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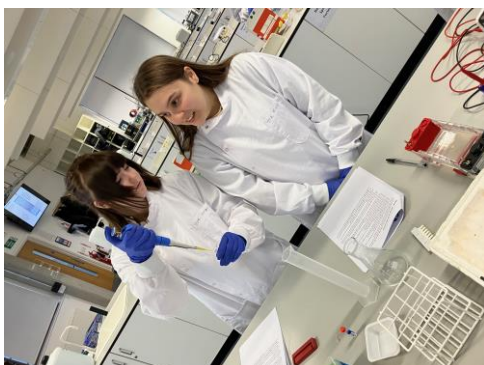
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Sixth Form

Biology Visit to the University of Worcester By Iestyn Owen



On Tuesday Year 12 and 13 Biology students visited Worcester University to develop their study of certain A-level topics. The staff at the university put themselves out to make the day for us as enjoyable as possible. Year 12 learnt about ELISA tests, which can help determine whether a person has a disease or virus while the Year 13 students did tasks involving PCR's and gel electrophoresis. They also learnt about blood pressure and did practicals that helped them determine their own blood pressure.



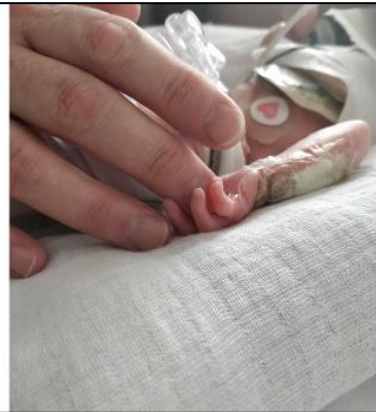


Year 12 Criminology

On the last day of term, the Year 12 Criminologists were joined by a visitor to support their work on campaigns for change. She introduced them to a campaign supporting the parents of premature babies. Hannah described how her work on radio, with her MP, social media and an art project enabled her to champion a change in a law. Inspired to make change of their own, the criminologists have spent the holidays looking at other campaigns that raise awareness, attract funding, change policy and change law.

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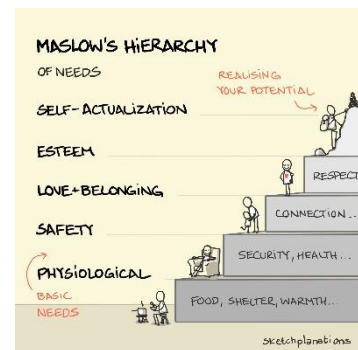
- My experiences
- What we are campaigning for
- Why I campaign
- How I campaign
- What others are doing
- The successes so far
- Next steps
- What you could do



This has been a large research project considering everything from Natasha's Law in the food industry, to the #MeToo movement. It has encouraged the group to reflect critically on why some campaigns for change succeed, and others do not.

Year 12 Psychology

Having come to the end of their 'Approaches' topic, our Psychologists have been reflecting on the strengths and weaknesses of differing ways of explaining human behaviour. Whilst many agreed they liked the scientific rigor of the Cognitive and Biological approaches; others felt the Behaviourists has more to offer in guiding social institutions such as schools and prisons. A few brave souls even considered the merits of the early thinkers such as Wundt and Freud, despite it being decades since they first presented their theories.



Alex Haller has produced this excellent rap. It encapsulates the concepts of the Humanists, valuing the individual over science and striving to become better versions of ourselves through therapy, moving through the hierarchy of needs on route to self actualisation:

The Humanistic Rap

*It's not scientific but it sure is terrific
The therapist knows what to do, it's all about you
With Rogers and Maslow too
We're about to tell you what they do
Maslow teaches us about us- self actualisation-
Hierarchy of needs!
You're in my tier 3, cause of our sexual intimacy
They see you as a whole to help find your soul not just looking at your feet
That's the end of this sick beat.*

Well done to the Year 13 Drama students have worked together to create a beautiful, genuinely emotional performance of *Things I Know to be True* by Andrew Bovell.

In History Jack Daniels produced some excellent work and showed a comprehensive understanding of Electoral Funding in the USA.

Year 12 History students have produced their own video footage illustrating the 1922 Fascist March on Rome.

Christmas Fundraising

This letter has been received in recognition of our donation to the Droitwich Foodbank at the end of last term.



On behalf of the Trussell Trust Organisation and the Droitwich Spa Foodbank, I am writing to thank you all very much indeed for your recent tremendous donation to support our clients.

We are absolutely delighted with your support and care for our community, which is even more needed in the current difficult and uncertain times.

Year 10 & 11 Trip to Paris, December 2022

A mixture of 35 Year 10 and Year 11 French GCSE students visited Paris just before the Christmas holidays. They ate in French restaurants, visited the Sacré Cœur and the Arc de Triomphe and enjoyed the art in the Musée d'Orsay. The Christmas market in the gardens of the Louvre was a highlight, as was the boat trip to Notre Dame Cathedral on the River Seine (where a number of students braved the top of the boat despite zero degree temperatures). The students used their French in shops and cafes and were a delight to take abroad as they remained polite and good-humoured throughout the trip.





Year 11

As they enter the final phase of their GCSE courses Year 11 students are working with a good sense of purpose and we are already delighted to see some impressive improvements in attendance.

Last week they had a session on revision skills with Mrs O'Donohoe. At 6 pm on 28th January in the school theatre she will be running a session for parents on supporting their sons and daughters with their revision. (Details to follow.)

Well done to **Jodie Homer**, **Kaitlyn Farnham**, **Mia Lloyd** and **Cassie Smith** for completing several theory tasks and projects at Hair and Beauty. Congratulations to **Ella Blakemore** who has completed her 'The Hair and Beauty Sector' theory unit. She is the first Year 11 student to finish this unit.

Well done to **Mia Lloyd**, **Kiren Punnamoottil**, **Tom Blackford**, **Joe Summers**, **Tom Booth**, **Joel Park** and **Hermione Bolton-Warner** for reading parts in Macbeth with confidence.

Year 10

Congratulations to **Evie Felgate** who was the historian of the week.

Harry Guest, **Dan Felczykowski** and **Lillie Rose Willets** were excellent participants in their work on the Nazi Economy.

10LEng.FLH have made a very promising start to the new term and our new topic of poetry. They have shown a great deal of respect and interest during our discussions of poetry from WW1.

Callum Lewitzkyi displayed a really positive attitude to learning in his History lessons this week as well as an impressive level of knowledge and understanding.

10R RDW have made a good start to their study of conflict poetry. Well done to **Amelia Ishola**, **Lewis Hartwell** and **Callum Lewitzkyi** in particular for their contributions.

Max Rigby has made very good contributions in Geography.

The following students in 10L Vanadium have shown positive attitudes to learning in science lessons so far this academic year: **Hayden Priddey**, **Shaylah Stokes**, **Anna Dibusz**, **Logan Williams**, **Gracie Mai Dymott**, **Lily Sharpe**, **Amelia Chahal** and **Ellee Garside**.

Year 10 Geographers have been studying demographic change. They have used sweets to simulate changes in population.





In Hair and Beauty students have been practising their Wash and Blow-Dry skills, as well as curling skills. **Chloe Randle** worked exceptionally hard and was nominated Star of the Week. **Faith Hawkins-Harding** and **Chloe Harding** have also been working hard.



Year 9

Kailah Katjivive, **Harvey Waterhouse** and **Thomas Clay** have made impressive contributions in Geography.

Year 9 dancers have made a pleasing start to their new unit studying the professional work 'Still Life at the Penguin Café'. They have executed some particularly challenging movement this week and are well on their way to creating an impressive piece of dance for performance.

Madison Sinfield and **Annie Gibba** have completed some fine work in History over the last two weeks. **Rhys Littlewood** also deserves a special mention for his positive attitude in History.

9R Heron handled some challenging discussions with maturity in English. Well done to Danni Treadwell and Eva Wylie for expressing their own views so sensibly.

09R.EngKestrel have been very sensible when discussing the context of 'Of Mice and Men'.

Thomas Clay has shown a consistently positive attitude to learning in History, volunteering interesting contributions to our lessons.

Year 8

8LTiger worked very in their pairs on their investigation into the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

In English **Panda** produced some excellent posters reminding us of the meaning of root words.

In History Year 8 **Elephant** produced an imaginative re-enactment of the attempted Armada invasion of 1588.

Daniel Pearce and **Molly Putt** are commended for their excellent work in Geography this week.

Aren Omer has made a promising start to Geography in the Pangolin group.

Football Stars

The Year 8 Girls Football team ventured to Nunnery Wood High School to play in a mini tournament on Wednesday 11th January. The girls played against Bishop Perowne first and despite us conceding two goals in the first eight minutes, the Droitwich Girls showed their determination in fighting back to gain a 2-2 draw, with **Maja Fijolek** scoring both goals.



Now in their stride, the girls showed great teamwork and enthusiasm against Nunnery Wood High School who had already beaten Bishop Perowne. An early goal by **Maja** put us ahead, soon followed by a second goal by **Maja**. A great save by **Kamilia Chok** was followed by a further goal scored by **Elly-Mae Eversham** to secure a winning score of 3-0.

Congratulations to the winners of the tournament; **Agata Rodak, Zuzia Szczygiel, Elly-May Eversham, Jogiya Sivaharan, Brooke Dudley,**

April Chinembiri, Maja Fijolek, Kamilia Chok, Mae Billings and Aggie Rusby.

Year 8 have been practising their skills at bread making this week. Special mention to Ellie Parmley, Oliva Evans, Eva Townsend, Dawood Noori and Elise Shadforth who managed to be extra creative.



Year 8 Visit to Hampton Court

Last week 100 students in Year 8 visited Hampton Court Palace, leaving school at 6:00am and returning at 6:00pm. Their very interesting day included a Tudor religion workshop, taking part in their research trail and exploring the grounds of the historic palace.





Girls Tag Rugby Festival at Kidderminster Carolians.



Well done to the year 8 girls who took part in the festival last week. They were outstanding in their effort and commitment. They even took it upon themselves to face paint themselves using mud!

