

YEAR 9 NEWS



Social Action | Pride | Ambition | Resilience

2+2= success

Year 9s had a great time working with many different professionals on Maths Careers Day, learning how maths will support them in their future world of work.



#wewill

Miss Booth and her amazing Year 9s wowed with us with their Shakespeare-themed #wewill performance to Year 7 pupils and their parents. They put in 35 hours for #wewill, which is part of our commitment to social action.

Duke of Edinburgh

We have 50 Year 9s turning up every week, working towards their DofE awards.

The next expeditions are June 23-24 and June 29-30.

The group has planned the route cards, looked at food for the expedition, covered first aid and have started work on map skills.



Joanna's message of hope

We were delighted to host Holocaust survivor Joanna Millan at Sandymoor as part of Year 9's work in RE on Judaism and the Holocaust.

Joanna's father was sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1942, where he was murdered on arrival. Later that year, Joanna and her mother were taken to the Terezin Ghetto in Prague, in what is now the Czech Republic.

In 1944, her mother caught tuberculosis and died, leaving Joanna orphaned. She was liberated by Russian soldiers in 1945 and then flown to England with 300 Jewish orphans.

"We have to learn to be tolerant. It's ok to be different."

Students met Joanna online and listened to her story of hope and reconciliation. They also asked her questions about her faith, forgiveness and the future. Joanna left students with the message that we should always strive to be kind and tolerant.

WE WANT YOUR VIEWS!

We think Sandymoor is amazing but we want you to help us be even better! Please can you spend just one minute at the end of tonight's session completing an online survey on the laptops?

TAKE THE
SURVEY

SCHOOL SYNERGY

STAY CONNECTED WITH SYNERGY

We moved to School Synergy last year as a smarter way of communicating with parents and carers.

It enables you to see your child's behaviour and attitude to learning on a lesson-by-lesson basis and monitor their attendance, as well as receiving news, event details and letters.

We know not everyone has got round to setting it up but it's super easy and means you won't miss a thing about Sandymoor life.

Student codes have been issued to each parent/carers. Email xxx@sandymooroa.co.uk if you have not been issued with a code or would like a family member to have access..

If you have your code but have't had a chance to set up your parent account, see the step-by-step guide on the school website.



"I made bad choices when I was younger, my aim is to help you make the right ones"

We teamed up with Personal Development experts Round Midnight to help deliver sessions tackling complex social issues that young people can face, including gang culture, anti-social behaviour and county lines.



They brought virtual reality (VR) headsets to Sandymoor to immerse pupils into a virtual world of risky behaviour and poor decision-making.

"The virtual reality teaches you a life lesson. You're living it. You're actually there."

Year 9 students also heard a powerful, personal talk and Q&A session with Lewis and Che from the CELLS Project.

They were open about their experience of county lines exploitation, the impact it had on their mental health and the consequences of living that way of life.

