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Results Rise Again!



This edition of Nunnery News is a round up of the end of a wonderful summer term and an update of everything that has happened so far this term; it certainly has been a lot!

New Year 7 students have made an excellent start at Nunnery Wood. They are all settled in now and are having an amazing time. They have been joining in with clubs and activities and have now found their way around the school. They have got to grips with a two week timetable and knowing which books and equipment they need each day. They have volunteered at Open Evening and have become part of the wider school community seemingly with ease. Other year groups have also settled in to the year and are buzzing with enthusiasm.

We begin the year by celebrating our best ever GCSE results and are hugely proud of the students who left us last year. Attainment of good passes in Maths and English (4 and higher) are

at 72%, which is hugely above national average. 57% got a "strong" pass or higher in both Maths and English (5 or higher). 71% got at least 4/C passes in 5 GCSEs including Maths and English. An amazing 29% of our grades were either at A* or A level. 50 passes in Maths or English were grade 9, which is given only for exceptional performance. English and maths standard pass (4+) – 72% English and maths strong pass (5+) – 57%. 5+ English and maths standard pass (C or 4+) – 71% 77% grades are C or equivalent and above. 29% grades are A/A* (7/8/9) and above 99% 5+ A*-G or equivalent. Mr Powell said, "We are delighted with our students' results that are testimony to the hard work of staff and students working as a team. Very few schools nationally do better than Nunnery at developing potential. Everyone has a part to play."





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Message from the editors

Alex Scoby

YEAR 11

Alex is a senior prefect at Nunnery Wood and leads the student newspaper prefect team. Alex, along with Head Boy Darian Murray-Griffiths and prefects Lauren Roberts and Lottie Hammond write and film for the video version of Nunnery News that is on our YouTube channel. Alex has a particular interest in politics and has secured interviews with MP Robin Walker and Joy Squires, Labour candidate in this edition. He has also written his own piece on Brexit.

James Thatcher

YEAR 9

James has been with the Nunnery news since it and he began in 2015. He writes extensively and has taken on a more senior role over the months. He leads the other students on Tuesday at newspaper club and is a vital part of the newspaper team. James reports on everything and anything and is never seen without his notebook to hand!

A message from Miss Speechley...

Issue 13 is here already! This year we have lots of new journalists who have been added to the team. It is lovely to see so many new Year 7s involved in making the news as well as the existing team of students from Years 8 to 11. We will continue to develop and improve the paper as the year goes on, the YouTube channel that accompanies the newspaper is well established and we have been working really hard to get

Mr Powell - "We Celebrate Success at Every Level"



Steve Powell, Headteacher at Nunnery Wood High School, Worcester, chatting with pupils during their Design Technology lesson. From left, Jasper Shanks, Talha Baig, Jordash Bell, Charlie Parsons. Picture by Jonathan Barry

After another summer of fantastic results, I'd like to offer congratulations to last year's Year 11 students. We are delighted that this terrific group of people saw their hard work pay off. This year group had to contend with new examination specifications in Maths and English, new grade boundaries and the first examinations without coursework. We celebrate success at every level at Nunnery and we are especially proud that achievement was exceptional across the board, with students at all levels of academic ability making strong progress with us. For some students, gaining a few good passes in a handful of GCSEs and securing a place at college or on an apprenticeship can be as big a success as gaining 10 A*s or 9s.

Particular highlights are:

Progress 8: +0.25 – highest of any Worcester school and 4th highest in county. This measure includes every students and tests whether or not we add "value" to their education compared to schools nationally.

51 grade 9s: nationally, 3.5% of students attain these "super A*s". 8% of Nunnery students attain them – with many students attaining them in Maths, English and English Literature.

Attainment 8: 53 – again, highest of any Worcester school and 4th in county. It shows the quality of grades in 8 core subjects. All students are included.

58% 5+ passes in English and Maths. This is the higher pass and again puts us highest of all Worcester schools.

Parent Consultations

Many thanks to parents who responded to a recent survey or who have contacted me at other times over parent consultation evenings. Concerns were raised at some year groups having their consultation evenings scheduled late in the year.

This year, in response to feedback, we have adjusted our offer to give you more contact and earlier meetings.

22nd November (Y band) 30th November (X band): these will be open to all year groups and will along the old model to allow any parent with queries or concerns about their child's progress to meet their teachers early in the year. Later, specific year group consultations (i.e. Year 8 only) are scheduled.

In most year groups, this will give parents two consultations evenings. In addition, most year groups have additional support evenings, e.g. Year 7 Tutor Evening, Year 9 Option Evenings. In this way, there will be at least 3 evenings of contact for most year groups. In addition, of course, we will continue to send you regular reports on progress, behaviour and attendance.

New Developments

Katie Moule

YEAR 9

A huge amount of building and renovation work has been going on recently. The science block has been rebuilt, as a result, there will be a new laboratories which will hopefully be ready to be used by half term. The new block will also include new classrooms and also refurbished existing classrooms. New windows have been installed in most of the classrooms now.

There are new elements added to the area by the canteen and the outdoor classroom as a result of feedback from the students themselves. One of the new features is the new astro-turf and all weather table tennis tables. Another feature added to the area is a newly rebuilt ramp to allow easy access for everyone. Also, they have repositioned the benches around the new astro-turf so that there is plenty of seating for students.

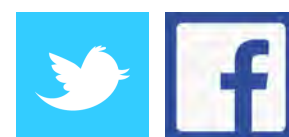
Overall, the new developments have created an environment for us to have more learning

opportunities and more spaces to go to at break and lunch times and to enjoy.



success last years' GCSE students achieved. Don't forget that you can get involved in the paper in many ways. Come along to ICT3 on Tuesdays from 3.15 until 4pm, you can also email or Tweet us stories that you know about or have written so that they can be included in the next edition. We always love to hear your feedback. We all hope that you enjoy this issue.

Thanks as ever to Miss Robinson for helping students to write their stories, Mr Hancock for producing the paper and Mrs Van Der Klein for helping with gathering information and pictures.



Welcome to Nunnery Wood



Dr Nickson

After graduating, I studied for a PhD. I spent four years looking into how proteins are able to "fold up" into their correct shape, without any help. I then worked in the pharmaceutical industry, researching anti-Alzheimer's drugs. During this time, I was organizing and running a week-long residential chemistry course for A-level students. I enjoyed this experience so much that I decided to become a teacher, and did my teacher training in 2015-16. I haven't got used to all the places and routines in Nunnery Wood yet, but my form are delightful - and enthusiastic about everything that we do in tutor time. I also have many lovely classes who keep me on my toes, and always keep me smiling through the day.

My family has just moved into a new house, and my spare time is currently filled with DIY projects. I'm not very good at it, but it keeps me amused in between the marking and lesson planning.



Mrs Robinson

I'm a student support officer at Nunnery Wood and am enjoying supporting students in a wide variety of ways. Outside of school I enjoy singing and crafting.



Miss Panchal

Hi I'm a new Maths teacher here at Nunnery Wood. I'm a year 7 form tutor and outside of school I enjoy cooking and watching films. Nunnery Wood is a great school which has loads to offer, the diversity of the staff and pupils makes everyday unique!



Miss Dashfield

Thank you for making me feel so welcomed during my first few weeks at Nunnery Wood High School. I am the Assistant Curriculum Leader for Geography so you will often see me in wellies with ranging poles and colouring pencils. I absolutely love Geography and I hope that students in my classes will share my passion for the subject.

Growing up in Tenby, Pembrokeshire, I was inspired by the beautiful coastline and the opportunities for travel and exploration. Some random facts for you about me: I was recently caught up in Hurricane Harvey, Texas. I have two parrots called Mali and Zico. I live in the middle of an orchard in Herefordshire. I LOVE random facts - so impress me with them!



Mr Williams

I have taken on the exciting role of Core Teaching Assistant. I also run the lunchtime dodgeball classes in the Gym on Thursdays, and hope to develop this into a team, where we can enter local competitions.

I enjoy the structure of the school day, and how things run smoothly. This has helped me quickly settle in at the school, and feel like a valued member of staff. Outside of school, I play a lot of dodgeball, I am also studying an International Ph.D in Adult Education Leadership.



Mr Whitham

I am a new Science teacher here at Nunnery Wood specialising in Physics. I previously taught in an independent school near Cheltenham for seven years. Outside of school I am a keen mechanic and DIYer so you might bump into me in B&Q on the weekends! I am enjoying life at Nunnery wood, especially how the pupils take responsibility for their own learning and are keen to progress. They have a real sense of what they need to achieve and how to get there and I am enjoying helping them on that journey.



Mr Dolarenzo

I am new to NWHS geography department. Before my life as a teacher I worked for a global travel company and then as a land surveyor... yes, I actually got paid to go and measure rivers and beaches everyday! I've lived in a few places around the world including Italy and New Zealand. In my life outside school, when I have time, I go mountain biking, skiing and walking up really big hills.



Mrs McCallum

I am an English Teacher and Year 7 Tutor. I trained and worked in London for three years and have just relocated up from working in Cornwall. I graduated from Leeds University and, prior to teaching, spent time travelling and worked in advertising at a publishing house in London.

I am thrilled to have joined Nunnery Wood High School and look forward to getting involved with trips, extra-curricular activities and starting Creative Writing Club.



Mr Chambers

I am one of the two new Student Support Managers, so I am here if students need support in school whether it be mentoring, behaviour or support with home life. My last job was at Cleeve school in Cheltenham in a similar role as a Learning Support leader and prior to that I worked in a children's home. Outside of work I coach the Worcester University American football team and play for the county team the Worcestershire Black Knights in the national league where I am defensive captain.



Miss Mace

I have joined Nunnery Wood as a teaching assistant in the science department. I've worked in a nursery in Stratford upon Avon, where I was SENCo and at a Primary School as a Teaching Assistant. I wanted to be pushed more and that is why I have joined the Science Department at Nunnery Wood High School.

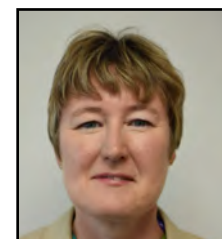
I'm really enjoying supporting the teachers and students in every lesson and I'm looking forward to furthering my experience working with older children and young people to help them achieve their very best!

If you believe it, YOU will achieve it!



Mrs Budge

I have recently moved to Worcester from Reading where I worked in High Wycombe as Head of a Humanities Faculty. My move to Nunnery Wood has seen me take on the role of Curriculum Leader of Ethics and Philosophy which is proving to be really enjoyable and I have been made to feel incredibly welcome by the friendly team of staff and students. As I only moved to Worcester recently I am enjoying exploring the area and finding new places to go walking with my dog Skye.



Mrs Kimber

I'm a science teacher at Nunnery Wood High School. I taught at a school in the Dudley authority before I came here. I worked as a Forensic Scientist before I entered teaching. I specialised in DNA analysis and gave evidence in court all over the country and even once in St Lucia. Outside of school I enjoy running and I'm a church bell ringer.

Head Boy & Girl

Darian Murray Griffiths
HEAD BOY



been a very busy first month as your Head Boy getting to understand how the role works but I'm optimistic that Grace and I can help make a difference so that everyone can have a great school journey!

Grace Moseley
HEAD GIRL



This first month has been a busy one, Darian and I have been going to meetings, proposing new ideas and keeping the promises we made to you at the end of last year. It didn't take us long to fall into the role of Head Girl and Head Boy. Although you haven't seen any major changes just yet, you'd be surprised at the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes, I know that Darian and I were! However, we are really enjoying getting to make a difference in the student voice and in representing the students. This month we've been working hard and you'll be glad to know that we have a lot of new, exciting things coming up in the next few weeks and leading on to the next half term like reforms to the canteen, revision zones for Year 11s, creating a charity forum, expanding the availability for student help and so much more. I hope you're as excited as we are to share all of this with you. I'd also like to congratulate all of the Year 7s for settling into Nunnery superbly and a massive thank you for representing us in the open evening extremely well. Good luck for the next half term.

The past month has been a busy and interesting one for me as I get to grips with my new and exciting role as Head Boy. From meeting our new year 7s to helping out at Open Evening, I've been at a range of activities to help show our school at its best. As promised during my election campaign, I've been busy helping to make everyone's school journey the best it can be - endless meetings are proof of that! I'm proud to say that Grace and I have been making progress on giving students a bigger say in how we improve our school, on ensuring Year 11s have revision areas and on setting up this year's school parliament. Grace and I had a great time also selling cakes for charity, raising over £100 for St Richard's Hospice, who we will visit next half-term and I'd like to thank all those who baked and bought cakes, cookies and other great things to give a helping hand to charity. It's

Get active With Mr Knibbs!

Mr Knibbs, who recently completed an Extreme Tough Mudder competition, is now putting students and staff through their paces at his new lunchtime 'Boxercise' class. Mr Knibbs explained that, "The new class on Wednesday lunchtimes is a combination of pad work and physical fitness. The aim is to build physical and mental resilience that will build strength of character and discipline that will help to overcome day to day challenges whilst building friendships in a fun and hardworking environment'.

Why not join in on Wednesday lunchtimes? See Mr Knibbs in the PE or geography departments for more information.



Dedication to Scouting Rewarded

Mrs Jenkins has received an Award for Merit for her dedication to Scouting, after being involved for 40 years in various roles. Mrs Jenkins began helping out at Scouts when she was a teenager and has held many roles over the years, working with scouts aged from 6 to 18. She has been Beaver Scout leader for the last 17 years and is currently District Commissioner for Beaver Scouts. Mrs Jenkins was delighted to receive the award, explaining that, "I was really surprised when I got the news, I've always loved scouting and never imagined I would receive the award of merit. It's a great honour".



Top Job Mr Bannister!



Mr Bannister has been appointed as England Rugby Counties' under 18s chairman of selectors. This means that rugby fanatic Mr Bannister will travel around the country to assess and grade young players and will help with organising England training camps before international test match series against Ireland in March. Mr Bannister has always been involved in rugby, formerly playing for Cheltenham and Malvern as a prop and then moving on to work with divisional and England under 16s. During that period he helped in the discovery and development of England and British and Irish Lions players Kyle Sinckler, Jamie George and Courtney Lawes. Mr Bannister told us that "It's a great honour for a teacher to be appointed to a national management team, especially for someone in the state sector. "Although it is going to involve giving up personal time it gives me another opportunity to work with aspiring international rugby players."

Kicking His Way To Success



Charlie Pearce, Year 8, is going from strength to strength in his kick boxing. We have previously reported on Charlie's kickboxing successes and are delighted that he has continued to excel. Charlie has now won 4 British Titles and 3 English Titles as well as a very good win at a competition which he participated in on Sunday 10th September. He is preparing for the World Championships in October both in Birmingham and Italy. Charlie continues to train hard and balances his training with school work. He said he is delighted to be doing so well at a sport that he loves.

Tackling Epic Cycle Trail

Miss Gonzalez is a keen cyclist and completed an incredible 110 mile off road cycle during the summer. She explained that, " Over the August bank holiday I rode the epic Trans Cambrian Way which is a 110 mile off road mountain biking route that snakes its way across the heart of Wales, starting in Knighton on the English border and finishing at the Irish Sea in Wales. It climbs over the oldest mountain range in Europe, the Cambrian mountains and includes over 13000 ft of climbing. It took 3 days to complete, with challenging terrain and moorland that crosses one of the most sparsely populated parts of Wales. Grassy hills, rocky single track, ancient ridge roads, forest tracks and numerous flooded rivers and fords to cross. It was a tough but fantastic experience".

Why don't you get involved in cycling. Miss Gonzalez runs a mountain biking club in school, so why not join in?



OAP Christmas Party

Year 10 traditionally organise a Christmas Party for the senior citizens of our community.

This year the party will be held on Tuesday 12 December

The year 10 tutors and their forms will be planning entertainment , gifts, food and refreshments for the event. Father Christmas is already scheduled to fly in and distribute seasonable joy and best wishes.

If you know of anybody in the community that would appreciate an invitation to the party please return the attached reply slip or contact the school.

If you have an elderly relative or neighbour who may like to attend, please contact the school on 01905 363636 or email s.bedford@nunnerywood.worcs.sch.uk



Senior Citizen Christmas Party Reply Slip

Name:.....

Address:.....

Contact Tele No:.....

Or email reception@nunnerywood.worcs.sch.uk with the above details.

Welcome Year 7s

Our new Year 7 students have settled in to life at Nunnery very quickly and are enjoying themselves a lot. They are thriving on the new challenges and opportunities that are available to them. We caught up with some of them to ask how they are finding their new school. We also made a video which you can view at [LINK](#)

Mr Roleston, Year Team Leader, said, "Our new group of Year 7s have started the year with enthusiasm and seem to have settled in to life at Nunnery Wood very well. I am really looking forward to seeing them develop and show their full potential over the next 5 years."

"There are lots of extra clubs"

Markus Telger
YEAR 7

"On my first day at Nunnery I was worried about making friends. But then I made loads of friends like Jasmine, Viktor, Rhys and Charlie. One of the most top of the list things I was worried about was becoming lost and being late for lessons but luckily that did not happen (thanks to my mum AKA Mrs Telger). So far I have not missed a lesson or been late for a lesson! YES!

The bit that I love about the school most is the amazing clubs that they have like: dance club, movie club, newspaper club, drama club and lots lots more. I have auditioned for the school play as a dancer and got in - I am so looking forward to learning my routines.

I would definitely recommend the cheese and ham baguette and the strawberry yazoo milk shake. The outdoor snack shack is awesome. I love to meet up with my new and old school friends there to chat about the day.

Homework has been ok so far, my best advice is to complete it the day you get it. My best homeworks have been learning German spellings and doing my posters for dance. I even



"I really like the table tennis tables"

had a post card sent home for my efforts!"

"I enjoy all of my lessons"

Louis Foreman
YEAR 7

"My first days at school have been very enjoyable. This has been made possible by the brilliant teachers of NWHS. Although I am lucky enough to have a good idea of the layout of the school (thanks to my older brother), others have been helped by older students in the students in the school and the teachers. I advise any person who will be coming to the school next year to not worry, you'll be okay!"

"I feel really comfortable"

Max Worker-Moore
YEAR 7

"When the summer holiday was coming to an end I began to get so worried about joining such a big school but when I joined I didn't find it that hard to learn where I needed to be for my lesson.

On my first day at Nunnery, after the welcoming assembly, we had our form tutor take us to our form room. Mrs Price (my form teacher)



showed us big places which were easy to remember on the way there so we would be able to find our form room easier and so we wouldn't get lost on our way there.

I felt so scared going into high school, but thankfully, I had my greatest friend Zach in same form and we are in the same classes (except for 5 classes which isn't much). When we are not in the same class I have been able to make so many more friends and they're not all in Year 7 because everyone is so nice at Nunnery Wood! Also, some of my friends aren't actually children because the teachers are so nice and helpful because I got lost and I just

Computing in Full Swing!

Programming club made a cracking come back this year with over 75 students turn up after school on the first Wednesday. The club has now been extended to three IT rooms. In one of the rooms students are working in teams to enter the EEP Mindstorms Robotics Challenge. The teams have competed against each other in head to head rounds by programming their robots in control, agility and speed. A strong sense of excitement and teamwork are leading both teams to success in preparation for the winning team to attend the national competition day in February. The teams are made up of Key Stage 3 students who have shown a keen interest in programming and 5 Year 10 Computer Science GCSE students are playing the role of programming mentors to each team.

went straight into a random class and I was able to ask the teacher where this class was and the showed me the directions. It's not just the teach

ers that helped me, many students in Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and even the other year 7s were helping me to find where I needed to go. By the end of my first week I have settled in so well at Nunnery, I even decided to be a tour guide on open evening only 3 weeks into my high school!"

"I've made loads of new friends"

"I love the building and facilities"

Two Become Four (This article contains opinions!)

Alex Scoby
YEAR 11

Cameron claimed that the EU referendum would heal divisions within the Tory party, uniting the Eurosceptic and Europhile wings. Corbyn believed that the miraculous recovery of Labour in 2017 would prevent dissidence from within and allow him to cling to power. Why then, are we seeing open cabinet revolt, fringe politicians being touted as possible leaders and an ever more factional political stage?

At the Conservative Party conference, salt was rubbed into Mrs May's wounds by Grant Schapps, former party chairman. Sensing her vulnerability, Schapps called on MPs to desert May. Whilst it is arguable that Schapps sought to elevate his own status, the claim that he had the backing of over 30 MPs highlights how the Conservative party has become split into and anti-May camps. Hitting back, the pro-May group claimed to be firmly behind their fading leader and that Schapps isn't 'even in [their] WhatsApp group'. The fact that highly-educated professionals tasked with running a country and negotiating one of the biggest deals in British history have resorted to playground bully tactics, shows the fractured Conservative party.

One suspiciously quiet voice has been that of Boris Johnson. Making a half-hearted attempt to convince the public that he is still in the pro-May trenches, 'BoJo' "leaked" a screenshot of his WhatsApp group with other party grandees telling them to 'get behind' Mrs May and that 'ordinary punters' were happy. After his unsuccessful bid for the helm, back in 2016 - a time where the EU wasn't public enemy number one and 'President Trump' was still a joke - rumours of Johnson's unrest have followed him. Should he stay? Which camp does he really fight for? Can he really be classed as a pro-May soldier after undercutting her Brexit speech with an article outlining his vision for Brexit? These questions remain unanswered until the party, truly unite and present a coherent plan.

Whilst the prospect of Johnson usurping the political throne is hard to bear, the prospect of an anti-abortion, anti-gay marriage fringe politician usurping it is unbearable. Enter Jacob Rees-Mogg. Amid the infighting, plotting, and fragmentation caused by Brexit, a weak leader, and an ambitious foreign secretary, one backbencher has weaved his way into the frame and cast himself forward as a future leader. The idea that betting firms have Rees-Mogg at 8/1 odds of being the next prime minister demonstrates the embittered, fragmented nature not

just of the Tory party (This could come across as fear-mongering and whilst the scenario of a Rees-Mogg premiership is highly unlikely, the fact that it is even given credit by prominent Conservative politicians on the right of the party shows how the moderate wing and the radical wing have truly split on the most pressing issues facing the party.

This wouldn't be a political article in 2017 if Brexit didn't make a cameo appearance. Divisions between the Europhile wing and the Eurosceptic wing have long existed. The EU referendum brought these divisions centre-stage. We were told that a change of leader would heal wounds and that the government would be competent enough to negotiate as one entity. Fragmentation over the single market and a possible transition period has only worsened, locking in the idea of two Conservative parties governing the nation and two Conservative parties negotiating with Brussels.

Eurosceptic vs Europhile fever has also gripped the Labour party. The Corbynite wing of the party has always been eurosceptic, but we now see a Labour party where moderates such as Sir Keir Starmer are being suppressed by those with visions of a nationalised, isolated Britain. This is dangerous policy not only for the Labour

party but also for us as the electorate. Brexit isn't the only reason for Labour divisions. Labour has split into an overgrowing neo-Marxist camp and an ever-shrinking Social Democrat one. The primary cause of the split and the growing power of the Neo-Marxist faction is 'Momentum'. Originally founded as a base for Corbynites to rally around, we have witnessed it evolve into a seemingly omnipotent group with enough influence to whip party members to vote a certain way and very nearly bar the London mayor from speaking at the Brighton conference merely because he is a moderate politician. Whilst the use of social media to engage young voters is brilliant, the nature of Momentum and the viciousness of its message has only furthered divides in the Labour party.

Identity politics has spread over Britain and must be cured. The weakness of the premier, the power of cabinet politicians, anger amongst members, and Brexit have caused fracturing of the Conservative party into hundreds of pieces. Labour has also been pulled in opposite directions. All that can be said with any degree of certainty in today's political climate is that two parties have become four.

In Memory Adam Hussain

10 Oct 2000 - 21 Jul 2017

Adam Hussain, former year 11 student, suddenly died aged 16¾, following complications arising from an Asthma attack in July 2017.

About Adam

Adam suffered from Asthma and Eczema since he was a child. When Adam’s eczema would flare up, his family would send him to Kashmir during the summer holidays to help his skin heal. Whilst in Kashmir, he picked up a second language and maintained a very close relationship with all his grandparents.

caring duties with his father and over time became the principal carer for his mother and his 3 younger brothers, so his father could return to work. He would make food, clean the house, wash and iron clothes, help his siblings get ready for school, whilst continuing his studies.

At such a young age, Adam like many unappreciated young carers in the UK, became his mother's rock. Over the years his mother was hospitalised, often taken via ambulance away from home. Adam would get mums medicines, clothes and other essentials and have them

to teach their children good etiquette. He would always speak to elders politely, he was so used to doing a mothers’ chores, that he would ask guests, if they had eaten or wanted a drink and would sort out food, before being prompted.

Then in 2016, Mum received a transplant, and by 2017 she was feeling better and was able to look after the younger children without any help. So in his final year of GCSEs his mother would ask him what he wanted to do with his life, and Adam began thinking about studying instead of working. Adam decided to take up the opportunity to do his National Citizenship Service.

National Citizenship Service (NCS)

Adam told his family about NCS, and they encouraged him to go. He would ring back often during his first week of outdoor activities, unable to contain the excitement of what he had done that day. When he returned home over the weekend he said they were the happiest days of his life; he couldn’t thank his grandfather enough for encouraging him to go. So it was a shock when he suffered a severe Asthma Attack in the second week when they were doing classroom based activities.

Despite the best efforts of the medics, On Friday afternoon Adam sadly passed away.

Pay It Forward

In Islam there is the concept of Sadaqah Jariyah, it is called the continuous charity. There was a film called “Pay it Forward”, released in 2000, that illustrates this concept very well.

Adam loved both the UK and Kashmir, he called both places his home. He spent more than half his life caring for others and today there are hundreds of children in Kashmir, who like his mother and younger siblings have additional support needs that unlike their UK counterpart will go unmet. NCS has always been about instilling a sense of resilience in young people and giving them a “can-do-attitude” towards the obstacles young people face in life.

Adam's family would like Adam's legacy to be children in Kashmir being offered additional support to reduce the impact of their disabilities, so they are not dependent on others. This would have been in accordance with how Adam lived his short life. If you would like to donate, please follow this link.

<https://www.alfatihaglobal.com/inmemoryof/adam-hussain>



When he was 6 years old, his mother gave birth to triplets, two of which had additional needs from being born prematurely. Since that day Adam helped his mother look after his younger 3 brothers. Then in 2012, Adam’s mother was diagnosed with kidney failure, subsequently, she required 3 trips a week to hospital for dialysis. During this time Adam aged 12 started shared

ready for his dad to take to hospital whilst he looked after his siblings until friends or grandparents could make their way to help.

Adam displayed the characteristics typical in children that have been raised by grandparents, who unlike parents do not have the pressures of balancing the need to work and spend the time



Get involved with The National Citizen Service (NCS)

The National Citizen Service (NCS) is an opportunity for 15 to 17 years-old that provides the opportunity to embark on exhilarating challenges, make your mark and build skills for work and life. More than 275,000 young people have already got involved.

There are three phases to work through. In phase 1 participants will live with a team at an outdoor activity centre, getting to know some amazing people and enjoy some quality time away from home.

Phase 2 is about discovery. Participants will be reunited with their group in a university style environment where they develop life skills like confidence, leadership and communication to boost their CV or UCAS personal statement. In phases 3 and 4 all of the NCS experience

all comes together. All the fun and inspiration from the first two phases means young people are ready to step up and deliver their very own social action project. Plan; fundraise; make a difference! Teams have the power to change the world around them! Whether individuals are a thinker or a doer, this is their chance to make a difference, have some amazing stories to tell, and be part of something they will never forget!



History department Goes Global to Support Learning!

The history department is very busy at the moment arranging and preparing for trips to deepen historical knowledge and understanding. The department runs overseas trips in addition to local field work that will be open to all year groups. The department is all set to depart to America on 19th October for a 6 day action packed visit that will take in New York, Washington and Philadelphia. It will give students the opportunity to explore events such as 9/11 and migration as well as the wider history of America and its role in world affairs. The group will be posting regular updates as they travel so make sure you follow them @NunneryWood.

Places are still available for students on the Battlefields of World War One and Remembrance trip and the Berlin Trip. The Battlefields trip takes place over 3 days from 11th May 2018. It has been organised to acknowledge 100 years since the end of World War One and also to explore the wider issues of Remembrance and what it means to us today. Students will have the

opportunity to visit war graves and battlefields and to experience the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate and explore Flanders Fields Museum. This trip is open to students in Years 8,9 and 10. Details are available via Parent Pay or from Miss Speechley.

The Berlin trip takes place over the May half term. Students will jet off to Berlin where they will learn about the Nazi and Cold War periods of German history. They will visit a former Nazi concentration camp and see sights such as the Berlin Wall and Brandenburg Gate. Students will be able to see many famous places in the fantastic capital city. The trip will support topics studied during Year 9 and GCSE history, but is open to all Year 9 and 10 students. Details are available on parent Pay or from Miss Speechley.

Year 7 students will all participate in a local visit to Worcester as part of their local history topic later in the year, further details will follow.



Still Dying to Drive?

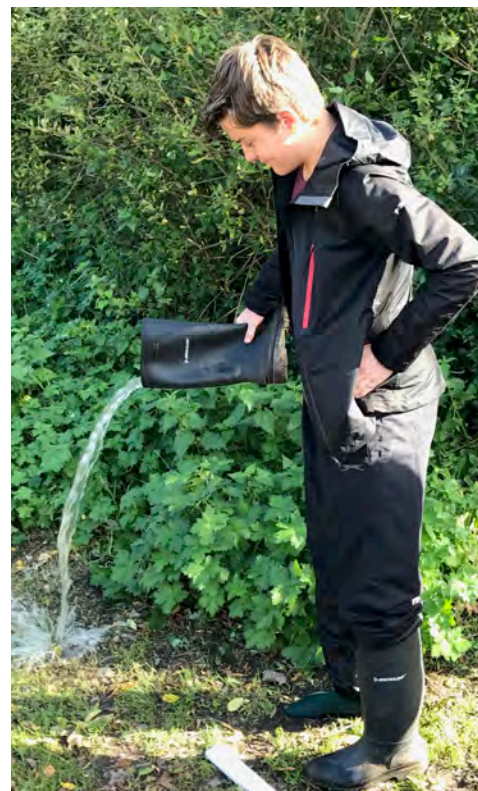
Year 11 students attended the 'Dying 2 Drive' multi-agency road safety scheme which aims to reduce death and serious injury amongst young road users in Worcestershire. Drivers aged 17 - 24 are most likely to be involved in a collision than any other age group. The scheme is aimed at Year 11 students because they are currently car passengers and will soon become young drivers. The course will help them to make sensible choices and consider possible consequences.

The sessions began with the reconstruction of a fatal road traffic collision involving all of the blue light services, their response and the ripple effect of such a collision. Real cars and equipment were used and the effects used were extremely realistic. After the reconstruction, key safety messages were explored through group activities. The workshops then focussed on the causes of RTCs such as not wearing seatbelts, driving whilst impaired and driving with distractions. Students also discussed various skills that may help them to avoid potentially dangerous situations.

The event was held at Worcester Fire Station from 25th – 29th September. Mr Rowley, Head of Year 11, said that, "The sessions were extremely informative and useful. Students were given a lot to think about and some of the messages were hard hitting and will make them think carefully".



Geography Trip



Year 11 students visited Alfrick to complete a river study in preparation for the GCSE exam. Students had to measure the velocity, depth and stone structure at two different points of the river. They also looked at the channel width. The study will be used as a case study to refer to in the students' final exams. The weather was not perfect but in true geographer style, they pulled out their waterproofs and wellies and got stuck in!



Activities Week Roundup

The summer may seem a distant memory as we get stuck into the Autumn term, however, Activity Week at the end of the summer term created memories that will last a lifetime! Students had the opportunity to choose activities on two days at the end of a very busy school year. There were many trips on offer ranging from mountain biking to pottery, outdoor adventures and white knuckle rides to film critiquing. There really was something on offer to suit everyone. The busiest and most popular trips were to Air Hop in Bristol, WaterWorld and Drayton Manor Theme Park. However, a large number of students also went snowboarding and skiing at the Snow Dome and many other students opted for Lazer Battle Quest in Gloucestershire. Other students opted for animal encounters at Bristol Zoo or West Midlands Safari Park, a visit to the police headquarters and the courts in Worcester, others preferred a day of sports and activities in school. There was also an option to do textiles and baking in school or computer animation. Some excellent work was also produced in the workshop day activity. Miss Speechless, who organised the event, said, "The teachers put a lot of work into planning and organising the days and it paid off as the students had two fantastic days of fun and activities. They also learned valuable life skills and experienced places and activities that they may not normally have the chance to encounter. Planning for 2018 is already underway!".



Nawal Jamshid chose textiles and Air Hop for activity week and this is what she said...

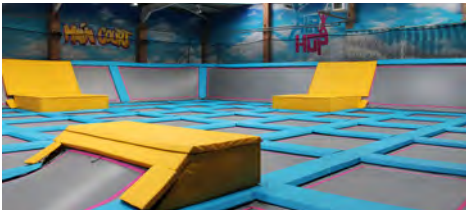
Nawal Jamshid
YEAR 8

In AR2, over the two activity days, the room was transformed into an amazing art studio where pupils all across the school years devoted their day to textiles. students decorated pencil cases, mixed Angelina Fibres, drew with wax, embrodied and tie-dyed various objects.

Staff got involved too, Mrs Reader decorated a pencil case with lace and Miss Booth made miniature flowers out of fabric.

Overall it was a great success.

On both days of activity week, a trip to Air Hop had many students (and staff!) very excited to be bouncing around for the majority of the day. Students had the opportunity to try to battle it out in a foam pit, jump off a trampoline and plunge in to the pit as well as having a go at a total wipe out style activity. Miss Speechley had said that 'it was a great day out and that students and staff returned home totally worn out and ready to face a good nights sleep!'



Library Club have a ‘Fantazmagorical’ time celebrating Roald Dahl’s birthday!

Library Club returned at the start of the new term with a ‘fizz bang whollop’ celebrating the birthday of one of our favourite authors, Roald Dahl. Students from all year groups joined in with the celebrations; making BFG ears, quizzes, puzzles, word searches and even completed a maze to find a golden ticket, which in true Charlie and the Chocolate Factory style, was duly rewarded with chocolate! When the bell rang bringing the party to a close everyone agreed they’d had a ‘scrumdiddlyumptious’ time! Library Club takes place in the Library every Wednesday lunchtime and everyone is welcome! We have our ‘speed dating’ with books coming soon which begins Library Club’s participation in the Worcestershire Teen Book Award.



Options

James Thatcher
YEAR 9

As each year moves up it is once again the opportunity for the new Year 9s to choose their options and decide what courses they will take for their GCSEs. As well as being able to take the normal school curriculum subjects for their GCSEs they can also take other subjects such as politics, junior sports leader, childcare and media studies. These new subjects mean that students are allowed to follow other interests and link these to future study and career plans. These decisions are very important and need to be chosen with care because it may determine the future of certain students. Students will be placed on ‘pathways’ to ensure that they choose subjects that are suited to their needs and abilities. Some subjects such as English, maths, science and history begin GCSEs in year 9 to ensure that there is plenty of time to complete all of the content that is needed for the new specification 1-9 exams.



Shakespeare Schools Festival

James Thatcher
YEAR 9

This year’s new production, for the annual Shakespeare’s Schools Festival, is ‘As You Like It’ and after last years ‘The Merry Wives of Windsor’ it is sure to be a hit. It is one of

Shakespeare’s more confusing plays with a lot of cross dressing, mistaken identities and is full of heroes, heroines and evil villains. It will be performed in November at the Palace Theatre in Redditch with an audience of hundreds. Although acting is a major part of the production the light and sound crew also help the performance adding music and lights to the

performance. Although it is an old play the cast are adding a new twist to it using humans as different props and objects on stage giving the actors more time to appear on stage. Overall it is sure to be a stage hit and should go down well with the cast and audience alike.

WODYs

Worcester Operatic and Dramatic Society (WODYs) includes many students from Nunnery Wood and some members of staff too. They meet and perform at the Swan Theatre in Worcester. The group is currently putting on a performance of the hit musical 'Made in Dagenham'. The show tells the story of the fight that women had to gain equal pay in the 1970s and is focussed on the Ford car plant in Da-

genham. Students Lydia Dimmock and Willem Van der Klein are in the show along side Miss Jakeman from the performing arts department. Mr Skyrme is responsible for the sound for the production. There are still some tickets available via the Swan Theatre's box office, although performances are not suitable for younger children due to some bad language.



made in Dagenham THE MUSICAL

Book by RICHARD BEAN
Music by DAVID ARNOLD
Lyrics by RICHARD THOMAS

Based on the Woolley/Karlsen/Number 9 Motion Picture Financed by the BBC, BMS Film Finance, BFI and Lip Sync Productions. Directed by Nigel Cole. Screenplay by William Ivory.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe).

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17th - 21st
October 2017
with a matinee on Saturday 21st

The Swan Theatre
Worcester

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by Richard Thomas

Made in Dagenham

Interview with Willem van der Kleijn, Year 9

"I have been a member of WODYs (Worcester Operatic Drama Society) for 2 years now, since auditioning for and gaining one of the 15 places from 70 auditionees in 2015.

Since then, I have played a principle role of Gavroche in Les Miserables and recently played in a chorus role in Whistle Down the Wind. I will be auditioning for a role in our next production of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers early 2018.

I wanted to challenge myself with a different acting experience, so when I heard that WODS (the over 18's version of WODYs), were looking for two children to play a part in their forthcoming production of Made in Dagenham I didn't hesitate and put myself forward for the auditions.

I was pleased to be offered the role and I have been really enjoying rehearsing with the WODs team for the past few months".

Interview with Lydia Dimmock

"I joined WODYs in 2016 and I took part in Whistle down the wind. I was really excited to part of the theatre group. It's lots of fun and I have made new friends. When I saw that WODs were holding auditions for the children's role in Made in Dagenham, I thought it would be a great experience, so I gave it a try. I'm really looking forward to the show".

Made in Dagenham is playing at the Swan Theatre from Tuesday 17th -Saturday 21st October

(contains strong language)

Flexus Progression



Lorien Peters, Year 11, successfully auditioned for the 'Flexus Progression', which is part of the Flexus Collective Advanced Youth Company. Katy the artist director and choreographer of Flexus said, "It was extremely hard to make a selection this year & we were overwhelmed by the number of auditionees with exceptionally high standards." (over 100 auditioned) She also said, "Lorien was a strong candidate of

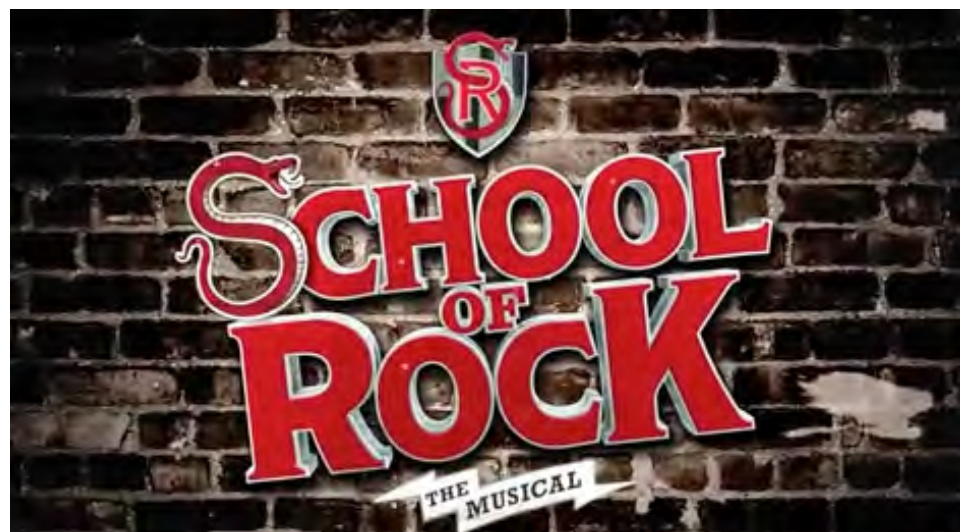
Nunnery Rocks!

Nawal Jamshid
YEAR 8

Every few years the school puts on a student led production of a musical and this years' musical is none other than 'The School of Rock'. For those of you who are unaware of the story here is a brief synopsis: Overly enthusiastic guitarist Dewey Finn gets thrown out of his band and finds himself in desperate need of work. Impersonating a supply teacher at an elite private elementary school, he exposes his students to rock music after hearing them perform in their music class although facing concerns from

the head teacher at the school. As he gets his privileged and precocious charges in touch with their inner rock 'n' roll animals, he imagines redemption at a local Battle of the Bands.

Students from all year groups have auditioned and are starting rehearsals. There are roles for everyone, ranging from singers and dancers to sound, lighting and front of house. There is no excuse not to get involved in what promises to be yet another great spectacular. There is still plenty of time to get involved, see Mr Steward for more details.



Taking The Next Step

Year 11 dancer Yasmin Li, will be featuring in The hugely popular CBBC series The Next Step, which is a reality-style drama that focuses on a group of dancers who attend The Next

Step Dance Studio. Dance is at the heart of everything these talented teens do, and so is the drama!



which we were extremely proud, he's a credit to Flexus Dance Collective & a valuable member of the Youth Sector".

He will have the same opportunity to take part in all the Commissioned pieces, Community Performances, National Programs & Platforms with Flexus.

Did you know that there are dance clubs in

school for all year groups? See Miss Sharpe for more details.



Have you ever wondered who the School Governors are and what they do?

Heather Hazel
CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The Governors are a group of people, around 18 at this school, who are appointed to oversee the strategic direction of the school and hold school management to account. Governors do not run the school on a day-to-day basis; this is the responsibility of the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team. Governors have an oversight role, hopefully asking challenging questions to ensure that the school is going in the right direction and providing a good level of education. Each governor is appointed to serve a 4 year term, although many stay on for a further term and others sometimes don't finish their term.

There are 6 parent governors who have children at Nunnery when they are appointed and are elected by the parents (where more than one person applies). A couple of staff are on the Governing Body as well as the Headteacher. The rest of the Governors are people who have an interest in education and Nunnery particularly – many of us started as parent governors and have stayed on. We try to make sure that we have a balance of skills and interests, so that we can bring outside experience and knowledge to help the school. We think it is really important that current parents have a voice on the governors because their children are the reason why we all want the school to be a good school.

Governors all meet together at Full Governing Body meetings usually 5 times a year. However, there are also 3 committees which meet to look more closely at certain issues and report to the full Board. Each governor is also linked to a certain part of school life such as Special Needs, Safeguarding or Finance.

One of these committees is the Resources Committee, which covers matters to do with Staffing, Finance and Premises. One key area for the governors is to consider financial performance and value for money; we are responsible for public funds and we need to make sure that the school's budget is spent wisely, especially as money is tight in schools. The governor linked to finance looks at the detail of how we plan to spend the budget and whether we are keeping to plan; this is discussed again at Resources Committee and the full Governors meeting. We also commission an annual independent Audit of the Budget which is required by the Education Funding Authority. The Governors are ultimately the employers of the staff, so the Resources committee also makes sure that staffing policies are in place and adhered to.

Nunnery News has reported before about the decision to expand our Pupil Admission Number from 270 to 300 which starts next year. We were requested to expand by Worcestershire County Council because there are increased numbers of young people looking for school places. However, we had to think carefully about this because we are already a big school and school can be a busy place. In the end, Governors agreed because the funding we were offered meant that, not only could we improve our Science and Art facilities but we can also improve the general areas and movement around school. The school budget is based on student numbers and the additional student numbers will help us to continue to break even. The work being undertaken on the school site is a major project and we have a Governor with expertise in this field maintaining an oversight.

The Outcomes committee looks at the experi-

ence of our students at Nunnery Wood including the curriculum and results, welfare of students, attendance and careers advice. Like the Resources committee, we will look at policies in this area, ensuring they are in place and suitable and asking for evidence to show how effective these policies are.

Governors have been extremely pleased with the GCSE results again this year, testament to the hard work of the staff and students. Most years, the school will identify particular 'hot spots' to focus on, where improvements could be made, for example, boys' performance in certain subjects; disadvantaged students' performance etc. However, we also look to see that all students are making expected progress. The changes to the GCSE exams and grades makes this all more difficult for staff but we are confident that Nunnery Wood has got to grips with it.

The third committee is the Steering committee which is made up of a small number of governors and manages the work of the governors

towards the strategic direction of the school.

Other committees are called as and when needed, such as occasionally when a student is permanently excluded from Nunnery Wood. A decision to permanently exclude is taken by the Headteacher when either a student has behaved badly persistently or when the behaviour is extremely serious. However, this needs to be confirmed by a panel of the Governors, who look at all the evidence and whether there is any reasonable alternative. Parents are invited to attend this meeting.

I hope that this has given you a flavour of the work of the Governors. If you are interested in knowing more about the individuals who are on the Governing Body or what has been discussed, then you will find more information and the minutes of the full Governors meetings in the Governors part of the school website.



Feminism, body image; and keeping up with the Kardashians?

By Asumayyah Iqbal
YEAR 9



Women have had to fight for equality, mainly in the last two centuries. We've probably all heard of the women's suffrage movement in which many women protested peacefully and violently in order to get the right to vote. You may know the story of Emily Davison who infamously fell underneath, or threw herself in front of the king's horse. Women have also had to fight for equality and for the will to live peacefully and alongside males in a predominately patriarchal society.

So what is feminism? I think the real question is: what is feminism to you, something important, an expression, or a group discussion you're not part of. What do you do when you hear the word; do you grimace - or get bored and shrug it off? Do you get frightened - or do you take

it as an insult? The last one may sound a bit peculiar. But did you know that 1 in 5 people in the UK think being called a feminist is an 'insult'. I then did some further research when I found out that people and even some historians compare the suffragettes to terrorists. So do people think that feminists are suffragettes and therefore terrorists? Are people scared and think that any moment now they'll start smashing windows or worse - bombing places. Or are there just narrow-minded people who are terrified of a world without patriarchy in it? I mean now and then you'll have the same arguments in which boys think that they are better than girls in general and predominantly the sport industry. Gosh - I mean get a grip people. If there was enough funding and support maybe women would be as good - I mean better than men...

Which moves us onto the next point; why do some celebrity women - cough- The Kardashians - cough- think it's all right to spread the wrong message to the world. I mean it's not just them but I'm pretty sure that they're the ones who started the outrageous trend of posting themselves semi-nude to the whole world on social media; therefore, creating a domino effect and, 'everyone keeps up with their trend. Okay I'll stop being a hypocrite and admit that watching the Kardashians is one of my guilty pleasures and occasionally some of their trends are funny to watch on tv but then eventually the laughter dies down and there is only a feeling of being self-conscious and insecure. That's when

you realise that some people are depressed that they don't look good, that they don't have great bodies that they don't have perfect smiles and poses when in reality the same celebrities add filters, and photoshop their selfies too. Can anyone remember when everyone was considered beautiful. No? That really kills my soul; the fact that the media has prescribed one type of beautiful when in reality there are a million types, types of beauty within, and the - now rare - types of beauty that just make you smile. As a generation we have become selfish thinking about how we look rather than the more important issues around the world: the wars, the many homeless refugees who are hungry and left to die, and the amount of children who are out of education and want to go to school - I know it sounds unbelievable, I mean why?

But the point is we have to always constantly remind ourselves that there are people happier with less than what we have. And yes the Kardashians are notorious for posting daily glamorous and often lingerie clad images on Instagram that attract around seven million likes, but who cares. But the fact that every person forgets is that the same celebrities have professional nutritionists and fitness coaches. I mean I'm always asking the same question - How on earth are they famous. Yes, I know everyone is thinking of the same dumb line that they all use: "We're famous for being famous". Like honestly Kim, shut up, the only reason your famous is because you take nude selfies and

post them with outrageous captions like: "When you're like I have nothing to wear (LOL)". Really Kim you couldn't find anything to wear in your \$20,000,000 home in hidden villas. Wow, an amazing excuse might I add. What would be useful to the women and most people in today's society is if the Kardashian's used their platform to raise awareness to more significant issues around the world like discrimination instead of just glamour and luxury.

But I do hate the people for saying "female empowerment" is photographing your own backside (LOL!), for shopping without end and for fame without talent, for being the mirror in which a billion young girls look and find themselves plain. I mean without throwing shade at the Kardashians, it would be nice to see them doing something actually empowering.



Politics Matters!

Alex Scoby
YEAR 11

Politics affects us all and holding our MPs to account is an extremely important part of the political process. MP for Worcester, Robin Walker, was keen to share with us what his ambitions are for his constituency.



"After all the political drama of the party conferences, Parliament returns for a crucial term which will see a budget, the debates on the law to deliver the UK's exit from the EU and important progress on school funding. As Worcester's MP I have been pleased to be able to use the recess to showcase some of the excellent

developments in the city in the field of sport and business – bringing my colleague the Minister for Sport to see our world class Worcester Arena and the city's new swimming pool and welcoming the Energy Minister to Worcester Bosch to open a new £3.5m training facility.

Many of my key campaigns for Worcester have seen progress in recent months including the completion of the new eight lane swimming pool at Perdiswell, record numbers of apprenticeships being delivered, falling unemployment and confirmation of a much needed £29 million investment in our hospital. School funding, which has long been one of my key priorities has seen a boost with the announcement of a new formula in which every single Worcester school is set to gain. Nunnery Wood High School is among these and I am pleased that the new formula means a more substantial increase to funding per pupil than the previous set of proposals.

Other key campaigns such as my campaign to get the Carrington Bridge dualled to ease traffic congestion in the city are still awaiting an answer and I will keep pressing these with Ministers. On the national level too there has been progress with some key issues I have long been raising – a complete ban on ivory to end the slaughter of elephants in Africa, a substantial increase in sentences for animal cruelty, more nurse training places and more investment in affordable housing – a crucial issue for the

We also interviewed Joy Squires (Local Labour Party election candidate) about her work in the local constituency. She has an important role in holding Robin Walker to account.



on air pollution – St John's Bull Ring, Lowesmoor, Foregate Street and Dolday. The Tything and Sidbury are nearly at unsafe levels of air pollution. Poor air quality is bad for our health and bad for the planet! Most air pollution is caused by polluting vehicles, so taking measures to reduce congestion in the city, encourage the use of electric vehicles, and encourage people to use bikes or to walk as an alternative to using the car all need to be considered.

If you have any ideas about how to increase recycling or improve air quality in Worcester please get in touch! Here's my email: joy.squires@btinternet.com.

If a group of you would like to visit EnviroSort in Norton, where all the recycling is taken, so that you can see how it is sorted and packaged for re-use, get in touch and I will arrange that for you."

"Climate change is the most urgent problem we face globally. We all expect national Government to take measures to tackle climate change, but what about local councils like Worcester? I have long thought that Worcester City Council should do more to tackle climate change, so now that I am Chair of the City Council's Environment Committee, I have the chance to influence what the City Council does.

There are two areas I am focussing on currently – recycling and air quality. I am chairing a cross-party review into how to improve our recycling rates in Worcester. The more we recycle, the more materials can be re-used and turned into new products, cutting down on the amount of raw materials we need and the energy we use to extract and process those raw materials. So improving on our recycling rates is a small but important contribution to tackling climate change.

Worcester has four areas that exceed safe limits

life chances of the next generation.

A review of tuition fees and a decision to cancel any increases planned for the next few years is welcome, but it is important that the right balance is struck here. It is essential we preserve a system in which nobody has to pay up front to go to university and that we keep up the progress by which more people from all backgrounds have been able to benefit from a university education over the last few years. Our Universities are world class as we have seen with recent rankings in which Britain has three of the top ten in the world including the first and second place. I welcome an increase in the threshold at which people start repaying their loans but it is right that Government should take a long hard look at the system as a whole to make sure it is working properly and fairly.

In the meantime it is good news that apprenticeships are providing opportunities for more and more people and recent figures show that Worcestershire is supporting not only record numbers of apprentices but a greater variety. At Worcester Bosch we met people who were engaging in all levels of apprenticeships from level two qualifications – equivalent to GCSE, up to degree level. It is no longer the case that going to University is the only way to get a degree and the apprenticeship route gives people the opportunity to earn as they learn.

With the news that Worcester has recently been voted the happiest city in the UK in which to live we have confirmation that many of the good news stories being reported are making a real difference to people's lives. I want to make sure that continues.

In my role as a Minister I have been working hard to make sure we deliver a successful outcome in our negotiations with the EU. The Prime Minister has set out a sensible path for us to do so – respecting the referendum and leaving the political structure of the EU but, recognising that we will be neighbours and partners for the long term and therefore building a strong future partnership between an independent UK and our neighbours. We need to secure a good trade deal so that Worcester businesses can continue to sell into Europe and continue to receive investment from European ones and we need to show that Britain remains committed to the security and prosperity of the continent in which we live. Challenging though the negotiations will undoubtedly be, I have been struck by the goodwill there is in many European countries for a deal that works for both parties and I am determined to deliver that".

Remember, MPs work for you, you can contact Robin Walker by email, or Twitter to have your voice heard! Robin.walker.mp@parliament.co.uk Tweet @walkerworchester

AUTUMN WALK 2017

Join the RLSS UK **FUN** walk on
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A family friendly walk
through the Worcester countryside.

STARTING AT Waitrose London Road Worcester **2.5 Miles** **FINISHING AT** The River Severn

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Exciting opportunity to join our team

The terms of office of 3 of our long standing and valued governors are coming to an end, which means that we have vacancies for two parent governors and one 'other' (community) governor.

We would be particularly keen to hear from anyone who works in / or worked in finance or accountancy.

Meetings start at 5.30p.m. there are 4 full gov-

erning body meetings per year plus committee meetings usually 1 or 2 per term.

For further information about the governing body please see our website, governor section.

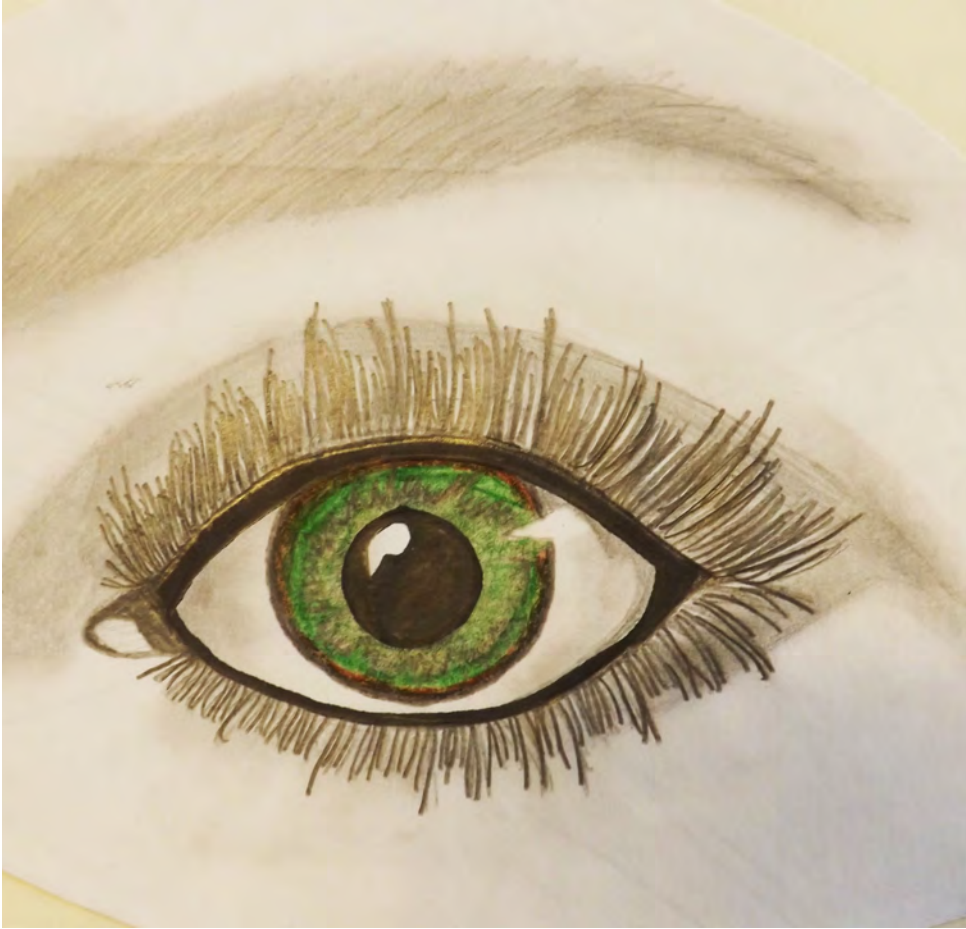
To nominate and to see if you are eligible to be considered please click the link 'apply' or contact Helen West: h.west@nunnerywood.worcs.sch.uk or 01905 363623.

ARTIST of the month

As another academic year begins, we have to say farewell to some fabulous art students from our “Year 11 leavers 2017”. With 116 students who opted to take GCSE General Art, Photography, Textiles and Graphics we have a huge amount of work to praise and exhibit with students achieving an average 95% A*-C. We look forward to seeing them and catching up with them at their presentation evening on 9th November when they can come and collect their artwork. Here are some pieces of their stunning work....



Above - Adam Rowberry \ Below - Lauren Thatcher



Above - Lauren Thatcher \ Below - Ellie Warren



ARTIST of the month



Above - Jack Pinfield \ Below - Lauren Thatcher

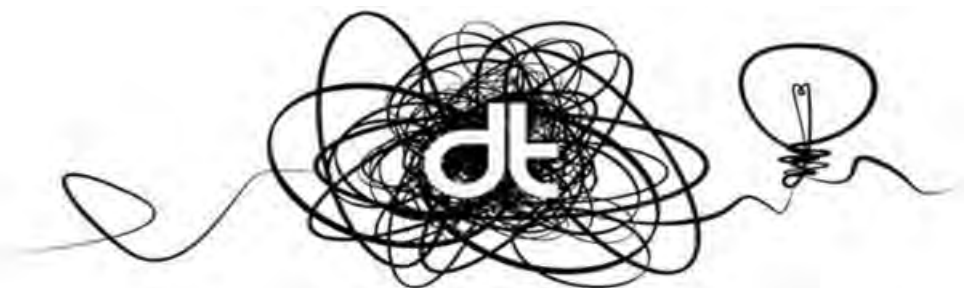


Top Left - Lauren Thatcher \ Bottom - Samuel Hunt \ Top Right - Lauren Thatcher



Above - Lauren Monkhouse \ Below - Megan Hemming





On Tuesday 10th October Courtney Broughton, Year 11 2016-17, exhibited her GCSE Product Design work at the Young Furniture Makers Exhibition in London. The event, organised by the Furniture Makers Company, a Charity which supports designers and makers, was held at the

Furniture Makers Hall and the Dutch Church in central London.

Courtney was among 120 exhibitors at the event including A Level and final year university students showcasing their work to potential

employers, members of industry and the general public.

Sebastian Conran (CEO of Conran Associates) was the guest speaker at the event and presented the awards.

Courtney had a fantastic day and said “It was a great experience for me and it was really interesting seeing the different types of products and standard of work other exhibitors have produced. I’d like to have a career in designing and making in the future.”



What’s going on in Worcester?

The Hive Coding Taster Sessions

Introducing children to computer coding. No booking required. Come with headphones or purchase for £1.60.

Monday 23 October, 10.30am–12pm Thursday 26 October, 10.30am–12pm



Churchfields Maize Maze

Enjoy a fantastic day out with the Churchfields Maize Maze! Our amazing maize maze is set in over 6 acres and is adjacent to our Barn Cafe car park....

Salwarpe Droitwich
Now until Wed 1st November

Armistice Day Talks

Stretcher Bearers and the Casualty Evacuation Chain by Emily Mayhew

Dr Martha Stewart the First Female Resident Medical Officer, Worcester Infirmary by Rebecca Wynter

Research into Medical Developments in Worcestershire in WW1 by Alice Brumby

Saturday 11 November, 1–3.30pm bit.ly/TheInfirmaryTickets



Study Happy Fair

Join us to find out more about how you can study healthier, happier and smarter. Meet local wellbeing practitioners, learn techniques to help you combat study stress and try energy-boosting activity sessions.

This event is open to all but is aimed particularly at sixth form, further education and university students.

Wednesday 15 November, 11am–5pm

WW1 The Regiment at the Battle of Passchendaele

The Worcestershire Regiment at the Battle of Passchendaele, temporary exhibition at the Worcester Soldier Gallery.

Phone:01905 766352 Free entry

City Art gallery & Museum Foregate Street Worcester Worcestershire WR1 1DT
Sunday 17 Sep 2017 to Tuesday 31 Oct 2017

Pottery at Eastnor Castle

An ideal opportunity for aspiring young potters to work with professional, ceramic artists. Experience ‘hands on’ real clay with an exciting variety of making techniques. A different theme every time includes either a go on the potter’s wheel or work with coloured slips. The 1 ½ hr sessions take place throughout the day and are designed to suit either 4-8yrs and 9-12yrs. Small friendly groups ensure maximum attention from our experienced team of potters, always on hand to guide and offer advice. Big emphasis on having fun and learning via enjoyment. Fantastic results every time. Your child’s clay masterpiece will need to dry thoroughly before it can be fired.



Noticeboard

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School Website

For the latest information on policies, admissions, uniform requirements, curriculum news; to download copies of the Nunnery News and press releases; visit or find out how our building project is progressing, visit: www.nunnerywood.worcs.sch.uk. Follow @NunneryWood for up to the minute information and celebrations of students success.

Text Messages

We also like to send out little reminders via Text Message so please make sure you have updated your contact details and provided your mobile number.

Reporting student absence

To report your child’s absence the most efficient way to get the information to us is to call our dedicated absence line. Our Year Team Leaders have teaching commitments which mean they aren’t always able to pass messages on to the Attendance team. If you require the informa-

tion to be passed to your child’s Year Team Leader please say so in the message and we will forward it to them.

Love cooking?

Food & Nutrition Termly Update

A great start to the work in Food & Nutrition this term. Pupils have been putting their efforts into assessments; Year 7 have been slaving over a hot grill making pizza toast, Year 8 have investigated the science of how yeast works to produce bread-based pizza and, Year 9 have been whisking up a storm to create some fantastic Swiss rolls. Year 10 have risen to their first challenge 'The perfect Victoria Sponge' and have had some excellent results that Mary Berry would be envious of!



Nunnery Bake Off



Best Bakers

Freya Barton (7.3)
James Thatcher (8.9)
Ryan Whitby (8.9)



Fabulous Four

Anisa Westbury (10.8)
Adjane Fortes (7.X)
Sebastian Bennett (8.1)
Adam Bourke (10.8)



Tom Evans (10.5)
Paige New (9.6)
Saara Shafaq (7.2)

During activity week at the end of the summer term, incredible work was produced as part of the Bake Off activity. Everyone agreed that the best part was the tasting!



Bake Off Buddies

Suzanne Capewell (9.4)
Keira Hibbert (7.4)
Oliver Styles (7.7)

Cake Challenge results!

Staff and students were more than willing to bake and eat excellent cakes in order to raise money for charity. Staff cakes were sold to raise funds for Macmillan as part of their coffee morning. The total amount raised was over £100. The gluten and lactose free chocolate cake was very popular Ms Ledbury and Mr Raistrick's millionaire slices and brownies went down a storm!

Winners: 9.1



Students were challenged in form groups to produce 24 identical cakes to be sold. The money raised went to St Richard's Hospice and New Hope respite centre, which are both local charities that the students support.

The cakes produced were fantastic and there was fierce competition to produce the tastiest cakes! Prizes were awarded for the best presented cases and after much consideration the winners were:

Runners up: 10.8



Open Evening Triumph

Open Evening 2017 was a huge success. The event attracted more visitors than ever before and they certainly were not disappointed with what they saw. Visitors were invited to join a tour led by students or teaching staff around the school, or were free to walk around themselves. Year 11 students greeted people and handed them information as they arrived. Other prefects donned their waterproof high visibility coats to ensure that parking was orderly! There were speeches delivered by the head teacher to introduce the school and each department had exciting activities organised to wow the guests. The evening gave future students and their parents a taste of what is on offer here at Nunnery Wood and the students helpers received high praise for their efforts on the evening. Activities on offer included a cafe in the Modern Languages Department, but you had to use another language to get the goodies, Zombie brides and Willy Wonka in the English department, plenty of experiments in maths, a temple in the EP department, fresh bread and cakes from food and a murder enquiry and World War One trench in the history department. The maths department used Kit Kats to engage visitors in their subject. In geography, visitors experienced volcanos and there was a huge amount of talent on show in PE, dance, drama, music and art. The DT department was also very popular and visitors are hugely impressed with the quality of work on display. One Twitter user stated, "Super impressed with the open evening @NunneryWood - particular well done to the creative arts - students were fantastic". Another said "It was so well organised and every one of your students was a great role model. Helpful, friendly and knowledgeable. Well done all!" Open Day followed the next day and visitors were toured around the school by Year 11 prefects so that they could see the school in action.



**“Super impressed with Open Evening at NunneryWood - particular the creative arts, well done, all students were fantastic :)
@NunneryWood**



fabulous open evening today! The year 6s were enthralled and excited about all the amazing learning and fun they will have.
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SMSC Day

Max Worker-Moore
YEAR 7

Max Worker-Moore explained what he did on his very first SMSC day at Nunnery Wood.

“As it was my first SMSC day I wasn’t really sure what I was in for but it was one of the most

informative days at school. We started with one of three lessons with my form and we were discussing Fair Trade and how some of the most important people in the cycle get barley any money towards the profit. Then we had a lesson with Mr Burford about respecting everyone, where we got into a group and pretended to film a video about why people should join our pretend gang there were chocolates for the best video (ours went terribly!) and well there was



an envelope of shame for the worst it went to another group #DanceSquad everyone was letting them in except for our group when the people went into the group and opened the envelope together (the challenge was not to get the chocolate so as my group didn’t have an envelope we didn’t get any chocolate. This activity taught us a very important lesson about respecting others!

After Break We went next door to our form in EN7 this is where we talked about world issues (my suggestion for one of the biggest problems was that not that many people had WIFI!!!!). There were some astonishing facts about the worlds issues like 1.4 BILLION people don’t have access to Modern technology like: Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook and YouTube. This lesson was a real eye opener for some of the big problems in this world like plastic in the seas,

people are starving and etc. Then we made our way to form where are last 2 lessons where going to be. Period 4 came and we began to talk about how NO one has the ability to boss other people around we looked at this in a ship wreck situation as the scenario was that 11 people were on a life boat and the rations where to slim so they weren’t all going to make it and we had to kick 6 people of then after we discussed we realized it was never going to be fair who we kicked of the boat so we decided that no one was being kicked. Then lunch came and after that hour we came to the lass lesson came where we studied Oracy skills (Speaking skills). We learnt what makes a good speaker good with: body language and more. We also saw how to keep people interested during a conversation. So that was the first SMSC day for Year 7 and the first SMSC day for this term and I really enjoyed it”.

Some People Are Gay – Get Over It!

Issy Sawyer & Hannah Scott
YEAR 11

Mrs Westhead and Miss Johnson delivered assemblies with the help of Year 11 students to all year groups in school with some important messages. They aimed to tackle homophobic language, bullying and exclusion. The students told stories of people who are gay and

have been bullied as a consequence of this and shared the stories of famous gay people. They also gave details of organisations who can help students if they want to talk about their sexuality, such as stonewall.co.uk and Childline 0800 1111. Mrs Westhead, Miss Johnson and Mr Steward are also running a lunchtime group that is open to all students, where issues of sexuality are openly discussed and shared. See any of the staff for further details.

Worcester’s First Gay Pride

Issy Sawyer & Hannah Scott
YEAR 11

Hundreds of people enjoyed a day of festivities, colour and music in the city of Worcester in September as the city celebrated its first ever Worcestershire Pride. The pride took place riverside at The Fountains and Copenhagen Street by South Quay and according to organisers, took a year in the planning. The Pride was also awarded a £9,900 lottery grant to put on the event. The city’s

Mayor, Steve Mackay opened the event with a speech and the celebrations continued until 8 PM with performances from X Factor’s Freddy Parker and Ginny Lemon. The mainstage show was hosted by the fabulous Princx and joined on stage by Woofy Powder. Along with performances and drag performance there was a range of activities and stalls selling things ranging from food to clothes to flower crowns. Additionally, there were LGBTQ book being read by Woofy Powder throughout the day to children and their parents.



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Bayard Rustin

Best remembered for organizing the 1963 March on Washington (yep, that one), Bayard Rustin was an amazing civil rights activist who was gay at a very homophobic time. He was arrested several times for “open homosexuality” and civil disobedience, and although he noted in 1986, “I did not ‘come out of the closet’ voluntarily—circumstances forced me out,” he never quit fighting for freedom and justice for all.

Important dates in October/ November:
National Coming Out Day- 11th Oct
Transgender Awareness Week- 6th-19th Nov
Intersex Awareness Day- 26th Oct
Asexual Awareness Week- last week of Oct



NUNNERY SPORT

Nunnery Netball off to Strong Start

Katie Harris
YEAR 11

Netball player from all year groups have had a successful start to the season. So far they have played maths against local rivals Blessed Edward's and Droitwich High School. The Year 11 team secured a comfortable victory against Droitwic with a score of 27 - 5. Lauren Shep-

pard was Player of the Match for her excellent performance. Year 10 players also won against Blessed Edwards, although ehYear 11s were unlucky in losing by just 1 point, with a final score of 21- 22. Millie Rawlins was awarded Player of The Match.

Netball is available to all year groups, see Miss Chalmers or Miss Gonzalez for further details.

Year 11 Netball Update

Nunnery's Year 11 netball team took part in the Worcester District Under 16 Tournament at King's School. Teams from King's, Bishop Perowne, RGS, Christopher Whitehead were amongst the competitors. The Nunnery team lost against King's School, however, pulled it back to win 6-3 against Bishop Perowne and 10-0 against Christopher Whitehead. The team drew against Tudor Grange. The team stayed strong throughout the tournament and King's school were declared the eventual winners.

Sports Clubs

Louis Foreman
YEAR 7

Everyone at Nunnery Wood is lucky to have such a great sport infrastructure and the plethora of clubs open to students. We went out and saw the Girls Football Club. We could see that they were all enjoying learning to play football. That is just one of the many clubs that are on this year. Netball, hockey, boxercise, cycling are all included. The full list can be found outside of the PE office and on the school portal.



There's no stopping them!

Staff and students have continued to run for fitness and charity. Miss Matthews successfully completed her first 10K run, which she did not think was possible just a year ago. Miss Hunt entered her first half marathon and completed it in an incredible time of 1h 52m. Mrs Telger continues to take part in 5 and 10k runs and ensures that students also join in. James Dale, Amy Dale Louise Church, Nicole Symonds and Markus Telger tackled 5k in aid of St Richard's Hospice. James completed the race in just 17 minutes and finished in first place. Nunnery students Abbie Smedley, Jess Rich, Henry Rich and Markus Telger, also entered the Children's 3k run which was part of the Worcester Marathon and Half marathon.



Year 7 Football Club

The Year 7 football team won their very first game against Bishop Perowne High School. Harry Rebbeck scored a hatrick and received Player of the Match. The team is captained by Jack Christie who has been fantastic and always leads by example. The team looks set to go from strength to strength as they are already demonstrating excellent skills and are working together as a team.



NUNNERY SPORT

Mixed Hockey, Unmixed Emotions



Alastair Borwell Fox
YEAR 11

Solihull School's start was as slow as the can-teen queue when Mr Haines is in charge with Nunnery quickly taking the lead with 2 goals in quick succession, both being counter attacks with the final and all-important touches off Alex Gough and Sam Harris! After the advertisement break, more goals were to come including Dan

Rickman's quick thinking to pass the defend-ers with ease which lead to a teasing tap in. Mr Perry spilt his popcorn with Ben Lawrence scoring a goal, then another and then securing the hat-trick once again in quick succession as Solihull started to get into what looked like their bedtime relaxation Yoga routine. However, like all movies that Mr Perry has seen, it wasn't quite "and they all lived happy ever after". No, Solihull desperately attempted to mend the huge damage on the scoresheet by



scoring two goals out of nowhere. Big shoutout to Aswin Sujith for stepping up to fill the absent space of our beloved goalkeeper Fabio Da Cruz D'Alva (whom will be missed dearly). Not only did Aswin step up, but he stepped out to completely miss the unfortunate opposition's only two shots all game. A final thanking for Ben Dimmick and his phone who is now a vital member of our team, getting us free of some weirdly pointless country road. Final score 6-2.



Term dates - 2017 / 18

AUTUMN TERM 2017
Term Starts - 6th September
Half Term - 23rd October - 27th October
Term Ends - 19th December

SPRING TERM 2018
Term Starts - 3rd January
Half Term - 19th February - 23rd February
Term Ends - 29th March

SUMMER TERM 2018
Term Starts - 16th April
Half Term - 28th May - 1st June
Term Ends - 24th July

OTHER DATES
Good Friday - 30th March
Easter - 2nd April
May Day - 7th May
Whitsun Bank Holiday - 28th May

INSET DAYS
Monday 4th September 2017
Tuesday 5th September 2017
Other TED's to be confirmed

ADDITIONAL DATES
Year 10 Parental Consultation - 5th April 2017

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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Parent Voice - We Need You!

We are always interested to hear from you and to offer an open line of communication. In an effort to facilitate this, we are holding a Coffee Morning on Monday 6th November at 11.30am to launch the Parent Voice. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with other parents as

well as a forum through which to raise concerns and ask questions. You are welcome to bring along pre-school children and even grandparents." For more details contact Mrs Miller. Email: l.miller@nunnerywood.worcs.sch.uk



County Competition for Badminton Team

Nunnery Wood entered the Key Stage Three city round of the Schools' Badminton Competition (city round) with a boys and a girls team. The girls won their competition and have qualified as City Champions and are into the round, which is at County Level. The boys team gained great experience and enjoyed participating in the competition but unfortunately did not progress through to the next round.



School shop

The Finance Office have a wide range of items for sale, including stationery, equipment and revision guides.

The Finance Office is open...
Monday to Fridays:
8.00am - 8.50am
10.50am - 11.05am
1.10pm - 2.00pm
3.05pm - 3.30pm

Our current price list is as follows:

Stationary	
Pen	10p
Pencil	10p
Ruler 6"	10p
Ruler 12"	15p
Rubber	5p
Sharpener	5p
Protractor	10p
Set Square	10p
Compass	25p
Other equipment	
A4 Art Sketchbook	£2
A3 Art Sketchbook	£3
8GB Memory Stick	£3.35
Scientific Calculator	£5.85
Water Bottle	£1
Yr11 Tie	£4.20
St Richards Hospice Band	£1
Pencil Case	£1

Revision guides only available on ParentPay

