

Lights, camera, education!

The students from London's Thomas Tallis school provide their perspective of the conference and what they learned on the day.

We are six GCSE Media Studies pupils at Thomas Tallis School in South East London and we were asked to make a video of the Learning Outside the Classroom Conference to show to all the delegates before they went home.

Working with a professional film crew for the day at the conference was a great opportunity for us to put what we learn in the classroom into practice. It was interesting seeing teachers out of the classroom learning about things the way we do everyday – and it was particularly nice that everyone laughed when we said that in our speech at the end, before we showed our video of the day.

It was interesting seeing the different equipment the professionals were using and good to see that some of it was the same as the equipment used in school. It made us feel like we are really studying the real thing. Some of the equipment they had we hadn't seen before, like the tape transfer decks that had a monitor to show you what you were capturing and how well the sound on it was recorded.

Everyone at the conference was really nice to us and really helpful when we asked to take their photograph or interview them. It is quite nerve-wracking interviewing people like that but good practice for us. Interviewing the Minister, Kevin Brennan MP was an experience we'll remember for a long time and lots of people gave us a lot of their time, just sitting talking to us was enjoyable and made us feel that we were respected.

It was good that everyone liked the video and we've showed it in school assembly too, where the Deaf and Hearing Centre said we should have subtitled it too which we now know for the next time.

Thank you so much for inviting us to Conference. We learnt a lot and had a great time!