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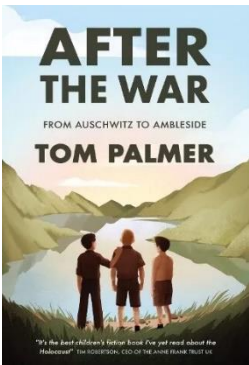
Humanities Faculty Newsletter April 2025

Meet a member of the faculty



Name: Miss Thorn
Subject taught: Geography
Favourite food: Sushi
Degree studied: Physical Geography

Reading recommendation for Easter



Mr Cohen recommendation for Easter "After The War" by Tom Palmer - this story, based on true events, follows Yossi, Leo and Mordechai, among 300 children who arrived in the English Lake District having survived the events of WWII and the horrors of Nazism. Beginning to recover and finding safety and peace among strangers Yossi waits for news of his father while settling into life in a strange country adapting to a different language and life.

Queens' School Interfaith Iftar

We held our third annual Interfaith Iftar at the start of March in the sixth form centre. It was so wonderful to see so many parents and students with us that evening. It was an evening full of joy, fun and lots of food! Many thanks to the staff and Sixth formers who made it possible.



Lessons from Auschwitz programme

Mia B. and Rhys T. in Year 12 visited Auschwitz in March for the day with Holocaust Education Trust 'Lessons from Auschwitz Project'. It was a very long but extremely worthwhile day for them. We look forward to seeing the project they complete as a result of their visit.



Sixth form trip to Iceland



In February, our Year 13 students embarked on an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime adventure to Iceland. Over five action-packed days, they explored the breathtaking landscapes of the legendary "Land of Ice and Fire,"

encountering glaciers, geysers, volcanic craters, and majestic waterfalls.



Bringing their geography lessons to life, the journey began with a visit to the iconic 'Bridge Between Continents,' where they stood between the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates! To make the trip even more magical, nearly every evening was illuminated by the dazzling spectacle of the Northern Lights!

What's going on in our departments.....

Geography

Year 10 recently took part in a full day of fieldwork in St Albans as part of their 'Geography Investigations' unit. Students explored various sites, conducting data collection methods such as questionnaires and environmental quality surveys to deepen their understanding of urban change. A highlight of the day came when the deputy editor of the *St Albans Times*, who happened to be interviewed by our students, reached out to commend them. She was thoroughly impressed by their excellent behaviour, genuine curiosity, and outstanding social skills. A fantastic achievement - well done, Year 10!

On Friday 21 March, teachers from around the school celebrated Earth Hour by teaching one lesson using no technology. In geography we got inventive and had lessons involving group work, presentations, debates and outdoor learning! Students gained an appreciation for the impact switching technology off for even one hour can have on both the planet and our wellbeing!

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Key Stage 5 STAR

All of Year 13 - we are so impressed by your hard work over the last two years.

History

In February a Model UN delegation attended an all day session at Northwood College. Students from Years 10-12 had a brilliant day of debate, culminating in the General Assembly at the end of the day. Given that this was the first all day that the school has attended, students did exceptionally well. We look forward to many more sessions in the coming term as well as next year.

Year 11 and 13 are in the final stages of their respective GCSE and A-level courses. There will be revision sessions for both groups in the Easter holidays, please look out for these. We wish them all the best of luck for these exams.

Next term we look forward to a number of trips including Year 9 attending the Imperial War Museum to study in workshops on the Holocaust, which will be a part of the Year 9 curriculum next term.

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Mia B. Year 12

Politics

Year 12 attended the A-level Politics Conference in London, there was an impressive lineup of politicians including Daisy Cooper, Lord Dubs and Alastair Campbell. Our students immersed themselves into the excitement and there was plenty to discuss back in the classroom. Well done to CJ for asking questions to Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg and Lord Brady.

Year 13s are continuing to work incredibly hard in the lead up to exams, covering US politics means there is always a discussion to be had! Whilst the Easter holidays will be filled with revision, it is important that students do take regular breaks and look after their health and wellbeing.



STAR
Year 12: Julia
Year 13: Edward

Philosophy Religion & Ethics

It has been a busy and productive half-term! Year 11 have finished their Spring term mock exams and are now on the final stretch having completed all the content learning, in class they are now focusing on revising all the 8 topics covered in the Religious Studies course. Year 13 is in a similar situation, fortunately having completed the content learning, in class they are focusing on end of year revision by examining sample answers, making links between the topics and working out their own plan of answers to exam questions. Some Year 7 students went on the recent trip to the BhaktiVedanta Manor to further their understanding of Hinduism.

Key Stage 4 STAR - Aleena, 11SN

Key Stage 5 STAR - Asiya, 13TC

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break.

The Humanities Faculty

