



Primary STEM Event



Hermosa Barcelona

On Thursday 9 February, twenty-two of our Year 9 and 10 students flew from Manchester to beautiful Barcelona. Beth, Daisie, Jessie and Shannon tell us more...

On arrival first stop was to book in to the accommodation and have dinner and an early night for all.

After an early morning start it was time to follow Mrs Morris' itinerary, a non-stop, whistle-stop tour of the city, starting with a trip on the metro to Casa Battla. It was beautiful, especially the architecture. It had an eclectic and quirky style, just as if Roald Dahl had designed a building.

Next stop was Parc Güell, one of the most famous parks in the world, designed by Gaudi. It was truly amazing, especially the Gecko and mosaic monuments. Mrs Morris gave everyone a challenge to find certain areas and take a picture with ourselves in it.



From here we walked to the beach and enjoyed ice-cream and beach football, then on to Sagrada Familia, a truly amazing, beautiful basilica.



Our last full day started with a guided tour of Camp Nou stadium. We got to see the pitch, changing rooms and trophies, and surprisingly it turned out to be so much more interesting than we first expected. We then hopped on the Metro to La Ramblas and had photos taken with the street artist statues. We then had a surprise visit to the aquarium before dinner at the Hard Rock Café and afterwards we got to do a little more shopping in the Gothic Quarter. Before we knew it we were heading back on our flight to the UK, but we all wished we were back in Hermosa Barcelona!

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Pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 have been at the Elizabethan this month for a range of exciting transition events.

For Years 5 and 6, this has focused on our production of West Side Story, with students learning songs and dance routines from the show, as well as producing graffiti art and views of the Manhattan skyline. There are certainly some talented performers in our primaries, and with our Artsmark Auditions due to be launched at the Open Evening in April, competition is likely to be stiff.

Some Year 3s looked particularly nervous as they set foot in "big school" for the first time. However, they soon settled and threw themselves into the activities with enthusiasm. The Year 3 and 4 project was based around STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). It had a distinctly

healthy feel to it too, with students making their own healthy meals, planting their own spinach and testing various foods to see what they contained. They were particularly shocked at the amount of sugar in some of their fizzy drinks!



Visit from Nottingham University

Year 8 students had the opportunity to work with representatives from Nottingham University this month, who came to the school to help them prepare for their GCSE options.

Afternoon sessions invited students to consider the sort of characteristics, skills and qualities that linked well with a variety of options subjects and focused on the importance of keeping options open in the future. The University explained the idea of "facilitating subjects" such as Geography, History and Languages which will open many doors in the future.

A good number of parents braved Storm Doris after school to attend a further session on supporting students with their choices. The session also focused on the benefits of a university education, addressed myths surrounding student debt and outlined some of the bursaries that were available to around 30% of students.

The University said they were "delighted" with the response from students and parents alike.



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BIBA at Retford Post 16

A reminder of the BIBA event which is being held at Retford Post 16 on Wednesday 8 March. BIBA stands for Big Ideas Big Ambitions, and is a Bassetlaw-wide careers event which we are very proud to be hosting. The whole of our Year 10 will be visiting in the afternoon, but it is also open to the wider public between 5.00 and 7.00pm.

In her invitation to students, Young People's Champion, Cllr Sarah Farncombe, said "This is more than a careers event, it could be a life changing experience."

BIBA is an opportunity to discuss further education, training opportunities and university places. Students will be able to learn about apprenticeships and different employment sectors. The visit to BIBA will support the careers work done by Year 10 in their Personal Development lessons as they start preparing for life after GCSEs.

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Big Ambitions.**

Dressage Champions

Year 8 student, Charlotte Fox, and her horse, Jimmy Joe, recently spent 4 days of intensive training with top dressage rider, Laura Woodcock. Laura recently competed against Charlotte Dujardin, who won Olympic gold in Rio. After their training they went on to win three first places at the Milton Equestrian Centre... Congratulations Charlotte and Jimmy Joe.



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