

# Year 7 Residential



There was much excitement in school recently as our Year 7 Learners set off for their residential visit to The Conway Centre. Over 100 learners took part and the vision was “To instil the Y7 **successful** transition to secondary school. Enabling the learners to develop key competencies of **critical-thinking, communication, citizenship, character and creativity**”.

We arrived on the Monday afternoon and after unpacking learners took part in their first carousel activity. Over the course of the three days learners had the opportunity to do high ropes, raft building, outdoor problem solving and a range of creative arts such as role-play, retelling ghost stories as well as performing ‘The Monster Mash’ and learning ‘The Thriller’ dance sequence in an old chapel. During the Tuesday evening learners explored the night-line which involved being blind folded and being navigated through an obstacle course to develop team work and communication skills. They watched a Halloween movie with popcorn and a particular highlight was being sat round the campfire toasting marshmallows and singing group songs. On Tuesday and Wednesday they completed their carousel activities and were treated to a Halloween Disco in the chapel. Miss Wither was fantastic at planning lots of games and activities for learners to win prizes. Mr Baxter-Smallwood performed some wonderful magic tricks for the learners.

On the final day we had a celebration event with prizes being given for different awards for learners who had most impressed in different areas and met our core competencies.

For the learners who remained in school ‘Little Mix’ support band ‘New Rules’ attended and performed a special concert as a surprise. The Year 7 learners thoroughly enjoyed this and have signed up to see them again.