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Message from Mr Mellen



Ghyll Head

Oxford University Trip

The days seem to be rushing past at Cedar Mount this term, possibly because we have been so busy with the great range of activities that students have been taking part in. We had a wonderful weekend at Ghyll head with our students leaders and I was so proud of how they represented our school. The staff at Ghyll Head even wanted to offer one of them a job! We have another group travelling up to the lakes this weekend and I am sure they will have an equally brilliant time. Well done to those student leaders who presented in assemblies this week. You will be hearing a lot more about our partnership with the Peace Foundation and our aim to meet as many of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (google it!) as we can. This is a national pilot project and we look forward to seeing it grow. Well done to all students who have represented the school well recently on tips, in sports fixtures and in speaking at events, as three of our sports leaders did to an event with Andy Burnham this week. Have a great weekend and be here on time for more excitement and opportunity next week.

Mr Mellen





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Last weekend saw the Cedar Mount leadership team attend a residential to Ghyll Head outdoor centre. Although the trip was a reward for all their hard work, the team were also there to organise and plan for this week's assemblies.

Nick and Harriet from The Peace Foundation delivered a session on Friday evening which saw the students engage in a debate about the 17 goals the United Nations have recognised as essential aspects of bringing peace to a country. They discussed climate change, inequality, infrastructure and how we can work together globally.

Saturday and Sunday was a rainer affair but spirits weren't dampened as everyone headed back out into the countryside for a weekend of exciting activities including abseiling, canoeing walking and the infamous Ghyll Head zip line. Mr Roberts and Mr Mellen were on hand to capture the fun on camera and post pictures on twitter. On the way home everyone had a smile on their face and the chance to reflect on an amazing weekend.

John Presswell, the Centre Manager said "Talking to the instructional staff working the weekend, they too had a great time with your students and said they were a delight to work with, a credit to the school."





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Visit to Oxford University

Last week Y11 students got up extremely early on a cold winter morning to visit the University of Oxford and get an insight into a typical day as a student. When they arrived they participated in a lecture and involved themselves in university activities, later they met with students and threw a number of rapid fire questions about how they should prepare for their GCSE and A'Levels and asked what life was like as a student at such a prestigious university. They learnt that not everyone who studies at Oxford is a genius, working hard and having a passion in their chosen subject is paramount to succeeding.

The Museum and Botanical Garden are on the campus, pupils walked around and were in awe at the diverse range of plants, some were brave enough to handle the cockroaches which they were told were harmless. Everyone agreed they found the day a wonderful experience, each activity was enjoyable and enhanced their opinions about university and life after A'Levels.



