



New York Study Trip



**Sixth Form students visited New York City over the half term break
- read more about their trip inside**

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Sunday

In the early hours of Sunday 21st October, Miss Smith, Mrs Veitch, Mr McLoughlin and Mr McHale set out from Manchester Airport with 19 Sixth Form students to New York City. Arriving at JFK Airport at lunchtime, we were greeted by our coach and tour guide who introduced the group to New York City's world-famous landmarks and the numerous references to it in film, television programmes and songs.

We checked into our hotel located near Times Square, at the heart of Manhattan. The afternoon was spent sightseeing New York's world famous landmarks on foot, including Grand Central Station, the Chrysler Building and Empire State Building. As the sun was setting over the 'Big Apple', students took the elevator to the 86th floor Observation Deck, with panoramic vistas of the city from its highest viewing point. The evening was spent getting lost in the world's most famous department store, Macy's. The long day was complete with dinner at the Hard Rock Café, Times Square, where students saw memorabilia from film and live musical acts.

Monday

On Monday the group took the subway to Battery Park to visit New York City's most recognisable historic landmark, The Statue of Liberty. Though we could see the statue from land, the short ferry ride to Liberty Island brought us up close and personal. The group then spent some time on Ellis Island, where generations of immigrants seeking a better life in America first set down.

Whilst in south Manhattan, the group visited Wall St, Stock Exchange Building and The National September 11 Memorial at the World Trade Center. The memorial honours the 2,983 people who died in the attacks on February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001. The group spent some time walking around the waterfalls that flow into two large pools, in the towers' footprints. It was also a time of reflection as students read the names inscribed on the bronze parapets that surround the pools.

Tuesday

On Tuesday, students woke early to make their way to 5th Avenue. Here, students found time for a spot of shopping at many of the best shops in the world, including Tiffany's, FAO Schwartz Toy Store and Apple Store. Some time was spent at The Rockefeller Center. This iconic NYC landmark has been featured in dozens of films and TV shows over the past century, and is home to the legendary NBC Studios and 'Saturday Night Live'. Students also had the opportunity to visit St Patrick's Cathedral.

The afternoon was spent in New York City's most breathtaking and celebrated attractions, Central Park. Students visited the Strawberry Field's Memorial, dedicated to Liverpool's John Lennon, it is located directly across from the Dakota Apartments, where Lennon had lived for the later part of his life, and where he was murdered. The 843-acre park is an urban oasis of trees, gardens, arches, sculptures and statues. Some students chose to hire a bicycle taxi rather than walk. Our final dinner was at Ellen's Stardust Diner, where students enjoyed live music from promising Broadway stars. The group then walked back down Broadway to Times Square surrounded by neon lights, giant billboards, Broadway theatres, electronic ticker tape and television studios.

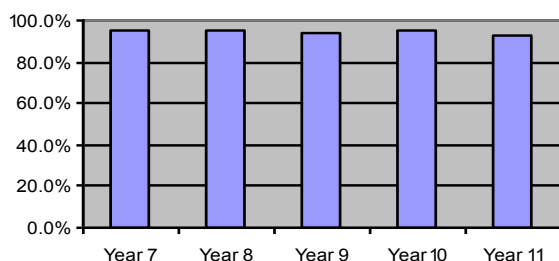
Wednesday

The group walked to the most visited tourist attraction in the world; Times Square, with over 39 million visitors each year. Students spent their last few hours purchasing last minute souvenirs for their families and taking final pictures.



This picture shows the students on the big screen in Times Square.

Attendance



Year 7 - 95.1% Year 8 - 95.2% Year 9 - 94.3%

Year 10 - 94.9% Year 11 - 93.1%

Coming Up

- Year 11 & 12 UKMT Senior Maths Challenge: 6th November
- GCSE Maths (am) and GCSE Science (pm): 6th November
- GCSE English & Maths (pm): 8th November
- Year 8 Enterprise Day: 9th November
- Philosophy Student Conference: 14 November
- Review Day Yr 7 & Yr 10: 16 November

Design a Rugby Shirt

As part of the RFU All Schools Rugby Programme, Canterbury the official England kit provider, has given selected schools across England the opportunity to custom design their own school team rugby shirt. RFU set up 17 workshops across the country, with one being held at Waterloo, of which we were one of nine schools in Merseyside invited to attend.

Four Year 7 pupils, Elizabeth Roberts, Erin Grimes, Sophie Earps and Abbie McMahon learnt about the history of the England shirt, the pride associated with it and then using the school badge, motto and history designed a meaningful rugby shirt for our school with Canterbury's professional design team.

The girls came up with some really good individual ideas which were collated to come up with one final design. Pupils represented SJP in an excellent manner, and we are looking forward to receiving the kit in January!



Cafod Harvest Fast Day



On Friday 29 October, we celebrated CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, a day when we remember how blessed we are that in our country we have

more than enough food to eat. Our pupils gave up their usual lunchtime meal and bought soup and a roll for 50p which helped raise money for CAFOD. They also brought in food tins all week to give to the Wirral Food Bank.



China Expedition



Our China blog for 2012 is active. Follow our 16 pupils from Year 10 and 12 who are currently on their trip to Beijing and Shanghai.

You can follow their adventures on our blog on the SJP website.



SJP Website

28th October - Our last supper in Shanghai was very interesting, with some of us daring to try squid-on-a-stick. Afterwards, we got on the coach and headed into the city centre for an evening's entertainment of acrobatics, circus skills and magic. Our SJP group demonstrated our finely-honed skills in eating popcorn. Some of the acts were extraordinary, including traditional Chinese hat-juggling, a contortionist who was able to manipulate lit candelabras with all four limbs and head at once, gymnasts performing in a ring suspended from the ceiling, tumbling and a dare-devil, chair-climbing acrobat - all performing without safety nets. The finale was a medley of magnificent motorcyclists manipulating their machines in marvellous, mesmerising, miraculous manner [this sentence was brought to you by **Paddy McMahon** (c) 2012].

30th October - There was an air of excitement this morning as we all gathered at reception to begin a fun-filled day. Once we had all arrived we all headed off to board the bus to go to climb the Great Wall. With lots of excitement from both schools on our coach we began our journey, signing songs on the way and learning all about the history of the Wall told by our tour guide Mr Shine. As we pulled in to the parking lot anticipation was building up for us to begin our climb on one of the seven modern wonders of the world. Looking up at the spectacular views from ground level everyone around was in awe of the structure and how steep the hills were. Climbing the wall was challenging but once at the top we were all so proud of everyone as we had finished together and all tried our best.



Lunch was a well-deserved rest for us all to regain our energy for our visit to the Summer Palace. At the Summer Palace we all learned the history of each of the buildings and statues that we passed through. On our way there we walked along the longest corridor in the world which was decorated with lots of intricate pictures and carvings which all had a meaning. After climbing 292 steps to get to the top of the Buddhist Temple and

the brilliant views we were able to take group photos and our own as well. Climbing back down we once again boarded the coach and drove to another restaurant where we all had our evening meal. We explored the local shops, many of which were western chains, after our shopping experience we headed back to the hotel and had our reflection time in which we shared our highlights of the day and then we headed off to bed to rest for the next day. (Today's blog was brought to you by Emily).



Literacy Corner

Here are ten anagrams for you to unscramble!

Answers to Mrs Connolly to collect a prize.
Well done to Issac Wright and Bryn Harrison who
won the prizes for last week!

resell	sniper
ream	relays
listened	great
sole	peaks
relayed	ropes



Performing Arts Extra Curricular Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime (12.40-1.15)	Production meeting	Woodwind Group Year 8&9 singers Music Tech Clinic Spotlight Seniors	Brass Band SJP soul choir Year 7 Drama Club Spotlight Juniors Music Tech Clinic	Guitar Group Year 8 Drama club Spotlight Sixth Form Music Tech Clinic	String Group Year 7 Choir Drama BTEC Music Tech Clinic
After school (3.30-4.45)		Special Event Rehearsals	Year 7 Guitar club	Music GCSE Drama BTEC D of E Guitars LAMDA prep	Spotlight Boys Staff Choir

PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Time	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 9/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 11/8 Assembly
12pm	CHANGING TIME & SIGN IN FOR ALL CLUBS AT THE SPORTS HALL				
12-12.35pm	BOCCIA KS3 Cross Country Active Playground	Yr10 Trampolining Yr10 Badminton Yr10/11 Basketball	Yr 9/10/11 Netball Yr 9 & 10 Football	Yr9 Dance KS3 Girls Football Yr9 Basketball	Yr10 Dance Yr9 Badminton Yr 9 & 10 Rugby
12.35 – 1.05pm	Active Playground Yr10-13 BTEC Coursework Workshop	Yr8 Dance Yr7 Basketball Yr7 & 8 Tag Rugby Yr8 Rugby	Yr7 Dance Yr8 Netball Yr8 Football Yr7 Rugby	Activity Club Yr8 Basketball	KS3 Leadership Academy Yr7 Netball Yr7 Football
3.20-4.30pm	KS3 Tag Rugby	Yr10 Dance Yr8 Dance All years Basketball FIXTURES	Yr7 Dance Yr8/9/10/11 Netball All years Rugby FIXTURES	Yr9 Dance Yr7 Netball All years Football FIXTURES	Yr10-13 BTEC Coursework Workshop

Language Corner



¡Spanish Challenge!

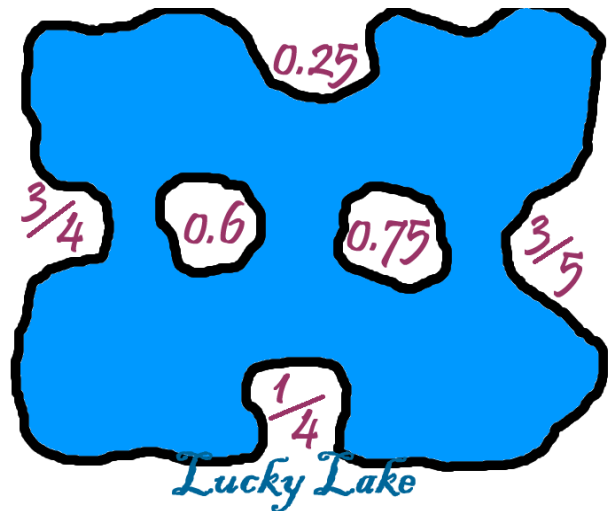
¿Quién es? – Guess who!

Es actor español y es bastante guapo. Es el marido de Penelope Cruz y tienen un hijo que se llama Leo pero sus vidas son muy privadas. Tiene el pelo moreno y también tiene los ojos marrones. Le gusta ser actor y es posible verle al cine en la película 'Skyfall' pero su carácter es muy malo. No es amigo de 007. ¿Quién es?

Do you know which famous Spaniard is described above?

The first 5 people who bring the correct answer to Señora Smart in MFL 5 will receive a house point.

Maths Corner



Join the fraction towns to their decimal equivalents with underwater cables in Lucky Lake. Cables are not allowed to cross!

Solution for last week

5	4	9
3	1	8
6	2	7

Answer: there are also other possible solutions too!

Weekly Theme - Faithful To Christ

Our theme this week is inspired by the feast day of 'All Saints' which we celebrate on 1st November. The scripture reading this week is taken from Mathew's Gospel, we find Jesus is instructing his disciples in how they must live their lives in order to gain a place in Heaven with him.

Heaven is full of saints, the well known and the unknown. All Saints' Day is really a celebration of each and every saints, in particular the saints from among our own families, our Grandparents, Mothers and Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, Aunts and Uncles, each who have gained a place in heaven by a life well lived. A life lived being faithful to Christ.

So let's celebrate our family saints, and pray for them in the certain knowledge that they are praying for us in heaven.

Matthew 5: 1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the Earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Prayer

Loving Father we ask you to help us live our lives being faithful to your son Jesus. May we one day gain a place with your saints in heaven.

Amen