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Victorian Whitechapel

Despite the cold, wet, February-like weather, the Year 10 trip to Whitechapel proved to be both enlightening and engaging.



Maze-like streets

The visit focused on how the environment of Victorian Whitechapel shaped the lives of its residents, and how those same conditions contributed to one of history's most unsolved cases: the failure to catch Jack the Ripper.

Understanding the maze-like street layout, poor lighting, high levels of poverty and limited policing resources at the time, helped explain how these social and physical factors played a direct role in hindering the infamous investigation.



Ofsted Report

Fulbrook School Commended

Fulbrook is celebrating a highly-positive Ofsted report, following a recent visit by inspectors. In the report, which graded the school as meeting the expected standard across all six core areas of the renewed framework, the inspectors praised leaders for successfully transforming the culture of the school, which they recognised as an 'inclusive, respectful

environment, where all are welcomed and supported to learn. Ofsted acknowledged the work undertaken by Fulbrook in designing a curriculum that 'is ambitious and sets out precisely the key knowledge pupils should learn progressively'. Consequently, 'Pupils who join the school in Year 5, including disadvantaged pupils, achieve very well at GCSE.'

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the latest edition of Fulbrook Focused. We hope you enjoy reading about the school's news and the achievements of our students.

All at Fulbrook were delighted with the recent Ofsted report. Improving the experience for every young person has been our priority at Fulbrook and Ofsted's comments are a testament to the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and the positive attitudes of our students. We shall strive to work hard to build on this momentum.



Sports Report

County Level Success

Taking part in the Swim England Hertfordshire County Championships, which included one day of 14 hours at the pool, was all worth it for Toby, a Year 8 student, with his haul of two silver medals and one bronze medal won. He also finished in the top 10 in every event and achieved five qualifying times for the upcoming East Region Championships.

Fulbrook was represented by Teddie, another Year 8 student in the Bedfordshire Schools' Golf Championships.

Well done to the Year 11 boys football team, who finished 3rd overall in the District Plate.



The student is also now officially in the Under 14's Bedfordshire County Golf Team. Congratulations to both students on their sporting achievements.

Curriculum Round-Up



Medieval England

In history, Year 7 stepped back into medieval England to imagine what life was like in castles, villages, markets and manors.

Year 8 investigated how the Industrial Revolution transformed everyday life and Year 9 delved into the fears and beliefs of the 1600s by producing their own 'witch-hunter manual'.



Promoting literacy in French

During the term, Year 8 students studied the topic 'Chez moi, chez toi': where I live and rooms in the house. Key Stage 4 students practised their literacy in French skills in preparation for their GCSE too.

There has been some excellent progress on Geography assessments, with certificates awarded for improved attainment/outstanding progress.



Fundraising for Kenya

Planning for Kenya 2026 is in full swing. Fulbrook is thrilled to have been matched with West End Destiny, a community-run school, based in Nakuru, Kenya's fourth-largest city. Fulbrook students will be working with children aged 2-10.

Without projects like West End Destiny, many local children would be unable to access education, due to the cost of uniforms, desks and textbooks. Fulbrook students have been working incredibly hard outside of school to raise funds for their trip, from selling at Christmas fayres to running curry nights.

Local businesses support is warmly welcomed.

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<https://gofund.me/671991d86>

Life Skills

Year 8 students engaged in discussions during the term on what success really means, recognising that it can be measured in many different ways and achieved through a wide range of careers.

Maths Challenge

Fulbrook students took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, with most awarded certificates, including one silver and one gold.

