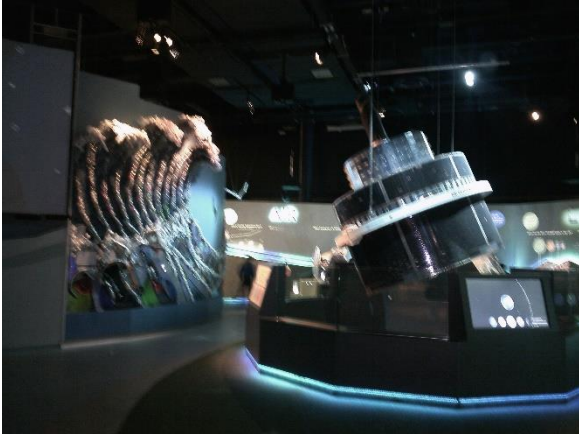


HOME TREE SCHOOL – SELECTION OF RECENT VISITS and EVENTS

National Space Centre School Trip – 25/01/2024

Science students at Home Tree School attended a school trip at Leicester's National Space Centre museum to support further learning. The students interacted in learning on topics including astronomy, space travel, energy and forces to name a few. Some of the activities provided included interactive activities to which the young people enjoyed participating in. A particular highlight for all of the young people was being able to watch a film called We Are Astronomers inside the Sir Patrick Moore 360°-degree full dome planetarium where the young people learnt about how to become astronauts, what the job entails and the future of space travel.



Norwich Visit - Weapon workshop at the Castle and then to visit a Mosque – 8TH February 2024

Humanities students from Home Tree School visited an Anglo-Saxon and Norman weapons workshop at Norwich Castle Museum, and went on to visit a Mosque in the city of Norwich afterwards.

The Anglo-Saxon and Norman weapons workshop – allowed students access to a variety of objects that they were able to handle and to suggest what they might be used for. The instructors of the workshop worked with students to explain what use the items would have.



Students then went to visit the Mosque on Dereham Road in Norwich. The students were asked to remove their shoes on entry, which they did and they were told about what would happen prior to the prayers by the way of an ablutions room situated near to the footwear storage. On entering the Mosque, the students found that men and women had separate areas in which to pray. The carpet also had lines across it, so that the worshipers can form straight rows.



There was also a clock to indicate the prayer times. The hospitality was second to none and there were lots of refreshments!

High Lodge Thefford Forest - 29th May 2023

Home Tree School visited High Lodge to take part in fitness activities. A group of young people participate in cycling 3 miles on mountain bikes whilst the others went on a walk along forest trails. If that wasn't enough, the young people then used the rest of their energy up and played together in a nature themed play park.

As you can see from the pictures, everyone had a great day and getting fresh air and exercising together.



Historian visit: Medieval Medicine - 29th February 2024



Neil Storey, historian, visited to give a talk on medieval medicine. The students found lots of the methods of diagnosis and treatment interesting and intriguing. Some students were very interactive asking questions and giving suggestions when prompted. They were able to discover about the four humours and methods of balancing the humours with blood-letting, irrigation, and other treatments.

Lino Art Work - 3rd July 2023

Friday 23rd and 30th June saw students at Home Tree School visited by a guest artist to deliver a course on Lino cut printing. The Artist, Amanda Colville, has a national reputation for rustic natural print designs which incorporate elements of symmetry. Amanda's work has been used for labels and packaging (coffee cups, gin bottle logos, tote bags) as well as having been sold as prints in National stores such as Liberty.

Students considered Amanda's work initially, looking at the intricacy of her lino cut blocks and the designs that were printed from these. This led to questions about inspiration and the process which Amada answered. She also gave us an insight into a few mistakes that she had 'had to live with' pointing out minute imperfections, that would not be visible without knowing. The Students then used time to explore mark-making, considering pastern, lines, dots and the suggestion of texture.

Amanda was impressed by the students' imaginative use of the materials.



Each student printed their design in a number of different colours, blends of colours and with different surfaces. One student, at least, used each colour and each surface. Amanda was impressed by the students' imaginative use of the materials and as lunch time loomed she sat back to watch the work, unneeded to support.



Duxford Imperial War Museum visit – Thursday 13th July 2023

The visit was well enjoyed by those attending. The students were able to board and investigate various aircraft in the Air Space hanger, these included a version of Concorde.



After spending some time in the Air Space hanger, the students had lunch, and then split into smaller groups to explore the site and other hangers. This included touring the Parachute Museum, Battle of Britain Hanger, land and warfare hanger, American Hanger and more! The highlight for some staff and students was being able to see some aircraft take off – including a spitfire!



Some students also got to dress up in uniforms.

