



Newsletter

20th June 2022

Karen Moore Award for Creative Writing

Four finalists were selected in the competition for the 2022 Karen Moore Award for Creative Writing. **Eva Palmer** in Year 11, **Rhiannon Green** and **Isobel Sprague** in Year 10 and **Mary-Jane Peace** in Year 8 were judged to be the best of the more than forty entries. Their entries were sent to Katie Bowen, a former Head Girl here at the high school and now studying English at Oxford University. She judged **Isobel Sprague** to be this year's winner, with **Rhiannon Green** the runner up.

County Athletics

On Saturday 11th June, two of our students represented Bromsgrove and Droitwich District in the Hereford and Worcestershire Athletics Track and Field Championships. First to compete was **Aaron Cooper-Aston**, who showed determination against a strong head wind in the long jump. **Bea Rusby** competing in the 3000m, won a well-deserved 1st place. Congratulations to Bea. She will now represent the Worcestershire in the Mason Trophy Championships on Saturday 18th June. Both Aaron and Bea should feel proud of their efforts and achievements amongst the best athletes in the County.





Biology Challenge

Congratulations to those who participated in the Biology Challenge last month. It called on them to answer, online, sets of questions that ranged beyond the classroom to the real world. Silver was our highest award (the top 10% of scorers achieve this) and all the other entrants receive certificates. **Jordan Kiely (Year 11)** and **Owen Exon (Year 9)** received silver awards, **Grace Rusby (Year 10)** was highly commended, **Nicola Pawlak (Year 9)** and **Daisy Evans (Year 9)** were Commended, and **Robbie Morgan, Keira Yates, Jacob Daniels** and **Jacob Hird (all Year 9)** also received certificates.

Year 9 & 10 Boys Tennis



Well done to **Joel Park, Rhys Maidment** and **Alex Harris** and **Darwin Brookes** who played in a tennis match against The Chase High School. The match took place at Manor Park Sports Club, one of the leading tennis clubs in Worcestershire, against a background of the Malvern Hills.

After some close matches, the score was 5-1 to Chase High School. **Joel Park** played exceptionally well against their top player (who is ranked second in the county) losing 4-6 in a match which was very competitive with hard hitting groundstrokes and some wonderful volleys from both players. **Rhys Maidment** and **Alex Harris** lost their singles, but both played well. **Darwin Brookes** won his singles 6-1, playing a more consistent game with some cleverly placed strokes against his opponent. The doubles matches went in favour of Chase but neither was one sided. Joel and Rhys lost 3-6, Alex and Darwin lost 2-6. The match was played in a competitive but friendly atmosphere.

Sixth Form



Year 13 Theatre Studies students came in to receive gifts from Miss Jones and Miss Lapsley.

Congratulations to **Andy Potts** has been successful as one of 55 students in gaining a place at UniFest 22 at Aston University for their STEM session. It is a residential event at Aston, running from Monday 11th July to the following Wednesday.

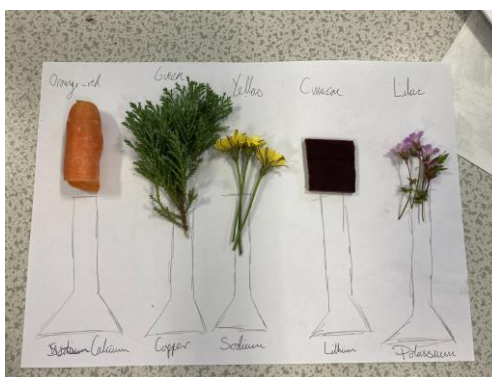
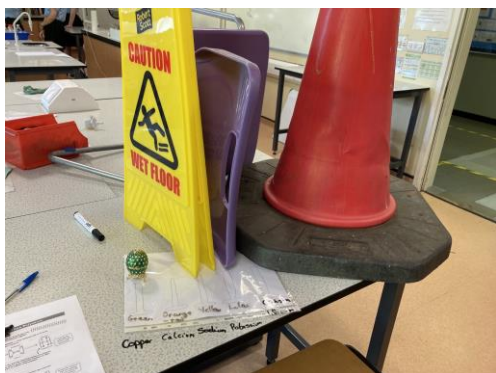
Last week the Pre- GCE students had their work accredited by Sarah Emerson, Head of PGCE at Worcester University. The students were each interviewed about their studies and their portfolios were scrutinised.

They gave an excellent account of themselves and Sarah Emerson concluded by saying she would be happy to have any of the on her PGCE course. She would ask the Dean at Worcester University to guarantee any of them an interview, should they wish to use their accreditation, either post A level or post degree.



Year 11

11S1 completed an excellent scavenger hunt as part of their revision. Particular mention to **Willow Brookes**, **Rebecca Ross** and **Eva Palmer** for their floral, pocket-sized work. And to **Jonny Rogers**, **Jack Millwood**, **Joe Fisher**, **Summer Shipway** and **Katie Bowman** for their determination to fit outsized objects onto one sheet of A4.



Well done to 11R3 for maintaining a clear focus in the final English lessons, despite some of these taking place at the end of a day in which they have already taken GCSE exam papers.

The work ethic of all the Child Development students in Years 10 & 11 was impressive as they prepared for their exam earlier last week. There was a strong turnout for the morning revision session on the first day back after half term.

Year 10



The Year 10 Drama class went on a delightful trip to see *The Gruffalo* at Worcester Swan Theatre. This helped their understanding of the genre of children's theatre.

Ellie Harris has been working hard in Philosophy and Religion and has demonstrated excellent recall of key terms from across the topic.



Ella Blakemore and **Cassie Smith** are commended for their hard work at Hair & Beauty.

Sidra Watfa has been awarded a commendation point for being so helpful in class and always handing out books and equipment without being prompted.

10R5 have done excellent construction work this week in maths.

Alice McElroy received a commendation point for her contribution in RS.

Madelyn Howl has shown a mature attitude to her Biology revision lessons.

Year 9

In Maths **9LD** have been making excellent preparations on Number and Algebra revision. Special mention to **Tom Lewis** and **Amy Meredith** who were the first pair to complete the Maths Ratio Relay.

9RC have also been participating in revision lessons, with special mention to **Violet Adams** and **Tom Smith** for their competitive spirit, **Dan Rogers** and **George Norton** for their speed and cooperation on some of the more challenging questions.

9RW have put in a lot of effort this week in their Algebra revision lessons, preparing themselves well for their upcoming assessment.

There was some excellent work last week by our Year 9 food students, when they each made a French Apple Flan independently, focusing on accuracy and precision during the preparation process. There were some excellent results; well done to all students in 9A1, 9A2, 9B and 9C food groups. (photos – **Millie Ashford** and **Maddison Whiten-Lake**)



Year 8



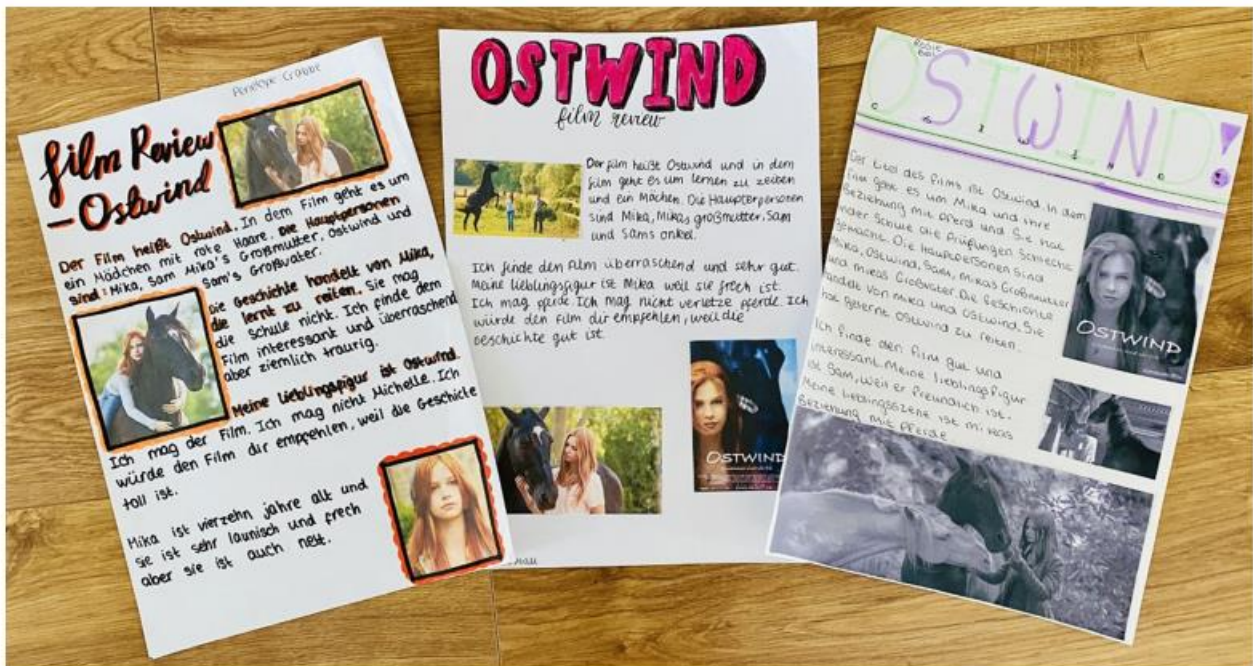
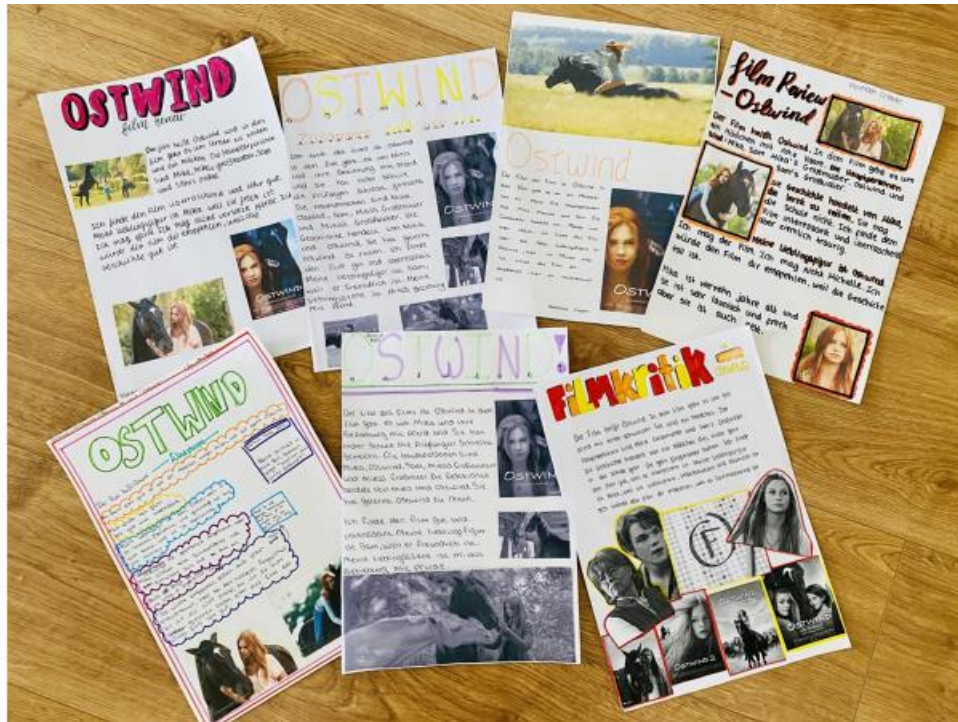
Mrs Giles is very pleased with how **Kailah Katjivive** has settled into 8SJG. She is a cheerful and friendly addition to the group, and various members of staff have commented on how well she is settling in.

Harry Cairns-Smith, Emily Colley, Ethan Evans, Olivia Knight, Haydn Wem, and Armands Zvaigzne contributed to insightful discussion about the Moral Argument in Philosophy and Religion this week.

Finlay Williams has made an outstanding contribution to his English lessons this week and produced some extended writing of notable quality. His has been really pleasing performance in terms of both effort and achievement.

Having done a film study of 'Ostwind' in German lessons, students from 8LD, 8LC, 8RR and 8RC have produced beautiful and very professional film review posters, outlining the story, describing the characters and explaining their opinions. Although the students could choose to write these critiques in German or English, the majority chose to write in German and put in a huge amount of care and effort.





Maths News

Results are in for the **UKMT Junior Maths Challenge**. Warm congratulations to all of our students from 8RR, 8RD, 8LR and 8LD who took part. Some did exceptionally well and received Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. Well done to the following:

Gold Awards: **Drew Hankins**, **Luke Daniels**, **James Lewis**, **Charlotte Tromans**, **Oscar Sach**, **Bailey Stephens-Luce**, **Armands Zvaigne**



Silver Awards: Daniel Evans, Florence Bird, Bartosz Owczarz, Bethany Childs, Matthew Howard, Haydn Wem, Oscar Peckover, Stephanie Lloyd-Rogers, Daniella Haynes, Max Kirkham, Nathan Welch, Amelia Lloyd-Rogers

Bronze Awards: Penelope Crabbe, Viya Patel, Charlotte Jennings, Lizzie Marshall, Isabelle Cooper, Olivia Fleming, Bethan James, Sophie Jones, Millie Lang, Lily Smith, George Clarke, Oscar Putt, Addison Rowe, Isaac Rudkin, Amelia Scattergood, Dylan Rees, Thomas Savage, Erin Baker, Sophie Edwards, Eva Guest, James Rochelle, Harry Smart, Zac Thomas, Annabelle Burton, Ted Kirton, Rameen Menaal, Oliver Sinfield, Edward Beavan, Emily Colley, Ethan Evans, Fin Garlick, Leticija Grunte, Olivia Knight, Bella Myatt, Hayden Baxter, Sophie Holland, Amelie-Grace Hughes, Joshua Price, Ruby Pugh.

Following on from their success in the Junior Maths Challenge, two of our Gold Award winners were invited to take part in the Junior Kangaroo competitions. Congratulations to Drew Hankins and Luke Daniels.

8LR Geography are commended for their progress relating to map work and cross sections of maps.

8RW had an excellent Probability lesson with lots of interaction; a special mention to Taylor Waldron, Joe Munday and Lewis Hunt for their competitive spirit on 'splatting' the probability scale. Also, good understanding was shown by Lily Williams, Taylor Waldron, Jack O'Donnell and Lewis Hunt in solving equations with brackets.

8RA have continued their excellent work in maths, with some fine work on probability.

8LD are doing really well in their probability lessons, tackling some really tricky work with resilience and positivity.

Niall Matthews, Fin Garlick, Drew Hankins, Oscar Putt in 8R Rhino are commended for their verbal contributions and inquisitive questions in PSHE.