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OPEN EVENING 2023



Welcome to Fulwood Academy Open Evening, where there has been an exciting array of displays and events and opportunities on offer tonight!

Some highlights were taking part in making a newspaper, dressing up in drama, playing sports, making music, sampling European foods, and joining in dance to name but a few. Some popular subjects like Maths and Science were highly interactive and fun to experience with both experiments and magic. Textiles brought a sense of fashion with illustrations using geometric shapes.

“My child’s happiness is the most important thing”

Our student reporters interviewed prospective pupils and their parents. Jack's parents said,

“The most important thing to consider when choosing a school for our children is – if they fit in, the opinions of the child, the values and resources of the school a sense of space, and quality.”

One prospective parent also thought it was important to consider the child’s opinion and told us,

“My child’s happiness is the most important thing.”

Archie and Frank said,

“We are particularly interested in Mathematics and P.E.”. Meanwhile, Viviana’s mother was looking forward to seeing Food Technology. Lily and Eloise’s parents told us they especially wanted to visit the Geography and English Departments.

Lilly and Eloise’s mother said,

“We loved the open evening event and would love to send our children to the Academy in the future.”

Other parents informed us that they had appreciated the pupil guides and the range of things to do around school.



AMBITIOUS CURRICULUM

In the PE department, there was a variety of sports on offer including rounders, basketball, badminton and football. We met some Y6 boys who were keen to see our extensive facilities after hearing about our teams' successes.

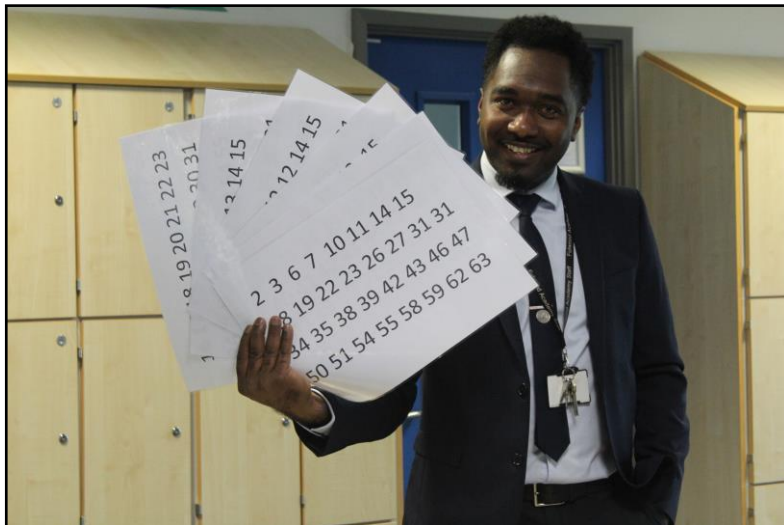
Mrs. Neale welcomed visitors to Food where the activities comprised of cake decoration, and flatbread and scotch pancake making. Prospective pupils loved the candy floss machine.

In the Music room with Mrs. Holding, some of the computers were set up with exciting programs including Dr Musik and GarageBand and there was a range of percussion instruments on display. Some of Fulwood's best vocalists performed short pieces to impress audiences.

In the Drama space, Miss Binns invited visitors to enjoy GCSE students Yvie and Hubert performing short sketches and monologues. In addition, there were masquerade costumes and masks for visitors to try on.

In the MFL area, visitors were encouraged to participate in 'le grand débat' (the big debate) on the following topics: Camembert vs brie and croissant vs brioche. Meanwhile, in Spanish, visitors tried to 'Name the tapas' and were challenged to a quiz.

The Science department offered exciting practicals such as a reaction test, skittles experiment. There were microscopes around the room for visitors to inspect a range of slides. There was also the opportunity to learn more about human anatomy and discover how diaphragms work.



In Maths, staff and visitors were delighted and amazed by Mr. Hajarie's mathematical magic tricks. Y6 pupils were eager to test their skills on Sparx Maths.

Some Super Six Word Stories

Lost phone. Life over. Noticed family!

I don't know my story...yet.

Open evening, best school. Can't wait!

In the English department, student books and achievements were on display while visitors could speak with expert staff about the English curriculum. Lots of fun was to be had crafting six word stories with Mrs Powell. "Fulwood Press" reported on the evening.

Amazing photography and artistic displays were on show to wow visitors and showcase the outstanding creativity of our Art and Photography departments. Mr Huntingdon and Mrs. Wheatley offered instruction on camera use and visitors were able to produce a monoprint.



The Humanities subjects engaged prospective families; Miss Burton explained the significance of religious artefacts through the ages, Mr Langton enthused young Geographers about fieldwork and Mr Plant interested visitors in the history of the Tollund Man murder mystery.

The ICT Department showcased some fascinating technology including robots knocking down skittles, coding and ,some retro computers.

PURSUING CAREERS

“I know I will have to study hard”

We interviewed current pupil Yasmin, who has been assisting Miss Isaji and Mr Milburn in the Chemistry Department to deliver four practical experiments. Yasmin has been demonstrating how to create 'rainbow fizz' - by mixing hydrochloric acid, universal indicator and a pipette of sodium carbonate into a test tube, she has been creating a "beautiful rainbow effect".

Yasmin explained how practicals "inspire" her to do well:

"It's fun and you learn practically and experience it for yourself. I find that helps me to remember what I have learned."

Yasmin hopes to pursue a career as a neurosurgeon when she leaves Fulwood. She said, "I hope that when I leave, I will have gained so much experience from practicals, writing and reading that will serve me well. I know I will have to study hard."

For Yasmin, the best thing about Fulwood is having three different Science teachers for Triple Science. This allows her to "explore three different sciences during the week, sometimes more than one a day."

Yasmin's best memory of Fulwood is a History trip which combined her love of Science with her study of History. On the trip, pupils discovered what medicine was like in Medieval times. Yasmin loved being able to compare the medical practices of the Dark Ages with the 21st century.



A prospective pupil experiencing a Science practical for herself

“Extremely welcoming”

Here at Fulwood Academy, it is important that my child feels safe and comfortable.

One parent on the evening, Ms Gibbs, claimed that our school environment was “very inclusive and extremely welcoming” with our simple to navigate building, our friendly staff always offering a helping hand and our students being supportive and willing to help.

From PE to History, many of our visitors were intrigued by our variety of courses and were very excited about continuing their educational journey with our Fulwood community. Here at Fulwood, we offer many courses, academic and practical subjects. We also offer many projects, including the Shine Media Awards that gives students opportunities that you wouldn’t typically get on a GCSE course. They particularly liked the fact that the Shine Media team were invited down to London and were awarded the Rising Star Award for their Multi Media online magazine .

During the Open Evening, many children like Ayah were ecstatic with the sports department at Fulwood due to the wide variety of sports we offer. Similarly, Mr Porter was very pleased by our sporting facility and “would recommend it to others”.

Many people said that they enjoyed the experience each department had to offer and the children were invested in the activities. Guests also said they enjoyed the welcoming faces of students and staff.



One prospective pupil exploring some retro technology in Computer Science and Mr. Langton in Geography.

We hope that you had an informative and enjoyable evening and look forward to welcoming you back to Fulwood Academy soon!

