

# ACTION PACKED ADEYFIELD



THE ADEYFIELD ACADEMY

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Issue 04



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## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the festive season, I am delighted to reflect on the vast number of events and accomplishments that have happened in recent weeks. The sense of community spirit and dedication to learning displayed by our students and staff continue to make The Adeyfield Academy a vibrant and thriving place of learning.

One of the highlights of the past weeks was the impactful Anti-Bullying Conference. Our students demonstrated a commendable commitment to fostering a culture of respect and compassion within our school community. Events like these not only educate but also contribute to the positive atmosphere that defines our school.

Celebrating achievement and attendance is a fundamental part of our school ethos. The recent presentation of Attendance Awards and my new favourite tradition of 'Hot Choc Fridays' are testament to the commitment our students show to their education. The Annual Adeyfield Academy Awards were a showcase of the exceptional talents and achievements of our students. From academic excellence to contributions in extracurricular activities, it was a night

to remember. All these initiatives not only recognise dedication but also encourage a supportive and engaged environment. Additionally, our Sixth Form Open Evening provided an opportunity for prospective students to witness first hand the opportunities and supportive environment we have to offer.

Our sports teams have been making us proud with their outstanding performances. From the exhilarating Futsal matches to the grace displayed in the Trampoline Challenge, our students' achievements in sports are a testament to their hard work and the guidance of our dedicated coaches. We celebrate not only the victories but also the resilience and teamwork displayed by all involved.

As we approach the end of the year, our school is abuzz with preparations for the Christmas festivities including the Christmas Lunch, the Christmas Card Competition, the Santa Run, and the Classroom Decoration Competition. These events not only bring joy but also foster a sense of togetherness among our students.

Our Year 8 students recently had the opportunity to expand their horizons with a visit to the Imperial War Museum. Such experiences are integral

to broadening their understanding of history and the world around them.

Lastly, I would like to extend my congratulations to our Year 11 students on their mock results. Your hard work and dedication are commendable, and I am confident that with continued effort, success will undoubtedly follow.

Thank you to everyone - students, parents, and staff - for making The Adeyfield Academy a place where excellence, respect, and community thrive. Wishing you all a joyful and restful holiday season.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Mason  
Principal

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## IMPORTANT DATES



Monday 4th December 2023	KS3 Santa Run for Herts Young Homeless
Wednesday 6th December 2023	Year 12 Wayfinder Day (University of Hertfordshire)
Friday 8th December 2023	Year 11 'Be a Sixth Former for a Day'
Monday 11th December 2023	Year 11 & 12 Parliament Tour
Tuesday 12th December 2023	Year 7 Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 13th December 2023	Year 8 Pantomime Trip
Thursday 14th December 2023	6th Form Parents' Evening
Thursday 14th December 2023	Christmas Carol in the Community
Wednesday 20 December 2023	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 December 2023	Term Ends, 12.20pm Finish
Monday 8th January 2024	Spring Term Starts



## 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](mailto: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.





## BEHAVIOUR BITE

- Students are **NOT ALLOWED** to wear nail varnish or false nails.
- Students **ARE ALLOWED** to wear plain black or nude socks or tights. **NO FLUFFY OR BRANDED SOCKS ALLOWED.**



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Adeyfield Academy and our catering partners Aspens will be celebrating with our annual Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 20th December**. In order to accommodate all students dietary needs and order sufficient ingredients, it is essential that all Christmas lunches are pre-booked via School Gateway, including free school meals students.

If you would like your child to participate in our Christmas lunch, please ensure you book this via School Gateway by **Friday 8th December**. This will show in your payments section and will either be free or cost £4.50 depending on your free school meal eligibility.

Please indicate in the comments box which option you are booking for your child:

### Regular Option:

Traditional turkey, sage & onion stuffing balls, chipolata sausages  
Served with roast potatoes and mixed seasonal veg  
Sticky toffee pudding or festive cookie

### Halal Option:

Halal turkey and halal chipolata sausages  
Served with roast potatoes and mixed seasonal veg  
Sticky toffee pudding or festive cookie

### Vegetarian Option:

Root vegetable puff parcel, with all the above trimmings  
Served with roast potatoes and mixed seasonal veg  
Sticky toffee pudding or festive cookie

There will be a very limited selection of cold lunch options available on this day from our Grab and Go, for students who have not booked a Christmas lunch. Therefore, we would encourage you to provide a packed lunch if your child does not wish to participate.

# INFORMATION







# Adeyvent Calendar



4  SANTA RUN	11  CARD COMPETITION	14  CAROL SINGING	15  DRAGONS Y7 & 8 DISCO
18  CLASSROOM COMPETITION	19  CHRISTMAS HAMPERS	20  CHRISTMAS LUNCH	21  CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

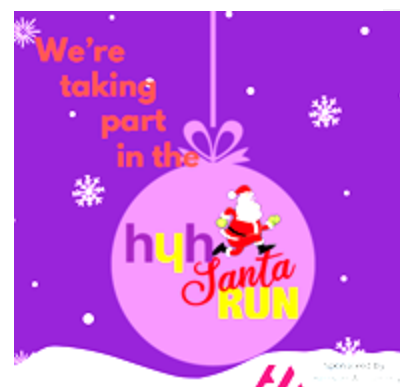


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On **Monday 4 December** students from Year 7-9 will be completing a Santa run to raise money for the local charity Herts Young Homeless. The charity supports young people across the county who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Students will be able to wear PE kit to school on that day along with Christmas jumpers and hats while doing the run, they are required to bring a spare change of footwear for other lessons. A suggested donation of £1 can be made to Herts Young Homeless via the school gateway.



INFORMATION



# SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS



## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENTS 2023



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On Thursday evening it was sixth form open evening where students had a chance to speak with current students and teachers about their prospective options. They also learnt more about the personal development support and extra-curricular activities that are on offer in the sixth form.

Over the next few months there will be more events to begin the transition to sixth form, starting with 'Be a Sixth Former for a Day' on 8th December.

It was a fantastic event and we can't wait to welcome the students into our sixth form.

If you are looking to join sixth form please email [cookg@adeyfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cookg@adeyfield.herts.sch.uk) or visit our website for further information:

<https://www.adeyfieldschool.org/page/?title=Sixth+Form+Admissions&pid=168>

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

6TH FORM OPEN EVENTS

6TH FORM TASTER DAYS

APPLICATION DEADLINE  
FOR ADEYFIELD  
STUDENTS

EXTERNAL APPLICANT  
OPEN MORNING

INTERNAL APPLICANT  
INTERVIEWS

APPLICATION DEADLINE  
FOR EXTERNAL  
STUDENTS

EXTERNAL APPLICANT  
INTERVIEWS

SIXTH FORM OFFER  
LETTERS ISSUED

INFORMATION







## BREAKFAST SURVEY

The National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP) provides food and support for our breakfast provision. As part of our involvement in the programme, we have been asked to gather your views and feedback about the impact of breakfast on your child(ren).

We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this short questionnaire so that the team can gather your feedback on the breakfast provision at our school. It should take no longer than 5 minutes.

The questionnaire is anonymous and is being conducted by the NSBP. It is independent of our school. The NSBP may use your feedback in marketing and publicity, but it will always be anonymous unless they have obtained your consent beforehand.

The feedback will help the NSBP to measure the

impact that the programme is having and help them to develop school breakfast provision in the future. The overall feedback results will also be shared with us, so that we too can use it to better understand and develop the breakfast offer to our pupils.

For the purposes of the questionnaire, if you have more than one child at our school, please answer it for the oldest child.

To complete the questionnaire, please [click here](#) or scan the relevant QR code below



Secondary pupils  
QR code



Secondary Parent/Carer  
QR code

## BREAKFAST CLUB REMINDER

We would like to remind students that we have a breakfast club running from 7.30am until 8.20am every weekday morning in the restaurant. Students who attend must remain in the restaurant until 8.10am when the site and gates are officially open to students.

# BREAKFAST CLUB

**7.30-8.20AM WEEKDAYS**

7.30 - 8.10AM: ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN ENTRANCE

8.10 - 8.20AM: ENTER THROUGH THE LEFT SCHOOL GATE

**INCLUDING FREE  
BAGELS OR CEREAL,  
GAMES & TABLE  
TENNIS**







**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!!!**

**2 weeks of 15 mins late each day =  
1 year of school lost.**



- Students should be punctual to ALL LESSONS.
- Students who arrive 5-10 MINUTES late will have a 15 MINUTE LUNCH DETENTION.
- Students who arrive AFTER 10 MINUTES will have a 1 HOUR TRUANCY DETENTION.





# THE ANNUAL ADEYFIELD ACADEMY AWARDS



Subject	Nominee 1	Nominee 2	Nominee 3	Nominee 4	Winner
Geography	Angel K	Tom S	Joseph S	Kyle A	Angel K
Art	Enrique A	Lilly S	Katie S	Aeryn R	Lilly S
Business and Enterprise	Ellis E	Becca F	Joseph S	Tom S	Joseph S
Child Development	Sophia W	Jacqui M	Emma W	Grace C	Emma W
D& T: Food	Diana C	Samuel B	Dylan P	Marianan B	Diana C
Computing	Nicholas M	Ethan W	Abbas J	Shayan M	Shayan M
D& T: Resistant Materials	Enrique A	Alfie R	Charlie W	Lilly S	Enrique A
D& T: Textiles	Isabel F	Kaitlyn H	Lacey P	Katie S	Isabel F
History	Jac P	Poppy M	Charlie B	Robyn C	Charlie B
Spanish	Emma W	Sam L	William D	Poppy M	William D
Maths	Safiya U	Jenna May B	Angel K	Jessica M	Safiya U
English	Katie C	Blake J	Emma W	Alice C	Blake J
Media	Toby H	Tommy F	Abi M	Lui K	Toby H
PE	Isabel F	James K	Isabelle A	Lexi M-W	James K
PA	Ruby R	Abi M	Millicent S	Robert V	Abi M
Music	Caleb H-B	Riva R	William D	Adam H	Riva R
Psychology	Toby H	William O	Denise K	Melody C	Toby H
Science	Haider N	Pippa G	Amy R	Layla B	Jenna May B
Scholars	Hope R	Taylor-Shatter S	Robert V	Haydn A	Robert V

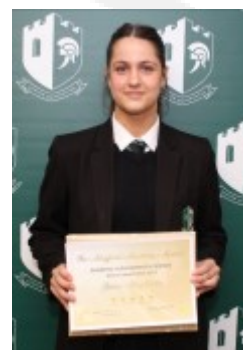
# RECOGNITION



# THE ANNUAL ADEYFIELD ACADEMY AWARDS



# RECOGNITION



Congratulations to our 5 star students who received nominations or awards at our renowned Annual Adeyfield Academy Awards event. This illustrious evening is dedicated to honouring students who have been acknowledged for exemplifying our school's values in every academic discipline. We extend our gratitude to Spike Reid for his inspiring keynote address and to Chair of Governors, Mrs Bristow for attending and supporting the ceremony. Thank you to our restaurant team at ASPENS who catered this event.





REPORT IT



HEAR IT



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# SAFEGUARDING

## POLICE VISIT



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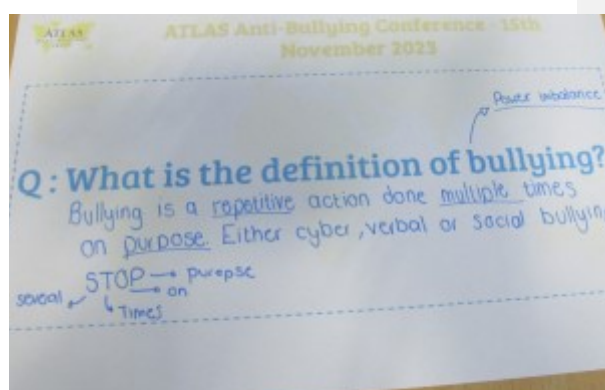
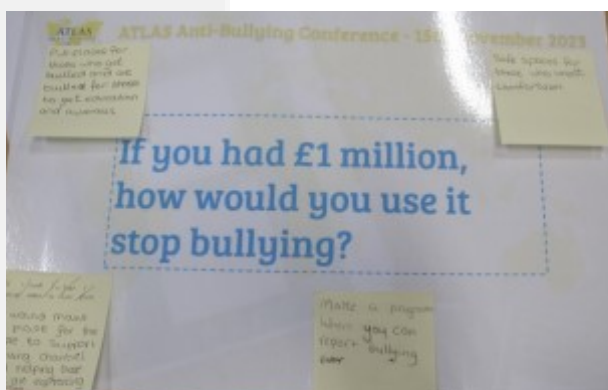
Hertfordshire Constabulary visited The Adeyfield Academy on Thursday 23rd November to give a comprehensive presentation to our students on the importance of personal safety and the serious consequences that can stem from making poor choices. The students have been provided with essential insights and knowledge to safeguard themselves against potential dangers. They left the session well-informed about the various risks associated with knife-crime, drug abuse and engaging in anti-social behaviour.



## ANTI-BULLYING CONFERENCE



The Adeyfield Academy hosted a collaborative conference on combating bullying, welcoming students from St Albans Girls school. During the event, the anti-bullying ambassadors from each tutor group discussed and found solutions to the issue of bullying. Students were also trained as anti-bullying ambassadors around what bullying is, the different types of bullying and the difference between banter and bullying. They also dedicated time to creating vibrant messages that inspire and promote kindness which will be combined into a joint initiative to combat bullying and raise awareness. Student's messages have now been combined to make an anti-bullying patchwork quilt which will be proudly displayed in our school to promote anti-bullying. Alongside this, our 6th form media students supported the anti-bullying ambassadors in creating an anti-bullying video to promote their message of how to report bullying. Finally, students had the opportunity to discuss where they feel safe and where they might not feel safe. Thank you to all the anti-bullying ambassadors' contributions, the conference was a real success!





# ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

The image below shows the fantastic patchwork quilt made using the compassionate messages from students at the anti-bullying conference. A special thank you also to Ms Oakley for sewing it together.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Hannah C	Reece W	Julian C	William D	Shayla C
Connie S	Jessie P	Taylor-Shattar S	Erin A	Lu N
Jacob W	Theo G	Sophie B	Skye C	Poppy M
Grace W	Millie T	Lacey P	Leah P	Jenna May B
Alexia C	Athir A J	Millie C	Amy B	
Maisie W	Aimie P F	Autumn Rose S	Summer H	
Oscar H	Kaitlyn H	Teddy F	Kirsten P	
Amalia S	Hope R	Isabel h	Aaron B	
Greis P	Isabelle M	Isobel F	Chloe-Leigh S	
Noah N	Hartley L	Ava H		
Yakira P				
Jarrod M				





# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

## STUDENT FORUM



YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	SIXTH FORM
Lilly-Rose T	Jack R	Nicholas A	Mia Capri N	Shayla C	Amna K
Amelia H	Sebastian S	Taylor-Shattar S	Riva R	Layla B	Sky P
Amber W	Josh R	Isabel H	Taylor A	Jenna-May B	
Sophia J	Ellie H	Aleena K	Jack M	Finley C	
Shahirah A	Nat F	Teddy H	William D		
Nimo R	Katie S	Elle-Marie A M	Lewis W		
Josh B	Daisy M	Caleb H-B	George Z		
Peter C	Hannah C	Sophie B	George H		
Andreea A	Jasmine S	Isobel F	Kat J		
Jaime D	Lola H	Gabriel Z-B			
Arjun C	Charisma S				
Megan M	Frankie B				

## SPORTS LEADERS

Our Sports Leaders worked with primary school SEND students in the local community. They were described by staff as an asset to our Academy, praising their maturity and patience. Well done to all!







## Primary Care Careers Webinar

**Wednesday 6th December 16:30 - 18:00**

The NHS Careers Untapped NHS Team are pleased to announce our next webinar will focus on careers in primary care and the community. Roles we will be spotlighting include:

<b>Find &amp; Treat Homeless Team</b>	<b>GP Practice Manager</b>	<b>Social Work Lead Practitioner</b>
<b>Clinical Pharmacist</b>	<b>Social Prescriber</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Coach</b>
<b>First Contact Physiotherapist</b>	<b>General Practice Nurse</b>	<b>Pre-Reg Pharmacist</b>

**To register to attend, please follow the link below**

## Webinar Registration - Zoom

**Future career webinar dates for your diary include:**

**Allied Health Professions & Healthcare Science on 25th January 2024 & Mental Health on 5th March 2024**



**NHS Careers Untapped is brought to you by London NHS employers including:**

Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust, Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust, Croydon Health Services Trust, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, Kings College Hospital, North Middlesex University Hospital, St George's University Hospitals, University College London Hospital, Whittington Health & London Primary Care Anchor Networks

To register interest in this event, please visit: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_3yXMKhQTYKleFFJL7tI9Q#/registration](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3yXMKhQTYKleFFJL7tI9Q#/registration)



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# CAREERS





# CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



# THE HOUSE SYSTEM



*Design a Christmas  
Card Competition*



## *Design a Christmas Card Competition*

Design an eye-catching Christmas card and submit it to Resources or Mrs Impey via your art google classroom by **Monday 11th December** to be in for a chance of winning. The design can be on paper or digital and include paint, printmaking, collage or whatever you like! The winning card(s) will be used as our official Christmas card, all entries will win points for their designated house.

ATTENBOROUGH



HAWKING



KAHLO



PARKS



SEACOLE



TURING

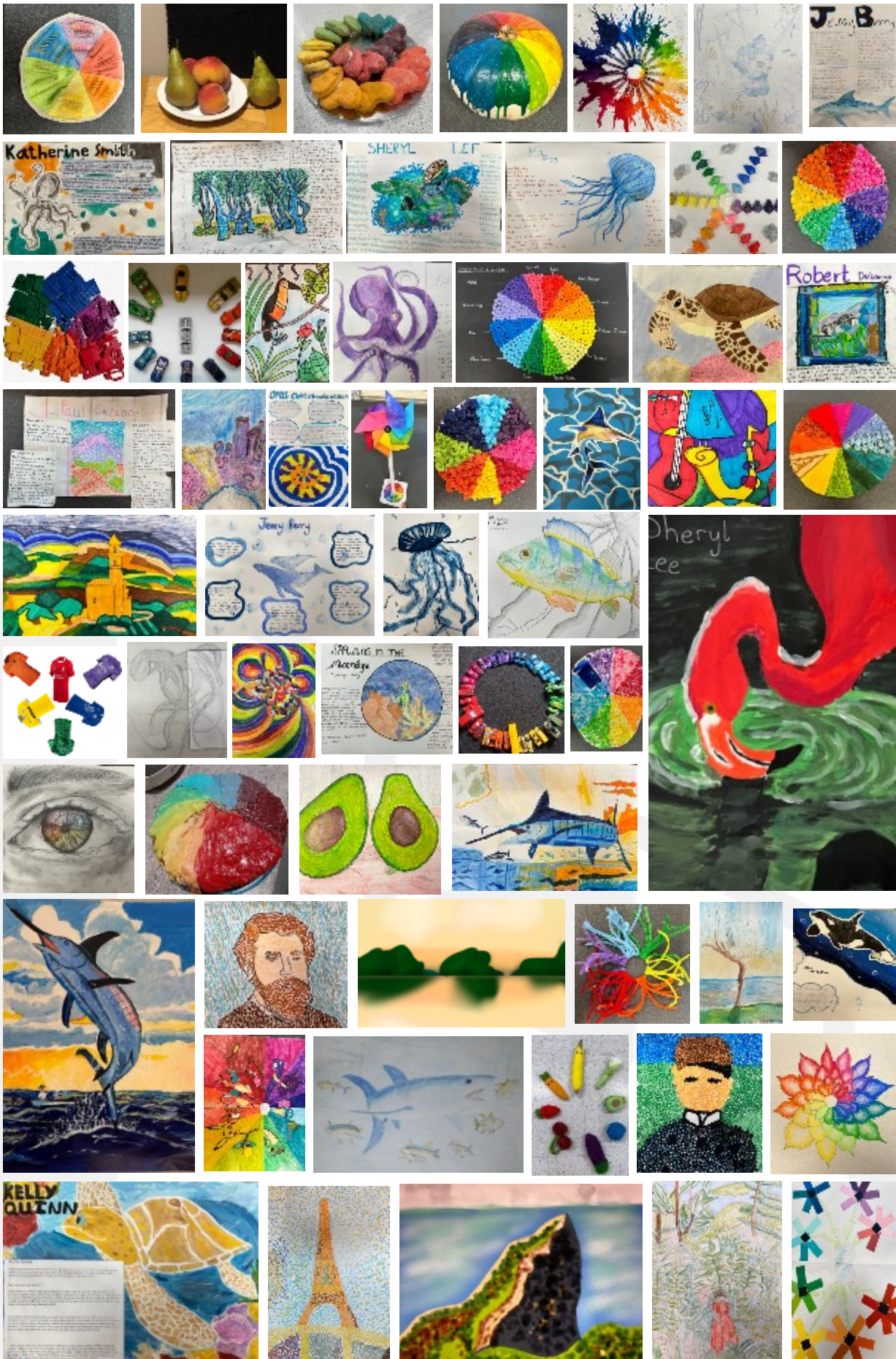




# ART HOME LEARNING



This term we have seen some exceptional pieces of 5 star art home learning from our Key stage 3 students which we believe should be celebrated. Well done to everyone who has their work featured.



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# COMPASSION

## ACTS OF KINDNESS



Class 7T dedicated a board in their form room to showcase their 'acts of kindness' in support of anti-bullying week. The messages included making people smile or laugh, holding doors open, offering help to others, greeting others politely and other small acts of compassion.

## COMPASSION IN THE COMMUNITY



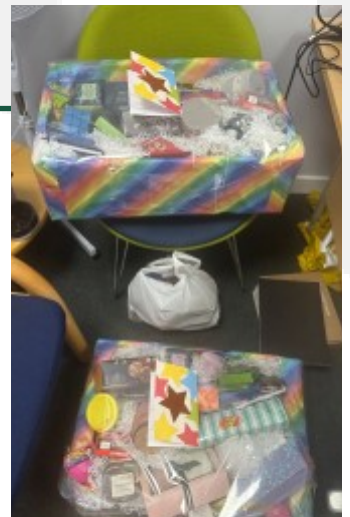
Two of our students, Nate and Isaac have been helping the community by collecting gifts for charity. Last Sunday morning they were at Tesco in Jarman Park to help collect items for under 6's in association with a local charity, The Children's Storehouse.

The Children's Storehouse collects gifts for children under 6, which are then distributed to families in crisis in Hemel Hempstead and the surrounding area through the Children's Centres Health Visitors and other agencies.

To find out more about the charity or to donate a gift their website is: <https://www.hemelveyard.org.uk/christmas-toy-donation>

## WELL-BEING WEEK

Last week was our 'well-being week', staff enjoyed a prize raffle and delicious treats from our PTA throughout the week as well as receiving some lovely 'acts of kindness' messages written from our students.





# COOKING WITH MUSSELS

The Adeyfeld Academy was lucky to be selected as one of 250 schools in the UK to receive a free delivery of rope-grown mussels from Offshore Shell.

Students enjoyed a fantastic lesson learning how to prepare and cook the mussels which they were then able to taste and enjoy. Many of which were trying them for the first time!

This was a brilliant experience for those that took part and we are really proud of their final dishes!

Thank you to all the organisations involved with this provision; Offshore Shell, Fishmongers Co, Food T Centre, Fish Heroes and DFDS Group.



# CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Well done to all the students who entered the Creative Writing Competition, here is a sneak peek of one of our entries by Beatrice G in Year 8. We will be announcing winners and runners up next week.

*The wind rustled my hair as I gazed ahead of me. The bridge shook, stinging my eyes as I determinedly stepped forward. As I crossed, the panels creaked and shook. I gulped, gripping the rope sides praying the wood wouldn't give out beneath me. I took another tentative step forward, constantly muttering reassuring words to bridge in the hope it wouldn't fall. I gasped as I snapped back into reality. The wind whooshed past me as I fumbled around for some kind of thing to hold. My hand scraped the cliff edge as tears began to flow down my face. I cried out, "I don't wanna die!" and as if answering my prayers, I was back on the bridge once more. Confused, I pinched myself thinking my hysteria*

*had returned me to my dream. It seemed real so once more I took tentative steps on and on. I hopped lightly over the hole in the bridge and to my relief, I made it to the other side! I kept running, checking behind me to make sure **he** wasn't following me. He was. I was doomed to die here, wasn't I? I kept running, not caring where I was. Once his footsteps faded completely, I paused to catch my breath. Gasping, I watched helplessly as the arachnacula scuttled down their web to me. A sob got caught in my throat, I silently prayed to be free. Again, I was returned to the Bridge. Again and Again and Again...*



# COURAGE





## DEBATE AT ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL



Our Sixth Form students had a great time experiencing a live debate at St Albans Cathedral. The focus of the debate was on the potential risks associated with artificial intelligence and the importance of freedom of speech. Our students are given enriching opportunities throughout their studies to support life beyond the sixth form.

## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Each week staff nominate students who have consistently demonstrated our 5 star values or done something exceptional worthy of recognition. One student from each year group is then selected to enjoy a celebratory hot chocolate with Miss Mason.

Well done to our recent winners; Greis, William, Julia, Oliver, Connie, Riva, Emily, Archie, Corey, Kiera, Summer, Matthew, Emily and Muhammed.

# Hot Choc Friday





# CLASSROOM DECORATING COMPETITION



It's time to 'Dec the Halls' of The Adeyfield Academy once again as students have been challenged to get into the festive spirit and decorate their form rooms. Miss Stow is our current reigning champion, but the competition is on! Winners will be judged on Friday 15th December with a special prize being awarded to the winning class.



## DRAGONS' APPRENTICE



Team 2, Gaddesdon RDA, have already begun their charity fundraising with a bake sale that has so far raised £170 for their charity. The students offered a variety of sweet snacks and milkshakes which were sold to students and staff on Thursday 23rd November.

Team 2 have planned a Christmas disco for their first fundraiser for Year 7 & 8 students.



# RESPECT





## YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM RESULTS

Tuesday 28th November saw our Year 11 students receive their mock exam results in a manner which closely reflected what they will experience in the summer of 2024. The idea of this mock results day was to prepare the students for the apprehension that is associated with waiting to find out their results in August. It was also an opportunity to help the students take stock of their current position both in relation to the exam dates and the reality of achieving their target grades. This is just one chapter in their academic journey, and there is ample time for growth and improvement before the final exams. We believe in all their potential, and we are confident that with determination and a positive mind set, our Year 11s can achieve the success they desire.



## PE NEWS

We had a great day at the BSGA East Regional trampolining competition on 19 November. All students did amazingly well in their first ever competition. Congratulations to George and Max taking silver and bronze respectively.



Our Year 7 Girls Futsal team came in second at the district championships, with some excellent football on show.



# HOLIDAY CAMPS

Hertfordshire County Council is once again funding HAPpy activity camps for children and young people who attend a Hertfordshire school and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. This winter, activities will be running in different venues across the county for children and young people aged between 5-16 years with those in receipt of benefits-related free school meals eligible for free, and all include a nutritious meal each day.



Delivery dates for winter are:

- **Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December**
- **Wednesday 27th - Friday 29th December**
- **Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

Please email: [Happy@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Happy@hertfordshire.gov.uk) to book a place.



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Provision Locally

## DSPL8 NEWSLETTER



### DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter; Dacorum SEND courses, support & information for families

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://dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers/>

This fortnights newsletter includes:

- **Update on Leadership structure and changes to Delivering Special Provision Local (DSPL8)**
- **New Re-designed Dacorum DSPL8 Website**
- **DSPL8 Dacorum Families SEND Information**  
Fayre: 07.12.2023
- **Medication Shortage Alert**
- **DSPL7 & DSPL8 Emotional Based School Avoidance coffee mornings. For parents and carers with children (Year 7 - 11)**
- **Autumn Term DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support**

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

- **Showcase of Autism in Schools Programme**
- **Community Action Dacorum Courses**
- **Families in Focus Courses & Workshops**
- **Supported Internships online information morning (16+) Applying for mainstream secondary and upper schools (for children in years 6 and 8 without an EHCP)**
- **SEND Drop-in sessions**
- **Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Autumn Term 2023**

Please also follow our social media pages for the most recent updates:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/dspl\\_dacorum/](https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/)

Kind Regards,  
DSPL 8 Team – Carole Hassell, Ruth Mason & Ashley Fabray

# FAMILY SUPPORT