

Year 12 get a taste of life at Trinity College, Oxford



Mr Selwood and Mrs Albone had the pleasure of taking a group of our most able Year 12 students to Trinity College Oxford. The students had a very informative talk about making applications to competitive universities and a very open and honest question and answer session with four current undergraduates who then took us on a tour of the college in the

beautiful sunshine. We were given an absolutely delicious lunch and were then joined on the college lawn by a former student of St Paul's, Issie Richardson, who is currently studying Languages at New College Oxford. She talked about her experiences of Year 13 and the application process and her time at Oxford.



Our day ended with an incredibly interesting interactive talk by Ashley Castelino who is undertaking DPhil research on animals in Medieval Literature. We learnt so many fascinating things (including the origins of the Bluetooth symbol) and were left intrigued by how many drawing of lions don't really look like lions! He told us to look at #notalion.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and students at Trinity and to Issie for making it such an inspirational day.

St Paul's Students Go On To Sporting Success



St Paul's has an excellent track record of students going on to achieve sporting success. On sports day international footballer Kevin Danso came to visit us fresh from playing for Austria in the Euros. Kevin was happy to meet and chat with our students, pose for selfies and sign autographs. There was a long queue of students patiently waiting their turn to see Kevin.



Another former St Paul's student Peter Kioso had his first call-up with the DR Congo national team playing in the Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers. DR Congo have secured their place in the Cup which takes place in Morocco in 2025. Peter signed with Oxford United earlier this year (thank you to Oxford United for the photo).

Peter was in the same year group as Kevin Danso and we're delighted to have two former students playing football at international level.



In rugby our student Enoch Opoku Gyamfi has joined Bath Rugby on a two year scholarship. His local club, Milton Keynes Rugby Club said: "This opportunity is a huge reward for his efforts over the past few years and we are all incredibly proud of Enoch's achievements."



"Enoch is an outstanding young man and we are all excited and looking forward to following your journey, we know this is just the beginning. Keeping working hard and enjoying your rugby."

Mathematicians Excel At Challenge

Our Year 12 A level Mathematicians took part in the Senior UKMT Mathematics Challenge. This is organised to develop and extend the mathematical approach of students and is designed to challenge their thinking from numerous perspectives. We would like to praise our Year 12 students for their efforts and congratulate those awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze award. One of our students not only achieved a Gold award but was also selected to take part in the next round.



Alumni Continue A Positive Relationship With St Paul's



We continue to enjoy a very positive relationship with our former students who voluntarily visit the school as part of our Careers team's alumni programme.

This year we have had many alumni coming in to talk to students during Careers WorkOuts, to meet with students from specific departments such as Design & Technology and History, and to take part in our alumni day.

The insight that alumni can give our current students is invaluable as they prepare for the world of work. Having studied at St Paul's themselves they empathise with their experiences at school and provide excellent career advice to help our students make important decisions about their futures.

New Student Leaders Appointed

Every year we appoint new Year 12 Student Leaders. The day before their initiation ceremony, Year 12 Student Leaders worked alongside Year 13 in the school Chapel with Miss Nodwell planning how they would serve the school during the year. They then spent an afternoon at a Student Leader retreat at the Caldecotte Xperience where they bonded as a team by taking part in archery and sailing. Thank you to Year 12 and Year 13 for making this fantastic commitment to the school.



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