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Humanities Faculty Newsletter February 2025

Meet a member of the faculty



Name: Miss Keene

Subject taught: History

Favourite food: Roast dinner

Degree studied: History

Reading recommendation half-term

Miss Butkute's recommendation for half-term is Prisoners of Geography: Our World Explained in 12 Simple Maps by Tim Marshall.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2025 'For a better future'

As a school we marked Holocaust Memorial Day through assemblies led by Mr Macleod.

Year 7 and 8 were also given the opportunity to write on this year's theme 'For a better future'. Well done to Athena in 7SW for winning the competition.

In addition to this, sixth form students heard the testimony of second generation survivor Michael Bibring who talked about his father Harry.



Congratulations....

To the Philosophy Religious Ethics department. They were awarded a grant from the Jerusalem Trust to purchase artefacts for the study of Christianity.

The Jerusalem Trust

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Year 10 visit to Poland

During a very cold weekend in February, 39 year 10 students visited Krakow in Poland. They were accompanied by Mr Millard Healy, Mrs Charlton, Mr Mistry and Miss Pearse.

The students visited the Jewish Quarter, the Salt Mines as well as Auschwitz Birkenau and Schindler's Factory. They were also witnesses to a survivor of Auschwitz.

This is the second year we have been able to run this, and once again it was an experience we will never forget. Plans are already being made for our trip in February 2026.

Huge thanks to Mr Millard Healy for running the trip.



What's going on in.....

- **Geography**

Year 8 geographers have been showcasing their creativity and ingenuity as part of their *Tectonic Hazards* unit by crafting impressive models of the Earth's structure. A huge congratulations to Victoria in 8SN for winning the competition! Shout outs to the talented runners-up, Vajra and Millie, both from 8AE. A big well done to everyone who participated - the hard work and effort you put into your models were truly remarkable!



We're thrilled to announce that Year 12 and 13 geographers will be embarking on an exciting trip to Iceland at the end of this half-term. With its breath-taking landscapes and fascinating geography, Iceland offers a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience. Fingers crossed, we'll be treated to a dazzling display of the Northern Lights during our visit!

Key Stage 4 STAR of the half-term - Ross L. 11AB

Key Stage 5 STAR of the half-term - Juliet R. 12SW

- **History**

Congratulations to Year 11 & 13 for completing their mock exams over the last few weeks. A lot of hard work has gone in which has clearly paid off. Year 10 will be moving onto their Cold War module before half-term; a topic that has shown its long term impact in recent years with events in Ukraine. The new A-level course has gotten off to an excellent start with students currently studying apartheid in South Africa and the Civil Rights Movement in America.

The Model United Nations team continues to grow in strength. They have attended Northwood College this half-term.

Key Stage 4 STAR of the half-term- Alexa W, 11AE

Key Stage 5 STAR of the half-term- Lucy G, 12SW



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- **Politics**

So far this term, Year 12 Politics students have enjoyed a visit to Parliament and the Supreme Court. We had an engaging tour of the Palace of Westminster followed by some time watching ministerial questions in the House of Commons from the viewing gallery.



Following this we strolled around Whitehall identifying sites of special historical interest and finally took-in various courtrooms of the Supreme Court. We have the A-level Politics Conference coming up in March, we are very much looking forward to seeing key politicians in action. Keep an eye out for updates!



Well done to our Year 13 students for completing their mock exams, they worked incredibly hard over the Christmas break preparing for the exam!

Key Stage 5 STAR of the half-term- Gabriel O. Year 12 Tope F. Year 13

- **Philosophy, Religion and Ethics** - Well done to Year 13 who have completed their Religious Studies mock exams! Lots of intense studying and revision was clearly evident in the success of their work. Year 11 already completed their mock exams and are now gearing up for a second Spring term mock exam which will put them in good stead for the real exams. Year 10 and 12 are focusing well on their current units of work. Some Year 7 students will be looking forward to going on the PRE trip to the Bhakti Vedanta Manor in a few weeks time to have a tour of the grounds and understand some of the key beliefs and practices as well as enjoying a vegetarian curry! Next year we are looking into Year 8s going on a trip to a local Mosque and Gurdwara to aid their understanding of Islam and Sikhism.

Key Stage 4 STAR of the half-term - Daniel 10AE

Key Stage 5 STAR of the half-term - Jesse 12SW

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term.

The Humanities faculty