

St. Thomas More Catholic School.

On Wed. 28th January as part of Peak 11, I accompanied 5 Yr. 9 boys to a Gifted and Talented activity at New Mills School Business and Enterprise College.

The boys were put into groups, 3 boys from New Mills School joined ours, and it was great to see how well they got on with each other.

Their task was to make a short film lasting up to 60 seconds. They had to create a storyboard, splitting the action down into the film shots required, integrating the foreign language dialogue, and rehearsing the action. It was interesting to observe the dynamics of the group. One of the students from New Mills emerged as the "leader", whilst one of our students took over the organisation of the storyboard, paying meticulous attention to detail.

All the participants, 50 boys approximately, from the schools in the Derbyshire area had fun and seemed to enjoy the event. The day ended with an interesting discussion on Languages and Careers by Graham Webb, Head of Langs. at Leeds Metropolitan University.

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