

NEWSLETTER

"A visit to a museum is a search for beauty, truth, and meaning in our lives. Go to museums as often as you can."

Maira Kalman

Week 10 2023-24

Fun at the Fitz



FUN AT THE FITZ

On Saturday the Prepatec group headed off for a taste of culture in Cambridge with a guided tour of the Fitzwilliam Museum and King's College.

The students learnt about the many paintings and artifacts on show at the Fitzwilliam Museum and their origin before heading to King's College where they learned all about the history of the College and the famous chapel.



The Fitzwilliam Museum is the art and antiquities museum of the University of Cambridge. It is located on Trumpington Street opposite Fitzwilliam Street in central Cambridge. It was founded in 1816 under the will of Richard FitzWilliam, 7th Viscount FitzWilliam (1745–1816), and comprises one of the best collections of antiquities and modern art in western Europe. With over half a million objects and artworks in its collections, the displays in the museum explore world history and art from antiquity to the present. The treasures of the museum include artworks by Monet, Picasso, Rubens, Vincent van Gogh, Rembrandt, Cézanne, Van Dyck, and Canaletto, as well as a winged bas-relief from Nimrud.

King's College is a constituent college of the University of Cambridge. Formally The King's College of Our Lady and Saint Nicholas in Cambridge, the college lies beside the River Cam and faces out onto King's Parade in the centre of the city.

King's College Chapel is regarded as one of the finest examples of late English Gothic architecture. It has the world's largest fan vault, while its stained-glass windows and wooden chancel screen are considered some of the finest from their era. The building is seen as emblematic of Cambridge.



CATS CAMBRIDGE vs SIDNEY SUSSEX 0-0

On Saturday 4th November, Godfrey and the team took on the current league leaders Sidney Sussex II who had won both of their first two fixtures of the league, in what turned out to be an incredibly tough and physical game.

The boys came away with a well-deserved point, continuing their unbeaten start to the season. The man of the match was awarded to George Capita for a solid performance in goal, keeping a clean sheet.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

11/11/2023	Clare II vs CATS College
25/11/2023	CATS College vs Selwyn II
20/01/2024	Robinson II vs CATS College
03/02/2024	CATS College vs Emma III
10/02/2024	Downing II vs CATS College
24/02/2024	CATS College vs Trinity Bruces



PRINCIPALS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 9th, the whole school gathered in the Hub to celebrate the achievements of some of our students and mark Remembrance as a community.

Many house certificates were given out and all were notable for their outstanding achievements and contributions to our school.

During the assembly, Dominic also awarded the participants of the Senior Mathematical Challenge and Cambridge University Chemistry Challenge.

Senior Maths Challenge – Gold winners

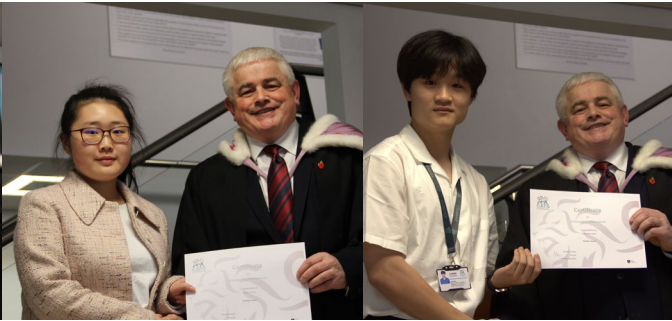
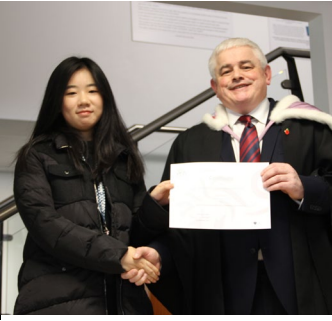
Letizia
Huijie
Jaehui
Chung Ling

Cambridge University Chemistry Challenge

Gabriel – Silver
Wan Qi – Silver
Rachel – Copper
Emir - Copper



PRINCIPALS ASSEMBLY





Remembrance Matters

Dominic Tomalin,
Principal



At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th Month, 1918, the guns fell silent. World War One had come to an end. The conflict had left around 20 million dead, and 21 million more injured in military and civilian casualties.

In the years that followed the end of World War One, the whole of the United Kingdom would come to a standstill. Traffic would stop, pedestrians would come to a halt, school children would stand in their classrooms, and the nation would fall silent for two minutes in an act of remembrance of the sacrifice made by others.

The two-minute silence is still respected today as part of our remembrance ceremonies. Remembrance is also demonstrated by the wearing of poppies. The explanation for this tradition is beautifully conveyed in a poem by John McCrae, published in 1919, though written in 1915:
In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark the places where they sleep
Who gave their lives for ours to keep.*

*We'll wear the poppy as a sign
In memory of those who crossed the line,
And died to keep our world alive,
In Flanders fields where poppies thrive.*

Time dims memories. There are very few left of the generations who fought in the last two world wars, none from those who fought in the 1st World War. This is perhaps most evident at how hard it's been to find a poppy this year.

I wear a poppy each year in the run-up to remembrance. I feel it is important that we remember for numerous reasons; here are just three:

First, it helps us to learn from the past. By remembering the mistakes that have been made in the past, we can avoid making the same

mistakes in the future.

Second, remembrance helps us to connect with the people who came before us. We are reminded of their sacrifices and their contributions to the world. This can help us to feel a sense of belonging and community.

Finally, remembrance helps us to appreciate the present. When we take the time to remember the good things in our lives, we are reminded of how fortunate we are. This can help us to stay positive and optimistic, even in difficult times.

Some people believe that remembrance is a political act. They argue that it is only used to glorify war and conflict. However, this is not the case. Remembrance is about more than just war and conflict. It is about remembering the people who have died in conflict, as well as the people who have fought and suffered in conflict.

It is important to remember that remembrance is not about taking sides. It is not about glorifying one side or the other. It is simply about remembering the people who have been affected by conflict. There are many ways to remember. We can remember by visiting war memorials, reading books about history, or talking to veterans. We can also remember by wearing poppies, attending remembrance services, or simply taking a moment to reflect on the past.

To that end, I asked the whole school to stand during our assembly this week. We stood in silence for two minutes, after which I broke the silence with a verse from Lauren Binyon's poem, 'For the Fallen':

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Remembrance is an important part of our lives. It is something that we should all do, regardless of our age, background, or beliefs. By remembering the past, we can learn from it, connect with others, and appreciate the present.