

Welcome to our new JC6 newsletter, a platform for sharing news, events and student success with our community.

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Spectroscopy in a Suitcase



Year 13 Chemistry students were visited by staff from The University of Leicester recently, as they participated in 'Spectroscopy in a Suitcase'.

Students were able to get hands-on with analytical techniques and use infrared spectroscopy, alongside other information, to identify a series of unknown compounds. In addition, students had the opportunity to chat with a research student and find out what it was like to pursue a career in scientific research.

JC6 works hard to offer outstanding opportunities and has developed strong partnerships with universities to support

this offer. In addition to the recent Spectroscopy workshop, 12 Year 12 students have now been accepted onto The University of Leicester's Access: STEM and Access: Medicine programmes.

Head of Science, Dr Smith supported students during the application process and is delighted that being a part of this programme will give students a head start into these sectors. The successful students will now have the opportunity to attend a variety of conferences and workshops to support their future study and career within STEM and Medicine.



Student Showcases Artistic Talent in New Walk Exhibition

After last year's lockdown meant that the Open32 exhibition hosted at the New Walk Museum in Leicester couldn't go ahead, Year 12 Art student Fran decided to resubmit her mixed media piece 'Mirror Image' for a second time around when the competition launched in 2021. For a second year running, Fran was successful and has now finally been able to see her masterpiece on display in the exhibition.

Fran's exceptional artwork represents vanity and is a mixture of water colour, acrylic and silver flakes and features portraits of her

friends and family. Ahead of her first visit to see her work on display, Fran said, "I can't wait to go, it will be very rewarding to be exhibited in the same museum as Picasso."

Currently studying Art, English Literature and Sociology, Fran uses art to express herself and describes her A Level course as, "challenging but worth it!" Alongside her studies Fran has completed the Pre-Teaching Award at JC6, alongside Lincoln University, where she volunteers at a local Primary School. Fran aspires to become a Primary School Teacher herself and to utilise her creativity in the classroom to inspire others.

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 non-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.



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."



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.

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.

Impressive Attendance at Open Evening

JC6 students and staff were delighted to welcome prospective students from across the local area to an Open Evening on Thursday 4th November. The event had impressive attendance and staff were thrilled to once again be able to showcase the outstanding opportunities available to students at JC6.

Visitors explored the dedicated post-16 centre, complete with cafe, meeting room, class rooms and study spaces, as well as visiting specialist subject areas within the wider site. Course and extra curricular stalls gave visitors an insight into life at JC6 and information about the wide range of A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses on offer. Guests also spent time enjoying performances in the Drama Studio, musical interludes in the sixth form Cafe and experiments in the Science labs. Ms Hickman, Head of School and Ms Paterson, Director of KS5 also spoke to visitors about the JC6 ethos and our ongoing investment in facilities. Alongside them, students Troy and Dillion also shared their experiences and aspirations.



The event was a wonderful celebration of what makes JC6 such a supportive and successful environment. Guests said that the event was 'informative and friendly' and helped students with their post-16 decision making, describing staff as enthusiastic, passionate and welcoming.

Overall the night reflected what new year 12 students can expect here at JC6: **support, aspiration and success.**

Championing Equality and Diversity



practices in order to ensure all students feel seen, valued and celebrated. To date the board have led a training session with staff on protected characteristics, held assemblies on the Equality Act and produced displays which showcase diversity within each subject.

The Student Equality Advisory Board are a student led group who play an important role in supporting the inclusive nature of our sixth form community. They work with staff to develop new ideas, events, displays and

The group, known as SEAB, organise and lead their own awareness and fundraising projects and most recently held a bake sale for World Aids Day, raising £60 in total.

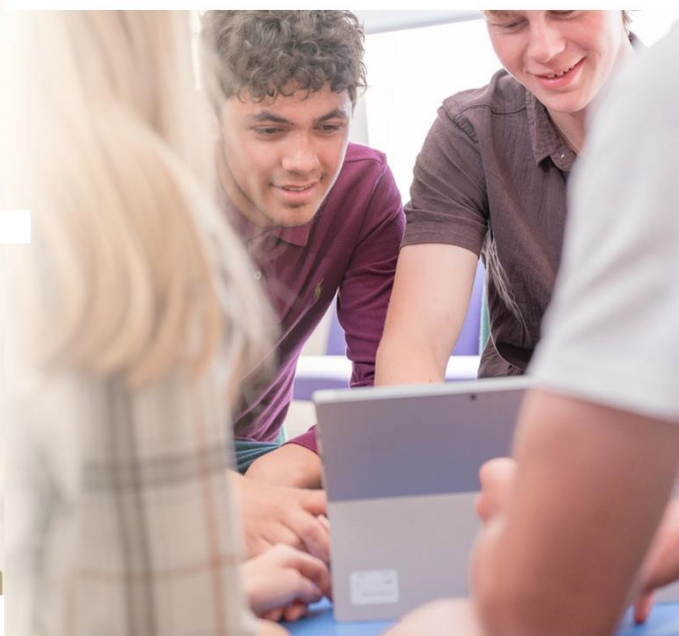
SEAB said, "It's great what the group is doing to promote diversity across our school community in line with the Equality Act. What's even greater is the positive reception we've had from staff and students who want to listen and help!"

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