



Newsletter

18th March 2022

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

LOSEVILLE
Property of Arch systems™

Who will win the race to get computers talking to each other?

DSHS Theatre
Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 March 2022
7pm
Tickets: £7.50
Eventbrite – Loserville

Logo Design: Olivia Knight

Our rehearsals for **Loserville** are picking up pace. The cast and crew look forward to performing on March 29-31st at 7pm in the School Theatre.

With music by Elliot Davis and James Bourne (of Busted and Sons of Dork fame) can the geeks and social outcasts beat Arch Systems to solving the riddle called the internet? You'll laugh, you'll cry and you'll want to get involved.

Tickets can be purchased

here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loserville-tickets-290313013037>

Sixth Form



Congratulations to Joe Matthews who won the “Revision Raffle” top prize of a £20 Amazon voucher.

The raffle will start again from Monday 14th March and be drawn on the 8th of April. Any Y13 student who is engaging in revision activities in the Study Centre before or after the School day is eligible to claim a ticket.

Jennifer Freeman, **Felicity Jones** and **Charli Head** have participated in the Biology Olympiad this week. This comprises two 45 minute online assessments that test their application of Biology to current real life contexts. We await the results.

Dan Finch, **Charlotte McCammon** and **Archie Hartles** are commended for directing, performing and editing a house competition video, ‘The Stolen Veil’ (to be launched this week).



They have also achieved excellent final grades for their component 2 Theatre Studies exam. This included two performances and a 3000 word essay.

Congratulations to **Izzy Carswell** on a fine piece of work on the congressional legislative process, prepared as part of her Politics course.

Harvey Bastock wrote an impressive answer about Italian foreign policy.

Year 11

Y11 RSL and Y13 RSL have their performance exams this Thursday. All will be performing songs of their choice either as a soloist or in a group. There will be a showcase at **6pm in the School Theatre on Thursday 17th March**. All are welcome to hear how our students have developed their musical skills, despite the COVID Pandemic. Please come and support them.

Arkwright Engineering Scholarship Update



Just over a month ago a group of talented Year 11 GCSE Engineering students submitted their applications for the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. This was followed by a two hour aptitude exam testing their ability to apply creativity and technical knowledge to a number of practical problems. Last week we were delighted to hear that six of our students have made it through to the final interview.

The D&T department will now work with **Jayden Dorans, Lymara Lines, Liam Smith, Olivia Gregory, Frankie Walker** and **Jordan Kiely** in preparing for their interviews.

Year 11 GCSE Engineering

The group has made a substantial improvement recently, as their recent internal examinations confirm. The following students are congratulated individually:

Ruby Avery, Sam Ballard, Mia Goode, Owen Handy, Matt Hatfield, Jordan Kiely, Chris Kirby, Karol Kosta, Troy Pemberton, Lewys Perkins and **Frankie Walker**, with the most significant progress being made by **Sophie Warner** who has been rewarded with a Commendation point.

In Drama **Leanne Dearing, Lucy Early, Katie Hodnett, Kimberly Hussey, Phoebe Davies, Maha James, Brandon Connaire, Charlie Baker, Miki Conroy** and **Logan Clarke** have confirmed their progress in the component 2 Scripted mock exam.

Rosie Booth has improved significantly in her recent written work in Drama.



Year 10



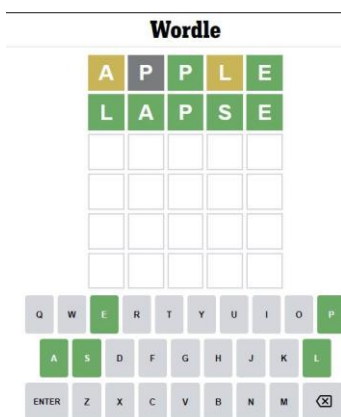
In Hair and Beauty **Cassie Smith**, **Jodie Homer** and **Kaitlyn Farnham** worked exceptionally hard to wash, blow dry and curl / style their models. They worked persistently and can proud of their effort, creativity and achievement.

Mia Lloyd, **Leona Calder** and **Emily Eversham** also worked very hard on their wash, blow dry and style, and worked with increased determination.

In French 10CS performed some really impressive role plays last week. Well done to **Gia Baylis**, **Sophia Birtles**, **Amber Dent**, **Oliver Jesion**, **Robyn Jackson**, **Jack Mason**, **Alice McElroy**, **Will Rushton**, **Kassidy Upton**, **Sophie Watkins**, **Zoe Winsper**

10LMJ continue to show a nicely competitive attitude towards House competitions

Laurie Holder, **Jasmine Crawford**, **Jacob Bastock**, **Andy Potts**, **Maddison Jennings**, **James Rudkin**, **Summer Goodwin**, **Chloe Alden**, **Isobel Sprague**, **Catherine Sandell**, **Archie Kane** and **Mason Keay** have excelled in their work this week on the Berlin Airlift and Berlin Blockade. They each showed an excellent understanding of the causes and the events' contribution to the Cold War.



10R4 English smashed the Wordle last week in just 2! Well done!

Mr Gray's 10Bs class have been working well on their Nigeria studies



Year 9

In French these students scored full marks on a photo description - Violet Adams, Olivia Traynor, Max Rigby, Leah Blake, Phoebe Bunyan and Arlyia Hussey

In French the following have all worked impressively recently and done well in their assessment:

Lily Blackmore, Chloe Field, Eli Oliver, Olivia Weatherby, Faith Andres-Barber, Millie Howcroft, Rory Crawford, Kelsey Dewhurst Ford, Stanley Deacon, Jacob Dyke, Ollie Elvins, Megan Holder, Georgia Howes, Ana Makejeva, Cameron Moore, Sam Perry, Emily Richards, Thomas Rogers, Lewin Thomas Meredith

Bee Barber and Holly Dufty were the Performers of the Week in Year 9 Drama. The entire class continues to impress through its energy and creativity.

In Geography Jude MaCalinden, Nicola Pawlak, Samuel Perry, Jacob Daniels and Olivia Traynor are commended for their excellent understanding of Tsunami protection methods

Year 8

In Music 8LGiraffe, 8LBuffalo, 8RBuffalo and 8LRhino recorded some exceptional performances of Boney M's Rivers of Babylon in Music over the last 2 weeks. Students learned to sing and play the melody on keyboard and ukulele. They added the chord progression and bass on keys and bass guitar with a drum rhythm. They are moving on to Bob Marley's 3 Little Birds next.



Wo8LR have designed a stained glass style window with a view of The Mayflower for the classroom to show an aspect of Edward Winslow's life. Their artwork has brightened up room P11 and they should be proud of their initiative and creativity.

Eliza Morris, Lily Dawson, Jemima Wood, Harry Cole and Charlie Tranter have a consistently excellent attitude to learning in English.

In Geography Natalia Wierzchowska, Lily Williams, Adam Parkinson, Daisy Morgan and Matt Tompkins completed very good work on the Droitwich floods of 2007

In Geography Phoebe Brindley-Jones, Finley Griffiths, Samuel Barnett, Kloe Jagielski, Rose Lewis, Jack Orme and Thomas Clay scored well in their end of unit assessment on rivers.

8RA thought deeply and reached careful judgements as to why the Parliamentarians won the English Civil War.



Year 8 Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday 9th March, fifteen Year 8 students visited St. John's Leisure Centre in Worcester to compete in the Droitwich and Worcester City indoor athletics meet. The results from each event accumulated to produce a final score, with the winning team being invited to represent Droitwich and Worcester City at the Winter Games in April. Droitwich students gained some convincing wins and the scores were tantalisingly close. The overall girl's team scores were; Blessed Edward Oldcorne (127 pts), Droitwich Spa (128 pts), Christopher Whitehead (132 pts), Tudor Grange (133 pts). Boy's team scores were; Christopher Whitehead (121 pts), Tudor Grange (126 pts), Droitwich Spa (127 pts), Blessed Edwards (142 pts). Well done to the following students who showed great potential for the summer athletics season; **Grace Dean, Evie Dean, Emily Colley, Charlotte Jennings, Lola Winnall, Pippa Lang, Flo Bird, Ania Waldron, Finley Griffiths, Drew Hankins, Lucas Brett, Dylan Sivaharan, Fin Garlick, Oscar Peckover, Josh Shuck.**



Armands Zvaigzne has taken up a role for the Mock Trial competition (the only member of Year 8 to compete this year) although only a week away from the competition. Despite this short notice, he managed to, overnight, learn his statement so well that he could answer all the examination in chief questions, and defend his statement under cross examination.

In English **Adam Parkinson** produced an impressively well-crafted piece of Creative Writing for his English assessment.

In the Geography lesson on Montserrat and the volcanic eruption Mrs Stace's class worked very effectively and made sensible, educated decisions.

