



## Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Death of Queen Elizabeth II

The death of the Queen will be marked in each House Assembly this week. I shall make a few introductory remarks, focussing on the Queen as a constant background to all of our lives, her stand on certain basic values and the respect in which she was held around the world.

I will invite students to reflect on these themes during a minute's silence.

### News from Miss Harding, Head of Careers

For a number of our students, particularly in years 10 and 12 the first few weeks of term and indeed the summer holidays were exceptionally busy as they prepare for their futures. We are delighted to bring you an initial snapshot of some of the things they have been up to

### Work experience

We are all aware that workplaces need to be more 'flexible and responsive' but the Year 10s who embarked on work experience during the week in which the heat wave hit certainly got to see that at first hand. While some lapped up air-conditioned veterinary practices, other relished the opportunity to get stuck in working flexible hours, some even agreed to return or make up days in their summer holiday. When we have had a chance to catch up with them all we hope to bring you some of their experiences but in the meantime, congratulations go to all of those who embarked on a placement: **Alisha Amphlett, Jacob Bastock, Gia Baylis, Sky Baylis, Sophia Birtles, Ella Blakemore, Hermione Bolton-Warner, Annabel Brannan, Erin Brodrick, Emily Brookes, Blake Burrows, Immie Carr, Ellie Clark, Harry Clarke, Lucy Cure, Emily Dutton, Jack Golding, Joshua Halkett, Ashleigh Hall, Bailey Hall, Ellie Harris, Mark Hewlett, Chloe Hodgson, Robyn Jackson, Maddie Jennings, Jaspreet Kaur, Jamie Layton, James Lettis, Tom Mansfield, Julian Nicklin, Joel Park, Nixie Pearson, Shannon Pedlow, Alice Ralphs, Dillon Richardson, James Rudkin, Barney Simpson, Emily Stanley, Molly Still, Calum Stock, Joshua Synnuck, Finley Walton, Sophie Watkins, George Wharton.**

### Forensic Science Experience Day

Those students in year 10 who remained with us in the last week of term delved into the world of forensic science. They tried hands on analysis of all of the following: blood type analysis, fingerprint collection and identification, footwear mark analysis, blood spatter identification, hair and fibre collection and analysis, handwriting analysis, forged and deconstructed document retrieval, entomology [using insects to aid forensic analysis] and finally crime scene analysis. The day gave great exposure to the fascinating and varied world of forensics and many students took the time to

talk to the gunshot residue expert as well as the Police Superintendent who joined us on the day to offer their expertise.



### University experiential programmes

Many of the top universities in the country offer summer programmes for potential applicants. This is the first year that we have had students in year 10 and 12 attending summer programmes

UniFest Summer Schools take place at 6 universities across the West Midlands. UniFest gives year 10's the chance to spend time exploring university life, meeting students and staff making friends and having an action packed introductory experience.

The following students in year 10 are congratulated for securing a place on this very competitive programme: **Beatrice Burrows**, **Maggie Collins**, **Grace Gittus**, **Rhiannon Green**, **Jordan Groves**, **Vincent Lane**, **Bruno Osman-Hopes**, **Hayden Pimley**, **Andrew Potts**, **Tyler Shaw**, **Isobel Sprague**. We intend to include more about their experiences in a in a later edition of the newsletter.



We encourage and support students to make applications via the Sutton Trust and Brilliant Club who offer substantial residential programmes hosted on campus allowing students to experience university life including degree level lectures, halls of residence, campus resources and genuine assignments.

Following rigorous application processes **Daria Romanczuk** successfully secured a place on The University of Reading's History and Politics programme. The summer holiday saw Daria returning to Reading to complete her place with the Brilliant Club at Reading. The final piece of coursework Daria submitted was the equivalent of a 2:1 university

standard and while everybody received a certificate for completing the programme Daria also received an award for outstanding performance. She should be proud of her achievements at the University of Reading and we look forward to seeing where she will select as her post 18 destination as she continues through year 13

## Some Highlights of the First Few Days of Term

### Sixth Form

**Hope Rose** and **Eddie Chorley** have made a positive, collaborative start to the year and are making good progress in their work towards planning Component 2 of their A level Drama course.

### Year 11

**Olivia Hughes**, **Andy Potts**, **James Lettis**, **Catherine Sandell**, **Flynn Hatfield-Evans**, **Sol Royles**, **Emmie Clarke** and **Emily Stanley** have demonstrated excellent recall from year 10 content to help with new ideas in Chemistry. **Tino Shumba** is commended for his enthusiastic attitude towards balancing equations.

**Maddie Howl** has put an excellent level of effort into her English lessons.

Along with most of her class, **Molly Still** took her Child Development exam early. Molly's target was a Level 2 Pass but she was awarded a Level 2 Distinction\*, achieving 117/120 marks.

### Year 10

**Callum Jenkinson** and **Aaron Cooper-Aston** demonstrated excellent skills in calculating formula masses in Chemistry. **Kacie Fazackerly** showed admirable perseverance when faced with some difficult content in Chemistry.

10LNH have tackled some tricky maths this week and made a really positive start to the year.

## Year 9

As their Welcome to Dance this week, the students learnt a contemporary dance, introducing them to contemporary dance style. **Mollie Weston** was performing the phrase of movement really well so she was offered her the chance to have a short solo in the routine. Although apprehensive at first, with a little encouragement she did this and danced wonderfully, really applying the correct technique and corrections that had been demonstrated and explained to the class.

In Science **Theo Burrows**, **Phoebe Sabel**, **Nathan Welch**, **Jocelyn Cheah**, **Kacey Walford**, **Romeo Midani**, **Marta Ohorodnyk**, **Bethan Evans**, **Peyton Jackson**, **Ethan Evans**, **Dylan Rees**, **Abi Richards** have offered multiple insightful contributions and have recalled Year 8 content very well.

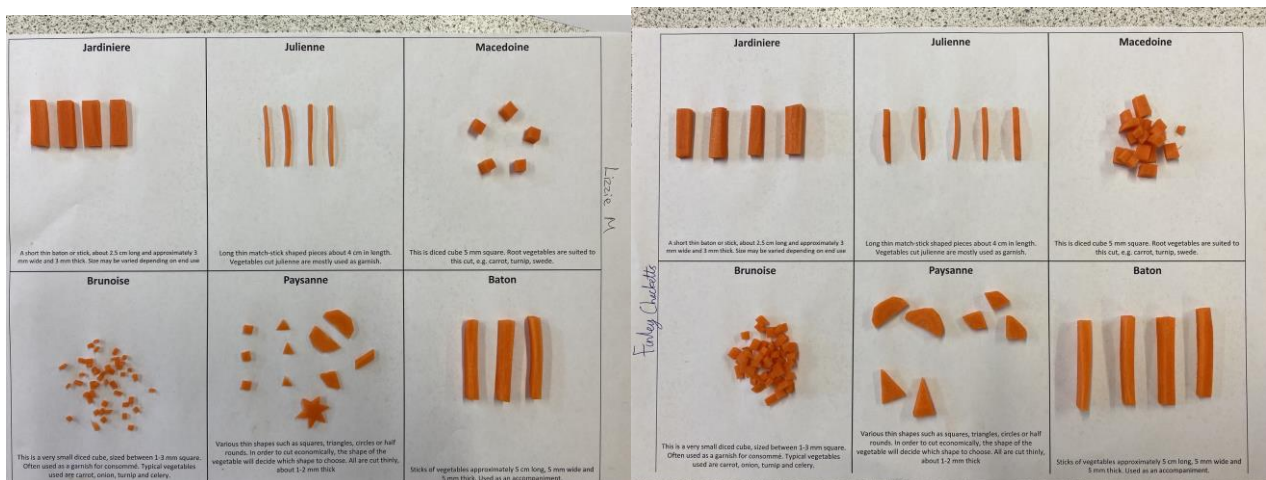
**9R Kestrel** have made an enthusiastic start to Philosophy & Religion this year. They demonstrated excellent listening and communication skills in their first lesson.

**9R Heron** have made a really positive start to Year 9, showing a positive attitude to learning and making lots of contributions in lessons.

**9C Drama** have impressed by their attitude to learning and enthusiasm to get involved during their first lessons this week. This was especially the case with **Lexi Tidbury**, **Chloe Buckler**, **Kailah Katjivive**, **Ellen McCrae**, **Evie Makepeace**, **Marta Ohorodnyk** and **Addison Rowe**.

A very well done to year 9 Food students this week, who learnt some specialist cutting techniques. These key skills will be useful in future practical lessons, where precision and accuracy are required.

All year 9 Food students will cook each week from 12th September onwards. Ingredients lists will be available on the school app.





## Year 8

**8 Budapest** are commended for their relentless enthusiasm and positivity in their opening Science lessons.

8 Lisbon have made an encouraging start in maths this school year and have put in a huge amount of effort in lessons.

**8GMJ** have made an excellent start to life at DSHS. The group has 100% attendance, 100% punctuality and have accumulated an impressive 136 points in their first 4 days at high school. Well done to **Aston Woodland** and **Jogiya Sivaharan** are leading the group for praise points. **Elly-May Eversham** also deserves a mention as she has made an impressive start to year 8 and has been extremely welcoming and friendly to everyone.

**Chris Dashey** in 8JDP kindly photocopied a copy of the school map for all the members of the tutor group.

# DSHS School Choir

Come and Sing for pleasure!

Singing with a group is really good for your mental health and well-being.

This picture is when we performed in Malvern Festival Theatres with the Armonico Consort in 2020.

In 2022 we sang with them at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Lots in store for 2022/23. Come along and find out.

