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Aztec Hotel Cookery demo

We loved having Liz and chef Kathy Cheung from Aztec Hotel and Spa in our Y10 practical cooking lessons. Kathy watched and gave advice as our students made and baked bread and also showed them how to make the scones they serve at the afternoon teas at the hotel. She invited the Y10s to put on the jam and clotted cream and showed them how to make quenelles with the cream for better presentation. The scones both looked and tasted delicious!

Y9 Wind Turbines day from National Grid

60 selected students spent a day learning about and building wind turbines. They explored gearing systems, blade design and energy conversion and took part in a practical challenge involving designing and constructing their own electricity generating turbine. We were impressed with the way students developed their engineering, design, teamwork and analytical skills during the day All teams rose the challenge brilliantly and delivered convincing presentations about their work at the end.




Assemblies - week of 12th October

Year 7&8 heard all about apprenticeships from Amy at SGS

Y9 met Gareth from Berkley Green UTC, a specialist computing and engineering centre. Gareth explained that students may join in Y10 or after GCSEs

Y10 learnt all about Boomsatsuma's P16 creative courses offer from Pete. Students can take courses such as photography, art & design, games design and sports media

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Y7&8 STEM roadshow from BAE Systems

Year 7 and 8 students were treated to a lively STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) show looking at the science behind everyday materials. The performers also explained about some STEM careers and smashed a few stereotypes around scientists wearing white coats and plumbers always being men!

Y11 mock interview day

We had a fantastic range of employers attending our annual mock interview day for Y11. From hoteliers to engineers, police officers to estate agents, our volunteers commented on how well prepared, confident, polite and cheerful our students were. Well done Year 11! It was particularly wonderful to welcome back some ex-students as interviewers.
All Y11s also attended a useful and practical session from UWE which helped them to consolidate their understanding of how to make important decisions as they plan for life after GCSEs.





Coming soon...

Careers Fair for years 9-11 in November
Equinox STEM session for Y8 in November
Future Ready for Y9 starts again in November
Work experience for y10 in March (prep in PSHE term 2)

!!!NEW!!! - Job of the week - Pharmacologist

Pharmacologists study the effects of drugs and chemicals on living things and develop new products to help tackle disease. Click the YouTube icon for more. In terms of routes into this industry, an undergraduate degree in pharmacology, biochemistry, or a related biomedical science is often followed by an MSc or PhD for research roles. Alternatively, a Level 7 Degree Apprenticeship is available.