

# YEAR 9 VISIT TO BRUNEL UNIVERSITY



On 28th September, we took a number of our Year 9 students to see Brunel university; the first of our university visits this year. The purpose of these visits is to raise aspirations and awareness of what it would be like to attend university.

The students attended a couple of presentations, giving them information about university life. The speaker talked about the benefits of taking this route and the differences between studying in school and studying in university.

A quiz followed and, as the students had been so good at listening to the facts shared with them, they were amazing at answering the questions! Their hands shot up so quickly and a few of them won prizes.

A university student then spoke about life at Brunel and shared lots of interesting things about the accommodation, sports facilities and social life.

Following lunch, we all went on a tour. We were taken to see a lecture theatre, the very large library, the fantastic sports facilities with an indoor running track, the restaurants and night club and the student accommodation. We were very lucky to be taken into one of the rooms of the students who showed us what furniture the university provide and what the students needed to supply themselves. We were also shown the communal kitchen where the students can make their own food.

From the feedback received, the tour seems to have been the most valuable part of the day because it really does give the students an idea of what 'university life' is like.

*'The trip has inspired me to go to University'*

*'It makes me want to work even harder'*

*'Looks like so much fun'*

*'Everyone was so welcoming; it is like a small village'*