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## Exciting Enrichment Events Enthuse Everyone

In a busy week leading up to half term students, from all year groups, had their normal timetable suspended as the whole school engaged in a variety of different activities as part of an Enrichment Day.

### Year 7



Students had great fun taking part in a wide range of sporting activities both on and off the school site. Amongst the many activities on offer were ten pin bowling, archery, trampolining, badminton, scaling the climbing wall, golf and 5-a-side football. Mrs Davison, Year 7 Leader, said, 'The day was a fantastic success. Students were a credit to the school and their behaviour was excellent. Many students were so impressed that they asked for another similar day to be organised! Staff from LJS were fantastic in making



the day happen and supporting students as they completed their activities. Special thanks to Miss Page, Deputy Head, for organising the event and to Mr Tyzack and Mrs Dodds for their support on the day.

### Year 8

The entire year group was conveyed to either Redcar Bowl or Redcar Racecourse which hosted an enterprise themed day. The day was delivered by Innovative Enterprise and our local Enterprise Team, who also funded the event.

The purpose of the day was to teach students about enterprise skills and how these are transferable between creative activities, business and the classroom. After an



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interactive question and answer session students were divided into small groups in order to undertake the 'Soapbox Challenge'. Students were given the brief to create a soap brand to promote, manufacture and sell.

The students relished the challenge. In particular, they enjoyed having to physically make the soap into their chosen design taking particular care with their choice of colour, scent and mix of ingredients. Teams carefully considered ways in which to mould and sculpt their soap into shapes which were linked to their design brief. These included, amongst others, Valentine's Day hearts, children's cartoon characters and sporting themed products. As a complement to the soaps they had manufactured, students were also charged with designing the packaging for their product.



Each team had their product judged and the top six groups went through to the final where they had to deliver a sales pitch to the other groups.



Some innovative ideas including the use of music, humour, business cards and mobile phones enhanced the marketing of the some groups' products. Two of the most memorable ideas were to have a 'Carved Rose' which was advertised via a musical campaign and a 'Winnie the Pooh' soap advertised by a Winnie the Pooh themed play complete with pipe cleaner ears which was a hit with the audience!

Mr Featherstone, who organised the event said, 'A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all and this event is something the school is looking forward to repeating. We thank our colleagues from the Redcar Enterprise Team and Innovative Enterprise for their support in making this successful event happen.' Mrs Westwood, Year 8 Leader, said, 'The day has been a valuable learning experience during which students have worked brilliantly in their teams. They all rose to the challenge and enjoyed working with each other to develop their ideas.'

### Year 9



Every one of our Year 9 students was transported to the Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough for a 'Languages and Sports Day'. During a busy day students were allocated a team named in French after a country with the task of gaining as many points as

possible from the activities in which they were engaged.

Each team followed a rota which ensured that they undertook four different activities. In the 'Geography and Languages' session students pitted their wits to identify objects in French, national flags and an A to Z of countries around the world. An Enterprise Challenge saw teams selecting a hypothetical manager for Middlesbrough Football Club



and having to present a compelling case as to why their chosen candidate should take up the job. A 'Health and Fitness session gave them the chance to consider their diets and complete a fitness challenge. The final treat was a tour of the stadium with a chance to see areas not normally visited by the public.

Mr Teaz, Year 9 Leader, said he was proud of the way in which the students conducted themselves and staff from the stadium praised the way in which they had been involved. Mrs Wood, Director of Languages, who organised the day said, 'It has been a highly successful day and has helped to raise awareness of the importance of languages and sport in everyday life. A representative from Middlesbrough Football Club will be coming to a special assembly to celebrate the achievements of the day and award prizes to the winning team.'



### Year 10



Back at LJS our Year 10 students attended a successful 'Making Opportunities Conference' designed to prepare them for the world of work. They were supported by over thirty tutors drawn from local businesses, the armed forces, Connexions and other services connected with young people. Each session provided students with top class professional advice and the skills to successfully begin the transition to the world of work. Every student applied for a job in a department store and went for a mock interview after which, successful candidates will be honoured in a special assembly later in the week.

One of the highlights of the day was when students were treated to an excellent performance by staff from the Drama Department which showed a good example of how to behave when on interview as well as two humorous cameos which depicted the ways in which a candidate might not do him or herself justice!



Mrs Allen, Director of Vocational Studies and Mrs Wyke, Work Experience Co-ordinator, who organised the event complimented Year 10 on the way in which they had conducted themselves throughout the day. This view was echoed by many of our Business Partners one of whom said that our students were, 'Smart, polite and enthusiastic.' Mrs Snowdon, Year 10 Leader, said, 'It was good to see our students had made the effort to dress properly for their interviews. I think they learnt many skills that will be useful for many years to come.'

### Year 11



Year 11 revved up a gear on Enrichment Day this year as they approach the countdown to their final exams by inviting two guests to join the group for a day of motivation! During the morning, students spent some vital time with their Form Tutors reflecting on their priorities between now and their leaving day on 24<sup>th</sup> May. We were joined by Jeremy Dry from successful company 'Maximise your Potential'





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to motivate students to 'Go for Gold'. By using celebrity examples like Lewis Hamilton and Richard Branson, Mr. Dry revealed the hidden secrets to success.

In the afternoon the day took a twist with renowned Comedy Hypnotist Adam Knight, brought a fun angle to the motivation/ revision day by focussing on memory and relaxation techniques. It was a well earned break from what has been a year crammed with hard work and dedication. The whole day was fantastic and one to remember!

Miss Good, Year 11 Leader, who had organised the event, said, 'It was an excellent day that supported the whole year group in our 'Going for Gold' countdown to success in summer 2010. Jeremy Dry, our guest motivational speaker said that our students were, 'Fantastic ambassadors for your school.'

Tony Gavin, Headteacher, said, 'If I was a student at LJS I would be extremely impressed at the variety of activities available during Enrichment Day. The overwhelming majority of feedback from students has been very positive and appreciative. We are very grateful for all those businesses, agencies and individuals who have given up their time and expertise to provide a top class day for our students. I would also like to thank the staff who organised these events and to all those on the day who supported our students.'



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