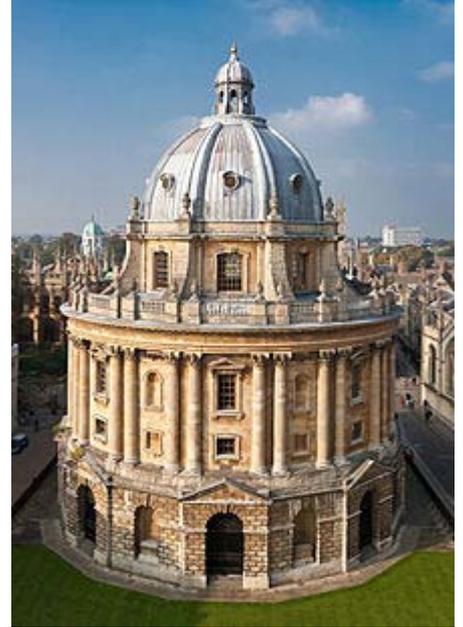


A Trip to Oxford University

On Tuesday 1st of May, a group of 10 students from Year 10 had the opportunity to visit The Corpus Christi College in the Oxford University grounds. Although it was a rainy day, it was a very enriching opportunity to meet new people and explore the elite college area.

We began the day with a tour of the campus, and mainly Merton College (one of 30 campuses). The college architecture was extremely majestic; almost resembling Hogwarts with stained glass windows and enlarged arches around the main building made a spectacular entrance for any student. The gardens were immaculate and beautiful, a remarkable place for someone to study. The Bodleian library and the Radcliffe Camera were as equally impressive, not only with the breath taking architectural design, but it houses over 11 million copies of novels available for all access.



Later in the day was talking to a pair Physicians studying themselves at Merton College. They answered many different questions and explained a lot about the extra curriculum activities and the intra-and inter- college rivalry between the colleges in Oxford and Cambridge.

We also had an academic session with Dr. Eleanor Parker, a Lecturer in Italian at St. Anne's College. We studied Italian War Poetry in the War Zone from Poets such as Guiseppe Ungaretti (1888-1970- famous for his 2 word poem; *'M'illumino D'immenso'* meaning I light up, eternally.) and Marinetti (1876-1944). I found this the most interesting experience of the day, as the analysis of 4 poems was insightful and really allowed for us to understand the poet's lives and what they were going through during war time.

We finished the day with a challenge set by the University called: 'The Scavenger Hunt'. We had to find as many pictures of objects as possible. My favourite challenge was finding and having a picture taken with 8 people with beards.

Overall, the day was very entertaining and motivating, inspiring us to achieve what we can. I would like to thank Miss Wallis for the opportunity to experience and have a look around Oxford University, as well as Miss Bromley for putting up with us and buying us a rewarding Starbucks at the end!

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