

AG&T Bulletin

Mentoring in Y7 & 8

A mentoring pilot has started very successfully with year 7 and 8 students. Mentored by Mrs Bradley, our Able, Gifted and Talented students are meeting to talk about their learning, progress and aspirations. Their feedback on homework and lessons has already allowed us to make changes to English homework tasks and some Maths lessons. Students will also be completing an AG&T goals programme during these sessions to help them become independent and aspirational learners. If the pilot is successful we will roll out the programme to other years.

Y11 students gained place on prestigious Science course

Five of our Y11 scientists took part in a three day Science workshop at the John Innes Centre in September. This was an excellent opportunity for them to work with scientists and gain insights into the research and Science industry and the students found it extremely valuable.

Only 16 students gained places on the course, from schools across Norfolk and so for five of our students to gain places was a real achievement. The John Innes Centre said: 'We had a large number of applications this year all of which were of a very high standard and it has been a very difficult process to select just 16 students, 2 more than we originally anticipated, because the standard was so high.' *Any students currently in Y10, 11 or 12 who have a passion for Science, should speak to Ms Heald or Ms Austin if they are interested in applying for the course next year.*

Careers Advice and Guidance: All of our Y11 AG&T students have now had appointments with a careers advisor to make sure they are making informed choices about their future. Any student who would like a careers appointment can email r.arden@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Interested in forensic Science?

We have an opportunity for Y9 students to take part in a 'Crime Scene Investigation' event. Organised by ex-Scotland Yard detectives, the event at Sewell Barn College, will see our students take on teams from other schools in a competition to solve a 'cold case' from the 1970s. If students are interested in taking part, they should see Ms Heald, Ms Austin or Mr Colman.

Trip to Cambridge University

Six of our top Y11 students visited Cambridge University in December to learn about what it might be like to study at one of the country's most prestigious universities. During the visit, students received advice on the best A Level options to choose in order to have the best chance of getting into, not just Oxbridge, but highly respected Russell group Universities.



Key Stage 3 Challenge Award

Following feedback from our most able students in Y7, we are introducing a Challenge Award for our Key Stage 3 students. Students would complete various, project style challenges, throughout the year in order to achieve the Victory Challenge Award. This would supplement existing subject homework tasks and develop independent learning skills and team work. A group of Y7s will be involved in setting up the award in order to make sure it will inspire and engage our students.

For more info on what is happening with AG&T students at the Academy please contact our Vice Principal Ms Heald:

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