

Year 12 Forest Scavengers

This year's School Birthday presented Year 12 with a golden opportunity to really get to know each other and learn more about themselves and their local area. We presented them with two outdoor activities and even though the weather left much to be desired(!) these students impressed with their willingness and sense of fun.

Kitted out with wellies and smiles, the first activity was a scavenger hunt through Epping Forest. Students were provided with a map and tasked with scanning the QR codes placed at several points on the trail, each code giving them a fun scenario or ranking exercise. 'Can your group think of 5 alternative uses for a kettle'? 'Can your group agree on 5 guests from history that they'd invite to dinner'? As Head of Year, having full oversight of each group's answers was very revealing!

The afternoon's activity, taking place on the school field, was a series of team-building exercises that required both mental and physical strength. It was great to see new students form new friendships in their groups and returning students lead the way in initiating newcomers to one of Woodford's great traditions.

The last word must be from the students themselves. One group, tasked with writing a short poem to describe their reflections on the day came up with these fitting lines:

Lee Pritchard, Head of Year 12



***On the walk, we sang a song
We formed a band that's never wrong
We sank in mud
And on the way home
We'd have much rather been in Rome!***