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WELCOME

Welcome to this week's newsletter with further reminders and updates to support everyone during the lock down period.

Well done to all in terms of engagement with lessons; everyone is managing to adjust to new ways of learning and successfully completing work set. This week we asked students for feedback about their experiences working from home and received some extremely positive responses, including those students who we have been able to support with technical issues which had previously been a barrier. We have been asking students to submit work via Satchel One following all lessons to allow teachers to gauge how much work has been completed, teachers are then able to review progress to help support all students in effectively managing workload at home; something which was highlighted in the student questionnaire.

Our priority as always is to ensure that students are safe and well. Next week we launch our 'Wellbeing Initiative' which will support all students in continuing to be healthy by taking regular exercise through activities promoted within PE lessons, promote the need to plan for appropriate relaxation time and consider mindfulness and wellbeing activities. These activities will be promoted via occasional morning sessions available through Microsoft Team's, prior to the formal lesson 1 and will be outlined in Year Group Virtual Assemblies on Monday morning. We know that students across all year groups, particularly those considering potential careers pathways, are keen to be kept up to date with developments, so we have also planned some careers-based sessions and updates on current affairs. Form Tutors will be promoting these activities further and checking in on students within their groups across the weeks ahead.

We are launching a number of competitions (some included in this newsletter) which we hope many students will join in with, we look forward to sharing the outcomes with you.

In discussion with parents, one development being considered is how we can provide further opportunities for students to 'connect' outside of formal lesson times. Such a big part of school life is the social interaction between students and, despite the good connections which already exist, we are keen to reach out to all students to promote a connection with their peers. We will be speaking with staff and students about how this could be further managed and hope that examples such as mentoring by students within the 6th form will offer support. As outlined previously, our aim is to replicate as much of school life as is possible, even if managed slightly differently.

Parents will be keeping up to speed with national developments in relation to Education; we will give further feedback as soon as we know the answers to the many questions you will have from "when will schools have all students back?" or "how exactly will students examination grades be generated?"

We understand that these are challenging times for everyone, but remain tremendously proud of the approach that everyone is taking and the massive team effort being given by students, staff and parents. Please make sure that outside of school hours and particularly at weekends that all children take a break from their new school routine and manage some time outdoors where safe to do so. As always, should you have any specific concerns or urgent issues which need to be addressed, do not hesitate to contact the school for support.

Mr. Tristham

UNIFROG

Earlier this week students in Years 7-10 will have received an e-mail asking them to create an account and log-in to an [online platform called Unifrog](#). Unifrog is an online software package for students in secondary school that is a one-stop-shop for all things careers related. It allows students to explore career paths and look at entry requirements for these careers. It also has interactive activities for students to complete, which will allow them to explore their interests and discover where those interests could take them in future.



As a school, we rolled this out to Years 11 to 13 in the Autumn term to support their Post-16 and Post-18 choices; the package offers live information on Colleges, Apprenticeships and University as well as supporting them in writing their applications and personal statements, etc. Unifrog has much to offer all age groups, which is why we would like to use this software to support students with PSHE type activities at this time.

I would encourage you to support your son/daughter in logging on to Unifrog and having an explore. I will be asking them to use the platform for some short sessions in the morning tutor slot. If you have queries relating to Unifrog please contact me at tom.williams3@oldburywells.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID - SEND

If your child has a special educational need/disability, please read the following letter: [Link](#)

PARENTAL ACCESS TO SACHEL ONE

Please remember that as a parent/guardian you have the ability to see the work pupils have been set and to see whether it has been submitted. To do this you simply need to download the Satchel One app that is available in the app stores. Once this is installed you will need to contact the school giving your child's full name and form to receive a parent code that will give you full access.

The parent code can be obtained by emailing: satchel.password@oldburywells.com

REPORTING AN ABSENCE OR ILLNESS

Please do not phone the absence line as it is not being monitored. Instead, please contact Karen Sawyer on karen.sawyer@oldburywells.com.

SUBJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

HISTORY



The 27th January is Holocaust Memorial Day, and the theme for this year is 'Be the light in the darkness'. To commemorate, KS3 will be making 'Flames of Remembrance' in their lessons, which we will be virtually displaying. We would like to open this up to all students: if you would like to make a flame of remembrance which will be displayed in our newsletter and on our social media pages, follow this link to our website which has more detail: [Link](#)

PE

PE Challenges! For a little lockdown fun, PE will be setting challenges each week for you to complete and compete against one another as forms and houses. You can help your form win by completing as many as you can, or doing the longest and hardest ones. Your scores will be put on a leader board so look out in the newsletter for it! We've already started the fun with Years 10 and 11, so lower school we're rolling it out next week!



CELEBRATING DISTANCE LEARNING WORK

GEOGRAPHY

This week, 7EJW have been learning about waterfalls, and were asked to make a waterfall out of paper by following a step-by-step guide. Their outcomes look fantastic!



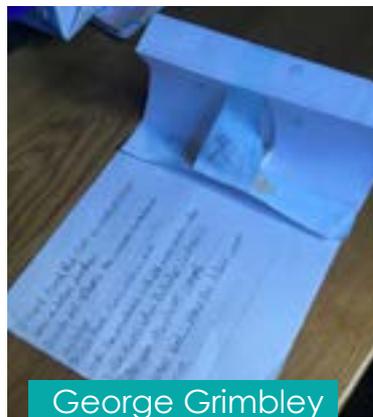
Harry Stafford



Ethan Chadha



Ethan Chadha



George Grimbley



Lola-Jo Bennet-Moses

MATHS

Each week we are setting at least one challenge for Year 11 Maths, alongside their assigned Mathswatch tasks and Live Teams lessons, So far they have completed 5 challenge questions; this week we set the following challenge question to Year 11 Set 1 with no guidance:

A farmer has a field 100m by 150m by 120m. What is the area of the field?

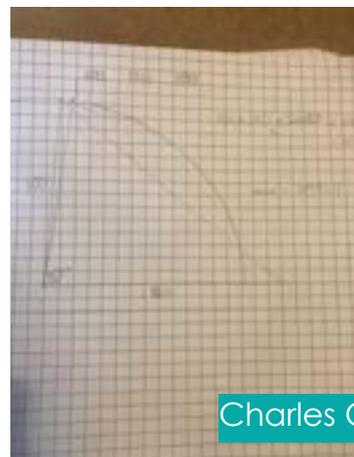
Here are three examples of three different approaches taken by successful students:

Charles Callaghan – Scale drawing and then calc area

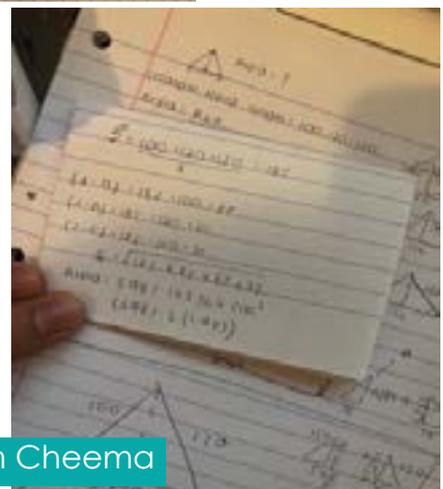
Evie Tanswell – Cosine Rule and then calc area

Samreen Cheema – Herons Rule – researched on the internet to calculate the area

Other students were also successful, and the methods and approaches shown by the class are fantastic, going above and beyond to challenge themselves – well done to Year 11 - Mr Parmar



Charles Callaghan

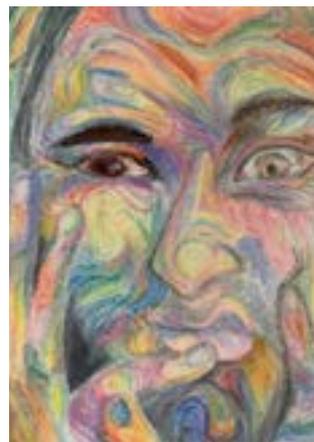
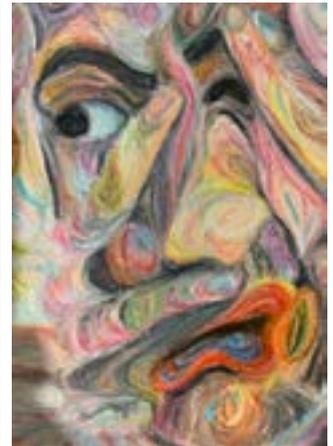


Samreen Cheema

**JANUARY ARTIST OF THE MONTH -
BETH HUGHES YR 11**

Since joining Oldbury Wells school in September 2019 I have seen a remarkable development in Beth's work. A modest and personable young woman, Beth has always been dedicated to her studies often going the extra mile to produce creative and interesting outcomes. From the beginning of the Spring term last year, Beth has made significant progress working on individual ideas and developing her knowledge, skill and understanding in her own time. As a result of her full engagement we have seen a remarkable step forward in her confidence and ability achieving almost 2 levels above her predicted target grade at GCSE. In addition it is delightful to see Beth taking an active part in group critique and discussion as well as advising other learners on their work. We are very proud of Beth's achievements.

- Mrs Moore



**JANUARY ARTIST OF THE MONTH - ELEANOR
WENHAM YR 11**

Eleanor is a dedicated student who produced an excellent coursework portfolio for the GCSE 'Monochrome' project in YR 10 showing an excellent understanding of contextual studies, use of media and techniques. She created this amazing final 'Alice in Wonderland piece' in panels using multimedia showing a superb understanding of a wide range of media. Eleanor is never afraid to push herself to experiment further, work outside her comfort zone and also attempts any challenge work set. She develops her own work to the highest level working very well as an independent learner. At the moment she is working on contextual Artist studies to inspire her theme of Nature for her second project creating some beautiful work.

- Mrs Wycherley



OWS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION LAUNCH



We are pleased to launch a new Competition for 2021. When you go out for your daily exercise, walk the dog or go for a long walk with family or a friend please why not take some photos along the way. We thought it would be nice to share the different views, landscapes and the outdoors during this period of lockdown. The competition categories are:

- **Animals and Wildlife**
- **Landscapes and Architecture**
- **The Seasons and Weather**

COMPETITION ENTRIES:

All entries should be submitted in the folder:
ART PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION ENTRIES
2021.

RULES:

- No people in the shot.
- No heavily edited or Photoshop photos please.
- They should be recent photos taken by you.
- Deadline **Friday 26th February**.

To access:

Head to portal.office.com > SharePoint > click on Oldbury Wells and then then Student Resources>Students IN->Art Photography Competition Entries 2021

PRIZES and PHOTO GALLERY:

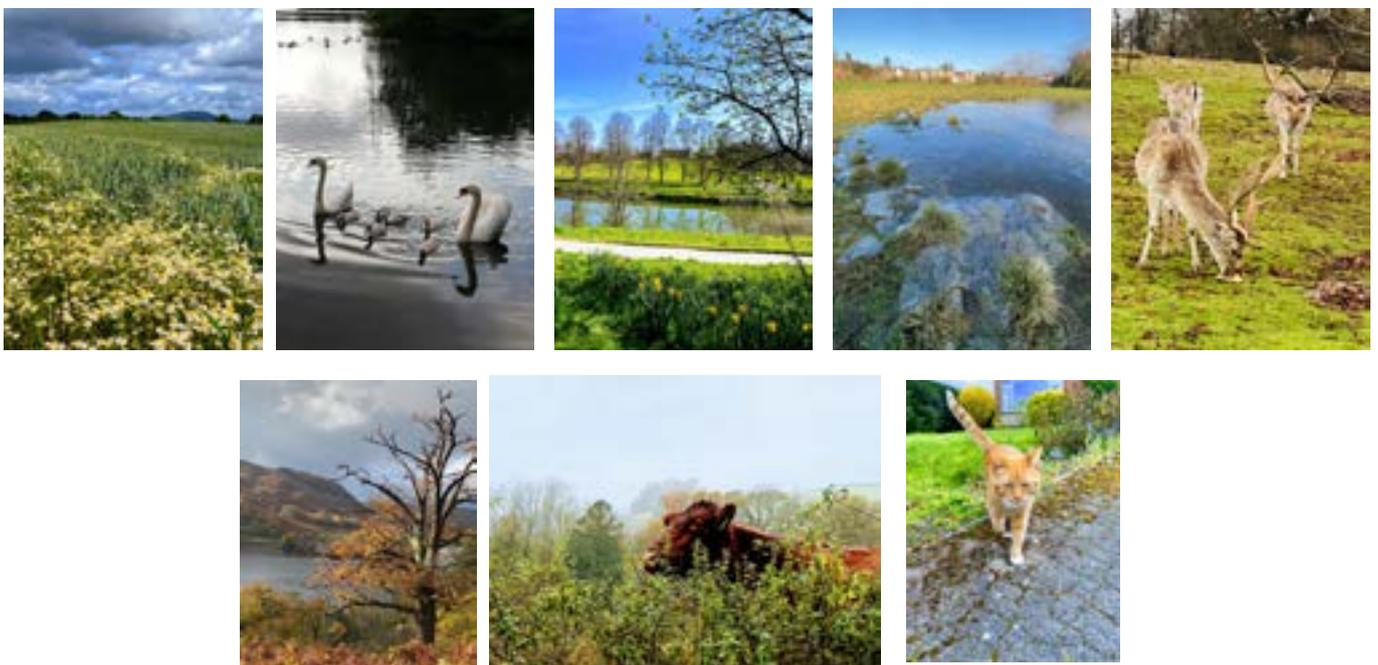
- Prizes will be awarded for each year group.
- There will be a digital Gallery of student Photos on website.
- Winners will also be celebrated in the weekly Newsletter, on Twitter and Facebook.
- Staff are also invited to submit photos to be featured on our platforms, however are not part of the competition.

Your submission **MUST** have the file name as your **name and your form**. (We won't have time to find out who submitted the photo if you have not saved it as your name and form.)

Please save as a PNG or JPEG.

Make sure you put it in the right year group folder.

Good luck all!



WELLBEING



THE WELLBEING INITIATIVE LAUNCH!

We said at the start of lockdown that we wanted your home learning experience to be as similar as possible as being in school - we know that learning at home has its challenges, which is why we are launching our 'Wellbeing Initiative' starting on Monday, a great way for you to kickstart your day. On Monday you will check in with your form Tutor. From Tuesday to Friday, we will set an **optional** task on SatchelOne for you to complete between 8:45 and 9:00am should you wish to. Each day, the activity will vary as set out below:

Monday - Wellbeing check in with form tutor

Tuesday - Read and Relax

Wednesday - Mindfulness & Wellbeing

Thursday - Careers

Friday - Current Affairs

Each day there could be an activity, a video to watch, reading, a competition, or some key themes to think about the world around us. We hope that over the next few weeks you'll join us in these to get engaged, ready and inspired for the day, and have some fun along the way.

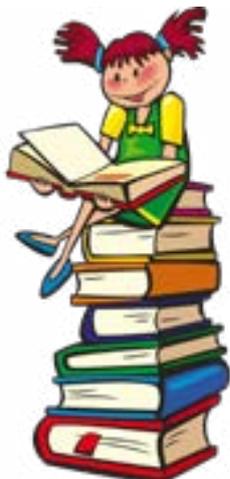


CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Running from the 1st to the 7th February, Children's Mental Health week aims to support pupils, especially during current times. The Oak National Academy, alongside Place2Be and BAFTA Kids are running an assembly at 9am on Monday 1st Feb with the theme 'Express Yourself'. Celebs are getting involved too, with Blue Peter's Lindsey Russell and CBBC's Rhys Stevenson. You can access the assembly and more information here: [Link](#)



OAK NATIONAL ACADEMY VIRTUAL SCHOOL LIBRARY



Partnered with the National Literacy Trust, The Oak Academy has set up a virtual library, where each week you can access free books, and hear from popular authors and illustrators - perfect for some inspiration for that Tuesday reading activity! This week's author is Jaqueline Wilson, author of Tracy Beaker. Their virtual library aims to improve children's wellbeing through reading, and provide a service that due to Covid, has been hard to provide. You can access the library here: [Link](#)

JUST FOR FUN...QUIZ!!

General

1. The star sign of Gemini is represented by a pair of what?
2. What do you call the tall, decorated wooden pillars carved by native Americans?
3. What type of boat is steered by a gondolier?
4. What colour are the taxis in New York city?
5. All metals are magnetic. Yes or No?
6. What is a male elephant called?
7. In which city would you find the shop Harrods?
8. How many weeks in the year are there?
9. What relation is Prince Charles to Prince Phillip?
10. What type of fish is Bruce in the film 'Finding Nemo'?

Movies

1. What is the favourite food of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles?
2. Abu in the Disney movie, Aladdin, is which animal?
3. In Phantom of the Opera, when a sword fight occurs in the cemetery, where does Raoul get hurt?
4. Name the Disney movie which features a little girl having five distinct emotions – Sadness, Joy, Disgust, Fear, and Anger?
5. What kind of animal is Sid in Ice Age?
6. Who plays the lead character in Mean Girls?
7. Which part of his body did Charlie Chaplin insure?
8. Who was the first character to speak in Star Wars?
9. What is Mia's full name in Anne Hathaway's movie The Princess Diaries?
10. In the movie What A Girl Wants, what is the job of Daphne's father?

History

1. What was the 1st country to use postcards?
2. Where did the great fire of London begin in 1666?
3. Which rock band formed in 1994 takes its name from a term used by the Allies in the Second World War to describe various UFOs?
4. What was the name of the German Leader in World War 2?
5. What type of flower is worn on Remembrance Sunday?
6. Who was the president of America before Barack Obama?
7. What year was the battle of Hastings?

8. True or False, the Spitfire is a form of tank used in World War 2?
9. How many wives did King Henry have?
10. What type of materials were the very first castles made from? Was it a) wood b) iron or c) plastic?

Science

1. How many teeth should an adult have including their wisdom teeth?
2. What is the name of the organ that we use to breathe in oxygen?
3. What is the name of the organ that pumps blood around the body?
4. What are the five human senses?
5. Which two parts of the body continue to grow for your entire life?
6. What makes up 80% of our brains?
7. In the adult human body, what is longer - the small intestine or the large intestine?
8. Where is the smallest bone in your body?
9. Where is the largest bone in your body?
10. What do eyelashes protect us from?

Geography

1. What planet is nearest to the Earth?
2. What is the name of the active volcano in Sicily?
3. What are the two longest rivers in the world?
4. In which country would you find the pyramids?
5. Did the Stone Age happen before the Bronze Age?
6. Is the South Pole warmer than the North Pole?
7. In which State of America would you find Las Vegas?
8. What does the Richter scale measure?
9. Which country is the second biggest in the world?
10. Does the Earth revolve around the Sun or does the Sun revolve around the Earth?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Remember, to see the quiz answers on a Monday, follow our Facebook page:

Facebook: Oldbury Wells School

Round one

1. Tiger
2. Eight OR Two
3. Yes
4. A pride
5. Kids
6. Dog
7. Fat
8. Bat
9. Cat
10. Three-toed sloth

Round two

11. Russia
12. London
13. Holland
14. Italy
15. Paris, France
16. Sahara
17. River Nile
18. Madrid
19. The Himalayas
20. Africa

Round three

21. Venus
22. Humerus
23. Filament
24. Refraction
25. Issac
26. The Milky Way galaxy
27. Charles Darwin
28. Plants
29. A star
30. Mars

Round four

31. True
32. The Triassic Period
33. Herbivore
34. T-Rex
35. Palaeontology
36. True
37. Blue Whale
38. Jurassic Park
39. Dippy
40. Triceratops

Round five

41. Lily and James Potter
42. Olaf
43. Sherwood
44. Hedgehog
45. Bear
46. Meerkat
47. Dopey
48. Aslan
49. Captain Hook
50. Roasted fox