



Newsletter

16th May 2021

Sixth Form

The Year 13 students studying the Cambridge Technical Award in Sport put on events for our Year 8s in the week before Easter. It was the first enrichment activity that our Year 8 students have experienced and it was delivered in a Covid-secure way. It created much excitement and both the dodgeball and badminton events were great successes. The Year 13s originally planned to go into Witton and Westacre to deliver events for whole year groups, but the lockdowns denied them this opportunity. Our Year 13s are **Jack Mayrick**, **Matthew Roberts**, **Ben Clay**, **Feven Abraham**, **Abi Peart**, **Georgia Fox** and **Elize Smith**.





Toby Barker and **Kurtis Duffy** were able to hold their final music performance at DSHS in a Science laboratory, performing songs to a video camera. It was, of course, such a shame they were unable to perform them to a live audience.

Rebecca Summerfield is commended for her diligence in revision and homework in Theatre Studies

Charlie Hunter is congratulated for her outstanding preparatory work for her Sand Dunes field work in Studland Bay, Dorset.

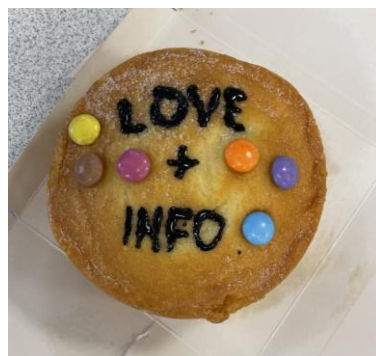
Pamela Stacey is showing impressive insights into the poetry of John Donne, especially as she has only just begun studying this challenging writer.

In Politics **Annabell Gurney Terry**, **Lorna Beecroft**, **Izzy Carswell** produced some excellent work on Margaret Thatcher's time as PM. Mr Drew was impressed by their diligence and attention to detail in producing an effective synopsis of her leadership style, her relationship with her cabinet, and her policy success and failures.

Year 12 Theatre Studies 'Bake Off 2.'

The theme of the bakes was 'Love and Information', the name of the exam text the group is starting to read by Caryl Churchill.

The cakes belonged to **Charlotte McCammon** (white icing red heart) **Archie Hartles** (smarties) **Lucy Middleton** (the brain and heart) **Dan Finch** (the Bakewell cookies) **Deven Tibbetts** (the gingerbread couple) and **Miss Jones** (the pink icing/red hearts.)





The same group recently completed their component 1 practical exam. The pieces were mature, imaginative and sensitively political. The students will now write a 1700 word essay on their research and process.



The Year 12 Music Performance students are working on group performances that will be recorded before half term. **Ben Wood** has made outstanding progress learning to play the bass guitar in just two terms. **Harvey Bastock** is providing impressive complex rhythms on the drums and **Charlie Harrison** is challenging himself to be lead guitarist and vocalist. **Deven Tibbetts** has made excellent progress developing the skills to be a lead singer.

Year 11

Congratulations to year 11 Food students who have now completed their GCSE Practical Assessments.

Congratulations to the following who have all passed the Hand and Nail Care Unit from their Hair and Beauty qualification, several of them with Merit. They displayed professionalism, focus and attention to detail.

Year 11: **Emily Davies**, **Lily Eckley Williams (M)**, **Sophie Smith**, **Grace Williams (M)** – also commended for an exceptionally professional approach,

Year 10: **Stevie Andrews (M)**, **Alicia-Mae Bradbury (M)** – also commended for her resilience and perseverance, **Emily Eversham (M)**, **Lakeisha Perry (M)** and **Lanie Price (M)**.

Year 10

Well done to Year 10B DT for persevering with their drawing skills, which are now developing really well.

10CA Geography class is commended for its dedication to learning and enthusiasm for Geography.

Joseph Glackin produced some excellent work on Crime and Punishment during his PSHE lesson.



10L5 have written exceptional pieces of transactional writing. **Miki Conroy**, **Alicia Mai Bradbury**, **Emily Eversham**, **Ruby Avery**, **Charlie Rowe**, **Heather Beard**, **Rhys Anstey**, **Tom Daniels** and **Lewis Hodgkiss** all presented witty and engaging pieces that were a pleasure to read.

The Music Performance Group are developing the skills of a songwriter through the use of Soundtrap. There has been particularly impressive effort from **Rochelle Harris**, **Daniel Hansen**, **Jayden Dorans**, **Alex Harrison**, **Ben Beesley** and **Maha James**, with **Kyle Hartwell** and **Matthew Brown** creating some particularly poignant lyrics. They have also been working on a performance of Handbags and Gladrag, learning how to perform the song on their instrument or vocally. They are preparing for a studio recording session that will take place in school before the end of the school year.

Some of the group also stayed behind to complete coursework last week: **Rochelle Harris**, **Max Strange**, **Ben Beesley**, **Phoebe Davies**, **Morgan King**, **Alex Harrison**, **Poppy Gidley**, **Sophie Peart**, **Louis Blackmore** and **Harvey Edwards**.

Ciaran Luscott, **Grace Kasch** and **Poppy Gidley** in Maths produced accurate work this week on Reflection, each demonstrating a positive attitude and making great progress with the topic.

Year 10 Mountain Bike Project

DSHS is one of only four schools to be involved in a project sponsored by WPA Benevolent Foundation. The course is being led by Hannah Escott, from the Charity Open Trail. She is a GB team racer and was twice the Fourcross Series world mountain bike champion.

Last week the eight boys involved built the bikes, sorted the recycling, registered them online and had a good ride on the trail they have designed and built on the school site. They have worked brilliantly as a team, and have created an interesting and varied trail.





Year 9

In PE over the past two weeks girls from 9LRT and 9RDCA and 9LDWCH PE groups have been working hard on improving their badminton serving technique and overhead clear shot. In cooperative rallies, the total number of shots the girls have achieved has been improving throughout each lesson. Girls achieving over 30 shots in a rally include: **Izzy Rollit**, **Lucy Davis**, **Sophie Pegg**, **Heidi Shipway**, **Annabelle Dashey**, **Elliott Taylor**, **Isobel Sprague**, **Chloe Hodgson**, **Bea Rusby**, **Kiera Nicklin**, **Kayleigh Jones**, **Megan Harris-Chance**, **Leona Calder**, **Sophie Watkins**, **Nixie Pearson**, **Immie Evans**, **Grace Rusby**, **Immie Carr** and **Izzy Lewis**. A special mention goes to **Josie Pheasant** and **Hattie Bird**, who recorded a total of 125 shots in their rally.

In English students in 9LR have shown good nature and a positive approach to lessons. Also, particular mention goes to: **Sophie Gomersall**, **Dan Morris**, **James Blake**, **James Lettis**, **William Carter** and **Billy Deacon** for their reading. Well done to **Sophie Gomersall** and **Rae Page** for winning the first prize draw of the term.

Liam Pardoe is congratulated on his excellent essay on 'Of Mice and Men.' His work really showed how much he has learned about the book and also his skill in writing.

For the last lesson of the Development unit 9LH made some great shanty houses (to keep a green paper towel dry) from very limited resources in the classrooms and recycling bin and without the usual classroom facilities.



Year 8

In History 8LT worked really hard on their assignments on transport and the industrial revolution.

8LD and 8RD completed some excellent Science Skills work on data, tables and graphs this week.

Charlie Blackwell was excellent in reading in front of the rest of the class. He read several times, and multiple pages each time.

Well done to year 8 Food students for their class presentations this week. They were all very mature and settled their nerves well to provide clear and detailed information to their peers.

Kian Taylor and **Cerys Jones** achieved excellent results on their Tectonics assessment in Geography.

Over the past two weeks girls from the 8LTWCA PE group have been working hard on improving their badminton serving technique and overhead clear shot. In cooperative rallies, the total number of shots achieved has been improving throughout each lesson. Girls achieving over 20 shots in a rally include: **Rennay Whitmore-Benjamin**, **Emily Snookes**, **Emily Gandy**, **Chloe Harding**, **Alexis Smith** and **Abigail Bott**.

Members of Mr Aitchison's Music Classes did a first-class job learning how to play the chords of F and C on the guitar and accompanying him in a performance of *Rocka my Soul*.

Alexiah Walsh and **Olivia Weatherby** produced some outstanding Geography homework last week.

Back to face-to-face DofE

Year 9 DofE Bronze Award and Year 10 DofE Silver Award students took part in practical training sessions for their expeditions later in the year. They were engaged and keen to learn how to use the portable stoves, put up tents and evaluate the kit being packed in their rucksacks.





Assessor Reports

Students will be coming toward the end of their activities for the Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections. Please encourage them to upload evidence to their eDofE account and ask their assessor to upload a report. If anyone is having difficulties with this, they should speak to their DofE leader at a training session or by email (DofE@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk).