We have had another exciting week at INA.

On Tuesday we welcomed Aisha Salim a mental health social worker who prepared an extensive and comprehensive talk. I was particularly struck by the fact that Aisha started her career working for Kerring, the parent company for luxury brands Gucci and YSL. She spoke passionately about the fact that her work involves supporting individuals at times of need and the lasting pact that a social worker can have. We thank Mr Mohammed for organising the visit and of course Aisha for her time.

On Wednesday Ms Priestley and Mr Smith took our Year 12 history group to Berlin. I was delighted to hear that they were exemplary INA ambassadors and delighted to hear about their trip. A full write up will be included in a subsequent edition of the newsletter, however here is a picture of the team enjoying the sites in the sunshine!

I look forward to seeing parents and carers at the Results Afternoon on Thursday. Please note we are unable to issue results and predictions without a parent/carer present.

With best wishes, Ms Alibhai, Vice Principal and Head of Sixth Form

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Saturday we held our Summer Fayre. It was an absolutely brilliant day, with hundreds of families coming to spend the afternoon browsing the many and varied stalls, tasting the fabulous food, listening to the students performing music and engaging in lots of fun activities. This day took a huge amount of organisation and hard work. I am indebted to Ms Broadway, Head of Primary, who led on the event and whose passion for working with parents and the school community shone through during the lead up to the fayre and on the day. I would also like to extend my deep gratitude to the members of FOINA (Friends of INA) who worked tirelessly to organise and run the event; their energy and community spirit has been inspiring! To all the parents and local businesses who contributed gifts, raffle prizes and food – many thanks. Many thanks also to all of the staff and students from primary, secondary and sixth form who ran activities and stalls on the day or just came along to help. And finally, thank you to all for coming along and being part of this great community event. I’m delighted to say that, apart from bringing the community together, the summer fayre raised around £6000 for the school!

Jo Spencer, Interim Principal
Morgan Stanley

Work experience in Morgan Stanley taught me the multiple different aspects of investment banking but also the link between different career sectors within the financial market. Personally, the best part of this work experience was the work shadowing. Shadowing showed me divisions and aspects of investment banking that I was unaware of, but also the different skills used within their jobs. Another part of this week that I enjoyed was when the motivational speaker Sadiq Hussain (Coach Sadiq) spoke to us collectively, he taught us the importance of taking all opportunities in order to grow and gain experience. Also, he taught us to be confident in our own skills and personality, and to not change these aspects of ourselves in order to achieve our goals.

This work experience showed me the significance of networking, which I was reluctant about at first. However, after engaging in multiple networking activities, such as meeting the EMEA CFO of Morgan Stanley, I learnt the different career journeys taken and the range of skills used to work up to their high positions, but also the importance of making a good impression on the people you meet. Furthermore, Morgan Stanley’s core values are something that really showed me the importance of giving back, where these core values formed the company’s culture that every employee in Morgan Stanley lives by - and through this I believe that this is what differentiates Morgan Stanley from other investment banks.

During the work experience week at Morgan Stanley, I gained a greater insight into the financial world. The week was informative in explaining what an investment bank is and explaining the different divisions within an investment bank like Morgan Stanley. The part of the week I enjoyed the most was work shadowing. This is because it gave a true representation of what a job is like in an investment bank. The motivational speaker Sadiq Hussain really inspired me to be more confident.

Despite leaving me confused about the career path I would like to take in the future, the experience of being at Morgan Stanley has really boosted my confidence in networking. Overall, I really enjoyed the worth ethic and culture which remained true with all the employees – especially with regard to the four core values which I hope to guide me in my career in the near future. I would definitely recommend participating in a work experience week at Morgan Stanley to anyone as I benefitted so much from it myself. - Gurpreet

My Morgan Stanley work experience gave me a great insight into the financial industry. I really enjoyed the exposure Morgan Stanley gave us to all the jobs available, and how they showed that people of different walks of life worked at the investment bank. The bank gave us the opportunity to work-shadow employees at the firm in IT, tax and trading - all being great opportunities to get an experience of what employers look for and what it takes to be successful and thrive in such a competitive industry like finance.

It was a privilege to be mentored by leaders at Morgan Stanley such as Tarun Sharma and motivational Speakers like Sadiq Hussain who were positive influences, as they showed a true passion for what they do, something I admire and aspire to have in whatever career I decide to pursue. I feel Morgan Stanley has made me a more focused, dedicated and career driven individual.

I would like to thank Isaac Newton Academy and Morgan Stanley for giving me the privilege to have a work experience at such a prestigious investment bank, as this was a truly enlightening experience. - Manraj
INA attends QUB’s annual Teachers Conference

As a growing sixth form we are always keen to forge strong links with Russell group universities and one such institution is Queens University Belfast (QUB). For the past two years QUB has been kind enough to reach out and support our Medical Society with information, advice & guidance for medicine and dentistry applications. More recently this partnership work continued when I was invited to attend a Teachers Conference in Belfast; this was a fantastic opportunity to explore the QUB campus and see their various facilities first-hand, including the school of Medicine and Health Sciences. It was an absolute pleasure to meet the university staff and students, all of whom were incredibly welcoming and it was clear to see the on-going investment in state of the art teaching and learning facilities. QUB has a long standing history, established in 1845 and it was one of the founding members of the Russell group universities in 2007. The medical, dental & pharmacy schools are ranked amongst the best in the UK, and along with all the usual perks of a prestigious university it also offers strong pastoral support for all students. Furthermore, they offer a very attractive scholarship for eligible students from Great Britain which comes with a reduction in fees and free flights home, which take just over 1 hour from London City Airport! Although QUB isn’t always an obvious choice for most students, I would strongly recommend visiting during one of their Open days before dismissing it.

For more information please see either myself or Ms Joy.

Mr Singh

The opportunity of participating in work experience at the well-established investment bank of Morgan Stanley, which I was lucky enough to receive, was truly inspiring as it helped me broaden my career choices as well as hone many useful skills.

There are many aspects of the week that I found enjoyable. However, what I enjoyed the most during the week was the shadowing experience that we, as a collective, participated in. To be more specific, being on the trading floor was truly fascinating because the whole floor radiated the dedication that the staff had towards their work and clients - this is because even during lunch, many stayed on the floor determined to finish as much work as possible.

In addition to the non-business aspects of the week was the talk that we had from Sadiq Hussain. This talk taught us how to be confident in ourselves and our own skills because we would only be able to take on opportunities for ourselves and no-one else.

Another great activity was when we created a bank in teams - this is where the whole group grew closer because we were able to make connections with other students rather than just with our school groups.

Finally, Morgan Stanley’s core values were a large part of the focus of the week - this was emphasised to us from the beginning and, from this I realised that all the core values complement each other and are very important. - Denice

I have been extremely grateful to have had an opportunity to experience what the working life is like at a prestigious firm such as Morgan Stanley. I was fortunate enough to have one on one mentoring with an executive who taught me about the different pathways into the professional services sector. I had a chance to shadow the employees to network, which is very respected at Morgan Stanley. From this experience, I have been inspired and encouraged to pursue a career within the financial sector. I look forward to more opportunities like this. - Jeevan
Lucky you! There's still time to apply to this year's Summer School – we have extended the deadline until Friday July 19th at 11.59pm.

Based at the state-of-the-art London headquarters of The Sun, The Times, The Sunday Times, talkRADIO and talkSPORT, Virgin Radio and HarperCollins, the News Academy summer school is a free, week-long programme for 16-19 year-olds. Leading editors, journalists, producers, presenters and publishers will provide masterclasses, workshops, Q&As and more during the summer school. You will have the opportunity to:

• Learn to write news and formulate opinions
• Meet and interview journalists, editors and publishers
• Learn how to produce and shoot videos
• Create your own news or literary podcast
• Review the latest books, films, TV and music
• Pitch and market the next bestselling book

The summer school takes place from Sunday August 25th to Friday August 30th 2019. Read more about the Summer School and find the application form here.