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HPA Newsletter



Edition #7



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Welcome to our March newsletter!

Another busy month which started with confirmation letters to the Year 6 students who have gained places with us for September. The exciting process of getting to know these new additions to our Hans Price family begins.

Miss Allchurch's enthusiasm for all things reading-related brought us this year's World Book Day. Staff costumes were our greatest effort to date and helped engage students with a world of fiction and adventure. Results are in for Year 7 and 8 that took part in new online reading tests with some strong progress. Well done!

Year 9 have been industrious; they participated in a Pathways Day trying new subjects to help finalise their GCSE options. Our talented chefs took part in the CLF Big Bake showcasing their baking talents to Mr Searle and the other judges. They also engaged well with the police, fire service and army in 'The Blunt Truth' knife crime workshops.

Year 10 spent last week on Work Experience; an invaluable chance to understand more about the world of work. Students made links between our values and expectations and how these prepare them for life beyond school. Some finished the week sure of their future career and others even gained offers of part-time employment!

Whilst younger students have demonstrated a real commitment to learning opportunities outside of the classroom, our Year 11s received their recent PPE results for their work inside. We look forward to their continued application, including Easter revision, and wish them well in this last push towards this summer's GCSEs. A great all round effort!

Mrs Collis – Assistant Principal Inclusion

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| Friday 29th March: | Good Friday - Bank Holiday |
| Monday 15th April: | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 16th April: | Term 5 Begins |
| Thursday 18th April: | Year 10 Parents Evening |
| Monday 22nd April: | Eco Week |
| Tuesday 23rd April: | Live Lunch |
| | Swim Gala |
| Thursday 25th April: | Year 9 DofE Bronze Expedition |
| | Dance Show 7pm |



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Mental Health

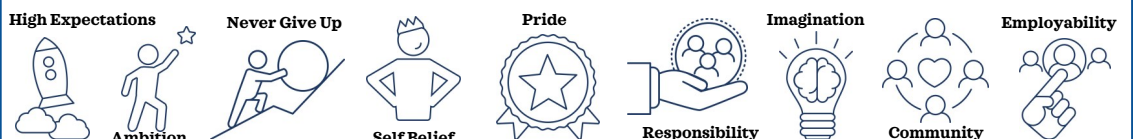


Rethink MHAWS (Mental Health Awareness Weston-Super-Mare) are a support group of parents and carers of young people who are struggling with their mental health/illnesses.

They aim to reach out to the community and raise awareness. They meet every first and third Wednesday of each month at Milton Methodist Church Hall, Milton Hill, Weston-Super-Mare - 7.30 - 9.30pm.
Telephone: 0300 5000 927



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changing lives.

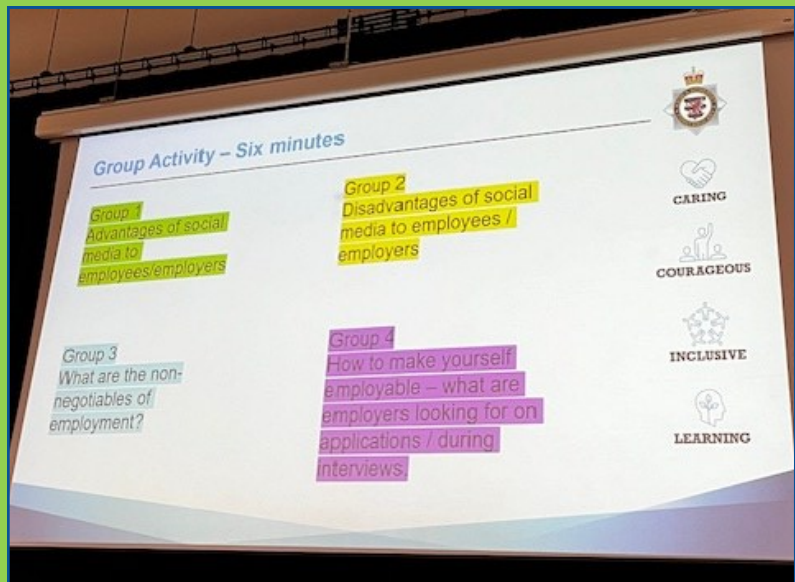


Raising Aspirations



On Wednesday 6th March, Year 9 students took a step back from their subjects to consider what they would like to do Post-16. Students engaged in a CV writing workshop, tuned in to a live seminar delivered by British Aerospace (BAE Systems) and were even visited by the police who outlined a range of job roles within the police force.

This day is one of several opportunities presented to students which supports them to make an informed decision about their option choices.



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Design & Technology

Catrin and Megan in Year 9 took part in the "CLF Big Bake competition" held at Hans Price on Friday 8th March. They competed against other students within the CLF and were challenged to decorate a cake with the CLF logo. Tony Searle was head judge, and the girls did fantastically coming joint 2nd place.



Year 10 did a fantastic job of creating Mexican bean burgers and burger buns from scratch. This is an amazing accomplishment of time management ensuring that each aspect of the dish was completed at the same time and was well presented.



Free Webinar



FREE!

WEBINAR SESSION

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COUNTY LINES

for Parents/Carers in North Somerset
as part of Knife Angel

Wednesday 8th May
5:30pm-7:00pm

Our gang and county lines parents' session consists of speakers with lived experience within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the realities and consequences of county lines, gang involvement, and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an authentic and credible understanding of this complex and cross cutting issue.

The session will help parents and carers to identify the signs and triggers that a child or young person might be involved in county lines and gain an understanding of how to appropriately respond to such indicators.

Register below:

Scan the QR code
or [click here!](#)

Meeting will be held on Zoom.



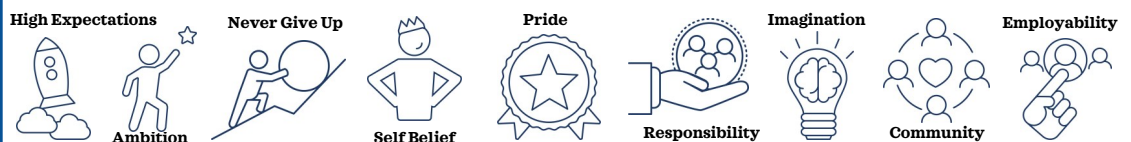
For more information:

binky.kennard@stgilestrust.org.uk

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Uniform

We value our school uniform and ask parents to ensure their child leaves home looking smart and in the correct uniform. Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name and learning family.

School blazer

White Shirt

College tie

Black tailored trousers / knee length skirt / tailored shorts

Black leather shoes

Plain black socks

A pair of small stud or sleeper earrings

A watch - No smart watches



Black jumper

Minimal make up

No false eyelashes

One ring and one small pendant

No false nails

Small silver, gold or plastic nose stud

No nose rings, septum rings or tongue piercings

No hoodies

We ask parents to note that all jewellery must be removed for PE. This includes instances where a child has recently pierced their ears/nose.

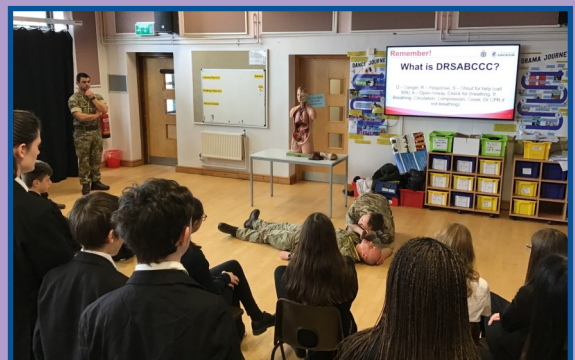
Uniform can be borrowed from the Academy but **MUST** be returned at the end of each day. Parents will be chased for non returned items, with the possibility of being charged for replacements.



The Blunt Truth

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March, Year 9 students were visited by members of North Somerset Council, Avon and Somerset Police, Avon and Somerset Fire Service and Army medics. These professionals joined forces to share a knife crime campaign called The Blunt Truth. Students were taught about the importance of reporting someone who is carrying a bladed article and what to do if they discover someone with stab wounds. Students can report any concerns anonymously using fearless.org.

The Knife Angel will be in Weston-super-Mare's town centre outside the Sovereign Centre throughout May this year. The 27 foot tall statue has been constructed by artist Alfie Bradley using seized knives from 43 police forces across the UK.



Music Show



On Thursday 14th March, students from all year groups took part in our annual Music Show. We performed to over 100 primary school students in the afternoon before our evening performance to the public. In addition to our current students, we also had some of our ex-students come back to perform and inspire.



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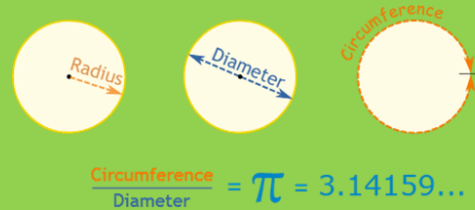
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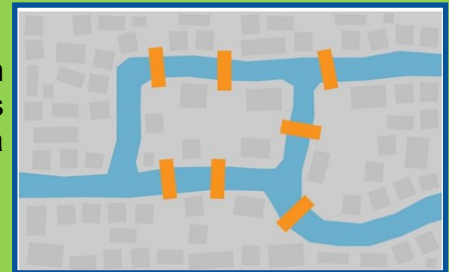
Pi Day



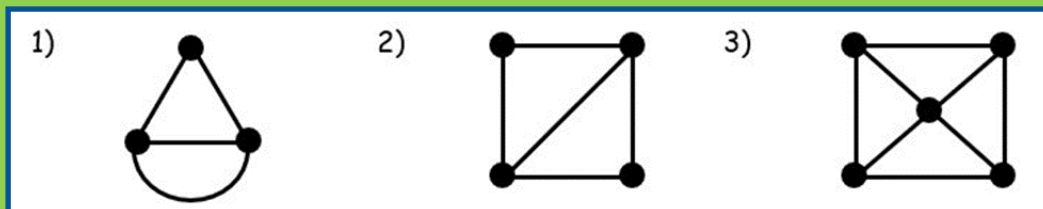
March 14th was a very special day for mathematicians all over the world and Key Stage 3 students at HPA were lucky to be able to celebrate it.

March 14th is also known as 'Pi day', as using the American way of writing, the date is 3/14. Many of you will remember that pi (π) is the result of dividing a circle's circumference by its diameter and is equal to 3.14(15926.....)

During their lesson, students tried to solve an old problem known as 'The Bridges of Königsberg'. They had to see if it was possible to cross all the bridges in the town only once using a continuous path.



Have a go yourself. Is it possible?



Students then explored how networks are useful in real life today. One well-known network is the map of the London Underground. They also learnt that the internet is one huge network and that the spread of diseases and epidemics can be modelled using networks.



The students were very positive about their lessons and really enjoyed learning something new.

The International Day of Mathematics is a project by the International Mathematical Union (IMU) and was proclaimed by UNESCO.

Football Trials



ACADEMY SENIOR PHASE AND WESTON COLLEGE TRIAL



9th April 2024 @ Weston-super-Mare AFC, The Optima Stadium 3G, BS24 9AA

Arrival Time: 9:30am

Finish Time: 2:00pm



REGISTER HERE!



wsmafc.uk/SeniorTrialApril24



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Sparx Maths



Every time a student completes a task, they earn **Sparx Experience Points (XP)**. Students reach a new Level for every 10,000 XP they earn. They then receive a certificate and a badge to wear with pride on their blazer. A record number of students have 'levelled up' this month and the number in brackets indicates the level they have achieved.



Year 7

Anthony V (2), Kelcey G-T (2), Bethany B (1), Alana F (1), Riley G (1), Amiee T (1), Elsie S-C (1), Alessia F (1), Fatoumata S (2), Will P (1), Grace P (1), Liam H (6), Maci-Rae B (1), Bella S (1), Olivia B (3), Brooke P (1), Khloe M (1), Liam C (1), Archie B (1), Payton B (4), Louise F (1), Shannon W (1), Daisy H (1), Scarlett H (1), Caitlin S (1), Ryan D (1), Shannon H (2), Nell B (1), Olivier L (1), Lianna H (1), Angel J (2), Beth N (1), Julietta S (1), Ari D (1), Jack L (1), Emma T (2), Izzy B (1), Bhama A (1), Klouise R (11), Jewel J (2), Jamie B (1), Joshua L (1), Ollie H (1), Flynn L (1), Lacey-Bowe I (1), Jacob R-L (1), Alex A (1), Monty D (1), Kaitlyn K (1), Oliver Y (1), Davids M (1), Arthur B (1), Viktor C (1), Ella-Jade G (1), Corey S (1), Ayhan A (2), Olivier N (19), William C (1), Charlie H (1), Hunter M-D (1), Kyati K (29), Paige B (1), Lyla McD (1), Tyler B (1), Jessica D (1), Elijah B (1), Alana J (1), Amelia J (1), Maksymilian C (1), Priya W (1), Travis J (1), Gracie W (1), Paige F (1), Alfie D (1), Yasmin K (1), Maisie McM (1), Jacob S (1), Phoenix O'B (1), Bradley B-S (1), Fabian Z (1), Emily W (2)

Year 8

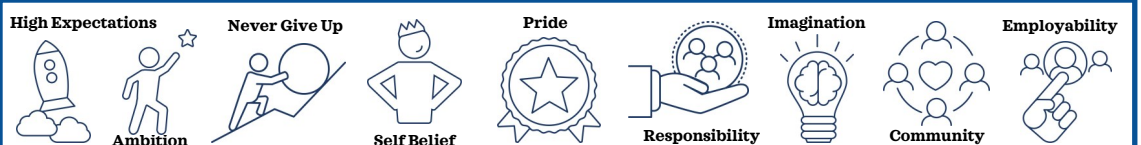
Sydney S (2), Franek K (3), Harmoni S (2), Bana H (1), Alicia S (2), Lewis P (3), Emme P (2), Kobi M (2), Edvin P (4), Adnan A (2), Gracie-Marie D (2), Ruby B (1), Tazkia I (2), Harry C (3), Amelia S (4), Julia O (4), Ryley L (2), Jayden M (1), Salvatore O (2), Ella M (3), Charlie S (3), Bailey Y (6), Louise B (2), Georgina G (4), Taelor-Rae P (1), Aimee B (3), Bella F M (3), Jacob R (3), Faaizah O (6), Eva H (3), Patryk C (3), Sebastian M (1), Rainbow D (2), Mars M (3)

Year 9

Chloe T (2), Trudy R (2), Archie H (2), Jayden S (1), Alesha F (3), Fin L (2), Frazer S (2), Albert S (2), Faith S (3), Anna Z (2), April L (2), Samson J (1), Sid B (2), Kyle R (2), Evie W (2), Heidi R (2), Chris S (1), Ava B (3), Alaina J (6), Ivan J (2), Neli Y (4), Veron C (3),

Leader board:

Name	Year	XP level
Kyati K	7	29
Olivier N	7	19
Meriam M	9	16
Klouise R	7	11
Liam H	7	6
Faaizah O	8	6
Bailey Y	8	6
Daniela A	9	6
Alaina J	9	6



Sporting Fixtures



Girls football

This month saw the Year 7-9 girls football teams play a friendly fixture against St Katherines at HPA. Both teams played really well combining some excellent passing and attacking skills. The Year 7 & 8 team won their match 2-1 whilst the Year 8/9 team lost but never gave up and played some fantastic team football.



Boys Football

The Year 7 boys football team had a term full of fixtures against various teams across North Somerset. All the boys played exceptionally well and represented the academy fantastically.



Capture the Flag

A mixed team of Year 7's took part in the inaugural CLF Capture the Flag tournament held at Kings Oak Academy in Bristol. The two teams produced some excellent plays which resulted in a record of 5 wins and 1 loss for both teams resulting in a HPA 1 and 2. Well done all.

Dodgeball

Our Year 8 Dodgeball team finished 3rd in the South West Secondary School Championships this month. Hans Price played 8 games: 3 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses. Well done team, great efforts all round.



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Keep Safe in the Easter Holidays



External Services - Student Support

School holidays are a fun time but for some of us it can bring increased anxiety or additional emotional stress. Please reach out to these external charities if you feel you would like support, advice and information. If you are feeling like you need some emotional support over the holidays, all of these charities are easy to contact.

Kooth: www.kooth.com

If you're worried about your child's mental health and wellbeing, support is available on Kooth.

Kooth is an online mental health and wellbeing service for children and young people. Here are some things to remember about Kooth:

- It's free to use.
- No bullying or discrimination can take place.
- No referral is needed to join.
- Signing up and getting started only takes a few minutes.
- No problem is too big or small.

Kooth supports young people across the UK with a range of difficulties:

- Sadness and low mood
- Anxiety
- Loneliness and isolation
- Stress
- Self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- Difficulties at school and college
- Eating difficulties and body image concerns
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Want to learn more about Kooth? [Check out their FAQs for parents and carers.](#)

How to join Kooth:

It only takes a few minutes to register online, and no formal referral is needed. Kooth only requires basic details like the area your child lives in and their month/year of birth to sign up for support.



Call for free on 0800 1111

The fastest way to reach us. Call for free on any phone and it won't show on the bill.

Send an email

Send an email from your Childline account and we'll reply within 24 hours.

Log-in for a 1-2-1 counsellor chat

Chat with a counsellor in a safe space online about whatever is worrying you.



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Support with mental health

Explore our mental health hub designed specifically for young people to learn about mental health issues and access support for your wellbeing.

Contact: www.barnardos.org.uk

Support for LGBT+ young people

We offer direct support to young people and their families, as well as building awareness and tolerance in communities to tackle discrimination.

Keeping young people safe from harm and abuse

Explore information about online safety, domestic abuse, child sexual abuse and exploitation, female genital mutilation (FGM), alcohol and substance abuse and child trafficking.

Safer Internet

Website resources to keep you safe:

Digital matters: |A free interactive learning app for KS2
www.internetmatters.org/digital-matters

My Family's Digital Toolkit: parents can create a personalized safety plan for their child
www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safety-online

Inclusive Digital Safety: Advice for families and professionals supporting students with SEND, care experience or from the LGBTQ+ community
www.internetmatters.org/inclusive-digital-safety



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Hinkley Point



On the 19th March the Year 9 South Bristol Youth cohort took a trip to Hinkley Point Nuclear Power Station, to see the developments of the site. We took a bus tour around the whole site and could see how the nuclear station is being built. The students listened to a presentation about the developments of Hinkley Point A, B and C and were then shown the careers and apprenticeships offered within the EDF company and site.

The students had a great day and represented the Academy beautifully. It was interesting to learn about the country being Net Zero and what this means for the environment in the future.

Our next trip is on the 19th April to Weston College looking at careers in construction.



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Library News



Accelerated Reader is the system we use to encourage, track and reward reading at Hans Price Academy in Years 7 and 8. When students finish a book they log into their account and take a short quiz on the book. This tracks the books they read, indicates understanding and calculates their word count.

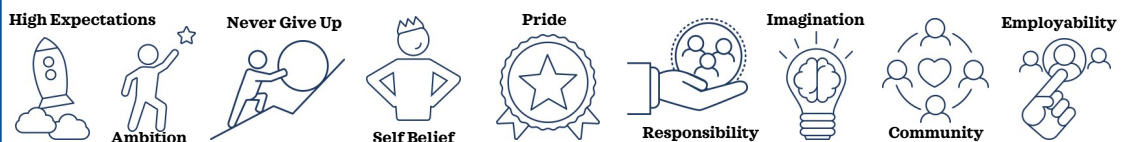
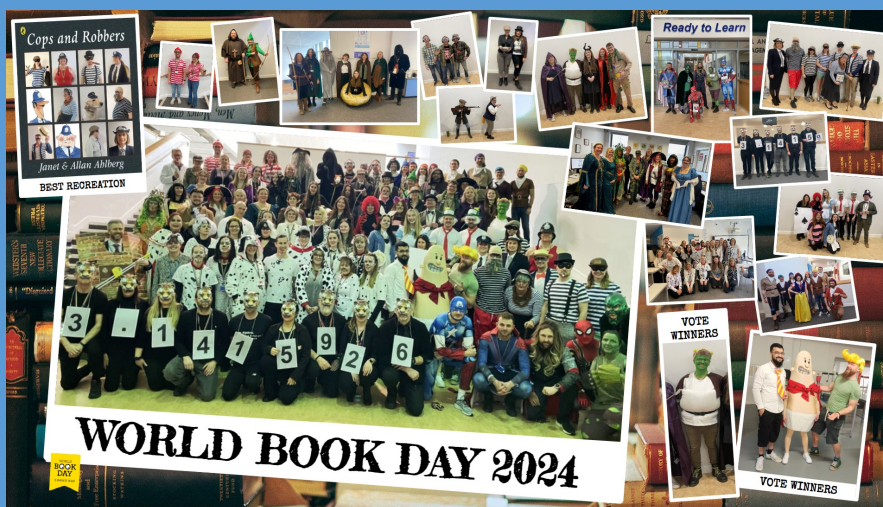


Highest Word Count (Words Read)

	College	Year	Word Count
Beth N	Mando	7	3,025,077
Joshua C	Fortis	7	2,503,618
Gracie E	Clarus	7	2,219,025
Eva H	Acer	8	1,765,739
Izzy B	Mando	7	1,452,300
Jewel J	Acer	7	1,397,460
Fay G	Acer	8	1,222,018
Julietta S	Mando	7	1,212,850
Amelia J	Fortis	7	1,175,385
Liam D	Clarus	7	1,169,640
Henry L	Fortis	7	1,169,153
Eddie H	Fortis	7	1,149,052
Monty D	Fortis	7	1,112,023
Zeb J	Fortis	7	1,112,023
Yani G	Clarus	7	1,025,863

Top Quizzers (Books Finished)

	College	Year	Quizzes Passed
Freddie B	Clarus	7	100
Gracie E	Clarus	7	49
Oliver Y	Clarus	7	48
Seth N	Mando	7	48
Ronnie R	Mando	7	47
Phoebe P	Mando	7	47
Jarvis D	Fortis	7	47
Lilly L	Mando	7	45
Louise F	Mando	7	45
Harmoni S	Clarus	8	44
Yani G	Clarus	7	43
Zeb J	Fortis	7	41
Beth N	Mando	7	40
Elliot N-H	Mando	7	39
Liam H	Mando	7	38
Joshua C	Fortis	7	37
Dauids M	Fortis	7	37



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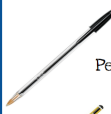







NEW BOOKS

Students are welcome to borrow books to read over the Easter break. Parents, carers and visitors are also more than welcome to help themselves to a book from the spinner in reception to browse whilst waiting or to take away and enjoy. Here are some of the new and most popular book in the LRC this term:



Stationery Shop

	Pen 5p		Ruler 10p
	Pencil 5p		Rubber 5p
	Sharpener 5p		Pencil Case 50p

Buy the items of stationery you need in the Library. You can pop in before school or at break/lunch.

The Stationery Shop is cash only.

Ask MS Allchurch for more information.






BOOK RETURNS

There are currently a large number of books which are overdue for return to the library. We do not charge fines for late books, but will ask that books are replaced if they are lost or not returned. Books need to be returned or replaced as part of the sign off for Year 11s to attend Prom.

NO LATE FINES IF BOOKS ARE RETURNED NOW!

Please check at home for any library books that need to be returned. They will have a Hans Price stamp along the side and a small white label on the spine. Library books can be dropped in the Returns Box on the library desk before or after school or at break or lunch.



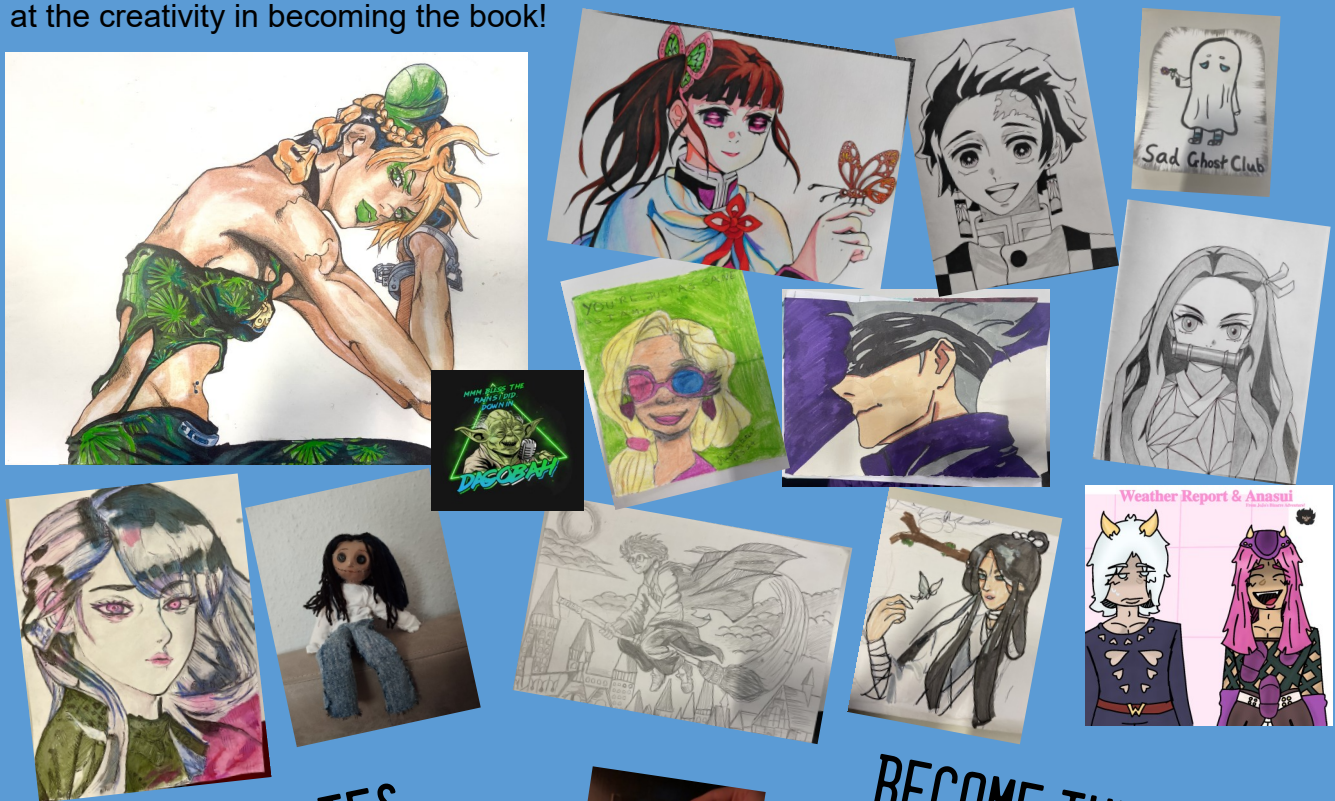
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EXPRESSIVE CUP ENTRIES

Here are just a few of the amazing entries to the three Expressive Cup competitions from the library! Can you identify the fan art, guess which stories the Haikus are describing and marvel at the creativity in becoming the book!



HAIKU STORIES

Evelyn Hugo
is seeking tranquility;
once found, it is ceased.

Hiccup is so brave
Toothless is a green dragon
He is so naughty!

Flowers roam unseen,
Blinding light reveals their scheme.
Humanity's scream.

BECOME THE BOOK



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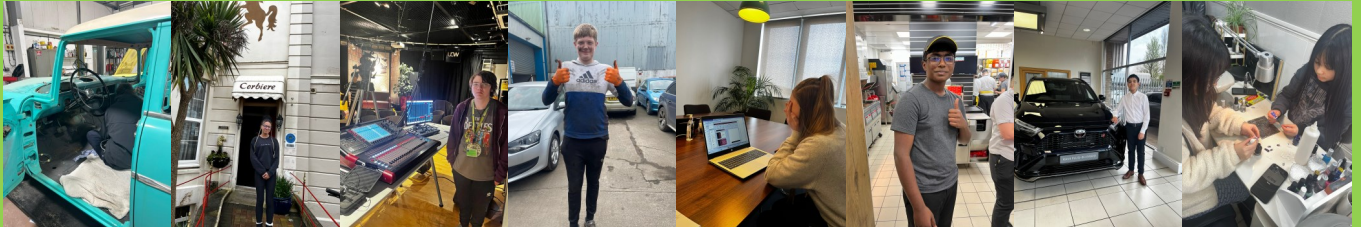
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Year 10 Work Experience



March 19th-22nd was Work Experience Week for Year 10 students. The Work Experience process started back in November with a series of SPACE lessons focused on researching and securing a Work Experience placement. This was followed by assemblies, careers meetings, letters home and newsletter articles all with the aim to secure quality Work Experience placements for all of our students. With the support of our SPACE teachers, Careers Lead, Jackie Fielding, and parents and carers, over 176 of our students managed to secure themselves Work Experience placements with almost 100 employers spread across the county and beyond. We had students working in independent businesses as well as big corporate chains in a number of different sectors, gaining a valuable insight into the world of work.

The careers team spent the week visiting students on placements and students filled in work experience logs to capture the skills and experience they gained throughout the week. The feedback from both students and employers has been overwhelmingly positive with a number offering paid part time work, training and further education opportunities or glowing references for future employment.

We will be contacting all employers to thank them for supporting our students to experience the world of work. We also wanted to thank all parents and carers for their support in securing such quality placements and helping our students to access and excel in them.

If you have links to any businesses or employers, or you yourself feel you could provide a work experience opportunity to our students next year please do not hesitate to contact Jackie Fielding, Careers Lead, by email at jackie.fielding@clf.uk or through the usual Hans Price reception number.



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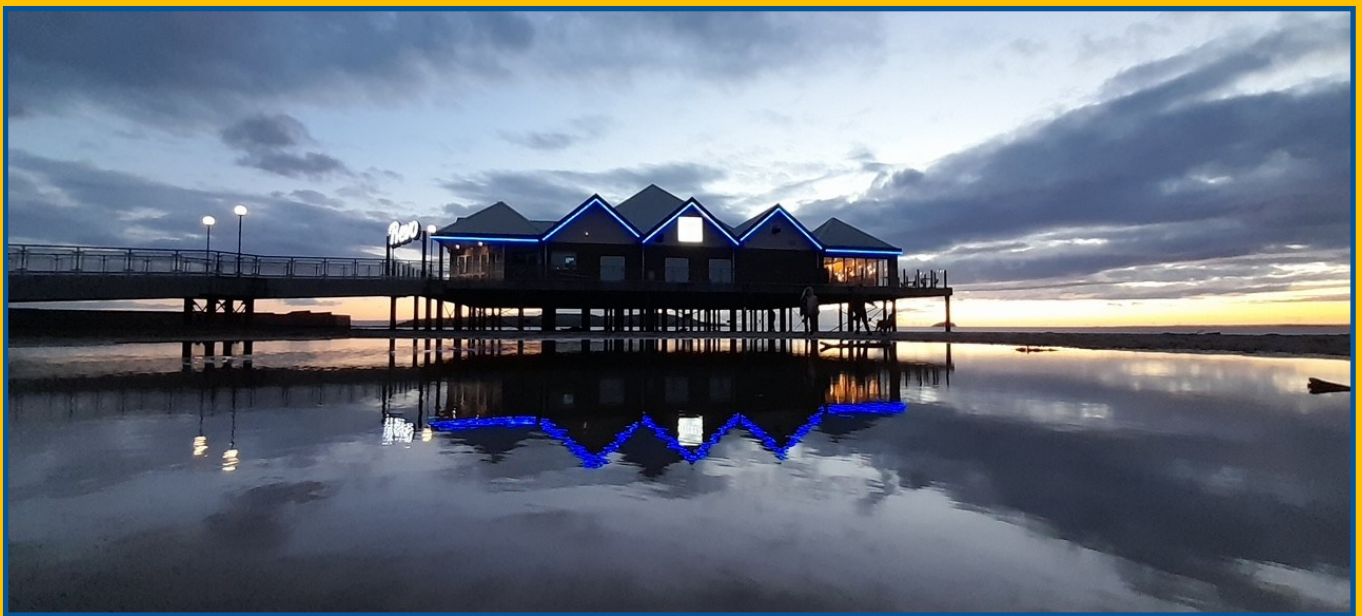
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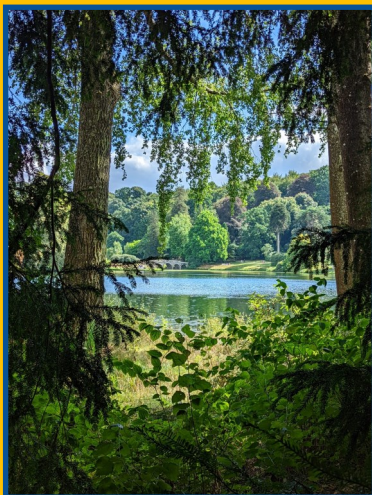
As part of the Expressive Cup I ran a photography competition entitled 'Capture the Earth'. I was blown away by the talent of our budding photographers and loved having my inbox full of beautiful pictures every morning.

With nearly 200 entries it was very difficult to decide on an overall winner. However, I chose this winning entry from Zara in Fortis for its composition, reflection in the water and representation of our town.

Mrs Bradley



Some of my other favourites are pictured below



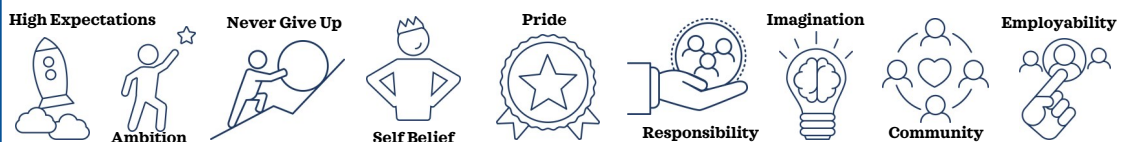
Alana—Acer



Izzy—Clarus



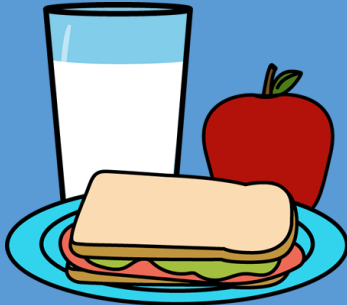
Phoebe—Mando



General Information



Lunch Accounts

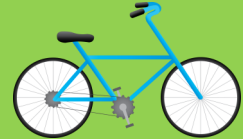


Please ensure that your child's lunch account has sufficient funds. Students are not able to go overdrawn by any amount. If there is not enough money in the account, students will be unable to buy food.
Thank you for your support.

Bikes and Scooters

We will always encourage our students to ride their bikes and scooters to school, however, these are brought onto the Academy site at parents/students own risk. We do suggest that bikes and scooters are locked in the bike sheds provided as we are unable to keep them inside the school building during the day.

Thank you for your support.



HPV Catch Up Clinics

The HPV vaccine (that protects against several types of cancer) is available for any Year 11 students (girls and boys) who have not received a dose previously. If your child has not yet received this vaccine, please book an appointment at :



<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/hpv/2023/book?v=2.0>

If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 1245515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net



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