



## Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

### Swimming Stars



On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, seven DSHS swimmers travelled to Bromsgrove School to compete in the regional round of the ESSA Secondary Schools' Team Championships. Out two teams competed in both the 4 x 50m freestyle and individual medley relays. Swimmers were racing to register their best times, with their results being ranked among all competing teams nationally. The top 30 teams for each event will qualify for the National finals in

November. It was great for our swimmers to finally compete against other schools and they performed admirably. Well done to **Izzy Rollit**, **Sally Baker** (Yr10), **Abi Goodyear** (Yr 9), **Emily Colley**, **Sophie Jones**, **Charlotte Tromans** and **Millie Lang** (Yr 8). Special thanks to Izzy Rollit who stepped in at the last minute and Emily Colley who swam up an age group to enable the Intermediate girls' team to compete.

### Sixth Form

In Theatre Studies **Dan Finch**, **Charlotte McCammon**, **Charlie Harrison**, **Pam Stacey** and **Archie Hartles** have embraced new techniques, ideas and methods of acting and have done so in a mature and sensitive way.

Mrs Thompson is delighted with the efforts and progress made by Year 12 Physics. Their performance in transition assessments was impressive.

In Applied Science **Amelia Knowles**, **Beth Meakin** and **Molly Gammond** overcame a range of personal barriers to fully dissect and deconstruct a chicken wing in order to gain a better understanding of the structure and function of joints.

Year 12 Theatre studies students have done some very good work looking at a theatre company called DV8 and going on to imitate their style of physical theatre.



## Year 11

The Geography department has started a new award and our first recipient is **Emma Sabel**. She receives it for her outstanding attitude and sustained hard work in Geography.

Year 11C Drama really embraced a new way of performing theatre called The Mechanical Shuffle, demonstrated by Dv8. They had a lot of fun trying it out and gained some valuable ideas for their upcoming devising unit.

In Geography **Tyler Malone** continues to develop his skills and is working really hard independently.

**Lewis Hodgkiss** has shown outstanding effort and progress in Geography

In History **Porcha Bridgwater-Harding, Amelia Hodgetts, Kelsey Rooke, Will Sheldon Lucy Earl and Alex Haller** worked hard and produced some good work on Edward I's recoinage.

**Tyler Hall** and **Jake Smith** have produced some outstanding work in English this week.

Well done to **Rose Baker, Brandon Connaire, Katie Hodnett, Logan Callow, James Stanford, Cotton Hennessey, Erin Jackson, Eva Palmer, Rochelle Harris Will McArdle** and **Matilda Westwood** in 11B/De for their consistent and mature commitment to their German studies. These students remain positive, extremely conscientious and organised, never missing a homework deadline.

## Year 10

In English **Catherine Sandell, Sophie Marley, Jacob Bastock, Isobel Sprague, Jasmine Crawford, Chloe Alden, James Rudkin, Laurie Holder, Joseph Bradbury** and **Kayleigh Jones** completed detailed and creative pieces of work on the November Criminals.

**Jack Ellis, Erin Moss and Emily Stanley** performed very well in formal assessments on A *Christmas Carol*.

10R2 made a good first attempt in their English assessments. **Immie Evans, Oscar Fitzhugh, Mark Hewlett, Katie Stroud** and **Ellie Walton** did particularly well.

Year 10 Drama students have done some excellent team work, developing Brechtian performances and learning about this style of theatre.

**Erin Brodrick and Charlie Crutchley** have been working really hard, contributing well and making an excellent overall start to their academic year in French.

**Liam Greenfield** has made an outstanding effort in all lessons in Geography.

**Molly Still** has worked consistently hard in all her Geography lessons.



In Child Development **Holly Bourne**, **Kaycee Bradley**, **Immie Evans**, **Ellie Clarke**, **Kayleigh Jones**, **Freya Skipp**, **Sidra Watfa** **Josie Pheasant**, **Sky Styles**, **Ellie Dawson** **Alice Ralphs** and **Molly Still** have made an impressive start to the course and have produced great work in the last few lessons including colourful menstrual cycle day counter bracelets.

## Year 9

PE group 9L DR have recently completed a Sports Education unit. This involved the students taking on a variety of roles during the lesson such as manager, captain, warm up coach, skills coach and official. The students worked extremely well in lessons, demonstrating strong independent learning skills, maturity and resilience. There was a points system applied to each lesson, where students gained points for both performance and effort. A special mention goes to **Keira Yates**, who finished in first place.

The students were: **Ruby Lines**, **Chloe Lostitch**, **Millie Ashford**, **Jessica Evans**, **Jessica Jelfs**, **Faye Morgan**, **Phoebe Bunyan**, **Daisy Evans**, **Georgia Howes**, **Anna Garbett-Sweet**, **Darcey Newman** **Eloise Harris**, **Hannah Jordan**, **Emily Richards**, **Sophie Turk**, **Abbie Woodland**, **Daisy Moffatt** **Ashleigh Farrell**, **Leah Harrison** and **Keira Yates**

**Rhys Hibbert** gained a commendation point for supporting other participants in the House Basketball Competition.

9RW showed impressive listening skills and great maturity during class discussions in Philosophy and Religion this week.

9LW have begun to analyse Of Mice and Men in a critical way. Well done to the following for taking on parts or narrating in the lessons: **Harris Broderick**, **Lewis Halford**, **Lewis Hartwell**, **Aaron Cooper-Aston**. There has also been some great classwork from **Amy Taverner**, **Zach Fisher**, **Sarah Prosser**, **Lexi Smith**, **Kacie Fazackerly**, **Lillie Greenhill**, **Amelia Leigh Holdnall**, **Owen Weston** and **Abi Bott**.

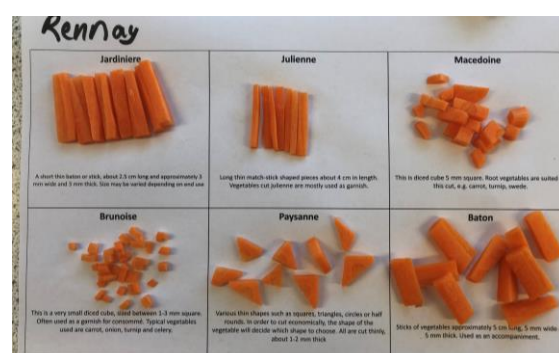
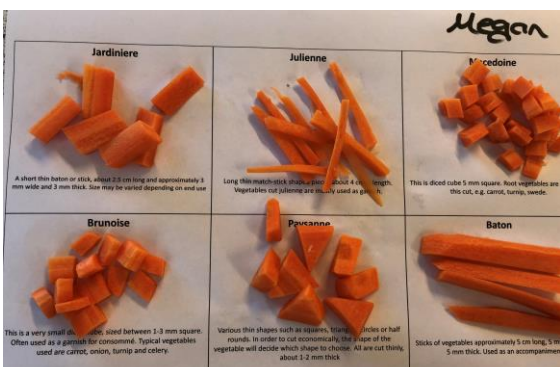
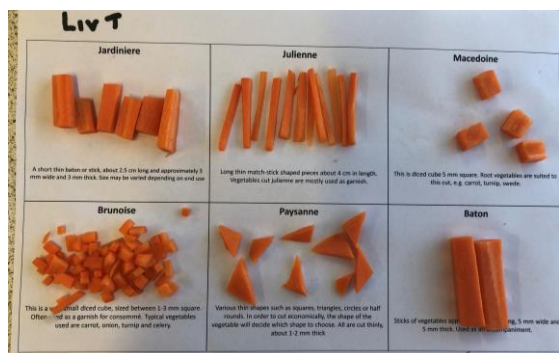
**Felix Filkin**, **Jacob Dyke**, **Callum Child**, **William Picken** have been working really hard, contributing well and making an excellent overall start to their academic year in French.

**Emma Mansueto** has completed outstanding homework in Geography on the uses of coastlines.

**Hollie Baker** has given 100% classroom effort and contribution to discussion in Geography.



## Excellent Knife skills in Food and Nutrition Lessons







## Year 9 Geography Fieldwork in Weston Super Mare

The inclement weather conditions did not prevent the Year 9 students from participating well in the fieldwork in Weston last week. They will use the data they collected in writing up the fieldwork project as part of their first assessment.



In History **Max Rigby**, **Poppy Hatfield-Evans**, **Rhys Maidment**, **Dylan Hadfield**, **Callum Jenkinson**, **Erin Sanders** and **Alfie Meads** have shown an excellent attitude to learning in their lesson on Australia and The British Empire.

**Alexis Smith** and **Andrew Eversham** in 9C1 Sports Studies stood out for their determination and positive attitude in their training methods lesson.

Students in 9RA Geography have created some great coastal designs.

**Lexi Bennet**, **Kelsey Dewhurst Ford** and **Emily Gandy** have been consistently working hard and completing their classwork and homework to a good standard in English.



In English **Aaron Griffiths** has shown a really positive attitude to learning.

**Olivia Traynor** has made excellent progress In English so far this year, always working hard and giving of her best.

9RD have made a great start to their PSHE lessons this year, showing enthusiasm and careful thought about challenging issues such as stereotypes and equality. Special mention to **Finlay Jackson, James Aldridge, Lewin Thomas Meredith, Megan Holder, William Miles, Robbie Elliott, Jacob Hird, Rory Crawford, Roxy Robinson, Keira Deu, Stanley Deacon and Summer Griffin**, who have done some particularly good work in partnership with Ngobit Girls Secondary School in Kenya.

## Year 8

The students in **8SDS, 8HLR, 8LNH** and **8SJG** have made a promising start to their German studies. Their enthusiasm and positive attitude are most encouraging.

**Bethan Evans, Isaac Rudkin** and **Charlotte Whitsey** produced exemplary posters on Henry VIII for their History homework.

**Charlie Drinkwater** became National Junior Angling Champion a few weeks ago after winning the individual competition. As a result of this achievement he has been selected for the under 16s England Angling team.

**Armands Zvaigzne, Isabelle Butcher, Riley Dukes, Kyle Daniell, Macy Parton** have been working really hard in French, contributing well and making excellent progress.

Well done to all those who are taking part, or assisting in the Ks3 Drama club. It is such a pleasure to see so many keen students in the theatre twice a week, as well as the older students who are helping to lead them.

**8LR** conducted themselves in an exemplary fashion while completing their CAT test this week.

These students have made a very promising start to this year in French, **Toby Baker, Nathan Welch, Izzy Shewell, Dylan Sivaharan, Sophie Holland, Adam Parkinson, Jas Aujla, Callum Edwards, Paige Shaw, Rebecca Johnson, Oscar Putt, Oliver Checketts, Owen Hancocks, Holly Smith, Luke Daniels Sophie Edwards, Rameen Menaal, Leticija Grunte, Libby Beck, Evie Dean, Lily Dawson, Seanah Lumley, Viya Patel and Ethan Evans,**

**8L Rhino** have made excellent contributions to discussions in PSHE.

**Daisy Morgan** has shown continued enthusiasm within her Geography lessons.

In Geography **Drew Hanks** gives 100% effort every lesson and completes all of his work to a high standard.

Students in **8HLR** and **8SJG** are working very well in English and making pleasing progress.

**Amelia Scattergood** impresses with her retention of Geographical theory from one lesson to another.

**George Clarke and Calvin Dunn** are working well in English, including reading for well over an hour last week.

**Paige Shaw** has created an outstanding piece of work on Martin Luther's 95 theses. It was entirely optional and in it Paige demonstrates excellent understanding as well as highly creative effort. She has earned a commendation point for her efforts.

