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YARDLEYS' FIRST BIG LEARNING DAY

This Wednesday, we held our first Big Learning Day delivering students an opportunity to experience a range of around 40+ activities which were separated into several groups. Students from every year group participated in 3 activities across the school day such as badminton, sculpting, and cooking.

This allowed them to step out of their comfort zones and gain a more positive attitude towards trying new things. This also grants students the chance to add more to their college applications; these extracurricular events show colleges how we are more well-rounded indivdiuals.

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

CODING



LEARNING SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

This enrichment, led by our own Ms. Khan, tutors the children with not only soft skills that will carry them through day-to-day tasks in their futures, but also teaches them about the equality between genders.

“It's nice to see more girls in the computing area”.
Ms. Khan

Yardleys School is a place where young people are taught about the importance of feminism and gender equality, and our computing area is just one part of where it has been integrated.

GARDENING



OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!

In this enrichment, students were removing dead plants to make new life on the rooftop garden, which was led by our Year 9 Head of Year, Ms James. Initial reactions to this activity were excitement and happiness, and, as the activity continued,many students found the activity surpassed their expectations finding a new love of gardening! Despite a few students having experience of helping parents at home many were new to this activity and left with lots of new gardening knowledge.

Not even the rain could put the off and students put in a solid effort working tirelessly to improve the rooftop garden; we can’t wait to see how it develops across the Big Learning Days to come!

BODY BALANCE



BALANCING BODY AND MIND

In this enrichment, students were doing various movements with their whole body to stretch both their joints and muscles. This is a fusion of yoga and tai chi to build strength and become more peaceful encouraging improvement of mental health. This is of major importance to the whole school as it helps keep the children safe and cheerful.

This also promotes the students to take better care of themselves and demonstrates how they can have fun while doing it.

Students left the session with an understanding of how important stretching is when training in sports and with a new stress-relieving activity they can do when things start to feel too much.

BREAKING NEWS

One of our younger year groups have learnt sign language! They had a turn and talk task... however, they couldn’t speak! Now imagine the gossip they will spread during class using sign language!

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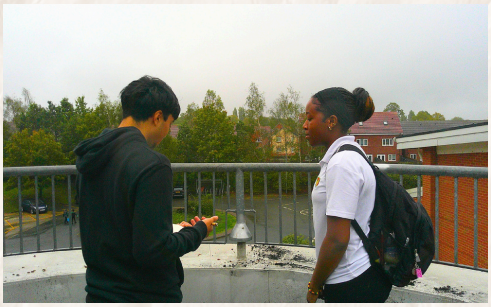
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INTERVIEW SPECIAL: MEET THE PEOPLE

STUDENT OPINION



GRACE - YEAR 11

Grace (one of our well-known Year 11 students) says,

"This day is great; I'm meeting new people and re-meeting people who I haven't spoken to in years. It's incredibly fun and I can't wait for the next one!"

When asked "what was your favourite part of the day?" Grace responded with "the art-nature one. I was lucky to start off the day with such a relaxing activity, I was talking to my friends and, to be fair, this whole day has been such a good break from everything. This year has been quite stressful, and this day has helped me calm down and is incredible for my mental wellbeing"

TEACHER OPINION



MR SOHAL - HOY 11

Mr S Sohal (Head of Year 11 and our Safeguarding Lead) says, "this day has been great, even if the weather hasn't been on our side today and a small portion of the equipment was not fully functional. Regardless, this day has been superb! It's been claming and fun which has been great for the well-being of all the students.

When asked what session he was leading, Mr Sohal replied "I'm leading the archery enrichment. It's really cool, and it teaches students to fully utilise both body and mind whilst teaching them to quiet the world around them. It also is really helpful for hand eye co-ordination. It is an excellent hobby that I hope to inspire the students to take this hobby."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"IT'S OUR FIRST BIG LEARNING DAY, I'M EXCITED FOR ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS. I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES"

"DESPITE THE WEATHER, THE STUDENTS HAVE ENJOYED THEIR TIME. THE THREE 90 MINUTE BLOCK IS BETTER THEN THE 50 MINUTE WEEKLY SESSIONS AS STUDENTS DON'T GET BORED AS THEY CAN LOOK FORWARD FOR ANOTHER ACTIVITY. YEAR 7 HAVE HUGE POTENTIAL AS IF THEY DO IT FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS,THEY HAVE MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO WRITE ON THEIR COLLEGE REFERENCES. ALSO IT HAS BEEN A GREAT DAY FOR THE STAFF AS THEY HAVE ALSO ENJOYED THE DAY. ALSO THIS DAY HAS ALLOWED FOR SOME GOOD STUDENT-STAFF BONDING.

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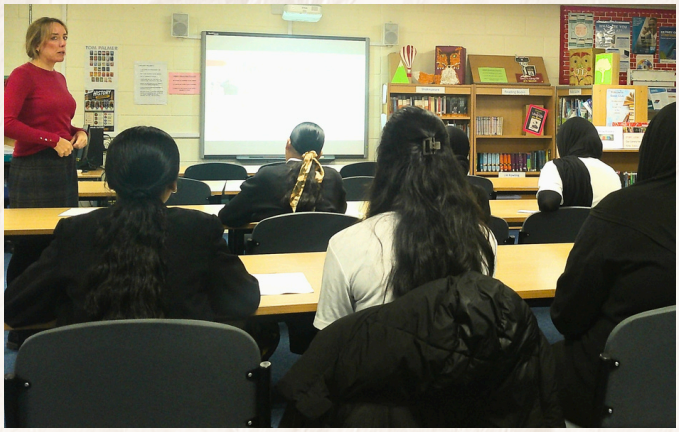
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GARDENING



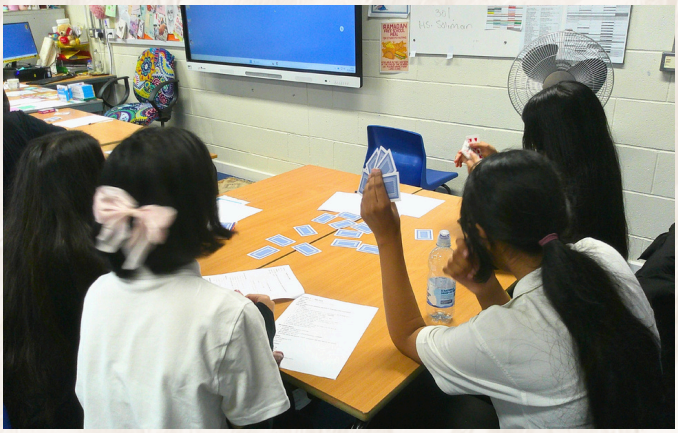
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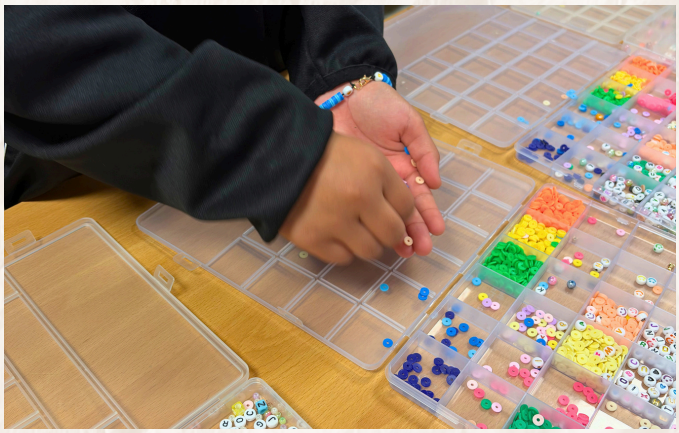
TABLE TENNIS



COOKING / BAKING



CARD GAMES



BRACLET MAKING