



## Aspiring to access prestigious destinations

Students at Toll Bar Sixth Form continue to receive expert support and guidance from The Elephant Group as they aspire to secure places at the most prestigious and sought-after university destinations.

The Elephant Group, a headteacher-led charity committed to improving fair access to top universities, hosted the launch event for our current Year 12 students at the University of Sheffield on 6 November.

Twenty-eight Year 12 students travelled to Sheffield for the event, at which they were introduced to the programme and participated in a series of seminars exploring aspects of university life and higher education. Having met with undergraduate ambassadors and university teaching staff, our students were given a comprehensive tour of the university campus, including its teaching facilities and Students' Union building.



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## The Eternal City welcomes Toll Bar Sixth Formers

Year 13 students were amongst a group from our Academy that visited Rome this month.

The trip presented an incredible opportunity for students to experience sites of historical, spiritual and cultural significance and reflect upon how these have impacted society and civilisations over thousands of years.



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Students visited iconic sites including the Colosseum, Pantheon, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill. Their visit to Vatican City included the wondrous Sistine Chapel and truly magnificent Basilica of St Peter's.

## A diplomatic mission for Heidi

Year 13 student Heidi Young joined 500 students from across Europe at UNESCO's *Change the World* Conference in Paris this term.

Having successfully applied to become a delegate, Heidi joined the largest international youth forum in the world to debate major issues on the international agenda, including the opportunities and threats posed by AI to global education systems.



Having researched this issue with other delegates, Heidi presented a resolution paper, which was passed by a panel of UNESCO members. What an achievement!

# Next steps for our dance students

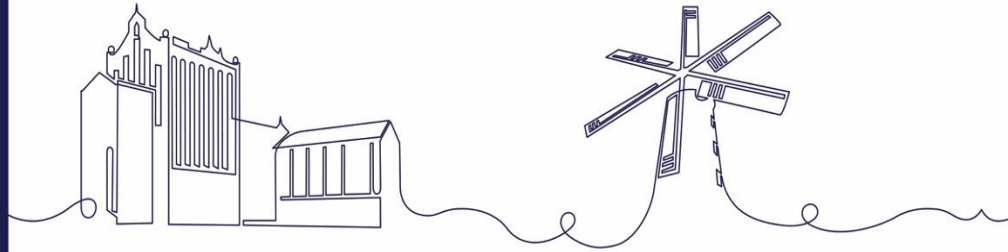


Our A level Dance students visited Northern School of Contemporary Dance in Leeds recently, to explore opportunities for further study.

Students toured the conservatoire, learnt about the BA (Hons) Dance course and enjoyed a workshop with the programme leader.

The day finished watching second year students perform their technical run through ahead of their evening show.

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## Giving back at Christmas

Toll Bar Sixth Form's annual 'Givemas' campaign has, once again, demonstrated our students' willingness to put others first in the build-up to the festive season. Organised and run by our Student Council, this seasonal enrichment programme sees students encouraged to participate in a range of activities that focus on the act of 'giving'. This December our students:

- Donated to Oasis Hub South Grimsby's food bank;
- Donated gifts to our local Women's Aid refuge;
- Supported our Carol Concert, including the catering hatch at Waltham All Saints church;
- Delivered a medley of Xmas songs at Ashlea Court Care Home;
- Wore Christmas jumpers for St Andrew's Hospice, Grimsby;
- Performed at All Saints Waltham Christmas Carol Concert.

Our Sixth Form students also delivered gifts to support staff in recognition of the support they receive, ran a highly competitive quiz in tutorial, and helped us to decorate the Sixth Form site. Thank you to all who supported this year's campaign.

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## Aspirational Alumni

Former King Edward's student and Toll Bar Sixth Former, Isaac Lonsdale left us in 2024, having successfully obtained a solicitor apprenticeship at international law firm, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in the City of London.

Reflecting on his first few months, Isaac said: "I've felt really welcome at the firm and I've already been given responsibility to work on the cases of some high-profile clients. I'm definitely not regretting the apprenticeship route"



## Up for Debate?

Our Year 12 and 13 students attended Franklin College this week to take part in a debating competition. They formally debated several motions, including the value of democracy and the assisted dying bill.

We are very proud of both of our teams, especially our Year 12 team, who placed 3rd in the overall rankings!



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