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John 9:1-41 Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind



9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. 8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks

like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." 10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. 11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." 12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. The Pharisees Investigate the Healing 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. 17 Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." 18 They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. 19 "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" 20 "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. 21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." 25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" 26 Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" 28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. 32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Spiritual Blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." 38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said,[a] "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." 40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" 41 Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

Message from Mr Catlow

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support following my recent request to help improve pupils' punctuality. I am delighted to share that we have continued to see a significant reduction in the number of pupils arriving late to school. This is a real testament to the strength of our partnership with families and the shared commitment we have to ensuring every child starts the school day positively and ready to learn. Thank you for working with us to support this important aspect of school life.

This weekend we also look forward to celebrating Mother's Day. It is a special opportunity to recognise and thank the mothers, grandmothers, carers and all those who play such an important role in supporting and nurturing the young people in our community. I hope families have the chance to spend some time together and celebrate those who mean so much to us.

Headteacher's Pupils of The Week

Pippa U	7P	Consistently Wonderful
Georgis N	8I	Outstanding Attitude to Learning
Ava-Mae C	9H	Great week across all areas of school
Taliah M	10L	Outstanding Attitude to Learning
Zuzanna G	11T	Striving to achieve her full potential

Do you want to build a snowman?

Archbishop Temple Church of England High School's Performing Arts Department is delighted to announce; tickets are now available for our upcoming production of Frozen Jr!

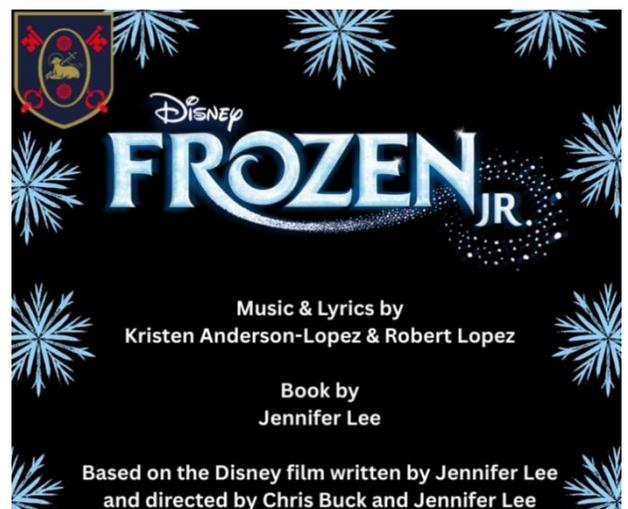
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GBWX>

Tuesday 17th March – Friday 20th March!

Join Anna, Elsa, and all of your favourite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie, and the real meaning of true love.

Adapted for young performers, this musical includes favourite Frozen songs such as "Love Is an Open Door," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" and "Let It Go," as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production.

With its empowering message of love and understanding, Frozen JR. is sure to melt your heart!



Weekly News

Year 8 Diversity in Science Drop-Down Day



Exploring Great Experiments from Inspiring Scientists

Year 8 pupils recently took part in a **Science Diversity Drop-Down Day**, where they completed a series of **hands-on practical experiments** inspired by five remarkable scientists from different

backgrounds around the world. The day showed pupils that **great science can come from anyone, anywhere.**

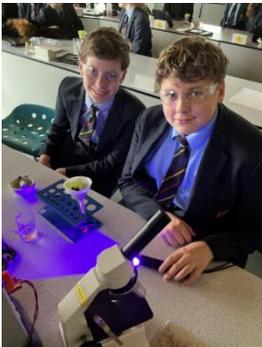
Students rotated through four different practical activities while learning about the work of these pioneering scientists.

Learning Through Practical Science

During the day, pupils carried out a range of **interactive experiments**, including:

- Investigating **UV light and plant responses**
- Exploring **the use of lasers** for relay satellites
- Taking part in experiments to remove cataracts from eyes using lenses
- Completing practical investigations inspired by **real scientific discoveries**

These activities helped students see how **experiments lead to real-world discoveries.**



What Our Pupils Said

"I enjoyed the practicals and learning about diversity."

"I liked that we learned about equality and there were lots of practicals."

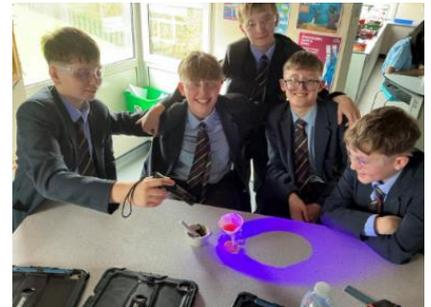
"I liked learning about diversity and new things."

"I liked the UV light with the leaf because it changed colour."



Inspiring the Next Generation

The day highlighted an important message: **science is stronger when people from different backgrounds contribute ideas and discoveries.** By learning about these scientists and carrying out their own experiments, Year 8 pupils saw how **curiosity, creativity and determination can change the world.**



Achievements Outside of School

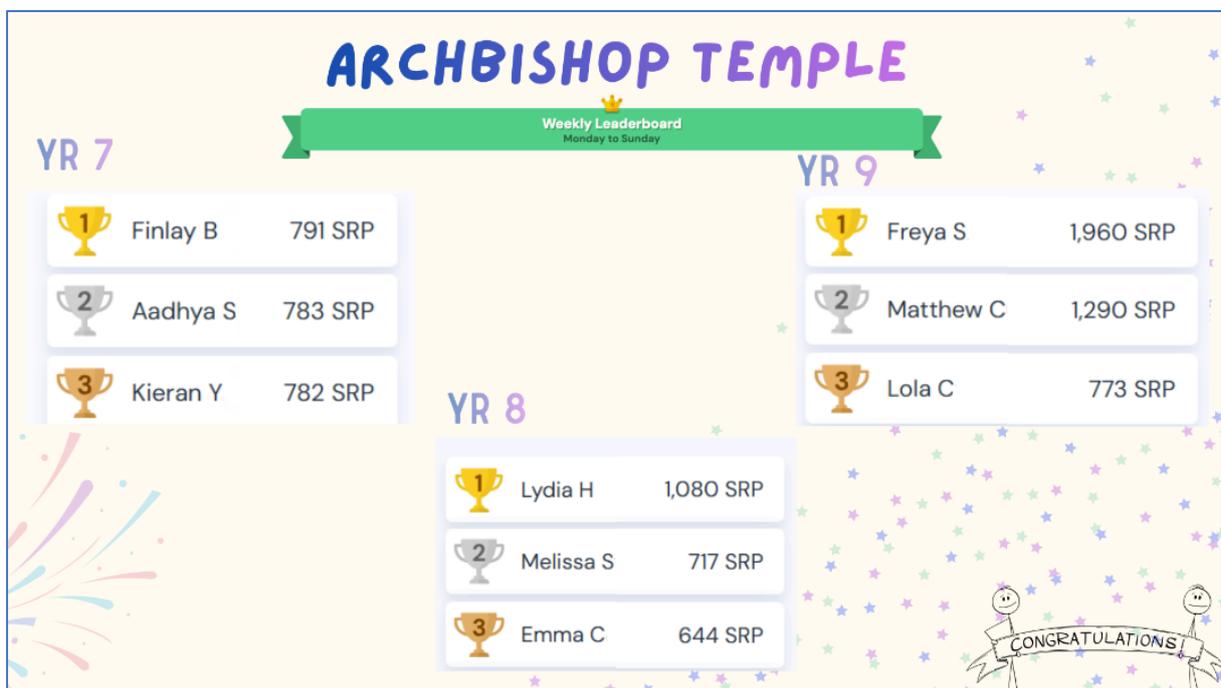
Soraya In Year 9 has been asked by England Schools Football Association (ESFA) to represent the Northern Counties English schools U15 as a Goalkeeper at still only 13! This will be at a tournament in Telford.

A massive achievement. Well done soraya!

We are incredibly proud of you



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Year 11 Summer Examination Timetable

The **Year 11 Summer examination timetables** will be distributed to pupils shortly. These individual timetables will include the specific details of each pupil's exams.

In the meantime, we are sharing the **overall examination timetable** so that parents and students can begin to see the exam period and key dates.

We encourage pupils to continue preparing for their exams and to use the timetable to help plan their revision over the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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YEAR 11 INTERVENTION

Well done to Emma and India for attending all revision sessions last week and winning the two Amazon vouchers.

Those who had signatures from their teachers on the pink revision card received a raffle ticket in form this morning.

HELP NEEDED: GCSE Cantonese Speaking Support Needed

We are delighted to share that this summer two of our students will be sitting their **GCSE Cantonese examination**. As part of the exam, students must complete a **speaking assessment**, and we are looking for support from someone who is able to speak Cantonese to help facilitate this element.

If you or someone you know speaks Cantonese and may be willing to assist us with this, we would be very grateful to hear from you. Your support would help ensure that our students have the opportunity to complete this important part of their qualification.

If you are able to help, or can put us in contact with someone who might be able to assist, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Careers Update

Careers - Next Week:

- Some Yr. 11 pupils are undertaking their LUSoM College interviews in school on Wednesday 18th March 2026
- Yr. 7 Assembly : Thursday 12th March 2026 - Preston College - Careers
- Year 10 one-to-one careers appointments are currently being scheduled. Pupils will receive notifications regarding the date and time of their individual careers meeting.



Parents and students, you have been invited to a Live Online Free Webinar by The Degree Gap

How To Maximise Every GCSE Mark - 26th March @ 19:00 - 20:00

Thank you to the 2,500 parents that attended our January event. I hope you found it useful and the 3 free resources we shared. Well we are back with a new event before the GCSE exams.

There is just under a month until The Degree Gap hosts a Live Online Complimentary Webinar: 'How to Maximise Every GCSE Mark'.

If you have not signed up yet, there is still time.

So, what will we cover?

- Where marks are being lost
- How to use exam mark schemes
- How to convert weak topics into scoring topics
- How to keep momentum without burnout

You will get the chance to listen to Maths, English, and Science specialists explain how they achieved top grades and share their best tips. We will focus on the most effective revision strategies before the exams, so you can maximise the time you have left.

To sign up for the event on the 26th of March 7-8pm, please use the link below:

[Register Now](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us at admin@thedegreegap.com or visit our website at thedegreegap.com

Important Dates for your Diary

