

News @ St Clement's



Students Go East

On the 24th October, 37 students and four staff set off on their long journey to Tokyo, Japan. The flight departed Heathrow, with a brief stop in Helsinki and finally arrived in Japan at 8 am on the 25th October.

First on the list of places to explore was the Sugami Animation Museum. Here students got to learn how Anime is produced and had a go at producing their own illustrations. Continuing the creative theme, students went on to experience a calligraphy workshop followed by a visit to the Mori Art Museum. (cont. page 2)



Whilst here we fortunately were able to visit the City View Experience; where it was so clear we could see Mount Fuji. This was followed by a trip to the National Theatre to see Kenneth Macmillan's Romeo and Juliet performed as a ballet.

The next day began with a Sushi making workshop, followed by a trip to the Asakusa District with its famous temple, then a visit to see the world famous Asimo Robot perform at the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation. The day concluded with a visit to the Shibuya district where the students got to watch a range of acts performed at the Contemporary Dance Truck.

The following morning we visited 2121 Design Sight Gallery and then stopped off at the Hard Rock Café for lunch. The afternoon was spent exploring the Meiji Shrine, located amongst woodland and then the very contrasting Harajuku area, renowned for its J Pop culture. Students then got to cross the world famous Shibuya crossing.

The final full day in Japan was spent in Hakone, several hours outside of Tokyo. Here students could explore the Hakone Open Air Museum with its vast number of outdoor sculptures before taking a boat across Lake Ashi, a beautiful crater lake. Unfortunately it was too overcast to see Mount Fuji, but it was never the less a fantastic experience.

The trip really was an amazing experience and wonderful opportunity for all involved. Japan is an incredible place to visit, so rich in culture yet also so diverse. We look forward to visiting Japan again.



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On the 11th of December our school ran an 'enrichment day' Normal timetable was suspended and each year group participated in activities, lectures and performances to order to learn something via alternative methods.

Year 7 Pantomime

On Wednesday year 7 went to watch the Dick Whittington Panto. The panto had very good dancers and the costumes were amazing and very colourful. The actors were loud and clear. The seats were comfortable and we had drinks and ice cream.

I thought the panto was very funny and entertaining and I do recommend it. I had a wonderful day.' by Bridie Minister (Y7)



Year 8 Plastic Revolution

Students spent the whole day discussing about: how plastics are damaging our planet, what plastics can be recycled or avoided, what each individual can do to reduce plastic waste and each student made a pledge to what they will do.

For those of you that missed it, our students can be heard via the BBC Sounds App> BBC Radio Norfolk> The Social. Listen from 1 hour and 1 minute and lasts for about 12 minutes. The students were very nervous, but I think you will agree that they did a lovely job. Hannah Russell (Head of English) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07tn9hj>

Year 9

Theatre Visit. Went to London's Adelphi Theatre to watch the musical.

Waitress is a musical with music and lyrics by Sara Bareilles and a book by Jessie Nelson.

The musical is based on the 2007 film of the same name, written by Adrienne Shelly. It tells the story of Jenna Hunterston, a waitress in an abusive relationship with her husband Earl.



Year 10 'Futures' Year 11 'Futures'

These students had a wide variety of sessions all connected to their individual plans for their future.

The students had an intensive day of talks and activities providing yet more information that will aid them at post 16.

Universities and Sixth Form colleges presented talks about what they are like, what is expected and what they offer.

Students also used the program 'helpyouchoose' which is a Q & A that produces recommendations for future careers.

They were given time to update their information on the Unifrog platform.

The Police gave a talk all about road safety as pedestrians and drivers of the future.

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We are pleased to welcome St Clements High School's first Chat Health Ambassadors.

These students will promote chatting about health issues within school and will be piloting a new Chat Health app later in the school year..

ChatHealth is a secure NHS approved text messaging service for aged 11- 19 years old.

Chathealth offers confidential support from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

ChatHealth has experienced clinicians online waiting to answer and deal with any messages from young people.





Mrs Clarke's Year 9 Hospitality and Catering group made Leek and Potato soup this week out of leeks that we had grown in the school garden. The students enjoyed making the soup and said it was really tasty.



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The Cranmer Award

The Cranmer award was an enjoyable experience. The people involved from our school were Charly Spurge (yr 10), George Willingham (yr 10), Poppy Cooper (yr 9) and me (George Tiernan, yr 9). We started off by each picking 2 – 3 sections from the Cranmer Common Book of Prayer 1662 edition. Once we had picked our sections we then practiced at least 1 time a week at school and a bit at home and we had to make sure our entire piece was between 3-5 minutes. We had five weeks to practice before the competition. The competition was held at the Castle Rising Church and the categories consisted of junior and senior. Charly, Poppy and I were in the junior category whilst George was in the seniors. The competition had schools like Wisbech Grammar and we were the only state school that were there. It started with the juniors which had a lot of competitors compared to the senior category. After the juniors we were treated with flapjacks from Lord Howard's butler. After the flapjack break the senior category commenced. After that was over the judges (which included Anne Robinson) went to finalise the results. Unfortunately we didn't win anything although many people congratulated Charly for his speaking. It was a fun experience and we got a photo with Anne Robinson as a memory to cherish for this day.



"I personally enjoyed the event immensely. I enjoyed the public speaking element, alongside going out and talking with not only my school peers, but also other people attending the event. Whilst I was speaking, I was very anxious about it (my legs were as a matter of fact shaking as I was speaking), I did really enjoy the event."

By Charly Spurge

Left: George W, George T, Anne Robinson, Poppy and Charly.

The Cranmer award was very enjoyable. We practiced for about five weeks before the event. When we arrived we saw several other schools mainly private and grammar schools. The junior section of the competition was the part that I (Poppy Cooper), George Tiernan and Charly Spurge competed in. The senior section was the part that George Willingham competed in. For the competition we had to choose some parts from the common book of prayer 1662 and our performances had to be between 3 and 5 minutes. This was an amazing opportunity to speak in front of Anne Robinson. I really enjoyed it. By Poppy Cooper



Young Reporters Club

Every Thursday this term an after school club has been creating a report for The BBC Young Reporter Competition. I am one of several participants. We are hoping to gain more members so that we can start a school newspaper.

The BBC Young Reporter Competition (for children aged 11-16) is a competition where young people can have their voices heard. We have to plan and deliver a short video report to send to the BBC to see if they are interested in making our report with them. Entries go under one of two categories 'My Life' (something personal) and 'Our World' (addressing a global issue).

We have now turned Young Reporters Club into YES (Your English Society). This club is for KS3 and we hope to go on some trips to local radio stations or newspapers. We would also like to write some blogs about these trips. YES would also be a group making a school newspaper.

If you would like any more information please see Miss Franklin or Mr Smith.

Jamie, on behalf of YES

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Parent app

LEARNING GATEWAY comes to an end.....

After several years of providing parents with pupil information this facility has now come to an end and you will no longer be able to access your child's details using Learning Gateway.

Learning Gateway has now been replaced with the SIMs Parent app. This app enables you to access achievement, progress, attendance and assessment information. You can also update personal information about your child using the data collection link. As a school this will enable us to improve how we engage with you and to assist you in supporting your child's progress.

Have you registered for the Parent app yet?

We have been actively encouraging parents to sign up to the Parent app over the past 2 years. An Expression of Interest form was also included in the Data Collection booklet sent to all year groups. If you have not returned your booklet yet please send to the Data Office as soon as possible ensuring you complete the Parent app form.

Once forms are returned we will arrange to invite you and enable you to track your child's progress on your smartphone or tablet. If you have any queries regarding the Parent app or Data Collection booklets please contact data@stclementshigh.org.uk

TERRINGTON ST CLEMENT'S UNITED CHARITIES

The Charities have funds available each year to help people who are residents of the village.

The Educational Charity can assist students with regard to events, courses or equipment which are related to educational or personal development, either through school or outside organisations.

The Relief Charity can be used to help parishioners in need of help. It is also able to assist students attending further education e.g. universities, college or apprenticeships. The applicants must be residents of Terrington St Clement's Parish and should apply in writing giving details of courses, needs and aspirations.

The Trustees meet in November and March and will consider any applications at those meetings. All awards will be at the discretion of the Trustees.

On Friday 15th November we took part in the Design and Technology Rotary Competition.

The following students won the following prizes:

Foundation 1st place:

Lillian Frost

Tristan Hicks

Jasmine Kirby

Oscar Thompson

Intermediate 1st place:

Lily Collinson

Elaine Defty

Millie Frost

Lucas Hicks

RAF Award for Best Teamwork:

Lily Collinson

Elaine Defty

Millie Frost

Lucas Hicks

Best school:

Lillian Frost

Tristan Hicks

Jasmine Kirby

Oscar Thompson

Lily Collinson

Elaine Defty

Millie Frost

Lucas Hicks



Year 9 ASDAN students held the Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday 3rd December. The students held the party as part of the life skills course that they are all studying. Between themselves they planned and hosted the party so learned some basic skills required to hold a social function.

The group also decided to run both a raffle and 'guess the ...sweets in jar'. The proceeds were split 50 50 between the Cancer Research charity and the Kenya fund. In total they raised £65.

The teacher Mrs Chappell was very pleased with the students who proved to be 'perfect hosts' and were complimented by the guests who attended.

Mrs Chappell and the students would like to thank all the carers and parents who generously donated food, drink and prizes which helped to make the party a great success.



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Uniform Appeal!

If you have any unwanted or outgrown uniform, please consider donating to the school.

Donations can be made to the KS3 or KS4 office

Years 7 & 8 generously filled boxes and boxes of food and treats for the Winter Appeal made by the 'Your Local Paper'. The organizers requested items such as tinned foods, microwave puddings, squash, UHT milk, and toiletries .

A School representative said" Students were keen to do something positive for the local community in the lead up to Christmas and were excited to have the opportunity."



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Are you helping to look after someone you live with?

They may have a long term illness, disability or struggle with their mental health.

**Please pop along to our Young Carers Lunchtime Support Group
with Lucy or Charlene in Room 7.**

Tuesday 7th January

Tuesday 21st January

Tuesday 4th February

Tuesday 3rd March

Tuesday 17th March

Tuesday 31st March

Tuesday 28th April

**Please feel free to pop in and have a chat to Lucy or Charlene-
Young Carers Support Workers and meet other young people
in who may be in a similar situation.**

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On Friday 15th November Miss Franklin and Mrs Roper took eleven students to Dereham Neatherd High School to take part in an International Children's literacy quiz.

We had two teams plus three reserve students.

The quiz comprised of 100 questions arranged into themes. Our teams performed very well and managed to be in the middle of the results table with scores of 53 and 52 points. Well done to all.

First place went to Litcham School who achieved 85 points. We send our congratulations and good luck for their next round. They will compete in London.



Photo below left: Wayne Mills founder of Kids Lit Quiz. Below right: Three published authors.





The Autumn Term has again been very busy. In October forty students flew to the other side of the world to visit Japan. In recent weeks they have delivered assemblies to share the experience with the whole school. It is clear they had an amazing time and enjoyed being immersed in a totally different culture although it's true for many the craving for western food was quite intense by the end of the trip.

In November we had our Super Learning Day, a large number of visitors came to the school to work with Year 10 and 11 students to share their experience of work and highlight possible careers. I know the students gained a great deal from the day and I'm very grateful to all those who were able to attend. We are always keen to welcome visitors who can talk to the students about their career paths, so if you would like to speak to an assembly or a small group please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year 9 students went on a theatre trip or were involved in our code breaking day, chasing the clues around the school proved highly competitive and it was great to see everyone so engaged.

Year 8 focused on our use of plastic, they learnt a great deal and some even had the opportunity to discuss the topic on the radio. Year 7 went to the Pantomime, they certainly got into the spirit of the occasion and it was brilliant to see every single student from the year group able to participate in the trip.

Year 11 have been working hard and completed their first set of tests in preparation for the pre-public exams in February. Our Year 11 information evening is the first day back in the New Year and we hope to see all year 11 parents there. It good to be able to share what works well and give details on the opportunities available for further support as the students move towards the final exams.

As a Trust we have made the decision to move to back to having three years in our Key Stage Three, this means our current year 7 and 8 students will start their option subjects in year 10. It gives students a longer period to study the broad range of subjects offered in this Key Stage. The students are aware and all year 8 parents have been given a letter explaining this change.

The Autumn Term always ends with our Christmas service, I am again grateful to Reverend Slipper for welcoming us into his beautiful church and inspiring us all with his service. The school has grown considerably in the past few years and the challenge of squeezing the whole school into the church has increased, I know this is an event the students look back on with warmth and for many it marks the start of Christmas.

All year groups return to school on the 6th January 2020, but it is worth noting we do have a staff training day on the calendar for Wednesday 22nd January.

I hope you all have a fantastic break.

Merry Christmas.

