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This week, we have all had the opportunity to explore many different fun activities across the course of the week. This has been very exciting, as it gives us all a nice break from long, and sometimes stressful year which we have all probably experienced. It was very fun and exciting for us, as it was something new. We've never done it as a school before either, so it was nice for us to get out of lessons, and as a whole do something different! Some example of the activities we got to choose include:

- Olympics
- Stem Week
- Vegan Cooking
- Journalism
- Art
- Ice Skating
- Harry Potter & Sky Studios
- Leisure Activities

In the following pages, we will be taking you through many of the activities we have got to see, and get insights from fellow students to see how they have been getting on across the week!



OLYMPICS

In olympics, the students got to take part in many different sports, ranging from Rounders to Volleyball. When we went down to see what they were doing, it seemed very fun, and they all seemed to be enjoying themselves! They also have music whilst they enjoy their activities, and alternate between different groups to help the day be more organised, as a lot of people chose Olympics as the activity which they wanted to participate in!

We took Ollie Power for a quick interview to see how he was getting on, and ask him a few questions about the activity:

Why did you pick Olympics as your sport?

"I looked through all the others, and this one seemed like the best one for me because I like football, running and other sports! So yeah, it's best for me!"

What are you doing today?

"We're doing football third, so that will be fun! But right now we're doing a mixture of different sports, like Volleyball, Tug Of War and much more!"

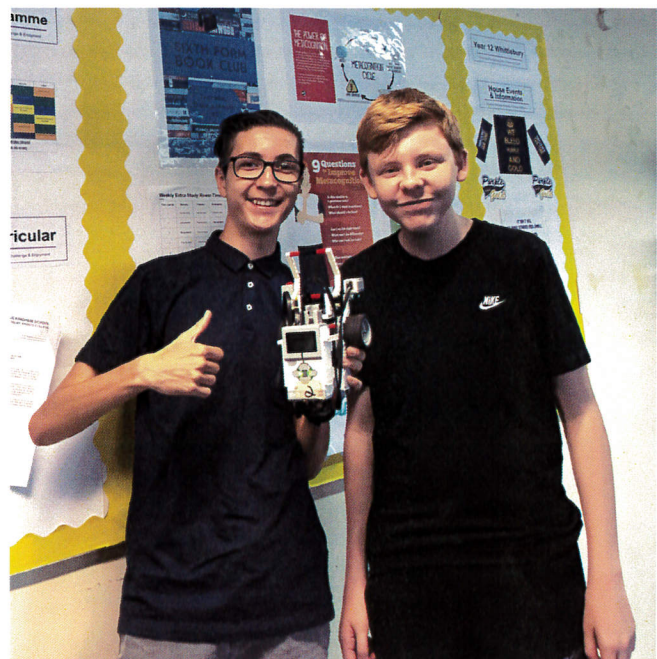
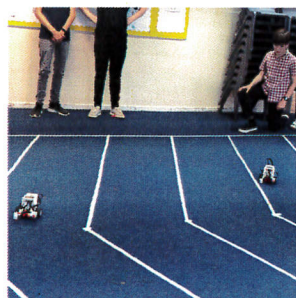
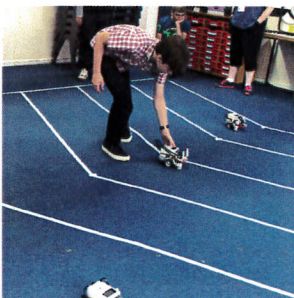
What sport are you looking forward to the most?

"Obviously football because that's my favourite - also the Volleyball is very fun too! I'm looking forward to all of them!"

STEM WEEK

Stem Week is a week where you get to experience Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths! We have seen many different things, from Rocket Launching to programming their own Lego Mindstorm vehicle. It was very interesting to see how they worked, and most of the students projects worked out quite well! They have been out and about of the school grounds, experimenting with their projects and thus far have been very successful!

To the right is an image of Nathan and Owen (Year 10), who have been programming Lego Mindstorms to go around a course. It was interesting to watch how they worked and programmed it! Below you will find some pictures of the course and attached you can find a video of them working!



VEGAN COOKING

In Vegan Cooking, you had the opportunity to explore making Vegan food for 3 days. Each of the days you prepare a snack, lunch and dinner to bring home. There are also tasting sessions where you can try some common as well as unusual vegan substitutes. You also learn about how Vegan food can meet your day-to-day nutrition needs. This is good, as the number of vegans is increasing in the UK and more and more ready made products are becoming available. It helps to contribute to a healthy and balanced diet!

We took Holly (Y7) for a quick interview and here is what she had to say:

Why did you choose cooking?

"Because I like cooking"

What have you been doing?

"We've made cookies, and I've just finished making Vegan Pasta"

Do you know what your doing for the rest of the week?

"We've just finished the pasta dish, however soon we're doing Paella which is a dish that consists of White Rice."



CSI

In CSI, there has been a murder (not really, of course). The students use their scientific investigation skills to piece together evidence to present to court and help bring justice. The day consists of a range of forensic investigations, followed by a mock up trial!



The photo to the left shows Ms Hodges dissecting a heart, which informs the students how to find hints to which help the police to find just what went down in the crime situation. The photos below show the heart close up, to give you more of an insight into investigating crime scenes.



MURAL PROJECT

In this activity, the students will paint famous works of Art on the corridor walls of the school. Some of the pieces of art include; The Scream (Edvard Munch), Starry Night (Van Gogh), In The Car (Roy Lichtenstein), The False Mirror (Rene Magritte). Each picture selected has a different painting style which the students learnt how to replicate successfully. The students worked in groups to plan and paint the peices.

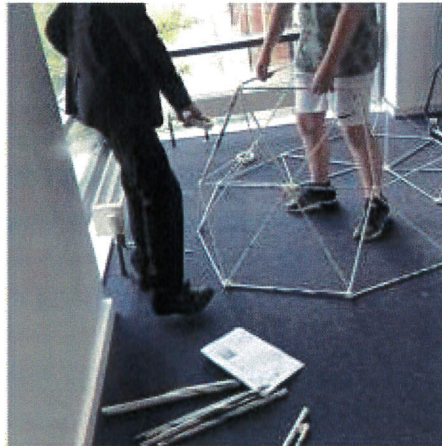


As you can see, they have been very successful when creating their peices of art, which are going to be put on display.

THE MOVIES

Across the course of a week, the students get to take inspiration from each movie they watch, and undertake some off-curriculum STEM activities. The films they get to watch are;

- **The Martian** - Geodesic Dome building & NASA-based projects
- **Brewsters Millions**- Work with USwitch.com & Barclays to save / make money]
- **Hidden Figures**- Data analysis (for finding code crackers & for cracking codes)
- **Close Encounters of The Third Kind /Independence Day / The Day The Earth Still Stood**- Communicating with Aliens (well... how we might be able to)
- Stark Trek**- The Search For Spock- Fractals & The Mandelbrot Set)



WARHAMMER

In Warhammer, the students will spend the week taking part in a variety of activities, which include; painting, modelling, playing battles, scenery making, creating armies, playing VR games, drone racing, 4D Cinema, and much much more! It's an exciting experience for these students, as they will most probably be taking part in activities which they have never experienced before, like getting the opportunity to play with VR. In the pictures below, the students are taking part in Scenery Making, which is where they get to create an ideal scenery to help suit their desires.



LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Leisure activities is a week of active fun designed to develop a range of skills, such as teamwork, leadership and communication skills. The students all had the opportunity to try a wide range of activities during the week, some of which they may have never attempted before. The activities they got to participate in were;

- Water and land-based activities, e.g. kayaking, archery, zorbing, etc.
- Pinnacle Climbing Centre for climbing wall and caving
- Bounce trampoline park
- Pirate Golf
- Locked in a Room Escape Room
- Willen Lake



ICE SKATING - PLANET ICE

In Ice Skating, the students got to learn how to Ice Skate with tuition from fully qualified coaches at Planet Ice. They were able to practice with their friends, and then begin to eat lovely food from the Cafe. They then headed back to school in the afternoon and did Yoga, Strength and Conditioning work, where they could help improve the basics of Ice Skating.



OTHER PHOTOS

