NATALIA TENA talked to an audience of over 100 about her career as an actress and musician. From busking in the London Underground, having learnt the accordion, to making her professional debut in the Hugh Grant film 'About A Boy' in 2002, Natalia went on to play Tonks in the Harry Potter film series and Osha in Game of Thrones. She shared her advice with HCS pupils and her trick for a confident audition - assume you're in the 'no' pile and give it your all!



HUGO COHN (OH) filled us in on self-driving vehicles, the design process behind the world's greatest supercars, and the most bizarre customer demands. Having worked for McLaren for over five years, including as lead engineer for all camera systems (parking cameras and mirror replacement) and alternative driver displays across the whole McLaren vehicle range, he was able to offer a fantastic insight into the industry.

Left: Hugo's visit to HCS in 2018

CLARE FOTHERGILL, Project Manager for the Antarctic Infrastructure Modernisation Programme, spoke about climate change and the need to reduce the carbon footprint in Antarctica, the secret wartime mission to Antarctica that gave the Allies the edge, and camping out in unforgiving Antarctic conditions.



VICTORIA WARD & WILL FINN, recruitment guru and former president of Johnson & Johnson, offered pupils a two-part insight into 'communication for success'. They presented on understanding the difference between what you broadcast and how it is received, and taught pupils the importance of learning to show your true character and how to stand out from the crowd in the right way.



KATIE ALCOTT MBE (OH) talked us through her career to date, finding her calling and the pleasures and challenges of founding her charity, FRANK Water. Katie shared her thoughts about the importance of decision-making in your career, but also that it's never too late to change path.

ADRIENNE JERRAM joined us to offer her expertise and advice on road and personal safety. Drawing on her 30 years of police service, with 15 years in the Road Policing Unit and her last 4 years in the Road Death Unit for Hampshire and Thames Valley, Adrienne ran through the dangers of the road for young people, in particular, as well as practical tips on keeping safe. These included recommendations of the Citizen Aid app designed to help us cope with emergency situations, the Save A Life app which provides details of the nearest defibrillator, and dialling 55, the emergency number for 'silent 999 calls'.

JESSICA BARKER (OH) talked us through her journey in architecture. She has designed buildings and products, has worked on international exhibitions, as well as carrying out architectural research. Jessica has her own studio known for Sociable Housing projects such as 'Forest Mews', and has also appeared on Channel 4's Grand Designs, designing an RIBA-winning home for an old school friend.



PAUL THORBURN (OH) shared memories of his time at HCS, juggling a rugby career with a job in the pre-professional rugby days, the importance of grabbing opportunities and of course, that record-breaking kick against Scotland in 1986!

KATY SKERRETT (OH) spoke about her career in law, being called to the Bar in 1999, and appointed as Judge in 2007. Now working as Senior Coroner for Gloucestershire, Katy was able to share invaluable advice for our pupils considering their future careers.

TIM EVANS (OH) took us on a journey from being Head of School at HCS to becoming a successful property developer. Tim has been NHBC Pride in the Job winner on four occasions and LABC Regional winner for Best Small Development. He shared his enjoyment at seeing designs come to life, the battles he has fought through market crashes and his most visionary builds.

HARRISON PROBERT (OH) headed to Durham University after leaving HCS and now holds the position of Vice-President for the Macquarie Group. He filled us in on careers in Investment Banking and his job as a Commodities Trader.

EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE

Over the past three weeks, teaching staff have stretched and challenged pupils in a whole host of fascinating areas of study. We looked at climate change with Mr Terry, IT skills with Mr Phillips (from designing apps and websites to brushing up on spreadsheet skills), history of Art with Miss Greenough and Culture in Quarantine with Miss Mallett. Mr Jackson gave us a whistle-stop tour of the US Presidential elections and Mr Hartley kept things current, teaching us all about the R value.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP



We heard from both staff and Old Herefordians on post-school options - with Gap Years and university life from Lewie and Harvey Graham and former Head of School, Cristina Higgins, and working overseas with Head of International Students, Mr Higgins. Other speakers gave their invaluable insights into writing job applications, CVs, public speaking skills, leadership and interview skills.



LEARNING LIFE SKILLS

Looking to the future for our pupils meant looking back to their past for our teachers, as they picked out the areas and skills they felt would have been most helpful to them as school-leavers. We learnt about budgeting, mortgages and student finance, as well as presentation skills and the philosophy of life. Of course, who could forget Mr Abbott's live student cookery classes - and those ginger nuts!

IN REMOTE LEARNING THIS WEEK: YEAR 9 DT PUPILS HAVE ENTERED THE DESIGN MUSEUM COMPETITION HAVING DESIGNED NEW, CREATIVE AND COMMERCIALLY VIABLE PRODUCTS

Blue Haired Button by Tilly B

Blue Haired Button is a bath time character which teaches your child to enjoy washing, allows us learning and getting into the habit of cleaning everywhere on their bodies.

It is made of plastic but can be reused many times and holds coloured soap inside - therefore the child using Button can see where they have already put soap and where they need to put some more. Blue Haired Button can have your own soap inside it, so once you have finished the soap it first comes when you just have to open it up by pulling on the rubber plug at the bottom side of Button and refill it with your own coloured soap.

smooth plastic sphere with a metal ball inside so it rotates to get covered in liquid soap, as well as glides smoothly against the child's skin when being used.

sealed as a blue cat - so attractive to older children to play with. Also has a comfortable place to put their hand for easy grip when playing.

rubber plug to stop the soap coming out - yet has a rim to be removed when Button needs to be refilled.

How The Phone Holder works by Keeley T

- The phone holder fits any phone, with an adjustable arm.
- Very suitable for the car.

Other attachments - The coffee cup holder

- easy to remove other hands and clip this on.
- safe, and won't topple your umbrella.

Have you constantly got your hands full, especially on a rainy day? Well the... can help with this, with its light saving phone and coffee holder.

This umbrella comes with a uniquely designed phone and coffee holder.

- comes with two unique attachments which are great when your hands are full.
- Available in various colours.

The Fliron by Isabelle M

The Fliron

Once you dump your clothes inside the Fliron, it will automatically dry them for you. It is simple to use and you can use it in your room.

The Fliron is a simple, easy to use, and safe way to dry your clothes. It is perfect for use in your room, and it is very easy to use. It is perfect for use in your room, and it is very easy to use.

After your clothes have been freshly washed, place them in the hands of the Fliron. It will automatically dry them for you. It is simple to use and you can use it in your room.

It's Simple. Place your crumpled clothes in the Fliron's mouth and in under a minute they will be as good as new.

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CLASS OF THE WEEK!

Mrs Wall would like to recognise 10S2 Chemistry.

She said: "They are working really steadily, trying hard and producing their work on time and to a high standard."

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES:

Amazing work from Laura B this week as she led the Royal Navy cadets through extempore rigging, building some impressive structures in her own garden, and leading the others through construction in the Teams video meeting. Even her hamster joined in...



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

This week's thought of the day, came from the Dalai Lama...

"Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength."



...and she then went on to teach her Year 7 form how to cook pizza in her role as Form Mentor. Well done Laura!

