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Growing Ambitions

The 19th and 20th of October saw one of the region's largest careers events for schools take place at the UWE conference centre. Over the two days more than 120 employers, training companies and organisations were in one place to give information, careers advice and guidance to parents and students from the Concord and Kingswood Partnership schools.



"helped me know what I want to do in the future".

The school would like to thank all the companies who gave their time to take part to help out students with careers advice and helping them find the right direction to achieve their ambitions.



The open evening on the 19th October was buzzing with students and parents taking the opportunity to find out about different opportunities and prospects for future careers. All our Year 9 students attended on the Thursday and joined in with five interactive workshops run by employers - a day when over 1000 students took part.

The employer representatives were from very varied sectors including Airbus, Bristol Zoo, the BBC, the RAC, the NHS, Atkins and Westport as well as local colleges and apprenticeship providers.

Our students were very positive about the Ambitions event - students commented **that the event: "helped me choose my job"; "made me aware of the possibilities available for my future"; "was fun" and**



Moseying down the Moselle!

Germany—October 2011

Anticipation and excitement were in the air as we all gathered by the coach on Tuesday evening! We had all been waiting for months and months for this trip and now the time had come!

When you are chatting to friends, listening to music and having the odd doze now and then it is amazing how quickly a long journey can pass and before we knew it we were on German soil in the beautiful area of the Moselle Valley.

Boat cruise

We couldn't book into our hotel straight away so we spent the afternoon playing a game of mini golf followed by a boat cruise to the quaint village of Cochem. We all had a wander round the small town and did our first bit of shopping and bought some lunch – no MacDonalds in this town, thank goodness! We hopped on the boat again to go to our hotel where we booked into our rooms and then went down for

our evening meal. We were all quite tired after the journey so it wasn't long before we were all in our rooms to get a good night's sleep.

The next morning was a beautiful sunny day and we visited Germany's oldest town called Trier.

Romantics

Here there were some interesting shops and restaurants and we were all amused by the man selling metal figures in all shapes and sizes. Most of us bought something and some romantics amongst us bought metal figures that said "I love you"!! (ahhhh).



Summer sledding

Then the mystery tour began... we weren't able to do the wine tasting as planned so what would we do instead? Well, to our amazement, we went to a summer sledding centre where we sledged down the hillside at amazing speed. Everyone absolutely loved it and to quote one student "that was the most amazing experience of my life!"

Karaoke

That evening we had a Karaoke night where some of us were brave enough to give it a go. I don't think we will ever make it on to the X Factor though!

The next day we went to visit our link school just north of Cologne where we were all made really welcome by the Headteacher. We then went to see a typical German lesson and had a tour around the school followed by a special



lunch. It was really interesting to see how schools in Germany are so different to ours – no uniform, teachers in casual clothes and no school after 1.15 pm. It all seemed



very relaxed but there again it was the last day of term! After thanking the teachers and the head teacher for their hospitality, we went to Cologne for sightseeing and shopping in this lovely modern city.

Penfriends

It was great to see that so many of the students from the German school had come by train to join us and their penfriends and we all had a lovely afternoon chatting in a mixture of English and German!

The next day we visited a town called Boppard where we went on a chair lift which gave us amazing views of the Moselle Valley. It was a bit scary at times!

Famous monument

After a few photos and a few bowls of chips we took the chair lift down and went on our way to the city of Koblenz.

Here there was a famous monument which marked the corner point where the Rivers Rhine and Moselle meet. We all gathered round for a group photo and then walked into the centre for some sightseeing and shopping. This was our last chance to buy presents to take home and luckily the shops were packed with all sorts of goodies to buy!

Famous monument where the Rhine meets the Moselle

In the evening we had free time to chill out in our rooms and recharge our batteries for our exciting day tomorrow... Yes, you've guessed it—Phantasialand! - Europe's largest theme park and we had a day ticket to go on as many rides as we wanted. The Black Mamba was most people's favourite but they were all really amazing and there weren't so many long queues as we get in England. A great day was had by all! Then it was time to pack and

get ready for our last-night disco. Everyone dressed up and after spending almost a week together there was a great atmosphere. Mr Taylor was a splendid DJ and he got us all moving to the beat in no time!

We were all sad to leave the next day but it had been a fantastic trip full of different experiences and activities and many students were already talking of how they could save up to go on next year's trip!

Impeccable behaviour

I'd like to thank Miss Ashford, Mr Taylor and Mr Sedgely for all their hard work during the trip and all the students for their impeccable behaviour. It was a pleasure to have their company as they were all such fun to be with. The coach driver said "taking Mangotsfield students on a trip is like a breath of fresh air!!".

Mrs J. Royall





More photos on the website

ALMONDS

From the six pieces of toast for breakfast, to crawling through the smallest muddiest tunnel in the afternoon, Almondsbury was a fun filled and action packed day that allowed all students to develop teamwork skills and learn more about their fellow tutees. As a tutor it was an extremely valuable experience to observe my tutees as they participated in archery, rock climbing and the wettest assault course in the world! Each student put in 110% as they developed ways of effectively working with each other to solve problems and provide support. The day provided so many highs and funny memories, ones that each Year 7 will carry with them through their time at Mangotsfield School. Well done to all.

Miss Edgar (Tutor of 7.3)





SBURY



It was a wonderful experience for all involved including staff and sixth form. Paul Webb, the course leader, said in his twelve years of running Almondsbury that he had never had such a positive experience with 240 year 7 students. Every student took full part in all the activities and Paul and myself are already looking at a follow up team building exercise toward the end of the year.

Mr Bristow




Year 9 jingles to be played on radio!

GlossFM radio station will be playing radio jingles created by Year 9 students. Radio DJs Russell Owen and Jan Czerbak will play the jingles on their show *The Friday Lift Off* this Friday 4th November from 7 pm. First names may be read out announcing the winner to the jingle competition. The students created the jingles during ICT lessons with Mr Aylott. Students were able to learn about studio recording, editing sound and applying effects in the basic recording studios set up in the ICT rooms.

You can listen online at:

www.glossfm.org/ListenLive.htm



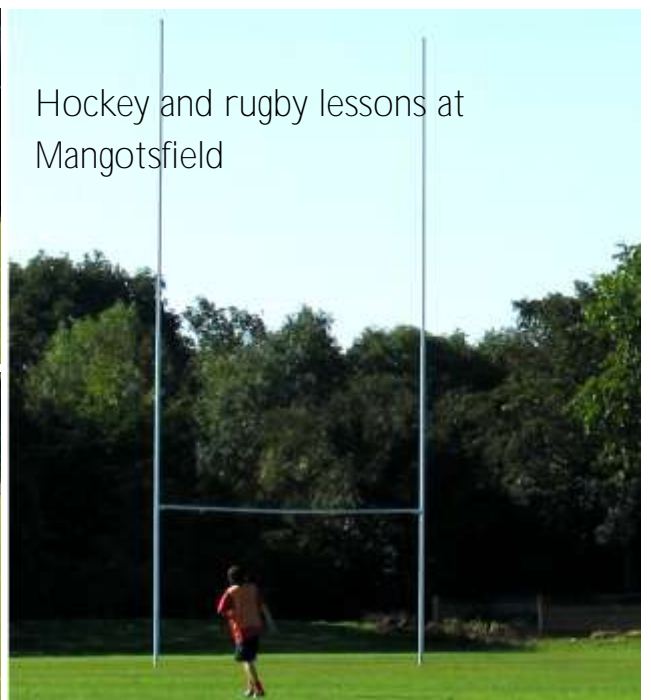
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FOR CAREERS INFORMATION & ADVICE FROM
CONNEXIONS

GET INFORMATION ABOUT WORK, APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINING & UNIVERSITY
FIND OUT ABOUT THE DIFFERENT COURSES YOU COULD CHOOSE
GET HELP WITH CHOOSING WHAT TO DO NEXT

EVERY FRIDAY
IN THE LRC BETWEEN 12.45 AND 1.45 PM



Hockey and rugby lessons at Mangotsfield





Congratulations

to **Ben Withey** and **Jay Malpas** (Yr 10)

who have been selected for

**Bristol and South Gloucestershire Schools
County Football Team**



The Warhammer Club meets every Monday after school. See the website Clubs page for more information about Warhammer and how you can get involved.





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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 3 November	Year 9 History Trip
Friday 4 November	Year 9 History Trip
Monday 7 November	Year 7 Humanities Walk
Tuesday 8 November	South Glos. Cross Country
Wednesday 9 November	Year 12/13 Biology Trip
Friday 11 November	Year 7 Humanities Walk
Thursday 17 November	School Council Period 4



Mango Master Chefs

Two Year 11 GCSE catering students reached the finale of the Bristol Junior Chef competition on 27 October on College Green in Bristol. Tom Webster-Moore and Jess Hocking took part in the four-day event that involved training with top chefs and work experience in top hotels before the final day competition judged by Michelin-starred chef Josh Eggleton and former BBC MasterChef winner Lloyd Burgess.

Tom came second in the competition and very nearly first, just missing out on some amazing prizes by cooking chicken breast filled with cornish blue cheese wrapped in pancetta, fondant potatoes, pumpkin puree and kale with a chicken jus. He followed that with spiced calvados soufflé, salted caramel

pannacotta and apple and sultana compote.

Jess Hocking also took part and cooked salmon mousse tortellini in a saffron broth with a fricassée of beans, confit of salmon and concasse tomatoes. For dessert Jess cooked a dark chocolate mousse topped with a cherry jelly, bitter chocolate sorbet and a cherry coulis with kirsch soaked cherries.

Congratulations to both Tom and Jess for getting so far in the competition.



Tom's dessert

Be safe, be seen!

Please could we remind students to take extra care when walking or cycling to school during the darker periods of the day, to wear high visibility/reflective clothing and have working lights on your bikes.



PTA Quiz!

The PTA Quiz has been arranged for Friday 25 November at 7.30pm. It will cost £2 per person with a maximum of six per team. There will be a bar available so no BYO this year. Fresh rolls and crisps will be on sale and there will be a raffle. There will, of course, be a prize for the winning team. No need to book in advance—just turn up!