



COLA HIGHGATE HILL VISIT TO ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

A group of eight Year 12 students from City of London Academy Highgate Hill visited the Royal College of Physicians for a careers-focused museum visit on 23 May 2023. The aim of the visit was to use the RCP's historic collections to inspire and educate pupils about careers in medicine.

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The students were taken on an interactive tour of the museum by Archivist Felix, and were shown various exhibitions while discussing and learning about the history of medicine. The students also took part in an activity in which they were provided with character profiles for a selection of physicians, and in groups they discussed the attributes, skills and knowledge that the physicians would require, as well as what inspires and motivates them. They also had to match various items of medical equipment to the relevant physician. Some of the skills and attributes that the students identified as important for the physicians were: patience, confidence, communication, flexibility and resilience.



Today was definitely better than expected. I didn't think I'd learn so much. I liked how varied it was. It's compelled me to learn more about the history of medicine"
- Ream, Year 12 Student

SUPPORT FROM WORLD OF WORK TEAM

- Partnered with Royal College of Physicians to offer the museum visit on our activity menu
- Worked with RCP and the school to coordinate the visit
- Attended the visit to provide support and speak to students about their experience of the session.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The students were actively engaged in the museum tour and asked relevant questions. They enjoyed having a close look at the medical equipment and testing it out. I spoke to two students, Dominic and Ream about their thoughts on the session. Both enjoyed learning about the history of medicine and how it has evolved through the years. They particularly enjoyed being hands on with the medical world including getting to explore medical equipment and even looking at human remains to see the structure of veins!



Today made me realise that the world of medicine is ever evolving, and I would like to be part of that process."
-Dominic, student

The students used red and green stickers to identify their learning journey before and after the session to evaluate the impact the visit had. This exercise showed that their understanding and knowledge about careers in medicine had improved following the activity.

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Encounters with employers and employees

Students interacted with the college's Archivist and Librarian as well as learning about the role of jobs available as a physician.

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Addressing the needs of each pupil

This was a targeted activity with a group of students who were identified as having an interest in medicine as a career.

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Experiences of workplaces

Students visited the Royal College of Physicians, a workplace for a variety of professionals.

SKILLS BUILDER



Listening

Students actively listened to the facilitator who guided them through the history of medicine.



Speaking

Students fed back to the group about their answers to the Physician case study activity.



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The visit boosted the students' enthusiasm around careers in medicine and made them want to learn more.