

Wadham College Visit- Friday 27th February 2015



On Friday 27th February, 12 students from Year 9 were lucky enough to visit Wadham College, one of the 38 colleges that make up the famous Oxford University. After a very early start, we arrived at Wadham at around 10:30a.m. We began our visit by hearing from Emily Cannon, the Oxford University Outreach Officer, about going to University and some of the courses that can be taken. We then attended a lecture on “The Modern City in 19th Century Literature”. We were able to see how a variety of famous authors described more contemporary cities at the time, such as London and Paris. We learnt about the reactions of shock and awe from the people of the time at new inventions such as elevators, which we now consider completely ordinary. Nowadays we may dismiss them as being a lazy way of moving around whereas, back then, they were an exciting, fresh innovation. Later, we embarked on a tour of the university, where we saw different parts of the buildings, including the Great Hall and the Chapel, which are still in regular use after hundreds of years. We concluded our visit by splitting into 2 groups and visiting either the Natural History Museum or the Museum of the History of Science. Overall, it was a very enjoyable and informative visit to one of the world’s best universities and offered us a valuable insight into university life.



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