

ETONBURY ACADEMY

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Warhammer World Trip

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A few months ago, the leader of our Warhammer club mentioned the possibility of a trip to Warhammer World in Nottingham and since then our band of Space Marines, Tyranids, orcs and other factions have talked of little else!

The trip was suggested and organised by Mr Lowrie, a fan of the game since his childhood, and assisted by Mrs Webster, who is a massive fan of board games and avid painter of game miniatures. We all boarded the minibus early on Friday morning with many of us bringing our Warhammer models in preparation for the prospect of a tabletop skirmish before lunch.

On reaching our destination, our first stop was the exhibition – glass cabinets full of an impressive array of Warhammer models from all of the different factions so every student got to see their particular favourite army displayed in all its fully-painted glory. With our hands and faces pushed longingly up against the glass, we admired the models displayed there. They ranged from the smaller, more affordable models, which some of our number were interested in buying at some point in the future, but also included some of the bigger, more specialist models that were somewhat larger works of art.

The exhibition included amazing dioramas of these models engaged in battles that the students knew about from the expansive lore that makes the game so immersive. Central to one of the halls was the “Necropolis” model - created using, presumably, the bones of the figures’ felled enemies and yet another room was completely devoted to a diorama of the “Battle for Angelus Prime”, which is the biggest diorama ever created by Games Workshop and features a jaw-dropping, comprehensively detailed display of over 20,000 models!

Those fiendish people at the attraction had placed four “assassin” figures somewhere in this expansive scene and challenged visitors to find them in order to win a figure to take home with them if they succeeded. Rather unsurprisingly, this kept our lot busy for quite a while!

Before lunch, Mr Lowrie had booked a few tables in the castle-themed tournament room for our group to get stuck into a game for a few hours and the tables were filled with all sorts of scenery for their armies to use as cover while fighting. Some of our number took the opportunity to browse the nearby shop– there isn't much that's more exciting to a devotee than a brand-new model to build and paint, a new paintbrush or some exclusive Warhammer world “merch” ... except, of course, lunch!

“Bugman’s” provided an area where we could take refreshment or eat our own rations after our battles in the gaming room while swapping tales of heroism and discussing which models might end up on our Christmas lists. One more look at the exhibition and it was time for our happy warriors to decamp and head on back to Etonbury, having had a brilliant day and vowing to return to Warhammer World again soon.

