

Newsletter

29th March 2021

Sixth Form

Volunteers in the Vaccination Programme

Letters of commendation and Rainbow badges from the Corbett Medical Centre have been presented to our students who volunteered to support in its Vaccination clinic. The practice commended their personal demeanour and communication skills, often with patients who were very anxious. They were caring and supportive, accepting the need for confidentiality, and the safe and effective filing of records throughout the process.

The students were: Olivia Smith, Faye Davies, Kimran Sohal, Ellie Baylis, Deven Tibbetts, Daniel Finlan, Charis Hughes and Chloe Farmer

Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad



Congratulations to Year 13 students **Jack Baker, Anele Ndimande and Sam Hinde** for being awarded Bronze and Silver certificates for their achievement in the Royal Society of Chemistry's 53rd Chemistry Olympiad. Over 7000 of the top A-level Chemistry students from across the UK took part in this year's notoriously challenging competition.

Y13 RSL Music Performance

Toby Barker has made excellent progress learning to sing the solo line and also teaching Mr Aitchison how to play the piano parts for his final L3 Performances.

Y12 RSL Music Performance Group are preparing a performance of Last Request by Paulo Nuttini.

Deven Tibbetts has made very good progress in developing the skills and confidence to be lead singer in a band.

Ben Wood has made exceptional progress on bass guitar and is now able to perform in the band.

Charlie Harrison is acquiring the skills and confidence to lead rehearsals, ensuring that all are included in discussions and allowed to contribute to the group performance.

Harvey Bastock is using his skill to develop percussion parts to bring the performance alive.

Well done to **12B English Literature** who have demonstrated great maturity and commitment during the lockdown; their understanding of The Duchess of Malfi is as deep as it would have been if we had been in school. This is a difficult play, raising many complex issues, so they have done really well.



Year 11

In Maths 11L5 have had an excellent week looking at sequences.

Kiera Viccars is working very well in Geography, focussing very effectively on her preparation for the coming assessments.

Year 10

Grace Kasch and Auguste Juseviciute completed outstanding work in RE during the lockdown.

Sam Ballard, Ellie Bamford, and Amelia Freeman are making for excellent efforts in RE

All of 10R5 English have worked very hard on 'A Christmas Carol' over the past few weeks. They are producing some excellent essays which demonstrate both effort and a really pleasing understanding of the text. Special mention to Ellie May Preston for her knowledge of quotations, Sam Ballard for his concentration and effort, and to Cyrus Patterson for being the official class Kahoot champion.

Year 10 have been studying Urban Art and have produced some excellent work after studying the artist Andrew Goldsworthy.





Year 9

9LR in Maths have had a very good week, expanding and factorising double brackets

Y9 Music Options – have made impressive efforts over the past 2 weeks as they re-discover how to make music together. Everyone has worked hard at learning how to perform different parts of Pachelbel's Canon on the keyboard. The lesson ended with a full performance.

Special mentions to:

Righley Burghley – for his factual knowledge and performing a complicated melody on the keyboard to the class.

Owen Throssell for coaching Righley in playing the keyboard parts.

Jamie Lea Tasker, Joe Connolly, Bradley Keay– for each performing the bass line to the class as a solo.

Joseph Bradbury for performing the bass and melodic line together while sight reading and doing it both hands together the first time.

James Rudkin for conducting a whole class performance.

Kyran Newman, James Rudkin, Ellison Priest, Sophie Gomersall, Annabel Brannan, Corey Finch, Joel Park for learning to play the most complex line successfully.

Mrs Giles is really pleased with how **9RC and 9LC** have returned to their English lessons. They have worked hard to secure their understanding of the plot and have also tried very hard at tricky tasks such as writing about Shakespeare's use of language to show characters' feelings.

Year 8

Ella Marshall is commended for her work in Maths.

In music **Year 8** are making progress using what we discovered about Reggae Music in Lockdown and learning to play the melody, hooks and bass line on the guitars or inputting the songs into BandLab (an online Digital Audio Workstation).

The following students are commended for mastering the hook of Three Little Birds on the guitar: **Stanley Deacon, Alexis Smith, Ruby Lines, Alfie Chandler, Alfie Drinkwater, Lillie Hall, Archie Chesson-Willetts, Owen Exon,**

Millie Howcroft is commended for her outstanding RE work completed during the lockdown.

Lillie Farrell and Emily Gandy are making a consistently excellent effort in RE.

Leah Blake completed some excellent PSHE work during the lockdown.

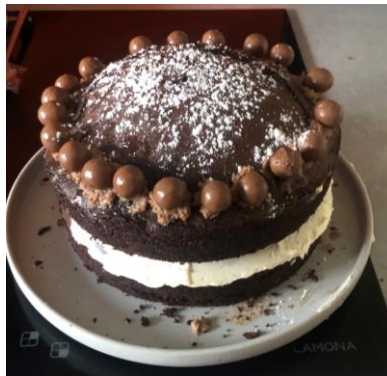
Aaron Aston Cooper, Will Broughton, Amelia Leigh-Holdnall, Harris Broderick, Hannah Allen, Jacob Daniels are commended for their excellent effort in PSHE lessons.



8DGB have been doing something different

Last weekend Mr Brown set his tutor group the challenge of 'doing something different, inviting them to move away from their computers and Xboxes to create or do something individual. He made it into a competition with 3 winners and crème eggs for all who had participated.

Some of the results are pictured below but others went horse riding, cooked a meal for their family, wrote poems and drew pictures. Many of the group enjoyed baking and one even re-created Mr Brown in cake form.



International Women's Day Webinar



Mr Tibbits recently took part in the British Council's Education Exchange Webinar, celebrating International Women's Day alongside Helen Grant MP (The Prime Minister's Special Envoy on Girls' Education). The invitation to be a panellist arose because of the longstanding partnerships that DSHS has with two schools overseas. One is a rural school in Ngobit, Laikipia County, Kenya and urban RK Puram, New Delhi, India. The webinar was an opportunity to share experienced of the work being done across the world to improve girls' access to education.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Spring 2021



Congratulations to **Ellie Baskerville** (former student - Gold Award), **Thomas Godwin** (Year 11 – Silver Award) and **Jordan Kiely** (Year 10 – Bronze Award) who have recently been awarded their DofE Certificate of Achievement for completing their physical, skill and volunteering section activities over the last 12 months. The certificates will be in the post during the next 2-3 weeks.

Expedition Section Update

With much regret that we have now cancelled the **Year 11 DofE Silver** expeditions that had been postponed last year. A letter went out on 18/3/21 by email to parents and students with full details. Refunds will be arranged via ParentPay in the coming weeks; the Finance Team will be in touch if you do not hold an account.

We remain hopeful that the planned easing of restrictions will allow us to schedule extracurricular visits again from the summer term, although we are waiting for the Department for Education to confirm this. I will write to parents directly with full details about arrangements once this has happened. It may be that the expedition activities that we are permitted to run will look different from a typical programme, but I emphasise that they will meet the 20 Conditions required DofE expedition.

Assessor Reports

Many students have done an excellent job of continuing activities in their physical, skill and volunteering sections over a challenging 12 months. They now need to update their evidence on their eDofE profile and add an Assessor's report. This can be done online at www.dofe.org/assessor and only requires the Assessor to have the participant's eDofE ID number (easily found when logging in online or on the DofE app).

if your son/daughter is having any difficulty finding an Assessor, please ask them to update their profile with their evidence and then contact their DofE leader to get this signed off.

Gold Award – Mr Tibbits (TibbitsM@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk)

Silver Award – Miss Haddon (HaddonLA@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk)

Bronze Award – Mr Shepherd (ShepherdTF@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk)

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