

Monday 13 May



Last Friday we marked the passage of time that Year 11 have spent with us. As they start their GCSE examinations in earnest on Monday this week, we took time to reflect on the journey they have been through in their time with us and to share some advice for the future. I gave them three messages:

1. As you get older, you'll get to know yourself better. Always, always be true to yourself. Never try to be what you are not.
2. Have dreams and ambitions. School should have prepared you to be resilient and equipped you with the grit and determination to succeed. There will be hard times and inevitable knock-backs along the way but hold on to those dreams.
3. Never imagine that you are too small or insignificant to make a difference. This doesn't mean grand gestures, great discoveries or even saving the planet, though those would be great. Make a difference to people, show people kindness in all you do, and you will reap the rewards in how people treat you.

Watch the video of their last day here.

On Tuesday Year 10 geographers head out on their fieldtrip to Walton on the Naze to gather data to answer the hypothesis - Longshore drift is effectively managed by hard engineering. During the day students will implement their knowledge and practice their field-study skills. These skills are examined explicitly in the new GCSE and their chance to understand these in action helps to embed that learning.

On Friday, Year 9 historians have an early start as they visit the battlefields of Ypres on a long day-trip. This moving place will set the scene as they start to consider the subject that they have chosen for GCSE, as well as giving them a chance to see somewhere of European historical significance and hence better understand the world that they inhabit today.

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