

MY SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY EXPERIENCE

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On Wednesday 6th July, 10 St. Mary's girls were given the opportunity to visit the 6th Form College in Colchester. Many girls from Year 10 are hoping to go there for college so as you can imagine this day was very popular and many people were eager to take part. 10 names were selected out of a hat.

Prior to the day we were given a form with a great range of subjects, some of which we had never studied before, and we were asked to choose 3 that we liked the look of.

I chose to do Law, Sociology and Geography. I wasn't sure what to expect but the lessons we had were different to those we have at school, it gave me a more specific insight into the types of things available to study.

On the day we met at 9am in the large performance studio...finding this proved difficult, the college is massive and has many time more student than at St. Mary's. At least there were plenty of people around to ask for directions when we got lost.

In the welcoming talk we were presented with information packs, a pen, a name badge and a £2 voucher to spend in the refectories located around the college.

Throughout the day we participated in our chosen lessons and, gradually, finding our way around became easier.

For Lunch we were given the privilege of eating in one of the two refectories but some of us wanted to have a real taste of college life and go further afield. We went across the road to the North Hill Noodle Bar and re-fuelled ready for our afternoon of lessons.

We returned an hour later and had an informative talk about coming to the 6th Form College and all the different courses and subjects available at A level. We were also told about the International Baccalaureate, an internationally and widely recognised course covering many subjects.

Overall I had a really nice day and enjoyed the experience of being a college student.