

Headteacher's Blog – 6th March 2020

A busy week at Coleshill!

There has been a lot happening this week to make me very proud of the school community. We have had a wide of events in school and were also pleased to welcome Ofsted for a two day inspection.

Our student leaders showed their skills off on Wednesday when 60 students from across our ATLP family of schools visited for a 'Crystal Maze Maths Challenge'. Student teams from both primary and secondary schools took part in a range of problem solving activities and really valued the experience. Student leaders from The Coleshill School organised the event in school and supported with the running of it. Well done all.

You may be aware that we have been awarded the Gold standard in the National Quality Mark in Careers Education last week. There was plenty of evidence why we have this award on show in the last few days! On Tuesday we had Think Crimson working with Year 9 to raise careers aspirations and on Wednesday working with Sixth Form students on exploring alternatives to university, such as higher level apprenticeships. The students responded really well to these opportunities.

We also had a successful trip to the 'Strive for 5' conference on Wednesday with twenty Y11 students attending The Ricoh Arena. This was a really valuable opportunity to sharpen up their maths skills, ahead of the trial maths exams.

On Thursday we enjoyed World Book Day! This is one of my favourite days of the year. I was very surprised, as I was talking in staff briefing dressed as Dracula, to be interrupted by a team of very jolly Ooma Loompas and an extremely tall Willy Wonka! It was the maths department of course. It was lovely to see so many staff and Year 7 students dressed up and to talk to them about their favourite books during the day.

In the middle of all this activity we welcomed a team of Ofsted inspectors to school. Can I thank all the parents and carers who responded to Parent View; we had almost 300 responses which really helped to demonstrate how positive our families are about the school. Students also met inspectors and were excellent ambassadors for the school. The report from our inspection should be out within the next few weeks and I will ensure you all receive a copy on the day it is published.

Have a wonderful weekend, let's hope for some sunshine!

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Student Leaders – Crystal Maze Maths Challenge



Crystal Maze Maths Challenge



Careers Workshop with Think Crimson



World Book Day

