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AMAZING STUDENTS



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Mrs Matharu

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in what can only be described as both a challenging term and rewarding term. It was a pleasure to see students in school and learning again. Our students have responded to the new systems and procedures in a mature manner. As the COVID situation continues to evolve we will endeavour to continue and ensure the students' learning is not disrupted.

We have had two cases of COVID 19 this half term; with cases rising nationally we may have more next half term. As a school we are strongly encouraging and recommending students wear masks in corridors and communal areas. Spare masks are available in school. If your child develops symptoms it is crucial that the following advice is followed.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19?

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

If anyone else in your household develops symptoms, then the whole household should isolate as per the guidance.

Admissions

A reminder that year 6 into 7 applications need to be made by 31st October 2020.

Training Day

The school will be closed to students on Monday 2nd November for staff training.

Uniform

As the weather turns colder, I would like to remind you that hoodies are not to be worn and students need to have an outdoor coat. Students must wear their blazers on days when they do not have PE, a number of students have been arriving at school without their blazers and just wearing a black sweatshirt or jumper. Students should not be wearing sweatshirts with logos on them and they should be plain black.

Year 10 Parents Evening

We have been investigating different possible formats for parents evening and have decided to use a program whereby we can hold face-to-face meetings with you virtually. In order to ensure this is working correctly, we have moved the Year 10 Parents Evening to Tuesday November 17th.

Target Grades

End of year target grades are now on Go4Schools. If you have any questions regarding these, please speak to your child's classroom teacher in the first instance.

Exams

There will be a small number of internal and external students taking exams in November. These students will be following social distancing rules. We wish these students all the best in their exams.

Mock exams

Mock exams for subjects will take place for Years 11, 12 and 13 will take place next term. Exams will start on Monday 16th November and a timetable will be sent out in due course. Alongside the timetable, we will detail what the exams will be and how much of the overall course these would contribute to. We are of the understanding that Exams will go ahead as planned and these Mock exams will help us identify areas that we need to address to support our students.

Summer Exams

The Government has recently extended the exam period by a further three weeks, exams should be going ahead as normal. It is vital that holidays are not booked during this period. The date of the last exam is 2nd July. The results days have also changed and will now be:
24th August for A Levels
27th August for GCSE's

And finally

I hope you all have a relaxing break and I look forward to the students returning on Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

Sharan Matharu
Headteacher



Deanshanger Scarecrow Trail

Celebrating 20 years of the Village Feast

In celebration of the Deanshanger Feast's 20 year anniversary, as sadly the event can't go ahead this year, Deanshanger residents prepared a scarecrow for a scarecrow trail held on 10th October. Year 7 students Alice Umney, Isla Roberts, Olivia Burrows, Grace Puddifoot, Louis Roberts and Jess Claridge worked hard with Mrs Kavanagh, Mr Pearce and Mr Jones to build an EWS scarecrow in just 2 lunch times.





Mrs Acre's star of the month



I am so pleased with Haiden Keech (year 10), Dylan Rice's (year 9) effort, contribution in lessons and how they motivate themselves independently to complete work, also the completion of homework on time. This is why they achieve Mrs Acres star of the month for September 2020



Every poppy counts

This Poppy Appeal, The Royal British Legion want to ensure that everyone can still get their poppy, so they've developed an A4 poster of the iconic Remembrance Poppy. Download from their website, print, and display in your front window to show your support for our Armed Forces community

rbl.org.uk/donate

Don't have access to a printer? Draw your own poppy and tag them in a photo on social media.



European Day of Languages 26 September

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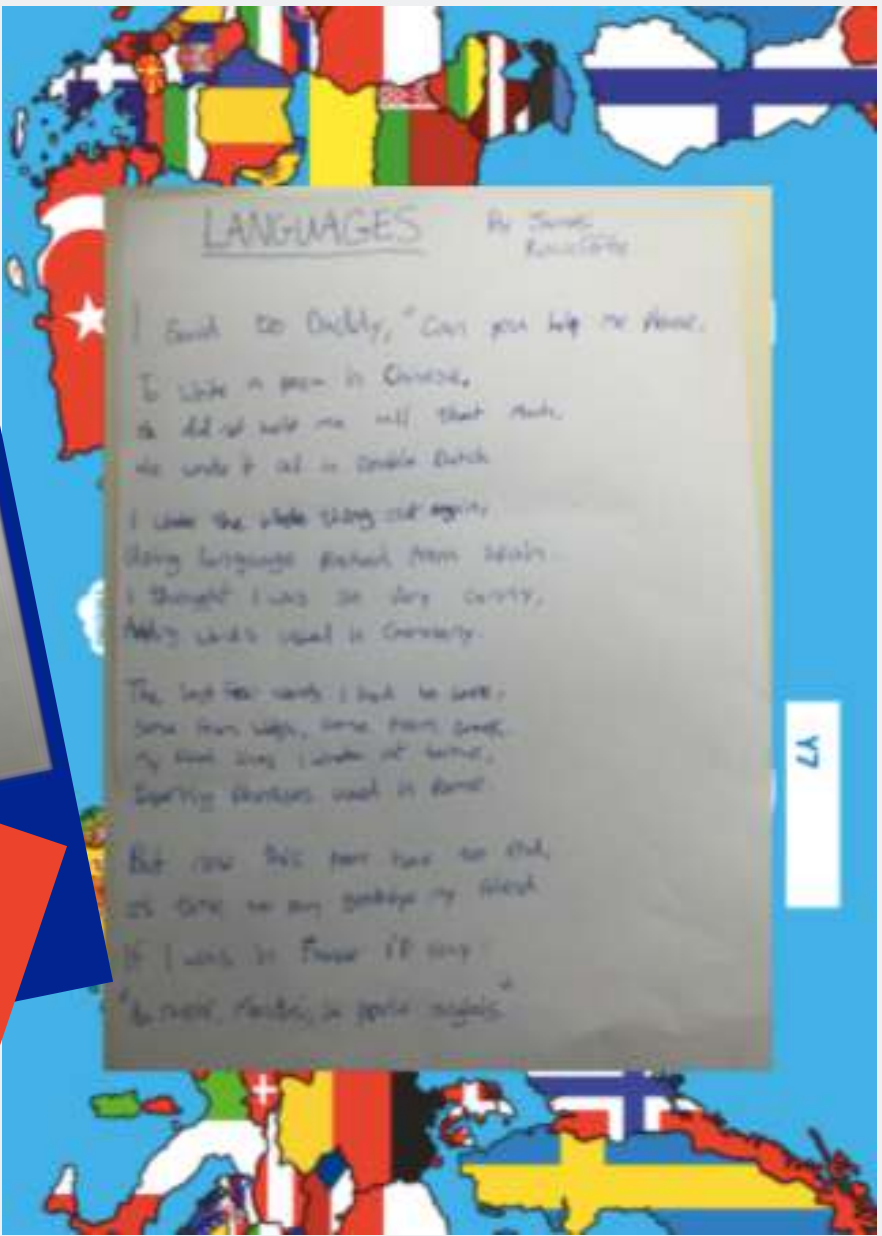
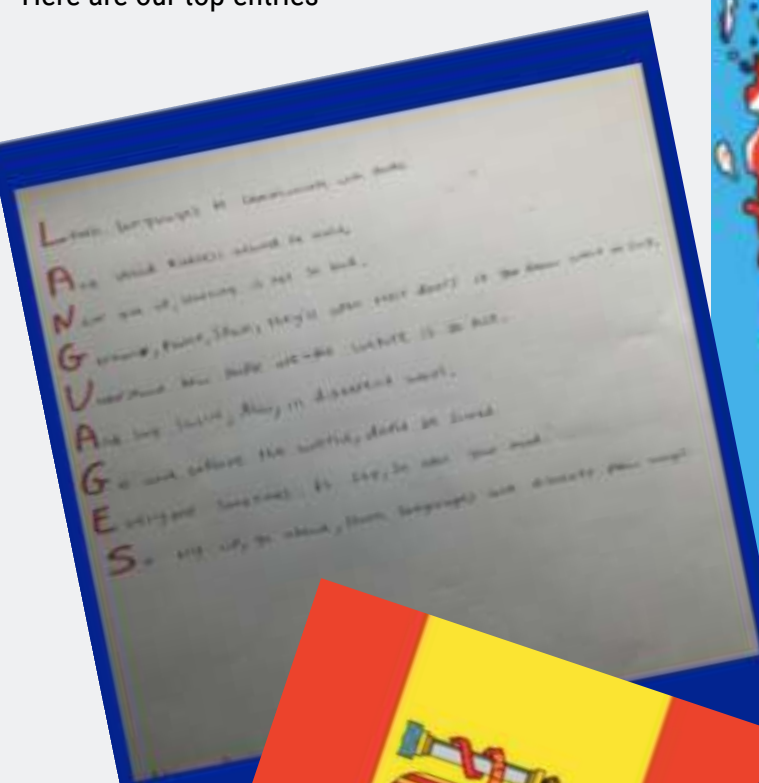
COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE



To celebrate the 2020 European Day of Languages on 26th September, the MFL department launched a poetry competition for years 7 and 8. The MFL staff would like to thank all the students who took part. We received some fantastic entries and were very impressed by the students' creativity and imagination.

Well done to you all!

Here are our top entries



Above: James R, Y7
Left top: Adrian P, Y7
Left bottom: Alfi C, Y7



European Day of Languages 26 September



Luke A, Y8

LANGUAGES ARE A LIFESKILL
— An Acrostic Poem by Luke A.

My favourite lesson is **L**e sport
But **I**gnorar thatt
At school we learn **F**rançais
As well as **E**spañol
They are important **S**ujets
So, you know how to do more than just ordering a
Kebab on holiday!!!
Join the **I**ntelligente people
And work hard to become a **L**inguistica expert!
Los idiomas son una habilidad para la vida!

Olivia N, Y7

Exploring Europe is what I'd like to do,
Under us is France, the French language is what I learn,
Right now, I wish I was in Greece, my favorite European holiday destination,
Over to the right is the Netherlands, a place I'd like to go,
Planes fill the skies all over Europe,
England is the country I'm proud to live in

By Olivia Hewitts year 7

Matthew S, Y7

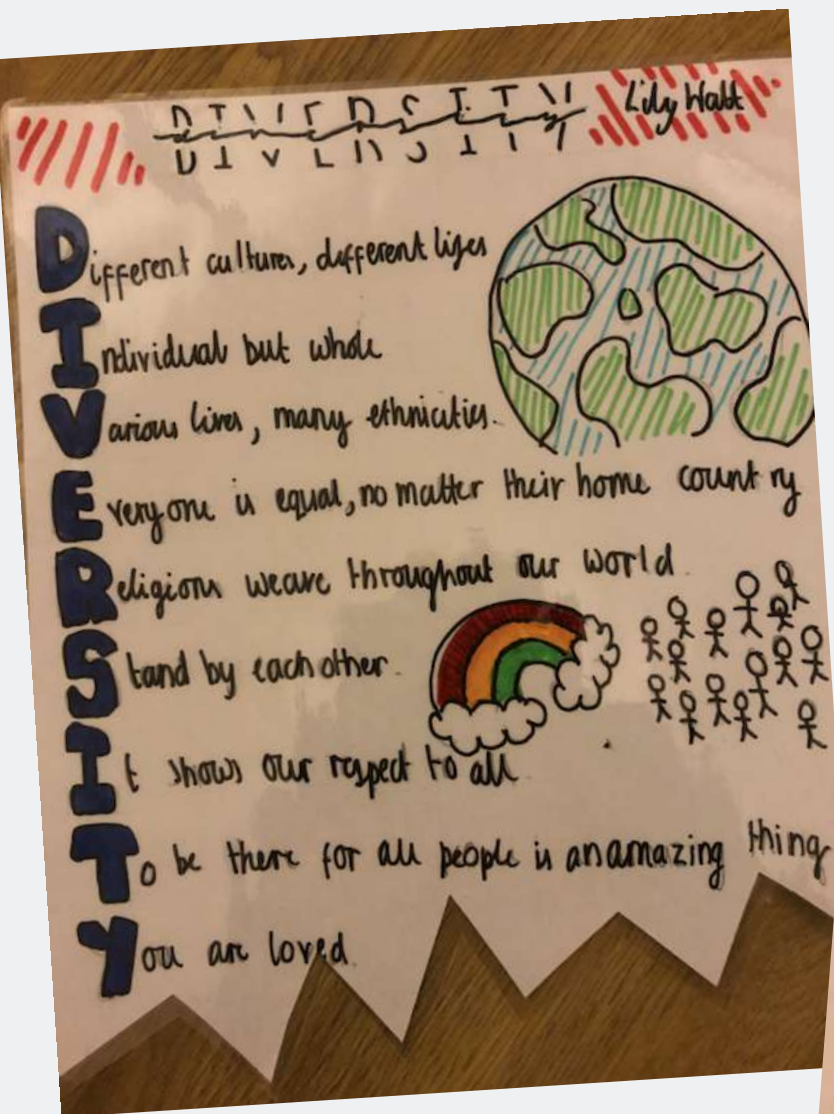
2020 EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Listening to other people's language
And understanding who they are
Normally means that you are
Giving a good impression to them, and
Usually means that you
Are
Going to gain
Education and friendship

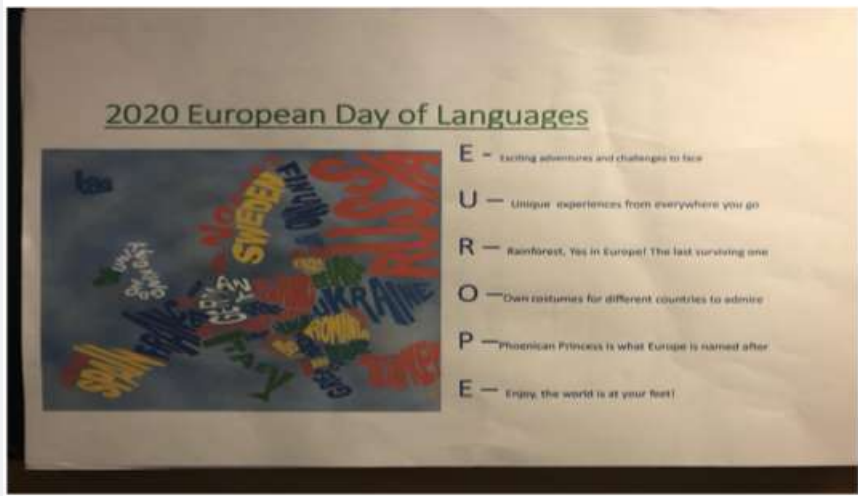


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Eddie W, Y7





Sixth Form Virtual Open Evenings

North Campus (Roade): 24th November
South Campus (Deanshanger): 26th November

Take a virtual tour and meet with the Sixth Form Team

Further information to follow

MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS

We were approached by Medical Detection Dogs, based in Milton Keynes, if they could use our Sports Hall to assist with the second part of the training for COVID 19 Dogs.

We were happy to accommodate this and on Wednesday 21st October a few volunteers, dog handlers and a couple of dogs spent the afternoon at our south site in Deanshanger. More information can be found at:

<https://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk/covid-19-detection-dogs/meet-the-dogs/>





The Halloween & Bonfire Night edition

CREEP SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN!

This Halloween and Bonfire Night will be a little different this year for families across Northamptonshire as we come to terms with celebrating the season alongside Covid-19 restrictions.

We want to discourage people from having bonfires and fireworks at home, but we know that some may still do this, so this edition shares some of the main tips for trying to keep as safe as possible.

GIVE CANDLES A BREAK & MAKE THEM FAKE!

Candle use results in quite a few call-outs for Northants firefighters. Last year we were called to 13 incidents and six of these involved people suffering burns and/or smoke inhalation.

Please consider using artificial candles instead, to help create that cosy glow.



National School Leaver and National Apprenticeship Show

Virtual National School + College Leaver Show – 1 December 2020
& Virtual National Apprenticeship Show – 2 December 2020

Firstly, it is hugely disappointing for us that we are currently unable to run any of our 'live' National Apprenticeship Shows or National School + College Leaver Shows due to COVID-19.

I am however, pleased to announce that we are running these as Virtual events on 1,2 December 2020.

Over 80 organisations are taking part in these events and visitors can have live one-to-one conversations with exhibitors over video/audio calls as well as a live chat box. Visitors will be able to download brochures, view images/videos and click links for further information on exhibitors.

The National School + College Leaver Show covers all opportunities for school and college leavers with a heavy focus on Higher Education and the National Apprenticeship Show is everything apprenticeships!

To participate, individuals need to register at nas.vfairs.com and/or nscl.vfairs.com and click on the register tab, they will then receive further instructions on how to join the event when it goes live on either 1 or 2 December.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by email simon@nationalapprenticeshipshow.org

Year 13 Higher Education Personal Statement workshop

From The University of Sunderland

Usually at this time of year students are making choices and beginning to write their personal statements. To support with this, the University of Sunderland are offering a FREE Personal Statement clinic.

This online event has been designed to support students with their personal statement. Over three weeks they will be provided with resources and tips to help start writing their personal statement.

The event is designed to be flexible so students can access resources in their own time. Students can also chat online to current students and staff, providing them with the opportunity to ask questions and gain useful tips and advice. In week 3 students can arrange a 1:1 meeting with a member of their friendly and knowledgeable team. They will spend up to 30 minutes providing feedback and tips for their personal statement and UCAS.

WEEK 1- Monday 2 November, Tuesday 3 November, 2pm - 5pm

WEEK 2- Monday 9 November, Tuesday 10 November, 2pm-5pm

WEEK 3- Monday 16 November, Tuesday 17 November, 2pm-5pm

To register interest for this event simply [email the Student Recruitment team](#) and they will be in touch. There is also a Virtual Tour on the website, where you can have a look at all the facilities available on both campuses, accommodation, social spaces, student support and much more!



A lengthy challenge!

Thea challenged herself to run the equivalent length of the county for charity.

Thea Oakey got her running shoes on recently to raise money for Baby Basics Northampton, a charity that her mum works for. She completed 56 miles over the 6 weeks summer holiday, come rain or shine! She even attracted the attention of the local media; The Chronicle and Echo online and BBC Radio Northampton!

We are all so proud of her, a huge congratulations. You can read more about Thea's incredible journey here:

<https://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/people/teen-running-fanatic-cover-equivalent-distance-whole-county-northampton-charity-2955465>



Bang, crackle...BURN!

We would advise against using fireworks at home but, for those planning displays, there are safety tips to remember

Tips for firework use

- Always follow the instructions that come with fireworks.
- Keep children a safe distance from fireworks.
- Children aged 5 and under should NOT be allowed to handle sparklers.
- Older children should wear gloves if handling a sparkler & be closely supervised.
- Only buy fireworks from reputable dealers.
- Fireworks should carry a CE mark.
- Light at arm's length, with a taper.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit.
- Keep pets indoors – It can be a frightening time for them.
- Keep a bucket of water/hose handy!

Respect your fireworks

Fireworks are fun, but they are definitely not toys. Never throw or play with them.

- You can't buy fireworks if you're under 18.
- It's against the law for fireworks to be set off between 11pm and 7am, except for Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight. On New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, the cut off is 1am
- The law says you must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places
- You can be fined up to £5,000 and imprisoned for up to 6 months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90.

For more about the law, see: www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law

CAREFUL WITH COSTUMES!

Dressing up in spooky costumes is something that won't be cancelled this year. But, whether you are dressing as a vicious vampire or a wicked witch, remember that costumes can catch fire and cause burns

The two most important things to remember are:

1.



Children should be kept well away from any candles or matches. Use artificial candles.

2.



STOP!



DROP!



ROLL!

If the worst does happen and the clothing of either you or a friend catches fire, remember the phrase '**STOP, DROP and ROLL**'.



NEW ONLINE LIBRARY CATALOGUE

All students can now access our full library online by following these simple steps.

- Go to ewsacademy.org.uk
- Go to Students, then click on the library tab.
- Scroll down a little and click on the picture.
- This will open up the 'Reading Cloud'.

You can search for books without logging in but if you login you are able to create reading lists, book reviews and reserve books.

Teachers will also be able to create reading lists for students to extend their learning. Login details for all students are as follows:

- Username: school email address.
- Password: Your D.O.B. ddmmyyyy



TOP READER COMPETITION

We would also like to launch our student initiated competition. Students who read and review books will be entered into the 'Top Reader' Competition. Each time the student reads a book it is logged and the one with the most (read and reviewed) at the end of each term will win a prize. Review forms are available in the mini library or online in the library/Reading Cloud. They will also go on display as one of our EWS Guinness World Record of Readers.



In September, twenty nine students took part in the Expedition section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Due to Covid the students had to adapt their sections to use activities that were available to them, their expeditions changed from March to September and a week before their Practice expedition, the campsite they were due at had to be changed.

The weekend of their Practice expedition was warm and dry and on the Saturday the students set off with their instructors guiding them, they made good progress and arrived into camp within their expected time scale. One group had found a dead Christmas tree along the way and carried it with them using it as their mascot.

At the campsite they set up their cooking equipment to practice cooking their evening meal before being picked up by their parents, unfortunately, one student, although having walked for the entire day without incident, managed to injure her knee when getting ready to go home but thankfully, was able to join her group on day two.

On the morning of Sunday 6th September the students headed off in their groups without their leaders. Armed with their maps, a bit of nervousness and the Christmas tree, they walked off ready to start day two.

We checked the groups along the way and after a few diversions due to farmers access being changed, tiredness and a little too much chatting the groups made it back to camp, hot, tired and fairly happy to go home for a well deserved rest.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION

By the weekend of the Assessment expedition the weather had changed, it was cold to start but then the rain came causing the mood of the students to dip. The groups set off, this time with confidence, waterproofs, lots of sweets and again, the Christmas tree went along too, observed from a distance it was noted how the groups liked their chat.

All the groups managed to get back to camp, some later than others but they all cooked their evening meal, going home tired, cold and possibly still hungry.

On the final day the students were ready to go. It became apparent that some thought the expedition was a race and had to be re-routed, some had not paid too much attention to the map and others were so tired they were talking to the Christmas tree.

The groups worked very hard, the weather had dampened some of their spirits and their clothes, but weary and blistered they carried on through making it to camp and a debrief. The Christmas tree made it too and was even taken home not to be left as fly tipping.

Although one group didn't quite make their final destination as a student had injured her foot, they had walked enough kilometres & reached their 20 conditions.

I am very pleased to say that all the groups passed the Expedition section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They all did extremely well, they found that they can last a whole weekend without a phone, they made friends, had conversations, joked around and best of all showed teamwork, a huge well done to all of them. Logan Brockett, Emerson Button, Imogen Carter, Leila Cousins, Drew Davidson, Jess Davis, Keira Doig, Chloe Hall, Archie Hutton, Grace Lucas, Isla MacLeod, Logan Marsh, Beckie O'Connor, Jack Patrick, Olivia Potter, Archie Pryke, Kornelia Pusz, Finn Riley, Emily Rodrigo, Billie Stoneman, Madeleine Tresham, Tom Tunstall, Lottie Turton, Dylan Ward, Kallum Ward, William Ward, George Watson- Brown, Felix Williamson and Millie Worsdale.

Emerson Button will be taking his Assessment expedition later this month, and we wish him every success.

Pauline Hardingham
Duke of Edinburgh Manager



COSTUMES CAN CATCH FIRE

Steer well clear of naked flames!

USE BATTERY CANDLES INSTEAD



CREEP SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

#CreepSafe



UCAS VIRTUAL exhibitions



UCAS have recently announced dates for their new series of virtual exhibitions designed to help students focus their research within their chosen subject area.

- People studies and teaching (including psychology, sociology, geography, politics) – 23-24 October
- Maths, engineering and computing – 2-3 November
- Creative subjects – 13-14 November

If your son/daughter is considering applying to any of these subject areas, ask them to register their interest in their chosen event now at ucas.com/virtual-exhibitions and UCAS will email them as soon as booking is available.

PHOTO FRAME PROJECT



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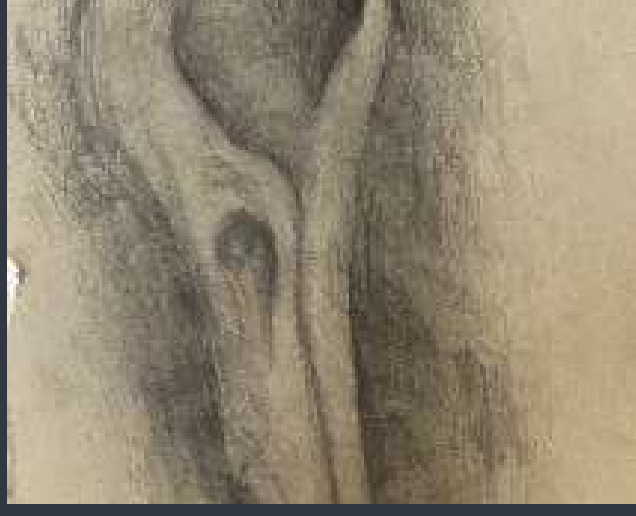
ART DEPARTMENT

Year 10 drawings

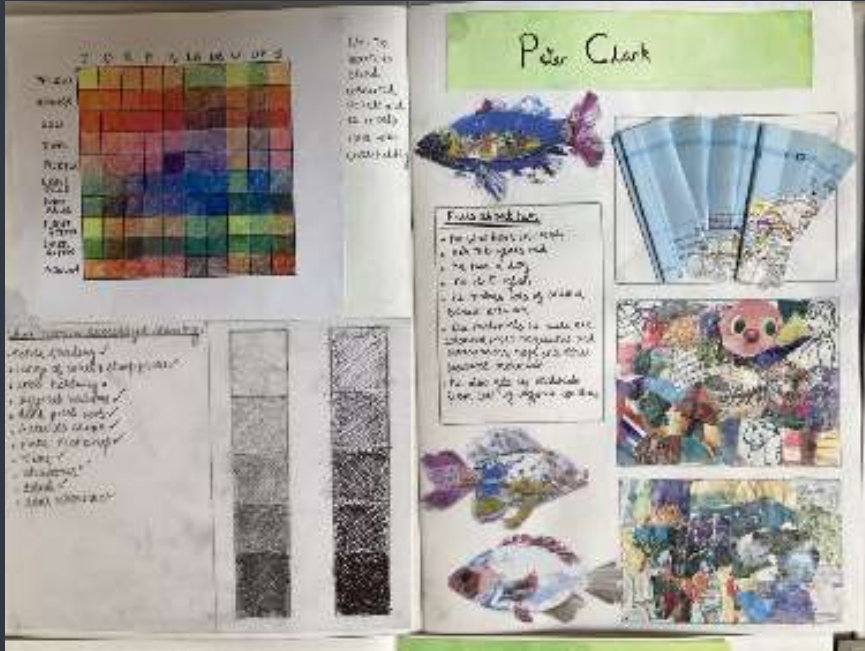


ART DEPARTMENT

Year 9 – Exploring natural forms inspired by Henry Moore

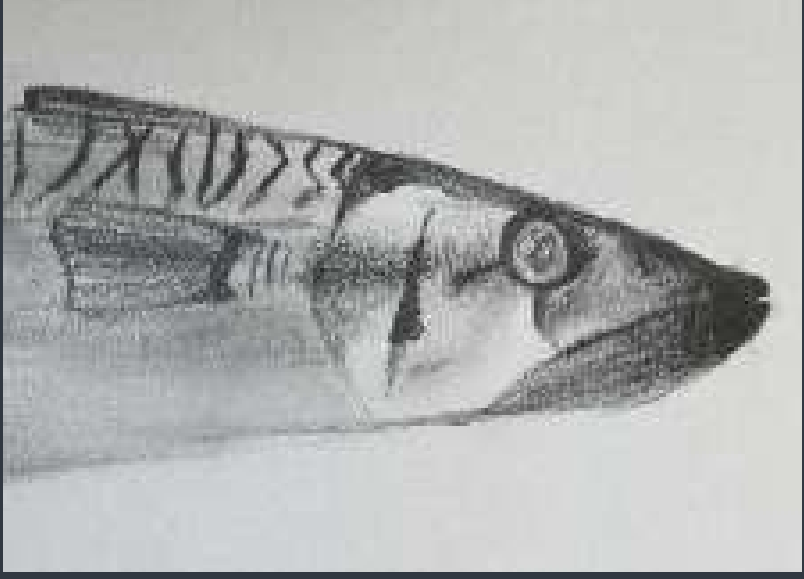
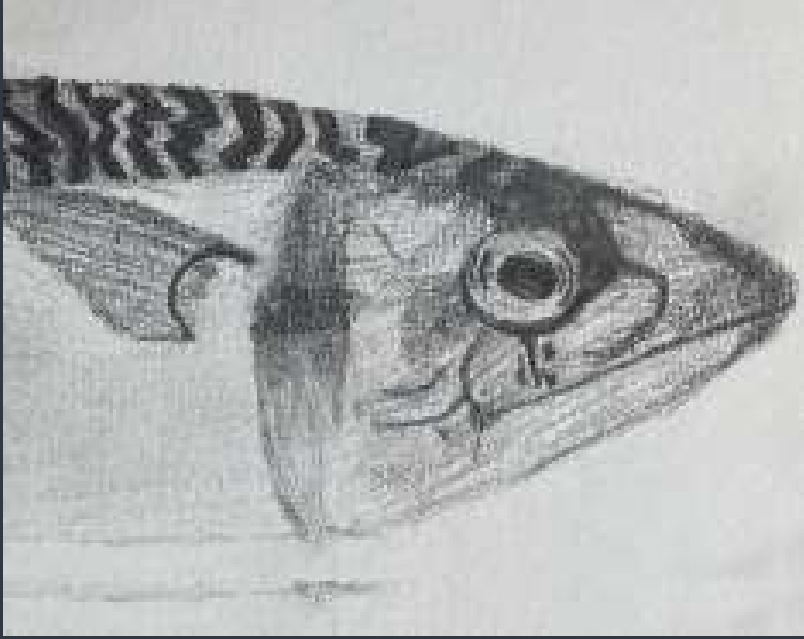
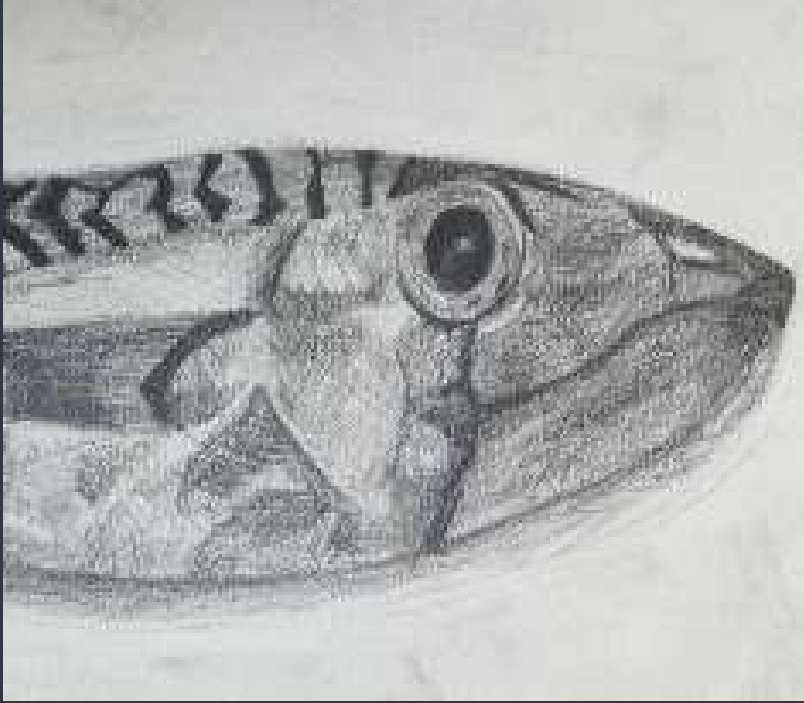


Year 8 – drawing skills practice and exploring the work of a collage artist.



ART DEPARTMENT

Year 8 pencil studies





ARTIST OF THE TERM

North Campus

Lottie Turton, Year 10

Lily Smith Year, 7CWT

South Campus

Bathan Cursley, Year 8

Leo Senior, Year 9

LIGHT UP

Winter is coming.

Dark nights need bike lights.



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