

Happenings in History

(With a title like that.... You could be here for a while!!)

The History department have been out and about this week visiting Staffordshire University and The Imperial War Museum.

History in HE

It is always a really useful and motivating experience for our students to get a glimpse of university life and take the opportunity to see what studying a particular subject in Higher Education could be like. Current AS History students had an interesting and unique time last week at Staffordshire University, getting the chance to not only explore what History could be like at university, but also a touch of Performing Arts!!



Pictured above: Current AS History and IB History students at Staffordshire University

Kathryn Davies, formerly of Wolstanton High School is currently studying The International Baccalaureate Diploma at the college. Kathryn explained what the day at Staffordshire University involved:

"We were sorted into four groups and given a task of researching and planning a TV show set in a certain time period – 1940's, 50's, 60's or 80's. As part of the task we were asked to devise characters, a plot and even design the set, choosing costumes from 'The Design Collection' and dressing up as our creations! At the end of the day each group pitched their idea as one would do to a team of TV executives, a presentation to the rest of the class. The day was informative, interesting and really really fun!"

Waqas Butt, formerly of Newcastle under Lyme is currently studying AS History at the college.

"I thought the day was really good in the way it made us think outside of the criteria which we're taught in History at AS, A2 or GCSE. I was very pleased at the eras we covered and the way it accompanied my media studies course giving me good experience for this too."

The Imperial War Museum, Manchester



On Monday, a record 47 History students went on the annual history trip to The Imperial War Museum in Manchester. The Museum links with several of their courses at both AS and A2 and this year offered as a temporary exhibit the "Horrible Histories" version of the First World War.

Asking for their favourite bit of the trip, Charles Turner, Head of History at the college, discovered that quite a few of his students referred to the viewing platform which is at the top of the Air Shaft and gives a good view of Manchester - including unfortunately, or fortunately, Old Trafford, Manchester United's football ground!

Adam Powell, formerly of James Brindley High School said:

"The trip to the war museum on Monday was great, we had no restrictions on what we could do after we had looked at everything in the museum and the museum itself was very informative and contained lots of information on many aspects of war. A very fun trip overall."

Jessika Cartwright current AS History student said:

"I thought that Monday's trip to the Imperial War Museum was very good. We had the chance to see how people lived through the war and with the after-effects."

Andrew Chandler, formerly of St Peter's High School.

"The trip to the war museum in Manchester on Monday was brilliant. It has lots of very interesting exhibits and information which told me about war from causes to their endings. I was especially impressed with the cold-war section which was useful for my history project that is currently in development. "