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## 2019 - We Are Ready!



AS 2018 draws to an end, we take a look back at all that the year has brought to Nunnery Wood. Despite the school year ending in July, we still like to celebrate the end of one year and the start of a new one. The year has brought some big changes to the school, a huge investment of money has improved the site and facilities, a particular highlight is the brand new fitness suite with its state of the art equipment, as well as new classrooms, covered walkways and new outdoor social spaces and equipment. Harrison Dolby, Year 9 said: "We are at that age now where fitness is so important, so we

are very lucky to have these facilities. The gym offers a range of exercises for us to take part in, including cardiovascular activities and weights."

In addition to this we have seen the introduction of our new rewards and awards policy being rolled out to all year groups, which is proving to be a huge success and students are loving tracking their merits and badges. 2018 also delivered amazing GCSE results, placing us in the top 14% of schools in the country for the amount of progress that students at Nunnery Wood make. This is something that we are especially proud



of. All students make excellent progress and leave ready to pursue their chosen pathways. Mr Powell said: "We feel there is no better place for students, no matter what their ability, ambitions or background. We are delighted that currently we are the most successful in taking students to their next destination in life. We are a thriving educational community which buzzes with academic, sporting and artistic activity." As we said goodbye to the class of 2018, we welcomed the new Year 7 intake, which includes an addition form, making it the first 11 form year group. They have settled in well and are all thriving and enjoying life at Nunnery Wood. We were also lucky to welcome some new and exceptionally talented new staff to join the team. Throughout this year STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) has been hugely transformed in school, with it now being a key part of life at Nunnery. There have been several trips and clubs to promote this as well as numerous displays in school. In addition to academic success, students have had an enormous number of opportunities to get involved in clubs, trips and activities. These have included overseas trips to Disneyland, Skiing, Berlin, Sorrento, the battlefields of France and Belgium and Spain as well as trips to a range of places including London museums, theatre trips, field visits to support the curriculum as well as a whole range of visits to other local schools, colleges and businesses to support learning and provide additional opportunities. Every day there are clubs in school at lunchtime and after

school, there is always something for everybody from computing club to sports clubs, science and DT clubs as well as singing, dancing, music, drama, film, reading and homework clubs! Some of the other highlights of the year have been the performances put on. The summer shows ended the academic year with performances of singing, dancing and drama, more recently we have delivered the Remembrance evening that included dance and musical performances as well as an exhibition of artwork. Key Stage Three students have each had their own music evening to showcase their talents in an informal environment. The final part of the year is always busy with singers performing at the Worcester Victorian Fayre, actors treading the board at the Alexander Theatre in Redditch to perform in the Shakespeare Schools Festival, and the year ended with the Shakespeare and Song production that included acting, singing and dancing, the Carol Concert and performances in all of the end of year assemblies. The sporting success of the school goes from strength to strength with a wide range of teams regularly training and competing in local and national matches and tournaments, including the under 14 football team reaching the 4th round of the National Cup.

Farewell to 2018, we are ready for 2019 and all of the opportunities and successes that we are certain it will bring!







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## Message from the editors

**James Thatcher** - Well, it has been another great year for the newspaper and I have loved producing every issue and being part of the news team. We are now on issue 20! We have lots of budding reporters who will be ready to report on new events in the 2019

Newspaper Club meets in IT3 on Tuesdays at 3.05pm

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

# Headteacher Mr Powell “Ever more student-friendly environment.”



### New Connections

The Autumn Term is always a long and busy one. As ever, our fantastic students have been active both in and out of the classroom and you'll get a sense of the immense variety of sports, arts and STEM events that have taken place by reading this edition of the Nunnery News.

One highlight was the Remembrance Event in November, organised by Ms Speechley, that brought together superb readings, dance and drama to create a poignant reflection on conflict and loss.

The evening was made more memorable by the presence of Luke Perry who is now linked to the school in an unlikely way. Prior to taking a group a Nunnery group on a battlefields trip, Mr Bannister found a memorial cross lying in a Worcester reclamation yard. Realising that it was probably intended for a memorial

somewhere, he took it with him to Tyne Cot in Belgium and placed next to the name of the soldier named. It was there that Luke Perry found the cross since, by strange coincidence, he had travelled to see the memorial shortly after Nunnery Wood students. He was the one who had created the cross in memory of a family member and was astonished at the journey it had made. It was only when he saw a newspaper article shortly after this that he got in touch with the school.

Luke kindly agreed to tell the story of this cross – and the experience of his relatives in the Great War- at the Remembrance Event. It was a powerful and touching moment. He has since donated a book on the war to the school, cementing an unusual but powerful link that we hope to maintain.

### Ongoing investment

Around the school, improvements are continuing: covered walkways and new routes around the school are now complete with work due to begin on new car-parking and drop off areas at the front of the school in February. Also at this time, we will begin the million-pound transformation of the Art teaching area. This will bring to a conclusion the £2.2 million investment that is making the school an ever more student-friendly environment.

### Happy Christmas

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for choosing Nunnery High School for your child. Here's to a great new year of working together.

## Head Girl & Boy



Molly Phillips & Dylan O'Kane  
**HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL**

### Molly & Dylan:

This half term we have continued to establish which areas within the school need improving. We recently held the second school parliament meeting where we have identified 7 different areas that the students feel are most in need of improvement, and the students added in areas

that work well and others that they feel need to be altered. We also discussed the issues that were raised by individual form groups, and we will be taking all these forward to the Senior Leadership Team.

Mrs Budge who over sees the student parliament said, 'It was great to meet with the parliament this term and gather their opinions on different aspects of school life. The students were really enthusiastic and were able to share ideas about what worked well currently and what changes they would like to see made. Many reps had made a real effort to gather opinions from their tutor groups too. These ideas will help guide Molly and Dylan (Head Girl and Head Boy) in their work for the rest of the year'

This term has been a busy one with mock exams for Year 11 and Year 10 as well as a packed programme of Christmas events such as the OAP party and the carol concert. We would like

to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, enjoy the break!



## A message from Miss Speechley...

The team at Nunnery News has been as busy as always to bring you this festive edition of the Nunnery News. The half term has flown by and has been packed with so much news to bring to you. In this edition we have tried to bring some seasonal cheer to see out the year and

have taken a look back at all that 2018 brought to Nunnery Wood. We are delighted to have gained some more journalists along the way who love working away to get the news to you. Mr Morrison has worked with the students to help proof articles and get ideas for stories, Mr

Hancock has the difficult job of producing the paper, never an easy job to get everything in and organised so professionally. Mrs Van Der Klein works to get Nunnery News stories into local media so that the wider community gets an insight into life at Nunnery. We all hope that

you enjoy reading this edition whilst having a restful and relaxing Christmas. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from all at Nunnery News. Don't forget to follow us on social media Twitter @NunneryWood, Instagram@Nunnery-WoodHS, as well as YouTube and Facebook.



# The Rewards System at Nunnery Wood High School

NUNNERY Wood aims to encourage and celebrate the success of all its students in all areas of school life, and to ensure that personal commitment and achievement is celebrated and rewarded.

Since its launch with Year 7 students in April 2018, we have used an online platform called ePraise to award merit points and achievement badges for students. This has been trialed with Year 7 students and due to its overwhelming success has been rolled out to all other year groups since September 2018. Merits are awarded in subject areas for 'commendable effort within the subject where students have gone above and beyond our expectations'. Commendable effort can be recognised in lessons and also out of lessons. Students also receive a weekly point for 100% attendance for the week.

on ePraise to students for contributing in a particular event/activity. Students can collect these badges throughout the year and will form evidence to support coloured tie applications.

This platform can be accessed by students through their portal page so that they can track the points and achievement badges that have been awarded to them by different teachers across the curriculum. Student's progress can also be accessed through the parental portal so that parents/carers can track from home how their son/daughter is progressing.

As students collect awards badges they achieve milestone awards, bronze, silver and gold. Several students have begun to achieve these milestone certificates.

Teachers can also award achievement badges

Form Leaderboard:

Top 3 forms	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1 <sup>st</sup>	7.1 = 575	8.8 = 858	9.X = 666	10.4 = 643	11.7 = 541
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.11 = 565	8.3 = 795	9.9 = 665	10.1 = 635	11.2 = 539
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.4 = 560	8.1 = 794	9.4 = 638	10.3 = 630	11.5 = 492



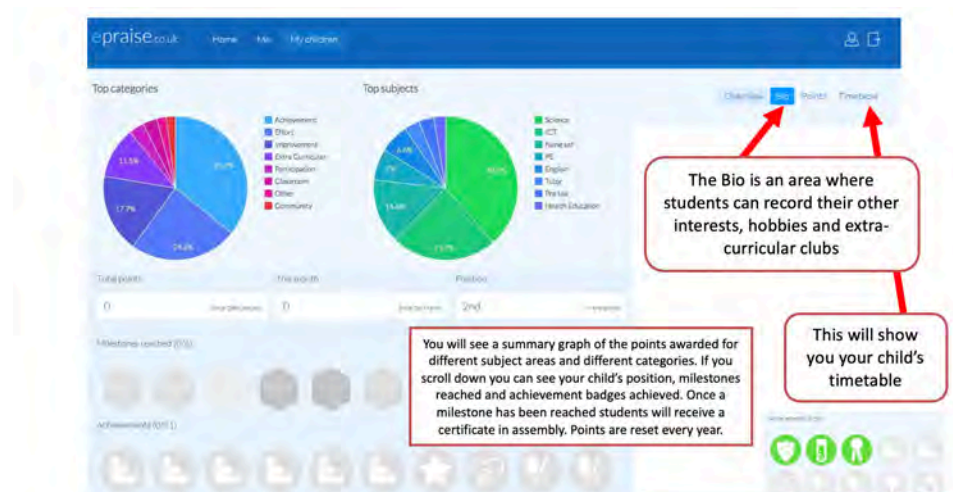
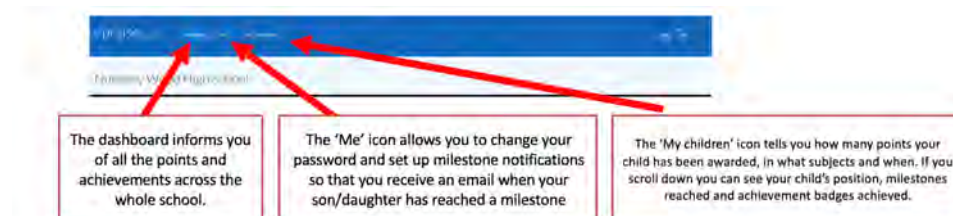
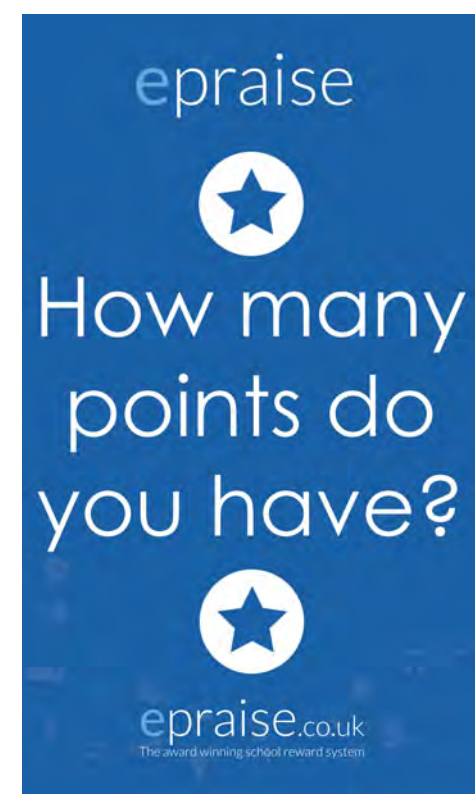
## Above and Beyond!



Teaching Assistant Mrs Alldridge recently was awarded a prize in a glitzy ceremony in recognition of going above and beyond in her duties. Only two people were selected for these awards from all Worcestershire schools. Mrs Alldridge has been a teaching assistant at Nunnery Wood for 11 years and has mostly been attached to the history department. She has also worked as a core teaching assistant. Mrs Alldridge was nominated for the prestigious award because she consistently went above and beyond what is expected of her. Over the years she has supported many individual students to help them achieve their potential and has worked with smaller groups and whole classes. Her role has been very varied and she has offered support to any task directed to her! Recently, Mrs Alldridge took the decision to leave Nunnery Wood and pursue new ventures. We are very sorry to see her go. However, we are all very proud of her for gaining this award as she said good bye to Nunnery Wood and wish her well for the future.



Congratulations to Year 10 student James Thatcher collecting his Silver Award, the first





# Community and Charity Notice Board



THIS year has started with a flurry of activity amongst both staff and students. We continue to support St Richard's Hospice as well as New Hope Children's Charity. The Charity Forum meets fortnightly to support the links with charities and the community. They have recently completed a survey amongst tutor groups and found that most students believe charity has a positive profile in school. They all love non-uniform days and are keen to support events, particularly those they have a connection to.

A MacMillan Coffee Morning was held in the staff room raising £140. Many staff rose to the challenge and baked a range of impressive cakes. There is definitely a chocolate brownie competition amongst the science staff! World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event. Each year, people in the UK and worldwide host their own Coffee Morning. The donations received go towards Macmillan services.

In another charity event, students took part in their cake challenge. Each form was invited to make a dozen identical cakes, biscuits or pastries. The winning entries received a sweetie prize and the cakes were all sold to raise over £130 for our chosen charities.



## New Hope Charity Shop, Ronkswood

WE continue to support local charity New Hope. New Hope provides help and support for families with children who have disabilities. Their 50p shop is in Ronkswood raises to support these children. If you have any good quality items you don't want then please drop them off at the shop. Any items worth more than 50p will be sold on elsewhere. Or why not go along and pick up a bargain, knowing that your money goes to a really good cause?



## Washing & Waxing

YEAR 11 students raised money for their prom by organising a leg wax and a car wash. For the leg wax, brave staff and students volunteered to have patches of their legs waxed in front of a packed hall. There was no shortage of volunteers to rip off the wax as the teachers yelled in pain, much to the delight of those watching! They also organised a wash of staff cars, they did a smashing job and the cars were all sparkling like new! The prom committee organises many events throughout the year to raise money for their end of year prom so that the overall cost of the ticket for each student is reduced as much as possible.



## Working Together

On the recent SMSC Day we were pleased to welcome students from New College Worcester to join our Year 9 students. It was the first collaborative event for the two schools. Nunnery Wood students were excellent ambassadors for the school and enabled the partially sighted NCW students to access the wide range of activities throughout the day. The students

participated together in a wide range of activities, including the careers fayre. Students from Nunnery Wood and New College learned a lot from each other and it provided an excellent opportunity to work together. We are hoping to extend the link over the coming year with reciprocal visits.



## No Regrets for New Hair Do!

Year 7 student Erin Martin decided to support the charity 'Little Princesses' by donating her hair. The charity produces wigs for children who are going through cancer treatments that cause them to lose their hair. Erin explained that, "After two years of thinking about cutting my long hair short, I finally did it. And I went all out! I don't regret my decision as my 12 inches of hair went and made a little girl or boy very happy as I donated every last bit to the Little Princess charity! I also know that there would be people who would tease and make fun of me, but that was ok, as every single one of my friends supported my decision. I'd like to give a special thank you to: Alice Abraham, Eva Justice and Anjes Van Der Kleijn.



## Mr Rowley's Close Shave

MR Rowley, head of Year 9, is shaving his head to raise money for a cancer unit that has been supporting one of our students who has recently been diagnosed with leukaemia. The Riverbank ward has been supporting this student and are fantastic in the work they do. The ward works with children and young people between the ages of 0 and 17 and is vital in supporting children with cancer. The process of treatment can be long and in many cases some children have to stay in the ward for long periods of time. It is important

that they feel comfortable and stay positive throughout and nothing is more important than entertainment. Mr Rowley decided to shave his head to help the Riverbank Ward purchase toys, books, games, equipment and other supplies. There is still time to donate, the goal was originally £200, but it looks likely that this will be exceeded.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mrrowley>





# Nunnery Wood's Remembrance Evening

Jack Beaman & James Thatcher  
**YEAR 10 & 11**

THIS year marks the 100th centenary for the end of the first World War. World War One began on the 28th July 1914 and involved major countries such as Germany, France, Belgium, United States, Russia, Italy and the United Kingdom. The war lasted a horrific 4 years, despite the belief that the war would be over by Christmas of 1914, on the 11th November 1918 Germany signed an armistice prepared by Britain and France which drew the First World War to an end.

However, as we all know this wasn't the war to end all wars. Since then major wars have included World War 2, Korean War, Vietnam War, Falkland War, Afghanistan War and Iraq War each bringing terror and destruction in its path. Since the end of the First World War, the 11th November has been a day of remembrance for anyone who has been involved in conflict of any kind.

To mark 100 years since the end of the First World War Nunnery Wood took part in a Remembrance evening to remember the fallen

during one of the most tragic conflicts that has taken place in the last 100 years.

Featuring contributions from all across the school this solemn evening was one of many that took place across the country. Outside the studio there were hundreds of red, white, gold and silver poppies hanging from the ceiling that the Year 7 DT club created. As well as that students of all years volunteered to create fantastic pieces of artwork that were displayed everywhere around the studio.

The evening itself featured speakers who told the stories of the men in the trenches as well as many women children and older people who played a huge part in both raising morale at home or at the front line. Many others spoke about the importance of remembrance to them and how they had been affected by war. There was also the heart-warming tale of how PE's very own Mr Bannister found a remembrance cross near a tip in Worcester that was inscribed with the name of a soldier killed in action and whose grave was in one of the European battlefields. From here Mr Bannister organised a trip to the battlefields so they could put the cross on the soldiers grave.

Miss Speechley who ran the event said "World

War One has impacted the lives of all of us in one way or another and we wanted to give students the chance to acknowledge the sacrifices made. It is also an opportunity for students to understand the effects of subsequent wars and to pay tribute in a way that they feel appropriate. "So many of the students brought in photos, artefacts and stories of relatives involved in the conflict. Our students showed genuine enthusiasm and interest in learning more about World War One and remembrance, it has proven that the issues are still significant to the younger generation. The students wanted to express their thanks to those who gave their lives or survived the horrors of the conflict despite the fact that it

had slipped from living memory."

The evening was packed full of dance and music exhibitions from local groups and students themselves and was a fitting tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives in order so we could live ours in peace.

On behalf of everyone who visited the event I would like to thank you for your support and dedication at this special time of year and hope you can visit events in the future. 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them'



## Nunnery Chooses Respect!

NUNNERY Wood joined other schools and colleagues around the country in promoting anti-bullying week. The national focus for anti-bullying week this year has been 'choose respect over bullying'. Nationally students have been encouraged to think about how their behaviour can set a positive example for others and the importance of choosing to treat each other with respect at school, at home, in the wider community and online. In particular the idea of respectfully disagreeing with others has been a key point covered. Students across all year groups at Nunnery wood have had this message echoed through assemblies which have reiterated the schools code and core values; be respectful, be cooperative, be responsible. Students have also taken part in a range of anti-bullying activities during morning registration.

'It's been a really positive experience at Nunnery so far this year' (Olivia Chatterton), 'It's easy to know who to go to for help as the info is in your planner' (Anaya Mathew)

Anti bullying week is a national initiative that occurs every year. We always take part in this as

tackling bullying is very important. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 was to 'choose respect over bullying'.

Following a consultation with over 800 children, teachers and members of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, it emerged that a top priority was showing that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.

The aims of the week were to help children and young people, school staff and parents to understand:

The definition of respect  
That bullying is a behaviour choice

That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. We don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other.

That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online.





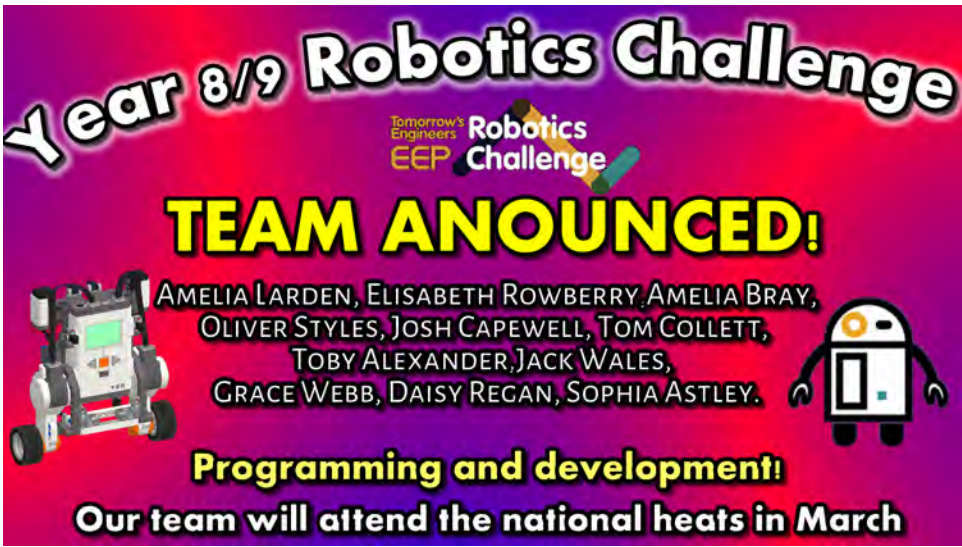


# Robotics Challenge off to a Great Start

Grace Webb  
YEAR 8

IN March, computing club members are going to be going on a trip to The Robotics Challenge. They all working on different projects and presentations to put towards it. Elisabeth Rowberry, Amelia Bray and Grace Webb are working on the Project Presentation. The group has the job to explain all things computers! They have written about Drones, Printers, 3D Printers, The Future of Technology, Robotic Future and much more. Elisabeth, Amelia and

grace are also doing a dance to represent Safety and Rescue, playing the parts of stranded little girl, A computer and an ordinary human in a helicopter. The team wanted to add this so that their presentation would be interesting and it would give them an upper hand at the completion. Other members of the team are programming robots for the Challenge such as the Speed Challenge and the Robotics Mat Challenge. Everyone is really enjoying this Challenge and are looking forward to going to the national heat in March.



# Animation Workshop

ON Tuesday 27th November, 19 Year 8 students opted to attend an animation workshop at The University of Worcester. The workshop was part of The Rivers of the World Project, currently being run by the British Council. As part of the project, students are invited to take part in various workshops that explore the important role that rivers have on our environment and lives.

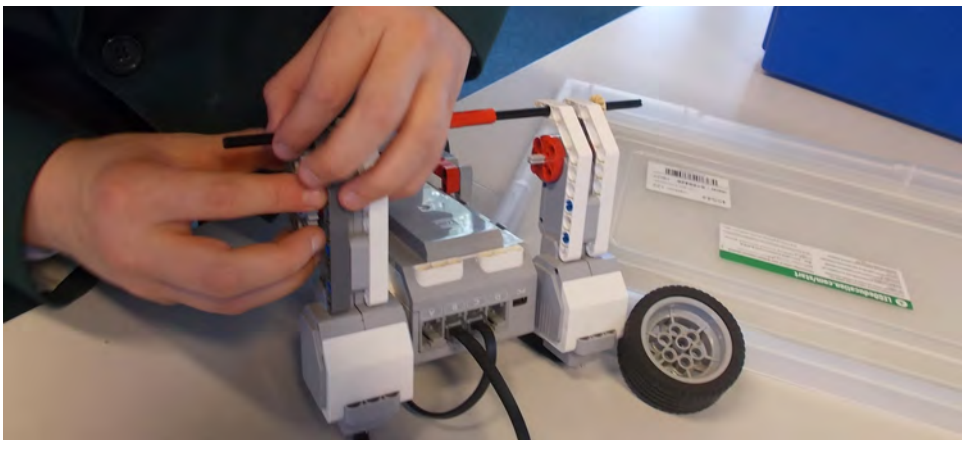
In groups, the animation students began by developing a narrative for their animated 'river story'. Many groups choose to look at the impact rubbish and plastics are having on the natural environment. The students then, with the help of 3rd Year University students and their lecturer, drew, cut and/or coloured their background scenes, characters and props.

Once this was all ready, the students got the opportunity to use the latest stop-motion anima-

tion equipment to film their short animation piece. Lots of fantastic results were achieved by the end of the sessions.

The students then walked to The Hive to have a spot of lunch and to look at the current Rivers of the World exhibition and were very excited to see work that was produced last term by some Year 9 Nunnery Wood students! After a short explore of the rest of The Hive, it was back to school for 3.05pm.

It's safe to say that all the students got a lot from the day and many are inspired to create their own stop-motion animations or even study it further! The students represented the school brilliantly.





# Costumes and Sets by GCSE Dancers

YEAR 10 GCSE dance students took part in a competition to recreate the best example of the set design from Christopher Bruce's dance work 'Shadows'. The students have been studying this as part of their dance GCSE which include both practical and academic exams. Christopher Bruce's works are often 'politically aware', in reference to past or current political events happening across the world, exploring their effect on human life. In this piece, Bruce invites the audience into the world of a small family, possibly set in Eastern Europe (though this is left up to individual interpretation) coming to

terms with deprivation, poverty, and the realities of what lies outside their intimate family home. Bruce describes this piece as "a darker work, with a sort-of narrative", allowing the audience to apply their own context to the material danced on stage. He started 'Shadows' with the idea of a family unit sitting around the hearth or around a dinner table and knew that the furniture would become an intrinsic part of the choreography as opposed to being a static set. The "anxiety of the music" greatly influenced the movement content, with the form of the piece allowing each member of the family to

have a voice and tell their story. Christopher Bruce was awarded many accolades, including an Honorary Life Membership of Amnesty International in recognition of his achievements in the field of dance and human rights.

In a previous dance lessons, students produced costumes from the dance work 'A Linha Curva'. A Linha Curva means The Curved Line in Portuguese. The stimulus for the work is Brazilian culture. Galili, the choreographer, wanted to create a celebration the Brazilian way of life and the ability to live in the moment. The piece

is intended to be fun. Large ensemble sections of vibrant Brazilian inspired movement are performed in regimental straight lines, creating a sense of samba parade. There are also a number of narrative sections that through the choreography present observations of how Brazilian men communicate with women, for example men in tribes hunting the girls as well as showing off and competing with each other.



## Shakespeare Schools Festival

James Thatcher  
YEAR 10

AFTER months on end of preparation and rehearsal the cast of Nunnery Wood's 'Richard III' gave a knock-out performance at the Palace Theatre in Redditch. Shakespeare's brilliant play tells the life and death of one of England's most famous and most mysterious Kings. Since June actors have been getting ready in countless rehearsals to perfect and get to grips with Shakespearean language and the play itself as well as making sure the play delivered its full potential.

On the final night as the lights dimmed in the auditorium and the audience became silent the actors were wishing each other good luck and finally the play began. With twists and turns the play was a masterpiece from start to finish including murder, mystery and even a dash of comedy. Each member of the cast contributed to

the play in their own way and was brilliant.

Mr Burford who directed and ran the event said "It was great to see everybody's hard work and dedication pay off. Everyone had worked so hard in all the rehearsals and it truly was a brilliant performance"

### Shakespeare & Song

The Shakespeare performance was delivered again in school. The evening included the performance of Richard III as well as some exceptional dance performances choreographed by the students and Miss Sharpe. James Thatcher said, "It was a truly magnificent evening that was replicated at the Shakespeare and Dance festival on the 13th December and it brought the House down. If you want to be part of the next performance watch out as at the end of the school year rehearsal will be starting up again for the next Shakespeare blockbuster and there are always different dance performances going on."



## Year 7 Musicians Take to the Stage

YEAR 7 musicians took part in an informal concert in The Studio. Students of all abilities took part, from those who were more experienced musicians to some who had only started lessons this term. The evening was an informal setting 'café-style' to allow pupils a friendly setting for their first concert here and all the pupils performed brilliantly. Mr Poll, who organised and hosted the evening, said, "The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated and attended. Well done to Year 7 students who took part, they all did incredibly well."



# Reach for the Stars – Year 9 Meet Astronaut!

YEAR 9 students had an incredible opportunity to meet Captain Winston Scott, a retired astronaut when he visited Worcester recently. Amongst his achievements Captain Scott has carried out several missions to space and a has logged a total of 24 days, 14 hours and 34 minutes in space, including 3 spacewalks totalling 19 hours and 26 minutes. He was part of the team of astronauts sent to space in two very famous and televised missions: Endeavour and Columbia missions to space. In fact he is that famous that when you google an astronaut’s image often his is the first to be seen!

Mr Annis, who organised the trip, said “The students and I really enjoyed hearing about his amazing experiences in space as well as becoming a lot more familiar with what it is

like to live in space. For example I had never considered how fast they orbit the Earth – so much so that they experience 16 sunrises in 24 hrs! Linked to this how quickly temperatures can change in space! Whilst in space the astronauts would be met by brilliant bright light and intense temperatures for 45 minutes before switching to pitch black, freezing conditions for the next 45 minutes. So much so that underneath their space suits astronauts have to wear a water suit to help them regulate their own temperature without which they would die!”

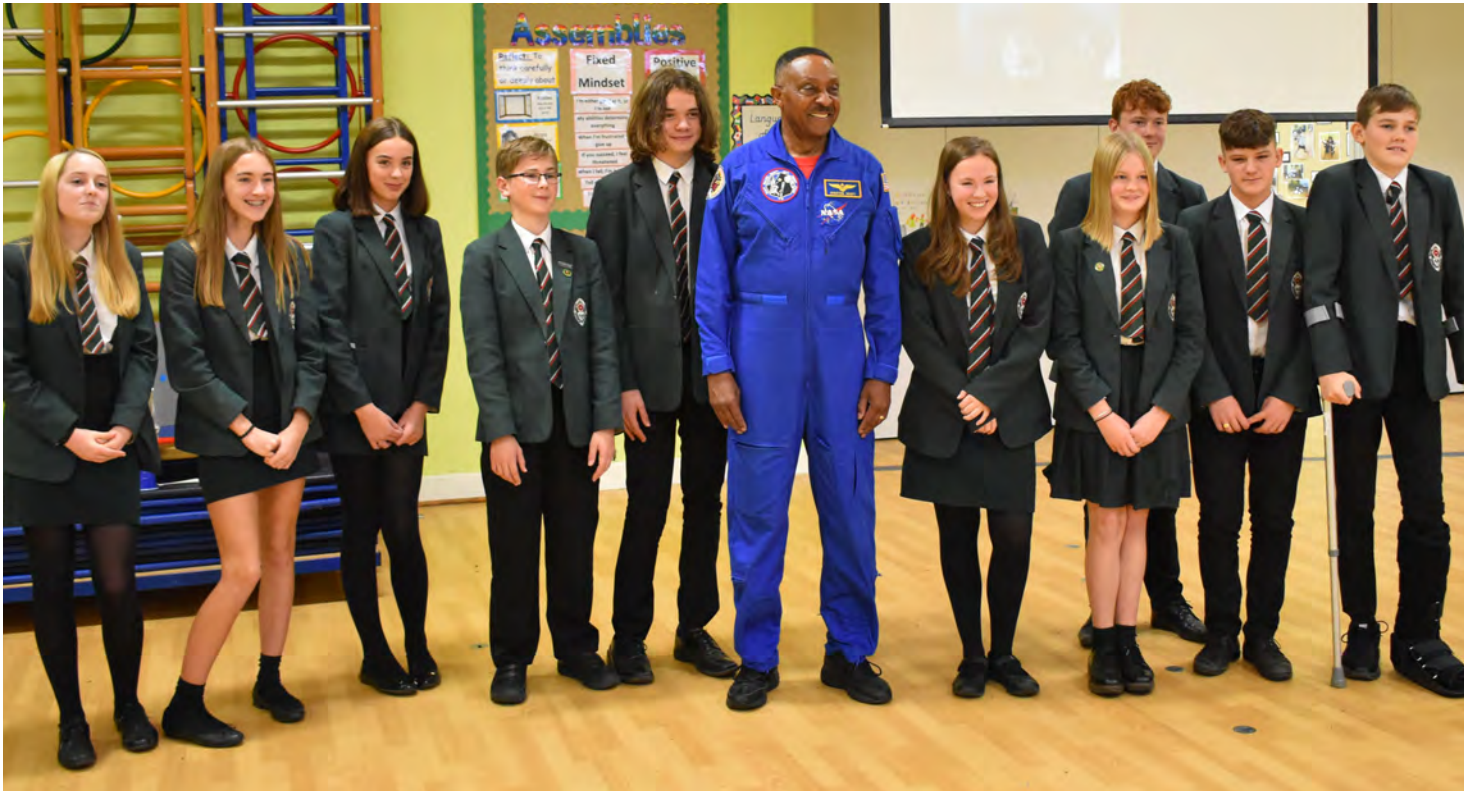
Captain Scott always described the fun that they would have in space; holding their own version of the Olympics by creating events such as spinning astronauts with different nationalities competing against each other. As well as

all the fun they had floating around and how they swallowed water globules that would float around the cabin which they were able to push a straw into and drink. He explained that Capri Sun style drinks containers were designed for the first time for them to use in space before the design was then sold and used commercially.

Even his accounts of how they would go to the toilet were both fascinating and amusing as Captain Scott described the vacuum cleaner style toilet that they would have to strapped onto as they sat on it to stop them floating off whilst going to the toilet and the fact that they brought all of their waste back to Earth where scientists then studied their waste hoping to learn how zero gravity affects digestion!

The visit was an incredible opportunity and insight into something really different and inspiring. Captain Scott had not come from a privileged background and as a black man in America at the time achieved huge amounts, mainly through hard work, dedication and the desire to continually push himself to try new things.

Lola Brothwell attended the visit and said “I thought the trip was very exciting and I think that it is a moment I will never forget, Captain Scott was a very nice person and I hope he will continue to inspire young people all over the world for a long time in the future.”



# Bringing a Boost of 'MonsterConfidence' to Girls

THIRTEEN Year 10 and Year 11 girls attended the annual STEMettes’ Monster Confidence conference in Birmingham on 6th November 2018. The conference ran by STEMettes’ works to inspire, encourage and support young women into STEM careers (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths). STEMettes’ recognise the lack of diversity in STEM roles, with only 21% of those working in STEM-related roles across the UK being women; only 7% of engineers are women and 17% of those working in technology are women. STEMettes’ goal is to promote science and engage more girls, aged 5-21, by running workshops, panels and mentoring schemes, which are fun-filled. Supported by Monster, a leading provider of online careers which connects people to the best job opportunities, STEMettes’ ran MonsterConfidence a one-day event across in 6 cities.



At these events girls have an opportunity to get interview practice; hear inspirational talks by keynote speakers; meet people from the industry of their interest; and attend career workshops. MonsterConfidence is a huge boost for girls who want to engage themselves with STEM or explore the options available.

Paige New 11.6 said “I thoroughly enjoyed today and all the activities. What I most enjoyed was learning about the different areas of STEM and understanding the multiple pathways towards getting into a STEM career. I feel my confidence has been boosted thanks to today and I look forward to continuing my research into STEM careers.”

During the conference Hollie Milton 11.8 won a challenge competition out of over 300 other girls, the prize was an all-expenses paid meal with inspirational STEM women from the secret service GCHQ.

Molly Phillips 11.7 said, “today has taught me that all you need is confidence in yourself and your abilities and it can get you anywhere.”

Alisha Williams 11.3 said “I found the day very inspirational, the best part of the day was the mentoring and mock interviews, they were really helpful in my understanding my options in different STEM careers.”

Megan Grainger 10.9 said “I gained more confidence throughout the day and we got tips

on how to appear confident, if it at times you don’t always feel it. I will remember the Power Pose!”

For additional support for any girl interested in a STEM career there is a free app ‘OtotheB’ that can be downloaded featuring regular STEM related content, competitions and events from Stemettes HQ. Alternatively you can speak to Mrs Gwynne in the Careers office or Miss Lott in SC1.





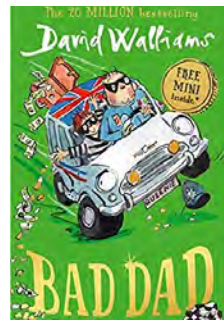
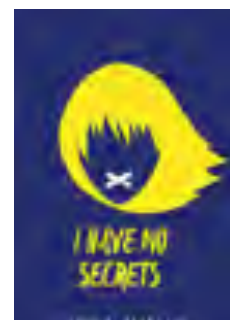
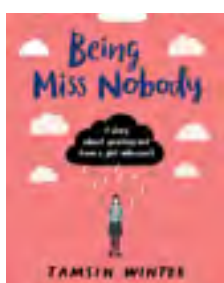
Everyone agreed it was a great way to spend a lunchtime and they would definitely love to

James Thatcher  
**YEAR 10**

**Jacqueline Wilson**  
Illustrated by Helen Brown

**ROSE RIVERS**

A Victorian Year from the BEST FANTASY





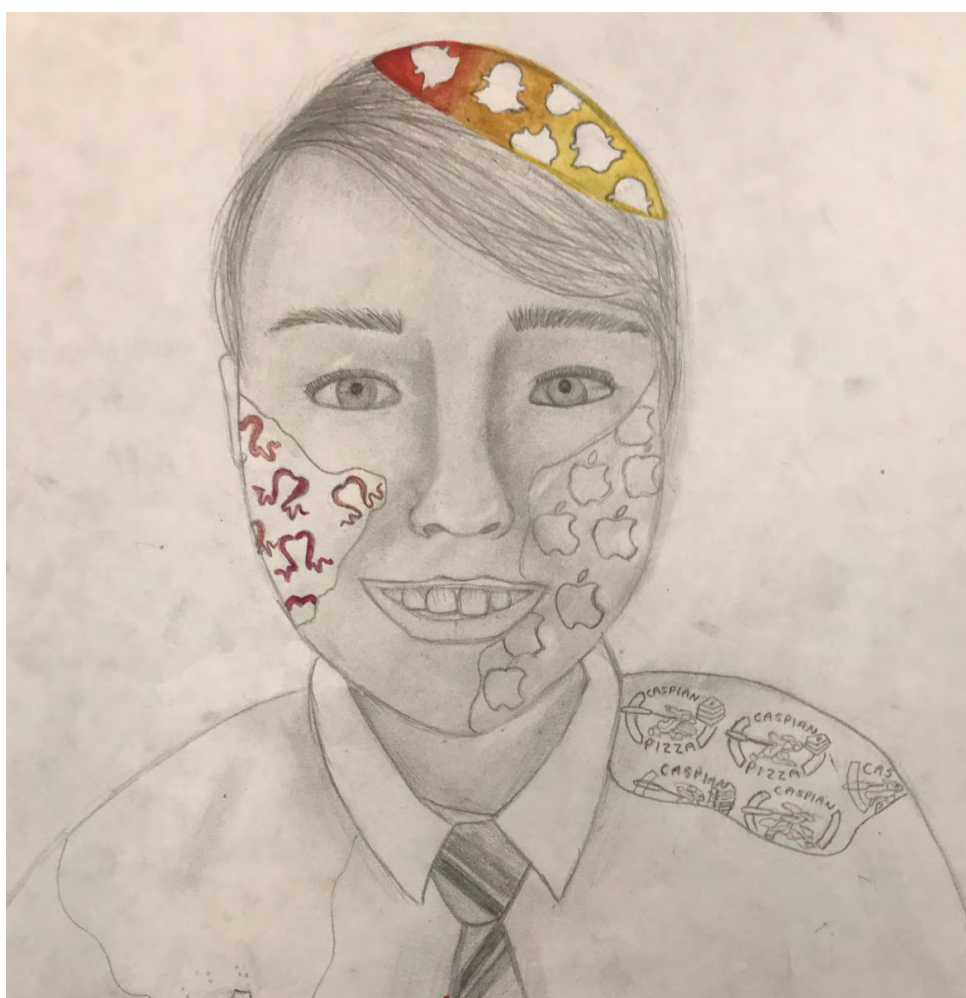
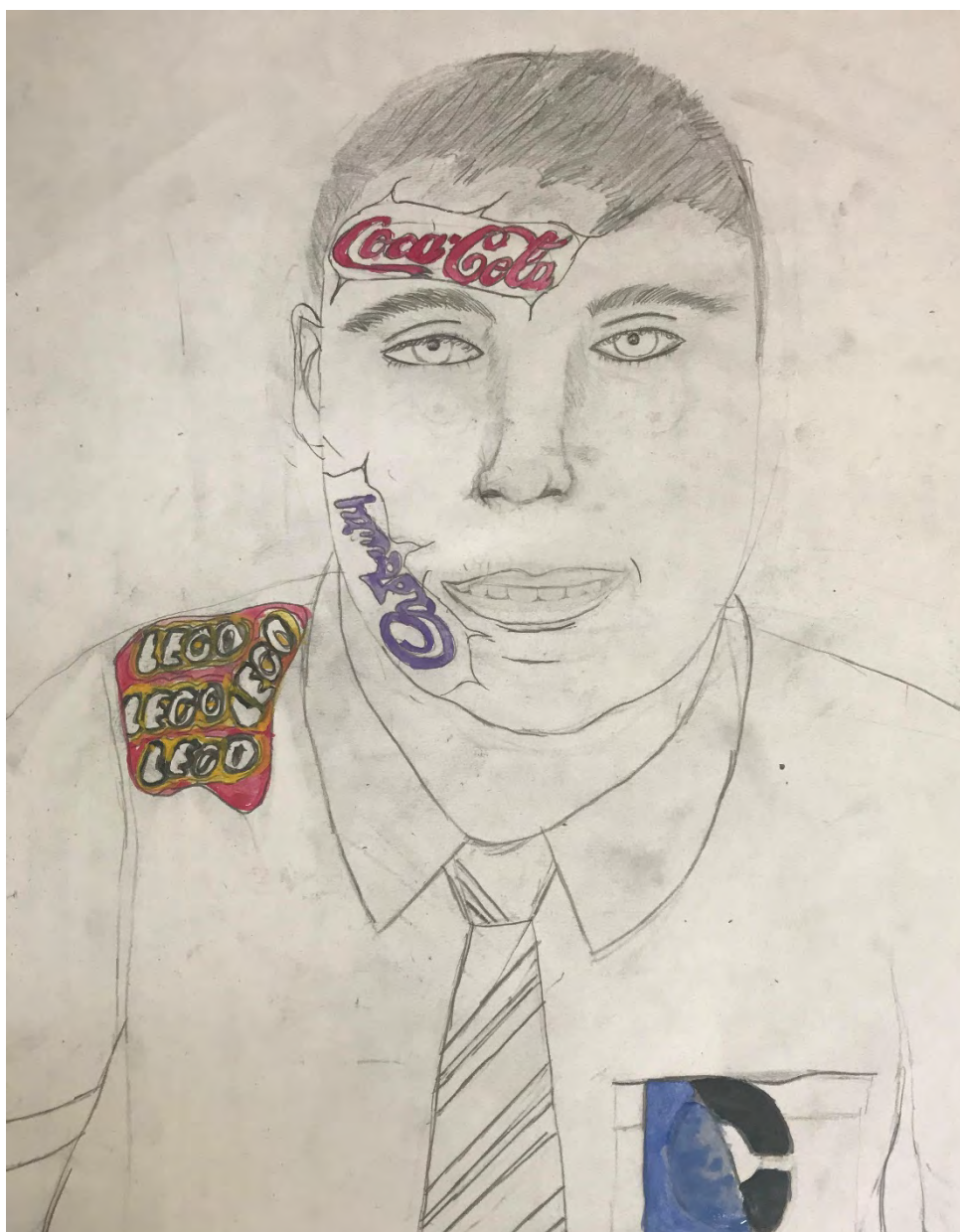
# ARTIST of the week



Jaimee Paul is a visual artist living in Sydney, Australia. Her work mostly includes endangered animals to speak to the heart of the viewer. Her art and commissioned pieces are hung in private collections worldwide.



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THE art department are so pleased to see the artwork that Chloe Kettle has been producing since she joined the school in Year 10. Chloe is a really talented artist who specialises in drawing. Her work is incredibly detailed and during the General Art GCSE course, Chloe has worked hard to put together an impressive portfolio. We are confident that she will achieve a fantastic level which will recognise her hard work and dedication to the subject.





# Nunnery Takes on Warriors

MR Bannister, PE teacher, has been working with Worcester Warriors Rugby Club to provide opportunities for students to progress further in rugby. Alongside teaching PE at Nunnery Wood, Mr Bannister has been a rugby selector, coach and team manager at county, divisional and national levels in both under 16 and under 18 age groups for more than 25 years. He wanted to improve opportunities for non fee paying schools in rugby and so has been working with the club.

In the first meeting with the rugby club there was an elephant in the room which was the poor community relationships that Worcester Warriors have had with certain types of schools," said Mr Bannister. "Obviously they have got good links with RGS (Royal Grammar School Worcester), King's (School Worcester), Malvern College and Bromsgrove School. But there have

never been really strong, established links with schools that don't play a lot of rugby. That accounts for probably 90 per cent of the children that go to school in Worcestershire. Teachers and rugby coaches from 50 schools were invited to Warriors' last home game against Harlequins and Worcester's owners distributed free tickets to 1,600 schoolchildren for European Challenge Cup clash with Pau at Sixways. Students had the opportunity to play on the pitch during half time of the main match.

Mr Bannister continued to say, "The plan is to engage with all the schools in that area and that's over 1,300 schools. It's a long process but it is a process that I consider myself extremely honoured to be involved in. It's all about offering children the opportunity to be able to have a lifestyle that involves playing rugby at whatever level."



## Year 11 Presentation Evening

THE Class of 2018, along with their families returned to Nunnery Wood to attend an evening of celebration to formally receive their GCSE results. It was also an opportunity for a reunion with teaching staff and friends.

The event, which was very well attended, commenced with a welcome by Mr Steve Powell, which was followed with a speech by their former Year Team Leader, Mr Rowley. GCSE Certificates were presented to every student and the DVD of the end of year prom was premiered and very well received! Following the formal part of the evening, former students and staff chatted over refreshments. The former students were delighted to share their experi-

ences of life after Nunnery, although most did admit to missing their school days!

Mr Powell said, "This year group was bursting with personality, talent and creativity and it was wonderful to say thank you and goodbye before they set off towards their very bright futures."

Former pupils who attended said; "The prom video made the night."- Asarla Dib

"The evening was a chance to celebrate our achievements."- Alice Fletcher

"It was nice to get to see people who I don't see at college."-Sophie Peach

"It was nice to reflect on all of our best memories and friendships and to celebrate everyone's hard work."- Carla Shipley

"It was fun to be back."- Emily Lawrence

"It was nice to relive my high school moments and to see everyone again."-Laura Phillips

"It was nostalgic"-Aimee Graham

"It was poignant. The end of a five year journey"- Darian Murray- Griffiths - Former Head Boy

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

### Student Absence Line

Please ring 01905 363636 and press '1' before 08:30 AM if possible.

### School Phone Number

01905 363636

### Email

Office@nunnerywood.worcs.sch.uk



# Notice Board

## Stay up to date

### 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](http://www.nunnerywood.worcs.sch.uk).

### 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.

### Twitter

You can follow us on our Twitter page. @NunneryWood

### Facebook

Make sure you like our new Facebook page. Facebook.com/Nunnerywoodhighschool



## School Nurse

A reminder that the school nurse operates a drop in session on Mondays at lunchtime held in Mr Hawley's office. No appointment is necessary and you can just turn up. The nurse can offer

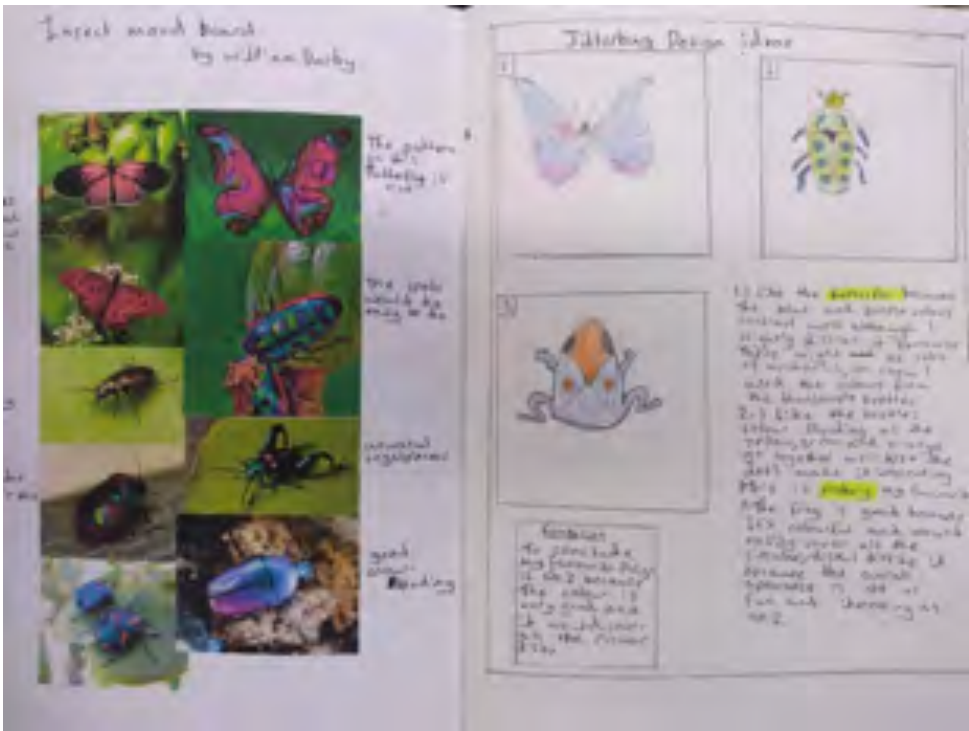
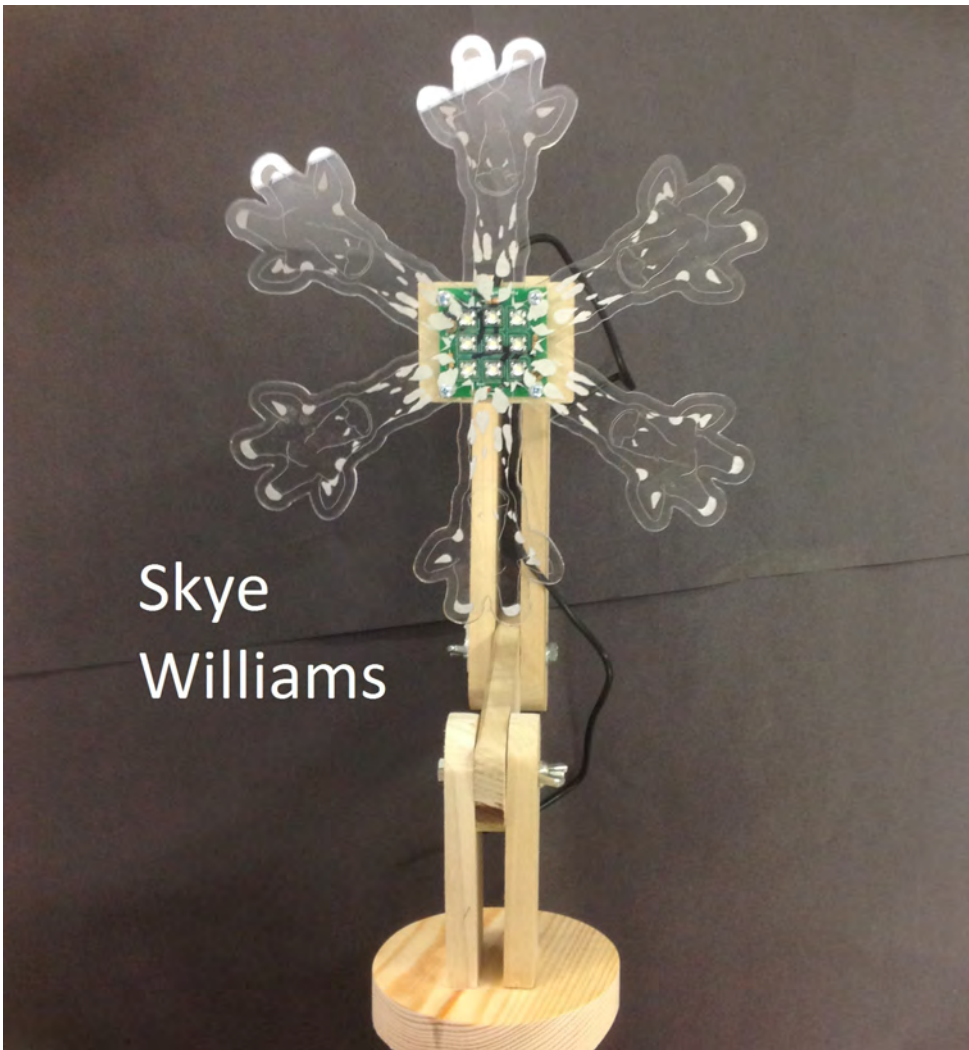
help and advice on a range of issues including mental and physical health and well being.



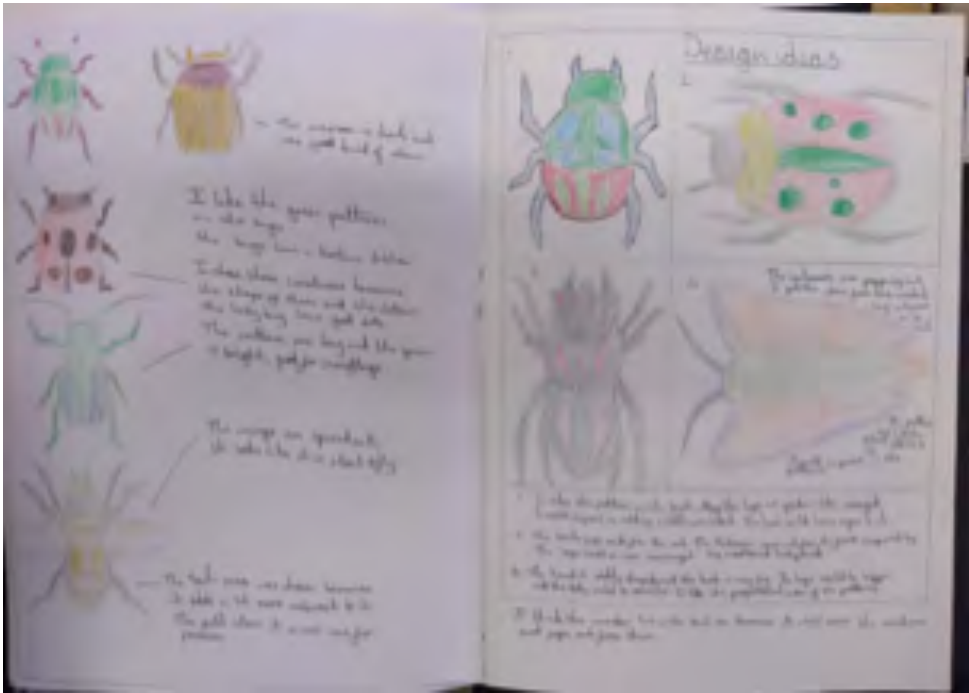




YEAR 9 students have been completing a variety of projects that link the KS3 curriculum to the new GCSE specification. Harley Boon has been learning about the lamination process and how to use jigs for large scale production. He has produced a clock based around a design theme and used CAD CAM to produce a design before laminating it into an “S” shape. Skye Williams and Joel Rickman have been learning about electronics and soldering. They have produced a design for an articulated USB table lamp based on the theme “biomimicry” and used CAD CAM to produce a shade. They have then manufactured an articulated arm and assembled it for the final product.



Year 7 – electronic ‘Jitterbug’  
Students have been studying research material to help them generate a variety of ideas for an electronic bug that they will create.





# Pursuing a Career in Medicine

THREE Year 11 students, Elysia Bray, Kitty Godwin and Beth Alldridge all successfully applied and were accepted to attend a medicine day on Saturday 17th November at Birmingham University.

All three girls are interested in pursuing a career in medicine and when they heard about the day at Birmingham University, they all filled in their applications.

They were asked to write 150 words about why they would like to go into a medical career and a further 150 words to say what they hoped they would get out of attending the medicine day.

The girls attended a full day of activities, including a simulated medical situation where they were asked to give diagnosis and solutions.

They attended lectures about heart attacks and pneumonia. They were asked to look at simulated medical conditions and to work through steps towards a diagnosis for the patient.

Kitty said, "This opportunity has given me an insight into a medical career. I really enjoyed the day and it has confirmed for me that this is a career which I am passionate about and I wish to pursue."

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/colleges/mds/outreach-widening-participation/JEM.aspx>



## Year 11 National Citizen Service Assembly

JACK Ritchie & Jack Ingleby-Lewis of the National Citizen Service team delivered an assembly to Year 11 students to inform them about the summer 2019 programme. This was followed by Jack Ritchie & Darren Carpenter holding a question & answer session for students during the lunch break.

There are four phases to the programme which includes outdoor activity pursuits, staying in student accommodation on a university or college campus, planning and running a social action project, attending a graduation ceremony to celebrate their achievements.

Every participant will also be awarded a certificate signed by the Prime Minister.

Following the NCS experience there is the chance take part in graduate opportunities with NCS.

All of these experiences look great on CVs and

on UCAS statements.

More than 100 Nunnery Wood High school students have registered an interest in completing the programme once they finish their GCSEs examinations next summer.

Staff at NCS also support us to deliver mock interviews, group work activities and attend our parent's evenings.

If your teenager is in Year 11 and would like to find out more please go to [ncsyes.co.uk](http://ncsyes.co.uk), call 0330 414 2504 or speak to Mrs Gwynne- careers coordinator in school.



## Open Events

### Hartpury College

Saturday 23rd February 2019

Saturday 23rd March 2019

Book visit on the college website

### Heart of Worcestershire College

Saturday 30th March 2019 - 11am-2pm

### Hereford College of Arts

Wednesday 9th January 2019 - 6pm

Wednesday 13th February 2019 - 6pm

Book visit on college website

### Herefordshire & Worcestershire Group Training Association

Apprenticeships in Accountancy, Business, Customer Service, Engineering, Management, Warehousing

### Hereford

Tuesday 12th February 2019 - 4pm-7pm

Wednesday 20th February 2019 - 4pm-7pm

### Worcester

Wednesday 13th February 2019 - 4pm-7pm

Tuesday 19th February 2019 - 4pm-7pm

### Kidderminster Academy (BMET Colleges)

Saturday 15th June 2019 - 10am-1pm

### Kidderminster College

Thursday 7th February 2019 - 5pm-7pm

### Warwickshire College Group Open Events

### Evesham

Wednesday 16th January 2019 - 5.30pm - 8pm

### Malvern

Tuesday 15th January 2019 - 5.30pm - 8pm

### Moreton Morrell

Saturday 26th January 2019 - 10am - 1pm

### Pershore

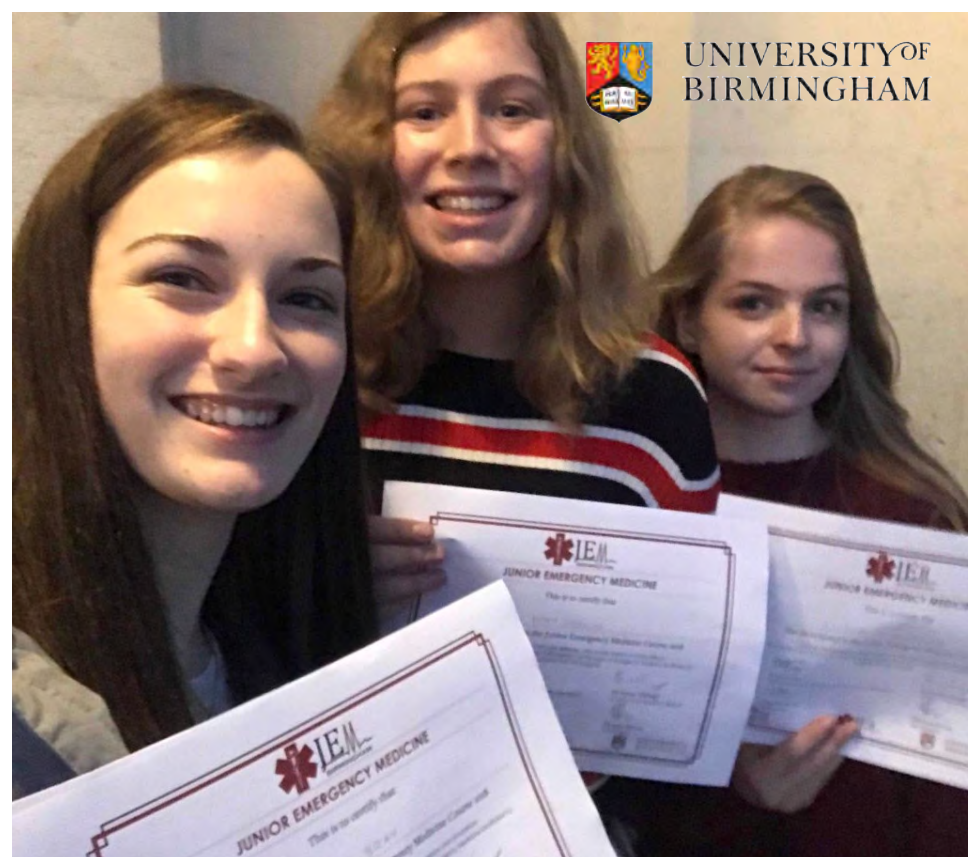
Saturday 19th January 2019 - 10am - 1pm

### Worcester 6th form College

Saturday 9th February 2019 - 5pm-8pm

Thursday 9th May 2019 - 5pm-8pm

Always check specific college websites for additional dates & information.



## Mazak Apprenticeship Vacancies



Yamazaki Mazak is currently recruiting its next batch of apprentices. A Mazak apprenticeship is a chance to join the world leader in machine tools and a significant investment in both your future and the future of the organisation.

You'll have access to college education alongside hands-on involvement in the work place with experienced members of staff that are willing to pass their knowledge on to the next generation. From the beginning of your apprenticeship, you will be paid a competitive apprenticeship salary and will obtain nationally recognised qualifications.

Whether you're currently at GCSE or A-Level, have left education and looking for an exciting new challenge, a Mazak apprenticeship can provide you with the opportunity to develop a career in a number of different disciplines. We are currently offering apprenticeships in the following areas:

### MACHINING:

Learning how to set, program and operate a range of CNC machine tools to produce machine tool components.

Machines include: Lathes, Milling, Grinding, Multi-Tasking & 5 axis machines.

### SUB-ASSEMBLY (MECHANICAL):

Preparation and testing of machine tool components prior to being sent to the assembly lines. Assembling small unit assemblies, (spindles, tailstocks, ballscrews, magazines and turrets) that form part of the completed machine tool.

### MECHANICAL ASSEMBLY:

Assemble and test machine tools and their components. Assembling and testing unit assemblies

into the completed machine tool using various hand skills and laser checking equipment.

### ELECTRICAL ASSEMBLY:

Wire and test machine tools and their components. Working on individual option looms that will be used in the final production of our machine tools, you will then progress to wiring and testing a range of CNC machines, to include PLCs, ladder diagrams and fault finding prior to machines going to our customers.

### SHEET METAL:

Learning the application of welding, laser cutting and metal folding to produce machine tool claddings. An apprentice in this area will learn the full skills and operations of a modern sheet metal producing department.

### How to Apply

To apply please send a full CV stating which apprenticeship you are interested in. All completed CVs should be returned to:

Chris Morris  
Learning & Development Advisor  
Yamazaki Mazak UK Ltd  
Badgeworth Drive  
Worcester  
WR4 9NF

Alternatively you can send via email to [apprenticeships@mazak.co.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@mazak.co.uk)

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS Friday 15th March 2019



# Natural History Museum

Louis Foreman & Markus Telger  
**YEAR 8**

ON Friday 16th November a group of Year 8 students went to the Natural History Museum in London on a trip organised by the geography department.

The students had the opportunity to visit the extensive galleries set over 6 floors to learn about all aspects of natural history. The most striking exhibit there may have been the ten tonne blue whale skeleton that was killed in 1891, hanging from the ceiling of the main hall. Some people were disappointed that Dippy, the massive dinosaur skeleton cast, wasn't there anymore. One exhibit that was really impressive was all about volcanoes, earthquakes and other tectonic activity. It included a simulation of the Kobe earthquake that occurred in southern Japan in 1995, with a shaking floor. In one of the cafes are the stuffed remains of famous giant panda, Chi Chi who, during her life was the most famous animal at the London Zoo. The students saw how humans grow throughout their life, and how our muscles, bones, and joints work. In the Mammals Hall the group learned how advanced animal is, and how they live and survive.

Everybody really enjoyed the trip; it was a great opportunity to learn and enjoy themselves.



# Othello Trip

ON Thursday 18th October 55 Year 8 students travelled to Cheltenham to watch the Shakespeare play, Othello, a dark tale of what can happen when you listen to gossip. When we saw the first glimpse of the Everyman theatre everyone was buzzing with excitement. It was so grand!

The show was filled with amazing actors and actresses and it was a fantastic portrayal of the classic play with double dealings and manipulation a plenty not to mention lots of murder! The old English language was spoken almost as if we were in the time. The play was a helpful learning tool and will improve our understanding of Shakespeare and the many plays he wrote. Going to the theatre couldn't have been better and we wouldn't have wanted to go without Miss White, Miss Price and Mr Morrison.



# Poems

Shakira Jefferies  
**YEAR 11**

Seasons  
Frost bite evenings  
And winter laughs  
The world filled with hope  
With their family photographs

Baby sheep  
A season of spring  
With New beginnings  
The sweet birds sing

Classic rainbows  
And summer smiles  
The world filled with happiness  
It can go for miles

Embracing change  
The autumn isn't new  
The animals prepare  
For when the air becomes blue

Four seasons in a year  
Each one with new start  
If you let it shape your world  
Within time, it'll fix your broken heart

Lucy Evans  
**YEAR 10**

January  
The festive times were over.  
She moved like a hare in the snow;  
Leaping, prancing, beaming, dancing,  
Showing her favourite earthly possessions  
To the frozen soldier above.

He felt a tug at his armour.  
A faint yet powerful tug  
That made him feel warmth,  
Warmth, enough to melt the frost  
That was settling on his cheek.

A quiet voice whistled in the gale.  
"Can you help me?" the whisper chimed,  
Like a voice from the heavens.  
He reached lovingly to her.  
"It would be my honour," he sang.

They reached down in unison,  
Gathering varied handfuls of the icy tundra  
That had only settled the night before.  
I felt my soul glow with glee,  
As they began to mold.

Like carpenters to fresh timber,  
They began to skillfully sculpt,  
Creating spherical mounds

# Creative Writing Club



CREATIVE Writing Club meet every Tuesday lunchtime in EN6. It is a very relaxed atmosphere where we sit and chat about the books we are currently reading, the short stories we are writing and also explore the different components of creative writing.

Recently, we have been exploring what makes a good short story and focussed on mini sagas. The rules to writing a mini saga are:

The title can be no more than 15 words long.  
The saga itself needs to be exactly 50 words.

We wanted to share our mini sagas with you:

**The Night Visitor**  
It was dark; only the dim candle light filled the bed chamber. He would be here soon: the night visitor. The room was silent, apart from the thumping of her heart. It pounded faster until the candle blew out. The smell of smoke filled the room. He was here.  
*Frankie Fellows 7.7*

**A Cottage in the Forest**  
The trees bent low over the cottage swaying in the wind. Smoke pounced and swirled out of the chimney making the birds take off in fright. Below the chimney was a big black sinister cauldron bubbling away furiously. The shelves

in the cottage were lined with potions and phials. Witches!  
*Hazel Homer 7.11*

**Hello**  
The darkness crept across the room. A chilly blast rattled the windows. The door crept open to show a dark figure looking at the lonely girl in the room. The figure crept closer and whispered into her ear, blasting a cold sensation down her back: "Hello. I am back. Hello."  
*Hollie Williams 7.8*

**The Welcomed Visitor**  
As she crept over the frosted hall, there was a scream. Was it a crow? Yes, no. The people flooded the room. It was excitement; there was a new person in town. Her neighbours fussed around her. She came to help them with something, something they needed. It was essential.  
*Stefani Webb 8.X*

**Thank you**  
It was silent. Only the beeping of the monitor was heard. The stars were twinkling, shining on the room. The nurses were pacing outside. My granddad was dying. He was leaving me. The room was silent. The stars had gone out. I never got the chance to say thank you.  
*Freya Ebbs 8.7*

That would soon become my incarnation.  
Their creation.

One. Two. Three perfect stacks  
Of the chidden cotton,  
Iced with the best of natures rocks;  
Seasoned with Rudolph's favourite snack.  
I was almost complete.

Lucy Evans  
**YEAR 10**

My soul was bless with pride  
When the final touch was placed  
Upon my frosted crown with care.  
"Granddad's Favourite Cap" she called it,  
Positioned like a symbol of a king.

I was complete.  
Made with the upmost TLC  
Any winter friend could ask for.  
She gazed up at her shivering knight.  
He was proud of his princess.

They'd made a masterpiece.  
A life-long friend that would  
Stay in their hearts forever.  
A memory to out-live any other.

Together.

Lucy Evans  
**YEAR 10**

Like carpenters to fresh timber,  
They began to skillfully sculpt,  
Creating spherical mounds  
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Their creation.

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# A Christmas Carol

TO get into the Christmas spirit, Mr Burford organised a sponsored read of Dickens' classic 'A Christmas Carol'. Each lunchtime throughout the end of November and December, staff read aloud to groups of students from the classic tale. It was a lovely way to read together and both staff and students enjoyed having a story read to them. Many students had seen film versions and heard bits of the book, but had never heard the full story, especially in this way. The group took over a large section of the library for the event. Many staff wore costumes to really get into the feel of the period. The novel was first published in 1843 and sold out very quickly. By 1844, 12 editions had been published. The story of Scrooge being visited by the ghosts of Christmases past present and yet to come that turn him from a miserable old man into a much kinder version, remains popular to this day. It wouldn't be Christmas without 'A Christmas Carol'!



# Supporting the Homeless at Christmas

IN the run up to Christmas, the whole school has supported the Worcestershire Homeless Appeal. Students and staff have donated a tremendous range and quantity of items to support the county's homeless. Bags and boxes for adults, children and dogs have been delivered to the Lyppard Hub for distribution across the county. We were overwhelmed by how many donations were made, students were especially generous to the dogs. The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal was started in 2015 with an aim to raise 50 filled shoes boxes to hand out to the

rough sleepers in Worcester city centre, during 2016 they collected clothing, toiletries, shoes, blankets & sleeping bags which were handed out each month. In October 2017 the charity launched their Christmas campaign again, that they also helped homeless families, with gifts, food, clothing & much needed supplies. At the end of the campaign they had raised 3.5 tones of gifts, food, toys & clothing. It is expected that this year the donations will be even greater and will help lots of people in need.



# Christmas is Coming!

SANTA'S elves will be getting to work in the DT department and will be making Christmas tree decorations and Christmas platters. These were on sale at the Christmas Carol Service. They are beautifully designed and produced and will make perfect gifts or just add a touch of magic to your tree and festivities.



# Santa's Helpers Hard at Work!

EACH year Nunnery Wood hosts a party for elderly people living in the local community. Students from Year 10 host the party, which includes performances of music, dance and singing as well as a game of bingo and a quiz. Each guest receives a special gift from Santa that is provided by the students. There is also a festive feast provided and students chat with the guests throughout the afternoon. Santa's helpers have been very busy helping to collect and wrap the gifts.



# Christmas Traditions and Tips

William Darby and Gabriel Boxal  
YEAR 7

CHRISTMAS. The time of joy! The time of fun! There are many ways of celebrating but you cannot deny Christmas is centred around having fun and spending time with each other. There are many Christmas traditions that have stayed with us for many years. Christmas trees have been around for a millennium in Northern Europe. The first one did not appear in the UK until the 1840s - it actually originated from Germany and brought to the UK by Prince Albert (husband of Queen Victoria). Mince pies, like the Christmas pudding, were originally filled with meat. Yes, really, meat! Mince Pies have been signs of Christmas since the Stuart era.

Holly, ivy and other greenery such as mistletoe were originally used in pre-Christian times to help celebrate the Winter Solstice Festival and ward off evil spirits and to celebrate new growth of plants and trees. The UK and Germany were the main countries to keep the use of the greenery as decorations.

We have asked people their thoughts on Christmas. James Thatcher stated "I like Christmas because it is festive and I like the warm atmosphere and the presents." Most people enjoy Christmas although some people dislike it- Noel Johnson thinks "Christmas has lost its true meaning and is just another excuse to get of school and to give and receive presents". Whatever people think of Christmas; the original message of Christmas was to celebrate the birth of Jesus but now it is usually based around relaxing.

Ellen Draper  
YEAR 7

Christmas tips:

1. Have a sort of toys / clothes and anything else in your bedroom before Christmas so that you are not too cluttered afterwards!
2. If you are ordering presents online order them as early as possible to allow for delays.
3. Find the cheapest place to buy gifts by shopping around and checking prices online.
4. Enjoy time with family and friends at Christmas, it's not all about shopping!
5. Don't leave it until the last minute!

The Top 5 Christmas traditions:

1. The Christmas tree
2. The Christmas turkey dinner
3. Christmas crackers
4. Christmas pudding
5. Christmas carols





# Christmas Cheer in MFL Department

AS part of a national languages competition, students were invited to design and produce a Christmas card. This had to contain no English wording and be produced by hand. The designs have been sent to 'Routes into Languages' at Aston University and the cards were also entered into a competition within school.

Mrs Kendrick, who organised the competition said "I was so impressed with the quality and range of designs we received for this competition! Students were really creative and showed their interest in languages from all over the world in their designs. Some people researched how Christmas is celebrated in different countries and based their design on that. We found it

very difficult to pick just one winner for a Nunnery Wood prize! The designs have been posted to Routes into Languages, a national organisation based at Aston University in Birmingham to be judged against other schools' entries. Well done to everyone who took part!"

Abilene Ginever won the Foreign Language Christmas Card Competition Winner for 2018! The judges were really impressed with the beautiful artwork on her card and her chosen language of Maori to go with it.

The card will be to send out to all of our school contacts and it will also take pride of place on the Routes into Languages display board in the

School of Languages and Social Sciences at Aston University.

The prizes in school have been awarded to:

1st place: Abilene Ginever Year7 Maori (the native language of New Zealand) and Sophie Cockeram Year 7 Sinhala (the language of Sri Lanka)  
Runners up: Toby Alexander Year 8 Icelandic, Louisa Williams Year 7 Icelandic, Emily Whittingham Year9 Dutch, Harry Harwood Year8 French



# Christmas Video!

To help get into the Christmas spirit, staff and students donned their tinsel and sang and danced along to Mariah Carey's 'All I want for Christmas' to produce a video to help celebrate the end of term. We had great fun making it and the finished piece can be viewed on our YouTube page, links will be sent out via social media as soon as it is available.





# Festive Singers Draw in Crowds

ON Friday 30th November 50 members of ‘Nunnery Voices’ entertained crowds at the Victorian Christmas Fayre in Worcester city centre. They delivered a festive performance of traditional carols and Christmas songs. They performed in Bell Square where a huge number of visitors had gathered and raised over £50 for local charity Acorns Children’s hospice through donations collected. Mrs Reader, head of Music, said “Thank you to all of the students, staff and parents who attended, especially those that joined it with our final Christmas Medley - it was a lovely evening and a great start to the Music Department’s busy festive period”.



# When is it OK to Put up Your Christmas Tree?

Edward Darby  
YEAR 7

THE tree is a traditional part of Christmas as many houses, towns and indeed businesses in Britain, will have a tree of some sort or other, which they will decorate and will place their presents underneath. The tradition tree was a fir tree but now most people prefer an artificial tree because they don’t want to cut down any real trees or because they make less mess. The first recorded Christmas tree originally came from Germany; it was introduced to England during the Georgian period. Many varieties of trees are available today and the decorating possibilities are endless! Some people put up their Christmas trees are long before Christmas, around the end of November or the start of December. Some of

us think that Christmas trees should be up early but on the other hand some people think that Christmas trees should be put up on the week of Christmas. Christmas trees are a tradition in Britain read more below to find out. Here are the main reasons why Christmas trees are up early:

- People like to get in the season early
- Christmas trees are expensive and so people get value for money if it is up longer
- Some people might have been having a Christmas party early

However, many people don’t want their tree up too early:

- It isn’t as special as it is up for too long
- Real trees start to drop needles
- Christmas has become too commercial and getting into it too early encourages this

# Christmas: Just Another Excuse to Buy

Louis Foreman  
YEAR 8

EVER since early Christian times the holiday of Christmas has been celebrated to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ to the Virgin Mary. Over time the holiday has changed. The King-killing, party-pooing Puritans decried the holiday as a display of Paganism (one of their sworn enemies along with alcohol and parties – now essential parts of Christmas for many). In the Victorian era, the famous Christmas tree was popularised in Britain when the Queen’s German husband, Prince Albert, erected one at Buckingham Palace. The 1900s then brought consumerism to the Christmas scene. This changed the holiday forever and made it the way we know it today.

What’s your favourite part of Christmas? Chances are that you would respond to that question with one, extremely predictable thing: Presents. Not Jesus. Not the Church. Not family. Presents. Why is it that a celebration with deeply religious origins become about material objects that provide no long-term satisfaction and will be thrown out by February? What pleasure can we possibly derive from metal, plastic, and wood? Our ancestors down through the ages would know nothing of this modern yuletide. What is your view, has Christmas become too commercial and just an excuse to buy things we do not need, often putting people into debt? What is your favourite part of Christmas? Let us know! @NunneryWood or press@nunnery-wood.worcs.sch.uk

# Cathedral Christmas Tree

Carys Slimming  
YEAR 7

WORCESTER Cathedral hosts a Christmas tree display, in which local schools, organisations and businesses are invited to display a tree. This year, our Year 7 D.T club made decorations for our own tree! As you have all heard, it was the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One, and the poppies dangling from the ceiling at our exhibition on the Remembrance Evening were appreciated, and so we are decorating our tree with them to keep the theme of Remembrance running throughout the festive period. Why not pop into the Cathedral and look at our tree and all of the others on display? Entry is free. This display is for small businesses



# Movies to watch at Christmas

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| 1) Elf                                  | 9) A Charlie Brown Christmas |
| 2) The Santa clause                     | 10) The snowman              |
| 3) Daddy’s home 2                       | 11) Home alone               |
| 4) National Lampoons Christmas vacation | 12) Gremlins                 |
| 5) The polar express                    | 13) Gremlins 2               |
| 6) Mickey’s Christmas carol             | 14) Bad Santa                |
| 7) A Christmas carol                    | 15) About a Boy              |
| 8) Muppets Christmas carol              |                              |
- Would you and any more films that you like to this list? Grab your popcorn watch a movie and have a wonderful Christmas!



# Media Reviews

## Movie - The Hate U Give

The Hate U Give is about Starr Carter ( played by Amandla Sternberg who you might know from playing Rue in The Hunger Games ) and follows her switching between her two worlds: the poor ,predominantly black neighbourhood she lives in, Garden Heights and the rich, predominately white world of the private school that she attends, Williamson Prep .

From watching the trailer we see that the border of these two worlds is destroyed when she witnesses the shooting of her friend Khalil by a white police officer. In the trailer we see Starr and Khalil in Khalil's car driving through Garden Heights and listening to music- this seems pretty normal for two teenagers but that's when the normality stops .They are flagged down by a police car and Khalil is asked to get out of the car with his hands on the roof of the car, when the police officers step back to their car he moves, looks through the window and asks Starr if she is okay . Worried, she tells Khalil to go back to where the police officer told him to stand Khalil reaches through the window

to grab a brush from the seat of his car and is instantly shot.

The phrase "it's the same story just a different name "is used in the trailer and it really made me think more deeply into cases of unnecessary police brutality. What I think is important to realise about The Hate U Give is that the film is not anti-police but anti-police brutality. From April to June 2017 force from handcuffs to guns was used 12600 times. The statistics showed that a disproportionate amount of these events were targeted at people of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds , in particular 87% of these incident were targeted at men , 36% percent of these incidents were targeted at Black people and 10% were targeted at Asians . Figures like these show how there is a conscious and unconscious bias towards BAME people, particularly men. There has been a 79% increase in brutality rates this year which averaged at 1890 examples of police brutality a week. In London black people make up 13% of the capitals population but they are involved in

39% of cases where police brutality occurs.

These figures speak for themselves, to conclude I would hope that this article made you understand the importance of films and other pieces in the media that spread messages like these and make you realise stereotypes and biases that you place on people of BAME backgrounds.



## The best of Ethics and Philosophy in the Media Online

Philosophize This! This set of podcasts is a fun way to look at the different philosophers throughout time and how their thoughts have changed and impacted the world that we live in. Whilst this is advertised as being accessible to all I think that older students in year 10 and year 11 would enjoy it most. The podcasts are fun and Stephen West the author and presenter tries to break the ideas down so that they are more relatable. Podcasts are great, easy to listen to on your phone, on the go or at home whilst you are busy doing other things. These podcasts are around 20-30 minutes long so it's perfect for those who want to learn a lot in a little amount of time. <http://philosophizethis.org/>

## Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald

The sequel to Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them is finally here! The long awaited film has acclaimed many brilliant reviews. The film shows Albus Dumbledore (true to his traditions) relying this time not on current Hogwarts students but ex-Hogwarts student Newt Scamander and his accomplices Tina and Queenie to save the world from Grindelwald plan of raising Pure-blood wizards to rule over all muggles (or no-Maj's). The Film trailer caused some controversy as it showed members of the Ministry of Magic apparating outside of Hogwarts. If you are a Harry Potter fan you might remember Hermione telling Ron and Harry several times a year that you can't apparate into Hogwarts. This rule was only broken by Dumbledore but it is Dumbledore what can you really expect. The trailer also confirmed the Nagini theory. For all you muggles out there Nagini was Voldemort's pet snake and also Horcrux, and the trailer confirmed that Nagini is in fact a maledictus – a cursed witch or wizard who will eventually be

permanently turned into an animal.

Overall the film was a huge success and no one could have predicted the ending. If you haven't already seen it, I would highly recommend it to all.



## On Screen

Coco is all about the Day of the Dead festival, in this film Miguel enters the land of the dead to find his great great grandfather but the end result is not what he expected. The film covers the interesting Mexican tradition which sees dead family members remembered, their photos are put out and offerings given to help them on their spiritual journey and stop them from being forgotten. It's a bit of a tear jerker at the end but it is filled with fun, colour and music that everyone could enjoy over the Christmas break.

## In Print

Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman is a modern day Romeo and Juliet. In a world of injustice love between two people from different parts of society is out of the question. This book reverses traditional racial stereotypes so the reader can look at the issue from a different perspective. It is a beautiful love story at times but is also gritty with a moral message. This book will really have you considering how prejudice has impacted and continues to impact society. A great read, recommended for students aged 12 +.

## Creed 2

Nawal Jamshid  
YEAR 9

From the release of the first Creed film in 2016, the news that there would be a sequel to follow up the Rocky World, went down with people very well. The film follows the storyline of Russian boxer Ivan Drago killing former US champion Apollo Creed in 1985. Ignoring his trainer Rocky Balboa, Apollo's son Adonis Johnson accepts a challenge from Drago's son another notoriously dangerous boxer. Under training Adonis trains for the fight of his life , but what will be the result?



## Stan Lee – A Tribute

Markus Telger  
YEAR 8

The much-loved star Stan Lee died on 12 November 2018 in his bed at home at the age of 97. He was most famous for being an American comic book writer and developed Marvel Comics. He won numerous awards throughout his career including awards The Will Eisner Award Hall of Fame, Jack Kirby Hall of Fame, National Medal of Arts, Disney Legends. Hollywood actor Hugh Jackman led the tributes by tweeting "we have lost a creative genius. We've lost a creative genius. Stan Lee was a pioneering force in the superhero universe. I'm proud to have been a small part of his legacy and .... to have helped bring one of his characters to life." My best moment was when he appeared in Black Panther, it was an incredible film.





# Love cooking?

## Raspberry Swiss Roll



Carys Slimming  
YEAR 7

Why not make this easy to follow recipe and enjoy with friends over the festive period?

**Ingredients:**

- 4 free range eggs
- 115g/4oz caster sugar, plus extra to dust
- 1 vanilla pod; seeds only
- 75g/3oz self-raising flour
- 200ml/7foz double cream
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- 200g/7oz raspberries

**For the raspberry jam**

- 150g/5 and a half oz caster sugar
- Half a lemon, zest and juice
- 350/ 12oz raspberries

**How to**

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/170C Fan/Gas 5 and line a 23x33cm/9x13in Swiss roll tin with baking paper.
2. Place the eggs, sugar and vanilla seeds into a bowl and whisk until very pale, fluffy and thickened.
3. Sift in the flour and carefully fold in. Pour into the lined tin and smooth with a spatula until evenly spread. Bake for 10–12 minutes, or until just firm to the touch.
4. Place a sheet of baking paper, slightly bigger than the tray, onto a work surface and dust with caster sugar. Turn the sponge out onto the paper, peel off the baking paper on the bottom of the sponge and set aside to cool a little.
5. Pour the double cream and vanilla extract into a large bowl and whip to soft peaks.
6. For the raspberry jam, heat a frying pan until hot. Add the sugar, lemon zest and juice and cook for 3–4 minutes until the sugar has dissolved. Mix in the raspberries and cook for 3–5 minutes until thick. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool.
7. Spread the jam over the sponge, leaving a 2cm/1in gap around the edge. Spread the whipped cream over the top, leaving the edges, then sprinkle over the whole raspberries.
8. Take the longest edge of the sponge and using the baking paper underneath, roll up the sponge quite tightly, making sure the filling stays inside. Roll the sponge off the parchment, dust with extra caster sugar and cut into slices to serve.

And enjoy!!!

## Delicious!

YEAR 10 students have been getting to grips with the difficult task of making choux pastry. Choux pastry is the lightest, crispiest, airiest pastry, which can be used to make profiteroles, éclairs or savoury gougères. It puffs up in the oven until it is eventually set by the heat. The airiness is caused because choux has a high water content, which is turned into steam during baking and this forces the pastry shell outwards and gives it volume.



## Gingerbread Men Recipe



The perfect recipe for Christmas.

**Ingredients**

- 175g brown sugar
- 85g golden syrup
- 100g butter
- 350g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 egg

**Method**

1. Melt the sugar, golden syrup and butter in a saucepan, then bubble for 1-2 mins. Leave to cool for 10 mins.
2. Tip the flour, bicarbonate of soda and spices into a large bowl. Add the warm syrup mixture and the egg, stir everything together, then gently knead in the bowl until smooth and streak-free. The dough will firm up once cooled. Wrap in cling film and put in fridge for at least 30 mins.
3. Remove the dough from the fridge, leave at room temperature until softened. Heat oven to 180c fan / gas mark 6 and line two baking trays with baking paper.
4. Roll out the dough to the thickness of 1cm, then cut out gingerbread men with a cutter. Re-roll the excess dough and keep cutting until it's all used up.
5. Lift the biscuits onto the trays and bake for 10-12 mins, swapping the trays over halfway through cooking. Leave to cool on the trays for 5 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Leave to dry for 1-2 hrs.

## Christmas Cakes





# NUNNERY SPORT

## Year 7 Girls Kick it

IT is great to see so many girls participating in sport this term! Over 25 year 7 girls have turned up to football training each week and many of them have represented the school in numerous fixtures. The girls have made a great start by winning games against The Chase, Blessed Edwards, Hanley Castle and coming 4th overall in the Tewkesbury tournament. Some of our year 7 girls have also represented the year 8 team, winning 2-1 last week and making it through to the next round in the Worcestershire County Cup. Hopefully we can continue this success next term by training each week! Well done and keep up the good work!



## Year 8 Defeat Local Rivals

THE year 8 girls football team made a fantastic start to the year winning 2-0 against The Chase and 4-3 against Blessed Edwards. Although they have had the odd unlucky defeat, the girls have worked very well as a team, supporting

each other on and off the pitch and training hard each week. Our year 8 girls are the only team to make the County Cup this year, and we are through to the next round, so well done!



## Hockey Tournament Victory!

ON Thursday 25th October, Nunnery's U12 and U13 mixed hockey team travelled to The Chase High School to play in a county hockey tournament.

The under 12 team started strongly against The Chase A team winning 6-1. With their heads held high, the team went on to further win against Hanley Castle, Tudor Grange and The Chase B team. Throughout the tournament, the team worked together, passing the ball well between midfield and creating chances for the forwards to score lots of goals. For their first

tournament, county tournament winners is not a bad way to start - well done all!

The under 13 team played some excellent hockey during the tournament, making some great tackles and scoring some fantastic goals. A special mention to goalkeeper Markus Telger for some excellent saves and to A. George for a spectacular reverse flick goal! Communication between the players was particularly impressive, they represented themselves on and off the pitch.

## Year 9 Girls Hockey



THE Year 9 hockey team made a fantastic start to the term winning 2-1 against Pershore. A big thank you for Ellie Green putting on the goal keepers kit and playing in goal for the first time, she made some amazing saves! The girls have shown huge improvements this year and I'm excited to see what they have in store next year.

## Girls Hockey

HOCKEY is a new sport to most year 7s this year so it has been amazing to see so many coming to hockey club to learn new skills. Our year 7 mixed hockey team had great success this term winning 7-0 against Tudor Grange and winning their county tournament without letting in one goal! Well done everybody.



## Girls Netball

ONCE again it is great to see lots of girls turning up for netball club. With so many girls to choose from, we have had to make three netball teams alone in year 7. All have represented Nunnery Wood in fixtures and it is no surprise that we have had some wins over the term.



## Boys Football

THERE have been great numbers attending boys football club each week. Well done to all those who have got involved. Pupils who have represented the school team have performed extremely well and continue to show signs of improvement led by Captain Liam Higgins.



## Boys Rugby

ALTHOUGH there has been over 30 different boys attending the extracurricular club on a Monday after school since September, many decide that the sport is not for them while others find commitment on a regular basis difficult. This has resulted in a hard core of around 15 boys who attend on a regular basis. They are now starting to make steady progress and understand the basic skill requirements however the physical side of the game is still difficult for many. The squad have played two training games against Christopher Whitehead and Malvern Chase respectively and although they lost both games progress is being made. The squad also played at Sixways during the half time break at the recent Worcester Warriors

## Post Perry Hockey

SINCE Mr Perry left Nunnery Wood hockey matches have been arranged in key stages with year 7, 8, and 9 pupils making up a team following their training on Tuesday evenings. Although games have been difficult to organise the team have played two fixtures, unfortunately losing both to fee paying schools. the best performance to date remains a 2-1 loss at Solihull school where the team took a surprise

lead and played well to contain their opponents. Zac Goodman organised the mid field ably supported by Jacob Dorman. Joel Rickman put in a sterling shift in goal. Unfortunately after continued pressure late in the second half the home side scored with less than five minutes remaining. More fixtures have been arranged for the new year.





# NUNNERY SPORT

## Sam Bowerman Representing England

SAMUEL Bowerman, Year 10 and a member of Wado Kai Worcester karate, was selected to represent England and became part of the Wado Kai England karate squad. This happened in July 2018. As part of the squad he was entered to represent England in Portugal for the European championships. A squad of 10 competitors and 2 coaches were flown out to Lisbon. He was entered in the Under 14s individual Kata category and the Under 14s team Kata and finally the Under 14s Kumite fighting category. The competition took place on the 17th November in Lisbon. Sam came home with Bronze for England for his individual Kata category and silver for his team Kata. In the Kumite he narrowly missed out on a medal. Sam trains a minimum of 7 hours a week, increasing to 11 when he has England squad training. Some weeks he even trains more if he has England karate federation training and competitions looming. On top of this Sam competes on average up to 2 competitions a month at various destinations around the country.



## Girls Netball

OUR year 10 girls hockey team have worked really hard this term, showing huge improvements at training and during matches. The team should be so proud of themselves in what they have achieved so far, putting out a strong performance in their first 11 a side game against Kings. Hopefully we can organise more games next term and really put our skills to the test. Great work everybody!



## Dance Delight - WSFC Cabaret

Year 9 and 10 GCSE dance and drama students went to WSFC to see their production of 'Cabaret'. Six ex Nunnery students performed in the piece, 2 with lead roles. The trip allowed students to learn more about how a production is put together as well as enjoying a fabulous performance. Many knew the ex students who participated in the event and were impressed to see their performances.



## Girls Badminton

THE girls badminton squad has performed well this term. Special mention to Izzy Webb who played up with the year 11 badminton team to represent Nunnery Wood in the School Games badminton tournament. The team placed second overall, which shows Izzy's hard work and commitment to the sport. Well done!



## Year 9 Girls football

IT is great to see so many year 9 girls attending football club each week. Although we have not had many fixtures this term, the girls have stepped up to play for the year 10 team. Each pupil that comes to practice has shown great commitment and dedication to the team! Keep up the good work and well done.



## Girls Cross Country

SPORTING students braved cold and wet conditions to compete in the annual schools' cross country championships. The team performed brilliantly and have all qualified for the next stage of the competition which is the County Cross Country Championships to be held in January.

Well done to the following girls:

**Year 7**

Zoe Bloss, 5th

Milly Hemming 6th

Abi Ginever 8th

**Inter Girls**

Georgia Fox - winner

Lauren Kennard 2nd

Ruby Jarman 3rd

Daisy Wickett 6th



## Year 8 Hockey

HOCKEY has taken off this year with lots of year 8s returning to practices or trying it for the first time. The girls have had great success playing against Tudor Grange, RGS and Hanley Castle so far. A big thank you to Nia Hillyard for playing in goal and making some incredible saves! Our year 8 mixed hockey team smashed their county tournament, not losing a single game and placing 1st place! Well done



# NUNNERY SPORT

## Year 10 Girls football

GIRLS football has always been a strong point at Nunnery Wood. This is evident with our year 10 team who all play outside of school and still make time to train and represent our school. The girls started the year with a solid performance winning 10-1 against Blessed Edwards. Although they have not had many games, many of the girls have been selected to play at the Centre of Sporting Excellence in a year 11

football tournament. This shows the hard work and talent in this year group!

Daisy Wicket has performed exceptionally well for the Worcestershire County Schools FA U16s so far this season. So far she has played at St Georges Park the training base for the England male and female age group teams where she played against the Independent Schools FA na-

tional side and helped the County to a 0-0 draw. She has also helped the County to progress to the quarter finals of the English Schools FA Inter County Trophy with wins secured against Gloucestershire and Middlesex so far.

Mr Barrell said “Congratulations Daisy and keep up the good work”.

### Term dates - 2018 / 19

**AUTUMN TERM 2018**  
Term Starts - 5th September  
Half Term - 29th October - 2nd November  
Term Ends - 21st December

**SPRING TERM 2019**  
Term Starts - 7th January  
Half Term - 18th February - 22nd February  
Term Ends - 12th April

**SUMMER TERM 2019**  
Term Starts - 29th April  
Half Term - 27th May - 31st May  
Term Ends - 19th July

**OTHER DATES**  
Good Friday - 19th April  
Easter - 22nd April  
May Day - 6th May  
Whitsun Bank Holiday - 27th May

**INSET DAYS**  
3rd & 4th September 2018  
7th December 2018  
25th February 2019  
22nd July 2019

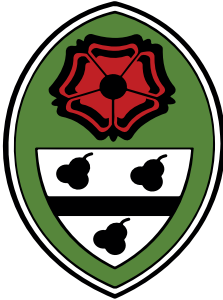
### School shop

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:

Stationery	
Pen	10p
Pencil	10p
Ruler 6"	10p
Ruler 12"	15p
Rubber	5p
Sharpener	5p
Protractor	10p
Set Square	10p
Compass	25p
Small Pencil Case	85p
Large Pencil Case	£1.10
Art Pencil Set	£1
Mini Highlighter Set	£1.40
Large Glue Stick	40p
Stationery Set	£4
Art Sketchbook A3	£3
Art Sketchbook A4	£2
16GB Memory Stick	£3.70
Calculator	£6.35
Yr11 Tie	£4.30
Water Bottle	£1
8gb SDHC Card	£8
Revision guides only available on ParentPay	



## Christmas Puzzles

1. Used to wrap a present

4. Decoration for a banister

7. Striped and sweet

9. Used to open a walnut

10. Door decoration

11. Many times these are strung together

13. Glitter for the tree

2. Decorative spheres

3. Another word for decorations

5. Christmas tree fruit

6. Might light the dinner table

7. Place where greetings are found

8. Hung by the chimney

12. Might be cedar, fir or pine

Rebus puzzles or picture puzzle games depict a group of images and symbols that represent words or phrases. For instance, the letter H in front of a picture of an ear would become H + EAR which could mean HEAR or HERE. Can you decipher the 12 rebus puzzles below to find words or phrases associated with the Christmas season?

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