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Your regular newsletter from The Adeyfield Academy *16 OCTOBER 2023*

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are delighted to present the latest edition of our academy newsletter, filled with the promise and potential of a brand-new academic year. I have noticed the academy is the hub of activity at the moment, and it's truly heartwarming to witness our students diving headfirst into their learning journeys and a wide array of enriching extra-curricular experiences.

Our extra-curricular programs are in full swing, and it's been amazing to witness our students wholeheartedly embracing these opportunities. From the Cookery Club to a host of other engaging activities, our students are immersing themselves into the world of opportunities.

Our sporting endeavours are off to a flying start this academic year. Our Key Stage 3 netball teams showcased their skills and teamwork, securing impressive victories against Longdean and Kings Langley last week. These successes are a testament to our students' dedication and the guidance of our coaches. Art club had 56 students sign up showing a great interest and dedication to the subject.

Our school calendar is full of exciting trips this year. Recent adventures have taken our students to Tring Natural History Museum, providing invaluable hands-on experience as part of their Art studies. Year 11 attended the Dacorum Careers Festival where they had the opportunity to expand their horizons and prepare for a world of possibilities. One particular highlight was hearing about a student who was reluctant to attend and left wanting to explore the possibility of becoming a Paramedic. Our Year 11 Geography students have also spent two days visiting Walton-on-the-Naze and Windsor to gain practical experience of coastal and urban locations. These opportunities enable students to focus on an end goal and understand how their studies link into the next steps.

OPEN EVENING FEEDBACK

Our recent Open Evening was a resounding success, with a record number of families in attendance. The enthusiasm and energy in the academy was infectious. Student guides and faculty helpers all showed visitors how they are 5 star students. We extend our thanks to everyone who attended and, of course, to our dedicated students who wholeheartedly showcased our school. Your support is deeply appreciated, and we recognise that we couldn't have achieved this without you.

CAREERS

We celebrate the accomplishments of our KS4 Making The Grade evening and Tutor Review Day, both of which enjoyed significant attendance from parents/carers and students. These events are vital for forging collaborative partnerships between school and home, ensuring that our students can realise their full potential.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This week, we're excited to open our doors for the Grand Final of Adeyfield's Got Talent. We invite you to join us in supporting our incredibly talented students. Tickets are available on Gateway, and who knows, there might even be a surprise staff performance in store. Watch this space! Good luck to all our finalists.

The 2023-2024 school year is off to an extraordinary start, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for our amazing students. Thank you for being a vital part of our Adeyfield Academy community, and we look forward to all the incredible moments yet to come.

Warm regards,

Miss Mason,

Principal

COURAGE DIGNITY AMBITION COMPASSION RESPECT

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CALENDAR

OPEN EVENTS

OPEN MORNINGS:

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER - THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 9AM-10AM, RUNNING EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

TERM DATES AND FORTHCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Tuesday 17th October 2023	Black History Month Student Quiz
Wednesday 18th October 2023	Adeyfield's Got Talent Grand Final
Thursday 19th October 2023	Year 7 & 8 External Speaker: Paul Hannaford
Friday 20th October 2023	Sixth Form External Company: OddBalls
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October	Half Term
Friday 24th November 2023	Occasional Day
Thursday 21 December 2023	Term Ends
Monday 30th October 2023	Smoothwall Safeguarding Online Parent Event 6pm

PERFORMING ARTS ROTATION:

A note to all students and parents / carers. Please see right the new PA rotation for KS3 for when we return after half term.

As always, please can all students who are on the Dance rotation ensure they bring in a clean, dry pair of trainers to all PA lessons, or a detention will be issued.

Students are not allowed to wear their trainers to school and will need to bring them in their bags.

✓	**YEAR 7 - DANCE ROTATION** - clean trainers required
✗	**YEAR 8 - ACTING ROTATION** - no trainers needed
✓	**YEAR 9 - DANCE ROTATION** - clean trainers required

INFORMATION

The Adeyfield Academy PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a community of parents and carers supporting the school to ensure the best educational experience for all; We are holding our first official Annual General Meeting (AGM) next month, which we wish to invite you too:

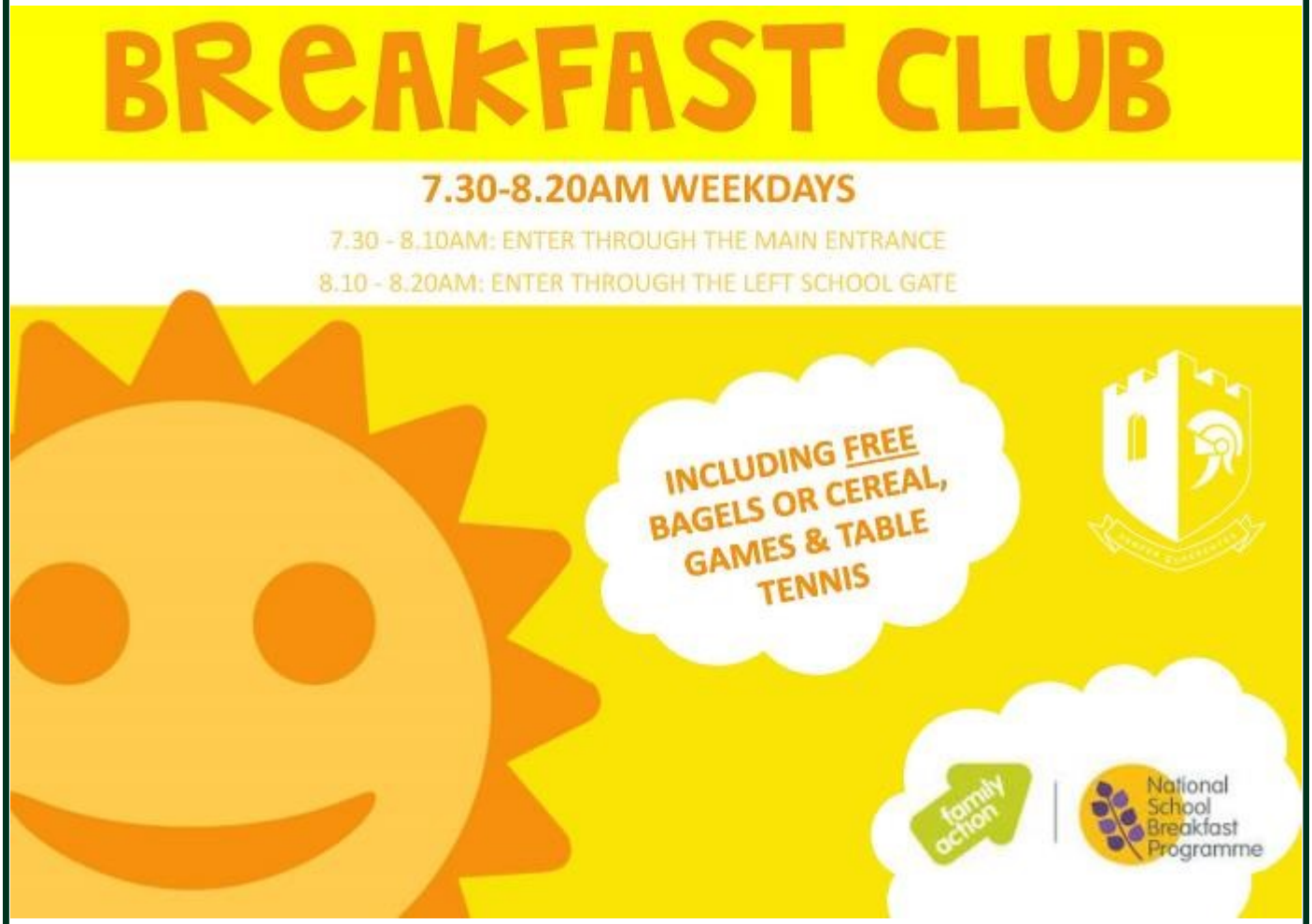
PTA AGM - Thursday 9th November - 5.15pm - onwards
Centurion Sixth Form Building

Thank you to all of our helpers so far, we really appreciate your support.

ABSENCE REPORTING

If a student is absent or late due to illness, or an appointment, the parent must inform the school by 8.30am either by telephone on the attendance line 01442 406020 option 1 on each day the student is absent or an email to **attendance@adeyfield.herts.sch.uk.**

A specific reason must be given for the absence. The school may ask for medical evidence to be provided if a student's attendance is irregular or continues for a sustained period.



OPEN EVENING

OPEN EVENING 2023

The Adeyfield Academy Open Evening 2023 at our school was a resounding success! The event buzzed with excitement as parents, students, and teachers came together to showcase our school's vibrant community and academic excellence.

A memorable addition to this year's open evening was the Adeyfringe performances where our students showcased their musical and magical talents and skills but also exemplified the dedication and passion of our students to their art and to our school.

The school's corridors were adorned with impressive displays of student work, and our passionate teachers engaged in meaningful conversations with visitors. Prospective students and their families left with a deep sense of connection and enthusiasm, eager to become a part of our thriving educational environment.

The open evening truly embodied our school's commitment to nurturing growth and fostering a sense of belonging for all.

"The community feel you spoke so passionately about absolutely shone through!"

-Parent feedback

"Great open evening, my youngest can't wait to join in September!"

-Parent feedback

"We enjoyed our visit, got everything crossed my girls get a space soon, we are on the waiting list."

-Parent feedback

OPEN EVENING

ADEYFRINGE FESTIVAL

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5 STAR STUDENTS

CAREERS

Careers @ADEYFIELD

YEAR 11 CAREERS FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 27 September, Year 11 students went to Shendish Manor to take part in the Dacorum Careers Fair. The students were model representatives, talking and engaging with different businesses from the local area. Watford Football Club, Hertfordshire Police, Hemel Garden Communities, and Aaron Services were just a few of the businesses that were available to the students. It was an extremely positive first step for students finding potential future careers .

PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS LAUNCH EVENT

We are really excited to be part of the Aspire Higher Programme and to be selected as one the few schools in the local area to be selected in a partnership agreement between the University of Hertfordshire. The partnership will enable us to work with them to offer impartial guidance and targeted outreach activity to support students in giving them exposure to higher education experiences and in meeting the Gatsby benchmarks.

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SEND INFORMATION

DSPL8

Delivering Special Provision Locally

DSPL8 NEWSLETTER

The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter: Autumn Term' & 'Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support' newsletters are available to download from our website via the following link: https://dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/

This fortnights newsletter includes:

- **DSPL7 & DSPL8 Emotional Based School Avoidance coffee mornings. For parents and carers with children (Year 7 - 11)**
- **ADD-vance Mini consultations: 09.11.2023**
- **SEND Surgery: 21.11.2023**
- **DSPL8 EBSA Coffee Morning: 23.11.2023**
- **Autumn Term DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support**

Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support from various local providers:

- **HPCI Parent/Carer Survey**
- **Children Wellbeing Practitioner Workshop: Autumn 2023**
- **Families Feeling Safe Online Courses**
- **Up on Downs Autumn 2023 Newsletter**
- **NESSie In Ed: Parent/Carer Chat & Connect Session & Free Online Parent/Carer Workshops**
- **Fit Fed, Read: Free Holiday Camp in October Half Term**
- **SEND Drop-in sessions**
- **Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Autumn Term 2023**

INCLUSION & SEND

AMBITION

TUTOR REVIEW EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended our Tutor Review evening on 11 October, we were so pleased to meet you.

These opportunities are paramount for working together to enable the very best for your young learners.

We were delighted to share the many achievements already made at The Adeyfield Academy and in turn learn even more about the students outside of school.

We hope you equally found the event helpful and we look forward to seeing everyone at the next occasion.

YEAR 10 & 11 KS4 MAKING THE GRADE EVENING

It was truly heart-warming to see so many Year 10 and Year 11 parents come together for our recent Information Evening. The turnout and enthusiasm were simply fantastic! It's always a delight to witness the strong sense of community and dedication to our students' education.

Throughout the evening, we had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations, share valuable insights, and discuss the exciting academic journey that lies ahead for our Year 10 and Year 11 students. The presence of parents, guardians, and teachers working collaboratively to support our young learners was a testament to the unwavering commitment to their success.

If you were unable to attend the event, I encourage you to visit the school website using the link below and read through the presentation and documents. I am sure that you will find them extremely helpful for both your understanding of this academic year and ways to support your child with their learning.

Year 10 and Year 11 Parent Information Booklet 2023-2024.

We look forward to seeing you at the next event in the school calendar.

- **10/01/24**
  Year 11 Parents Evening
- **27/03/24**
  Year 10 Parents Evening

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Space Containers, a bespoke shipping container conversion company delivered a live Q&A session to a Year 7 Design Technology class on 21 September. The students were given expert advice on how to design their own container conversion living space for their Design Technology Graphics project.

DIGNITY & AMBITION

SERGENT TO FLIGHT SERGENT PROMOTION

On Thursday 14th September, one of our Sixth Form student's was promoted from a cadet sergeant to a cadet flight sergeant by the Wing Commander who is in charge of all of the squadrons in Hertfordshire. They are now at the highest rank possible until they reach the age of 18 when they can hopefully become a cadet warrant officer!

DANCE SUCCESS FOR ELLIE H IN YEAR 10

A huge congratulations to GCSE Dance student Ellie, in Year 10, who, over the weekend, successfully won Platinum and 1st place with her Senior Street Dance Team in the Aaron Dwyer Take The Stage Finals!

At the end of their performance one of the judges awarded the group a Golden Buzzer which then put them through to the Buzzer completion at the end of the day, where they won the 'best of the best completion' and a £1500 prize to put towards future competitions!

Ellie's next competitions are UDO South East Street Dance Championships on 12th November in Luton, and the OTB Street Dance Competition at the end of January 2024 at the prestigious Tower Ballroom, Blackpool.

Well done Ellie! We wish you lots of luck for your future competitions!

COUNTY GYMNASTICS

We are extremely proud of Antonella in Year 10, who competed in the County Artistic Gymnastics competition last weekend. She achieved a first place position for both her floor routine and beam performance, resulting in overall gold position for her age category. Well done and we wish her continued success for the regionals competition.

SAPPHIRE
MORE THAN GYMNASTICS

RESPECT

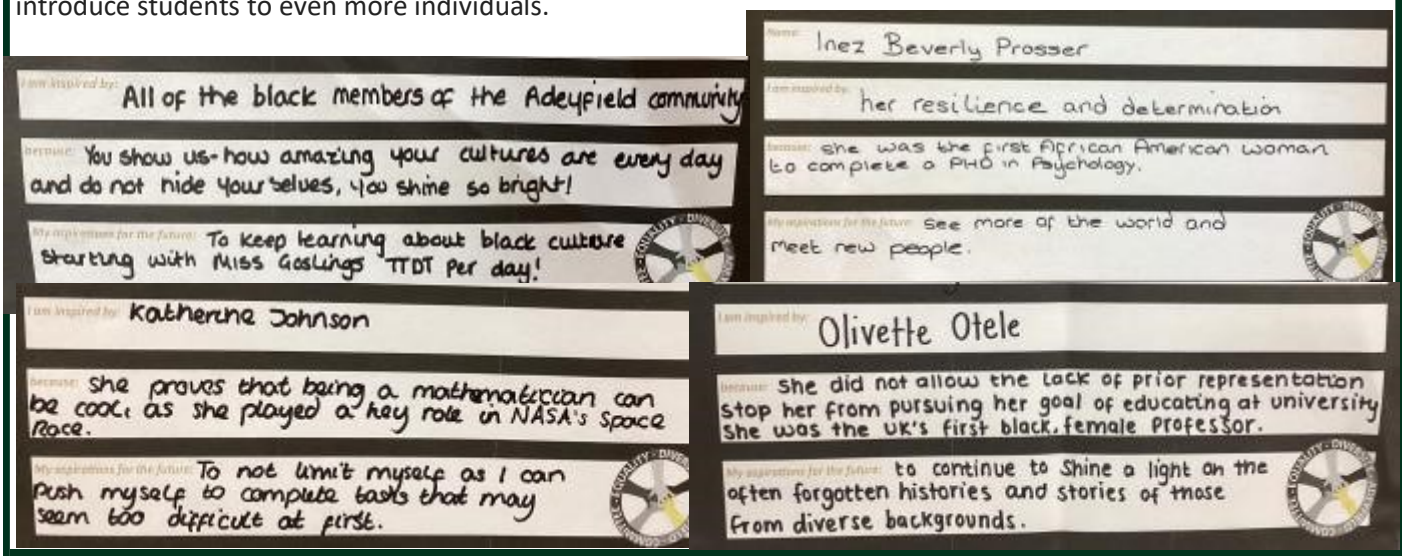
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

October is the month that we celebrate Black History Month here in the UK and at The Adeyfield Academy in addition to our regular curriculum which covers diverse backgrounds. Nationally this year's theme is 'Celebrating Our Sisters' so we will be shining a light particularly on the contributions of black women throughout the month.

Students across the school have all had an assembly which tells them all about what Black History Month is and why it is important to celebrate the contributions and stories of people from Africa and the Caribbean. The assemblies focus on four individuals to share with students some stories that they may not have been aware of; Nichelle Nichols, the first black women to have a main role on a TV show in America, Diane Abbott, the UK's first black female MP, Wangari Maathai, the first black woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize and Kanya King the founder of the MOBO awards.

In addition to the assemblies, students will have the opportunity to show off their knowledge in our house competition BHM quiz which is taking place on the 17th October.

Staff have also been sharing their inspirational figures from black history in posters on the classroom doors to introduce students to even more individuals.



RESPECT

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

On Tuesday 26th September, the Spanish department celebrated European Day of Languages.

All year groups attended an assembly about the importance of languages in our day to day lives. Students also participated in a quiz to test their knowledge about how many languages are spoken worldwide.

Classes completed a group challenge on the day to find out how much they knew about languages around the world. This included a 'Guess the language' round where students had to work out the language they could hear in 10 entries from previous Eurovision Song Contests. Students also greatly enjoyed the 'Words that don't exist in English' round!

A form time house competition also took place. A massive congratulations to the following form groups for earning 20 house points each for achieving joint first place!

- **10 Parks**
- **7 Parks**
- **9 Turing**
- **8 Parks**

COURAGE

NETBALL SUCCESS

Well done to the Year 8 and 9 netball teams for their recent wins against Longdean (Year 8 won 14-4 and Year 9 won 14-0) We are very proud of these are fantastic results with a special mention to Mariana and Amber for showing courage and playing up a year. We have also had a fantastic start for our Year 7 team who beat Kings Langley 21-4 on Thursday 12 October.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEARS FINALISTS!

YEAR 9 BAND - DAVID N, DANIELLA N, CALEB H-B, AMIYAH M
ISAAC B & NATE B (8 AND 7)
MILLIE R (9)
MAISIE C (8)
BEATRICE G (8)
STANLEY P (8)
SPARSH M (7)
GREIS P (7)
ELLEN T (8)
CADENCE (8)
LACY J (11)
CHLOE-LEIGH S (10)
AARON J (10)
MADS K (8)

FINALS : WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2023 5PM

TICKETS FOR THE FINALS ON SALE NOW:
£1 FOR CONCESSIONS
£2 FOR ADULTS

COMPASSION

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AMY WINEHOUSE FOUNDATION

COMPASSION

SEE IT HEAR IT REPORT IT

RESILIENCE WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE - Putting real life experiences at the heart of drug and alcohol education

The **Amy Winehouse Foundation** visited the school on Tuesday 10 October to work with students on issues relating to drug and alcohol abuse, including:

- Real life examples and experiences
- Engage children in discussing their real thoughts, feelings and behaviours.
- Strengthening emotional wellbeing and raising resilience.
- Help address issues such as low self-esteem, poor body image, bullying and peer pressure without turning to drugs or alcohol.
- Creating an honest and open environment to make informed choices.
- Support and information for teachers, students and parents.

LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

YEAR 10 COOKING: FOCACCIA DESIGNS

Our Year 10 GCSE cooking students have been busy in the kitchen making these fancy focaccia designs. They would make a perfect centrepiece for any celebration!

AMBITION

ENRICHMENT

EXTRA-CURRICULAR COOKING CLUB

Students in our extra-curricular cooking club have been busy making healthy sausage rolls. The students worked in pairs and small groups to chop, prepare and mix the filling ingredients, roll pastry and assemble their sausage rolls before baking in the oven and decorating. The results look delicious!

YEAR 11 ART TRIP TO THE NAUTURAL HISTORY MUSEUM IN TRING

On Thursday 5 October our Year 11 art class visited the Natural history Museum in Tring where they were able to observe and draw the various animals within the gallery. This was a fantastic chance to encounter the animals up close and study their entire forms, including shape, colour and texture and a way to enhance learning beyond the classroom.

ENRICHMENT

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

Students in Year 11 have spent two days enriching their studies outside of the academy. They attended Walton-on-the-Naze, a rural coastal location, and Windsor where they conducted learning about urban environments.

The students were amazing both days, especially at Windsor where it was particularly nice seeing the students interacting so well with the public; they even got speaking to some American tourists. The students were complimented from another member of the public about how *"polite and friendly"* they were, and they really enjoyed meeting them. Well done for representing The Adeyfield Academy and being such exemplary students!

Walton-on-the-Naze

Windsor

THE HOUSE SYSTEM

ATTENBOROUGH HAWKING KAHLO PARKS SEACOLE TURING

HOUSE POSTERS

Here are some of the fantastic posters created around the school for our house poster design competition.

REWARDS & RECOGNITION

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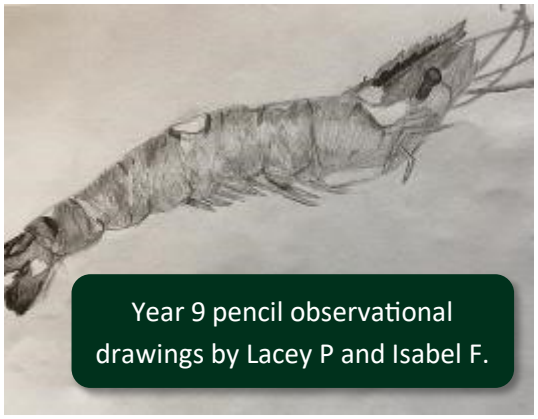
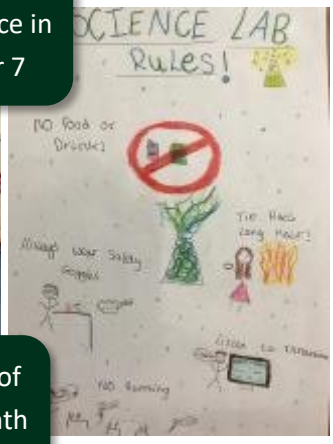


Year 9 pencil observational drawings by Lacey P and Isabel F.

Poster by Beatrice in Year 7



Recipe of the month entries,

HA1 Classroom display of 5 star students' work. These displays can be found across the school showcasing good work from our students in their lessons.

REWARDS & RECOGNITION

	ATTENBOR-OUGH (HUMANITIES)	BOWIE (MUSIC)	BRUNEL (ART, DT)	CHRISTIE (ENGLISH)	FARRAH (PE)	HAWKING (SCIENCE)	HEPBURN (PA)	KAHLO (SPANISH)	TURING (MATHS)	SAUJANI (BUSINESS / IT)
KEY SATGE 3	Chloe S	Nate B	Enrique A	Bradley H	Sonny C	Adam W	Abdel E	William K	Amber W	Aleena K
	Josh F	Elise T	Sophie O	Haider N	Lylah A-W	Archie H	Nancy G	Harry S	Alfie S	Abbas J
	John W	Isaac B	Jessica M	Josh F	Beatrice L'E	Elle - Marie	Megan M	Archie M	Jack R	Ethan W
	Emily B	Mae C-G	Isabel F	Beatrice G	Maddison K	Greis P	Freddie C-F	Aleena K	Dylan P	Pippa G
	Daisy M	Lily S	Katie S	Hannah C	Lucie E	Pippa G	Jasmine S	Lilly S	Lily S	Beatrice G
		Caleb H-B	Lacey P	Millicent S	Riley N	Toby W	Aeryn R	Freya B	Jessica M	Shahirah A
		David N	Morgan S	Sophie B	Chloe B		Jessie P	Nat F	Katie S	Daniel S
		Daniella N			Emily B		Oliver H	Scarlett J	Ava D	Archie H
					Mya C		Isabel F	Safa A	Izabelle A	Ollie S
					Edward M		Emily G			Louis O
KEY SATGE 4	Jo S	Chloe S	Sophia W	Maddie H	Matthew D	Michael M	Abi M	Aaron B	Kirsten P	Shayan M
	Kyle A	Riva R	Layla B	Haydn S	James K	Grace B	Corey M	Harriet T	Zarrah A	Muhammed
	Kirsten P	Jack M	Leah P	Jaimeson R	Antonella I	Kirsten P	Harriet T	Lacy J	Alfie T	Michael Y
	Korban E	Aaron J	Diana C	Amy B	George H	George H	Ruby R	Joseph S	Leah P	Casey G
	Ciara J	Ishan N	Katie S	Michelle K	Grace B		Chloe-Leigh	Jenna B	Summer H	Darshan G
	Abi M	Shayan M		Sky C	Kyle A		Elive J	Poppy M	Jenna B	
	Skye C			Soma I	Aaron W			William D	Sam E	
	Lu N			Lou N				Alfie T		
	Michael M			Nabila K				Casey G		
	Sam E			Abi M				Becca F		
KEY SATGE 5	Angel K		Ezra C	Harry J	Robyn C	Florence S			Florence S	
	Harry J		Rebekah R	Blake J	Bethany C				Charlie B	
	Terry JH			Ronnie N	Charlie K				Safiya U	
	Ezra C			Rebekah R						
	Charlie B									
	Ellie B									
	Weronika C									
	Yaqoub A									
	Emma W									

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COMMUNITY

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