

Newsletter

17th October 2022

Charities Week 17th October - 21st October

The Sixth Form Council reports:

We would like to introduce Charities Week 2022. For us Charities Week is possibly the most notable event of the academic year and we are excited to show you what we have to offer. As a sixth form, we feel overwhelmed with pride that our school provides a whole week dedicated to charity.

Our chosen Charities

Each year the Sixth Form Council selects three charities, one local, one national and one international. This year we have chosen:

International charity: Support for Students at the Ngobit Schools in Laikipia County, Kenya



The two schools in Ngobit Kenya and DSHS have a long running school partnership. This has not only broadened our understanding of the diverse world in which we live in but also allowed us to sponsor children's education such as the two students on the left, Rahab and Agnes who have now gone on to train to be teachers.

The current Bursary Students are Happiness and Susan from the Girls' School and Daniel and Yassim from the Boys' School. They have been chosen by the teachers because they work hard and achieve well. Primary education is free of charge in Kenya but families have to pay to send their children to secondary school. Without our sponsorship the families of these four young people would not be able to afford to send them to secondary school





National charity: Macmillan



is why we are so delighted to help support them in their endeavours.

Macmillan, as many of you may know, is a charity which raises money to fund research into cancer, vital cancer services and help families living with cancer. Thousands of families rely on Macmillan's support every year, which

Local charity: Heads Up



Heads Up is a mental health promoting organisation based in Worcestershire. They give free mental health resources to anyone who might need them. Considering 1 in 3 young people are now seeking access to NHS mental healthcare, we believe it is very important to boost charities aiming to help the cause.

Our events

The events this year are an exciting mix of DSHS traditions and new additions to the Charities Week stage. Our fabulous teachers have been so keen to get involved all in the name of charity- we can't wait for you to see them!

Monday The Chase starring a mystery chaser

Tuesday Head shaving and leg waxing involving Sixth formers and teachers. There is a rumour that this will include Mr Brook shaving his head. All donations and hair collected from this event will go towards the Princess Trust.

Wednesday TaskMaster presented by Mr Drew and Mr Horne

Thursday Teacher Music Video, starring all departments

Friday Lip Sync Battle

All lunch time events will be shown in the theatre and please donate what you can on entry.

This year, to boost donations and fun, we have decided to put on two break time showings of Carpool Karaoke. This event will also be in the theatre.

The traditional Graham Trevor football match - sixth formers v. teachers - is returning in honour of the late teacher Mr. Trevor. Our sixth formers and teachers are enthusiastically looking forward to this event on Friday 21st after school on the field.

Friday will be a Non-Uniform Day. We are looking for donations of at least £1 for those participating. Parents can make these donations on Arbor.



So as not to exclude parents from the fun, after Charities Week we will be posting some exclusive clips on the Sixth Form Instagram which is linked below. You can also follow the QR code to find us.

https://www.instagram.com/invites/contact/?i=1lyg8kn55avpm&utm_content=p1krhd6



This year, there will also be a donation option on Arbor (linked below) and we'd be extremely grateful for anything you can give towards this year's Charities Week.

[DSHS \(arbor.sc\)](https://arbor.sc)

Our stalls:

During break and lunch times in the concourse there will be a variety of stalls with activities and lots of food- and cakes! Below are just a few of the stalls that the sixth form tutor groups have thought up this year.

- Pope Shakes 5th anniversary edition
- Pop pong
- Doc-Floss
- DaCosta's cake emporium
- Welcome to the movies- nachos, popcorn

We hope that this week will be a great celebration of the hard work all year groups have put into this half term as well as giving back to our local and wider communities.

The council has been working tirelessly to ensure that this week is packed full of enjoyable content and we hope that you all have a great week. Please make sure that if you do want to take part, you bring in some money to school.

We are very excited for what we have in store for you all!

Happy Charities Week!



Sixth Form



Freya Richardson was successful in securing a Law Summer School placement with Kings College London over the summer. As part of the Sutton Trust initiative, Freya completed an essay which was recently graded at a 2:1 classification. Freya intends to read Law at University and this success is a huge encouragement.

Gabe McAlinden and **Summer Shipway** have produced very promising assignments on Giolitti and his five term tenure as Prime Minister of Italy.

Sofie Berry-Morris, Daisy Jacobs, Poppy Robinson and **Megan Randle** volunteered at the Corbett Medical Practice vaccination clinic on Saturday morning. The patients and clinicians were impressed with the way they conducted themselves.

Many of our current students contributed to displaying the work of departments during the Sixth Form Open Evening. **Harry Jeys, Daria Romanczuk, Freya Richardson, Oli Moss, Ewan Sanders** and **George Knowles** were impressive ambassadors of the History and Politics Department.





Poetry Competition

Thank you to the many students who entered the recent poetry competition. It was a pleasure to read each of the entries. Congratulations to the deserving winners:

- Bulman – Lucy Anderson 9LED
- Winslow – 11MMD
- Parks – Ethan Higley 11CT
- D'Oliveira – Rhys Bodilly 9RHB
- Rowling – Grace Dean 9RF
- Best presentation – Zuzia Szczygiel 8LAH
- Teachers' choice – Grace Rusby 11CMP
- Best performance – Rhys Littlewood 9HJM

Thanks to **Hope Rose**, **Freya Richardson** and **Harry Jeys** who judged the poetry competition alongside Mrs Whittaker.

Football stars



The Year 8 Girls Football team were out in force to play an exciting first fixture at Christopher Whitehead High School on 10th October. The girls started strongly with **Maja Fijolek** scoring two goals in the first 5 minutes. The opposition soon scored a goal and the Droitwich girls responded positively with **Agata Rodak** scoring our third. The opposition retaliated with two further goals before Elly-May Eversham scored to take us into half time with a score of 4-3. The opposition managed to score 3 goals in the second half, with Maja scoring another for the Droitwich team, concluding in a close final score of 6-5 to

Christopher Whitehead High School. Well done to the following girls for demonstrating great teamwork and determination; **Agata Rodak**, **Zuzia Szczygiel**, **Elly-May Eversham**, **Jogiya Sivaharan**, **April Chinembiri**, **Maja Fijolek**, **Leah Blair**, **Kamilia Chok**, **Mae Billings**, **Georgia Jones**, **Aggie Rusby**.

Year 11



Congratulations to the Year 11 Upcycling AQA Unit group of **Jayden Lane**, **Stefan Darby**, **Stanley Broadway**, **Leo Tidbury**, **Dillan Tranter**, **Kenzie Cole** and **Kaycee Bradley** who have made an excellent start to the year helping with maintenance to The Centre and have now started completing work on personal finances in The Cabin. They have been a very responsive group and totally engaged with their studies.



In Maths 11ED have made admirable efforts in algebra and geometry.

Zara Taylor completed a very good end of topic assessment in RS.

In Dance **Sophie Marley**, **Mali Hill**, **Grace Bradley** and **Grace Gittus** have shown an exceptional attitude to learning, remaining after school to work on their GCSE Dance set phrases. They supported each other in improving their work and made great progress.

Joe Al-Bajjaly has demonstrated an excellent attitude in Engineering by committing additional time after school.

Beatrice Boutayre-Burrows, **Sylvia Scattergood**, **Tom Stringer** and **Eric Neumann** continue to demonstrate a very good attitude to their studies in the lead up to GCSE assessments.

Oliver Jesion had an impressive result in his Speed and Velocity assessment in Science.

Year 10

Members of 10A Child Development group visited Stalls Farm Road play park to complete risk assessments. They investigated potential hazards on the way to the park, as well as the equipment itself. They learnt how to create a risk rating, and thought about how to make each potential hazard safer.



In Engineering **Amy Meredith** and **Freya Kelly** are showing their commitment, with consistent and precise work in lesson as well as choosing to return after school to continue their work.

James Aldridge, **Finn Morgan** and **Will Picken** consistently give 100% effort in their engineering lessons.

Owen Exon continues to extend his already impressive skill set in DT and Engineering by undertaking increasingly complex problems, projects and procedures as well as committing many hours after school.



Year 9

Vira Samokhvalova has made valuable contributions to class discussion and given well thought out answers in Religious Studies.

In English 9R Kestrel have been working on their analytical writing of an extract from Dracula and **Oscar Sach, Charlotte Collett** and **Grace Dean** have done a first-class job.

Holly Smith and **Fin Garlick** are commended for their information gathering on behalf of the tutor group.

BO9IED showed super knowledge during the house quizzes.

9R Kestrel have done pleasing work on standard form in Maths.



Year 9 Food classes have been working hard with their knife skills this week. They have made some really nutritious pasta salads.

In Design and Technology **Bethan Evans** is continuing to strive for bigger and better things, already exploring the possibilities of 3D printing (which is not even a part of the current project). **Holly Smith, Aleisha Layton, Ellie-May Reeve, Jemima Wood, Libby Beck** and **Ethan Evans** continue to display an outstanding attitude towards their studies. **Drew Hankins** continues to work very hard and studies for many hours after school.

Year 8



Year 8 had the opportunity to participate in a workshop to celebrate World Poetry Day. The workshop was delivered by Young Writers and run by poet Mark Grist – you can find out more about him here: <https://www.markgrist.com/> Mark talked through the process he uses to write poetry and the students all had a chance to write 4-8 lines of poetry using his advice. Some of the poems seen by the staff were very impressive.

Tristen Weir and **Ciaran Dearn** have been awarded commendations for being helpful and kind.

W8GMJ have represented Winslow throughout the week in the house basketball competition. Five girls and five boys represented the tutor on the court and those who did not play have been cheering along their peers, throughout lunch and tutor time. 8GMJ's star of the week is **Luca Rolfe** who has played excellently and been a real leader on and off the court.

8R Dublin showed excellent understanding of straight line graphs last week.

In D & T The following are all recognised for their effort and attitude in their technical drawing studies: **Evie Noone, Yehor Lazorenko, Leo Fry, Becca Griffiths, Brooke Dudley, Alicia Silva, Molly Putt and Oliver Newell.**

For their homework, members of **Po8ADM** and **Do8JJH** art groups completed some outstanding research into a chosen modern artist. They showed skills in independent research, presentation, and their ability to create their own pastiche of their chosen artist's work. Art displayed is by **Elise Shadforth, Jessica Crawford, Alex Hopkins-Budd, Ava Marshall, Hannah Reeve and Daisy Phillips.**

