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Google Expedition Pioneer Team Visit Essa Academy

> **Students get the chance to 'virtually' explore the world using state of the art technology.**

Essa academy had a special visit from the Google Expedition Pioneer Team. Students in year 8 and 9 had the opportunity to visit wonderful places around the world using virtual reality Google headsets!

Students were very excited to have the opportunity to visit The Great Pyramids of Giza, The Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, European Street Art, Deep sea diving in The Great Barrier Reef and even a visit to the Moon!

Year 9 student Aamareh Kola said "The Google virtual reality expedition was an experience like no other. It felt as if you were there alongside the views. I really enjoyed seeing things i don't normally see

and hope i have the chance to experience it more often in other lessons".

Year 8 student Isma Sow added "The Visual experience was awesome and you got to experience different types of scenery which looked very realistic. It felt like you were there!"

Google Cardboard. Google Cardboard is a virtual reality (VR) platform developed by Google for use with a head mount for a smartphone. Named for its fold-out cardboard viewer, the platform is intended to encourage interest and new developments in the virtual reality and virtual learning.



Upcoming dates for the diary

8th May Parent Workshop- eSafety/Computing

22nd May Enterprise Week

3rd July Healthy Week

UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge 2017

> Essa Students test themselves against top young mathematicians accords the UK

On Thursday 26th April, Essa Academy Students took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge. This is a national competition where students test themselves against the brightest and best of Britain's talented young mathematicians.

The Junior Challenge is aimed at pupils in Year 8 or below. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour and is sat in school under normal exam conditions. The top 40% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate in the ratio 1:2:3 and each institution receives a Best in School certificate. Around 1200 of the highest scorers will be invited to participate in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad.

Students have been attending sessions after school to develop their problem solving skills and hopefully they will be rewarded with some medals when the results come through later in the term.



Inspiring Work Related Assemblies

Essa's Inspiring Work Related Assemblies take place every two weeks. Professionals from the business community and a range of occupational sectors offer their time and expertise to speak to students about their companies, the various roles and the routes that students can take to enable them to work within these occupational areas.

Our latest assembly took place on Friday 7th April 2017. Alex Davies from The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce kindly offered his time to speak to students. Alex is a Research Analyst for the Greater Manchester Chamber and he spoke about his role, the Chamber of Commerce and what they do in relation to business and influencing Government policy and strategy.

Our students had the opportunity to gain an insight into this interesting role and to ask questions and find out more about the role of a Research Analyst.

Alex also visited a Year 10 English lesson where he was able to answer questions and give an insight into his role and how relevant English is to his work in producing research documents.

On Friday 28th April, Simon Kelsey from BBC 5 Live will join us to talk about the Media sector and roles such as journalism, presenting etc.



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