



## Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Sixth Form

In the National Biology Olympiad **Jennifer Freeman** achieved an award of Highly Commended (given to only 15% of applicants) and **Charli Head** and **Felicity Jones** both achieved a Gold Award which only 5% of applicants receive. A huge well done to them and the best of luck to Felicity who will be at Warwick University over Easter to contend for a place in the team representing Great Britain in the International Olympiad in Armenia in July.

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March the Year 13 Theatre Studies group went to see A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, an award-winning show that is one of their set texts. It was a very enjoyable show as well as being very helpful preparation for their upcoming exam.

Following an invitation from Oxford University to join a 'Classical Conversation, Doctor Julianne Zachhuber from Wadham College came to school on Wednesday 30 March and gave a fascinating talk on the role of Priestesses in Ancient Greece. The students who took part, **Freya Richardson**, **Harry Jeys**, **Daria Romanczuk**, **Matt Woodings**, **Amy Ford**, **George Knowles** and **Adam Such** were all thoroughly engaged, asking relevant and probing questions.

Dr Zachhuber was very impressed with their response and the whole event will stand students in good stead for their Oxbridge applications.



Congratulations to 'Vysion', our Young Enterprise Company on winning the Teamwork award in the South Worcestershire Area Final. **Emily Allen** and **Maisie Thomas Meredith** received the award from the Young Enterprise Area Manager.

Although COVID prevented the awards ceremony from going ahead, Vysion can be extremely proud of themselves after their journey through the competition and the way they overcame setbacks. They also performed well in the presentation and interview stages of the competition.



As part of her PreGCE course **Amy Ford** planned and delivered a full hour lesson to a Year 9 English group. This was a highly impressive achievement.

**Maisie Thomas Meredith** has written an exceptional A level English Language and Literature essay, scoring 23 marks out of 24.

Well done to **Freya Richardson**, **Harry Jeys** and **Daria Romanczuk** on their outstanding pieces of History homework on the topic of Fascist Italy.

### Sports Event at Westacre Middle School

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, six Year 12 students ran a football tournament at Westacre Middle School as part of their Sport & Physical Activity course. They planned, organised and delivered the event to over 100 students. The tournament was a great success. Westacre have asked them to run more events and help as sports leaders in the future. From left to right: **Heidi Shumba**, **Miles Troth**, **Reece King**, **Jenson Warriar**, **Harvey Osbourne** and **Jasmine Kilmartin**.





## Year 11

The Year 11 Historians paid a very worthwhile visit to RAF Cosford last week to aid them in their GCSE Revision for the Cold War topic. They had missed the visit in Year 10 due to COVID and engaged extremely well with all of the exhibits.



Following some hard work in rehearsals, 11C Drama did some excellent work in their practical scripted exams.

**Bailey Dukes**, **Molly Ince**, **Kelsey Rooke**, **Priya Sharma**, **Maggie May Winter** and **Mia Goode** in 11R3 English are all working with real purpose and determination towards their GCSE exams.

**Alicia-Mai Bradbury** continues to do very well on her Hair and Beauty course.

**Nathan Wood** has been working well in Science.



Congratulations to members of 11A and 11B Child Development for their recent exam results. A special mention to **Aimee Douglas**, **Amy Golden**, **Daisy Jacobs**, **Olivia Lewis**, **Emily Pearce**, **Ambar Pitcher**, **Poppy Robinson**, **Paige Rowe**, **Priya Sharma**, **Emily Shephard**, **Verity Thomas** and **Maggie Winter** for their efforts to gain the best possible results.

## Year 10

**Darius Iordan** has been working very effectively in Science.

**George Wharton** achieved an exceptional assessment result in Science.

Congratulations to **Mark Hewlett** who led the Under 16 Worcestershire County Golf Team to a victory against Gloucestershire in their first competitive match of the season.

**Jacob Bastock's** effort and attitude in his History lessons has resulted in him making excellent progress in History, resulting in a very significant improvement on his assessed work. He has been awarded Historian of the Week for his efforts.

**Kaitlyn Farnham**, **Rhyanna Fallon** and **Leona Calder** were Stars of the Week at Hair & Beauty this week.

In English Mr Kirk's commendation goes to **Brad Keay** for his contributions in English

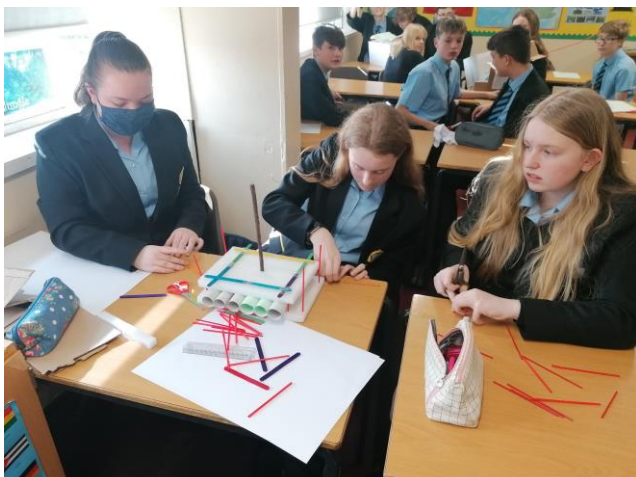
**Will Rushton**, **Lucy Cure**, **Charlie Harris**, **Ellie Harris** and **Catherine Sandell** have done very well in their recent home learning assignment in Science.

10R2 worked well during an assessment this week. In particular, **Tom Mansfield** is commended for improved effort and attitude to learning in English.

Well done to 10L4 who have engaged well with the poetry anthology and completed some excellent analysis this week.

## Year 9

9RC and 9LT have completed some first-class electrical circuit work. They were careful and methodical and have collected excellent data as a result of this.



Year 9 have been busy designing, building and testing "Earthquake Proof" buildings. The students have been inventive, knowledgeable and some have even gone and spoken to the DT Department to get extra skills and advice.



Last weekend 48 Year 9 students took part in a very successful pair of Bronze DofE Qualifying expeditions in the Droitwich – Wychbold area. The students demonstrated great determination and resilience in their teamwork, navigation, campcraft, and of course the physical endurance required to complete the expedition.

The weather was very kind but did present its own challenges; the warm days and cold nights kept the students on their toes and required them to be adaptable throughout their two days outdoors.

It was wonderful to be able to run the first proper Bronze DofE expedition since the summer of 2019.





A group of Year 9 students visited Westacre Middle School on Tuesday morning, where they taught French to two classes of Year 7's. The students set an excellent example to the younger pupils and led a variety of activities in small groups which were very well received. They were a credit to DSHS and the Year 7 students are keen for them to return.

The students involved were **James Aldridge**, **Leah Blake**, **Fred Dale**, **Freya Evans**, **Abigail Goodyear**, **Jacob Hird**, **Louie Horton**, **Georgia Howes**, **Ollie Elvins**, **Fin Jones**, **Daisy Moffatt**, **Roxy Robinson**, **James Turner** and **Caitlin Valle**.

In Philosophy & Religion the following have worked hard and done well in their latest assessment:

**Nicola Pawlak**, **Maciej Goscilo**, **Marcus Osborne**, **Daisy Evans**, **Samuel Perry**, **William Broughton**, **Jacob Daniels**, **Freya Evans**, **Eloise Harris**, **Lillie-Rose Willetts**, **Amelia Chahal**, **Lewis Halford**, and **Owen Weston**.

**Daisy Tibble** for high has produced some high-quality independent work in English

**Anna Garbett-Sweet** was very helpful in being an emergency stand in for a Year 11 performance of 'Shakers'. She did a sterling job,

**Lexi Smith** did some excellent work comparing two poems in English.

**Amelia Chahal** persevered admirably with some difficult Maths content in her Science lesson.

**Amy Taverner** continues to work hard work in Science.

**Cameron Moore** in 9A Food made excellent contributions during class discussions.

Well done to **Emily Gandy**, **Rhys Hibbert**, **William Picken**, **Hayden Priddey**, **Max Rigby**, **Kyle Rooney**, **Harvey Skimming** and **Harvey Wilkinson** for their contributions in English this week. They have made insightful comments about the poems discussed.

In History **Sebastian Christoforou**, **Lorcan Fowler**, **Alfie Drinkwater** **Erika Baylis**, **Millie Howcroft** and **Sally Scott-Jameson** impressed through their contributions in class and the excellent written work they completed about the Attack on Pearl Harbour.



## Year 8

Taylor Waldron, Natalia Wierzchowska, Harry Moore, Archie Hinton, Jack O'Donnell, Daisy Morgan and Matt Tompkins have demonstrated a very positive attitude to learning and have made notable contributions to their History lessons this week.

In History Ted Kirton, George Clarke, Sophie Holland, Grace Dean, Drew Hankins, Eva Guest, Hannah Marshall, Oscar Putt, Oscar Sach, Toby Baker and Max Kirkham have worked diligently in revising for their upcoming assessment. They have produced some really meaningful revision resources.

Year 8LH have made a fine attempt at writing a baseline essay on an unseen poem with particularly good work by Harry Cole, Abi Richards, Tia Shewell, Charlie Drinkwater, Macy Parton, Jemima Wood, Eliza Morris and Lily Dawson.

In History 8RA+ have done some very pleasing work on life under Oliver Cromwell, and the Restoration of the monarchy.

Penelope Crabbe passed her Grade 3 Music Theatre Performance Examination with 83%, an outstanding achievement, and one reflecting her talent and commitment.

Jackson Cundy and Archie Hinton are achieving consistently high standards in English

The following students produced very good Civil War campaign posters for their History homework: Olivia Knight, Larisa Stefan, Isabella Ross, Florence Bird, Mary-Jane Peace, Viya Patel, Harry Cairns-Smith, and Armands Zvaigzne.

Miss Hughes' Year 8 PE class made an impressive effort in basketball, learning how to dribble and pass the ball with control and consistency.

In PSHE Molly Pritchard and Abigail Plant in 8R Rhino were helpful and cooperative and contributed well to class discussions.

8RR wrote poems titled 'Blessing', inspired by Imtiaz Dharker's poem. Special mention to Libby Beck, George Clarke, Isabelle Cooper, Grace Dean, Ted Kirton, Max Kirkham, Millie Lang, Evie Makepeace, Lola Winnall and Nathan Welch who shared their work during the lesson.

Zac Thomas, Oscar Peckover, Bethan Evans, Lily Smith, Viya Patel and Charlie Tranter contributed thoughtfully to class discussions in their PSHE lesson on Teamwork.

8LH enjoyed a lesson of tasting Indian Food to explore creative writing based on the poem 'The Bazaars of Hyderabad'.



