

## College Students Pay Tribute at the Anita Roddick Memorial Service

College students; Paul Clifton, Freddie Tandy, Oliver Hughes, Anelle Padilla and Robert Peters along with SSS Manager, Geoff Davis and SSS PA Jo Dean travelled to Westminster to represent the school at Anita Roddick's Memorial Service. A great time was had by all as Paul Clifton explains...



2pm, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007, the hustle and bustle of London continues as behind the grand wooden doors of Westminster Hall, preparations are being made for the memorial service of Dame Anita Roddick.

Meanwhile, at Littlehampton station, students and staff gather to board the 14:15 service to London Victoria, sitting side by side, Anelle sitting with Robert Peters started chatting about the day's events.

Geoff Davis starts to try and look up the guest list for the evening but has no success, Jo Dean and Oliver start chatting about plans for the new academy, with Paul and Freddie adding their views...

At 16:10 we started to walk out of the station, with Geoff steaming ahead down Victoria Street, ignoring all rules for the busy London traffic! He was 'clearing the way' apparently! Paul and Ollie headed into Pizza Express for dinner with Anelle, *still* chatting to Robert following.



After a dinner we all headed down to Westminster Hall. Large crowds gathered around the large doors that opened up into a maze of staircases and led into the great hall. We all took our places and studied the huge amounts of posters, banners and leaflets we had been given.



The stage was set for a whole host of activists and other inspiring people. The group sat and listened to the many amazing things Anita had done for the world. It was incredible to hear that during the time she was helping the school with our enterprise bid, she was protesting in third world countries for women's rights.

After the service, a march took place along the river. The theme was 'I Am An Activist', a celebration of Anita's work and commitment to activism, this is hoped to become a national day in the future.

We headed back to the station at around 9.30pm and travelled back to Littlehampton, with Freddie still wearing his activist poncho! A great day was had by all.

