



Weekly Updates

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VEX IQ Robotics - Skirmish in the City

A Year 10 team have taken part in a VEX IQ Robotics 'Unofficial Skirmish' competition against local secondary schools. Teams programmed and built VEX IQ robots to collect and launch balls to score points. Each team played 12 matches across the day. Chris Calver, VEX UK Education Manager, joined us to present prizes to winning teams. Moving forward we will run an after-school enrichment club in Computing for Year 7 and Year 8, to create teams who can compete in the UK VEX UK league against other schools, with the aim to reach national finals and hopefully the world championships.



Congratulations Darshan!

Darshan's short story has been selected to be published in The Young Writers 2021 anthology, *Unsolved*. We are passionate about our students crafting stories to be shared with a wider audience and hope to publish an NLA Creative Writing Anthology this academic year. If you are interested in Creative Writing, come and join our Creative Writing Club.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a brilliant opportunity for students to challenge themselves and explore the outdoors. Many say that the award, in particular the expedition, is life changing and something that they will never forget. Taking part helps young people to grow in confidence, building teamwork skills and gives them an edge in any future college or university applications.



Music Opportunities for students

We offer a range of peripatetic music lessons such as strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, piano, guitar and singing. We currently have around eighty pupils taking lessons across all the year groups. Our musicians take part in many of our enrichment activities and events, which include NLA Voices, Junior Choir, Orchestra, Samba Band, Keyboard Club, School Band and Brass Band.

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