



The Pupil Voice. Co-Curricular Moving Forward.

I am very excited to be in a position to start planning clubs next year and I wanted to let you all know what changes we are expecting in our clubs programme. Some time ago I mentioned that I was going to ask students in the School to complete a survey about clubs and trips moving forward. I am very pleased to now share some of the results of that survey and to explain how this will help us as we begin to plan for next year and beyond.



In the survey, students were asked to rate the School clubs programme and I am pleased to say that it was rated highly, scoring 3.5 out of 5.

This is great news because it shows that our clubs are engaging, the provision is of good quality and most importantly, they are valued by the students.

Students said that in some areas, there are lots of clubs on offer that they really enjoy however it was also clear from the responses that there is room within the programme to develop a greater provision, particularly around current affairs and in some academic areas.

It was also clear that the kind of clubs that students would like depends upon their age, with our younger students wanting more fun clubs so that they can socialise with friends, while many of our older students would like clubs that will help them to develop skills or increase their academic understanding in areas not covered in the curriculum.

With this in mind, we will endeavour to tailor-make our clubs programme to make sure that all students, whatever their age, can enjoy the kind of clubs and activities that they want.

Other useful information came out from the survey including the fact that many students would like to attend clubs that allowed them to mix with students from across the different schools and this is something that we are going to increase next year.

With trips, it was again divided by age, with younger students wanting more fun trips while many older students would like to go on more cultural trips.

The main thing I take from the survey is that we have a selection of great clubs led by great teachers but that we have areas where we can increase the breadth and content of our offer. Over the coming months, we will therefore be working to develop a broad and exciting clubs programme and I look forward to sharing this with you.

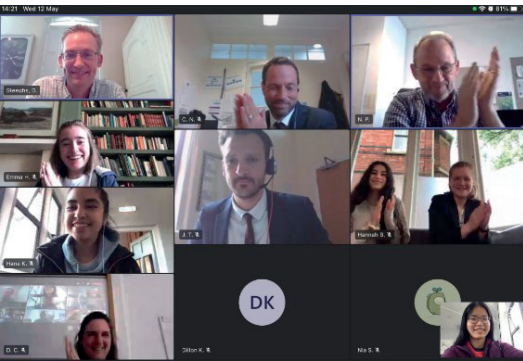


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Physics Society Talk

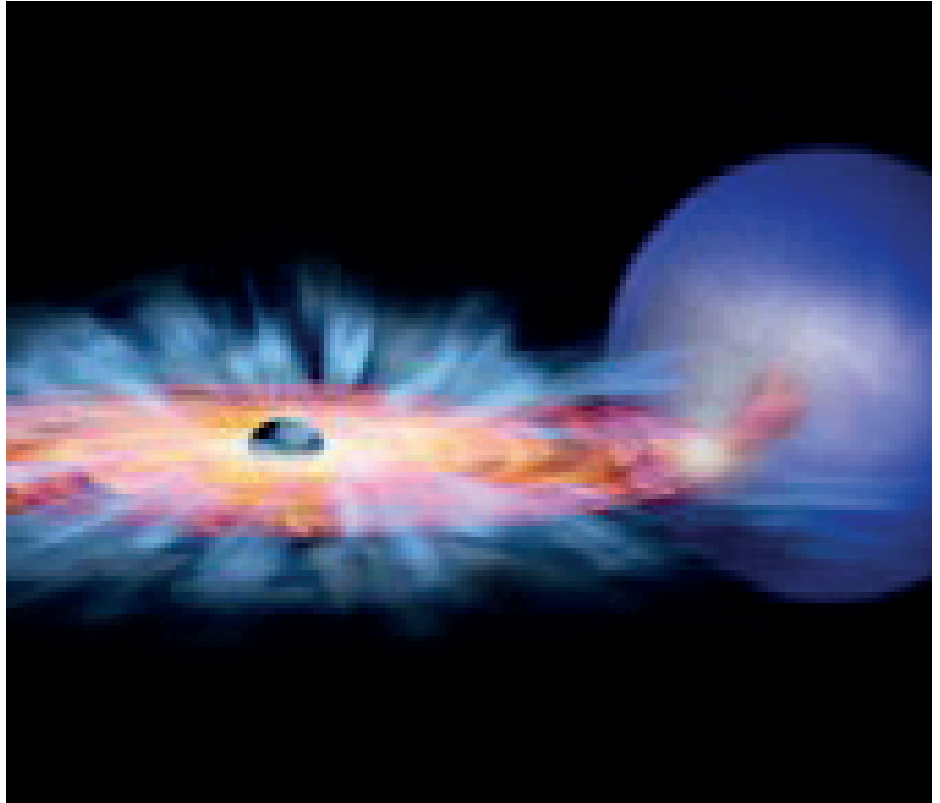
This week we were lucky to have a talk by **Danny Steeghs**, Professor and Head of the Astronomy & Astrophysics Group within the Department of Physics at the University of Warwick. He talked to students and staff about everything from black holes to the gravitational impact of massive objects in space. It was a fascinating insight into the life of stars including white dwarfs and neutron stars.



Many students joined the virtual talk and also a good number of interested staff joined in, including **Dr Miles**.

Danny is an observationally focused astronomer and he talked about his experience at observatories around the world. He also gave us a fascinating insight into his academic journey that I am sure was an inspiration to our students.

Well done to **Ranran in Year 12** for organising this event.



Fund Raising for Indian Covid Appeal

Last Friday, **12ER/GN** ran a whole school charity event to raise money for **Action Aid India**. We organised a non-uniform day and Indian sweet sale, with some delicious delicacies from **Aarti sweet center**, selling out before the end of break.

The day was a roaring success raising **£927.19**, which will go towards PPE for frontline workers and cleaning products for many families in India. We would like to say a massive thank you to pupils, parents and families for getting involved!

Well done to **Grace and the students of 12ER/GN**.



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