



## Newsletter

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**DROITWICH SPA HIGH SCHOOL  
AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE**

### Expeditions 2021

It has been a busy month so far with the final Covid-catch up expeditions taking place. The Year 13 Gold practice expedition headed for the mountains of south Snowdonia and the Year 11 Silver qualifying expedition was in the rolling hills of the Long Mynd, Shropshire. Across both expeditions, the students demonstrated the qualities that underpin the DofE Awards: resilience to keep at it when the going gets tough, organising themselves to be self-sufficient over several days of hiking and camping, and finally, working together in teams to plan, navigate and complete their challenging routes.

Congratulations to all of the students who successfully completed their expeditions:

*Year 13 DofE Gold students:*

Grace Wardley, Maddie Rollit, Tom Griffiths, Charlotte McCammon, Rob Blake, Felicity Jones, Sam Albutt, Jon Smith, Roman Filkin, Hugo Bates, Ben James, Aleksandra Ogorek and Ola Poziemska.

*Year 11 DofE Silver students:*

William Bagley, Ellie Smith, Fin Happs, Nathan Wood, Auguste Juseviciute, Freya Brindley-Jones, Justin Owens, Sophie Howard, Mia Gardner-Smith, Willow Brookes, Frankie Walker, Mollie Ralphs, Logan Callow and Jayden Dorans.

### Finishing your Award

It is easy to think that once the expedition is done that the Award is done, but students should not forget that each section needs to have an Assessor's report added to eDofE. It is straightforward for your child's assessors to do this online at [www.dofe.org/assessor](http://www.dofe.org/assessor).

### Interested in taking part?

For students in Years 9 and 10, there will be the opportunity to apply to begin our popular DofE Bronze and Silver Award programmes later in the autumn term. The DofE Award is one of the biggest internationally recognised youth achievement Awards and is open to all young people. The four sections of these DofE Awards combine social action and skill development as well as ways to promote positive physical and mental health.

For more details about the Awards, please visit [www.DofE.org](http://www.DofE.org).

For questions or queries, please email [DofE@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:DofE@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk)

## Year 13 in Snowdonia





### Year 11 in Shropshire



### Year 13 Geography Field Visit to Swanage



The year 13 Geographers attended their residential field visit to Swanage last week. The students were positive, diligent and inquisitive. They collected data at Chesil Beach and Studland Bay and this will be used to complete the coursework element for their A level course. With the benefit of some decent weather, a great time was had by all. (A special mention must go to **Lorna Beecroft** who won the crazy golf tournament at Sandbanks!)



## Stars of the Week

### Year 13

**Felicity Jones** and **Dan Finch** are working at an exceptionally high standard in A Level French.

The Year 13 Health and Social Care group completed detailed research over the summer for a range of different illness, disabilities and diseases. From this they created impressive resources covering signs and symptoms, causes, diagnostic procedures and treatments for Depression, Asthma and Rheumatoid Arthritis. Well done to **Caitlin Smith**, **Dan Finlan**, **Molly Gammond**, **Tia Cole**, **Amelia Sabara**, **Chloe Harrison** and **Bella Jacobs**.

### Year 12

The Year 12 French students have made a strong start in lessons and have produced excellent pieces of summer transition work.

**Tia Davies** has made an impressive start to her studies in Enterprise with great answers to challenging questions and a hard-working approach.

In Year 12 Economics **Hayden Williams**, **Flynn Thomas** and **Max Faulkner** have made interesting observations and insightful contributions to lessons.

### Year 11

**Sophie Howard** is demonstrating excellent effort and attitude in History.

Mrs Giles commends 11R3 English for their settled and focused return. Particular congratulations to **Porcha Bridgwater-Harding** and **Kyle Dowling** for a really committed and determined start.

In History **Kiah Cooley** has produced an engaging 'time traveller's guide' to medieval London.

**Nicole Carswell** and **Daisy Jacobs** put great effort into their work on medieval trade in inner London.

11C Drama are learning some excellent methods of devising pieces using physical theatre.

All students in Year 11 Child Development are demonstrating a mature approach to their studies.



## Year 10



Year 10 geographers were testing prior learning on plate boundaries. They then shared knowledge and returned to the classroom to complete perfect diagrams in their books.

**Cassie Smith** and **Eleanor Tromans** have made an excellent start to year 10 Child Development

In Mathematics this week, **Nia Christoforou** has worked really hard and shown a willingness to progress independently, making good notes and actively seeking challenge and extension.

**Ben McGough** and **Molly Parry** produced excellent written work on industrialisation, democracy and socialism in the Kaiser's Germany.

Miss Lapsley and Miss Jones congratulate **10LMJ** on a positive start to the school year.

**Ellie Clark** has shown excellent effort and attitude in History.

**Chloe Alden**, **Laurie Holder**, **Catherine Sandell** and **Isobel Sprague** have produced some impressive work in History on the effects of World War I on Germany.

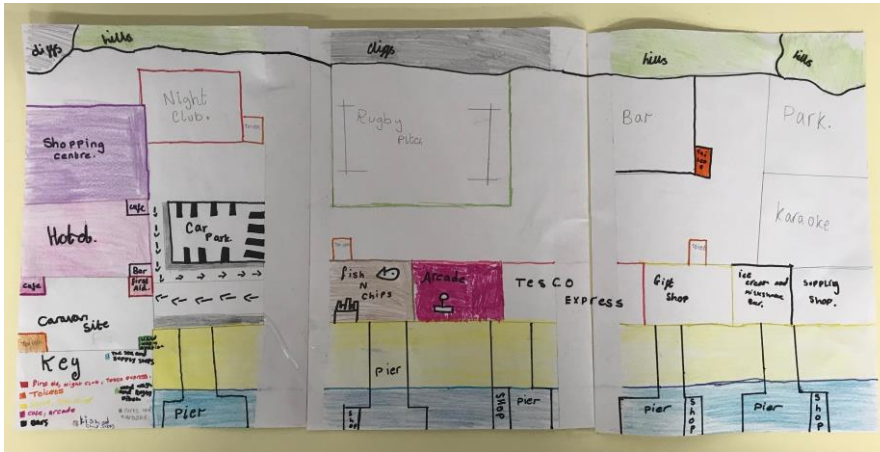
10B(A) History group have made a promising start to their studies of Germany under Kaiser Wilhelm II. They have completed some challenging work in understanding aspects of rule and government in Germany at the time, as well as analysing the industrial and social changes that occurred. Particular congratulations go to **Tom Allen**, **Ethan Higley**, **Grace Rusby**, **Bea Rusby**, **Emily Dutton** and **Emmie Clarke** for their excellent participation and contribution of ideas.

## Year 9

**Owen Exon** has successfully completed a project that he has been working on in his own time, making a chess set using a 3D printer.

**Gracie Mai Dymott** was awarded a commendation point this week for exceptional attitude to learning in Science.

9LC have made a highly promising start to their English lessons. Mr Izod has been hugely impressed with their attitude and focus.



**Gracie Mai Dymott** produced this excellent work when designing her own coastal resort in Geography.

**Millie Howcroft** also produced an excellent coastal resort design.

**9LR Geography** produced some excellent coastal resort designs. The whole class demonstrated a positive attitude and effort, as well as producing some first-class work.

**9LW English** have been making lots of positive contributions in their English lessons

**Will Ross** produced an excellent piece of work in History this week on establishing a colony in the Empire.

## Year 8

**8FS** have made an excellent start in German, working with enthusiasm and maturity.

**Noah Hamilton (8MYT)** earned a commendation point for his reading homework for English.

**Chloe Buckler** has demonstrated care and kindness in Maths this week, helping her peers and bringing a real sense of community to the classroom.

**8HJM** have made an excellent start to their English studies with Miss Lapsley and Miss Habberton. They are an eager, polite and enthusiastic class.

**Harvey Waterhouse** in **Bo8MYT** has worked really hard in History this week on his Henry VIII written work.

**8KAR** have made an excellent start to Maths lessons with particular commendation to **George Clarke, Charlotte Jennings, Natalia Wierzchowska and Phoebe Sabel** for completing 6 "Find the factors" puzzles at home.

**8HLR** have also been working well in Maths with **Justin Honey, Oliver Sinfield, Phoebe Brindley-Jones, Rhys Eckley and Simaran Kaur** also completing the whole sheet of puzzles.

**Hannah Marshall, Isabelle Cooper and Daisy Morgan in 8SDS** always make excellent contributions in English.

**Romeo Midani and Henry Riley** have been noticed for always being helpful.

In Art **Bella Myatt** produced a creative Mandala design and **Emily Warne** worked very hard on her toned and textured sphere drawings.

**Isabelle Cooper 8SDS** made an impressive extra effort in Science in completing an extended writing task.