



It's reassuring to know that a large group of our current Year 10 are now fully trained in "Emergency Life Support".

The course, run by St John Ambulance, was attended by 28 girls after school on 2 evenings earlier this term.

St John Ambulance delivered the three hour course in response to a very enthusiastic request from the girls themselves following a "taster" session in first aid run in school in September as part of the General Studies programme. The certificate awarded to each student is valid for three years and confirms they have been trained in: communication and casualty care; managing an incident; looking after the casualty; adult resuscitation; treatment of choking; treatment of severe bleeding and chest pains and treatment of an unconscious casualty.

Hollygirt is extremely grateful to Darren Alcock and his colleagues from St John Ambulance for running the course at school for us.

For more information about St John Ambulance First Aid Training, visit www.sja.org.uk.

On Friday 23rd January the Year 10 Historians ventured to Leeds to consolidate their studies of the History of Medicine as part of their GCSE course. The museum was established especially for the SHP Medicine Through Time unit and focuses particularly on medicine and surgery from the early 19th century. Girls 'enjoyed' the recreated Victorian slum, complete with authentic smells of rotting meat and open sewers in order to see exactly what the dangers to health were in the 1840s. The afternoon was spent studying the 'Pain, Pus and Blood' gallery to appreciate the impact of anaesthetics, antiseptics and the discovery of blood groups had on surgery. All girls worked extremely hard and agreed that it was a most beneficial day.



How many of us get the chance to see what the future might actually hold for us?

On 23rd January that's exactly what Year 11 were lucky enough to glimpse. The whole year group spent the day at Nottingham Trent University learning what university life is like, how to apply, what to study, how to survive on a student loan and, just as important, how to party as an undergraduate. In the afternoon they also had some 'taster' lectures which gave insight into what teaching and learning is like post-18.

Intermediate Maths Challenge



Some girls may have thought they had got away with not doing the Maths Challenge due to the snow...but no it still went ahead on Friday 6th February instead of Thursday!

Thirty girls from Years 9 and 10 worked feverishly for an hour on questions designed to make them think logically, apply their problem solving skills and sometimes use a bit of good old fashioned common sense.

The results normally take about 6 weeks so we'll be looking out for those.

If you have any comments or feedback from the recent Year 9 Options Afternoon please let Mr Burslem know.