



Newsletter

20th January 2019

Special Commendations

Last week Special Commendations were awarded to:

Sam Wheeler for being extremely kind in tutor time.

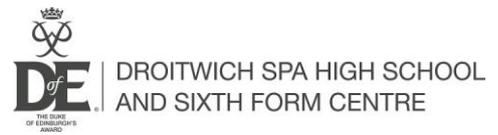
Megan Golding for raising £27.66 by organising a cake sale to support the Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust.

Alice Riley for her excellent effort and dedication to her EPQ study.

Ross Bradley and Roman Filkin for attending Russian club for 3 years and 1 term and achieving their Certificate in Basic Russian.

Nathan Law for his computer aided design work. He is designing an automatic shuttlecock launcher for his NEA and he has produced some of the best CAD work ever produced at DSHS.

Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award News



DROITWICH SPA HIGH SCHOOL
AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Year 9

The Year 9 DofE Bronze students have begun their activities and are making good progress towards completing their Award. At the moment they are taking part in expedition skills training which will help them to be successful on their expedition this summer. There is a reminder that they need to log regular evidence for their weekly activities and upload this to their eDofE account.

For any DofE Bronze queries, please contact Mr Shepherd (ShepherdTF@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk).

Year 10

The Year 10 students who have completed work for their DofE Bronze Awards over the last academic year will be delighted to know that this has nearly all been verified. Results will be issued to students shortly.

The Year 10 DofE Silver students have had an exciting range of activities approved and are now working toward their longer award. In sessions at school they are also completing their expedition skills training. There is a reminder that they need to log regular evidence for their weekly activities and upload this to their eDofE account.

For any DofE Silver enquiries, please contact Miss Haddon (HaddonLA@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk).



Year 11

The DofE Silver students in Year 11 have begun to finish work for their DofE Silver Awards which are being submitted for verification. A reminder to those who haven't yet finished, regular evidence needs to be uploaded for each of the weekly activities. An assessor report is then needed; this can be done on paper or online at www.edofe.org/assessor. The report should have the start and end dates for the activity, the student's aim, a comment from the assessor and their contact details.

Sixth Form

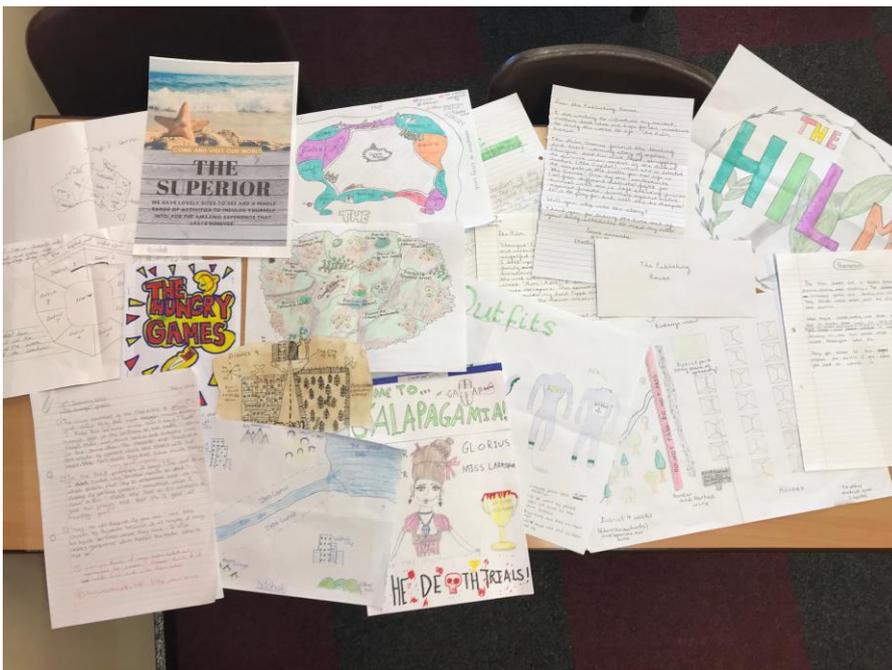
Congratulations to **Alex Bennett** (13MCT) who has completed her Skill, Volunteering, Physical and Residential activities and will gain her DofE Gold Award in the summer on completion of her qualifying expedition.

In Year 13, students have begun to prepare for their qualifying expedition by carefully planning their routes for their challenging four day expedition in the Lake District. It will probably take in the summits of some of the most famous mountains in the area (Helvellyn and Blencathra) and should be a great adventure for all of the students.

In Year 12, students have begun to plan their expedition projects and are beginning to look at route planning for their practice expedition to the Lake District in the summer. Their weekly activities for the Physical, Skill and Volunteering sections are taking place and students are logging regular evidence of their efforts in and around our community.

For any Sixth Form DofE Gold or any general DofE enquiries, please contact Mr Tibbits (dofe@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk)

Other Student Successes



In English students in 8LD have done some excellent work on a project inspired by The Hunger Games. They worked very well in small groups, and completed two pieces of homework in order to be ready to present their own dystopian fiction ideas to the class today. The winning team - **Hattie Bird**, **Meg Harris-Chance**, **Indiya Hancox**, and **Lucy Davis** - was awarded a box of Celebrations as the grand prize.



10B Drama all performed their practical pieces this week. They performed exam work, on camera, in front of an audience, and did an excellent job. Their work was interesting and varied and I look forward to sharing their grades with them next week.

In Chemistry **10L3 and 10R3** have completed some complicated work on pH this week. There were several students who successfully made a pH rainbow using a series of chemical reactions. They should be proud of their resilience!

Kiren Punnamootil Mathukutty for his politeness and setting an excellent example to his peers.

I would like to congratulate **9REnA** on their excellent work on 'Of Mice and Men'. They have all worked really hard on their essays on the theme of loneliness. **Molly-Anne Webb's** work should be particularly commended; she has produced high-quality, GCSE level analysis and should be very proud of herself.

Mrs Derwent was very impressed with the quality of work produced by her Year 10 food group last week in their first recipe trial. Students all worked purposefully and independently, demonstrating great promise for next year.

Mrs Derwent has been pleased with the homework submissions of her year 8 students. Special mention to **Alice Ralphs, Grace Rusby, Annabelle Dashey, Daniel Buckell, Chloe Crowther, Grace Gittus, Daisy Powell, Ellie Hyde and Ellie Harris**

Summer Shipway spoke very well in front of our tutor group, explaining why we were about to watch a video of her 4 year old cousin who was on This Morning yesterday for overcoming severe medical issues.

Year 13 have submitted some very high quality UCAS applications over the past few months, and have been rewarded with some attractive offers from their chosen universities. We are delighted that **Katie Bowen**, our Head Girl, has been offered a place to study English at Oxford University.

In Design and technology **8 DT Blue** were really good at helping each other and demonstrating good practice to each other.

Year 12 Theatre Studies have been giving up their time to help in the drama department and Miss Lapsley and Miss Jones are really impressed by their dedication and efforts.

9A/9B/9C French classes consistently demonstrate a really positive attitude and learning.

Mrs Littley has been highly impressed by the following year 8 groups making their scones this week. Well done to: **8R/Grey, 8R/Red, 8L/Red, 8L/Teal, 8R/Teal and 8R/Purple.**

There was a fine effort by 9A, 9C and 9D for their cheese making with Mrs Littley this week. Special mentions go to **Callum Hey, Jordan Kiely, Leon Hancock and Olivia Nicholas** who may have a future career in cheese making ahead of them.

All year 11 food students have been cooking up a storm this week in M4, making all different dishes for their non-examination assessment. **Lydia Bradley, Alex Eaton, Martha Frapwell** in 11B did very well as did **Charli Head, Owen Fallon, Leah Core, Leila Whitehouse** in 11C.

Year 11 GCSE Engineering

Students in this group have produced excellent CAD work are **Chloe Doody, Chris Efstathiades, Alex Marszalek, Luke Payne, Kirsten Porte, Ben Wood, Harry Fletcher** and **Thea Duncan**

2020 Arkwright Engineering Scholarship Update

Since May 2019 a group of Year 11 students have met once a fortnight to prepare their applications for the Arkwright Scholarship. The Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is a prestigious engineering award given to the best Year 11 engineering students within the United Kingdom. It has been running since 1991 and is seen to be the most distinguished engineering education award in the UK. DSHS became an Arkwright school in 2015 and has had six scholarships so far. This year's candidates are **Chloe Doody (D), Nathan Law (D), Tom Starks (D), Joe Beck (W), Jareth Weir (W) and Ben James (R)**. They have all now submitted excellent applications that include personal statements and an engineering project. The next stage is the aptitude exam at the start of February. If they get through that they will then go on to the final interview with the Arkwright panel.

Mr Millicheep congratulates all six for the quality of their applications and their dedication over the past few months. We all wish them the best of luck in their exam.

School Choir to perform with the King's Singers

On Tuesday 27th January **Daniel Chorley, Tamsin Baker, Rochelle Harris, Charlotte Kay, Billy Deacon, Ayane Misawa, Lottie Plant, Hazel Ward, Charlotte McCammon, Cliona-Catrianna O'Brien-Hodges, Sophie Howard, Sophie Gomersall, Megan Golding, Kyle Hartwell, Amelia Freeman, Liam Knight, Rachel Cheah, Hope Rose, Joe Harrison, Liam Knight, Faye Davies, Toby Barker and Kanon**

Misawa will be singing with the world famous King's Singers at Malvern Festival Theatres. This is in association with the Armonico Consort and Severn Arts. Tickets for the event are available from Malvern Festival Theatres (information on the flier attached). The link below is footage of the King's Singers performing one of the items that members of our choir will also be singing.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVDt3x9jdOk>