

Review

Author Visit

Award-winning author Mitch Johnson came in to school to talk to Year 7 about his book *Toxic*, which is set in the Amazon rainforest and has a message about environmental responsibility. He also shared some fascinating facts about poisonous frogs!

Mitch's visit coincided with Earth Day, so it was apt to hear about the inspiration behind *Toxic* and its message about protecting the natural world.

Toxic is a fast paced rainforest adventure. It follows Jessica, Renata, and Briony Rose as they uncover a dangerous secret hidden deep in the Amazon - a frog with the power to keep people young forever. Their mission to protect it leads them into conflict with a billionaire mogul and her armed guards.

After Mitch's talk, a lucky group of pupils took part in a creative writing workshop, where they learned the importance of hooking a reader into a story with an intriguing first line.

There was also the opportunity to buy Mitch's books and to get them signed. This proved very popular with an excited queue quickly forming.

The event was intended to motivate our young readers and writers, sparking interest in both environmental issues, creative expression and a love of reading.

"I enjoyed Mitch Johnson's talk about Toxic, and his other books." **Seb**

"I learned about different frogs and which ones are poisonous." **Mabel**

"I think Mitch Johnson's visit was very educational and he answered lots of our questions." **Freddie**

"I liked when he told us that a frog's bright colours can mean that it's poisonous and that some camouflage with their surroundings. I found that interesting." **Edith**

"I really like how he made his talk interactive with pictures of frogs that I wouldn't have been able to imagine." **Kayleigh**



French Exchange

At the end of March, 22 of our students from Year 9 to Year 13 headed to Villefranche-de-Rouergue in the south of France for an unforgettable week as part of our exchange with our partner school.

They threw themselves into school life, attending lessons and experiencing French culture first-hand. Highlights included laser tag, bowling, a cinema trip, exploring a local market, a supermarket challenge, and a fantastic final evening enjoying delicious French dishes prepared by catering students of the school.



Time with host families was just as special, filled with new experiences, laughter, and a real taste of everyday life in France. Some students are even planning to go back there this summer.



Mme Teillet, Head of MFL

Food News

Following a very busy middle term, our GCSE food prep pupils were given an opportunity in their packed schedule to recognise the forthcoming Mental Health Awareness Week on Monday 11th May.

This involved deciding for themselves to cook a dish that gave them pride and joy in their culinary flair. Year 10 Adam G presented this amazing dish, having filleted the fish himself, served with fondant potatoes, chargrilled asparagus and a lemon butter sauce. Sheer perfection.

Mr Baxter, Teacher of Food and Nutrition



College News

Outstanding A Level Progress Puts Reepham College Top

We are delighted that the Department for Education has just confirmed that Reepham College has achieved the best A Level value-added progress in Norfolk across all state and private schools and colleges in summer 2025.

This is a wonderful reflection of the hard work, commitment, and ambition of our students, together with the dedication and support of our staff.

Since opening, the college has built a strong reputation for high expectations, excellent teaching, and a supportive learning environment where students are encouraged to achieve their best. Year after year, students go on to secure places at top universities, including Oxbridge, as well as on highly competitive courses such as medicine. Our students also progress to some of the most sought-after apprenticeships, including opportunities with organisations such as Rolls-Royce.

We are very proud of what our students achieve and grateful to everyone who contributes to their success.

Mrs Steele, College Director



University College London Taster Day

College students had an inspiring visit to University College London (UCL), where they experienced university life first-hand. The day included engaging taster lectures in medical sciences and psychology, giving students a real insight into these exciting fields of study.

Students also took part in a valuable session on personal statement writing, helping them understand how to showcase their strengths, ambitions, and experiences as they prepare for their next steps.



It was fantastic to see such curiosity, enthusiasm, and ambition throughout the day, an important step in helping our students make informed choices about their futures!

Beyond College

This month, our Year 12 students completed their enrichment talks exploring routes post sixth form.

Thank you to our speakers Michelle (left) from Canham Consulting who spoke to students about apprenticeships and Guy from Push Talks who spoke to students about university.

