

WORLD CHALLENGE 2016

This summer saw 9 students complete the World Challenge in Las Tolas, Ecuador with Mr. Slade and Mr. Mitchell. Having raised all their own funds over 2 years, students spent an entire month helping to improve a local community on the edge of the Amazon rainforest.

“This summer I completed the World Challenge in Ecuador. I got to meet some amazing people and try amazing foods and also gain some life skills. We spent time trekking, doing fun activities like zip lining and kayaking, going to a community and completing an eco-tourism project. As we were in charge of our own trip we had to be independent and learn financially how to live for a month, taking into account we would have to book our own accommodation and transport.

This trip has been an eye-opening experience for me and everyone else who did it. I am so much more aware of how much we have as a community and a school compared to them.” Anya, Year 11.



On their return, students have shared their experience with the rest of the school, through assemblies, showing other students just how lucky we are, and how rewarding a volunteer experience can be.

WELCOME TO STANCHESTER YEAR 7

As a new cohort of students are welcomed in to Stanchester, we asked them about their first few weeks at the school. Here are their thoughts on lessons, Stanchester life and not getting lost!

‘My first few weeks at Stanchester have been amazing because the teachers are really kind and polite.’ Scarlett

‘The teachers are really supportive. It’s ok to do something wrong, because you can learn from mistakes. I feel proud to be at Stanchester.’ Millie

‘Everyone is really supportive, and I got to know my way around school in the first week!’ Bryony

‘At first I was very worried as my daughter is so shy and all her friends had gone to another school, but the start has been so positive it was like having a different child. My daughter has blossomed’
Year 7 parent

‘My two children have settled in to Stanchester brilliantly. They are very happy. I have to say that the support that everyone at the school has given to them is outstanding.’
Year 7 parent

‘I have felt very welcome at Stanchester. Teachers and students have really accepted us.’ James

‘I really love this school. I know will get a really good education.’ Evie

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'AN INSPECTOR CALLS'



This month seven students from Stanchester Academy excelled themselves once again, this time by putting on an entirely student-led show of J.B. Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. This challenging play required not only the discipline to learn lines while revising for end of term exams; But also the ability to source props, costumes and create their own advertising. Other than some gremlins in the lights, the production went perfectly, with much praise and credit going to the group. Head girl, Hattie Palmer, somehow fitting this in with all her other commitments and extra-curricular activities, including visiting Ecuador as part of the World Challenge!

Mr. Meadows, who facilitated the production, would like to express his personal pride and congratulations to what was a wonderful team of students that never gave up and did the School proud. Well done guys!

'THE EDGE' AWARDS



This month Stanchester hosted its first ever 'Edge' Awards ceremony. Having completed a range of exciting, academic projects, students who were successfully appointed into the Edge Academy were invited to celebrate their successes with parents and neighbours.

Awards were presented for academic excellence, and for commitment to these challenging and sometimes time consuming projects.

"I have been a member of the Edge Academy since it first started during the last academic year. This has allowed me to partake in lots of activities that have clearly boosted my grades and understanding behind topics that I have been studying within my lessons.

One project that I was a part of was about fossils – the process of creation, and what they can later be used for in our everyday lives. In order to learn this information, we attended a series of workshops in a school near Lyme Regis, and then went fossil hunting at Charmouth beach. This coming week, we are going to be holding similar workshop at a local primary school.

A smaller activity that was put on was debating, and in this we discussed major political issues, such as Brexit. Also, a small group of us attended the Chalke Valley History Festival where we watched a presentation by Michael Morpurgo (the author), about a soldier who potentially had the chance to shoot Hitler, long before he became the Fuhrer. This lead on to another scheme where we wrote a story in the style of Michael Morpurgo, about our chosen period in history.

I also produced a project on Fibonacci and used maths to help me do a piece of artwork. The final activity I did was with local Magistrates, who taught us how to reach an accurate judgement on the level of punishment needed for different severities of crime.

I have really enjoyed being a part of the Edge Academy and have really seen the benefits coming through in my work in lessons, as well as my general knowledge increasing." Rosienne, Year 9

Congratulations to Rosienne who received the award for academic excellence in her Fibonacci project.

YEAR 8 COMMUNITY LEADERS

Congratulations to our newly appointed Year 8 community leaders.

The team ran their first community event on 28th September, hosting a Macmillan coffee morning for friends, parents, neighbours and students and raised over £170.

A great start to what will be a busy year for them.



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