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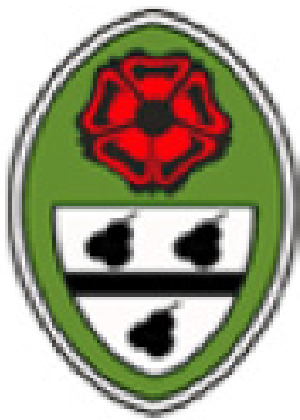
Preparing For Life!

SMSC Day (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) took place on 24th January and provided students with an opportunity to learn about skills and topics that will be invaluable in their future life and decision making.

Each year group had a different focus. Year 7 and 8 students focussed on Multicultural Britain, anti-bullying, consent and social media and living in Britain today. Years 9 to 11 tackled jobs and careers. The day included a whole range of outside guests and speakers coming in to work with students and give professional advice and guidance. Local magistrates delivered a talk on criminal responsibility and two representatives from Amnesty International, who also run a charity called Malvern Welcomes, that helps to look after local refugees, gave a talk about what asylum seekers are and why people might be forced to leave their country. Students explored what they might do and how they might feel if they were in the situations faced by refu-

gees and were introduced to some children's books telling the story of young people forced to leave their homeland. Musical activities helped students to understand what is meant by British values and how these are incorporated into school and wider society. To offer careers advice and support, representatives from over 40 local businesses came in to school to deliver mock interviews and offer guidance on career choices. The careers fayre that formed part of the day was bigger and better than ever and saw the main hall packed out with students wanting to get information. Further education institutes gave talks throughout the day covering information on apprenticeships, A Levels and diplomas. Mr Steward said: "The day was really successful, with a great buzz. Students gained access to wealth of information about their options and choices for the future."





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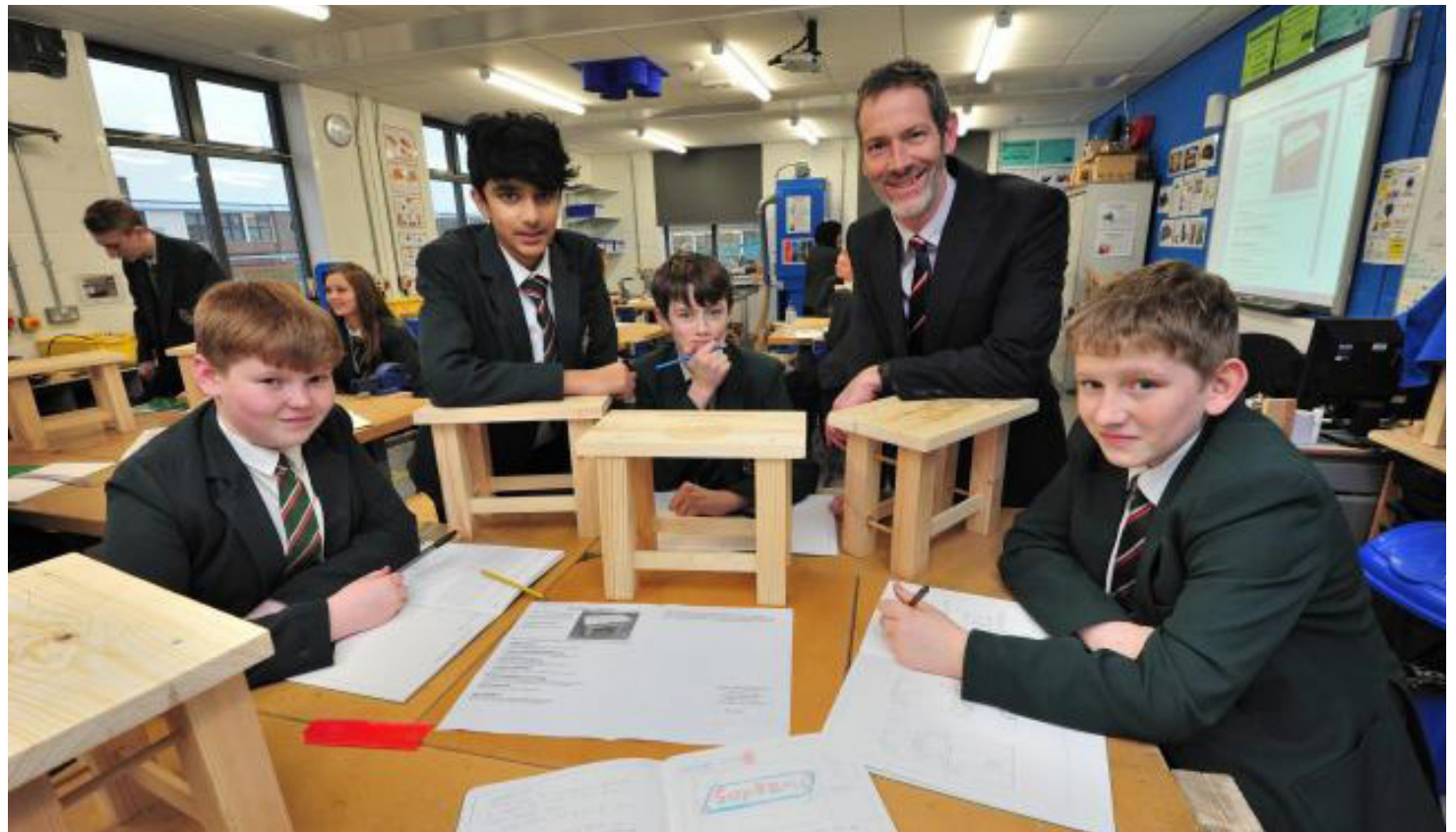
Alex Scoby
YEAR 10

Welcome to the February half-term edition of the Nunnery News! With so many things going on this half term, the journalists have just about covered the events, from Holocaust Memorial day to the chess tournament. I have been working hard on the school news channel on YouTube and hope that you enjoy seeing that as well as reading all about it in the Nunnery news!

James Thatcher
YEAR 8

Issue 9 of the Nunnery News is yet again another brilliant edition with so much going on to report on. I have really enjoyed getting out and about, finding the stories and writing them up to include in the paper. I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it.

New results show Worcestershire's secondary schools are in good shape



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

Worcester Schools

It was great to see Nunnery Wood feature so prominently in the recent Worcester News article on top performing schools across the county. All Worcester schools offer great opportunities for students despite having some of the lowest school funding in the country. Our fingers are crossed that proposals to spread funding more evenly turn into action; Worcester children deserve the same investment as those in other parts of the country. Robin Walker MP did a fantastic job in pushing for these reforms and it

is up to us all to keep speaking up for children in the county.

Parent Consultation Evenings

We are trialling year-based parent consultation evenings at the moment. During my first year at the school, many parents raised concerns about the challenge of seeing the teachers they'd requested when half the school was eligible to apply. Of course, this is a major change and I will be seeking your views through a full consultation once you have been through the

new reporting and consultation process once. In response to the concerns of some year 10 parents that the planned end of year consultation left them without contact during the first part of the GCSE courses, I've scheduled an additional evening for Year 10 parents on April 5th. I understand how important these evenings are in building the relationship between school and home and will continue to listen to your views. Thank you to all those who added comments on the report slips; this will help hugely in giving you the information you need.

New Nunnery News YouTube Channel

NUNNERY News remains an exciting way to keep up to date with all of the news in school and celebrate the success and hard work of students. This is also available to view online and each edition is viewed thousands of times. We are now moving to the next level and have been working hard to develop our YouTube new channel. Each broadcast will showcase the talents and achievements across the school and is in a format that can be viewed quickly and easily. Our first edition went out at the end of last half term, this will be a half termly feature with the view to making it more frequent in the future. This is student led and produced by Year 10 students Alex Scoby, Darian Murray, Lottie Hammond, Lauren Roberts and Rohan Zahoor. The students research what has happened in school and produce the script and then film and

edit the report. Mr Hancock then adds the video and images to produce the final piece that you see online.

We welcome feedback on what you think of this and suggestions of how we could make it even better!



A message from Miss Speechley...

The Nunnery newshounds have been busier than ever this term in collecting the news, it seems that there is more than ever happening to celebrate and share with you! We also welcome Miss Robinson to our team who is on hand to offer advice and support with structure, grammar and article production. Mr Hancock has done another fantastic job of producing the

newspaper before it goes to print, this requires a huge amount of time and an eye for detail to get a professional look. You may have also seen not only is the Nunnery news in printed format and online, but we have launched our brand new YouTube news channel. You can find the link to this from our website. This is a new project and so far we have had great fun in get-

ting it online. Alex Scoby and Darius Jackson have produced the scripts, Lottie Hammond and Lauren Roberts have bravely presented the broadcast, which has been edited by Rohan Zahoor. Mr Hancock has then worked his magic in editing the pictures and video clips into a very professional looking final piece. We love the Nunnery News and are really excited to be able

to bring you news and stories across all media platforms. Don't forget that you can keep up to date on a daily basis via Twitter, simply follow @NunneryWood for the latest news, information, celebrations, videos and pictures. We are also on Facebook. Don't forget to look out for stories in the Worcester News also, which are produced by Mrs Van Der Kleijn.

Welcome to Nunnery Wood



Miss Hourcan

I have moved from a school in Gloucester to NWHS as Assistant Curriculum Leader in the Modern Languages Department. I am grateful to students and staff who have made me feel welcome since I started in the new year. I teach French, Spanish and German and I am a form tutor to 10.X. I have two teenage sons and in my free time I like reading, going to the cinema and eating good food!



Mrs Endacott

I have moved from a school on Gloucester where I taught RE, to Nunnery Wood to be Assistant Curriculum Leader in the EP Department. Since beginning I have found Nunnery Wood to be a lovely place to work and have been welcomed by everyone. I have a passion for technology in the classroom and recently invited Google into EP lessons to travel the world using the latest vertical technology. Outside of school I enjoy travelling and I visiting Iceland in half term.

Head Boy & Girl

Josh Cockerham
Head Boy

THE much awaited February half term is around the corner, and the break is well deserved after yet another busy few weeks at Nunnery. Its been great to see everyone settle back into school life after the Christmas holidays, making an aspirational start to 2017, and I hope that you will be able to achieve all your goals for the coming year. We very recently hosted yet another successful parliament meeting, this term's topic being all about extended writing and thinking of ways to improve learning in the class room. We gained lots of positive information and insight from all the year groups, and we shall be working on making some changes based on our data collected, in the next half term. I hope you have a peaceful week off, and I wish all the best to those on the ski trip and Disneyland trip. I look forward to seeing all of you back, feeling refreshed, to tackle yet another busy half term ahead.



Ella Sutton
Head Girl

THIS term has been successful for us here at Nunnery Wood. With examinations looming near for many students up and down and school, I am very impressed with the work ethic coming from students in every year group. With hard work and effort comes rewards! We have many exciting opportunities coming up in the next term and I cannot wait to see the thrilling outcomes. Have a fantastic half term!



Prefects On Hand To Give Support



YEAR 11 prefects are available offer advice, support and friendship to all students in school in their drop in sessions. Room HI3 is used every Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime, allowing students to simply drop by and talk over any worries or concerns that they may have. This could be related to homework, anxiety, friendships or any other concerns that they may have. Jade Bedford explained that, "We are very approachable and are happy to help, however big or small the problem is". Tash Hurdiss added that, "It is a friendly environment and

we feel that we are able to relate to students in a way that teachers can't always and so have the experience to offer support and advice with any issues that students may face". If you want to talk over a problem, or just want to pop by and have a chat with Year 11 students, then no appointment is needed and the prefects look forward to welcoming and supporting you.

School Parliament Update

James Thatcher
YEAR 8

THE school parliament, which consists of 2 students from each form in every year group, have met up to have their voices heard about teaching and learning in school. They have been discussing exam technique and extended writing

and how it is derived across the school. They shared what they found to be helpful and effective. Their findings and opinions will now be fed back to teachers via their training sessions in order to share and promote the best and most effective ways of helping the students to learn.



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Worcester Teen Book Award

James Thatcher
YEAR 8

THIS year's Worcestershire Teen Book Award has a top line up of incredible books. In the running for a chance to get the prestigious title is 'Blame' written by Simon Mayo, 'The Trap' by Alan Gibbons, 'Death or Ice Cream' by Gareth P Jones, 'Why I went Back' by James Clammer, 'Lying About Last Summer' by Sue Wallman and 'Born Scared' by Kevin Brooks. The shortlist was decided by book clubs and schools across Worcestershire who all took part in speed dating sessions (with books!) Whittling thirty books down to the final shortlist of six.

Library Club held their 'speed dating' session last November. Library Club are currently avidly reading



all six titles and will cast their votes in early March. The winner will be announced at a ceremony at County Hall on Wednesday 29th March.



500 Words Competition

James Thatcher
YEAR 8

LIBRARY Club are once again taking part in one of the most successful British writing competitions; Radio 2's 500 Words short story competition. It is open to children aged between 5-13. Since the competition was launched 7 years ago nearly half a million children have written stories; that's over 277 million words! In 2016, 123,436 children entered the competition! All you have to do is submit a story that has 500 words or less. If you win, your story could be read live on Radio 2 by a superstar celebrity like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons or Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories. This year the final will be hosted by Chris Evans from the Tower of London and promises another all-star

cast of celebrity guests. The panel of judges deciding the winners in each category are Malorie Blackman, Frank Cottrell Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and the honorary judge, Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall. As well as rubbing shoulders with the stars there are great prizes to be won. Bronze winners win their height in books, Silver winners win the Duchess of Cornwall's height in book and the Gold winners win Chris Evans height in books as well as 500 books for their school. So if you love to read or write stories why not enter? You may never know you have a novelist in you until you give it a try! The closing date for entries is 7pm sharp on Thursday 23rd February 2017.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/50pnqLfDywb9CFxjNvth510/about-500-words>



Chess Tournament Winner Crowned!

James Thatcher
YEAR 8

ONCE again the great battle took place in the library to see who would be crowned Nunnery Wood Chess Winner of the year. The winner was Jacob Aldridge in year 11 who out of 32 competitors emerged victorious. His runner up was the equally good Daniel Brant who was unfortunately knocked out in a very well played match by Jacob. Each player fought for a place in the final and although 30 of them did not make it to the final we must congratulate the superb effort that they put in to the competition. This is an annual event so if next year you

decide to enter don't hesitate to do so. Chess club runs each week in the library, anyone of any ability can join and learn the game. It is a great opportunity to learn a new game, develop your existing skills or just make new friends and work your brain!



Harry Potter Book Night

ENTHUSIASTIC Muggles celebrated Harry Potter Book Night by holding a Harry Potter themed Library Club in the Philosopher's Chamber (aka Library) at lunchtime! Students were able to choose from a selection of fun activities; from wizarding word searches to colouring worksheets. They even had the opportunity to watch Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (the first half an hour anyway) when the Library was deathly quiet for once!

It was fantastic to see students enter in to the spirit of the event by bringing in their own magical wands and dressing up clothes - Hedwig was also in attendance having flown all the way from Hogwarts with some owl post! All students who participated were awarded a Certificate of Attendance and a chocolate frog. Thank you to all those that came along to help celebrate this magical event.



Team Telger Trots On!



MRS Telger's quest to get her team trotting and active continues! Each week the team take part in the Park Run held at The Countryside Centre. Many students and their families attend. Miss Matthews has recently joined the challenge and is loving getting back into running again. Mrs Binnersley and Miss Hunt also enjoy taking part. They recently also completed the Dirt Run in the dark and have many more events lined up for the rest of the term, including an obstacle course run. Year 10 student James Dale finished in first position in the 5K Park Run, whilst Lauren Kennard in Year 9 with Year 8 Students Grace Morris, Amy Dale and Louise Church also enjoy taking part each week.

Rachelle Davies Rising Dance star

RACHELLE Davies, year 8, has recently auditioned for a place on a TV series called "Team Star" and if she is successful at that audition, Rachelle will then go forward to star in the TV dance programme. At the audition, she performed a solo modern style dance to a full audience and panel of judges and received enough points to now go back to the NEC in Birmingham to perform another routine. Rachelle has been dancing from a young age. She began ballet at just 3 years old and modern dance at the age of 4 at Crescents Dance School Worcester. Mrs Telger said, "I'm immensely proud of Rachelle's achievements. Good luck for the next audition."



Build It, Ride It, Fix It!

YEAR 8 students are preparing to build it, ride it and film it at The Big Bang Fair 2017. The events will demonstrate to students just how much science and engineering affects every day life, the world and the future. Students will be wowed by experiments, explosions, simulators and shows and maybe even meet a celebrity or two! They can also quiz scientists and engineers about their jobs and discover the perfect career. There will also be the opportunity to chat with finalists of the

National Science and Engineering Competition and get inspired to enter next year

The event will be supported by many local and national science-based industries and organisations.

There are also times when individuals can attend, find out more at:

<http://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/>



Be Safe, Be Seen!

POLICE Community Support Officer Andrea Beech gave talks on bicycle and road safety awareness to all students who cycle to school. She explained the importance of wearing a helmet and reflective clothing.

Students were also reminded not to listen to music or text whilst cycling, to ride single file, to respect pedestrians and not to ride on the footpath.

PCSO Beech said: "It surprised me how many of the students, that cycle to school, do not wear a helmet, have bicycle lights and do not wear anything reflective". All students were given free high visibility gear such as bag covers, badges, lights and clip on discs. Students were also given a booklet about how to ride safely and considerately.



Life After Nunnery - Abigail McFarlane

WE caught up with previous Head Girl, Abigail McFarlane to find out what she is up to now.

What GCSEs did you take at Nunnery Wood?

In addition to the core subjects I chose German, geography and food technology. I also chose Government & Politics As Level as an enrichment.

What did you do after leaving Nunnery Wood?

I now attend Hereford Sixth Form College (HSFC) and am studying English Language, Geography and German as A Levels.

Was College a big step up?

In some respects College was a huge step up. Not only was it a new way of learning with new teaching styles and expectations but also new transport and a new city. Despite this, I really enjoy it and have done since day one. Although Sixth Forms are another academic approach to learning and so have many similarities with high school, attitudes and the atmosphere are very different at college and therefore suitable for young adults.

Did you feel prepared for college?

I'll admit that the first day was pretty terrifying but I was ready for the next step. I took comfort in the fact that all first years are in the same boat: not really knowing anyone or where anything is but soon enough you find you fit right in.

Did you make new friends?

Only one person from my year also goes to HSFC. Thankfully he's my best friend so I had one person to get the train with and sit with on the first day. One of the best things about HSFC

is how large the catchment area is, I have made loads of friends from Abergavenny to Battenhall. Getting the train in the morning helps you to get to know other students but enrichment activities and college events also act as mixers so you can meet people outside of lessons. Having said this, talk to the people in your lessons! (Within reason of course!) Chances are, if you've picked the same subject, you have similar interests and may share other lessons.

Is geography difficult in a different city?

Although geography was a struggle at first with 'local environment' meaning the new link road and the Brecon Beacons (no London Road or County Hall in sight), it was easy to quickly adapt and I have thoroughly enjoyed the subject so far, particularly the unit of globalisation.

Is taking a language hard?

All A Levels are extremely difficult and many people struggle with different aspects of the course. Taking a language is no different however it's really not as scary as some people think! HSFC has a wide range of facilities including an audio lab and conversations with a native speaker as well as friendly teachers who are willing to help. German was challenging to start with but now I'm comfortable in my class and really enjoy it.

What opportunities has HSFC given you in particular?

There are a wide variety of enrichment options and I am part of the Student Representative Council (SRC) and Model United Nations (MUN) as well as attending some of the debates. The Higher Education (HE+) program run by the careers department has also been really interesting. During these enrichment activities I am able to meet new people, share

my interests and gain personal skills which are attractive to universities.

Do you have any more advice?

College is amazing but make sure you pick the right college and courses for you. While it's tempting to go to your closest one or wherever your friends are going, it's definitely worth looking around and going to open days of colleges which aren't an obvious choice.

What will be your next steps?

Currently I am organising an event with another student to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD). HSFC have given us permission and

guided us through the process but also given us the freedom to organise the event ourselves. I'm excited to say a parliamentary outreach officer will be talking to students about women in parliament and a representative from West Mercia Women's Aid will be discussing abusive relationships. Both talks will be focussed around the IWD theme of #BeBoldForChange and the event promises to be a success.

After college, I am looking to progress to a degree in geography with international development at university and I know I will get support from my teachers and the careers department to do this.



International Women's Day

#BeBoldForChange

A day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women!

In honour of International Women's Day 2017, there will be two guest speakers who will discuss political and cultural inequalities that women face in our current society.

Especially important for students studying Politics, Law, Economics, Sociology or Psychology! Places are limited so please turn up as early as possible.

1-1.45pm in Music Recital room on the 7th of March (Tuesday)

Abbie is currently organising and promoting an event at HSFC College

Expedition To Top Lon- don Museum!

Katie Moule
YEAR 8

YEAR 8 geography students travelled to London to the Natural History Museum. The students learned about different examples of earthquakes around the world. They also learned about volcanoes and saw excellent exhibits to show how volcanoes erupt. The group also examined the geology of fossils and rocks and learned how to age and categorise them. They also learned about different species of mammoths, insects and arachnids. The students will be able to apply what they learned to their studies in school, but also had a great deal of fun during the day.



#GoogleExpedition



Darian Murray-Griffiths
YEAR 10

ETHICS and Philosophy classes were treated to a rare experience of visiting religious landmarks around the world, but this was no ordinary field trip! All of this was possible in school through the wonders of virtual reality.

Google were invited by Mrs Endacott to show-case and allow the class to experience the wonders of Jerusalem, the solar system and even the human body. Students were given a virtual tour by our special tour guides Miss Dowd, Mrs Endacott and Mr Higgins.

Places of faith such as the Shiekh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi, Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Western Wall, also known as the Wailing Wall were marvelled at through this quirky piece of technology, allowing you

to look around the building through the small cardboard box. This new experience even could make you a bit dizzy as you looked down from the impressive heights of the Mount of Olives.

In the room there could only be heard shouts and sighs of disbelief, a 'Wow' there and 'Fantastic'! here. The one-hour tour took us from historic hills to underground temples, from shiny marble courtyards to outer space, we were even terrified by the sudden sight of humongous dinosaurs back from the dead.

Special thanks must be given to the genius of Google and the generosity of the EP department staff. If you're ready to travel the world from the comfort of your own home, download the app at [#googleexpedition](#)

Future Trips

Crista Edmunds
YEAR 8

THE school has arranged a new and exciting trip to Spain on Friday 7th April 2017. This is partly because the Year 8s now have the opportunity to learn Spanish. A group of 15 students will be visiting different places in Spain, and there are a Some of the activities included are a Flamenco lesson, a day trip to Seville including entry to the Alcazar, a day trip to Málaga including entrance to the Teatro Romano and Alcazaba Students will fly to Spain and will be staying in a hotel near the beach and will be able to go to several places to explore the culture of Spain.

The annual school ski trip also takes place over February half term, in our next edition we will bring you a full report of all of the amazing experiences that they had. The Disneyland Paris trip is also taking place over half term, it is hard to know if it is the students or Miss White who is most excited!

In May half term the history department travels to Berlin to experience the history of Weimar, Nazi and Cold War era of Germany's past and later in the year students will also visit America, taking in New York, Washington and Philadelphia. There are also many other trips and activities this term including Duke Of Edinborough and theatre trips.



Nunnery Wood Visit EnviroSort Recycling Plant

KEEN Eco Club members visited EnviroSort recycling plant in Norton, just 5 minutes from school. The site is the destination for all the recycling collected from doorsteps across Herefordshire and Worcestershire through weekly green bin collections. The students are part of the schools Eco-Rep programme and as such collect recycling at school everyday, but this trip allowed them to see where the material is taken to, how it is separated out and where it goes afterwards. The students enjoyed being shown how technology was used to sift through the hundreds of tonnes of waste that arrives at the plant, from huge magnets to extract steel cans to computers that measure the amount of light reflected off plastics to identify their properties and instantly separate them through fast pulses

of air. In addition to being given a guided tour the students learned how recycled paper is made and had a go at making some of their own. Mr Nightingale, who organised the trip said that, "The trip was enjoyed by all and the students left inspired to reduce their waste and recycle even more at home and at school".



Holocaust Memorial Day - How Can Life Go On?

HOLOCAUST Memorial Day on 27th January provided an opportunity for students to explore issues relating the Holocaust and examples of genocides including Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The theme of Holocaust Memorial Day this year was "How can life go on?" In history lessons all Key Stage Three students investigated the Holocaust and Genocide.

Students were also able to watch a live web cast of a Holocaust survivor speaking about her experiences of being in Auschwitz Concentration Camp. This was an emotional experience and left a lasting impression on students and teachers.

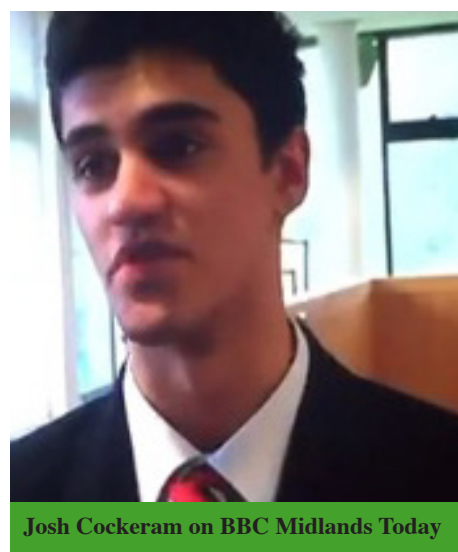
In addition to lessons taught by the history department, Professor Darius Jackson from University College London delivered lessons to Year 8 and Year 10 students. Firstly, Year 10 students examined the economics of the Holocaust and then Year 8 students investigated Anne Frank. Professor Jackson explained the content and aims of the Anne Frank lesson by telling us that, "All too often Anne Frank is used as an icon, she becomes a symbol. She is used to show 'the triumph of hope over evil', even though she was killed during the Holocaust, dying from the horrific conditions in Bergen-Belsen. Sometimes she is quoted utterly out of context to provide uplifting sentiments, or short phrases with redemptive messages.

What this lesson sets out to do is to show that Anne Frank was a real teenage girl in a real historical context, and if we are to understand her brilliance we need to look beyond the simplistic clichés that are associated with her. We should



look at the life of this girl whose family left Germany as a refugees, to live in Amsterdam; who worked hard at being Dutch, addressing her diary to Kitty, a character from a famous Dutch children's novel. We need to see the importance of her father Otto, he planned their move from Frankfurt to Amsterdam then later the preparations for their hiding place on Prinsengracht. This lesson explores the events of Anne's life as well as the events in Nazi Germany and in the occupied Netherlands to show the real world Anne lived in."

In addition to activities in school, Head boy, Josh Cockeram and head girl, Ella Sutton attended the Multi Faith Commemoration held at County Hall. They both did a reading and were



Josh Cockeram on BBC Midlands Today

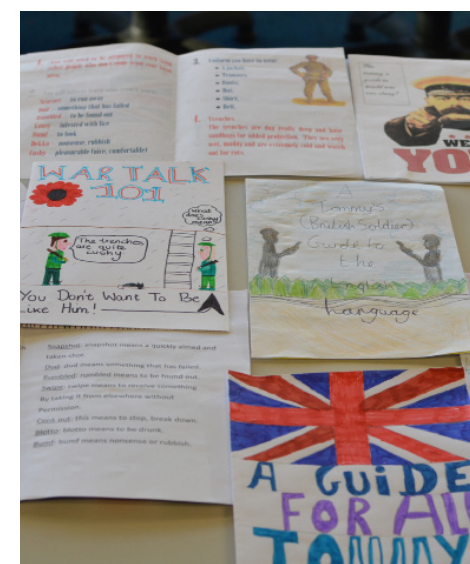
interviewed by BBC Midlands Today, which was televised later that day. The event was well attended by schools from across the city, representatives of religious and community groups, as well as MP for Worcester, Robin Walker.

Miss Speechley said that, "It is vitally important that we ensure our students have an understanding of genocides that have taken place throughout history and continue to happen, which is why we have placed a big emphasis on Holocaust Memorial Day. It is important that misconceptions are challenged and that students are able to explore these issues fully. It is also an opportunity for us to promote British Values that include acceptance, tolerance, democracy and justice".

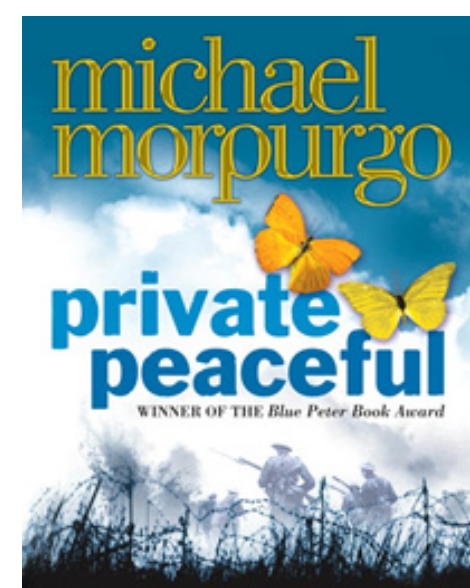
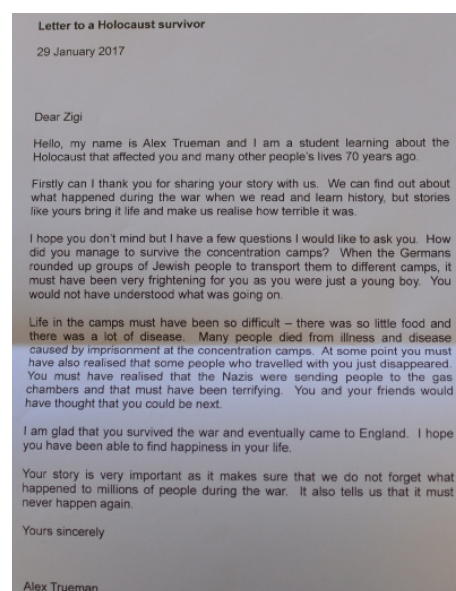
Trench Talk!

Nawal Jamshid
YEAR 7

YEAR 7 students in Ms Moody's English class have been studying Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo which is about a soldier called Thomas 'Tommo' Peaceful who is looking back on his life from the trenches of World War One. As the class was reading Private Peaceful they came across lots of new language that would be common in the trench, so for a homework task Ms Moody set students the task of making a dictionary guide for the language used by soldiers in World War One. Some of this language was familiar from cockney soaps like Eastenders. There were words like cushy, gaff, scarper and dud words that some people still use in the English language. It was useful finding the meaning to these words out as they were coming up more and more frequently in the book.



Year 9 students listen intently to live webcast of Holocaust Survivor

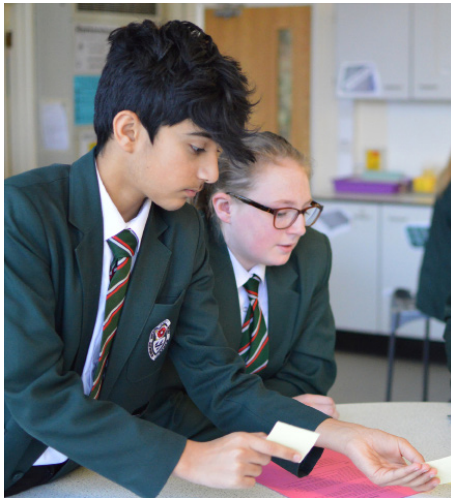


SMSC Day



Issy Sawyer
YEAR 10

SMSC (Social, Moral, Cultural and Spiritual Education) day for year 10 focussed on allowing students to explore their options after they leave Nunnery Wood. The careers fair in the hall was very busy with students excited for their futures. There were also lots of free things and sweets to tempt students in! Students were busy exploring their options for University, Sixth Form Colleges, apprenticeships and jobs. This allowed students to make and think about more particular ideas or topics of jobs and studies in their future. Students also had lessons on managing money used a game to display the twisted path of spending and saving money displaying the uneventful carefully planned way of controlling



personal expenditure in a safe manner. Students were also taught how to write a CV and the importance of how they are presented to peers and employers. Groups discussed the general qualities needed for interviews and CVs along with identifying key aspects needed to impress employers and the qualities needed to be on display to be chosen over other candidates for the job. In some activities students used a computer programme aimed to match student to careers and consider all options open to them. The day as a whole was eventful and allowed Year 10 students to consider options and ideas for the future and spend time with our form groups discussing important topics.



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School Report - Top Scoring Students

REPORTS are issued regularly throughout the year and show the level of effort and progress that a student is making. The standard

of behaviour of each student is also recorded. The maximum score that students can get is 300 points. The students who achieved this in

each year group were personally congratulated by Mr Powell and their effort and success was celebrated.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ella Ford	Constance Binding	Beth Alldridge	Majeedah Begum	Bedford Jade
Nicola Dutson	Hannah Dutson	Olga Klosinska	Sam Blundel	Bostock Sophie
Lili Worker Moore	Ellie Green	Elysia Bray	Abigail Bradley	Cooper holly
Isobel Webb	Anna Justice	Samantha Bowkett	Jack Bradshaw	Fuller Rhia
Harvey Perks Holland	Bethany Rock	Lucy Dawson Bowman	Joshua Brazier	Fulwell Aaron
Olivia Neath	Georgia Satchwell	Kitty Godwin	Cinta Eldo	Hemming Megan
Abigail Hinton	Audrey Struthers	Hollie Milton	Alice Fletcher	hurdis Natasha
Imogen Ford	Ellen Woodfield	Alysha Mohammed	Poppy Graham-Kevan	Mai Shirley
Amy Adnett			Naomi Smith	
Alfie Russell			Summer Stedman	
James Thatcher			Daniel Turpin	
Cortni Lamb			Chloe Williams	



Year 11 Revision and Examination Evening 2017

YEAR 11 students are entering the final phase of their education here at Nunnery Wood High School and will be getting lots of advice to help them prepare for the forthcoming examinations from staff in the school. As you are aware competition for college places, universities, jobs and apprenticeships is intensifying. Recently the Russell Group, comprising the top universities in the UK, made a statement saying that they would be looking even more closely at GCSE results as well as A' level results to enable them to decide which students to offer places to.

We are very aware that success for students stems from a partnership between staff, parents

and students. It is important therefore that what we say about revision and learning at school is backed up and reinforced at home. To enable you to do this we will be running a parental "Year 11 Revision and Examination Evening" on Thursday 16th March 2017 from 7pm to 8.30pm which will focus on the following aspects of exam preparation:

- The organisation of GCSE revision sessions and examinations at Nunnery Wood
- Practical revision techniques that your child can use.
- Time management and resources to support time management

- How to support your child in the build up to the examinations and during the examination period.
 - Essential advice and preparation for English, Maths and Science examinations
- The seminar will take place in the main school hall and may include some small workshop sessions that focus upon the core subjects of English, Maths and Science.
- A letter of invitation is on its way to Year 11 parents, please return reply slip to secure your place.

Activity Week Is Back!

Aimee Webb
YEAR 8

ACTIVITY Week is back this year on the 19th & 20th of July 2017. All students in Years 7-10 get to enjoy two days of the last week before the summer holidays doing whichever activity they choose. Last year there were plenty of exciting activities, both in school and out of school on trips, so this year should be even better! Last year there were trips such as Water World, Harry Potter Studios, Bristol Zoo, West Midlands Safari Park and shopping in Birmingham. In school there was: our own Bake Off, textiles, pottery, film reviewing and much more.

Closer to the date, Students will be given the options for this year and the prices. Then they decide which activity they wish to do. Parents have to agree to the activity. Miss Speechley who organises Activity Week said, "It is a fantastic way to bring the term to a close. There are many activities on offer and 2017 looks set to have even more options than ever before both inside and out of school. Some of our old favourites are back, with may new activities on offer. The days provide a great opportunity for students to learn outside of a normal classroom setting and develop a wide range of skills. The activities are designed to be fun and engaging, providing all students with opportunities that they might not ordinarily have. As a school we aim to develop and enthuse students to have a passion for life and life long learning, activity week allows them to develop in ways other than through normal curriculum opportunities".

Trump's Inauguration: What Is Trump Doing Now?

Jade Bedford
YEAR 11

ON the 20th January, America's most controversial President-Elect swore the oath of office and became the 45th President of the United States. His inauguration, provided much amusement as well as horror to many people around the globe. Perhaps the most controversial factor was the turnout- the New York Times estimated that Trump had drawn a crowd of about one-third the size of Obama's in 2009, which was thought to be a record turnout of 1.8 million! Despite Trump's press secretary fiercely denying these allegations, everybody can see the stark contrast in photographs and have since been able to draw their own conclusions about the popularity of the respective presidents...Many have speculated that the predicted inaugural-goers were in fact attending the Women's March with initial and unofficial estimates put the crowd in Washington at more than 1 million and the worldwide figures being about 4,797,500! The inauguration was estimated to have about 160,000 attendees- not the most inspiring turnout when compared to the vigour and passion that many people displayed on the Women's Marches.

20% import tax. President Trump demonstrated that he wasn't joking during his campaign and acted on a lot of his rather shocking policies;


By day 4 of his presidency, Donald Trump began his effort to dismantle Barack Obama's legacy, formally scrapping a flagship trade deal with 11 countries in the Pacific rim. The new president also signed executive orders to ban funding for international groups that provide abortions.

Then came his most outrageous and controversial act yet and only a mere 8 days into his 4-year term; Trump issued an executive order that will deny refugees and immigrants from certain Muslim-majority countries entry to the United States. Trump's unprecedented action will indefinitely close US borders to refugees fleeing the humanitarian crisis in war-torn Syria and impose a on Muslims travelling to the US from parts of the Middle East and North Africa.

After a Seattle judge issued a temporary restraining order against the ban on Friday 3rd February, Trump, true to form, used Twitter to attack the judge and complain about the ruling.

Leavers' Hoodies


YEAR 11 students who would like to buy a 2017 Leavers' Hoodie should get their order in as soon as possible. Slips and money should be returned to the Finance Office or via ParentPay. Hoodies must be ordered in advance as only those that have been paid for will be ordered.



Since then, Trump has been busy! Barack Obama had barely handed over the reigns before Trump officially decided to review policies that the ex- President had previously worked for. There were immediate changes to the White House website where Barack Obama's administration's information on civil rights, climate change, LGBT rights, healthcare, immigration, education and the "Iran Deal" all vanished. It changed to just six "issues" with, for example, "America first energy plan" replacing climate change. The new President has been enthusiastically devoting himself to his work as the most powerful man in the United States, if not the world, and has set to work trying to implement some of his most valued and important beliefs and promises. First on his very long to do list was to build a neat little wall between the US and Mexico. By day 6 of his presidency, he faced a fresh torrent of criticism as he moved ahead with the plans and by the next day, Mexican president Enrique Peña Nieto cancelled a visit to Washington, over Donald Trump's insistence that Mexico will pay for his border wall. By the afternoon, Trump's press secretary said the president had decided to hit Mexico with a


On 6th February, a day that began with an appeals court rejecting the government's application for a stay on a ruling that suspended the executive order on travel from seven Muslim-majority countries, the president took to writing that "If something happens blame him and court system."- An example of 70 year old Donald Trump's decisive nature. The justice department then urged a federal court to reinstate Donald Trump's controversial travel ban, insisting that national security is at stake. Whether this is true, or if they just want to make sure Donald doesn't throw a tantrum, no one will ever truly know.

Only time will truly tell what will happen, but with the UK in uproar as to his state visit and even the Speaker of the Commons speaking out, who knows how the saga will actually unfold!





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Want to stand up for Human Rights across the world?

Come to EP3 Monday 3.05pm

Fight for those who cannot fight for themselves

Oh Yes They Did!

James Thatcher
YEAR 8

FULL of laughs and lots of fun, this year's staff panto on Wednesday 14th December brought the roof down. A take on Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol called 'What the Dickens' was an instant hit with the crowd. Set in Nunnery Wood High School but in 1850, the harsh head teacher Mr Ebenezer Scrooge (Mr Flanagan) set about bringing misery to the lives of both students and teachers including the school parliament (Mr Low, Mr Woods and Mrs West-head), his assistant Bob Cratchit (Mrs Pritchard) and the music department (Mr Evans and Miss Speechley).
Soon, Scrooge is visited by a ghostly figure that of his long dead school partner Jacob Marley (Mr Powell). He it then visited by three ghosts who come to warn him of his past by showing him all the wicked things that he has done in his life. The first of these is the ghost of Christmas Past (Miss Harper) who shows him as a young boy (Mr Shepard) and of how his life was ruined by his evil stepmother (Mr Banister) and his aunt (Mr Scoby). The only comfort he has is from his sister (Mrs Price).
The next ghost is that of the ghost of Christmas present (Mrs Kurkus) who shows him Bob Cratchit and his Ironically named son Tiny Tim played by Mr Nightingale. Finally, the last ghost is that of the 'mute' ghost of Christmas yet to come (Mr Kempster) who warns him that if he does not become good he shall become head master of Christopher Whiteheads.
In the end he becomes good treating his fellow colleagues and pupils alike, fortunately being reunited with his sister and unfortunately being reunited with his aunt and stepmother. This was a great piece of comedy directed by Mr Burford that was great for all to watch. Mr Burford who produced and directed the performance said that "The cast lived up to all of my expectations!".

Singing Sensation In National Event

MUSICAL Key Stage Three students travelled to the Genting Arena in Birmingham to take part in this years' Young Voices event. Young Voices provides young people with the opportunity to perform together with up to 8,500 other children to audiences of friends and family. The excited students sang songs that had been prepared in school, with accompaniment from a wide range of musicians and artists, to create an amazing performance. With a full live band, backing singers and the internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence, it was an amazing experience that students and the audience won't forget. Miss Harper said, "Our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. And as usual their beautiful singing coupled with 100% engagement and focus throughout the day did the school proud. Well done to all involved".



YOUR APPRAISAL

"Now, how like you Windsor wives?"

The Merry Wives of Windsor
Produced and Performed by
Nunnery Wood High School

The Palace Theatre, Redditch
8th November 2016

Appraised by Helena Devereux

Many congratulations to the cast and crew of Nunnery Wood High School on their fantastic production! I'd like to highlight a few things from this group that stood out, wowed the audience and made this Shakespeare Schools Festival night an evening to remember.

The fun opening of this production and the music really set the tone for what was to be a delightful Merry Wives of Windsor. It also set a good pace for the production which continued throughout.

I was impressed to watch the whole cast onstage for most of the production, showing great discipline and focus throughout. They worked fantastically as a team and showed



great generosity to one another. They listened and responded in the moment as a professional ensemble of actors. Their reactions were particularly key in the storytelling of the piece and engagement of the audience, who were invested in the world of the play and its characters.

The whole cast had fantastic stage presence and brought a great energy to the production.

This was an entertaining and engaging Merry Wives of Windsor from a dedicated cast.

"It's a significant achievement to do something as difficult and aspirational as perform one of Shakespeare's plays on a professional stage. Everyone who's taken part should be so proud of themselves."
Ruth Brock, SSF Chief Executive

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see your school in the Festival again next year.

Helena Devereux
SSF Stage Director

Shakespeare and Songs

Nunnery's Got Talent

James Thatcher
YEAR 8

SHAKESPEARE and Songs was a night that showcased all of the hard work and effort of students this term from the Drama, Dance, Music and Art departments. The cast of The Merry Wives of Winsor took to the stage for a final time but lots of other groups and acts performed alongside them. The art department was all hands on deck as they produced some stunning artwork that was on display outside the drama studio. GCSE and other years dance pieces were shown and you could see the effort that was put in to them and Young budding musicians performed several pieces that truly showcased the talent that our school has. We must thank not only the performers for this wonderful evening but also the teachers who organised all the acts and shows.



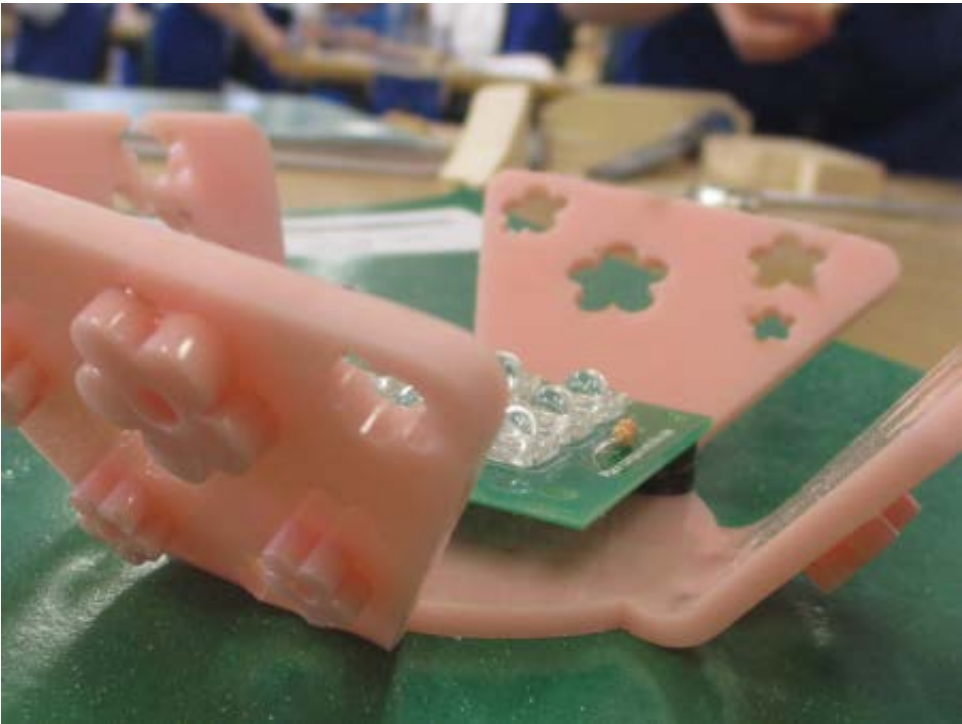
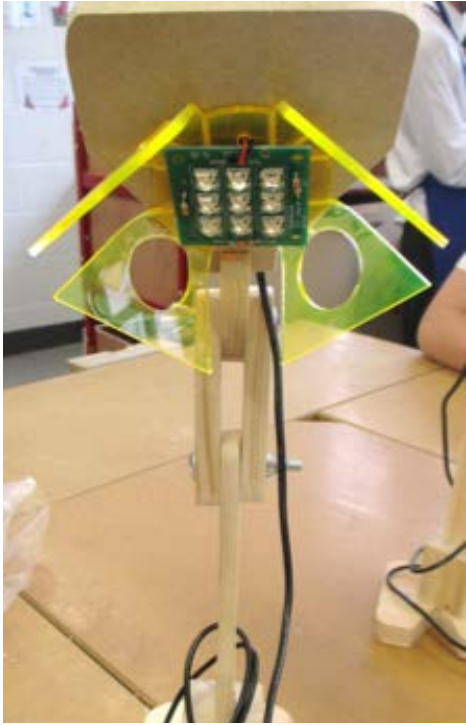
DID you know that the music department regularly puts on informal performance evenings? The aim of these is to encourage students to take to the stage and showcase their talents. Some students will be very new to their instru-

ments or singing, whilst others will have been learning for several years. The environment is relaxed so that students do not feel under pressure and can gain confidence in performing. Parents always enjoy watching the performances and seeing how their children's talents are progressing.

Parents enjoyed an exciting, energetic dance to Olly Murs "Dance with Me", as well as some beautifully played solos and duets on a range of instruments. Miss Harper said that, "It was a fantastic evening; many thanks to all the parents who make these evenings possible."

The music department is always a lively and exciting place to be, with clubs and groups on each day during lunch times and after school. There is something to appeal to everyone, you don't need to be experienced to join in, you just need enthusiasm! Why not check out what's on and get involved?

DESIGNER of the month



Love cooking?

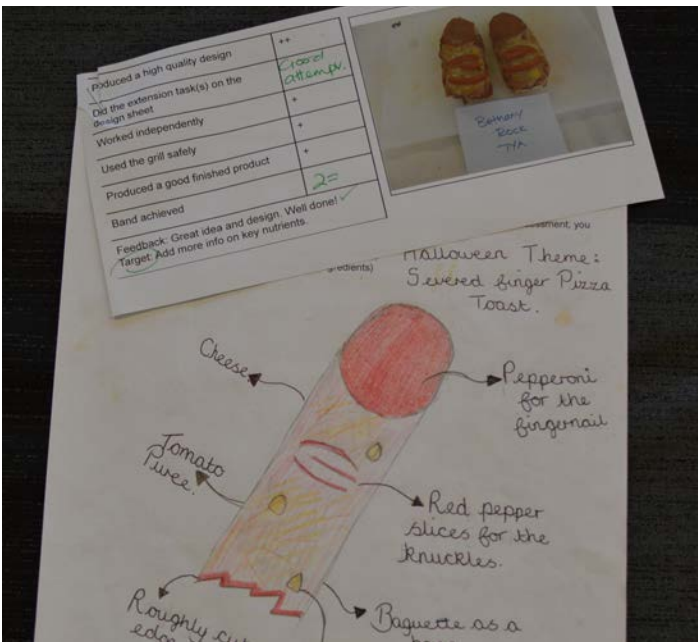
Year 7's Latest Food Project

YEAR 7 students rose to the challenge with their recent pizza toast assessment.

They were assigned to design a pizza toast of their choice, infusing both creative designs with theoretical learning.

Practical skills focussed on ‘bridge and claw’ chopping techniques, grating and grilling. On the theoretical side, students were asked to focus on nutritional content of their ingredients and how they could increase the nutritional value of their product as well as making it look appealing and fun to eat.

The assessment took place close to Halloween, so many designs were inspired by this theme. Hence the ghostly figures and severed fingers as pictured here.



Super-food Protein Loaf



“For all you morning gym-goers this healthy protein bread is a great portable breakfast that will help with muscle repair and growth.”

Ingredients

1 x 7g sachet of dried yeast
4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
250g gram flour
100g ground almonds
50g linseeds
100g mixed seeds, such as chia, poppy, sunflower, sesame, pumpkin
1 sprig of fresh rosemary
4 large free-range eggs
3 teaspoons Marmite , optional

Method

Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/gas 5. Line a 1.5-litre loaf tin with greaseproof paper. Fill a jug with 375ml of lukewarm water, add the yeast and oil, then mix with a fork until combined and leave aside for 5 minutes.

Pile the flour, ground almonds and all the seeds into a large bowl with a pinch of sea salt and make a well in the middle. Pick, finely chop and add the rosemary leaves. Crack in the eggs, add the Marmite (if using – simply leave it out for a gluten-free friendly loaf) and beat together, then pour in the yeast mixture. Whisking as you go, gradually bring in the flour from the outside until combined – it’ll be more like a batter than a dough. Pour into the prepared tin and smooth out nice and evenly on top.

Now you’ve got two choices – bake it straight away and it’ll puff up a bit more and taste fantastic, or cover and place it in the fridge overnight and allow some slightly more complex sour flavours to develop. Both are brilliant, just different. To bake, place in the middle of

the oven for 45 minutes, or until golden, cooked through and an inserted skewer comes out clean. Transfer to a wire rack to cool for at least 20 minutes before eating, then serve.

This bread is good fresh for a couple of days, and delicious toasted for a few days after that. You could even use any leftovers to make croutons.

TOPPING IDEAS GALORE

These suggestions are all about giving you loads of colourful inspiration for tasty topping combos that’ll fill you with goodness – choose your favourites and tuck in:

1. Chopped hard-boiled free-range egg, yoghurt, paprika & cress
2. Ripe beef tomatoes, Swiss cheese & black pepper
3. Skinny cream cheese, ripe cherry tomatoes & fresh basil
4. Cottage cheese, soft-boiled free-range egg, paprika & spring onions
5. Wilted spinach & cottage cheese
6. Squashed beetroot, natural yoghurt & balsamic
7. Grated cucumber & cottage cheese with quality smoked salmon
8. Skinny cream cheese, cherries & cinnamon
9. Skinny cream cheese, cucumber & hot chilli sauce
10. Skinny cream cheese, lemony grilled asparagus, fresh mint & chilli
11. Natural yoghurt, banana & cinnamon
12. Fried free-range egg, natural yoghurt, ripe cherry tomatoes & curry powder
13. Avocado, cottage cheese & Tabasco chipotle sauce
14. Houmous, pomegranate seeds & rocket
15. Marmite, ripe avocado & natural yoghurt



St John Ambulance First Aid Course

FOR three consecutive weeks in January, Year 10 Health and Social Care enrichment students have experienced a practical First Aid course which has taken 6 hours to complete.

First Aid knowledge gives young people the confidence to ‘do something’ rather than ‘do nothing’ if they find themselves in a situation. The St. John Ambulance trainer was keen for Nunnery Wood students to “Be the difference between a life lost and a life saved” which is the organisation’s current slogan to promote their main focus.

Students have learned the importance of making sure that they, as first aiders, are ‘safe’ before attempting to take any other action of helping casualties involved in an emergency situation. It’s about judging the scene, assessing what has occurred and prioritising those who need attention first.

Through their ‘hands on’ training students have learned how to put a casualty into the recovery position having first made sure their airway is open and that they are breathing. Students now understand the impact on the human body of ‘shock’ and how this can be avoided by taking appropriate action when a casualty has been hurt.

They have learned how to deal with clients who experience a heart attack or stroke, how to treat

burns and poisoning. Choking is thought to be one of the biggest killers of children as a result of swallowing small objects. Students learned when and how to administer ‘back blows’ in order to dislodge the blockage and if that doesn’t work how to carry out abdominal thrusts. It’s also important to know when to call for an ambulance, what information will be asked for by the emergency services or even whether an ambulance is necessary in certain situations.

In the third and final session, students learned how to carry out CPR safely and effectively. (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) Each student in turn, had to evidence their skill in this area by demonstrating on the on a training ‘dummy’. They learned the importance of having a portable Defibrillator in all work places, including schools, which can save lives.

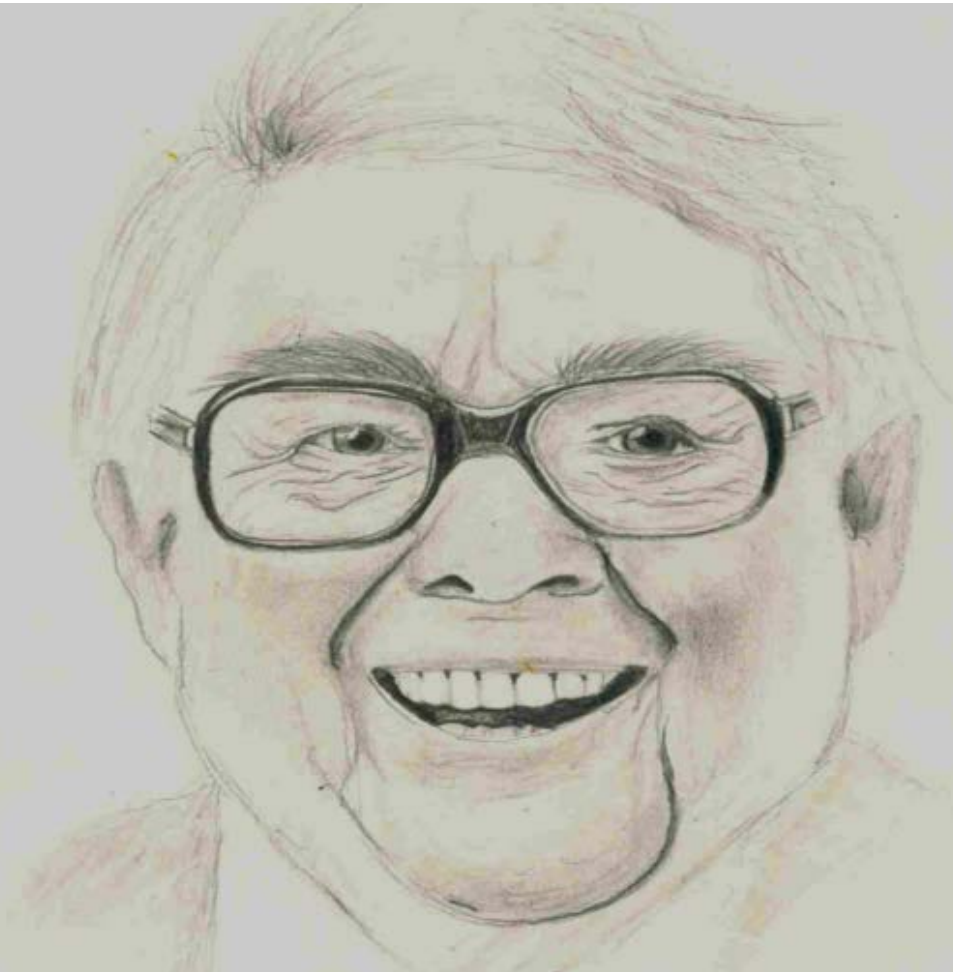
At the end of the six hour training, each student received a certificate to show they have taken part in the basic training as a Young First Aider. The qualification is valid for 3 years before a refresher course is recommended. In order to gain the qualification, students gave up 30 minutes of their lunchtime and 20 minutes after the end of the school day, to make up each two hour training session.



ARTIST of the week



Top: Evelyn Clarke // Bottom: Sophie Bostock



Top: Chloe Hobbs // Bottom: Zac Beard

ARTIST of the week



Top: Aimee Graham // Bottom: Naomi Smith

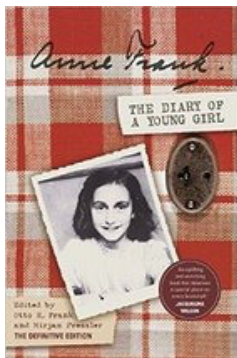


Top: Naomi Smith // Bottom: Mia Simons



Media reviews

Anne Frank: The Diary Of A Young Girl



Anne Frank: The Diary Of A Young Girl is the real diary of a teenage girl that begins on Anne's 13th birthday (12 June 1942) when she gets a diary. It tells the story of her family who live in Frankfurt, Germany and suddenly have to go into hiding as a result of

Hitler and the Nazi Party's treatment of Jews in Europe during the second world war. They escape to Amsterdam where they go into hiding

with other Jews. The diary ends suddenly on 1 August 1944.

Anne Frank

Anne was a typical teenage girl and she didn't always understand how difficult life was for her mother and the other adults around her. She commented on the people who shared their hiding space. This book is a great choice for anyone who has an interest in reading historical, war or mystery books as it is so interesting. This book would be suitable for people aged ten upwards since it is very sad in places.

The 100-foot Journey

Nawal Jamshid
YEAR 7

Om Puri has starred in many films and has had a very successful film career but died of a heart attack on the 6th of January. We take a look back at a film that he is most famous for, The hundred foot Journey.

The Hundred-Foot Journey is a 2014 American comedy-drama produced by Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey. It is an amazing film about how the Kadam family move to France after having a difficult time in their village. They had their own restaurant in the village and aspired to have one in France. They find a perfect spot for their restaurant and are astounded to why no one has thought of having a restaurant there

before. On their second visit to the building they discover why no one has used the building it is a 100-foot journey from Madame Mallory's Michelin starred restaurant. Never the less opening night is organized but will it go to plan.



The Nazis: A Warning from History



The Nazis: A Warning from History is a 1997 BBC documentary film series that examines Adolf Hitler and the Nazis' rise to power. It shows how Hitler was voted into power in 1933 and then looks at how they consolidated power and how they reigned over Germany. The series features archive footage and interviews with eyewitnesses and also shows original documents and materials. This is a must watch for anyone with an interest in history. It is currently being shown on BBC 4 but is also on BBC Iplayer. There are six episodes to watch.

Ethics and Philosophy Competition

open to pupils at all secondary schools in Britain

Every hour of every day... somewhere in the world...

Men and women are gathering and listening, with great care and reverence, to the same words that Jesus Christ said over bread and wine when he gathered with his Apostles at the Last Supper on the night before he died. Why would anyone bother to do that?

It's worth finding out....

The main prizewinners come to London with their teachers and families for a TOUR OF PARLIAMENT and TEA AT WESTMINSTER to receive their prizes. There are CASH PRIZES for the schools: £500 1st prize, £250 2nd prize, £150 3rd prize, £100 4th prize, plus individual book prizes for the pupils. A large number of runner-up prizes are also awarded.

SEE MISS DOWD IN EP2 FOR DETAILS

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What's Going On In Worcester?

Watch some basketball!

Experience the thrill of live Basketball and go and see the Worcester Wolves in action. The atmosphere is one of excitement and tension and is very family orientated.



Open your mind!

Visit Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum and find out seemingly impossible engineering feats, global wildlife explorations, early investigations into iron-age man, world-renowned artist sketching trips: all these amazing activities were happening in Worcester a hundred and fifty years ago. Free entry

For booking details and a range of other
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/museums/events/

Become a Bird Detective!

Head to Croome Court National Trust proper and follow the guided trail to spot the huge numbers of wild birds that are there if you know where to look! The trail is just £2.00 (plus normal entry) and is available throughout half term.



Get out and active!

Join in Worcester's 5K Park Run. The event is every Saturday at 9am at Worcester Woods County Park (Countryside Centre). This is a free event and it doesn't matter if you are a total beginner or experienced runner. You can also treat yourself to a hot chocolate in the cafe



Noticeboard

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.



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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.

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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

First Class Facilities For Community

DID you know that Nunnery Wood lets out its facilities to groups and organisations in the evenings and at weekends? We have a range of rooms and spaces available, from our state of

the art theatre and studios, to the more traditional gym and hall. We caught up with some of the groups who already hire out our facilities to see what they are used for. if you are interested

in finding out more, contact s.lambert@nunnerywood.worcs.sch.uk or look at the link on our website.



Worcester Swing Dance

WORCESTER Swing Dance also use Nunnery Wood High School to meet for their classes. The group offers swing dance lessons in a fun and friendly environment. Further details are available from worcesterswingdance.com Or on Facebook :Worcester Swing Dance. You could also contact Colin Hopton rossjiveandswing@hotmail.co.uk to get involved. Why not try have fun and get some exercise whilst making new friends?



Red Hill Badminton Club

REDHILL Badminton Club uses the main school hall for their club. Malcolm Copson, who runs the club said, "If you haven't played badminton for a while and want a friendly game with a sociable group of people, you will be very welcome here in Nunnery Wood school hall, between 7:30 and 9:30pm on Wednesday evenings". Find out more at www.redhillbadminton.itgo.com or Tel: 07785 383141.



Steps Academy



STEPS Academy uses the studio to provide dance classes to children. The academy provides classes in street jazz, ballet, tap, musical theatre, free style, drama, macro lamda classes and Stage School. Steps Academy run friendly

fun dance classes of all styles. Everyone gets the chance to perform in the annual show. Stage school and Drama perform in the Pantomime. This year we are taking a group to London to perform at Her Majesty's Theatre.

The students gave very positive reviews "Such a great class, fun, challenging and a great sense of achievement"

"I love my dance classes, I would not know what to do without them"

"Great teachers, Great Friends, always making great memories - I love it"

"After a hard day a school I love the release my dance classes give me"

If you would like to find out more, contact Debbie Harding on 079680654141. The group meets after school on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Worcester Male Voice Choir

WORCESTER Male Voice Choir is a new group to use facilities at Nunnery Wood. The Choir currently meets for rehearsals on a Monday and/or a Wednesday evening is now very much looking forward to trying out the new facilities at Nunnery Wood and using the venue for concerts. The group has over 70 choristers ranging in age from 35 to 85.

All ages are welcome. The Choir is a charity itself but performs a dozen or more concerts each year raising money for local and national charities such as St Richards Hospice, Acorns, The British Legion

A new chorister said, 'It is great fun and no previous experience or ability to read music is necessary'. For further details contact Terry Dillingham 01905 821659 or 07809 740108 or email terrose@btinternet.com



Hope Church

HOPE Church Worcester uses the main hall of school and meets between 10.15am-12.15am every Sunday plus at various times throughout the week, details are available on their website. The group meets together on a Sunday to Worship God, meet with him and encourage each other. There are also some activities available for school aged children.

Dan Spiers said, "Of course, the best way to experience what we have is to come along to one of our meetings. We welcome visitors from all backgrounds and ages. You'd be very welcome - we hope to meet you soon!"

Some members of the group shared their experiences on Facebook:

"A Great place to come and worship God. "

"Thank you Hope Church Worcester - was an awesome week :) #encounter"

info@hope-church.org.uk



NUNNERY SPORT

#ThisGirlCan Kick It



YEAR 8 footballers recently achieved a 5-4 victory over Glamorgan Valleys when they represented Nunnery Wood at the Worcestershire County Schools FA Under 13s against Isabel Hunt , Daisy Wickett, Imogen Ford and Katie Thatcher all played their part in a terrific game of football. The girls are part of a very talented Worcestershire County Schools FA squad after intensive trials last season.

Daisy, Katie and Isabel all play for Warndon football team and Imogen plays for the Nunnery Wood Vixens in addition to playing for the school team. All four girls were selected to join the Worcestershire County Schools F.A squad after intensive trials last season.

Imogen said, “I was very proud to join the squad, although a little nervous to begin with as we are the younger players in the mostly year 9 team. The older players made us feel really welcome.”

Katie said, It’s fun to be part of a squad facing different challenges in each match. We are learning from the older players.”

Year 7 & 8 Girls’ Rugby

ON the 13th of December the girls Year 7 and 8 rugby teams travelled to Sibford school in Oxfordshire, where they played a 10 a side full contact match. The game was played in high spirits with both teams displaying an excellent attitude and level of sportsmanship. The match was strongly contested at every break down and the Nunnery Wood girls demonstrated a high level of organisation and excellent use of the first receiver role which eventually lead to an 80-20 win for them. Nunnery Wood ran in 16

tries but also put in a sterling effort in defence with Megan Honeywood, Zoe Robinson, and Evelyn Clarke all making try saving tackles at crucial points in the match. Tries came from Anna Willis, Zoe Robinson, Evelyn Clarke, Melissa Tout, and Rosie Bennetts. Anna Willis was named woman of the match after running in a staggering 10 tries. Please wish the girls luck with there competition in the new year.

Perdiswell Swimming Pool

STAFF and students from Nunnery Wood have been excited about the new swimming pool and leisure centre that has opened at Perdiswell in Worcester. This replaces the dated pool that was at Sansome Walk. Year 8 student and keen swimmer, Isaac Sheppard, was one of the first to use the brand new facility and featured in much of the opening day advertising. Isaac was invited to attend the opening of the new pool by his head coach of his county swimming squad. The swimmers gave demonstrations and

interviews with the press. Isaac has been part of the Worcester squad for 6 years and Pershore prior to that and is very much looking forward to using this brand new pool. Isaac competed at regional trials last year and is striving to achieve even more this year. He told us that, “I look forward to competing at the regionals this year. I think the new pool is well equipped and I hope to achieve my swimming goals this year.”



Basketball Bounces Back



NUNNERY Wood’s last basketball season was a huge success with the team finishing the school league unbeaten in every match played. The team has now come together, now in Year 9. Again, the team has really gelled and worked well together in both training sessions and matches. They played their first match against Bishop Perowne and took the game comfortably with a 50-12 win. The team faced their toughest game to date on Monday 23rd January against current league leaders, Blessed Edwards. It was a closely fought match, and we are proud to say that the team came back with only a 7 point loss at 30-22.

This has given the players confidence to move forward to the next two matches against Droitwich and Christopher Whitehead.

Mr Brogan, team coach said,” It has been a pleasure to come back and work with such a talented, hard working group. They have all shown real character and quality and I am expect them to do well as a team for the rest of their time at Nunnery Wood. Thank you to all the players who have made an effort while I have been at Nunnery Wood. I wish them all the best in the future!”

Talented Students

IN each edition we catch up with students who are classed as talented in a particular area. This time we chatted to badminton playing brothers, Luke and Matthew Robinson. They gave us an insight into their sport.

What level do you play at?
Luke – I play at county level for Worcestershire
Matthew – I play for Worcestershire at county level

Where do you train and how often?
Luke - I train at the University of Worcester Performance Centre for around 10 hours each week.
Matthew – I also train at the Worcester Performance Centre 4 or 5 days a week.

What events have you recently competed in or got coming up?
Luke – I have the Under 17 Gold coming up and have recently competed in the Under 17 Bronze. I have won a bronze in singles and doubles.
Matthew – I also have an Under 17 Gold coming up and recently competed in a tournament where I won a bronze in doubles.

What is your ‘big ambition’?
Luke – To play at the highest level possible and be in the top 10 in my age group.
Matthew – My biggest ambition is to get my ranking up and get as high up as I can.

How long have you been playing badminton?
Luke – I began playing nearly 5 years ago.
Matthew – I have been playing since I was 11 years old.

How do you juggle school work and training?
Luke – I aim to do my school work straight after school, but sometimes do it at anytime and anywhere!
Matthew – I do my school work when I get home before I go training.

How did you get involved?
Luke – I went along to my local club and they then helped me to progress to the next level.
Matthew – I went along to a club in Worcester and then went to the County Development Squad.



NUNNERY SPORT

Netball Roundup

NETBALLERS in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been training hard in preparation for matches and tournaments. The Year 7 team are new to the sport and are bonding as a team. They recently played in a tournament against local schools including Kings, RGS, Blessed Edwards and Dodderly. Tara Copley said that, "The team played very well together and despite only winning one match, showed excellent determination and team spirit. We will learn from this match and improve for next time". The Year 8 team recently won an impressive victory of 11-1 over Chantry High School. Millie Crawford said that "The team trains on Mondays after school. Some of our players play for teams outside of school too, so we are able to develop as a team well. We played to a high standard in the recent matches". Jodie Dodgson, Year 9 explained that, "We also played against Chantry and secured an 8-6 victory. The player of the match was Ella Hart, however, we all play well as a team, This is because we have played together

since Year 7 and developed a strong bond. Some of the players also play for teams outside of school".



New players are always welcome to join in, see Miss Chalmers or Miss Gonzalez for more details.

Brilliance In Badminton

THE Key Stage Four boys badminton team continued to show their impressive skills and dominance of badminton in the County with an excellent team performance to win the County Round of the National Schools Badminton Championships. Having already progressed through the District round earlier in the year, the Nunnery team travelled to Perdiswell leisure centre to compete in the County Round of the competition. The format of a round robin competition gave Nunnery Wood plenty of

opportunity to showcase their array of shots and ability to work together as a team. The team of Matt Robinson, Luke Robinson, Hugo Simmonds and James Ciriello were able to beat the best badminton teams from the county to progress to the Regional Round of the competition. A massive well done to the boys involved, who played fantastically well. This is a great achievement and we wish them all the best in the next round.



‘Jaw Dropping Moments’ From Year 10 Hockey

Alastair Borwell-Fox
YEAR 10

AFTER an unfortunate start to the season, involving key players missing through injury and whole teams cancelling, the Year 10s have once again shown their consistently successful performances in their cracking entry into 2017. With two wins in two games, 2-1 and 2-0 against independent schools George Salter and King's of Gloucester.

The team witnessed some jaw dropping moments, mainly from the four goalscorers; Rory Simons (twice), Daniel Rickman and Benjamin Lawrence. Also Fraser McDougall for being a

tank in Midfield, rarely letting a ball fly past. Last but not least, Ben also stepping in for a Goalkeeper absence (and no, before you ask, he scored in the second game, not as Goalkeeper like the first, what a sight that would have been!).

A huge thank you to Mr Perry for giving up his own free time to run all 5 boy's teams single-handedly, the training sessions and matches! And magically being at two matches at once (with help from Mr Kempster)!

With one Year 10 match left, after the February half term, there are high hopes of finishing the season with a win!

Rugby Roundup



THE very talented Year 8 boys Rugby team have enjoyed a good season of rugby and have proved too strong for most opposition. They enjoyed a fantastic run in the Schools County Cup, including two convincingly wins over Tudor Grange and Dyson Perrins on their way to the Semi Final of the County Cup. Spirits were high as Nunnery were a team in form, led by the inspirational captain, Cameron Richardson playing at Scrum half, he was able to get his dominating forwards to be a huge presence on the pitch while also having some strong runners with the ball which opponents struggled to cope with. Unfortunately the boys Cup dreams were over as they were defeated by a very experienced and gifted Bredon Hill team in the Semi Final, who will surely be favourites to be crowned Champions of Worcestershire.

The Year 8 rugby team also performed very well in the Annual Chantry School Floodlight tournament. It became clear quite early that

Nunnery were among the favourites to win and be one of the teams to beat. The team started extremely well with dominant wins over Tudor Grange, Christopher Whitehead's, Bishop's Perowne and The Chantry School. The entire squad played a vital role and even in wet, muddy and challenging conditions, they were able to play some excellent rugby and score many tries. Alex Jones and Reece Davies contributing to many of these with their strong runs, breaking through the opposition defence. However, in a very competitive and fierce game against an extremely talented Lacon Childe, Nunnery were defeated, despite enjoying much of the territory and possession of the ball. A tired Nunnery then finally went on to face Blessed Edward in their final game and against tough opposition, were unable to reach the same intensity and skill level they had in previous games, finishing 3rd overall in the Tournament.

Nunnery Takes On Local Rivals

Millie Crawford, Jodie Dodgson & Tara Copley
YEAR 9

YEAR 8 netballers played a tough game against local rivals Blessed Edwards. The final score was 11-3 to Blesseds, however, their team was

made up of Year 9 players, so our girls did well to hold their own and it was a chance for the team to really push themselves to see what they could achieve.



NUNNERY SPORT

Cross Country Champs

THE County Schools' Cross Country Championship took place on Saturday 21st January. A large number of Nunnery students took part and completed the challenging run over hills and through mud at Sanders Park in Bromsgrove. There was a very high standard of running. Mr Russell said, "It was a superb run by all students on a difficult course and particularly cold morning".

The following students qualified for the National Schools' Cross Country Finals in Norwich (March).



A fabulous achievement!

Inter Boys: James Dale (6)
Junior Girls: Georgia Fox (7) & Lauren Kennard (8)

Well done also to:
Inter Boys: Josh Williams (21)
Inter Girls: Grace Moseley (15)
Junior Girls: Ruby Jarmin (20)

Judo Winning Streak

YEAR 11 student Sian Brobowska continues her winning streak by taking 4 out of 5 fights and gaining a Silver medal in the English Open Championships. Sian achieved this with an injured knee!



Term dates - 2016 / 17

AUTUMN TERM 2016
Term Starts - 5th September
Half Term - 24th October - 28th October
Term Ends - 16th December

SPRING TERM 2017
Term Starts - 4th January
Half Term - 20th February - 24th February
Term Ends - 7th April

SUMMER TERM 2017
Term Starts - 24th April
Half Term - 29th May - 2nd June
Term Ends - 21st July

OTHER DATES
Good Friday - 14th April
Easter - 17th April
May Day - 1st May
Whitsun Bank Holiday - 29th May

INSET DAYS
Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2016
Friday 9th December 2016
Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Friday 17th February 2017

ADDITIONAL DATES
Year 10 Parental Consultation - 5th April 2017

Year 9 & 10 Girls' Rugby

THE Year 9 and 10 girls rugby team played against Sibford School in a 10 a side match. The first 15 minutes of the game were hard fought with both teams struggling to penetrate each others defences. The first try for both sides came around the 20th minute. Both were well worked team tries. The Nunnery Girls appeared

to identify the what they needed to do from this point and with group effort and strong defence Nunnery Wood prevented any further scores from Sibford school. Nunnery went on to win the match 8 tries to 1, or 40-5. Tries came from Deanna Clarke, Grace Moseley, Katie Harris and Caitlin Parker. The girls told Mrs Glee-

son that "It was a tough game, and difficult to break through at first." Caitlin Parker was given player of the match for her defensive efforts, that included excellent use of the touch line and try saving tackles, Deanne Clarke was the top scorer running in 4 tries.

School shop

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

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

Our current price list is as follows:

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

Revision guides only available on ParentPay



Valentines Day

Crista Edmunds
YEAR 8

VALENTINE'S Day is a day where traditionally lovers express their love for each other by giving flowers, chocolates and sending cards.

Valentine's Day is also known as Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine. It's an annual holiday celebrated on February 14th in many countries. Valentine's day originates from the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, a celebration held annually on February 15th.

This year it will be on Tuesday, February 14th.

Things you can buy:

- ♥ Chocolate
- ♥ Flowers
- ♥ Jewellery - (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings)
- ♥ Clothes
- ♥ Valentines card
- ♥ Tickets to a favourite place
- ♥ Make-up

Or make:
Hand crafted gifts to suit the person you love
Paint a picture or produce a piece of artwork

Or have a romantic dinner, watch a movie, go for a walk, spend time at the park or any other favourite place. Let an adult know where you are and who you are with though!

