



Newsletter

3rd February 2020



Both Year 9 Robotics teams won awards at the West Midlands regional final in Coventry on Friday.

Logan Callow, Harry Albutt, Joseph Glackin, Matt Hatfield won the Overall Robot Challenge and have so qualified for the National Finals.

Aliah Chahal, Frankie Clarke, Katie Bowman, Mia Gardner-Smith won the Design Award, which recognises the quality of their innovation, engineering choices and designs.

Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award News



Congratulations to the Year 10 students who have achieved their Bronze DofE Award. Collectively the students took on the challenge of 105 expedition days and nearly 1000 hours of volunteering in our local community. They also took part in a regular physical activity and developed new and existing skills. Our DofE Assessor and Verifier teams have been impressed with the quality of the evidence recorded. Certificates and badges will be presented to students in an upcoming assembly.

The students are:

Winslow

Hannah Foley, Michal Romanczuk-Fiedorowicz, Thomas Godwin, Phoebe Williams, Zander Marshall, Mary-Ellen Poynton, Henry Jeys and Maisie Thomas Meredith

D'Oliveira

Tamsin Baker, Julia Jackiewicz, Maizie Jordan, Kira Shekells King

Rowling

Ross Clark, Annalise Hughes, Matty Woodings, Adam Such, James Rushton, Harriet Rochelle, Grace Pedley and Oliver Broomfield

Bulman

Tia Summers, Daria Romanczuk-Fiedorowicz, Olivia Hale, Emily Jeffreys, Isabelle Cox and Owen Perkins

Parks

Daniel Summerfield, Harvey Osborne, Isabella Milligan, Jasmine Kilmartin, Charlotte Plant, Katie Allerton, Jersey Maxwell, Ellie Taylor and Daniel Chorley



For any students with aspects of their Bronze DofE Award still to complete, a reminder that evidence and assessor reports need uploading to their eDofE account. For any Bronze Award queries, please contact Mr Shepherd (ShepherdTF@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk).

National Young Writers Creative Writing Competition

In November all of year 8 and 9 were invited to enter the National Young Writers creative writing competition. Hundreds of entries were received and the best were sent off to be entered. I am delighted that the following eight students from our school were selected to be published in *Hunted - The Chase*, which will be out on 20th March 2020.

Ellie Hyde, Indiya Hancox, Eva Palmer, Sidra Watfa, Chloe Hodgson, Phoebe Wheeler-Wooding, Joseph Bradbury and Izzy Rollit

The editor, Megan Roberts, wrote, *"Having your students' work chosen is something to be proud of, it doesn't happen every day! I was impressed with their writing ...it's been a privilege to read and every piece will make a fantastic addition to Hunted - The Chase!"*

Special Commendations

This week commendations go to:

Gretel Osman Hopes for stepping in and helping out at the Year 11 Science intervention evening.

Cyrus Patterson for making great progress in his recent Science lessons.

Amy Hartwell for huge improvement in her result in the English PPE.

Rhiannon Green for impressive progress in Science

William Hansen for his work in Science where he shows an excellent attitude towards learning and a really positive disposition.

Lucy Reuben for her outstanding PPE performance in Geography.

Kyran Waterhouse for excellent progress in Science

Bradley Eversham for his efforts to help members of year 9 in Maths. He has worked hard to motivate them to improve their understanding of algebra.

Kyle Hartwell for outstanding attitude and work during his Forest school lessons.

Other Student Successes

Well done to 9LW in their first English exam of the year. The following students achieved really pleasing results through their revision of the novella 'Of Mice and Men': **Leo Goddard, Lily-May Degenkolb, Molly Kiernan, Beth Evans, Lucy Early, Molly Ince and Bella Allen.**



Rochelle Harris has gone out of her way in being kind and in helping with tie-dye during an Art lesson and into break time.

Year 9 Food

Yr9 food students whipped themselves up into a frenzy making chocolate and orange mousse this week. Of all 3 groups, it was the students in 9A who were most were outstanding. Mrs Littley was hugely impressed by **Stevie Andrews, Tilly Bailey, Heather Beard, Sofie Berry-Morris, Miki Conroy, Callum Cowan-Jones, Bethany Evans, Izzy Gough, Leon Hancock, Amelia Hodgetts, Daisy Jacobs, Jordan Kiely, Grace Marshall, Ellie-May Preston, Amy Pullen, Megan Randle, Madeleine Reed, Charlie Rowe, Emma Sable, Sophie Tandy, Cormac Wathes and Jacob Wilson.**

Success in Design and Technology PPEs

Joe Beck, Oliver McCullough, Ross Bradley, Dan Finlan, Charlotte McCammon, Talia Widdowson, Annie May Young are commended for their excellent PPE Results in Design and Technology.

Ben James, Jack Morris and Maddie Rollit have already achieved their indicative grades and **Jonathan Smith** has exceeded his. **Beth Meakin** increased her score by 28 marks since the summer exams.

Visit to London to see Cyrano de Bergerac



Last week **Ella Bacon, Maya Pillay, Meg Parkin, Faye Davies, Lottie Plant, Rachel Cheah, Dan Chorley, Angel Goodwin, Hope Rose, Harry Jeys, Rhiannon Price, Chloe Wood, Harriet Rochelle, Alex Gurr and Elliott Norton** travelled to London last week to see an excellent performance of Cyrano de Bergerac at the Playhouse Theatre starring James McAvoy. They responded very well to the opportunities of the day.



Choir Performance with the King's Singers

Congratulations to 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, Archie Hartles, Kyle Hartwell, Amelia Freeman, Liam Knight, Rachel Cheah, Hope Rose, Joe Harrison, Liam Knight, Faye Davies, Toby Barker and Kanon Misawa who sang with the world famous King's Singers at Malvern Festival Theatres last week. The performance was very well received by those who were lucky enough to be there.



Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday, 6th February at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 12th February, 7.00pm
- Thursday 13th February, 5pm – 7.30pm
- Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
- Thursday 27th February, 5pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 11th March
- Thursday 12th March, 5pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 1st April
- Friday 3rd April, 3.20 pm

- Options Evening for Year 9
- Rock School Show case
- Year 8 Parents' Evening for students in L Band
(Parents should make appointments on E-Praise)
- Half term
- Year 8 Parents' Evening for students in R Band
(Parents should make appointments on E-Praise)
- Dance Show
- Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Performing Arts Showcase
- End of Spring Term