



Spooky Ghost Walk gives students the jitters!

Havering Sixth Form College students experienced a night of frights they will never forget when they took part in the annual Halloween Ghost Walk!

The event took in many of central London's spooky hotspots and brought alive horror and ghost stories from years gone by.

Student Liaison Officer David Beesley and his Events Team organised the walk which included mysterious tales of torture from St Paul's, ghostly goings-on at St Bart's Hospital, a red-headed ghost named Charlie from a pub in the Barbican, and the horror of a pit filled with the bodies of Bubonic Plague victims in Charter House Square.

The following is an account of the 'night of frights' by Harry Griggs, one of the students who took part:

While stalking the streets of central London in the area of the Barbican, we were greeted by the barmaid of the Suttons Arms public house. She told us of an intriguing ghost story about 'Charlie', the red headed ghost. She claimed menacingly: "I have not seen Charlie yet, but I hope to!"

As we moved on to Charter House Square, more horrors emerged. The sickening truth slowly sunk in that we were in fact standing on top of a pit filled with hundreds upon hundreds of bodies of victims who had succumbed to the Bubonic Plague. The students were not amused that they had given new meaning to 'walking on somebody's grave'!

Arriving at Christ Church Grey Friars near St Paul's Cathedral, our attention was captivated by the story of the torture of King Edward II by his wife Queen Isabella of France. What captured their imagination and disgust most was the eye-watering method of torture she had in store for him...

Then it was on to St Bart's where we heard the tragic tale of a suicidal nurse, before having the living daylight's scared out of us 20 metres down the road by bumping into a shawl-wrapped woman who seemed to appear from thin air and silently stood staring at us with piercing eyes.

Havering Sixth Form College's Ghost Walk was a huge success, scary for many and not one those involved will forget in a hurry!