

Stormont House School Matters



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achievement for all

Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Stormont House Experiences World War I

As part of our History curriculum Years 8, 9 and 10 attended workshops based on World War I. The sessions were led by an actor who played a character called Private Arthur Seaby, he informed the students what it was like leaving his life as a barrow boy in the East End of London to become a soldier and how he had been plunged into the confusion of World War One in 1914. He spoke about being encouraged to sign up, even though he was too young, and how he was handed a white feather by the singer Vesta Tilley.

The students learnt about Private Seaby's medical examination, training, uniform and the fact that he ate better and lived more healthily as a soldier than when he had been a barrow boy. Private Seaby demonstrated what the army drill was like, including marching, saluting and loading his rifle. The students learnt about the catastrophic loss of life in the Battle of the Somme. Everyone had the opportunity to experience a glimpse of what life was like for a soldier. The students were asked to think about the role of women and girls during the war years and how many women had taken over the work of men, which eventually led to women gaining the right to vote after the war. Private Seaby never made it home as he was killed in action, he read a piece from the last letter he sent home to his family, and everyone was very moved by his story.

Year 10 made reference to their research into the use of the original Stormont House building informing Private Seaby that the building had been a hospital for treating wounded soldiers in WWI. The sessions were highly informative, and interactive. No one wanted to leave at the end and some of the Year 9 students stayed behind to ask questions at break time. Miss Cross was impressed by the intelligent questions asked by so many students. It was a fitting way to end the week of remembrance in this Centenary Year of the Armistice.



The World of Work - Stormont House Careers Week

Next week the whole school will be taking part in Stormont House Careers Week. Throughout the week students will participate in workshops and lessons that explore the world of work. Students will learn about different professions and the important soft skills, which are key skills that employers look for e.g. Teamwork. In addition to all subjects teaching their lessons with a careers focus, students will also be involved in a variety of workshops run by outside professionals. Workshops include a Dragons Den Enterprise day for Year 10, Hospitality workshops for all year groups, a college visit to BSix for Year 11, a volunteering talk for Year 12, Professional Kitchen sessions with professional chefs at the Waterhouse Restaurant and in school with Food for Life. Plus many more careers activities.

Please look out for pictures and stories from our Careers week in our next newsletter.

The Importance of Teamwork

In Workskills, Year 12 have been learning about the importance of teamwork when completing a task and specifically the relevance of teamwork in the world of work.

They watched the film 'Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle' where four teenagers were transported into a video game and find themselves having to complete the game as game 'avatars' or characters with their own set of strengths and weaknesses. Year 12 watched as each character began to overcome their weaknesses and use their strengths, skills and experience to work together to complete the game.

In teams, the students used the skills and qualities they learnt to ensure effective teamwork, as well as creating their own avatars. This included specific characteristics, name, job, personality, appearance, strengths and weaknesses. Using only newspaper and tape, they worked together to create costumes for their avatars to bring them to life and gave a presentation to explain how the costumes created reflected their characteristics.

To complete this activity the students were encouraged to use their communication skills, speaking and listening, patience, flexibility and organisation skills. These are the positive behaviours of effective teamwork that were learnt and that Year 12 can use in the future when they finish school and enter the world of work.



Jack Petchey Award Winner for October 2018



Mr Nelson has nominated Kelvin from 10N for the October 2018 Jack Petchey Award - Kelvin's behaviour is exemplary in lessons, he is an amazing role model for his class. He has shown great dedication to improving his attitude and focus even when he finds lessons difficult. He hasn't dropped a tick or even half of one all term.

Kelvin will now decide with the help of his form what he will spend the £250 grant on - this may be a trip for his class or a piece of equipment for their form room.

Well Done Kelvin you really deserve this award - think wisely before you decide how to spend the grant.

Term Dates for your Diary

School Photographs
End of Autumn Term
Spring Term Start
Spring Half Term
Staff Training Day
End of Spring Term
Staff Training Day
Summer Term Start
Summer Half Term
End of Summer Term

Monday 26 November 2018
Friday 21 December 2018 - School closes at 1.15pm
Monday 7 January 2019
Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019
Monday 18 March 2019 - School closed to students
Friday 5 April 2019
Tuesday 23 April 2019 - School closed to students
Wednesday 24 April 2019
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019
Friday 19 July 2019