

Supporting Students to Drive Safely



Earlier this month, students in Year 12 and 13 took part in a Driver Safety event at JC6. The day was filled with demonstrations, information and activities, and students were joined by the Police, Fire Service and Health Visitors to emphasise the importance of staying safe behind the wheel.

Students took part in VR crash simulations, challenges to understand the potential impact of substances on driver reaction times, made none-alcoholic cocktails and listened to talks from the emergency services. To end the day, students all gathered outside to witness a demonstration from the Fire Service of how they cut a vehicle open to free a driver or passenger following a collision.



Year 13 Public Services and Criminology student Bogdan is currently training with the Fire Service alongside his post-16 studies and will become an on-call Fire Fighter from December.

Bogdan was proud to be able to lead an activity during the event which showed students the impact of impaired vision on reaction times. Bogdan shared how studying Public Services at JC6 has helped him on his path to join the Fire Service and said, "It is great to be involved in an event to advise my fellow students."

Events such as this help us to keep our young people and community safe and we would like to thank all organisations involved in the event for their time and support.



Criminal Investigation Day

Criminology and Public Services students had the opportunity to participate in a 'Criminal Investigation Day' at The University of Law's Nottingham campus in November. Students explored the infamous Jill Dando case, spending the day analysing evidence, cross examining witnesses, drafting a closing statement, and evaluating the media.

The session began with students reviewing the facts of the case, before moving on to explore motive, suspects and evidence. The group learnt how to ask the right questions, to open and close cases and were able to practise being a barrister.

Students and staff shared how much they enjoyed the



Criminal Investigation Day. Phoebe in Year 13 said how much she enjoyed the trip, "We talked through the Jill Dando murder case and looked at the evidence used to analyse the suspects. It was very interesting as we could see the different theories of who could've been responsible for the murder. As well as investigating the case we also came up with opening statements and cross examination questions for a mock court trial. From this we learned that it is more effective to use closed questions in court."

The activities during the trip not only built upon students' existing subject knowledge, as they developed skills in Policing, Criminology and Law, but also helped them to understand and explore the potential future opportunities within these sectors.

Alumni Supports Oxbridge Applicants

A former JC6 student who graduated from The University of Cambridge, recently visited JC6 to pass on advice ahead of the groups upcoming Oxbridge interviews.



Former student Georgie studied History, English and Maths at JC6 before reading History at one of the UK's most prestigious universities, crediting the encouragement of her teachers as the reason she applied. Having graduated in 2020, Georgie also now has a Masters in Modern British History from The University of Cambridge and is training to be a university librarian at The University of Oxford.

The session allowed our latest Year 13 Oxbridge applicants to get invaluable advice from someone who has been in their shoes. Students asked questions about what to expect at their upcoming interviews, the pooling process, the social environment and the overall Oxbridge experience. Georgie also shared her top tips for Oxbridge interviews, "honesty, curiosity and drawing parallels" and enjoyed re visiting her former sixth form.

Georgie said, "I was lucky that a student in the year above me at JC6 received an offer to study History at Oxford, so she was able to share her experiences with me. It is nice to now pass this on myself," adding that when she applied to Oxbridge the JC6 team provided, "a really good mix of practical support for personal statements and interview preparation and kindness."

Victory for Netball Team



The JC6 Netball team took part in their first full match as a squad in November, away against Ashby Sixth Form. The team put in a really strong performance and won the match 31-13! Mrs Cheney, Teacher of PE and the team coach said, "Player of the match went to Millie, who played in both attack and defence. The girls have worked really hard during training over the last few months and are looking forward to more games against local opposition."

Congratulations to Millie, Holly, Sinead, Katie, Derry, Mia, Suzie, Molly, Natalie, Millie and Maddie.

Clinical Psychologist Research Opportunity



Psychology students were joined by Adele from Staffordshire University and NHS Midlands Partnership Trust recently to learn more about her role as a Trainee Clinical Psychologist and Cognitive Behavioural Psychotherapist.

The in-depth presentation allowed students to hear Adele's personal journey into the career and the duties and responsibilities it entails, as well as learning about the importance of the research process. The class then had the opportunity to contribute to a research study entitled - 'Exploring the experiences of Year 11 school-leavers impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic'.

The valuable session not only gave students an insight into a potential career opportunity, but also the chance to contribute to invaluable psychological research.