

During our Art Away Day at Canterbury College, we did amazing art activities all to do with our brand new History topic – The Maya. We got to try out new techniques and use fantastic resources and materials.



“First we arrived at Canterbury College then we went to a room where you make stuff out of clay. I made a cloud glyph (*glyphs are the Mayan writing symbols*) out of clay and using wooden clay tools. Next we made walls around the glyph to put the plaster in. When we had put the plaster into our walls we had to wait for it to set because it was very hot so when it was cooler we were allowed to take it out of the walls



After that we went to another clay room and we made clay glyphs – building up the 3D detail. We used clay materials again to make them. We carefully decorated them using the materials and it was fun.



After that we had lunch in the canteen I sat with Ethan and Oscar.

So eventually we went to another big room to make our photo drawings, we used black pens to make our drawings on transparent acetate. The acetates we drew were placed on photo-sensitive paper and a light shone on them so that transparent areas turned black and the bits with black pen stayed white. Then we went into a dark room with red lights where they were developing the artwork. We got to see the student put our work into water with really powerful chemicals that whenever you put your drawing in the chemical it would turn dark, it was really cool. “



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