



Newsletter

8th October



Congratulations to **Jordan Kiely** and **Jayden Dorans** who are now Arkwright Engineering Scholars.

An Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is the most prestigious award of its type in the UK. The scholarships aim to inspire and nurture school-age students who have the potential to become the country's future leaders of the Engineering profession. They are awarded to 16 year old students after a rigorous national selection process. Each scholar is then paired with a sponsor from the industry who will support them through their two years of A level study. We would also like to recognise the

achievements of **Liam Smith**, **Frankie Walker**, **Lymara Lines**, **Olivia Gregory** and **Logan Callow** who took part in the programme.



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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 13th October
6.30pm → 8.30pm

Presentation by the
Head of Sixth Form at
7.15pm





An Exciting opportunity for Year 9 and Year 10 students

The DofE Award scheme is one of the world's largest youth participation award schemes and is a great way to develop confidence, learn new skills and get out on adventures.

Applications for a place on the DofE Bronze Award (Year 9) and DofE Silver Award (Year 10) are now open. Students will find out more information in a presentation in tutor time. They can collect application form from the DofE Bronze Coordinator (Mr Shepherd for Year 9) or the DofE Silver Coordinator (Mrs Haddon-Childs for Year 10).

A completed application form and enrolment form should be returned to the coordinator named above by 9am on Monday 17th October 2022.

If you have any questions about the DofE programme please get in touch by email:

DofE@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk



Swimming Stars

On Friday 30th September, twelve DSHS swimmers went to Bromsgrove School to compete in the regional round of the ESSA Secondary Schools Team Championships. All swimmers showed determination and commitment to both freestyle and individual medley relays and should feel proud of their achievements. Well done to **Ava Marshall**, **Sadie Rushton**, **Isobel Stringer**, **Lola Bolton-Warner**, **Oliver Smith** (Yr8), **Emily Colley**, **Sophie Jones**, **Charlotte Tromans**, **Millie Lang**, **Toby Baker**, **James Lewis**, **Drew Hankins** (Yr9).



Sixth Form

The Year 13 French students are practising for their speaking exams and Miss Bowerman was very impressed by the progress that they have made, with fluent answers and well-developed opinions.

In History **Harry Jeys** submitted an exemplary essay on Italian Economics. Strong assignments have also been written by **Daria Romanczuk** and **Freya Richardson** on the fascist education system in Italy.

In Politics **Jack Daniels and Matthew Hemmings-Ross** have written promising essays on the demographics of representation in the 117th US Congress.

12D English have made a very promising start with their A-Level English Literature course.

Sofie Berry-Morris, Amelia Freeman, Kimberley Hussey, Holly Jackson and Ruva Nyamande have impressed with their first written responses to poetry by Carol Ann Duffy and Philip Larkin.

Year 11



Congratulations to the Year 11 Fitness Group who have just completed their first AQA Unit Award of the term designing sports logos and looking at the History of Association Football. **Jimmi Hughes, Jamie Lea Tasker, Liam Pardoe and Bradley Keay** have made a good start to the year, all very much engaged and keen to learn.



The U16 Girls football squad played with great determination and resilience against Blessed Edward Oldcorne School on the 4th October. Within the first half, our Droitwich Goalkeeper, Amelia Chahal, showed outstanding expertise to save several attempts on target from the opposition. The score was 1-0 against us at half time and despite our best efforts, Blesseds managed to score a second goal soon into the second half. However, the Droitwich girl's spirits remained high, and they continued to fight to the end. With 5 minutes to go, a goal scored from a free kick by Gia Bayliss made the final score 2-1.

Well done to the team; **Hannah Jordan, Amelia Chahal, Anna Garbett-Sweet, Lexi Smith (Yr10), Gia Bayliss, Sophia Birtles, Hattie Bird, Grace Oakley, Olivia Hughes, Izzie Sprague (Yr11).**

Work Experience at Mazak Europe



Last week six of our Year 11 Engineering students have been on a work experience week at Mazak Europe in Worcester.

James Blake, Chloe Alden, Annabel Brannan, Billy Deacon, Sophie Gomersall and Flynn Hatfield-Evans finished the week with a first class presentation in front of their parents, Mr Millicheap, Mazak staff and Mazak's European Managing Director, Richard Smith. Their efforts also earned them the Industrial Cadets Silver Award.

Their time at Mazak provided the students with a real insight into engineering career opportunities and will help them make decisions about their future.

Their contributions were a real credit to DSHS. Mazak's Training Manager, Max Jones, admired the way they applied their skills and knowledge to the challenges they were given. This has given further strength to the links between our D&T department and Mazak.





Well done to **Connie Hall** who is in top place on the 'An Inspector Calls' revision quizzes in 11R/RDW.

11LNH Maths completed a tricky unit this week, converting recurring decimals to fractions. They have shown excellent perseverance and attitude to learning so far this year.

Mason Keay, Catherine Sandell, Izzy Sprague, Summer Goodwin, Andy Potts, Noah Whitteron and Maddison Jennings have demonstrated an admirable attitude this week in History, especially in their work on comparing medieval and renaissance hospitals.

Dillon Richardson has shown great determination in maths, improving his algebraic skills.

Ellie Walton and **Alice Ralphs** are working consistently hard in their Science lessons.

11 L Nitrogen made a great effort with their most recent end of topic Biology assessment.

Congratulations to Team ALKANES: **Sophia Birtles, Tom Booth, Ellie Harris, Denis Negrut Codrea, William Rushton and Zoe Winsper** for impressive team work and knowledge in their organic chemistry revision. Well done to **Lucy Cure** for scoring the highest number of correct answers in the individual hydrocarbons quiz.

Well done to **Alice Hughes, Alice Ralphs** and **Ellie Walton** who have made excellent progress in their recent magnetism and electromagnetism assessment.

Joel Park, Mark Hewlett, Connie Hall, Louise Hall, Immie Evans, Ellie Walton and Katie Stroud produced excellent exam style responses for English Literature.

Charlie Harris has made a good start to his year 11 GCSE work in Religious Studies.

James Blake is displaying unfaltering effort and commitment to his Engineering GCSE Non Examined Assessment.

Codi-J Brett has been thoughtful and generous in offering used equipment to the D & T department for the benefit of the school and students



In Hair & Beauty **Cassie Smith, Jodie Homer, Kaitlyn Farnham, Leona Calder, Mia Lloyd Ella Blakemore** and **Rhyanna Fallon** successfully completed their hand care practical assessment, all achieving a Merit. **Mia Lloyd** completed her blow dry and style assessment



Well done to **Lewis Clarke**, **Maggie Collins**, **Charlie Crutchley**, **Grace Gittus**, **Gracie Gould**, **Joshua Halkett**, **Sophie Marley**, **Nia Christoforou**, **Zuzanna Dubiel**, **Corey Fincher**, **Jack Mason**, **Erin Moss**, **Hayden Pimley**, **Chris Brown**, **Ethan Higley**, **Zoe Kirkham**, **Grace Oakley** and **Connie Hall** and **Molly Still** for demonstrating pleasing progress in their recent organic chemistry assessment.

An Inspector Calls

Eddie Chorley, Bee Barber, Grace Rusby, Catherine Sandell, Hayden Pimley, Louise Hall, Amelia Freeman, Hollie Pheasant, Harry Clarke, Corey Fincher, Lily Hirschfield, Oliwia Werdyn, Jack Mason, Bruno Osman-Hopes, George Wharton, Ethan Higley, Anna Garbett-Sweet, Alive Ralphs, Daisy Evans, Bailie-Mae Bull, Sky Styles, Owen Fletcher, Paige Shaw, Addison Rowe, William Rushton, Eva Wylie, Louie Harris, Mary-Jane Peace, Erin Baker, Isabella Ross, Sophie Holland, Chloe Buckler, Alice Rooney-Powell and Rochelle Harris attended a memorable production of An Inspector Calls to deepen their study of the play in English or Drama. They all enjoyed the performance and their behaviour and attitude were exemplary.



Year 10

We are impressed to hear that over the summer **Amy Meredith** and **Paige Shaw** volunteered at the library in Droitwich, helping younger children with the summer reading challenge.

Arlyia Hussey has gained a commendation point for her extensive work and impressive critical thinking in maths.

10R/RDW have settled into new routines well. **Lewis Hartwell**, **Lilia Hicks**, **Callum Lewitzkyi**, **Alex Rogers**, **Emily Snookes** and **Olivia Traynor** have impressed with their classwork and contributions to lessons.

Conor Long, **Harvey Skimming**, **Dylan Hadfield** have shown excellent attitude, behaviour & contributions in Chemistry lessons when learning about salts.

Year 10 Creative Craft are progressing very well in their making skills



Year 10 Engineers continue to display very good engagement and attitude, most recently when learning about engineering metal.

The Y10 drama group had an excellent lesson producing chair duets for their physical theatre module. Bee Barber and Julia Gryzio in particular produced some impressive and innovative work.

Addisson Rowe has had a consistent outstanding attitude to learning in his Dance lessons, and has executed this week's street dance routine to an exceptional standard.

Chelsea-Leigh Douglas-Neate, Chloe Randle, Evie Livett, Faith Hawkins-Harding, Millie Ashford, Sophie Cound have been working well on their Hair and Beauty course. Well done to Chelsea-Leigh for her shampoo, conditioning and blow dry practical, and Evie for her braiding and hair curling work.



In History Holly Dufty, Lilia Hicks, Leah Harrison, Tom King, Joshua-James Evans, Devon Stephens, Bee Barber and Jacob Daniels completed some very good work on the events of the Munich Putsch in 1923.

10LNH Maths have been working on inequalities, volume and surface area finishing with a relay on Friday where everyone made really impressive progress. Special mention to Connor Long for getting the furthest through the relay and to Harvey Skimming who really pushed himself to complete some challenging surface area questions.



The year 10 Engineering classes are progressing very well with their accuracy when working to a tolerance.

In Engineering Jack Hastie is working with an excellent attitude and dedication to the subject. He is also putting in many extra hours of study in his own time.

Russell Levestam, Alfie Blood, and Callum Lewitzkyi worked well and contributed effectively to class discussion in Philosophy and Religion.

Callum Child, Summer White, Archie Chesson-Willetts, Lillie Farrell, Rachel Mandic, Alex Richards-Morgan and Abbie Woodland have all really impressed this week in Maths with their hard work and determination in Geometry.

In RS Julia Gryzio has given first class answers to some tough philosophical questions. She has started her GCSE course exceptionally well.

Year 9

Bethan Evans is commended for her motivation in DT; she is already looking at Computer Aided Design.

Phoebe Brindley-Jones and Rose Lewis have been excellent contributors to maths lessons this half term and have completed impressive work.

In RS Grace Dean has produced some excellent work and Philosophical thinking.

9C German S2 are learning how to speak about a past holiday. The following students have been producing excellent answers in lessons: Alice Rooney-Powell, Izzy Riley, Sam Linton, Callum Limage, Harleen Kaur-Watts, Lewis Hunt, Oli Gurney-Terry, Brandon Gadsby-Cooper, Jack Duncalf, Ruby Bywater, Henry Catlow and Lucas Brett.

Romeo Midani continues to display an excellent attitude in his study of the British Empire. He is constantly offering contributions and is really trying his best with his work.

Finley Griffiths, Kristal Kennedy, Kian Carter, Phoebe Brindley-Jones, Thomas Clay, Claire Brownlee, Kacey Walford and Daisy Morgan engaged well with their work on The Indian Mutiny of 1857. Their contributions and written work reflect their positive attitude to learning.

Daniel Evans, Bailey Stephens-Luce and Mary-Jane Peace should be very proud of their work in maths, coming in the top 3 for our standard form relay race.

9 Heron have performed very strongly this week, tackling the tricky new content of standard form in a positive spirit and making clear progress.

Bethan Evans demonstrated excellent recall of prior knowledge and a very good attitude to learning in Philosophy and Religion this week.

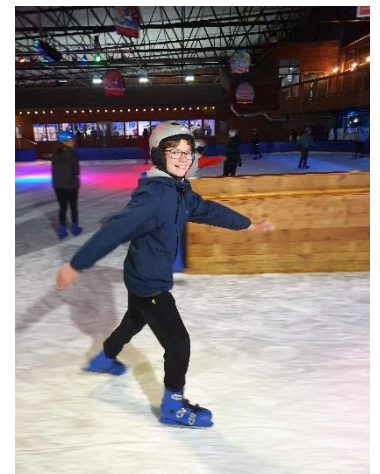
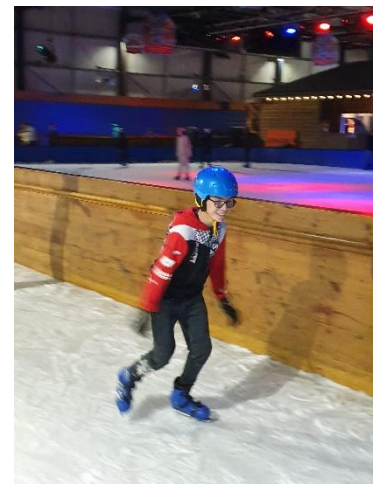
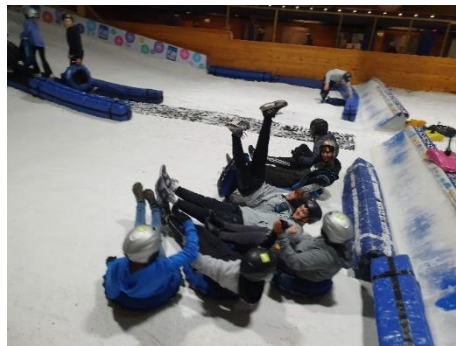


Harry Cairns-Smith, Bailey Stephens-Luce, James Lewis, and Noah Hamilton produced an informative and entertaining video news clip of the life of Ned Kelly for their History homework.

9 Toucan have all completed pleasing work on index laws, tackling some very tricky questions with determination.

In 9R Heron, Skye Baylis, Kaprice Brogan, Marishka Kibilski, Elle-Jane Ross-Blythe, Alfie Smith, Danni Treadwell and Eva Wylie have worked hard and made important contributions in class.

Visit to the Snow Dome



Year 8

The students below have the highest number of praise points in their House

In Bulman: Charlie Garlick, Christopher Dashey, Alexis Steele, Charlotte Chance.

In D'Oliveira: Jamie Kearn, Melody Brown, Mia Halkett, Ava Marshall.

In Parks: Devon Austin, Louie Moseley, Alexander Hopkins-Budd, Jessie Crawford.

In Rowling: Kaidan Hunter, Agatha Rusby, Balint Karizs, Kamilia Chok.

In Winslow: Zoey Strong, Henry Ferguson, Becca Ferrey, Oliver Doe.

In History **Finnley Pritchard**, **Penelope Ginns**, **Matthew Allen**, **Alyss Grant**, **Becca Ferrey**, **Samuel Wheeler**, **Leon Williams**, **Finley Laing** and **Tess Boulton** have produced impressive work, showing their knowledge and understanding of The Reformation.

Fred Leah earned a well-deserved commendation point for his consistently helpful attitude and kindness to others,

Visit from the Droitwich Library



On Thursday 29th September staff from Droitwich Library visited the school to speak to some members of Year 8 about the services the library offers and introduce them to new books. The students responded with enthusiasm and many discovered new and exciting authors. The library staff said that they enjoyed getting back into school to meet with the students and were keen to repeat the visit with different classes later in the year.



Balint Karizs (RO8AED) has shown genuine kindness and support to other students in his tutor group, being a very fine upstander and form vice-captain.



In English 8L Tiger have had a good week completing their baseline tests very sensibly and then showing great enthusiasm during our book speed dating activity ran by Droitwich Library

Matthew Allen's work in History has been of a consistently high standard. He always offers thoughtful contributions and produces very good written work.

8L English Snow Leopard have made a promising start to the year. Their enthusiasm showed in some very imaginative writing in their first assessment.

8R Budapest German and French are working very well in their language lessons, giving good answers and showing a real enthusiasm for both languages.

8R Dublin have made an encouraging start to their German lessons. They work very well, both as a class and independently and are posing some very interesting language questions.

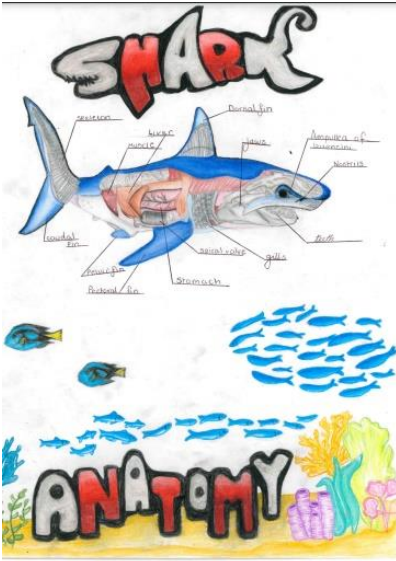
Charley Quill, Alexis Brown, Oliver Carr, Flyn Preece, Connor Lloyd, Callum Moss and all of Do8KLM contributed with enthusiasm and a great team spirit to this week's House Competitions.

In German, 8L Paris are now able to have a conversation about themselves and where they live as well as being able to say what they bring to school in their bags. They are keen to practise new vocabulary and have a positive attitude to learning a new language. This week, Kaleb Brett, Beau Carr, Daisy Daniels, Sophie Emms, Ryan Gibbons, Finley Laing, Freya Merrick, Luca Rolfe and Domanic Worrall have been particularly enthusiastic in lessons.

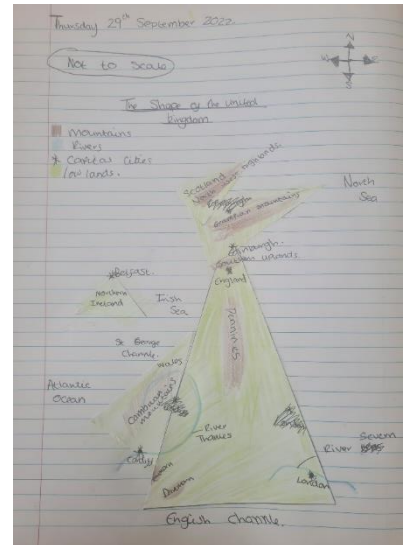
8LOslo have really impressed with some precise and carefully articulated calculation questions in Maths.

8SB have made a strong start to the year. During Tutor periods they are supportive and encouraging with each other, listening carefully during discussions and contributing well to the House Competitions. This week, Molly Putt has made a Dr Bulman outfit and house (complete with a pet) for the matchbox competition, helped by Sophie Emms.





Ellie Parmley made this poster for a competition called 'Nancy Rothwell Award' last year and the Science department are very impressed with her creativity and scientific labelling.



8L Orangutans created a map of the UK using triangles. We have been working on improving locational knowledge of our own country.

A nice piece of work by **Leah Blair**.

In **Wo8GMJ Emily Watkins** has been a great help in tutor time, leading the class in the MFL house competitions and gathering many praise points. **Brooke Dudley** has also been extremely helpful, taking a lead role in the match box challenge. Brooke has also displayed her artistic skills and written a lovely poem for the competition.

Grace Holt and **Hamza Wafta** worked very hard during their English baseline reading assessment.

Holly Bourne has grown in confidence when analysing an unseen poem.

8L Panda have made an excellent start in their English lessons. Special mention goes to **Oliver Clarke**, **Jamie Kearne**, **Archie Townsend**, **Hamza Wafta** and **Richard Weston** who have impressed with their responses in English this week.

Well done to the students in Mrs Littley's Yr8 Food groups this week who did their first high school practical lesson, making fruit smoothies (**8RHB**, **8AJH**, **8KLM**, **8FLH** and **8JJH**). Thank you to parents and carers for supporting these lessons with the necessary ingredients. Students in year 8 have practical lessons every other week; the next recipe is coleslaw.

In German **8R Budapest** did some great work on transactional language in a market setting. They all worked really hard on their pronunciation when practising reading a role-play out loud to each other. Some students also volunteered to read dialogues out loud to the class: **Connor Lloyd**, **Scarlett Swevels**, **Zuzia Szczygiel**, **Eva Townsend**

Year 8 have been out and about on the school site practising fieldwork skills in Geography.



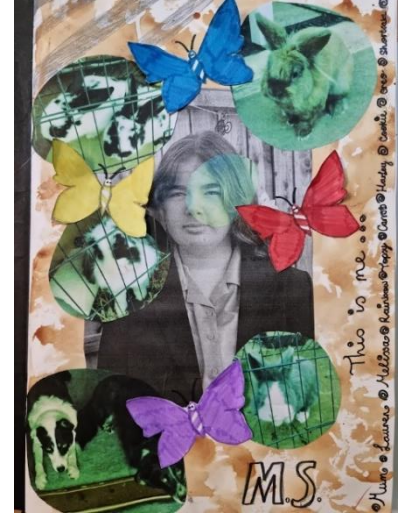
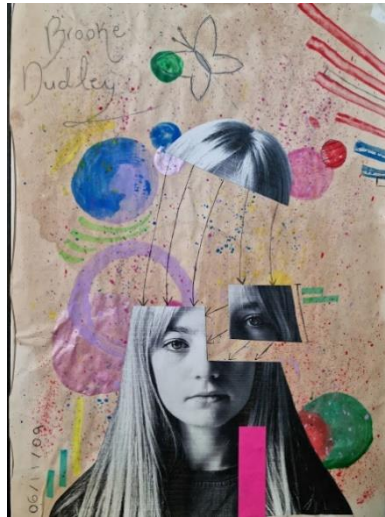


Year 8 Art

Mrs Wood congratulates **Wo8GMJ**, **Bo8JDP** and **Do8JJH** for their impressive efforts in creating their 'This is me' portraits inspired by Louie Jover. They have also shown some fine skills in drawing spheres.

A special mention to
Emily Watkins,
Brooke Dudley,
Jogiya Sivaharan and
Melissa Stansbie
in **Wo8GMJ**.

A special mention to
Riley McCullough,
Elliot Creed,
Isla Brown and
Georgina McKeown
in **Bo8JDP**





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[NHS App and your NHS account - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Tips and guidance - Supporting your child:
[Children's mental health - Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Suicide prevention training:
[Free online training from Zero Suicide Alliance](#)



WYCHAVON

Residents' survey

The annual Wychavon Residents' Survey runs until 23 October and gives people across the district an opportunity to say what they think of their local area and services.

This year, the survey includes questions on how the cost-of-living crisis is impacting residents.

Feedback will be used for purposes of consultation and research in order to improve services and the results will be published anonymously on the council website.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete but progress can be saved so it can be completed in stages.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WRS2022/>