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WELCOME TO THE NEW EDITION OF THE GGSK NEWSLETTER!

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YEAR 12 & 13 UNIVERSITY FAIR

Year 12 and 13 recently attended the Autumn university and apprenticeship fair which was a perfect way for students to get an insight into a course or pathway they are interested in. This event gave students the opportunity to speak to a wide variety of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers – as well as attend vital seminars, in order to make informed choices about their future. UK University Search helps you take the next step in further education by giving you advice and helping you find the courses and universities that you are best suited to.

This inspirational higher education fair is particularly targeted at Year 12s, who are beginning to make choices about their futures, and any Year 13s who are still considering their options. This fair featured university seminars focussed on UCAS personal statements, Oxbridge applications and student finance and Creative, Sport and STEM hubs with interactive displays from many of the UK's specialist universities and providers within these fields.

By Alisha Sidhu & Bobby Bhaskaran

YEAR 12 & 13 GAP YEAR

Students of Year 12 and 13 had a representative from Project Trust come in to talk to them about the benefits of taking a gap year, or a sabbatical. Project Trust is an Educational Gap Year Charity, sending roughly 300 school-leavers overseas every year to volunteer mainly in teaching, social care and Outward Bound projects across Africa, Asia and The Americas. A gap year can provide real-life experience through travel and volunteering, as well as helping you to learn leadership skills, new languages and culture. Project Trust specifically offers a challenging long-term volunteering placement overseas will allow you to develop and grow in a more holistic manner and allows you to develop five core competencies: communication & collaboration, self-confidence, resilience, awareness, and leadership. As a result of volunteering with Project Trust, students will receive a Diploma in International Volunteering which is recognised by UCAS.

By Hussain Poonawala

personal Financial Planning

YEAR 9 & 10 DRUG TALK

Year 9 and 10 students attended a presentation about drugs and drug use. The speaker showed us a presentation and talked about how drugs affect our mind and body.

Drugs, as we all know, are an illegal matter which some people drink, smoke, inject or eat for the mental as well as physical effects that it leaves. We learnt that students start consuming drugs out of stress or unfair expectations of their teachers as well as parents. Lack of emotional support and disorder in their families make them vulnerable and increase their dependency on drugs. They use it in order to calm down their state of mental agitation.

Despite the seriousness of the subject, the students found the talk interesting and informative as it made them aware of the adverse effects of drugs.



FINANCIAL PLANNING TALK

The students of Year 12 and 13 attended a presentation given by a financial planner: financial Planning can play a major factor in a youth's life as it implements significant skills such as organisation and mathematical calculations. Financial Planning doesn't require a large sum of money; it can begin with a small amount of hard cash or money idle in a bank account.

Firstly, set a budget. You will need to plan for the important parts that will require money, such as accommodation, transportation, etc. If you are planning to go to university then you will need to include your educational expenses and create a budget. If you are planning on working, you need to estimate how much you will need to be able to live independently. You will also need to budget for things like utilities, clothes, food, etc.

Secondly, the financial planner highlighted why it was important to prioritise your spending. He explained that making short-term goals like saving up for the deposit on your first apartment or saving up for the down payment on a car will allow you to be more in control of your finances.

By Yuvraj Ram

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

We raised £474 for the charity 'Jeans for Genes'. The students and teachers wore jeans and donated £2 each towards the cause.

The charity funds the support children affected by genetic disorders. There are around 6,000 genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year.

By Arran Gill



ENRICHMENT

Every Friday afternoon A-Level students partake in enrichment. Enrichment activities include archery, badminton, cooking, reading with primary, art, and comprehension. These activities broaden horizons, develop new skills and contribute to students' personal and social development.

MATHS WATCH

Students have been provided with Maths Watch; an online maths revision tool to aid their revision. Maths Watch is the complete online Maths platform that makes learning available to students 24/7 from anywhere in the world and can be used on any device connected to the internet. All students have been given their login details.

IMPORTANT ANOUNCEMENTS

Mobile phones:

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. If a student needs to bring their phone into school for any reason, they are expected to leave it in the office when they enter school in the morning and collect it at 15:30. Phones will be confiscated if student are caught with them and will not be returned until the end of the term. Mobile phones can also not be used on school transport.

Detentions:

Detention now take place every day after school (rather than just twice a week). If your child receives a detention, they are expected to stay behind the next day. Parents are expected to complete the detention form and return them the next day.

Autumn Parents' Evening:

The dates for the Autumn Parents' evening will be confirmed after the half term break.