

Newsletter

14th November 2022

World Streetdance Champion – **Kaiden Hunter** (Year 8)



In July **Kaiden Hunter** took part in the British Streetdance Championships. There he became the British Streetdance Champion in four categories: Solo Crew Duo & Quad. This qualified him for the World Streetdance Championships together with his dance school Beat Breakerz. On 22nd and 23rd October he danced through two very long days, competing against dancers from all over the world. We are delighted to report that Kaidan triumphed to become the World Streetdance Champion for his age group, achieving first place in the four categories: Solo, Duo, Quad and Crew,

Success for **Alex James** in the West Midlands Winter Championship

Over the weekend **Alex James** in Year 12 competed in the West Midlands Winter Championships. He beat the West Midlands Bench press record to become Sub-Junior 59kg Bench Press Record Holder for the West Midlands. He also achieved a PB in his deadlift. Alex has worked exceptionally hard for a number of years training up to four times a week whilst balancing his schoolwork and other commitments. His dedication to the sport has been exemplary and his new title is extremely well deserved.



Sixth Form Remembrance

The memorial in the centre of Droitwich commemorates the residents of who were killed in our town or remained missing in World War I, World War II and the Falklands War.

This week, the sixth form very respectfully took time out to recognise their sacrifice as they lit candles for these local people and read their names aloud. There were 168 of them, roughly as many as there are sixth formers [with some of year 13 in exams]. It is a powerful image to look at our young people and give thanks for the relatively peaceful futures we trust they will enjoy, and to give thanks to the sacrifices of those who went before them.

We offer particular thanks to those who read the names of the fallen: **Olivia Gregory, Gabe McAlinden, Laoni Ryback, Kimberly Hussey, Morgan King, Ben Beesley, Jonathan Rogers, Leo Goddard, Edward Deane, Thomas Wylie, Daniel Hansen, Oliver Morgan**



Remembrance Sunday in Droitwich





Year 12 Visit to Westons Cider

On Tuesday 1st November our Year 12 Business and Economics students made a study visit to Westons Cider in Ledbury.

They had a tour of the site taking in the apple orchard and huge vats of cider, continuing inside to see the production and operations process. This was followed by a talk where students learned about the history of the business and reasons for its success. They also learned of the importance of the export market for Westons' products.



Sixth Form Volunteering at the Corbett Medical Practice

The following students kindly volunteered their time to support a COVID-19 vaccination clinic: **Rowan Dennett, Oliver Broomfield, Aaron Hall, Poppy Robinson, Daisy Jacobs, Phoebe Wooding, Sofie Berry-Morris, Megan Randle, Ellie Bamford, Lydia Amphlett and Amy Pullen**

Each student has received a letter of thanks along with a pin badge from the practice in recognition of their efforts to support such an important activity. In the letters the practice comment that "You rose to the challenge with ease. I was impressed with your personal demeanour and communication skills, often with very anxious patients. You demonstrated a caring and supportive attitude, taking on board the need for confidentiality, and the safe and effective filing of patient documentation throughout the process. Your timekeeping and personal presentation was much appreciated.

It was a pleasure to have you as part of the team, and we took every opportunity to explain that you were Droitwich Spa High School students, giving back to the community of which you are a part."





Year 12 Work Experience

During the week beginning 21st November, Year 12 will be undertaking a week of work experience. It is easy to think that the challenge is only on placement itself but it has taken tenacity and perseverance to secure some excellent placements. We have record numbers joining the NHS's nursing, midwifery and physiotherapy streams, with other students joining a range of other organisations including industrial furnace manufacture, F1 racing, precision engineering, logistics, estate agency and social care. We congratulate them all on having secured some really promising placements.


Year 10 Work Experience

In the new year we will open the opportunity for our Year 10s to secure placements for the November of Year 11. If you think you could offer, or know of someone who might like to offer a placement to students in the future we would love to hear from you via our Career Lead:

HardingHA@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk

Winners of the Pumpkin Competition

Overall winners!!	Points for the most entries:
1 st - BULMAN- diagram of a baby [5 points]	1 st - D'OLIVEIRA, 11 entries [3 points]
2 nd - PARKS- lifecycle of a plant [4 points]	2 nd - ROWLING, 6 entries [2 points]
3 rd - PARKS- ribs [3 points]	3 rd - PARKS, 4 entries [1 point]
4 th - D'OLIVEIRA- butterfly cycle [2 points]	4 th - Bulman, 3 entries
5 th - ROWLING- cell [1 point]	5 th - Winslow, 1 entry



Year 11

Tutor group **11LMJ** made an impressive effort in the Biology pumpkin carving competition, carving a series of pumpkins to show the life cycle of a plant. Pumpkin carvers were: **Ellie Harris, Sophie Gomersall, Ruby Boulton, Bryn Lambe and Hattie Bird.**



In Hair and Beauty the stars of the week were **Ella Blakemore** and **Rhyanna Fallon**. (Ella's work is pictured here.)



11C French wrote and performed their own weather forecasts in French to practise the future tense and to prepare for some work about climate change: **Gia Baylis**, **Sophia Birtles**, **Olivia Hughes**, **Robyn Jackson**, **Oliver Jesion**, **Jack Mason**, **Alice McElroy**, **Will Rushton** and **Sophie Watkins**.



Year 10

Ms Bowerman and Ms Johns have been really impressed by the tenacity and determination of the Year 10 after-school GCSE class (**Hannah Allen**, **Bee Barber**, **Jess Bodilly**, **Mia Curtis**, **Holly Dufty**, **Ava Goode**, **Eloise Harris**, **Finley Jones**, **Katie Maxted**, **Bobby Patel**, **Nicola Pawlak** and **Charlotte Westcott**). They have attended classes regularly and have maintained a positive and resilient approach to the challenges this has brought.



The Year 10 AQA Animal Welfare Group have been a pleasure to teach and have just completed their first unit on Pet Welfare. Congratulations to **Brian Norris**, **George Norton**, **Madison Parker**, **Sally Scott-Jameson**, **Sophie Turner**, **Lucy Wood**, **Matthew Wood** and **Summer Wright**.

Josh Evans' cheerful and positive contributions to his English lessons are much appreciated.

Year 10 Hair and Beauty students working on their hand care and manicures.





Congratulations to 10S1 on some extremely pleasing results in their first Biology assessment this academic year.

In Design and Technology **Robbie Morgan** and **Deacon Guest** have excelled in their understanding of lathe and hot metal work, so much so that they have been able to assist other students



Congratulations to the Year 10 fitness group of **Lee Coleman**, **Cameron Silvester-Jones**, **Jake Budd Johnson** and **Kian Taylor**, who have just completed their first AQA Fitness unit at the gym.

Fred Dale, **Chloe Lostich**, **Daisy Evans**, **Louie Horton** and **Leah Blake** have been consistently producing very high quality written French.

Last week Year 10 Food students made some impressive Chelsea buns (or cinnamon buns) in their practical lessons. Their determination and focus led to a very high standard of work.





This week they have been making Lemon Meringue Pies. This is a very testing practical, requiring students to combine a lot of skills they have learnt in previous lessons. The team work within the class was particularly impressive, enabling everyone to complete the task successfully in the time available.





Y10 Science Trip – GCSE Science Live!

When: 31st January 2023

Where: Symphony hall, Birmingham

What: Some WORLD LEADING
scientists giving lectures

Cost: £33 for the whole trip apart
from lunch

Availability: 60 spaces – first come,
first served

All areas of Science!

- Designed to help you see the bigger pictures of Science in the world
- What problems is Science currently solving?
- Give you help with GCSE's
- Hopefully inspire you to consider taking options at A-Level!

Prof Alice Roberts

She is a clinical anatomist and Professor of Public Engagement in Science at the University of Birmingham. Alice has presented a range of programmes on BBC1, including *Countdown*, *Wild Science*, *The Incredible Human Journey*, *Origins of Us*, and *Prehistoric Autopsy*. She is also to be heard occasionally on BBC Radio 4. She has authored four popular science books about anatomy and human evolution, and writes a regular science column for *The Observer*.



Prof Jim Al-Khalili

He is professor of physics at the University of Surrey and also has a chair in the Public Engagement of Science. He won a Faraday prize for science communication. His documentaries include *Order and Disorder*, *Everything and Nothing*, *Chemistry: A Volatile History* and *Atom* on the BBC and appeared in Channel 4's *Genius of Britain*. His BBC Radio 4 series, *The Life Scientific* is now in its third series. He is also the author of several science books, including *Paradox: The nine greatest enigmas in science* and *Pottery: The Golden Age of Arabic Science*.



Prof Robert Winston

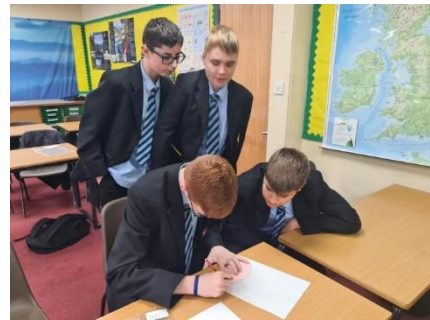
He is a medical doctor, distinguished scientist, particularly in the area of human fertility. He, like most of our contributors, has the gift of being able to communicate in a most engaging way. Not surprisingly he is also a well-known television presenter and in addition he is also a politician who sits on the Labour Party benches in the House of Lords.





Year 9

In Geography Year 9RPelican began to understand barriers to national development through the trading game. They had to manufacture shapes to earn money for their country. This involved overcoming barriers such as availability of resources, infrastructure to manufacture shapes and exploitation of newly discovered raw materials.



9 Heron have started working on Pythagoras this week, and have made an excellent start, completing a large volume of work with accuracy and clear working out.

9 Toucan should be very proud of their work on Pythagoras this week, pushing themselves to have a go at some challenging problems solving work.

Lexi Tidbury, Bella Myatt, Freya Austin, Evie Dean and Lola Winnall are commended for their excellent work on tech design in Year 9 Drama lessons. They've been working hard to learn how to operate the lighting and sound in our lessons and bring the performances in their class to life.

The Year 9 D of E Bronze cohort have made an excellent start to the programme, beginning last Wednesday and continuing this week. The 87 applicants accepted onto the programme form a very large cohort, but they are proving to be efficient and reliable. We are looking forward to a very good experience of D of E in the year ahead.

Sophie Holland has produced an impressive video for her iconic designers project. You can watch her video about Coco Chanel on the D&T Instagram account

https://www.instagram.com/dshs_design/



Year 9 Football Stars

On a very wet evening on Tuesday 1st November, the year 9 girls football team enthusiastically attended a football festival at Bishop Perowne High School in Worcester. The first game against Tudor Grange B team ended in a 0-0 draw. The second game against Bishop Perowne B team opened with **Charlotte Jennings** scoring, soon followed by **Ania Waldman** and then **Phoebe Brindley-Jones** to gain a winning score of 3-0. The next two games against Tudor Grange A and Bishop Perowne A saw our players hold off the opposition to gain 0-0 draws. In our final game, Chantry High School scored first with **Charlotte Jennings** retaliating to even the score, although Chantry responded with their second goal giving a 2-1 loss. Despite the weather, the festival was thoroughly enjoyed with the following students displaying great talent a sportsmanship; **Claire Brownlee**, **Phoebe Brindley-Jones**, **Grace Dean**, **Ania Waldman**, **Mollie Weston**, **Charlotte Jennings**, **Charlotte Whitsey**, **Sophie Parkinson** and **Ellen Macrae**.



Mock Trial 2022/23

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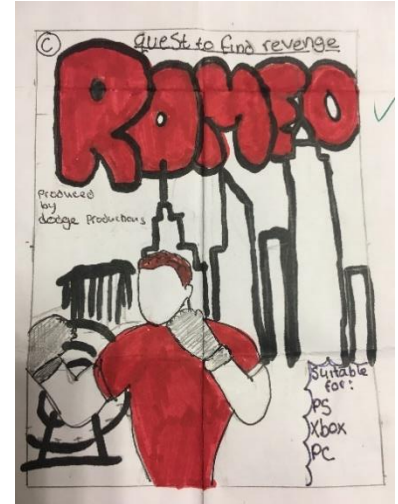
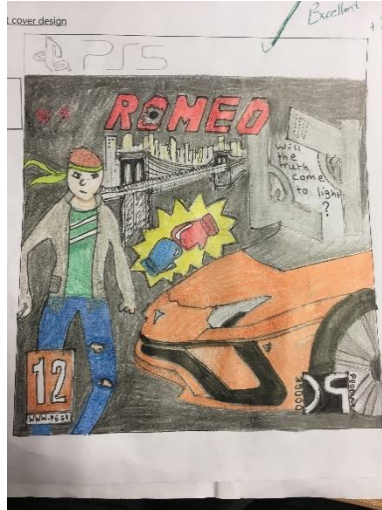
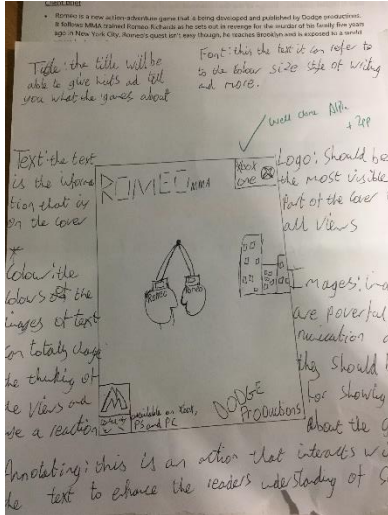
If you are interested then please come speak to Mr. Horne in L9
Mr. Brown

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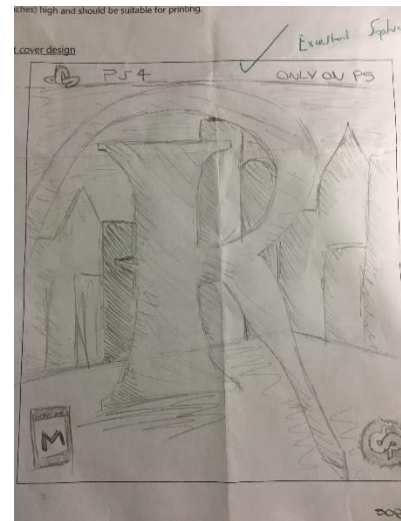
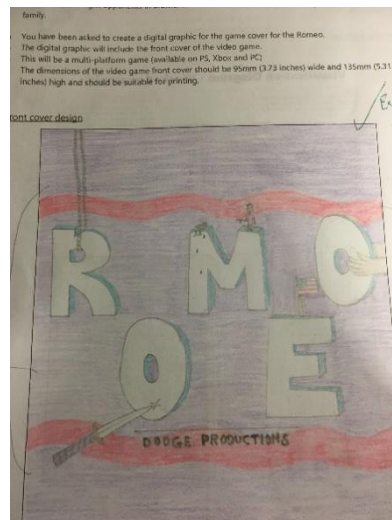
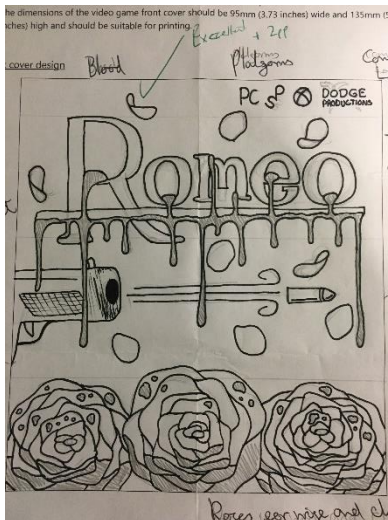


The following students produced some excellent visualisation diagrams in preparation for the development of their video game cover.

From left to right: **Alfie Whiten**, **Sophie Holland**, **Lola Winnall** **Do9KAR**



From left to right: **Amelia Lloyd-Rogers**, **Lizzie Marshall** and **Sophie Jones**



In D & T **Holly Smith**, **Beth Childs**, **Amber Goodyear**, **Jamie McCammon** continue to show a high level of making skills, always looking to try new and exciting methods of creating and achieving excellent results.

Lewis Hunt is making a great effort in his work in Design and Technology, despite struggling with an injured hand.

Charlie Drinkwater is showing an excellent level of general knowledge in Design and Technology.

Year 8

8L have all worked very well in looking at character archetypes this half term, with some excellent group work and analytical writing. A special mention to **Petra Attwood**, **Penelope Ginns**, **Zoe Robinson**, **Samuel Wheeler**, **Bryce Millard**, **Sophie Emms**, **Rohan Patel** and **Melissa Stansbie** who all have outstanding classwork or homework.

Matthew Sharp scored very strongly in his Reading test and was top of the class.

In Modern Languages these students in Year 8 have earned 50 stars in their book for their hard work this term:

French: **Petra Attwood**, **Molly Putt**, **James Walton**

Spanish: **Oliver Clarke**, **Hamza Watfa**, **Dylan Breach**, **Archie Fisher**, **Teagan Ford**, **Kai Pugh**, **Stuart Smith**, **Tristen Weir**, **Uatjiri Zaanavi**

8 Lisbon have completed their transformations unit, and have produced some high quality work. **Jamie Kearn** should be extremely proud of his work on reflections, which earned him a commendation point.

The following have all demonstrated an excellent attitude and effort during technical drawing this week: **Brooke Taylor-Parkes**, **Alexis Brown**, **Yehor Lazorenko**, **Evie Noone**, **Taylor-Mae Brown**, **Connor Lloyd** and **Archie Fisher**

After three months of rehearsals **Scarlett Swivels** performed in the production of Aladdin Jr playing, Kassim (Aladdin's friend) at the Norbury Theatre in two shows. She sang beautifully and remembered all her lines.

Year 8 Geography Fieldwork in Worcester





Year 8 have been making Fruit Kebabs



Results of Evolution Competition from Biology Takeover Week.

Human Evolution

1. Nicola Pawlak 10HSF
2. Mia Curtis 10CEM
3. Leticija Grunte 9MYT
4. Connor Lloyd 8KLM
5. Winslow (anonymous entry)

Animal Evolution

1. Amelia Lloyd-Rogers 9HJM
2. Daisy Barwood 8FLH
3. Ethan Evans. Rowling 9RDW

No longer being so low on the food chain, rather than camouflage frogs have adapted with brighter colours. Small claws have been grown on the front feet to aid climbing on slippery surfaces such as ice.

Night vision
Bat-like wings
Luminescent fin rays
Small claws
Gills
Back Fins
Large Flippers

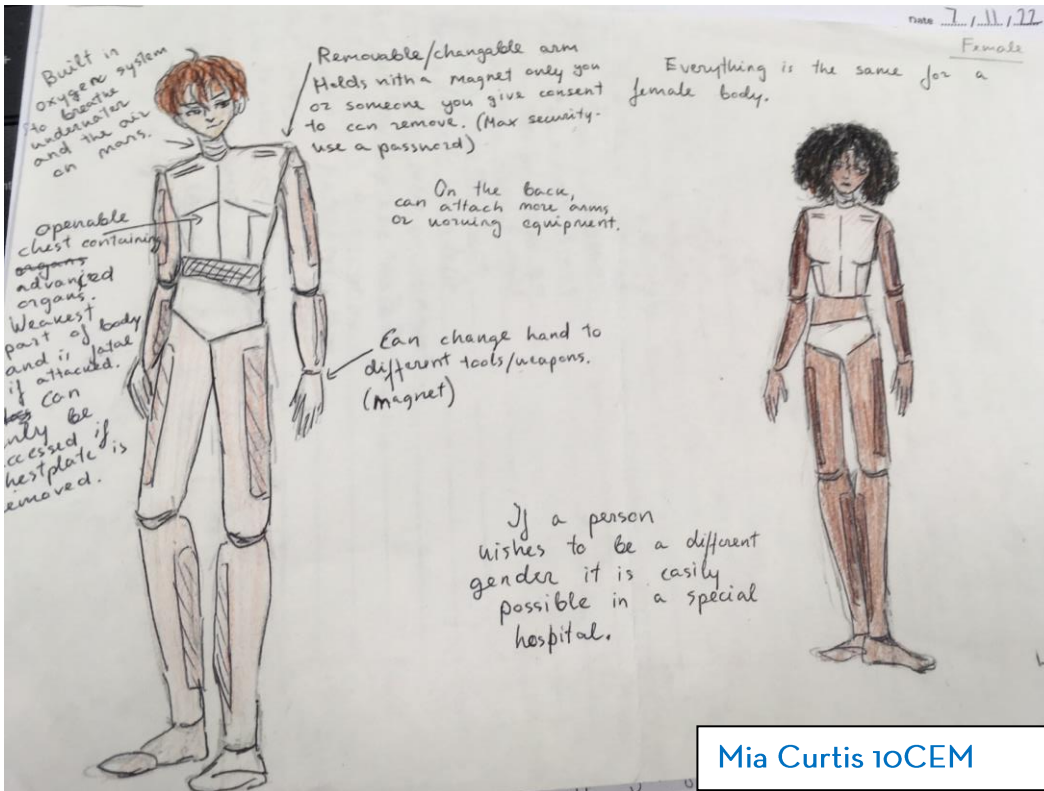
The Evolution of the Frog

Frogs have reached their limits in the pond, their next quest being the deep ocean and sky. Frogs have grown in size so predators like birds no longer choose them as prey making the birds now prey to the frogs. The species we once known have evolved with wings similar to that of a bat. Bat wings allow swimming to still be available. Along with fins it has grown on its back. The wings are for making it more aerodynamic. Currently these adaptations have only allowed the creature to glide like that of the flying squirrel but would not be unsuspected that in the future they would be able to fly just like a bird. For the deep seas it has a modified luminescent fin ray as a lure for other food (like that of an Angler fish) so resurrecing without is not. For the low levels of light it has night vision which is also useful above water. Instead of gills it now has

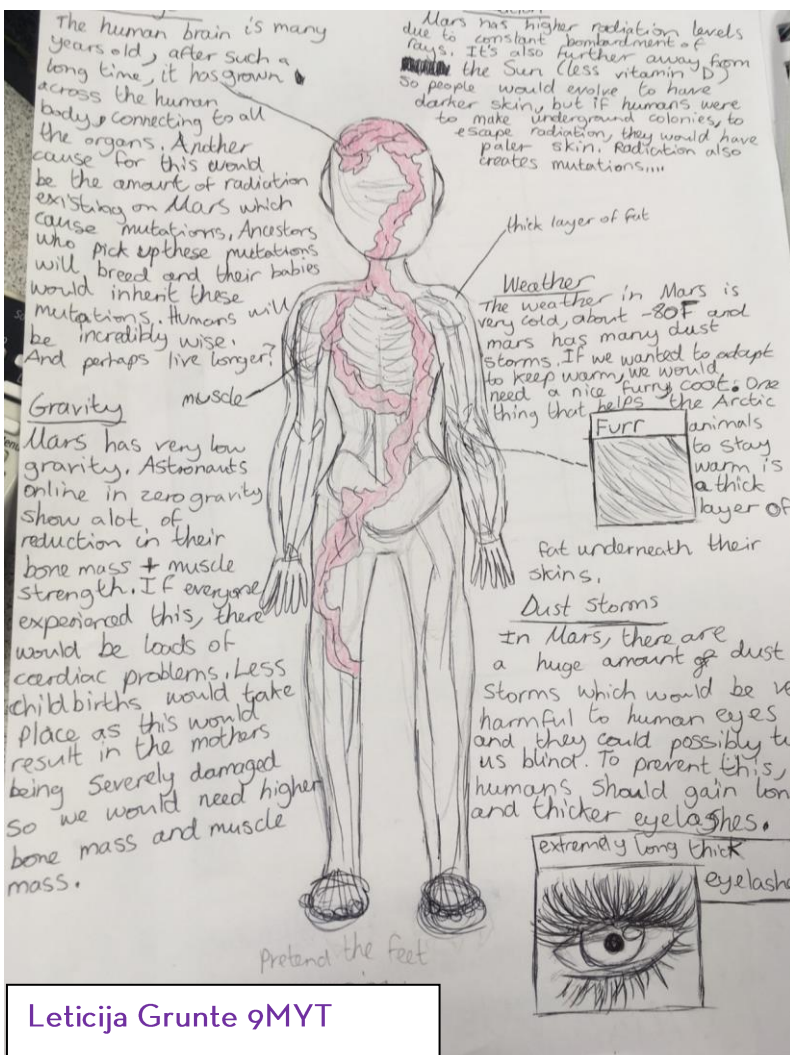
Earth is heading for its next Ice age making the world colder. Frogs have gone warm blooded to survive in the lower temperatures. Although this adaption has been made they are retaining the behaviour of freezing themselves in Winter for hibernation.

Amelia Lloyd-Rogers. Bulman.
9HJM

is unnecessary. The lungs temporarily shut off when in water and vice versa when out of water with the gills shutting off.



Mia Curtis 10CEM



Leticija Grunte 9MYT



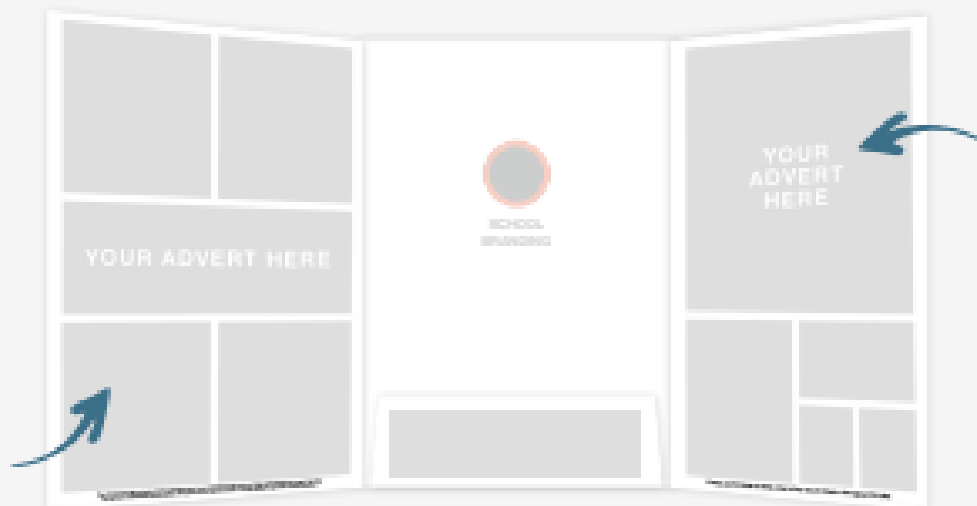
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