

Karol Wicinski & 9 Peaks Challenge Team

The 9 Peaks Challenge is to climb the nine highest peaks in each continent in nine years. Whiteley residents Karol Wicinski has taken up the challenge and is fund raising to support the Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund and other British Military charities.

The targets set for 2013 have been achieved with the ascent of Elbrus and Mt Blanc. Karol also set up a Challenge team and dedicated website for the project.



Plans for this year include climbing Kilimanjaro (Africa) in September followed by Aconcagua in South America in early 2015.

To support Karol and his team with their fundraising check out their website 9peakschallenge.com

The Henry Cort Community College

Oceans of Opportunities at University...

On Friday 10th January, a group of Year 8 gifted and talented students from The Henry Cort Community College visited the University of Southampton as part of the 'Learn with US' Outreach programme. Enjoying a wave of opportunities, they worked collaboratively with students from Crestwood College for Business and Enterprise in Eastleigh and Mayfield School, Portsmouth.

The event was organised by Tian Barratt, Outreach Strand Leader (Science and Engineering) from the University of Southampton to raise the awareness of the options higher education has to offer.

Participating students thoroughly enjoyed the day and their comments reflected that:

"It has been fun and it has helped me understand more about university."

'I enjoyed learning about subjects we don't usually learn at secondary school.'

'I enjoyed the history because it is my favourite subject at school and it was great to look at it in more depth.'

Mr Phil Munday, Executive Principal said: *"We encourage our students to be articulate and enterprising. This superb initiative with the University of Southampton enables our students to actively engage with aspiring students from other schools and to learn from academics in a unique and stimulating way."*