



Newsletter

24th February 2020

Special Commendations

Most recently these have been awarded to:

Liam Knight for enthusiastically participating in clubs, extra sessions and house challenges. He is also the Tutor Captain and fills this position with genuine interest.

Thomas Godwin for showing genuine interest in English and for improving his work and understanding. He is also kind and considerate to others.

Mia Hardie for performing so well before an audience of students as part of the Rockscool showcase.

Joe Beck for sustained hard work and progress in English.

Liberty Smith for her consistent dedication to choreographing, performing and refining dance phrases. The outcome has been a series of high quality performances.

Izabella Milligan for her determination to succeed in Food Preparation and Nutrition.

Sylvia Scattergood for winning the seed growing competition in Science.

Sapphire Franchi for two outstanding performances in the Y11 Assessed Music Performance and for being resilient and willing to accept change.

Liam Greenfield for helping our guest in the Music Department to set up and move his equipment.

Leona Calder for consistently applying an excellent level of effort to choreographing, performing and refining dance phrases. This has resulted in a series of high quality performances.

Millie Jordan for consistently working hard and maintaining excellent levels of effort in GCSE Dance.

Deven Tibbetts for being extremely resilient and adaptable in the Y11 Assessed Music performances, leading to outstanding pieces.

Joshua Hopkins for improving his PPE grade in Maths between November and January.

Sophie Harper for improving by a whole grade from November to January in Maths.

Charlie Hunter for showing a real determination to succeed in Food and Nutrition.

Millie Shepherd and **Summer Shipway** for their excellent presentation on an aspect of the Home Front in WWII.

Olivia Hale for performing so well before an evening audience as part of the Rock School showcase.

Lily Hirschfield for effort, enthusiasm and achievement in Art.

Kira Shekells-King for her determination to succeed in Food Preparation and Nutrition.

Annie May Young for sustained hard work and progress in English.

Martha Frapwell for consistently working hard in Child Development.

Isabel Carswell for her outstanding PPE performance in History.

Martha Frapwell for her commitment to succeed in Food and Nutrition.

Reuben Sable for effort, enthusiasm and achievement in Art.

Year 13 Theatre Studies

On Tuesday 11th February, Year 13 Theatre Studies students cleared one major hurdle in their course - the practical exam. **Maya Pillay, Beth Masters, Alex Allen and Cliona O'Brien Hodges** all performed impressively in both their scripted, and devised pieces of work. **Ella Bacon** was a creative, diligent and professional set designer.

We were given a political piece of drama, made entirely through verbatim words of politicians past and present, a socio-political piece centred around ADHD and Body Dysmorphia and two pieces of scripted work by the talented playwright Claire Dowie



Sixth Form Interview Practice Day

Congratulations to all those in year 12 and 13 who took part in the interview practice day. Our employers from Nobel Digital Agency, Your Finance Friend, Ormerod Rutter, NMJ HR Consulting, Heart of Worcester College, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) and Worcestershire Apprenticeships were highly impressed not only by the way the students handled a range of difficult questions, as well as their confidence, ability to reflect and their determination to succeed.

Year 11 Food and Nutrition

Year 11 food students have concentrated on garnishing and food styling in preparation for their practical assessment in March. They were challenged to present a digestive biscuit and a tomato in the most interesting way possible. Particular praise goes to **Caitlyn Denby, Courtney Pugh and Lydia Bradley**, whose creativity delighted and surprised us all.





Dance Show

The school dance show is taking place on **Wednesday 11th March at 7pm in the School Theatre**. Please come and join us for an evening of dance that includes performances in a range of different styles from students across the school. Our Y11 GCSE Dance students will also be performing some of their exam work.

Tickets are £3.50 and can be purchased via eventbrite using the following link. Tickets will also be available on the door on the night.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dance-show-2020-tickets-94135857885>

Year 9 Poetry

9LD wrote some excellent poetry based on the Carol Ann Duffy poem 'Valentine'. This one is by **Skye-Marie West**.

Valentine

Not a red rose or a satin heart.

I give you a tree.
It is a story, trapped by ragged edges.
It promises growth
Like a fire in one's self.

Here.
It will blossom, year after year
Like our love.
It will get cut down
And spark another's happiness.

I am being honest as I can.

Not a cute card or a kissogram.

I give you a tree.
Its leaves will fall,
Different and new
As our love,
For it will regrow.

Take it.
Its wobbly loops shrink to a wedding ring,
It tells a story.
New.
Its family is all around you,
They're always watching you.



School Uniform

Please remember that Smart Watches are not permitted to be worn to school.

Coronavirus

The government has issued some guidance for schools which I have attached to the circular e-mail.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 27th February, 5pm – 7.30pm	Year 8 Parents' Evening for students in R Band (Parents should make appointments on E-Praise)
Wednesday 11th March, 7pm	Dance Show
Thursday 12th March, 5pm – 7.30pm	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1st April	Performing Arts Showcase
Friday 3rd April, 3.20 pm	End of Spring Term