

Newsletter

16th May 2022

Congratulations the students below on completion of their AQA Unit Award courses with Mr Buckell. This has involved at least 6 modules, and the students have been presented with an impressive portfolio of certificates to show future employers.

Animal Welfare: Ellie-May Preston, Logan Clark, Miki Conroy, Stephanie Pearson, Charlie Rowe

Upcycling: Cobie Guest, Finley Happs, Rico Holloway, Liam Skimming, David Thomas, Jake Winter, Nathan Wood



















Drama Visit to Jerusalem

Last week some senior Drama students went to see a highly impressive and captivating performance of *Jerusalem* in the West End.







2022 Biology Challenge

Jordan Kiely, Grace Rusby, Nicola Pawlak, Keira Yates, Owen Exon, Daisy Evans, Robbie Morgan, Jacob Hird and Jacob Daniels have completed the 2022 Biology Challenge. This calls on them to apply aspects of Biology they are familiar with to contexts outside the classroom. We await their results with interest.

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Tennis Success

DSHS Year 9 & 10 boys tennis team played against Bromsgrove School in the LTA Youth Schools League (Division 1) on Tuesday 10th May. Despite the result not going in favour of the home team, there was some very competitive tennis played in both the singles and doubles matches. Well done to Joel Park, Rhys Maidment, Alex Harris and Darwin Brookes for representing the school with a fine attitude, and a big thank you to Droitwich Tennis Club for allowing us to host the match at their club, providing all those involved with a great playing experience.



Football Success for the Droitwich Lionesses

Congratulations to those of our Year 8 and 9 girls who play for Droitwich Lionesses u14s. Last weekend (in their 1st season together) they played in their first County Cup final. They played a competitive game, only missing out on becoming winners towards the end of the game.

The girls are: Sophie Parkinson, Mollie Weston, Ania Waldman, Beth James, Charlie Jennings, Claire Brownlee, Anna Garbett-Sweet and Emma Mansueto.

Athletics News

On Thursday 5th May, thirteen DSHS students travelled to the Ryland Centre in Bromsgrove to compete against other schools in the District Athletics competition. The Droitwich team put in a strong performance against a promising field of young talented athletes from other schools in the district, showcasing their ability in track and field events. All students represented the school exceptionally well with their commitment and effort.

Well done to Josh Shuck, Oscar Peckover, Arthur Wilkinson (Year 8), Aaron Griffiths, Aaron Cooper-Aston, Harry Millwood, Rhys Maidment, Jess Bodily, Amelia Ishola, Hannah Jordan, Faye Morgan (Year 9), Bea Rusby, Tino Shumba (Year 10)

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Special mention goes to those finishing within the top 3; Amelia Ishola (3rd Shot Putt, 7.12m), Aaron Cooper-Aston (3rd Long Jump, 4.57m) Bea Rusby (1st 1500m, 5.22mins) and Arthur Wilkinson (1st Shot Putt, 10.15m). Bea and Arthur will now represent the Bromsgrove and Droitwich District at the Hereford and Worcester Schools' Athletics County Championships on Saturday 11th June. We are currently awaiting confirmation from the selectors to see if Amelia and Aaron will be attending and wish them all the best of luck.



House Competitions



The Science Department's rocket competition was very popular. These were considered to be the most aesthetically pleasing, although they may not have gone a far as some of the other entries.

Sixth Form

Sammie Davies received a commendation point for her outstanding piece of work explaining the different approaches to care planning, and the stages of care assessment planning.

The Year 12 French students are currently studying the topic of Francophone Music. During this week, they have produced resources for listening activities and each led a part of their lesson. The standard of resources was very impressive and special mentions go to Lily Smith, Tia Summers and Matt Woodings.

Dan Finch and Fliss Jones (Year 13 French) should be congratulated on completing the speaking element of their A Level exam. Their research and preparation were extremely thorough, and they both showed a good deal of resilience throughout the process.

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Year 11



Well dome to Emily Evesham, Lakeisha Perry, Stevie Andrews and Alicia-Mai Bradbury who achieved a Merit in their Hair and Beauty diploma and to Lanie Price who achieved a Distinction.

Alicia-Mai Bradbury was the Star of the Week

Willow Brookes has achieved success in representing one of the ladies' teams at Droitwich Tennis Club, winning both of her rubbers in their first match of the season.

Thomas Quinn has engaged really positively with the additional online tutoring. The feedback from his tutor was very encouraging.

Max Neale produced some highly impressive answers in a recent past paper in Geography. He had evidently spent hours going through the resource and then been able to write his answer in a clear and consistent manner.



Well done to Year 11 who have been making excellent use of GCSE POD as part of their revision. We wish them well as their exams begin in earnest this week.

Year 10

We are thrilled to report that Ruva Nyamnade's script *For What It's Worth* has been longlisted for the New Views Festival 2022 at the National Theatre.

They received 427 scripts this year and these have been narrowed down to the longlist of 117. The standard has been exceptional and they will be sending out certificates to all the students who have participated in this year's programme. All of the longlisted scripts are now being read by a panel of Readers from across the National Theatre and a shortlist of nine will be selected from these. We wait to see if Ruva is among them.

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In Physics 10S1 have produced some very impressive homework on the topic of moments, levers and gears. Special mentions must be included for **Bea Rusby's** impressive presentation using videos of toys to explain the concepts being looked at and **Grace Rusby's** creative and engaging spoken word presentation that contextualised the concepts using examples from the Friends TV show.

Ella Blakemore, Dillon Richardson and Izzy Brookes are commended for their conscientious attitudes towards Biology revision and practising exam questions.

10AHistA have all simulated successful 'ExComm' discussions this week in their History lessons, evaluating John F. Kennedy's choices during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The teams worked very well together and shared some really thoughtful responses.

In English Alice McElroy has been awarded a commendation for writing, rehearsing and delivering a Spoken Language speech that was exemplary in every respect.

These students made excellent efforts with their Science homework last week: Ryan Mutepfa, Sonny Priestley, Cassie Smith, Reece Smith, Holly Bourne, Sophie Chapman, Harvey Dimmock, Lily Hirschfield, Darius Iordan, Keira Nicklin, Owen Smith, Jamie Lea Tasker and Joseph Al-Bajjaly

Year 10 Hair and Beauty

Cassie Smith, Ella Blakemore, Jodie Homer, Kaitlyn Farnham, Mia Lloyd and Rhyanna Fallon all worked hard last week. Some of their work is shown below:

















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Year 9

In English James Rogers produced a very strong, formal, academic essay on "Romeo and Juliet".

Well done to **9LT** for their vastly improved attitude to learning in English.

9RR PSHE are commended for their mature contributions in lessons.

9RD have worked spectacularly well in History this week. The group had some excellent discussions on whether dropping the Atom Bomb in 1945 was justified. Some very mature and thought-provoking points were addressed; students handled them with great maturity.

Matthew Oliver has been awarded Historian of the Week for his excellent contributions in lessons.

Mrs Davie-Smith congratulates 9RD English for their recent work on persuasive speeches. In particular: Jacob Hird, Robbie Morgan, Matthew Oliver, Holly Dufty, Stanley Deacon, William Miles and Cameron Moore, who were the first to volunteer to read them to the class.

In English Bailie-Mae Bull and Daisy Tibble wrote and delivered a powerful speech on equality.

Year 8

Molly Pritchard, Annabelle Burton, Abigail Plant, Kimberleigh Elt, Romeo Midani, Drew Hankins, Oscar Putt, Kaprice Brogan and Ted Kirton made valuable contributions in PSHE to discussion bank accounts and improving their financial awareness.

Well done to **8RR in English** for producing some excellent persuasive posters and evaluating each other's work so effectively.

Lily Smith, Millie Lloyd-Rogers, Eliza Morris and Felicity Jordan in 8HJM all showed exemplary house spirit by baking beautiful and delicious cupcakes for the Y11 students in Bulman House. This was so kind and thoughtful. Thank you!

Libby Goode and Brandon Gadsby Cooper took part in a creative writing competition for Young Writers. Both have been successful and will be published in the forthcoming book.

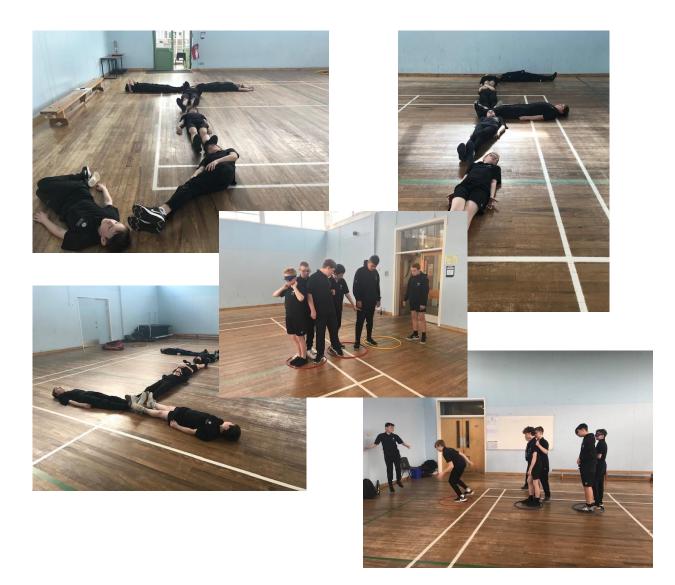




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8R DWCA M2 PE developed their teamwork and communication skills during team challenges in PE, including the 'Acid River Crossing Challenge' and 'Letter Challenge'.



In History members of 8RW, with special mention to Logan Guest, Harry Moore, Tamsin Malone, Matt Tompkins, Morgan Brookes, Henry Catlow and Jack O'Donnell, produced some excellent reports on working conditions in factories during the Industrial Revolution. Their responses were thoughtful and detailed.

All of 8RR completed really good investigations into working conditions during the industrial revolution. Their use of sources to justify their answers was first class. Special mention to Hannah Marshall, Toby Baker, Millie Lang, Charlotte Jennings, Oliver Sinfield, Oscar Sach, George Clarke, Ted Kirton, Izzy Shewell, Sophie Holland and James Hale for the quality of their answers.

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