



# Oldbury Wells Journal

February 2022



This half term marks the halfway point of the academic year and provides opportunity for students and staff across the school to step back and review the exceptional progress that has been made since our return in September. COVID has remained a challenge for us all, and despite a peak in student cases since January, along with a higher amount of positive staff cases, we have now seen a significant reduction with minimal cases in school. My thanks go to all students, their families and staff who yet again have worked hard together to ensure that any absence from school has been managed effectively.

In assemblies this week, I have been speaking to students about using the opportunity over the break to reflect on those things which have been going well, and what they need to focus on to make yet further progress within school. Our students show tremendous responsibility within their learning and I know how hard they are all working to move forward within their studies, especially those in Years 11 & 13 in preparation for their final examinations.

We have many things to look forward to in the second part of the academic year with opportunities across all areas coming back online. Mrs Dangerfield is looking at potential music concerts within school; many more students have re-engaged with sporting activities, there are a range of trips and activities which are planned to take learning outside of the classroom, together with staff in school in a situation where there is greater 'normality' within lessons. We look forward to all students continuing to show positive levels of commitment in all they do.

Can I use the opportunity to wish all students, their families, and colleagues across the school a restful half term; we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 28th February.

Mr L Tristham

# UPDATES

## Safer Internet Day

### 'All fun and games'

Safer Internet Day was Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, and there was lots going on in school to raise awareness of online safety. Students were set a quiz to complete on SatchelOne, and every score of 100% meant achievement points, contributing to the overall house point totals.

Mrs Dunning also set a competition via Satchel One to design a game concept! The closing date was today, and we look forwards to announcing the winners after half term.

In assemblies and form time, students covered material about being kind online, communicating with others properly, respect and behaviour in gaming and not revealing personal information, as well as how to block and report users.

As parents, it's now really easy to access help guides and resources about the online world.

Due to an amazing not-for-profit campaign led by students, the government is funding free period products for learners in school who have periods (menstruate). You can read more about the campaign here at Free Periods: <https://www.freeperiods.org/>

In summary, the Free Periods campaign aims to end the stigmas faced surrounding periods, as well as highlighting the financial pressures that period products can place on families. During COVID-19, 30% of girls struggled to access period products.

In many countries and societies across the world, young girls miss out on education due to period poverty and being unable to access vital products. The work of 'Free Periods' aims to reduce the stigma and promote equality.

No one should have to struggle through their period or face the prospect of not being able to purchase products.

Mrs Farrington signed our school up to the scheme, and ordered a range of products including pads,

[Our National Online Safety subscription gives parents a login](#), and has a wide range of material about social media apps, games, definitions, parental control settings and more.

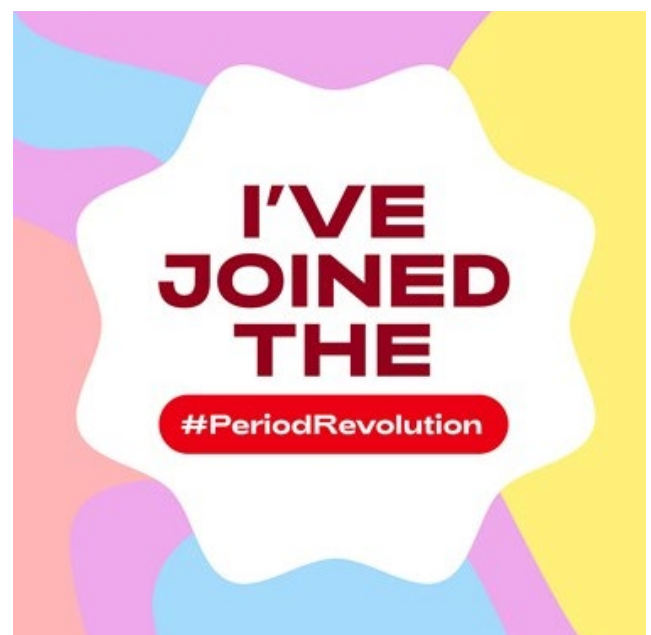


As part of Safer Internet Day, they also delve into deeper issues such as appearance, social media influencers, gaining friends and followers, and gaining likes. Just login and register to access the range.

## Free Period Products in School

### #periodrevolution

tampons, and reusable products. The products have had a huge uptake, and sparked many new conversations about periods which was really positive to see. She hopes that we can continue the scheme each month, allowing our students regular access to products.



## Twisted Tales entrants selected for publication

### Competition

Five students' work has been selected for publication by Twisted Tales competition.

Before Christmas, some of our students entered the Young Writers Twisted Tales competition - a national contest to write a 100 word short saga from the perspective of a villain.

We are delighted to announce that five of our students have been selected for publication! Each of them received a certificate of merit to commend their work, as well as bookmark.

From Year 7 we would like to congratulate Nancy Fowler, Max Ward and Isabella Davies, from Year 8 we congratulate Eleanor Drinkwater, and from Year 9 well done to Maisie Rollings.

Each of their short stories was unique and gripping in their own way. Nancy's explored themes of love and loss, whilst Max's depicted a lonely protagonist. Izzy's was themed around a Christmas villain, Eleanor's was about a villain who was trying

to be bad but couldn't, and Maisie's followed themes of horror and mystery. Their pieces were descriptive, imaginative, and fulfilled the brief given by Young Writers.

We are immensely proud of what our students have achieved - the book is due to be published later this year. Thank you to Miss Silverstone for organising entries. Watch this space as the next competition is already in the pipeline!



## House Points

### Castle take the lead!

And the results are in for the running house totals, Castle is taking the lead at the minute, closely followed by Northgate. Remember, you can help your house gain more points by taking part in Interhouse competitions, and gaining achievement points in school for good effort, classwork, attendance, and behaviour.



18,698



18,584



18,041



17,881

## Clubs

### Warhammer Painting Club






Every Wednesday afterschool in W28, Mrs Fisher runs a Warhammer painting club! The models and paints are all kindly provided free of charge by The Board Room board game Cafe in Bridgnorth!

Our students have been loving the club so far, and you can see some of the models they've painted.

## Maths

### Times Tables Rockstars

For NSPCC number day, we launched another KS3 Interhouse on TT Rockstars! 90,676 questions were answered correctly, and the house results are as follows:

-  1st - Friary
-  2nd - Castle
-  3rd - Westgate
-  4th - Northgate

Well done to everyone who took part!

## English Interhouse

### Extreme Read!!!

You can read, anything, any where, any time! We hope you're ready to get creative, because the English department are launching an interhouse competition of Extreme Read!!

Grab your favourite book, head to an interesting place\*, and get reading! Make sure someone is there to take a photo, as every interesting photo we receive could earn house points and contribute towards your house winning\*\*!

In the past, we've had some really good ones - reading from the cockpit of a helicopter at RAF Cosford, reading in a bowling alley, at the zoo, on a pretty walk...there are so many possibilities!

Please email all photos to either Mrs Griffiths or Mrs Wild, or print off and hand in a physical copy of your photo to East reception after half term.

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- [jo.wild@oldburywells.com](mailto:jo.wild@oldburywells.com)
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**You must include your full name, your house, and your form group. I.e. John Smith, Castle, 7ABC.**

\*please make sure you are safe and careful when choosing a sensible location

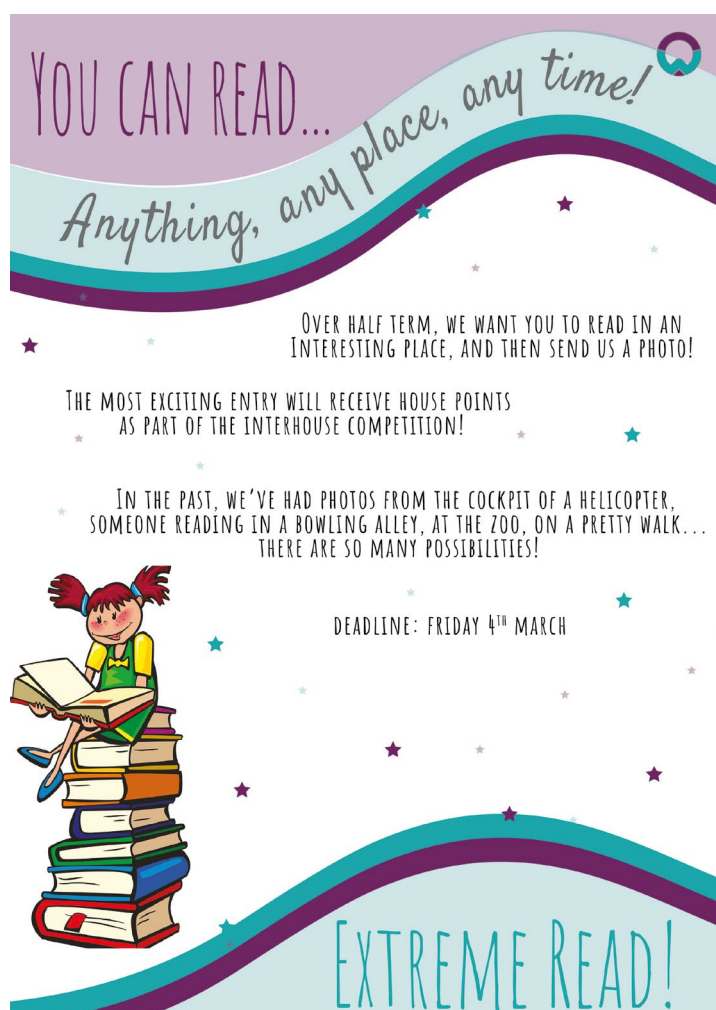
\*\*any photos submitted may feature on our social media/website/newsletter so please ensure anyone appearing in them consents to this

## English

### World Book Day

World Book Day is the 3rd March, and the theme this year is 'You are a reader'! We are celebrating by doing 10 minutes of reading in each lesson. This might be a teacher reading to the class or students reading their own book.

On Thursday 3rd March, could every student bring their own reading book into school, in preparation for each lesson! - The English Department



YOU CAN READ...  
Anything, any place, any time!

OVER HALF TERM, WE WANT YOU TO READ IN AN INTERESTING PLACE, AND THEN SEND US A PHOTO!

THE MOST EXCITING ENTRY WILL RECEIVE HOUSE POINTS AS PART OF THE INTERHOUSE COMPETITION!

IN THE PAST, WE'VE HAD PHOTOS FROM THE COCKPIT OF A HELICOPTER, SOMEONE READING IN A BOWLING ALLEY, AT THE ZOO, ON A PRETTY WALK... THERE ARE SO MANY POSSIBILITIES!

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

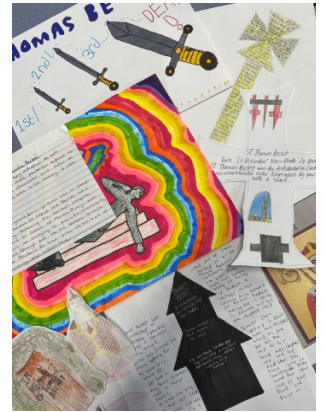
EXTREME READ!

## History

### Middle Ages Work

Year 7 students as part of their enquiry into the Middle Ages have been studying the murder of Thomas Becket this half term.

The History department have seen some incredible memorial designs completed as home learning. Well done to all and the photo includes a selection from 7SF.



## History

### Holocaust Memorial Day 2022

This years theme was 'Light the Darkness' and we asked students and families to light candles.

The 27th Jan was Holocaust Memorial Day - marking the date when Auschwitz was liberated by Russian soldiers. This year marked the 77th anniversary. Holocaust memorial day is used to commemorate all those that were killed during the Holocaust, to learn more about the past and to create a safer future.

You can read more about it on the PowerPoint: [Holocaust Memorial Day Powerpoint](#)

If you follow us on Facebook (Oldbury wells school) you would have seen our request for students and families to safely light a candle at 8pm on the 27th to reflect and remember those who were murdered for who they were, and to stand against hatred and prejudice today. In the powerpoint, you will see a collection of the photos that were taken and sent to us, as well as a selection below.



## Music

### Spotlight On - Instrumental Success

Our students continue to gain success in instrumental and vocal examinations. These students all receive their tuition at OWS during the school week. Congratulations to them and we look forward to adding to this 'hall of fame' next term.

#### **Saxophone (Tutor Karen Kirkland)**

Lily Hickman -Grade 2 -Merit

#### **Singing (Tutor Bev Wightman)**

Neave Beddow -Grade 3 -Distinction

#### **Cello (Tutor Jane Magee)**

Nancy Fowler -Grade 3-Merit

#### **Guitar (Tutor Andrew Jones)**

Morgan Rodgers - Grade 1 Rock Guitar  
-Distinction

Dylan Williams - Grade 1 Rock Guitar -Distinction



Recruitment for instrumental tuition since September has been great, with lots of interest in particular from Year 7, many of whom have now started to learn to play an instrument. There are spaces still available to learn a range of instruments and it is never too late for this to happen.

**IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO START LEARNING TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT PLEASE TELL MISS DANGERFIELD AND WE CAN ORGANISE THIS FOR YOU.**

### 'Encore' OWS Vocal Group



After a brief few weeks without meeting, in response to the government guidelines of mask wearing in schools, we are going to return to rehearsals on Thursday 10th March. I look forward to seeing all regular members of Encore again and it will be the ideal time for anyone new to come along if you want to come and enjoy having an opportunity to sing.

We meet on Thursdays after school, 3.15-4pm and the opportunity to join Encore is extended to anyone at all with an enjoyment of singing from across all year groups. There is no audition and no pressure to sing solo. Just come and enjoy singing pop and musical theatre, as a group.

Live music and singing together is so good for our mental health and making us feel great.

Miss Dangerfield  
Head of Music

# Art

## Year 7 Art Competition

**ARCHITECTURE PROJECT:** At the moment 7SF with Mrs Wycherley are creating imaginative skylines inspired by their work on buildings and the artist and architect Hundertwasser.

As part of this project, we set a competition as a challenge to take some interesting photos of local views, buildings, famous local landmarks, local village or town, farms and tourist spots.

Well done to the year 7's who have taken part.

The first set of results are in for 7SF:

### 7SF RESULTS:

Overall prize winner Frankie Wright: For her creative and well composed photography of Bridgnorth. A superb effort. You can see her work below.

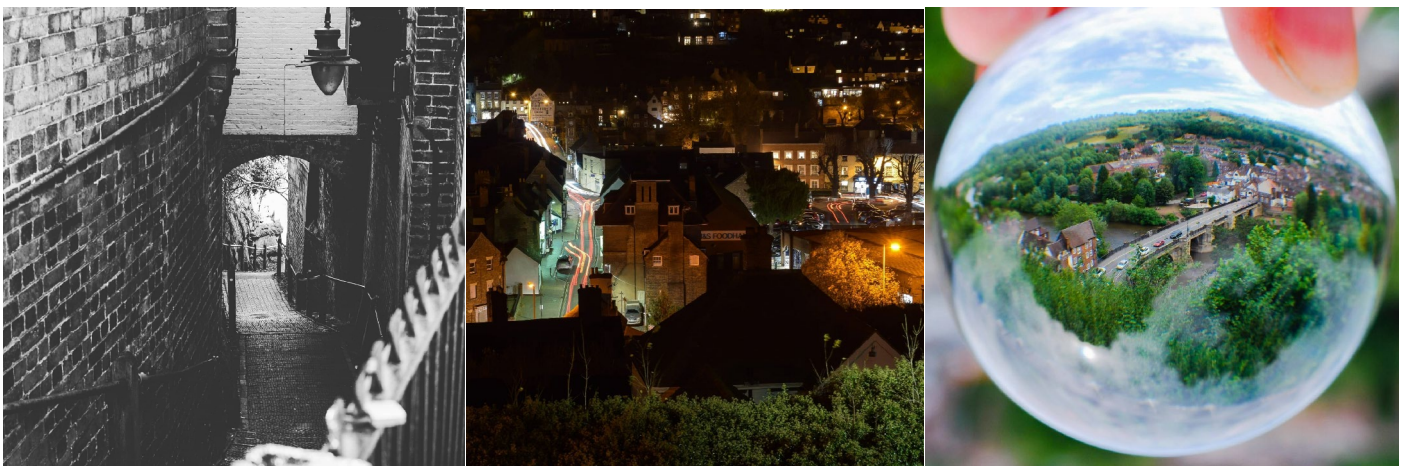
Runners up and commendations were also awarded to Ava Thomas and Henry Fairburn Arnell. Winners from the other forms will be announced and prizes awarded after half term.



Ava Thomas



Henry Fairburn-Arnell

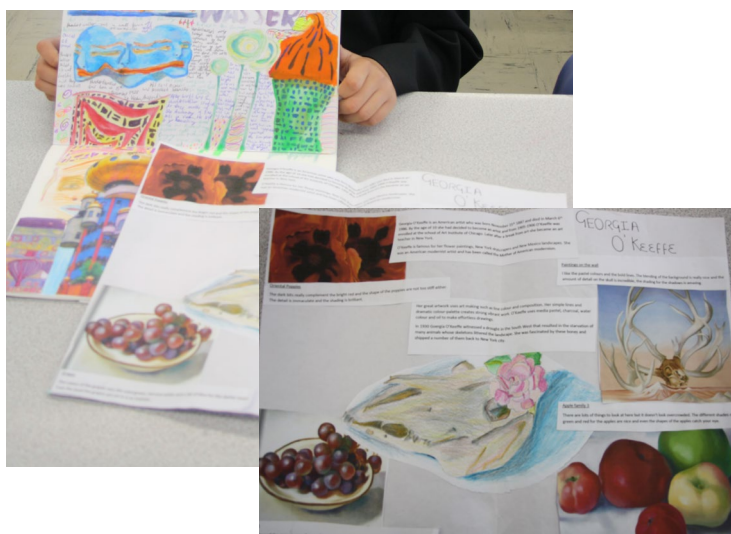


Winner: Frankie Wright

## Artist of the month Year 7 - Ava Thomas

This is awarded to Ava Thomas for her superb Hundertwasser work for the Architecture project and an outstanding artist study for the Still life unit. You can see some examples of her work below.

Well done - Mrs Wycherley and Mrs Laurie.

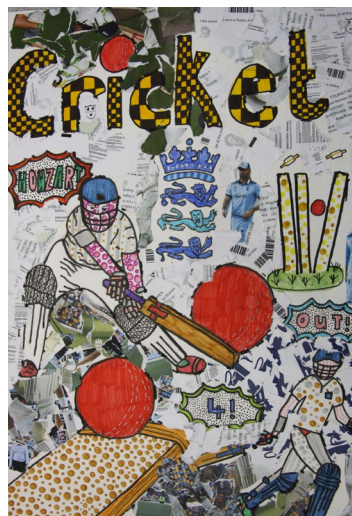


## Artist of the month Year 8 - Amy Connelly

The year 8 award goes to Amy Connelly for her superb Pop Art final piece inspired by her theme of Cricket.

She used multi media including collage and great use of Roy Lichtenstein's Benday Dots to create her design.

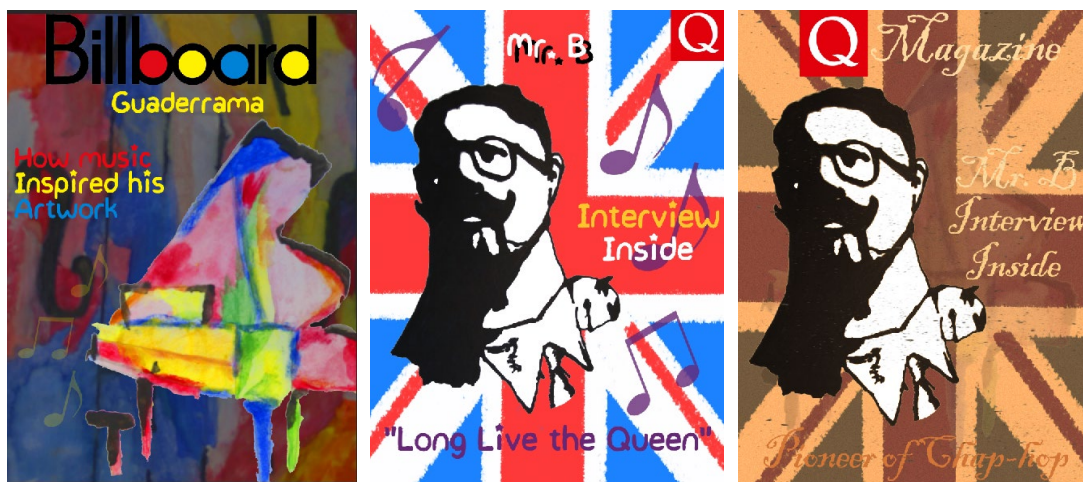
Well done Amy a fantastic effort. - Mrs Wycherley



## Artist of the month Year 9 - Rowan Powell

The Artist of the month for year 9 is Rowan Powell who has made good progress in Art in recent months. At the moment the group are developing Photoshop designs for magazine covers using their own Artwork as a basis for creative design ideas.

Here are some of Rowan's initial digital ideas. Well done Rowan - Mrs Wycherley



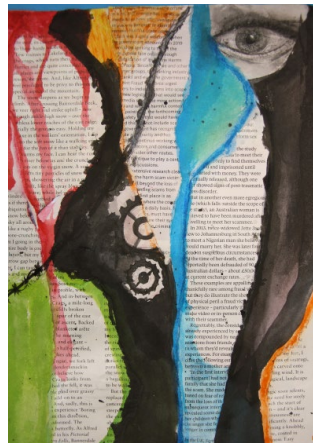
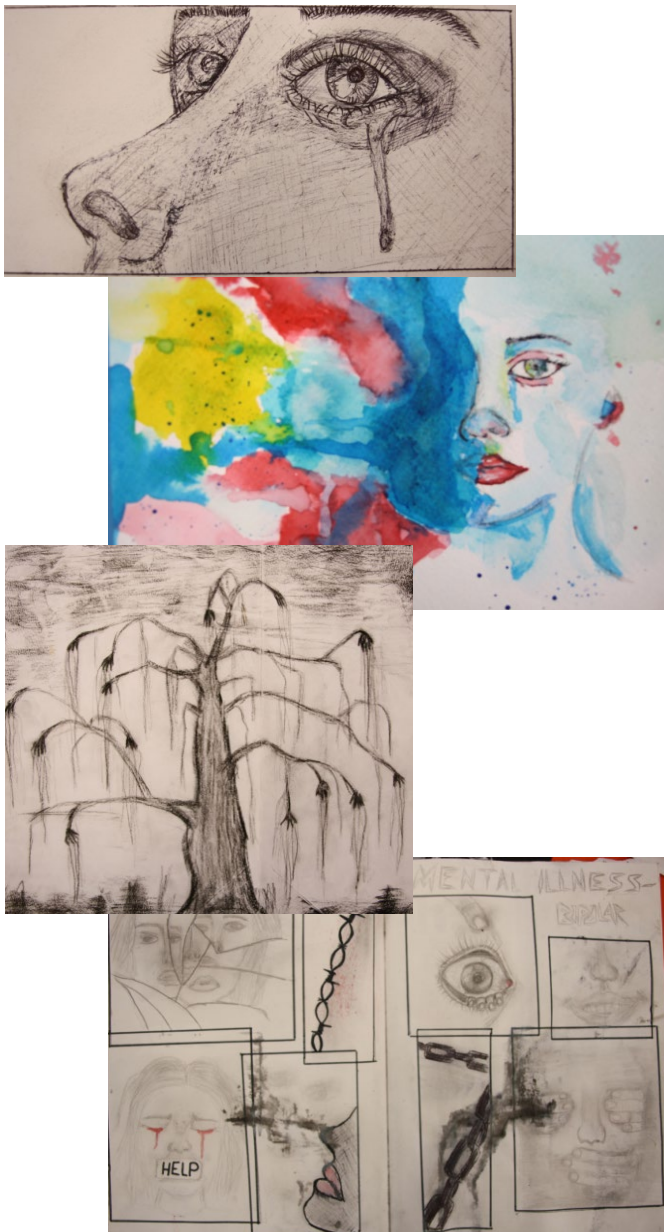


## Artist of the month Year 10 Romy O'Toole

Romy is currently working on her year 10 Monochrome project. She has produced a selection of work that shows a skilful use of a variety of media including Acrylics, Inks, Fine Liner, Oil Pastel and charcoal.

Her favourite media to use is Inks and she enjoys exploring the variety of effects you can create when combining them with mixed media. She has studied Shawn Coss, Francisco Goya and Sylvia Plath, and has been influenced when producing her own work by Shawn Coss in particular.

Romy works consistently well - quietly getting on with her work and completing all tasks that are set for her. I have been so impressed by her work ethic and the development of her skills has been fantastic. Well done - Mrs Laurie.



## Artist of the month Year 11 - Kieran Jones

Year 11 have been working on more challenging use of media experimenting with inks and the use of directional line techniques creating some brilliant work.

Kieran has made great progress with his 'Batman and Joker' project and has just completed this amazing study using the inks and associated techniques superbly.

Well done Kieran fantastic work. - Mrs Wycherley



## National Schools Biathlon Championships

Callum Blower has once again earned himself a place in this year's National Schools Biathlon Championships due to take place at the University of Bath on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March. Callum took part in the qualifying event in the first week back after Christmas at William Brookes School against other competitors from around the Midlands.

At the same time other qualifying events were also taking place around the country to identify the top performers to go through to the finals in March. Callum competed in the 100m swim and 1600m run on the day, with his times earning him points towards his qualification total.

Callum finished the contest with 1999 points, which earned him the ranking of 28<sup>th</sup> in the country out of 72 participants in his age group going into the national finals. We wish Callum the best of luck going into the championships in Bath next month.

events, which is amazing considering he had only recently returned from illness. Elliott has got one more opportunity to improve his times next month to be in with a chance to get into West Midlands championships.

Good luck Elliott and well done!

Mr Farish

## Cross Country Superstars!

On a cold and wet Saturday morning in February, 2 very committed cross country runners took to the field of the Oswestry School to participate in the Annual County School Cross Country meet.

Both boys put in a fantastic performance with Year 7 Iuean Shaughnessy putting in a great time of 16m 16s for his 3km race and Year 8 Jack Stockton coming 9<sup>th</sup> in his Y8-9 boys' race, which is exceptional as he was competing against boys a year older than him!

The conditions were horrific so really well done to both boys who took part!

## Swim Success!

One of our Y9 boys has been working hard in the pool of late and turning out some great performances!

Elliott Pabla recently qualified to swim in the Shropshire County Championships over three weekends in January. He came 5<sup>th</sup> overall for his 50m freestyle, 7<sup>th</sup> for 50m backstroke and came 4<sup>th</sup> for the 100m events. Elliott received PBs in all events and was only a second off regional times in some

In Bridgnorth Sixth Form we have been welcoming our prospective students in for interviews. It has been good to meet with them and learn more about their interests and what their future goals are. We wish them all the best of luck with their preparation for exams and are always here if they have any questions. We also are still accepting applications, so if you are in Year 11 and still haven't got anything in place for next September, contact us and we can discuss options.

Many of our Year 13s are beginning to have offers in from Universities following their UCAS applications. Once again our students are pursuing a diverse range of courses at many different institutions.

Year 12 are planning work experience placements for the summer term which will take place in person this year rather than being restricted to virtual placements. They are also beginning to seriously consider their future destinations post sixth form. We are lucky to be welcoming admissions tutors, Universities and employers into school as well as going on trips to the Careers and UCAS Events to support with these decisions.

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# NOTICEBOARD





**YEAR 7 ART CLUB**  
**THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES**  
**1:40-2:00 PM**  
**W24**

SPIN ART  
 PENCIL ART  
 PENCIL SHARPENING PICTURES  
 PAINTING STICKS  
 BOTTLE TOP ART  
 STRING PAINTING

## School Shop

If your child needs to purchase equipment for use in class, you can use this order form to order supplies from the school: [Access Form](#)

Once you have completed the order form, your order will be processed and any monies will be added to your ParentPay account. When payment is received any items will be passed on to form tutors to hand out.

<p><b>The Complete Pencil Case</b></p>  <p>£13.00</p> <p>A clear pencil case, 2 black pens, 2 blue pens, 2 green pens, compass, pencil &amp; sharpener, ruler, protractor, eraser, pencil crayons, highlighter, glue stick, scientific calculator.</p>	<p><b>The Essential Pencil Case</b></p>  <p>£2.40</p> <p>A clear pencil case, 2 black pens, 2 blue pens, 2 green pens, compass, pencil &amp; sharpener, ruler, protractor, eraser, pencil crayons, highlighter, glue stick.</p>	<p><b>The Refill</b></p>  <p>£1.00</p> <p>The basic equipment to refill a pencil case including: 2 black pens, 2 blue pens, 2 green pens, pencil &amp; sharpener, ruler, eraser, highlighter and glue stick.</p>
<p><b>The Grab &amp; Go</b></p>  <p>50p</p> <p>The basic equipment needed for most lessons: 2 blue pens, 2 black pens, 2 green pens, 2 pencils, eraser and ruler.</p>	<p><b>Maths Equipment</b></p>  <p>£10.15</p> <p>Casio FX-83GT X Scientific Calculator</p>	<p><b>Creative Kit</b></p>  <p>£10.50</p> <p>Pencil Crayons (water soluble), fine liner, 2b pencil, water colour set, brush, pencil sharpener and eraser.</p>

## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2022

**Starts** - Wednesday, 5 January 2022

**Half-term** - Monday, 21 – Friday 25 February 2022 inclusive

**Ends** - Thursday, 7 April 2022

### Summer Term 2022

**Starts** - Monday, 25 April 2022

(Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May 2022)

**Half-term** - Monday, 30 May - Friday, 3 June 2022 inclusive




**Ends** - Friday, 22 July 2022

## Equipment Reminder

- Black pens
- Green Pens
- Red Pens
- HB Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Spanish/French Dictionary
- Highlighter pens
- Pritt Stick
- Colouring Pencils
- Compass
- Protractor
- Earphones

Can we remind all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school.

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