

The James Young High School

Open Evening Newspaper



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Music:

In the Music Department they were showing things on the iPads and IMacs, and they were letting some people look and play some of the instruments. Mrs Beattie says that Music is very important because it brings so much happiness to life. They highlights of the music calendar this past year have been Band Camp, concerts, the NCBF Gold Plus and the brass groups. Music is a good department because we're friendly and we try to have fun!

Art:

At the Open Evening tonight, pupils have been working on some great work in the Art Department! There were displays of creative clothing that our young artists have made, and the wonderful coloured walls made it so exciting to see! Miss Smith said "Art is important because it processes thought creatively which is an essential skill in life." As a department, they love the joy of seeing ideas come to life. Art is lots of fun!

Head teacher, Ms Gallagher says the Open Evening is really important so we can show our amazing school. "I am most proud of the incredible pupils and staff here. Every student reaches his or her potential or beyond. I truly love working here, it is my dream job. and always has been."

History:

History are playing a Viking game this evening, and showing posters that the pupils have made. Miss Kanaan told us that we can learn important lessons from the past. The big event in History this year has been celebrating the run up to the 100 year anniversary of WW1.

Maths:

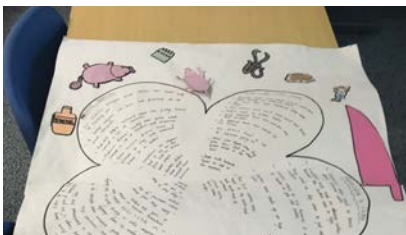
Tonight, there has been a lot of activity in the Maths department. This included games for learning and getting to know what maths in the JYHS is like. Mr Whelan told us that Maths is important because it helps you with all sorts of every day jobs. Parents can help their children by making sure that they have a positive attitude to learning.

Home Economics:

In Home Economics this evening they have put on a sensory analysis tasting of different brands of cakes and biscuits. Ms Tomasik says it is an important subject because you learn life skills. "Everybody has to eat and it's important that everyone can cook and know what is healthy." The Junk Food Roadshow and pupils going to the Royal Highland Show are big highlights of the year. In the senior years, you can have the opportunity to study Hospitality.

English:

In the English department, they have book bunting to promote reading and are showing all the books and films that we study. To help with our skills in English, Mrs Borthwick says that it is important to "read, read, read!" The English department are all super friendly, and it is an important subject as the skills we learn are ones we need to study all the other subjects in the school.



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Science

Mr Dunn was showing P7s and their parents how the colour of fireworks work by making fire turn green and putting magnesium over fire to make it shine really bright. Mr Kerr told us that the recent S3 Physics trip was lots of fun. The department have a lot of amazing teachers and the James Young is proud to have them! ☺

CDT

Tonight, CDT have been doing demonstrations in the workshop. S3s and S4s were designing objects using different machinery. These included drills, saws and some students were designing products with pencil and paper! Mr O'Neill said that "CDT is very important because you would have little manual dexterity without CDT."

Geography

This evening, posters and river models are being shown in the department. Geography is important because you learn about places in the world. Documentaries such as "Planet Earth" are good for aiding our knowledge of the subject. The department have taken pupils on many field trips which are always fun!

Languages

Languages have S6 ambassadors and mini lessons in French, Spanish, German and Mandarin. We learn lots of useful skills to use in other countries. Miss Young told us that our pupils are very enthusiastic! She also said that the highlights this year have been the Berlin trip, the ambassador opportunities, and European Day of Languages. The website Linguascope is very helpful.

COMPUTING

Computing is very important to learn at school because it is all over the world and you use it all the time. Parents can help their children by encouraging them and use some computing websites. Mr Cruickshank says that the highlights of the year: "the talented students in S1 have been doing lots of great work and have been really impressing us." The Computing Department are a fantastic department because they have all the gadgets and gismos.



RMPS

Miss Burnett told us that RMPS is important because we need to understand what other people are like to get on with them. Parents can help engage us by talking about the stories in the news and by having conversations about thoughts and opinions on issues. RMPS have taken trips Krakow and Auschwitz (the concentration camp), Greece, Amsterdam, and to see a mosque.

The library

The Library is one of the most important places in the school because you can find books, read, study and find information. It is also very fun. Some of the highlights of the Library this year were the Read-athon and Space Con. The year before we had a Harry Potter Con. The Library also gives you the opportunity to help and become a monitor. It is always a busy place and there is always something going on!

PE

This evening the PE department were doing BMBT (better movers, better thinkers) and interactive activities. You could also go and watch a dance performance in the lecture theatre from our National 5 dancers. PE is very important because you need to stay active and healthy in body and the mind. It is a great department because it is playing different sports is so much fun!

The Autism Base

Our school has an Autism base which is so important because it provides specialist support for our autistic pupils. Mrs Kirkwood and Ms Bathgate have told us that the highlights of the autism base this year have been a trip to the Royal Highland Show and the pupils showing off their baking skills.



Extra-curricular activities

1. Basketball
2. Girls fitness
3. LGBT group
4. Debating
5. Gymnastics
6. Tennis
7. Youth night
8. Running club
9. 9. Pop Up Prom

Business education

Business Education is very important because the skills that you use are transferable for every job. If parents work for a particular company, then they are welcome to come in to the school and talk about what they do for their job. The highlight this year has been launching our link with Tesco for Higher Management Skills. It is an amazing subject!