



Apprenticeship Pathway Year 10 Students visit to ASDA House

Following the success of our recent collaboration with ASDA on the Apprenticeship and Technical Education Programme, our group of our Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to visit ASDA House in Leeds on Monday 14th July.

This visit marked the final part of the programme and provided students with a first-hand look into the inner workings of one of the UK's largest retailers. The day began with a warm welcome and an engaging presentation from ASDA's Modular Planners, who spoke about their roles in shaping the layout of stores and the journey that led them to their current careers. Their insights offered

Supermarket' – a behind-the-scenes look at how products are tested and store layouts are planned before they reach the public.



Students then took part in interactive activities designed to mirror real-life assessment centre tasks. These activities encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and communication – key skills that employers look for in future talent. It was a valuable opportunity for students to experience the type of recruitment processes they may encounter in the future.



students a clear example of the diverse career paths available within the retail sector.

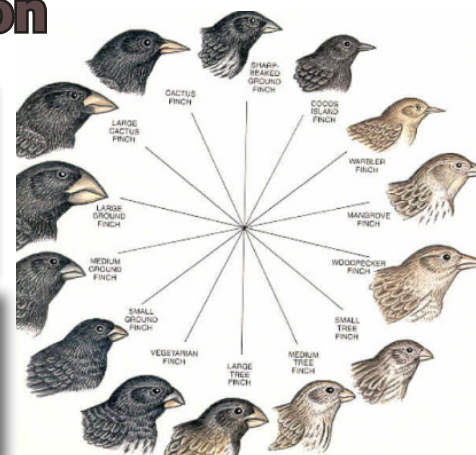
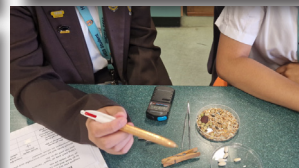
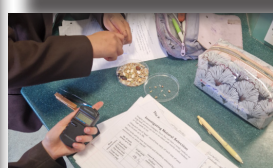
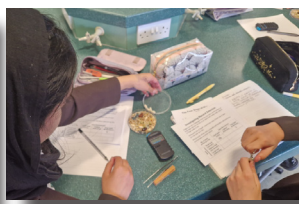
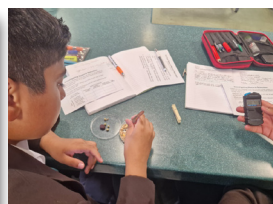
This was followed with a guided tour of ASDA House, including a visit to the intriguing 'Secret



for more of our students next year!

The visit was an eye-opening experience that brought to life the many different roles and opportunities available in a large organisation like ASDA. We are grateful Sarah From ASDA and Andrew from Ahead Partnership for providing this valuable opportunity for our students. We are hoping to provide more opportunities like this

Darwin's Galapagos Finch Evolution



Year 8 have been doing an investigation looking at evolution and natural selection and the Galapagos Finches.

They spent time using different sized tweezers and pegs to represent beaks to see what seeds they were able to pick up from a selection of seeds (food source) found on the Islands.

DIARY DATES

Mon 1 Sept
Inset Day
School Closed to
Students

Summer Break

Tues 2 Sept
Years 7 & 12
To attend only

Wed 3 Sept
Years 7 & 12
School open to ALL
students



SMASHED IT!



Sophia Enongene and Charles Sun, both year 8 students have both been training in kickboxing with BMMA since they were 8 years old. Their hard work and resilience have finally paid off. After 5yrs of handwork they both achieved their black belt in a very tough examination process that lasted over 2 days. Despite the hot weather neither of them relented. They both successfully achieved their black belt first Dan on 13th of July 2025 with an A grade



History - Fountains Abbey

On July 4th Year 7 ventured out in the pouring summer rain to Fountains Abbey. Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Gardens are a National Trust property, a drive of just over an hour away to the north, near Ripon - a strictly outdoor venue!

We all put up umbrella's, jackets, rain coats and ponchos, and hoped for the best. A few students (and staff!) in shorts and T Shirt resolved NEVER to go out without a coat again!

However, by 11.30 the soaking was over, and we were treated to glorious sunshine and blue skies: Perfect for the photo competition!

The abbey was founded in the 1132CE by 13 monks hoping to escape the bustling city of York. They soon settled, becoming expert at building, land management, fishing, and along with their lay brothers (labourers!) also founded a highly successful wool industry in the valley. Students

learned about the abbey, the life of a monk, and the dissolution of the monasteries under the rule of Henry VIII.

In addition to the abbey, the grounds are also a fantastic example of water garden architecture from the 1700s, and Year 7 enjoyed a rather invigorating walk around the follies and view points above the River Skell. Miss Brigg's group were also very lucky in the deer park, sighting a herd of deer, some with fawns hidden in the under growth.

Year 7 were brilliant, and I know some will be asking to go back again! All the pictures featured here were taken by the students for the photo competition.

Have a great summer, Year 7!



Business, Economics and Finance Pathway Round-up

Students have had many opportunities this year. I am very proud of our Young Enterprise teams who committed to weekly meetings, promoted their products at the trade fair one Sunday at the White Rose, year 12 networked at the Leeds Catalyst Club and the teams deservedly gained awards at the Area Final. Well done Green Harmony and Hexagrow!

The New York trip enabled students to broaden their horizons, visit the world's biggest financial centre and headquarters of the UN.

Thank you to all the speakers who have given talks and shared their insights this year with students, entrepreneur Sam Teale, management consultant Lewis Bowman, local investor Graham Shier. Talks from HMRC, the Bank of England, Lloyds Banking Group have helped students understand careers as well as financial

issues. Business School lectures at Leeds and from Bradford and York Universities have given students a taster of further study.

Financial education is something that is being developed further in school working with young enterprise and the MaPS, thank you again to our parents who attended the parent focus group. The survey is still open if you would like to have your say. <https://forms.office.com/e/CkW3vzWNNM4>



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