



Moor House School News and Events

Year 11 visit The Central London Synagogue

11th January 2007

On 11th January, six members of year 11 went to visit the Central London Synagogue in Great Portland Street. The purpose of the visit was to fulfil the requirements for an ASDAN Silver challenge regarding interviewing a leader of the Jewish faith; and to give students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the London Underground.



After a journey that was fraught with problems (cancelled and delayed trains) we eventually arrived in Victoria. From here we made, what was for some, the first ever tube journey! After a brisk walk we arrived at the synagogue.

We were met by the chief rabbi who made us feel very welcome. He was hoping to give us a talk, but we quickly explained that he had to be interviewed by a year 11 panel! The rabbi coped admirably, and with interview over, he gave us a tour and potted history of the building. We were lucky enough to have the Ark unlocked and, to view at close quarters, the scrolls or Torah that are kept at the synagogue.



Following the synagogue we hopped back onto the tube and the students had to plan the route to 'Embankment'. From here we took the short walk (in the horizontal rain) to 'Trafalgar Square'. We admired the sights and returned for another trip on the tube planned by the students.

After purchasing their own lunch at Victoria, the students and staff returned to school to produce an illustrated report!

Thank you to the students for making the trip so enjoyable and thank you to the staff for making it possible.