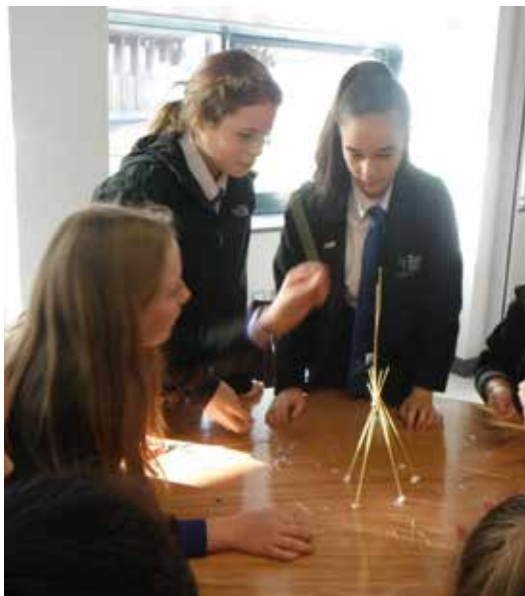


Year 9 Visit to Bucks New University

On Friday, 10th November we took forty-four of our Year 9 students to Bucks New University in High Wycombe. This was a great opportunity for the students to hear about student life and to see the amazing facilities available.

We started the day with an icebreaker which involved the students getting to know members of the team and each other by working on a people bingo. They then had a team activity to build the highest tower with spaghetti and sellotape. The tower had to have a marshmallow sitting on the top. The students engaged incredibly well in this activity and there were some great team skills being demonstrated.



A tour followed showcasing some of the fantastic facilities; flight simulator, interrogation room, the moving bookcases in the library, the gym, sports hall and hospital ward! They also visited a lecture theatre to get a feel for what it would be like to study there.

On return to the group room, the students worked on an activity to help them understand the cost of living as a student. They discussed costs associated with food, utility bills, transport, books and going out, which got them thinking about budgets.

They then worked in teams to prepare pictures and words associated with 'the perfect student' to get them to think about the qualities that a student might have. The student ambassadors were on hand all day to answer questions and to lead the tours; we always appreciate their support.

Some comments from the students:

'I have always wanted to go to university and this trip has made me want to go even more'

'I now understand what it is like to go to university'

'It was interesting to see all the courses you can do'

'Looking around and learning about it has made me excited about going to university'

Christine Sanders, Leader for Employability