



Newsletter

29th March 2020

Droitwich wins £120,000 grant funding for The Cabin Community Hub



Plans for a new community hub in Droitwich called The Cabin have won a grant of £120,000 from Wychavon District Council.

The success follows a joint bid by Droitwich Town Council, Droitwich Means Business and Droitwich Spa High School for a share of the £3 million Wychavon Community Legacy Grant scheme. This leaves just £30,000 to be raised locally to complete the £150,000 needed to build this new community asset.

The Cabin will be a stand-alone, wooden clad building that can be used by whole community. It will host adult education programmes, community and family information meetings, as well as meetings and events staged by social care, special needs groups, the police, the health service and other local organisations. It will be located next to The Centre at the school, which is already helping our students to engage with the wider community.

Matt Nicol, managing director of Nicol & Co Estate Agents in Droitwich and a former student at the high school, speaking on behalf of Droitwich Means Business, said: "We will now work together to raise the final £30,000 needed to start building The Cabin."

Droitwich Means Business is made up of local business owners, local employers and business leaders, led by Matt Nichol with the purpose of putting Droitwich Spa back on the map and building a connected community.

Reports from Activities Before the School Closure

Dance/Photography Project

Over the last couple of weeks a number of students in Years 8-10 have been involved in a dance photography project where we have been working in conjunction with Dancefest and infuseDANCE. The dancers have had three half day sessions with Mark from infuseDance where they have explored how to create dance for camera and how to perform a number of complex movements safely. The final two sessions have had to be postponed but we hope to be able to conclude the project later in the year. The aim is that the dancers will create some dance based photos that will be displayed in Worcester town centre.



Mock Trial



Congratulations to the students from Years 8 & 9 who took part in the Mock Trial on the 7th March. The students received really positive feedback, showing that their commitment since October had really honed their performances. Afterwards there was a briefing from the Lord Lieutenant and The High Sheriff who gave praise to all the students involved.

The students who took part and their roles were:

Oliver Barker – Defence Lawyer
Maddie Baskerville - Prosecution Lawyer
Beatrice Boutayre-Burrows – Witness
Annabel Brannan – Defence Lawyer
Miki Conroy – Usher
Paige Goode - Magistrate
Leo Grzybek - Witness

Rochelle Harris - Legal Advisor
Emma Jones – Magistrate
Chris Kirby – Magistrate
Bea Rusby - Prosecution Lawyer
Grace Rusby - Witness
Elliott Taylor - Defendant
Matilda Westwood - Court Reporter

Dance Show

The school Dance Show took place on Wednesday 11th March and was great success. Students from Y8-11 performed dances in a variety of styles including ballet, street and contemporary. Our Y11 GCSE Dance students performed some of their exam work, whilst younger students performed pieces that had been choreographed in their own time, at extra curricular dance or at their dance classes outside school. The standard of dance performed on the evening was excellent and all involved should be proud of what they achieved. Thanks go to **Kobi Morris**, **Brad Eversham**, **Ollie Morgan** and **Dan Hansen** for their technical, backstage and front of house support on the night.

Dancers: **Lucy Middleton**, **Bel Richards**, **Millie Jordan**, **Emily Perry**, **Liam Knight**, **Caitlin Dyke**, **Freya Patterson**, **Olivia Gregory**, **Laney Lock**, **Beth Evans**, **Bella Allen**, **Sophie Pegg**, **Lucy Davis**, **Dan Finch**, **Livvy Boulton**

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Training Expedition



On Saturday 14th March, the Y13 Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Gold Award students took part in a training walk on the Long Mynd, Shropshire with Mr Theobald & Mr Tibbits. On a damp and blustery spring day, they developed their macro and micro navigation skills to help prepare them for their qualifying expedition to the Lake District this summer. There was a great atmosphere amongst the group and the students came away with their skills refreshed and having had a real break from their A-level preparations. The students who took part were:

Laura Perry, Beth Perry, Jess Haller, James Brass, Amy Deane, Sophie Wardley, George Battin, Joe Cairns and Alex Bennett

Judo Success for Megan and Aaron



Megan Skillern fought for Droitwich Spa High School as well as her club Droitwich Spa Judo Kan judo competition a week last Saturday in Sheffield. Megan took a silver medal within the category where she showed excellent technique and skill.

On Sunday 8th March Megan had won two gold medals in the A.J.A. National closed Championship. **Aaron Hall** also took part in this competition. He fought well against some tough opponents and came fifth.



Special Commendations

Last week special commendations went to

Bulman

Laney Lock for her excellent commitment towards the recent dance show. She had to adapt a dance at the last minute and did so in a resilient and positive spirit.

Jack Fletcher for excellent work in German. Jack completes all his work on time or early and to an especially high standard. In his last test he achieved 100%.

Daria Romanczuk for excellent work in German. Daria completes all the set work on time and to a very high standard. She has scored 100% in all her tests to date.

Deven Tibbits for outstanding efforts in year 11 core PE.

D'Oliveira

Lucy Middleton for her excellent approach towards the recent GCSE Dance practical assessment. She was well prepared, acted on advice and produced some really high quality work.

Miles Troth for his determination to make remote working effective and his proactive attitude to his learning in Science.

Evie Warburton for her determination to make remote working effective and her proactive attitude to her learning in Science

Rowling

Molly Ann Webb for her resilience and determination always to do her best.

Winslow

Uzile Ndimande for her outstanding work and time dedicated to creating the front pages of the Winslow record book.

Other Students Successes

Sixth Form

Well done to the **Year 12 sociologists** who all arrived at their virtual lesson early, exceptionally well prepared and showed huge enthusiasm applying the current Covid-19 situation to consider whether or not childhood was improving in contemporary society.

In Psychology the following year 12 students have worked exceptionally hard to meet deadlines, all whilst producing some excellent work in Psychology **Lucy Scott, Grace Rogers, Ellie Bradley, Danielle Greenall, Nicola Beard, Megan Law, Emily Weir and Georgia Fox.**



Mr Quiney's Year 12 Business group joined a live lesson delivered from his front room. (Note Mr Quiney's tie and lanyard in House Colours!)



Georgia Fox and Olivia Smith are working with an impressive sense of purpose in Health & Social Care

Luke Midani and Erin Huxley have completed excellent work this week for their French film study.

In Geography **Jack Meyrick** has completed all tasks set to a high standard.

Emily Weir has done some excellent work in Sociology.

Year 11

Tia Cole, Chloe Harrison, Charis Hughes, Anna Smith and Caitlin Smith showed great determination in completing all parts of the Health and Social Care course within a very tight time scale.

Year 10

Students in 10R1 have been working hard on trigonometry for their mathematics lessons at home. Work from **Freya Richardson, Izabella Milligan, Chloe Rosser, Morgan West, Sam Price and Eddy Webby-Halsall** has been excellent.

Harriet Rochelle and Jasmine Kilmartin are working very well in Science.

In Geography **Harvey Osbourne, Emily Allen, Annie and Adam Such** have all submitted excellent work or asked meaningful questions to improve their answers.

In German **Emma Richardson, Daria Romanczuk, Daisy Taylor, Adam Such, Ellie Taylor, Matty Woodings, Michal Romanczuk Fiedorowicz, Dan Court, Rhys Jones, Harry Jeys, Ross Clark, Phoebe Williams** have completed all their work and online learning on time and to a good standard.

In PE **Jazz Kilmartin, Lily Smith, Olivia Mound, Chloe Rosser, Finley Simpson, Lewis Jones and Declan Holloway** have produced some outstanding Cambridge National work.



Amy Ford, Annalise Hughes, Daisy Taylor, Danielle Walsh, Daria Romanczuk, Emily Jeffreys, Emma Richardson, Erin Pheysey – Walton, Grace Pedley, Hannah Foley, Harriet Rochelle, Hazel Ward, Iz Cox, Izzy Mann, Jazz Kilmartin, Jodie Murray. Josselyn Schubert, Katie Allerton, Kelsey Donovan, Kim Jones, Lottie Mountford, Lily Smith, Lauren Loveridge, Phoebe Williams, Rachel Cheah, Tamsin Baker, Mary Ellen Poynton, Lottie Plant and Tia Summers have all produced some excellent written work for PE.

Demi Watson, Jussi Sohal, Lisa – Marie Hussey, Peyton Mansfield, Kacie Limmagine and Lauren Leslie have also produced some excellent written work for PE.

The following students have taken their home learning in English seriously and produced excellent work **Caitlin Dyke, Keira Ashworth, Livvy Boulton, Declan Holloway, Maizie Jordan, George Knowles, Chloe Rosser, Ellie Taylor, Kayne Bradley and Toby Chance.**

Mr Ward's German group are commended for the standard of their written work last week and for their continued hard working and enthusiastic approach to German.

Year 9

Maddie Baskerville, Logan Callow, Cotton Hennessey, Mia Gardner-Smith, Will McArdle, Skye-Marie West, Max Neale are commended for completing all their work and online learning on time and to a good standard.

The following students have produced some excellent work in English

Heather Beard, Miki Conroy, Tom Daniels, Kyle Hartwell, Sofie Berry-Morris, Aimee Douglas, Mia Gardner-Smith, Anise Glackin, Hattie Grainger, Daniel Hansen, Alex Harrison, Emily Horton, Ruby Jackson, Elliot Jones, Jack Millwood, Kaden Paterson, Ambar Pitcher, Amy Pullen, Megan Randle, Jonathan Rogers, Emma Sabel and Jack Walker.

Year 8

Cassie Smith, Harriet Bird, Indiya Hancox, Erin Moss and Grace Rusby are working very well in Science

Jacob Bastock, Jasmine Crawford and Immie Evans have shown an excellent attitude to learning in French.

In English 8LD have really impressed with effort they have put into a creative writing project. Special mention must go to **Heidi Shipway** who has done a first class job with excellent response to feedback has been excellent and **James Rudkin**, whose story about Ness and Capone's descendants continuing the family feud is genuinely impressive.

In German **Giorgia Baylis, Jack Fletcher, Tom Mansfield, Emmie Clark, Tom Allen, Tom Stringer, Charlie Hartwell, Emily Stanley, Elliott Taylor, Annabel Brannan, Mark Hewlett, Maddison Jennings, Eleanor Tromans, Laurie Holder, Alfie Horton, Jacob Bastock, Hannah Eccleston, Liberty Smith, Joseph Foley, Maisie Leah, Sophie Gomersall, Izzy Simpson, Ethan Read, Jasmine Crawford, Lucas**



Colley, Mya Slavin, James Blake, Sacha Hart, Joel Park, Ellie Walton, Ben Tandy, Megan Key, Hope Evans, Oliver Freeman, Jaspreet Kaur, Hermione Bolton-Warner, Jack Sherry, Jacob Burton and Jennifer Jackson have completed all their work and online learning on time and to a good standard.

Miss Simpson's Weekly Creativity Challenge

The following students have opted in to completing a weekly creativity challenge that they can complete from home:

Keira Ashworth, Heather Beard, Jude Carr, Alex Gurr, Daniel Hansen and Kyle Hartwell.

Mrs Simpson is really excited to see how they take on the short challenges. If any other students are up to a challenge, please e-mail her at simpsonka@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk

Students Taking their Daily Exercise



As part of her one walk of the day, Sophie Gomersall accompanied her mum to exercise a guide dog for a lady who is currently unable to get out. She has also written some cards to people who are self-isolating to cheer them up.



Photograph taken by **Mya Slavin** whilst out for her daily exercise.