



Sociology Trip to Eton

A trip to the prestigious private school where royal Princes William and Harry were educated has inspired a group of Havering Sixth Form College students in their coursework and exam writing.

The 25 A Level and GCSE Sociology students from the College in Wingletye Lane, Hornchurch, visited Eton College, Windsor, in March, in order to compare state education and public education.

Differences in tuition costs, gender and entry requirements were investigated by the group and they looked at the status of students studying at Eton compared to the status of those in state-run colleges.

Havering Sixth Form College AS Sociology student, Michaela Clark, said: "Visiting Eton was great. It was really interesting to discover that it was established with the initial intention of providing education for disadvantaged boys. It was also fascinating to learn about the school's strict value of religion and to see the old schoolhouse and classroom. I enjoyed picturing the lessons that took place there years ago."

The students also learned about the structure of a 'typical' Eton day, and were given an informative and interesting account of the history and development of the college, starting with Henry VI, to the present-day famous graduates, including the two royal princes and numerous politicians.

The students gave an overwhelming thumbs up to the trip, saying it had given them a wealth of ideas for their Sociology essay writing.