



On Friday 26th September, Year 6 pupils at St Faith's took part in the launch of an exciting new initiative: **C Cubed**, a collaborative programme between **St Faith's** and **The Leys School** designed to spark intellectual curiosity, creativity, and connection across the Foundation.

Held in Ashburton Hall, the event introduced pupils to a format inspired by academic societies — a hallmark of enrichment at The Leys — and marked the beginning of a series of thought-provoking sessions that will continue throughout the year.

What is C Cubed?

C Cubed stands for **Connection, Curiosity, and Creativity**. It's a programme that encourages pupils to ask big questions, think deeply, and explore ideas in a collaborative environment. The initiative is part of a broader strategy to enrich the upper years at St Faith's supporting our current pupils in Years 6 to 8.

Exploring Big Questions

The theme of the launch event was **animals**, and pupils were invited to explore open-ended questions such as:

- *Are people and animals equally important?*
- *Are pets members of the family?*
- *Do we need animals more than they need us?*
- *Are animals better than humans?*

In small breakout groups led by Humanities staff, pupils discussed these questions and fed back in peer-led presentations. They examined topics ranging from animal intelligence and emotional awareness to ethical considerations around pet ownership and the symbolic role of



animals in culture.

A Collaborative Effort

The event was co-led by [Laura Davies, Deputy Head Academic at St Faith's](#) and **Alex Welby**, Head of Academic Scholarship at The Leys. Humanities teachers facilitated breakout discussions, encouraging pupils to listen, collaborate, and think critically. The session concluded with a plenary where pupils shared their insights and reflected on how their thinking had evolved.

Looking Ahead

C Cubed is just the beginning. Future activities will include **essay competitions** and **lunchtime talks** for pupils in Years 6 to 8, offering further opportunities to engage with challenging ideas and develop their academic voice.

St Faith's is proud to nurture inquisitive minds and foster a love of learning that goes beyond the classroom. C Cubed is a testament to our commitment to preparing pupils not just for exams, but for life.