

## Oxford Open Days '09

On 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009, fourteen pupils from our sixth form attended open days at Oxford University along with Mr Davies, Mrs King and Mrs Thomas. Even though the minibus was limited to an agonising 56mph and they were overtaken by every vehicle known to man, a jolly good time was had by all once they had actually reached the various colleges which would form their accommodation for the two days' stay!



The experience proved to be invaluable, as students toured a wide range of colleges, spoke to admissions tutors regarding the application process and attended mini tutorial sessions, where they were offered the opportunity to sample the level of academic study provided by the world-leading institution.

Importantly, pupils were also given the opportunity to explore the city and we are pleased to announce that Patrick McDowell has officially earned the title of 'Punting Legend', having steered his crew calmly on the gentle waters while others around him struggled to avoid falling



in (although, given the soaring temperatures, the river was actually rather appealing)!

In all, pupils and staff alike had a memorable time in the beautifully historic city and hopefully some of our outstanding Whitchurch students will find themselves at the Harry Potter-esque dining tables on a permanent breakfast basis next year!

By Mrs M. Thomas

