

Students enter the X Factor



Following the popularity of the X Factor, our students decided that we had enough raw talent in school to stage our own version, named the 'M Factor'. The standard of the performances was high and covered a wide range of talents from singing and juggling (not simultaneously) to dancing and playing musical instruments. The compere was the affable Mr Simmonds whilst the judges were Mr Hallatt, Ms Inkson and Mr Helliwell. The event was very well attended and all the proceeds went to support our Humanities Specialist Status bid.

Sound and light workshop

Sound and lighting was a popular workshop with Y9 students recently. The pupils learned about the technology and art of creating successful sound and lighting effects.

Outdoor Activities weekend

A group of Y10 girls went to Blanktown Outdoor Activities Centre as part of the school's policy on inclusion.

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The day was centred around team building, confidence building and, of course, having a good time! Activities included an assault course, problem solving and climbing a 7m pole to make the “leap of faith”. As they jumped to catch the trapeze swing, it was usually accompanied by an ear-splitting scream.

As one student put it: “Absolutely brilliant. I never thought I would be able to do that.”

The Outdoor Weekend was enjoyed by all the students and a big thank you to all the staff who organised the weekend, from the school and from the Activity Centre



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Music Department

GCSE in Music and Expressive Arts



Music is once again a mainstream subject at Blanktown School and also has a major input to the multi discipline Expressive Arts GCSE.

GCSE music is taught at the school as well as a wide range of individual instruments – woodwind, strings, percussion and brass. There are great opportunities to be involved in music, with performances at school events, the Christmas Fair and at school concerts.

African drums



The Africa Project at Blanktown School provided lots of opportunities for musicians, with the Steel Pans being particularly popular.

The steel pans were also played very successfully for parents and pupils during the Y7 activity day in July.

Well done to all the students who took part.

