



## Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Music and Drama

Resuming after eighteen months, the **School Choir** is enjoying singing together, making music and building social connections. From small things grow great opportunities and outcomes. If any other students would like to take part, the Choir meets in P7 on a Thursday lunch/tutor time.

**Hope Rose 12ECD**, **Charlotte McCammon 13HAH**, **Isabella Ross 8SJG**, **Bella Smith 9TAR**, **Hollie Baker 9TAR**, **Erin Jones 8KAS**, **Mary-Jane Peace 8KAS**, **Finlay Williams 8MYT**, **Rochelle Harris 11SB**, **Amelia Freeman 11RHB**, **Levi Curtis 8SDS** and **Kyle Hartwell 11LAH**

**Sophie Gomersall**, **Leanne Dearing**, **Oliver Barker** and **Kimberley Hussey** all have been helping in KS3 Drama club on a Friday. This is very helpful and generous, providing an excellent example for our younger students.

Well done to those who have started attending Ukulele Club on Wednesdays at lunchtime with special mention to **Annie Williams** and **Sophie Howard** who have attended all rehearsals so far. Absolute beginners are very welcome.

### Sixth Form

The Y13 Rock School Group have made a good start to the year. They are making pleasing progress towards their final performances and will be performing in Assembly and on the 21st October.

The Year 12 Health and Social Care class have had a very productive start to the term, impressing with their dedication and willingness to contribute to the class, as well as the preparation completed for their induction tasks this week. Well done to **Heidi Shumba**, **Maizie Jordan**, **Dan Williams**, **Josh Tanner**, **Lily-Mai Ince-Cox**, **Sammie Davies** and **Lauren Leslie**.

**Freya Richardson** was named Historian of the week after some wide ranging and effective revision on the class system in Liberal Italy 1870-1900

The Year 13 Film Studies students **Carrie Walton**, **Harvey Bastock**, **Roman Filkin** and **Millie Hicks** have completed some excellent practical work creating documentaries. They have demonstrated impressive skills in filming and editing, together with creativity and understating of digital documentary techniques.

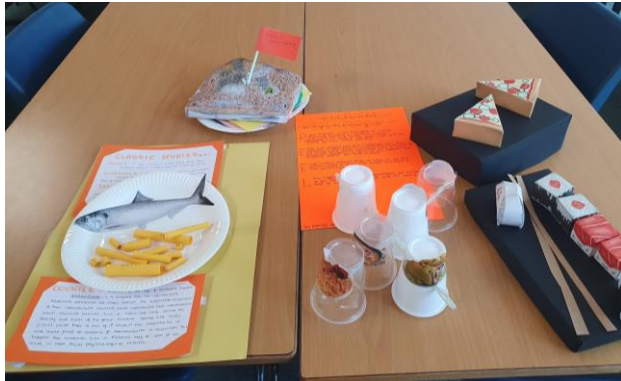
Year 12 English Literature students have made an impressive start to the course. They all showed an extremely high standard of analytical skill when exploring 'The Great Gatsby' and created an enthusiastic, intelligent and insightful discussion.

Mrs Geoghegan congratulates Year 12 Applied Science students for completing their first A Level practical with such a high standard of safety.



**Alex King 13ACH** has made an outstanding start to Year 13 Sociology.

**Owen Perkins 12JDC** has made an excellent start to the A level Psychology course.



Year 13 Psychology students worked hard and effectively in their presentations to the rest of the class. This picture shows some imaginative ways of presenting and retaining information.

**Tyler Hale** has made an excellent start to the A level Sociology course.

Well done to Year 13 Chemistry students **Rob Blake and Felicity Jones** for demonstrating excellent practical skills in their recent skills assessment lesson. They worked safely in the laboratory while carrying out a range of tests to identify the type of an unknown chemical.

In French **Danielle Walsh, Tia Summers, Lily Smith and Matt Woodings** have performed really well in their Year 12 Induction assessment.

## Year 11

**Alex McCallion, Ellie Bullock and Tyler Hall** are commended for their hard work, focus and resilience in English.

The Y11 Rock School Group are making excellent progress towards their final performances - there will be an opportunity to see them perform on Thursday 21st October. Details will follow.

**Congratulations to 11R5** on their skill completing their required practical investigations of the density of regular and irregular objects. They all achieved full marks in a recent Physics equation challenge.

In History **Matthew Kirkham, Freddie Lane and Harvey Edwards** produced excellent guides to medieval London in the time of Edward 1.

**Auguste Juseviciute** used her time in History support to catch up on her work and write an excellent piece of History on medieval London.

**Heather Beard and Alex Haller** have created some very good tourist guides for Edward's London.

Members of **11C Drama** have been working really well when studying a variety of theatrical methods in preparation for their impending component 1 coursework. Last week they looked at Berkoff and Verbatim theatre. They worked well in groups, willingly undertaking in something that didn't come naturally to them.



## Year 10

In Maths **Robyn Jackson, Jack Golding, Bailey Hall, Leo Tidbury and Chloe Crowther** made an exceptional effort with their homework last week.

Ms Johns congratulates her **Year 10 French class** for their excellent start to GCSE French and their resilience in coping with some challenging new grammar.

These students have made an excellent start in Science: **Joseph Al-Bajjaly, Alisha Amphlett, Sky Baylis, Righley Burford, Oscar Fitzhugh, Lily Hirschfield, Oliver Jesion, Mischa Sorrell, Reece Smith, Jack Golding, Emily Brookes, Darius Iordan, Harvey Dimmock, Rhyanna Fallon, Corey Fincher, Sky Styles, Tyler Layton, Kiera Nicklin, Stanley Broadway, Cassie Smith, Jimmi Hughes, Holly Bourne, Sophie Chapman, Joshua King and Jamie Lea Tasker.**

Well done to all in the Year 10 RSL Music performance class. Everyone has made a really good effort to work together this week on their first group performances. The students are: **Joe Bradbury, Emmie Clarke, Kyran Newman, Ellison Priest, Heidi Shipway, Righley Burford, Billy Deacon, Emily Dutton, Annabel Brannan, Oliver Freeman, Oliver Barker, Sophie Gomersall, Ethan Higley, Denis Negrut Codrea, Joel Park and Alex Smith.**



Year 10 turned the Food rooms into a Hovis bread factory this week, creating loaves and rolls aplenty. **Mya Slavin, Hannah Eccleston, Tom Stringer, Sophie Pegg, Ellie Walton, Hollie Pheasant, Sally Baker, James Blake, Alice Ralphs, Connie Hall and Daisy Powell** did a great job. It was wonderful to see such creativity from everyone.







10LMJ are really rising to the challenge of trying to win points through house competition suggestions, the quiz and various other duties. We are desperate to knock D'Oliveira off the top! The house is also really proud of **Sophie Gomersall** and **Bryn Lambe** for being in the top league for praise points.

Hair and Beauty: The students were shown how to give a hand and nail treatment during their taster session last term. They practised the treatment this week, and stars of the week were **Rhyanna Fallon** who remembered the whole sequence without any prompting or reminders, and **Leona Calder** who demonstrated a high level of professionalism and focus.

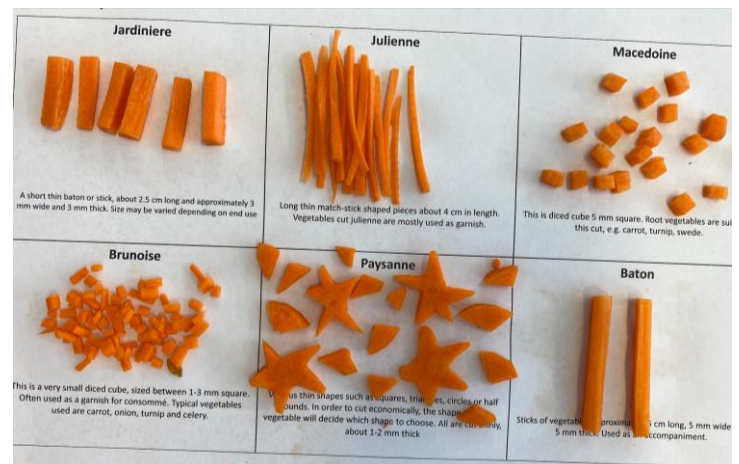
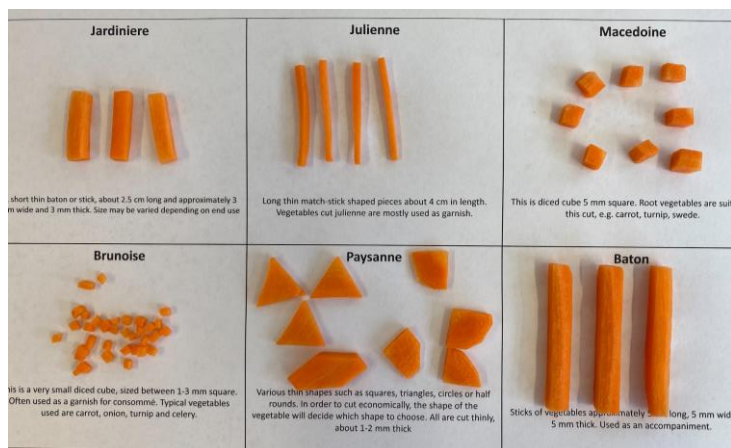
**Jacob Bastock** in 10AHistA has written a first class answer on how Weltpolitik was damaging to Germany.

**Molly Parry** produced some fine work on Germany and Treaty of Versailles.

**Sacha Hart** produced some good work on the Weimar Republic's coalition government.

## Year 9

It has been busy in the Food rooms this week. Year 9 have learnt about preparing fruits and vegetables and practised their knife skills. Particular commendation goes to **Maddison Whiten-Lake** for her precision and skill. **William Picken**, **Summer Wright** and **Shaylah Stokes** and the rest of their class did very well to create the beautiful bank of apple swans.





Congratulations to **Max Rigby** for his outstanding work in Geography. He produced the best resort design in his class.

There were also very good efforts in Geography from Darwin Brookes, Gracie Mai Dymott, Rhys Maidment, Lauren Heath, Liam Duncalf, Jessica Clifford, Summer Wright and Faith Andres-Barber.

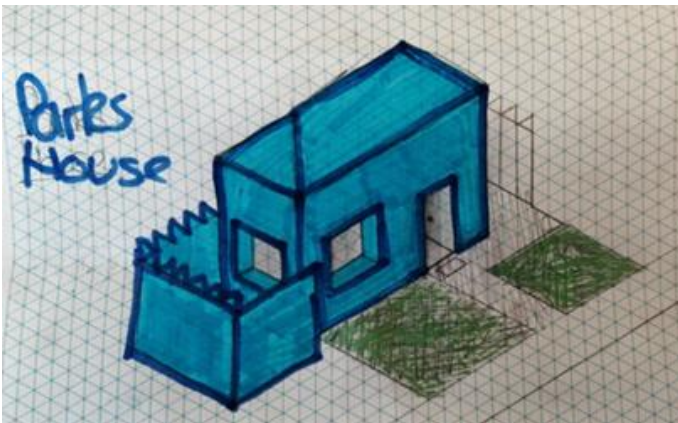
In English **William Picken** is congratulated for being independent in his work, well organised and always being willing to contribute in class.

9R DR Male 1 PE class demonstrated an attitude that was fair but competitive in their dodgeball lesson.

9RR PSHE were a pleasure to work with and very engaged during this week's lesson on gender equality where we began to prepare resources to share with our partner school in Kenya.

Also, well done to 9A French, 9B French and 9C French for their participation and enthusiasm

## Year 8



Well done to **Daisy Morgan** who has designed her own 'Parks House'.

**Drew Hankins** displayed impressive general knowledge in the weekly House Quiz (8SDS got 17/20 with Drew providing the answers for almost all of the 17)

**Isabelle Cooper** has impressed with her attitude to learning and extra-curricular participation.

**Finley Kiernan** has demonstrated an admirable attitude in his History studies this week.



**8KAR** and **8LNH** History groups have done some excellent work researching the difficulties that people had with the Catholic Church in Tudor times, pre-Reformation. They created some very detailed mind maps showing understanding of a multitude of issues ranging from the sale of indulgences to enduring long services in Latin.

These students went above and beyond with their reading homework this week, reading for well over an hour: **Kimberleigh Elt, George Clarke, Tamsin-Grace Malone, Finley Griffiths, Drew Hankins, Holly Kierasinska, Joshua Price and Thomas Savage.**

The 8R RH PE set (**the girls from 8SDS and 8KAR**) have worked impressively in gymnastics this week. They all really challenged themselves within the lessons.

**8LBuffalo, 8LGiraffe, 8LRhino and 8RBuffalo** for making such an enthusiastic start to their music lessons this term. All have participated extremely well and are making good progress. We have been exploring different rhythms and creating polyrhythmic pieces to accompany our song Kumula Vista.

In Science **8KAS** displayed a pleasing work ethic and were rewarded with some great results.

In History **Eliza Morris** used impressive skills of enquiry in her extended homework on Richard III.

**Erin Baker and Mary Jane Peace** produced striking visual guides to Henry VIII and his characteristics as king.

**8FS** were enthusiastic and attentive in their Philosophy and Religion lesson on the importance of good quality listening. Several said they have come to see Religious Studies in a more positive light since beginning their time at DSHS.

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE):

Applications for the 2021-2022 DofE programmes. Are now open. For further information about the Award scheme, please visit [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

Please return completed applications to:

Year 9 – Main reception – DofE Bronze Application Box

Year 10 – Main reception – DofE Silver Application Box

Year 12 – D7 or G25 – Mr Tibbits

If you have any questions, please contact the Award leaders by email:

DofE Bronze (Year 9) – Mr Shepherd ([ShepherdTF@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:ShepherdTF@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk))

DofE Silver (Year 10) – Mrs Haddon-Childs ([HaddonLA@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:HaddonLA@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk))

DofE Gold (Year 12) – Mr Tibbits ([DofE@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:DofE@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk))