



Newsletter

27th January 2020

CyberFirst Girls Competition 2020. (Computer Science)

Between 13th and 21st January, members of year 8 took part in the CyberFirst Girls Competition run by the National Cyber Security Centre, part of GCHQ.

We had two teams of four girls who worked solidly throughout the week at break-time, lunchtime and after school, answering questions and solving puzzles relating to Cyber security, Logic and Coding, Networking and Cryptography. The results of the competition will follow, but it was great to see how well they worked in their teams and how supportive they were of one another.



We are hoping that they will be inspired to think about the exciting opportunities available in careers in Computer Science. Perhaps they will be our cyber security specialists of the future. Well done to all the girls who took part: **Ellie Harris, Mya Slavin, Sophia Birtles, Grace Rusby, Emily Dutton, Chloe Hodgson, Erin Brodrick and Bea Rusby.**

Swimming News



Droitwich Spa High School swimmers participated in the Bromsgrove School U15 relays, held at Perdiswell Leisure Centre on Friday 24th January. This is a prestigious event, with twenty schools entering from as far afield as Warwick, Nottingham, Birmingham and Hereford. Both teams swam in the 4x50m freestyle and the 4x50m individual medley relays. Against fierce competition we were delighted to make

the finals for both of the boys events and for the girls freestyle relay. Well done to: **Will Hughes, James Rushton, Ross Clark, Nathan Redfern, Jasmine Kilmartin, Immie Evans, Sophie Peart and Izzie Lewis.**

The Boy in the Dress

On 23rd January, Miss Lapsley and Miss Jones took 31 students from years 10-13 to see the acclaimed 'Boy in a Dress' at The RSC. They all really enjoyed this highly entertaining show.



Special Commendations

This week Special commendations go to:

Ben Wilkes for being kind and helpful.

Justin Owens for his regular attendance and work in study club after school 3.20-4.00.

Hattie Grainger for consistent effort, progress and outstanding achievement in Art Textiles.

Lottie Plant for her genuine enjoyment of the book Jekyll and Hyde. Her commitment and delight in this text has been lovely to see.

Ben Andrews for his increased confidence and contribution to class discussions where he has been making many valid points.

Isobel Sprague for her excellent work in Computer Science this week.



Aliah Chahal for producing outstanding work in the recent English assessments. It has been a pleasure to read essays of such quality.

Cameron Winnall for sustained effort to improve his English achievement.

Joe Beck for his consistently excellent attitude to his work and his resilience in tackling the top grade Maths exam questions.

Cameron Smith for his excellent approach toward his PPEs.

Iestyn Owen for showing consistent kindness and empathy towards other students.

Other Students Successes

Well done to Year 11 Food students who have completed more recipe trials this week. It was pleasing to see so much enthusiastic, organised and imaginative work, in particular from **Jack Blackmore, Caitlin Denby, Sam Hurdman, Amelia Knowles, Ty Lovett, Owen Fallon, Charlie Hunter and Ellie Checketts**.

Miss Haddon's Year 9 Dance class have created and performed each theme of Dance covered with the upmost professionalism. They are commended for their focus and effort: **Lydia Amphlett, Ruby Avery, Ellie Bamford, Heather Beard, Abi Davis, Lily – May Degenkolb, Bethany Evans, Emily Evesham, Lottie Howl, Molly Ince, Erin Jackson, Auguste, Juseviciute, Grace Kasch, Jessica Millington, Abbie Morris, Lucy Oliver, Lakeisha Perry, Charlie Rowe, Ruth Shaw, Verity Thomas and Skye – Marie West**.

The Y12 and Y13 Biologists are commended for their excellent Checkpoint and PPE results this half term. These are the reward for the impressive efforts they are putting in to their studies.

Students in **8RW** demonstrated excellent attitudes to learning in their Computer Science lesson this week when they were learning about how the various components in a computer system affect the speed of the computer. They demonstrated excellent listening skills and worked with great focus on their written classwork.

8LD continue to be a delightful class in their RS lessons: well-motivated, engaged, thoughtful and responsive.

Year 8 Geography Visit to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham

The Geography Department has planned a visit for Year 8 to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham in July. The visit will be an opportunity for the students to learn in more depth about the tropical rainforest biome that we will be studying as part of our topic on Brazil.

A letter is available from your child's Geography teacher and more details are provided on Parent Pay.