

Induction 2014 Celebrating Multicultural Leicester

Our Year 9 induction programme has been a huge success this year with staff and students saying it has been the best one yet!

Our theme was a celebration of Multicultural Leicester designed to increase our student's awareness of different cultures living in Leicester while also bringing the Year 10 and Year 9 together in their forms to allow them to get to know each other.

Leicester is one of the most Multicultural cities in the UK with 70 different languages being spoken including Gujarati, Somali and Polish. Leicester has a population of 330,000 but just over half a million people live in the wider urban area around the city including most of our students, staff and our families. Leicester is the first non majority White British city in the UK with 45% of the population being White British and the rest belonging to other ethnic backgrounds. Lots of cultures and religions are represented in the city with 106,872 Christians, 61,440 Muslims, 50,087 Hindus and 75,280 people with no Religion.

In Leicester all the different cultures have come together to create a vibrant and exciting multicultural city where all are welcome! And we wanted to draw attention to this and celebrate it through our induction. We invited in twenty nine students and three staff from a school in Leicester called Crown Hills to perform a concert of Bangra, Gujarati dancing and Caribbean steel drums to all four houses on Thursday 5th of July. This gave students the opportunity to experience some of these other cultures music and dances. Students and staff clearly all really enjoyed the show giving the fantastic Crown Hills performers thunderous applause.

We started Induction off with an assembly for the new students to welcome them to the school before they went to meet their tutors and the yr 10's from their new forms. After some ice breaker activities designed to help people get to know each other students went off to induction taster lessons to get a feel for the options they had chosen.

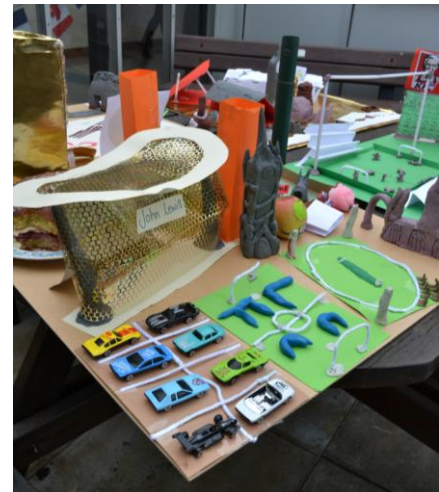


On Thursday 5th of July students were given the task of designing a model which represented different aspects of Leicester including food and retail, sport, Religion, Historical landmarks and Culture. The competition was very intense with all of the forms working well together to produce their models. The winner was Mrs Varney's form from Broombriggs house pictured right.

The next activities took part on Friday 6th of July where forms were tasked with designing an App for a tablet or phone that showed off different aspects of Leicester including food and retail, sport, Religion, Historical landmarks and Culture. Students had to solve some pretty hard puzzles to find where information had been hidden around the college that could help. Tutors divided forms up and gave everyone a role. Forms had to work well as teams if they were to have a chance of winning.



During this everyone had the chance to try some great free samosa's that the school canteen had cooked specially for the occasions. Ms Massingham the Principals PA admitted to having as many as four! They were that good. Students worked really well and the new students made a great impression on the college. The winner was Miss Ivin's form for Bardon house (see picture left). This made for a close House competition with Mrs Varney's form claiming the overall winner prize, so Broombriggs just won it, setting themselves up as the leading house going into the new academic year.



Induction finished with an assembly for the Year 9 students where certificates were given out to all the different winners and Mr Coles; Principal, addressed the new students thanking them for their hard efforts during induction and leaving them thinking about what they need to do to be successful in the next school year. **Mr Kimber – Assistant Principal**