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History brought to life as Year 8 enjoy London trip

Earlier this month, 49 bleary-eyed pupils and staff set off for our nation's capital, writes *Head of History, Mrs Garner*.

After a long journey, we arrived at one of our greatest national monuments, Hampton Court Palace.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted by our jovial guide, Nigel, who was to be one of the highlights of the trip.

For the next couple of hours, we were regaled with entertaining stories and facts about the Palace, Henry VIII and his six wives.

The Palace's architecture and décor wowed us, especially the Great Hall and Chapel Royal.

From Hampton Court, we made our way to central London, making a brief pit stop at our hotel en-route to Pizza Express for tea.

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Charity gets a timely boost

An idea to keep Year 7 and 8 girls on time for lessons has seen a local charity benefit to the tune of £90.

The Jack Riding Foundation received the timely donation after girls at Lower Site decided to produce pocket-sized laminated timetables containing their daily lessons. Such was their success, Sophie Healey, Ava Ryder, Grace Creegan, Jess Parker-Rose and Olivia Diamond (all 8D) went all Dragons' Den and started making the timetables and selling them to their friends.

Kind-hearted

But, rather than pocket the money, the kind-hearted girls donated their takings to charity.

Director of Lower School, Mrs Campbell, said: "It was a great gesture from the girls. Well done and thank you to all concerned."

There is a 5-a-side football tournament taking place on Friday, December 6, with all the proceeds going to the Jack Riding Foundation.

Jack, a former Sacred Heart student, tragically died aged 18 whilst playing football. His death was caused due to an underlying heart problem - arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy - which caused his heart to stop suddenly.

News in brief

Year 11 Presentation Evening takes place on Wednesday from 7pm in St Edward Hall

On Friday, there is a Year 10 (EDHT) 'walking talking' mock examination in the Prep Hall during p1 and, also on Friday, Year 3 pupils from Ursuline will have a Science lesson at Lower Site from 10.30am.



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From there, we made our way to the Cambridge Theatre to see a performance of the internationally acclaimed stage show, *Matilda*.

We had excellent seats in the stalls and really felt part of the action as the cast frequently exited through the audience.

The performance, especially that of Miss Trunchbull, was enjoyed by all. After a good night's sleep and a full English, we were ready to go again.

We met Nigel outside the Natural History Museum and embarked on a fascinating tour of London, taking in

ern weapons and imposing suits of armour. We were then treated to the more glamorous side of British History, as we had the opportunity to view the extraordinary Crown Jewels.

After building up an appetite in the morning, we battled through the traffic to Covent Garden for lunch. This was the highlight for many, as it provided an opportunity to go shopping. After two hours enjoying some retail therapy and the many street performers, we were ready to make our long journey home, exhausted but exhilarated from the many sights, sounds and history that London has to offer.



sites such as the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, The Cenotaph and Downing Street, with just enough time to stop for a photo opportunity at Buckingham Palace.

We then made our way to the infamous Tower of London, which gave us an insight into the gruesome darker side of Tudor history, including viewing some terrible instruments of torture, dangerous Early Mod-

A big thank you goes to Miss Gregson, Mr Robertson, Miss Niescier, Mr Douglas and Ms McLaren for giving up half of their weekend to make this visit possible.

Also, thank you to our pupils who received many compliments for their exemplary behaviour from the guide, the drivers and members of the public. They were a pleasure to be with and a real credit to the school and their parents.