

Curiosity | Determination | Kindness

Your Autumn Term 2025 NEWSLETTER

A round up of the last term, upcoming events and latest news and information.

Welcome



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It was a record breaking 2025 and we are very much looking forward to what 2026 will bring. Thank you to everyone for working together to make such a success of the first term of the 2025-26 academic year. This newsletter celebrates some of the highlights and key messages of this first term. However, please follow our Fortnightly Bulletins, Firefly letters, messages and social media to keep in touch with the day to day life of the school. Your support is greatly appreciated. Kind regards, Mr Andrew Skelding. Headteacher.

Congratulations to the Year 11 leavers of 2025.



We are proud to share that the summer 2025 GCSE results were record breaking. Our highest ever Attainment 8 score of 54.11 up from 48.10 in 2024, the nation average was 45.9. The pass rate for students achieving grade 4 or above in both English and Maths was 84.8% (*64.5%), with 63.8% (*45.2%) achieving grade 5 and above in both subjects last year. (*The national average). Visit www.endonhighschool.org.uk/about-our-school/exam-results-2025 for more information.



Les Misérables!

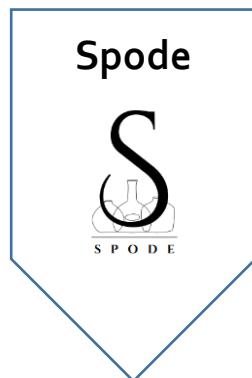
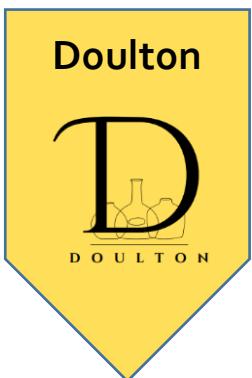
February 2026

Tickets available on Parentpay soon!



A focus on

HOUSES



	CLIFF	DOULTON	MINTON	SPODE	WEDGWOOD
Year 7	4614	3803	3500	3470	3477
Year 8	3976	3438	2558	3389	3314
Year 9	3088	3409	2358	2408	2918
Year 10	2836	2805	2737	3019	3102
Year 11	1839	1999	2388	1913	2248

Housepoint totals for the first term.



Within each house, across all years groups, the form group with the most housepoints holds the house trophy.

The current holders are:

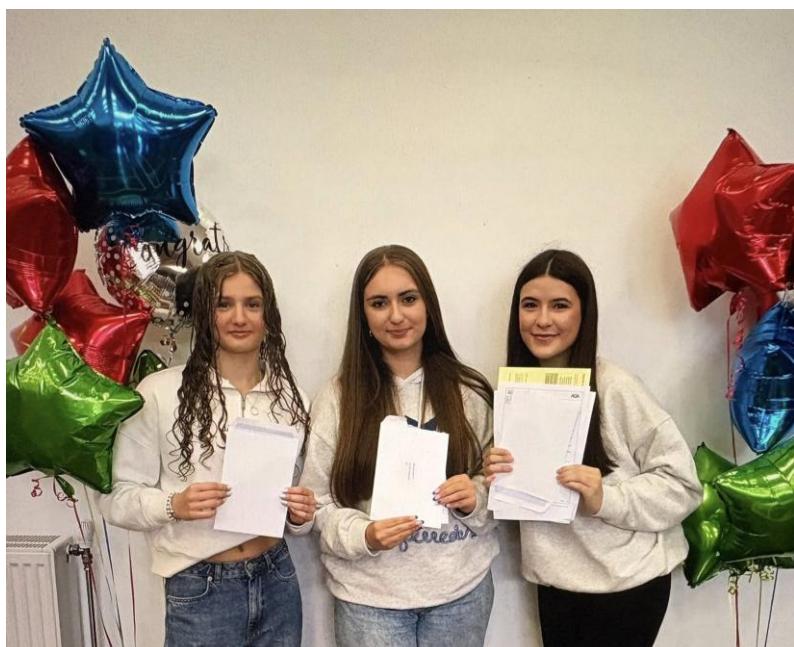
7 Cliff 7 Doulton 7 Minton 7 Spode 7 Wedgwood

A focus on GCSE RESULTS

Many congratulations to the Class of 2025.

You are a record breaking year group with fabulous results in English, Maths and many more subjects. We are pleased to hear that so many of you have got what you need to move onto your next steps. It was a pleasure to spend the morning with you. Thank you for being great. You did Mr Mottram, the Year 11 tutors and the rest of the school proud. Good luck in the future, keep in touch. Best wishes from Mr Skelding and all of the staff of Endon High School.

#ProudToBeEndon #TeamEndon #Classof2025



We're feeling very proud. The 2025 performance data has been released. Go to [www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/...](https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/) to see our school's 2025 results. #TeamEndon #ProudtobeEHS

Attainment 8 is a measure of a pupil's average achievement across eight key GCSE subjects.

Endon High school **54.1**

Staffordshire (average) **43.8**

Stoke (average) **39.7**

England (average) **45.9**



[Endon High School - Compare school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK](https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/)

Class of 2025 Certificate evening



A focus on

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Great start to a new academic year which started with our High Expectations assembly for all year groups



7 Doulton enjoyed their Domino's pizza at the start of the week for having 100% attendance since September! Very yummy indeed 🍕🍕



REWARDS

NOMINATIONS – Autumn Term 1

7	Curiosity:	M Hutchinson	L Mayer
7	Determination:	E Cullen	M Balliu
7	Kindness:	A Johnston	G Hackney
8	Curiosity:	S Redfern	D McGrath
8	Determination:	Z Okwokwo	I Akubue
8	Kindness:	T Senior	R Wood
9	Curiosity:	J Tomlinson	E Haines
9	Determination:	A White	L Hughes
9	Kindness:	J Ellis	S Fenton
10	Curiosity:	R Powell	O Sidley
10	Determination:	C Moss	O Vincent
10	Kindness:	M Mayer	L Tomlinson
11	Curiosity:	K Goodwin	B Cullen
11	Determination:	M Hall	H Dean
11	Kindness:	O Reagan	A Barker

NOMINATIONS – Autumn Term 2

7	Curiosity:	E Edwards	F Millins
7	Determination:	H Fenton	E Mayer
7	Kindness:	S Brayford	I McCathie
8	Curiosity:	Z Gibson	R Phillips
8	Determination:	L Grocott	A Shenton
8	Kindness:	E Barnett	G Cox
9	Curiosity:	M Brown	L Hughes
9	Determination:	E Lovatt	I Hargreaves
9	Kindness:	A Fox	F Redwood
10	Curiosity:	J Boch	G Dairo
10	Determination:	E Chow	Z Holdcroft
10	Kindness:	M Millins	E Jones
11	Curiosity:	J Oliver	A Gaffney
11	Determination:	P Kumar	T Cunningham
11	Kindness:	K Noonan	H Montgomery



The pupils with the highest ratio of housepoints minus unmet expectations, in each year, will be invited to attend the **Alton Towers Reward Trip in July**.
The number of places will depend on coach availability.

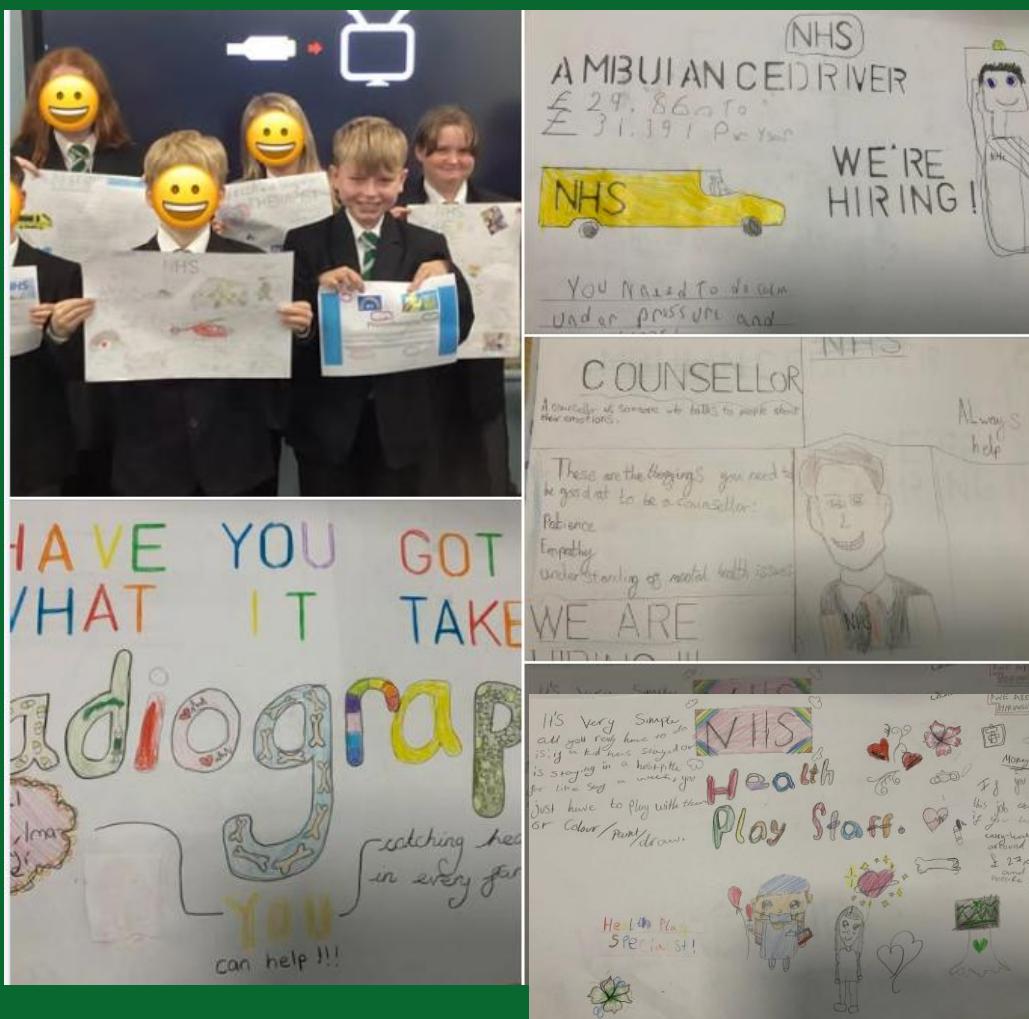


A focus on CAREERS

Year 11 further education providers assemblies have taken place this week. Important information has been shared with pupils on what individual establishments are able to offer. Thank you to NSCG, Stoke on Trent Sixth Form College, Stoke on Trent College and Reaseheath College



A few year 7 pupils have created some wonderful work researching jobs in the NHS and creating posters - well done to everyone.



Year 9 have taken part in an Engineering 'Critical Load Challenge' led by Liam from The Inspirational Learning Group. Students explored the concepts of structural engineering and how to measure the critical load, or the maximum weight a structure can bear. Students learnt about basic structures, how to reinforce them for strength, how to select materials, and teamwork. Students designed and built a prototype structure to hold increasingly greater weights. Well done to all pupils and especially 9 Spode who were the overall winners



Festive Futures noticeboard is ready for pupils. QR codes added so pupils can research further about the roles 🎄🎅🤶🧑‍🎄



Careers Week has started with a year 7 assembly with Stoke on Trent Sixth Form College. Marie explained about possible options after school and different pathways the college have for future careers. For such a young group they have some exciting career aspirations.



We always share a Job of the Week. Students and parents can find more information about this career including skills required and pathways, via Firefly.

Thank you to @mypad for the weekly videos to support this.

<https://youtu.be/U7PDFSy7o3w>

Prosthetic technician

Prosthetic technicians give the gift of artificial replacements (prosthetics) to patients missing an arm or leg.

Prosthetists or orthotists improve people's mobility and help them be as pain-free as possible by using aids and creating and fitting limb replacements

The roles of a prosthetist and orthotist are similar, however the way that they help patients differs.

Prosthetists - create and fit prostheses or aids for people of all ages requiring artificial limb replacements. This includes those who have been born with a limb defect or missing limb (congenital absence), those who have lost a limb through trauma, or those who have had limb amputation due to infection or long-term health conditions



Careers Week year 8 assembly with Stoke on Trent College. Suzy explained the various technical qualifications available to students and what careers these could lead to. We had some great questions and lots of enthusiasm from students. Well done.



We took a number of year 11 pupils to Stoke on Trent College so they were able to see their facilities and what they can offer post-16.



Careers week assembly with year 10. Newcastle College came to talk about apprenticeships.



Year 9 assembly was all about T Levels. Thank you to Newcastle College for coming and talking to our pupils about the opportunities for post-16.



A focus on

MUSIC

Our Year 8 and Year 10s have enjoyed performing in percussion ensembles in their music lessons

🥁 🎵 **#proudto bemusicians #proudto beendon**



Some of our Year 8 and 9 singers took part in the first in their series of singing workshops with Cathy Lamb, a professional vocal coach and the director of MusicShare (an organisation which has recently been nominated for Music Initiative of the Year by Classic FM). Our young singers sounded fantastic and, by the end of the session, they were singing in four-part harmony!

#proudto bemusicians #proudto beehs



our Year 8 musicians have formed samba bands to perform and compose their own grooves and call & response rhythms. Mrs Reardon-Davies was very impressed by their use of syncopation and clave rhythms - next stop, Rio Carnival! **#proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS**



Our Year 7 musicians have made a fantastic start to their piano playing, focusing on developing quality keyboard technique to perform a selection of melodies.

Mrs Reardon-Davies is looking forward to getting them playing with both hands together!

#proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS



Our soon-to-be Cathedral Choristers are sounding wonderful in their workshops with acclaimed vocal coach Cathy Lamb! Only one more rehearsal before their concert in Lichfield  
#proudtobemusicians #proudtobeehs



Move over Jools Holland, this week our Year 8 pianists are playing the 12 bar blues! Mrs Reardon-Davies is looking forward to hearing their performances develop next lesson when they will be improvising blues melodies at the keyboard.

**#proudtobemusicians
#proudtobeehs**



Our school choristers are learning to sing John Tavener's "The Lamb" in preparation for their festive performance at the Victoria Hall in December. To replicate the resonance of that great concert hall, this week Mrs Reardon-Davies took their rehearsal in the Gym Hall, where they sounded even more glorious than usual with their complex harmonies ringing out all around them! 🎵 #proudtobemusicians #proudto beEHS



Congratulations to Ed in Year 11, who has successfully gained a place in the National Youth String Orchestra, with whom he will be playing in 2026. He will also be spending this October half term rehearsing and performing as a front-desk first violinist with the CBSO Youth Orchestra! #proudto beEHS



The EHS Choir were in fine voice in their rehearsals this week and have now learnt all of the repertoire for their upcoming "Festival of Christmas Music" concert at the Victoria Hall. #proudtobemusicians #proudto beEHS



Our Year 8-9 choristers had a wonderful day singing at Lichfield Cathedral. They sounded fantastic, filling the beautiful space with their four-part harmonies alongside vocalists from across the county in both the afternoon rehearsals and the gala concert in the evening. The students also enjoyed an Evensong service (in which Ethan from Year 8 played a leading role!) and learnt about life as a choral scholar at the Cathedral School. Many thanks to Cathy Lamb and the MusicShare team for this truly enriching musical experience - Mrs Reardon-Davies is keen to book us in for next year's concert! 🎵 🎬 #proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS



Our Year 10 musicians have finished studying their first GCSE Set Work and devised their own cover version of it... from the intro alone, can you 'name that tune'? 🎵 #proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS

[Click here to go to the video](#)



Assessment season is in full swing and our Year 10 musicians have given a fantastic class concert for their assessed performances - including repertoire as diverse as Fauré and James Arthur, it was a magnificent way to round off a successful curriculum period of musical study!

🎵 #proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS



The EHS Choir had a wonderful time singing at the Victoria Hall as the senior school in the Festival of Christmas Music - they performed a number of festive favourites as part of the massed choir, before giving their own stunning 'a cappella' rendition of Tavener's "The Lamb".

There were plenty of high notes on stage, and a few high jinks backstage too! Mrs Reardon-Davies felt so proud of them all. 🎵 🎄 🎅

#proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS



A focus on ART



8XE enjoyed starting their new Architecture project in Art! 🏠 We looked at different buildings around the world before creating our own title pages. We will continue to work on them next lesson! 🎨



9XA have made a great start to their 'Cameras' title pages in Art - here's some examples of the fantastic work!



Year 10 have made an amazing start on their textiles projects! 🪚🧵 They have been producing beautiful title pages for their 'Under the Sea' theme - very much looking forward to working on our weaving skills

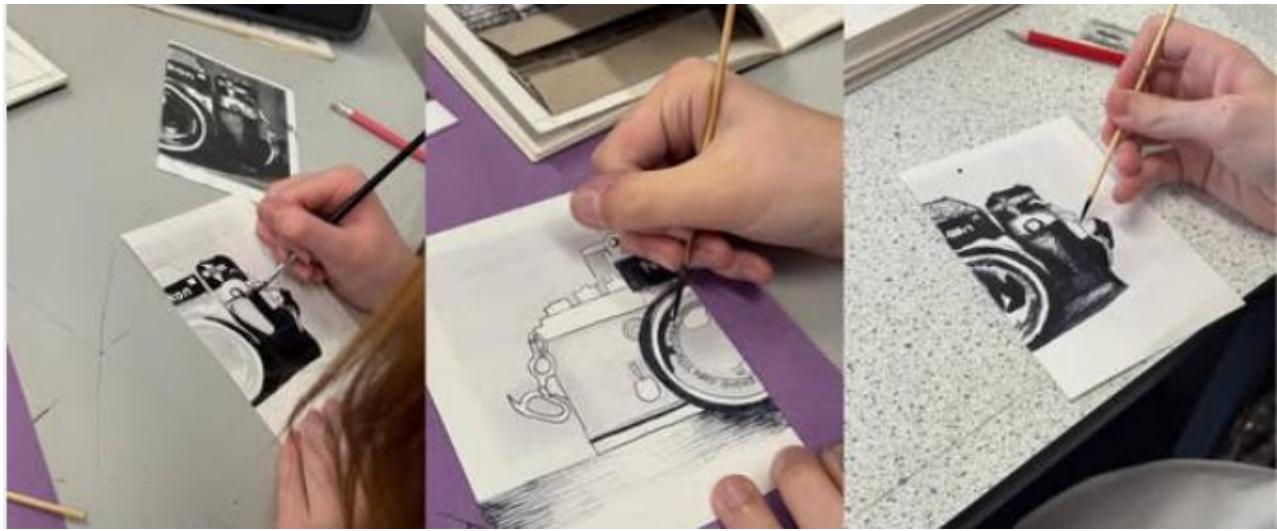
We offer GCSE Art Textiles in the Art Department, here is some of the experimental work from our class of 2024, we will share the class of 2025's incredible work as soon as we are able to.



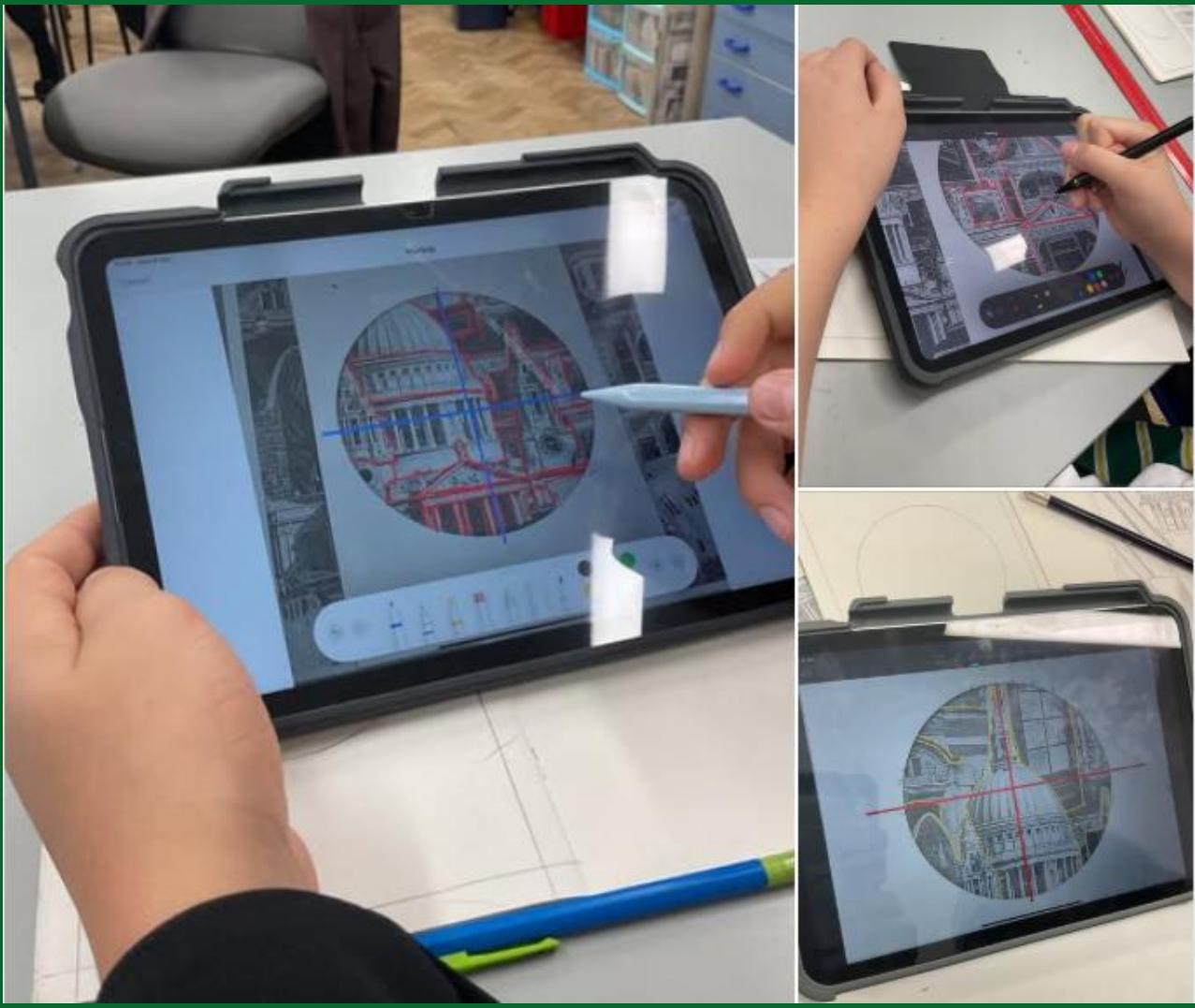
Our year 10 textile artists have been developing their sketchbook presentation skills, their books are wonderful and the lessons are so much fun, they are loving their new GCSE course. Well done everyone!



Some very focused ink work happening in A2! Year 9 have made an amazing start to their work. We've started by practicing some mark making before tackling the cameras   



   8XO were using technology to aid their observational drawing skills, we used viewfinders and then found key outlines using our iPads to help to create accurate drawings, it was a fantastic lesson and the outcomes were brilliant... keep your eyes peeled  



🧵針 Our GCSE Art Textiles students had a brilliant lesson where they learned how to use the sewing machines, they mastered setting them up, changing needles, troubleshooting problems and how to create a range of stitches. What a way to start the week, well done all. 🧡🧵



🧵針 GCSE Art Textiles update, following an introduction to the machine, our Textiles artists have been experimenting with free machine embroidery around their 'Under The Sea' theme, the results are wonderful. Well done all. 🧡🧵



As we have started Curriculum Period 2 and our wonderful Y10 artists have been exploring the work of Picasso and the Cubists in their lesson. They were introduced to Analytical and Synthetic Cubism and given freedom to select media to demonstrate their understanding of the artist, they responded in paint, collage, pastel, pencil and mixed media, it was a fantastic lesson, well done all. Exciting times ahead.

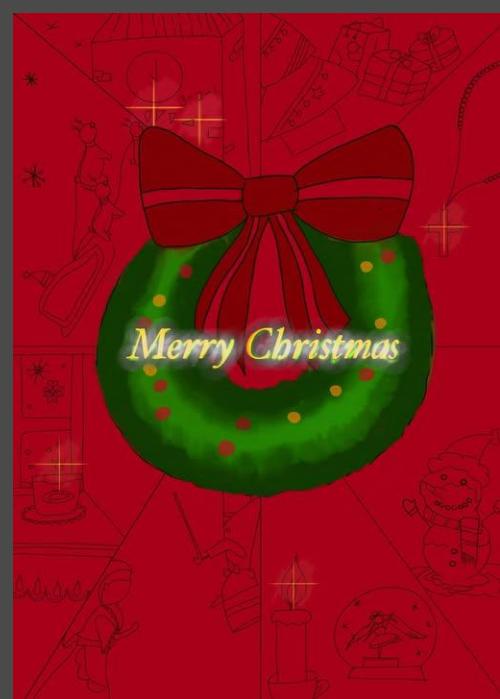


Some colour theory recall in Art this morning with Miss Dalton, the class were predicting the results of some live colour mixing. A fun and exciting end to the term, this was followed by live marking of their classwork today where the class developed their sugar skull designs using fine liner. Well done everyone.



Congratulations to E Chow in Year 10 who has won the school's Christmas card design competition!

She has been presented with a chocolate selection box prize.



Our Artists of the month for this academic year have been selected by our Art team.

A huge well done to all pupils, we have sent praise emails home and awarded each pupil a WOW award along with a certificate.

Mr Roberts-McGurran & Miss Dalton

September



YEAR 7 - E POTTS

YEAR 8 - H BARBER

YEAR 9 - C REYNOLDS-GREEN

YEAR 10 - R FARRINGTON

YEAR 11 - E LARCOMBE

October



YEAR 7 - F GOODWIN

YEAR 8 - L JAMES

YEAR 9 - S CLARKE

YEAR 10 - M WALKER

YEAR 11 - D HALL

WELL DONE!

Mr Roberts-McGurran

Miss Dalton



WELL DONE!

Mr Roberts-McGurran



November



ARTIST
OF THE MONTH

YEAR 7 - E HALSTEAD

YEAR 8 - A SHENTON

YEAR 9 - E BAGSHAW

YEAR 10 - R TOYE

YEAR 11 - A GAFFNEY

December will be
announced in the
new year.

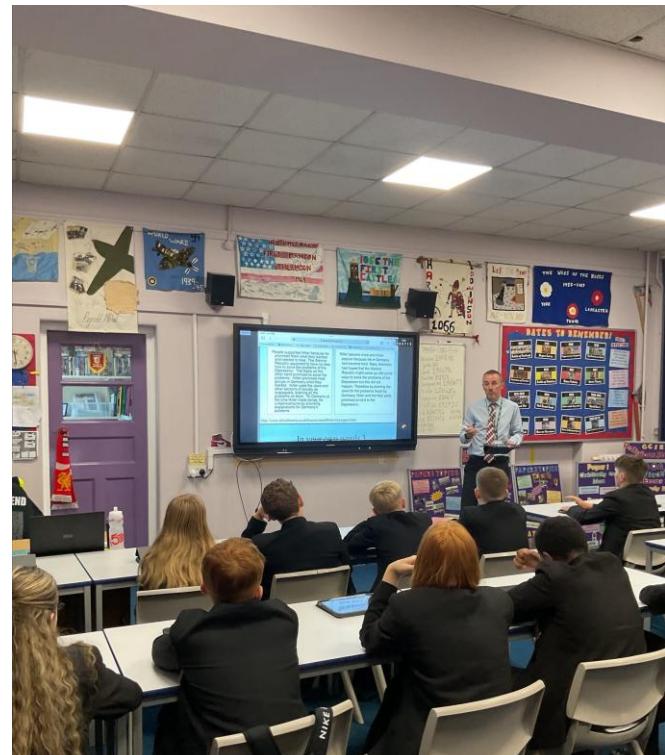
Could it be you?



A focus on

LEARNING FOR LIFE

In L4L all pupils in all years have had a session about ethical writing including discussions on own work versus others, plagiarism and paraphrasing and thinking for ourselves. Some groups have had amazing discussions about the use of AI in the world and also whether it has made us smarter or not. Well done everyone.



As part of our continued commitment to enrich pupils in the Learning for Life programme we have had a wonderful guest speaker in called Liv Robinson who inspired our Year 9 pupils. She spoke about setting herself a target (walking the length of the UK) and what this has done for her. She talked to the pupils about how she experienced our core values of determination, curiosity and kindness whilst doing her adventure and what it taught her about herself and others along the way. She also talked about resilience, tenacity and her mental and physical health. The pupils engaged with her and asked many questions. Well done Year 9 and well done Liv on your inspiring story.



Year 11s have had L4L sessions by Tom Martin our Mental health practitioner. He has done group sessions on stress and anxiety in readiness to help them moving into assessment windows. He has talked with them about signs and signals , coping strategies and understanding the psychology of the stress buckets. Pupils have been well engaged , asked questions and all have some reflection time for themselves too. All the year group have had some quality Tom time talking about these really important issues.



Year 7 had an external L4L assembly today that talked about all sorts of challenging issues. The drama production helped pupils to see about some risks and how to deal with them. Well done Year 7 for your engagement and focus.



Year 11 had an assembly with Tom Martin to help talk about resilience and taking on responsibility for their own resilience over the next few months. Pupils listened well and hopefully they have talked about ways they can improve their own mental health and resilience levels.

Thank you, Tom, for a great assembly and helping our children think differently.



As part of our continued commitment to the learning for life programme, the education officer from Staffordshire highways came to speak to some of our pupils about road safety. He talked to them about the importance of not being distracted, being seen and also risk taking behaviours. We hope this has helped the pupils appreciate how to be even safer on the roads and on the footpaths whether they are cycling or walking. Well done to all involved.

Please can all parents and carers continue to have a chat with their children about how to be safe and be seen (especially in these darker nights) and also remind how to be safe around the roads.



L4L assembly was run by Staffordshire young carers helping pupils to understand what a young carer is and what role they have. It also helped the pupils to appreciate the feelings of young carers and effects of being a young carer. They gained knowledge and understanding about the referral process. Pupils were able to ask questions and gain more insights into this.



A representative from the Odd balls foundation came into school to speak to all our year 10 students about the importance of self examinations and knowing your own body. Zoe our speaker said our pupils were really well behaved and engaged in the session. The session gave some background about the foundation, understanding what cancer is and also the need for being aware of our own bodies and how to seek help.



A focus on **CAT RESCUE!**



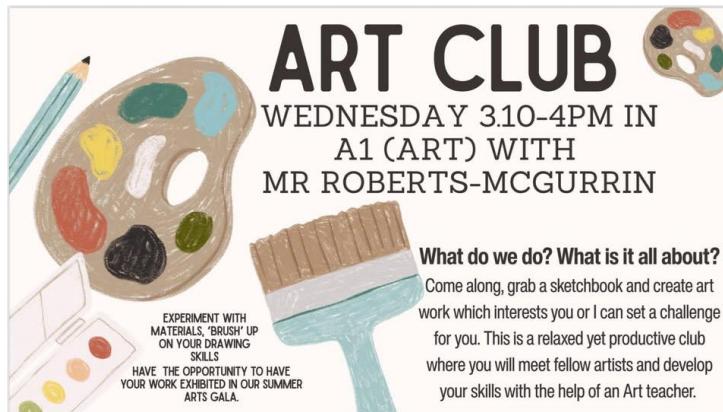
Well it was an interesting start to a Monday morning here at Endon. A cat had crawled underneath the wheel base a member of staff's car and quietly travelled with her all the way to Endon.

It wasn't until the meows were heard once parked at school, that the member of staff realised. It wasn't an easy capture from under the hood and in between wheel base. After consulting vets and animal charities, the fire brigade had to be called. The Longton based fire team did an amazing job of taking the car apart to find the cat.

The little cat is currently with foster cat parents whilst the owner is located and is in fine voice and amazingly has a clean bill of health from the vets. The kitten is currently nick named 'Nissy' after the Nissan it was found in. Thanks to all who helped providing blankets, carriers, food and support.

A focus on





ART CLUB
WEDNESDAY 3.10-4PM IN
A1 (ART) WITH
MR ROBERTS-MCGURRIN

What do we do? What is it all about?
Come along, grab a sketchbook and create art work which interests you or I can set a challenge for you. This is a relaxed yet productive club where you will meet fellow artists and develop your skills with the help of an Art teacher.

EXPERIMENT WITH MATERIALS, 'BRUSH' UP ON YOUR DRAWING SKILLS
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR WORK EXHIBITED IN OUR SUMMER ARTS GALA.



Our Art Club Endzone starts again this week in A1 with Mr Roberts-McGurrin, all students are welcome to attend to develop their skills whilst working alongside other keen artists. GCSE students are more than encouraged to attend to develop their coursework. See you there!

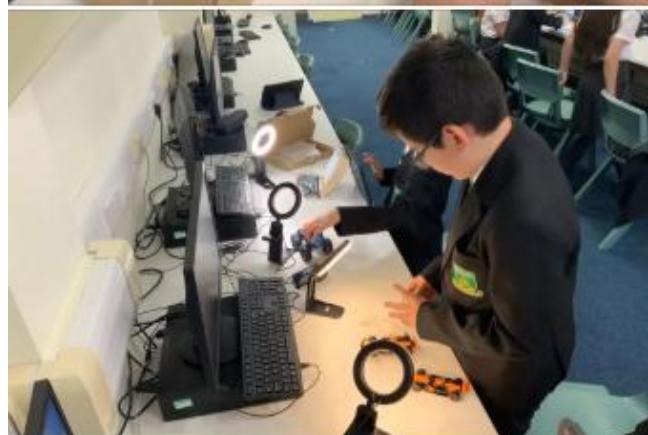
The Art Department is open every Wednesday after school to anyone who wants to be surrounded by like minded artists, grab a sketchbook and practice your Art skills. This week is our 'Starving Artist' challenge, next week we are back to our usual Art club, we often have 30 Artists in the room.

🎨🖌️✍️ The Art department hosted the 'Starving Artist' after school activity, a group of budding artists came along and were issued with a photo to work from and a range of media to work with, as the clock ticked and time elapsed they were starved of their media, making it a fast paced and fun activity. Well done everyone, it was brilliant! ✏️🖌️✍️

'STARVING ARTIST' AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY



Stop Motion Club is Off to a Frame-tastic Start! 🚗⚔️🎃 From Racing Lego Cars to Clay Pumpkin Adventures!



New club - 3D Modelling starts in M6. Come along and improve or learn new skills!



Wanted: New members in board game club!



LEGO ... and PROGRAMMING ... the Computing ENDZONE club were very busy this week! We have been re-building with some of the older Lego Boost kits, and we are very excited for the arrival of more, newer Lego Spike kits, ready for our next club meet!



🎨🖼️✍️ Art Endzone was incredibly busy despite most of year 7 being out at Standon Bowers. We had pupils from year 7 who had not been before who have left with a sketchbook to develop this skills, lots of GCSE Art and Textiles students working on their coursework and sketchbooks and some year 10s who no longer study Art but can't keep away. Art endzone is on a Wednesday from 3.10-4pm in A1. ✎🎨



When Logan in year 8 showed this drawing to Mr Roberts-McGurrin this week he was blown away by it, just look at the quality of the line and mark making in this, beautiful use of media. Our Key Stage 4 artists at Art Club were also blown away.  we love to see what our artists do at home and what they work on at Art Club which is on a Wednesday after school in A1.



Japanese Textiles Club are making dragon boat Christmas decorations



Our Endzone dancers have been working hard during rehearsals to perfect their "Speakeasy Swing" ready for the Regent Theatre stage! Catch us at this year's 026: Rewind dance festival in January!

Stop motion Endzone club.



Quiz Club. Pupils meet after school on Fridays to play each other's quizzes on the big screen!

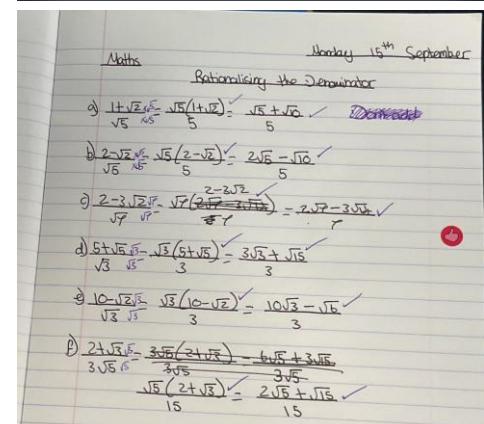
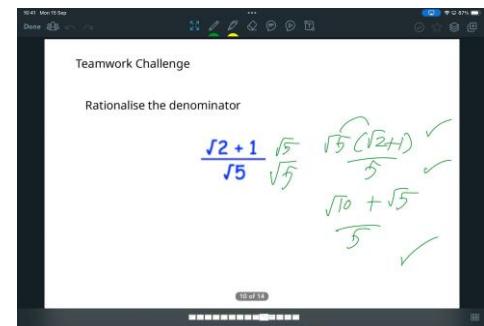
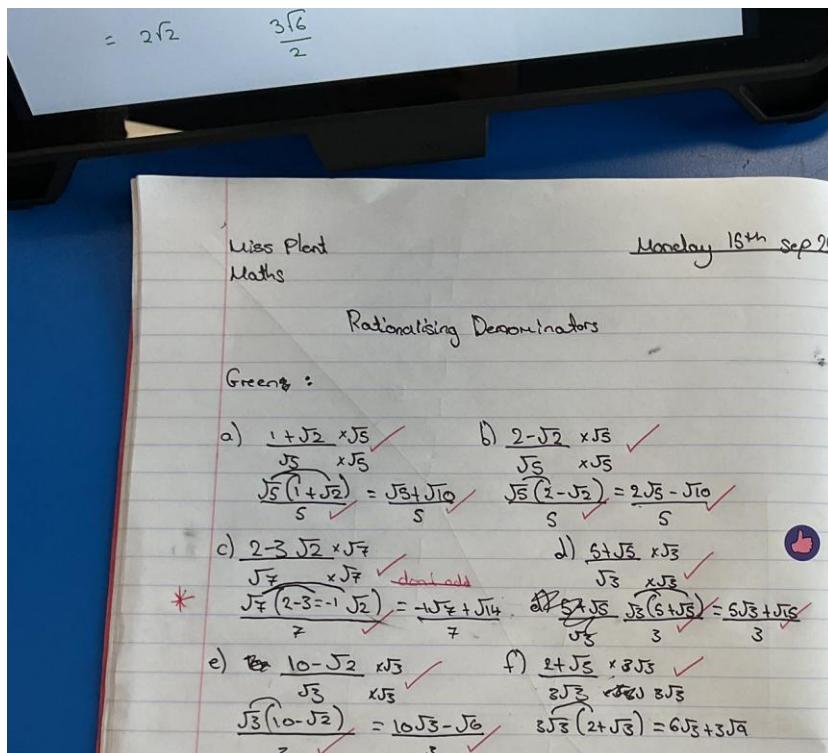


Trampoline club has started with pupils learning lots of new movements. The club runs on a Tuesday after school in the gym. It is open to all year groups. We would love to see you there!



A focus on MATHEMATICS

We have decided to enter more of our Y11 students for higher tier. They have been working on Surds and rationalising the denominator, a challenging grade 7 topic. Students in 11XA worked in pairs or threes to rehearse how to solve these types of problems which lead to some excellent solo work.



Our superstar Year 11s have been working towards their Extended Maths Qualification on Tuesdays in Endzone. This week they have been looking at proofs. Check out this beautiful work from E Orme. The Maths department are proud of what amazing mathematicians they are becoming.

3/3

Prove that $3x^2 + 24x + 56$ is positive for all values of x .

$$3[x^2 + 8x] + 56$$

$$3[(x+4)^2 - 16] + 56$$

$$3(x+4)^2 - 48 + 56$$

$$3(x+4)^2 + 8$$

Turning point = (-4, 8) ✓

Because 8 is the lowest y-value, all other y-values must be greater than 8, and therefore are positive. ✓

A focus on

AUDITIONS

Auditions for our production of "Les Misérables: Schools Edition" took place earlier this term, with 15% of the entire student body choosing to join the cast and crew! Mrs Reardon-Davies and Mrs Black were very impressed with everybody's performances, and can't wait to announce the casting in the first whole-cast rehearsal on Thursday  **#proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS #EHSshow2026**



Les Misérables !

February 2026

Tickets available on Parentpay soon!

A focus on

REHEARSALS

First rehearsal for the school show, with a whole-cast workshop to learn the chorus songs followed by the big Cast Reveal! **#proudtobemusicians #anotherdayanotherdestiny** 🎵😊🎭



A glimpse "inside the actors' studio" as our school show cast rehearse the opening scene and 'At the End of The Day' 🎵🎭▶ **#proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS #anotherdayanotherdestiny**



Inside the Rehearsal Room: Valjean has been striking a bargain with the Thenardiers to rescue Little Cosette... and with all of our Little Cosettes on the Year 7 residential trip, Sam in Year 9 made an excellent understudy! 🎵🎭 #proudtobemusicians #EHSshow2026 #anotherdayanotherdestiny



Inside the Rehearsal Room: "Stars" with Javert, Marius and Eponine... how it started vs how it's going! 🎵🎭 #proudtobemusicians #EHSshow2026 #anotherdayanotherdestiny



With so many roles in our school show double-cast, our show team have divided the students into the Red cast and the Black cast, in honour of the lyrics  Red, the bloody of angry men! Black, the dark of ages past!  We have also reached the end of Act One, so our whole cast will be learning the truly epic "One Day More" in their next rehearsal  **#anotherdayanotherdestiny #EHSshow2025 #proudtobermusicians**



With the main hall set up for assessments, our two Mariuses got into character amongst all those "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables"!



**#EHSshow2026
#musicaltheatrejokes**

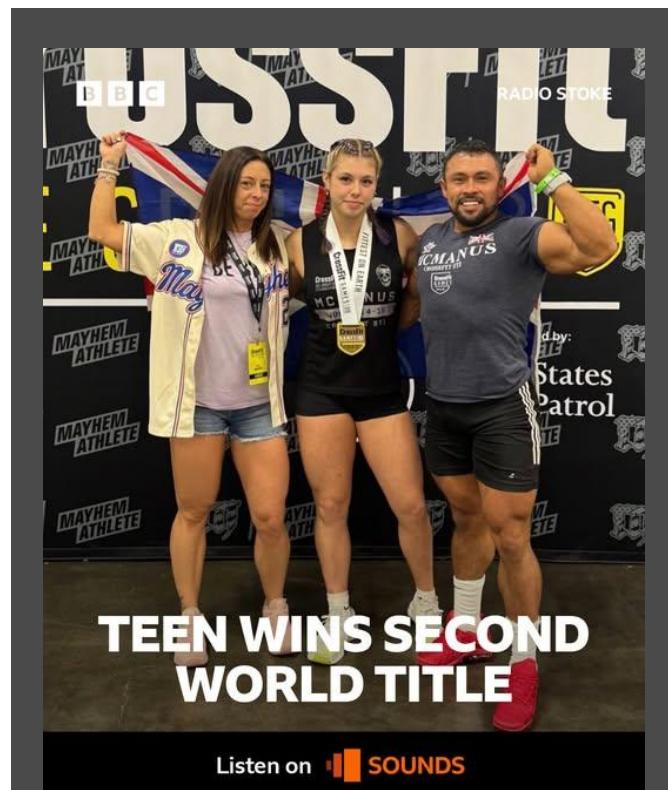


A focus on

SPORTING EXCELLENCE

We are delighted to share that Riley B has been successful in his trials and will be **representing Staffordshire Schools' County Football Club at U15 level.**

Everyone at Endon High School is incredibly proud of this fantastic achievement. Well done Riley!



Endon High School Year 11 Student and Athlete, 15-year-old Keira, from Stoke-on-Trent has been named the '**Fittest Teen on Earth.**' for the second year in a row. She competed in the CrossFit Games in the USA and she's been trained by her dad Joel who runs Combat Fitness in Hanley.

[Click here to go to BBC Sounds](#)

We are delighted to share that Eliza P has been successful in her trials and will be **representing Staffordshire Schools' County Football Club at U14 level.**

Everyone at Endon High School is incredibly proud of this fantastic achievement as well as representing Port Vale U15s and Crewe ETC U14. 

Hope has had an outstanding few weeks in the pool, showcasing her talent, commitment, and competitive spirit.

She competed in Arena League (Round 2), which proved to be a fantastic experience and an excellent opportunity for her to race at a high level. She also took part in the Stockport Open Meet, swimming in multiple events. Hope performed brilliantly in both her team relays and individual races, achieving significant personal bests, particularly in the Individual Medley, where she knocked several seconds off her previous time.

This weekend, Hope continued her success at the Biddulph Championships, a local competition involving swimmers from across Biddulph League clubs. She delivered an excellent set of swims, taking several seconds off her 100m backstroke time and shaving milliseconds off her 50m events. Her efforts earned her three medals:

- 1 Gold – 100m Backstroke
- 2 Silver – 50m Freestyle
- 3 Bronze – 50m Butterfly

This is a remarkable achievement, especially given the huge field of competitors in her age category.

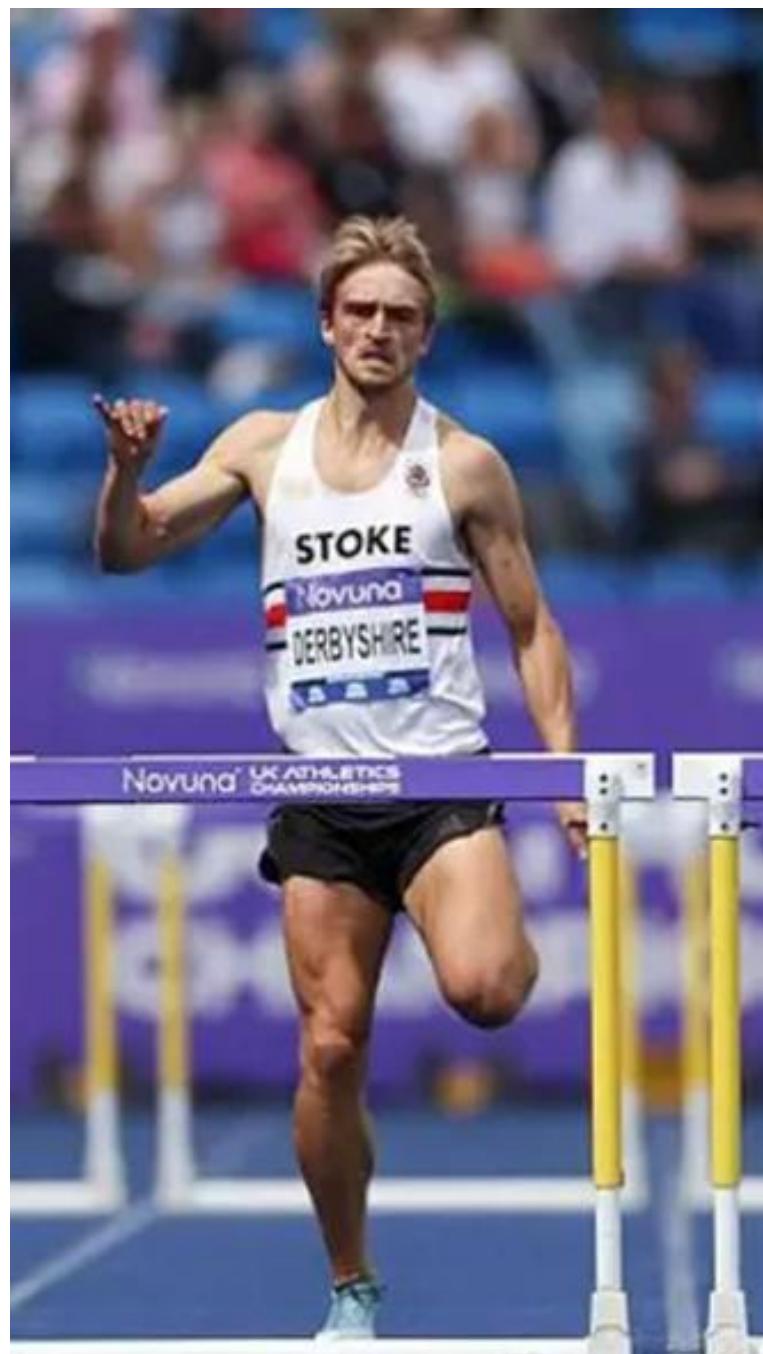
Well done, Hope what an incredible set of performances!



A focus on ALUMNI

We wished good luck to ex-pupil Seamus Derbyshire for the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo. **We are all so proud of you Seamus!**

[Click here to see the BBC Article.](#)



A focus on

ART SUBJECT WEEK



Art Subject Week, was a week where there were lots of things going on in school for pupils to get involved in and to experience The Arts. It was an introduction to our Art Department. Students were asked to keep their eyes peeled for everything Arts during the week, we were very excited to share everything with them including our 'Is this Art?' assembly, an after school Arts activity, form time quiz and Photography competition, all of this in addition to our already exciting Art curriculum.

ART DEPARTMENT

WHO ARE WE?

MR ROBERTS-MCGURRIN
DTL ART DEPARTMENT & ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

- DEGREE: BA(HONS) ILLUSTRATION, UNIVERSITY OF DERBY
- PGCE ART, UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER
- 4TH YEAR TEACHING AT ENDON
- FAVOURITE ARTIST: VAN GOGH
- HOBBIES: READING, THEATRE TRIPS, GIGS, WALKING SETH (THE SCHNAUZER).

MISS DALTON
ART TEACHER AND UNOFFICIAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

- DEGREE: BA(HONS) PHOTOGRAPHY, STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY
- PGCE ART, STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY
- 4TH YEAR TEACHING AT ENDON
- FAVOURITE ARTISTS: MATISSE & MONET
- HOBBIES: READING, PHOTOGRAPHY, GOING ON BIG HIKES.

WE TEACH ART TO KS3 ONCE A WEEK AND 3 GCSE ART SUBJECTS IN KS4

Our Art week assemblies kicked off on Monday with year 9, Mr Roberts-McGurrin, shared some exciting and interesting art including some controversial work from Damien Hirst and Maurizio Cattelan, here is Harry creating his own million dollar masterpiece live in the assembly. Keep your eyes peeled (no pun intended) for updates on this 'bananas' idea.... 



On Wednesday we had an alternative to our weekly Art Club, come along to A1 and experience our 'Starving Artist' challenge and on Thursday we have a Photography competition. We can't wait to share this with you!

ART DEPARTMENT
ART WEEK AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

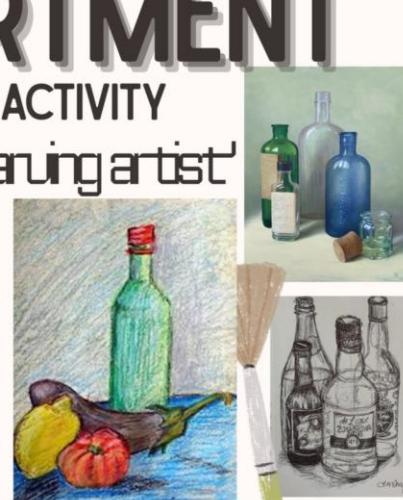
LOCATION: A1 (MR R-M'S ROOM)
DATE: WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
TIME: 3.10 – 4.10

'starving artist'

DETAILS: YOU WILL BE ISSUED WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF A STILL LIFE. YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH LOADS OF ART EQUIPMENT (PASTELS, INK, PENCILS, PENS, CRAYONS, PAINT ETC.).

TASK: CREATE A PIECE OF WORK FROM THE STILL LIFE SET UP USING MIXED MEDIA, AS TIME GOES ON YOU WILL BE 'STARVED' OF YOUR ART MATERIALS AND HAVE TO WORK WITH WHAT YOU HAVE LEFT, IT IS A CHALLENGE, IT IS FUN AND IT WILL MAKE YOU THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX.

SEE YOU THERE!



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
3.15-4PM
A2 (MISS D'S ROOM)



COME ALONG
AND TAKE A
PHOTO USING A
FAST SHUTTER
SPEED USING ONE
OF OUR
CAMERAS, PRIZE
FOR THE BEST
'SHOT'



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MISS DALTON



🎨🎭✍️ Art week 2025 continues...this morning it was year 8 assembly and Logan made a contribution to the masterpiece. Have we gone bananas? 🍌 or are we creating Art ? 🤔🌟

As Art week comes to a close, so does our 'bananas' assembly. This morning the masterpiece was completed by Oliver in Year 10. It's sparked some curiosity and questioning this week, which is exactly what Art is all about.

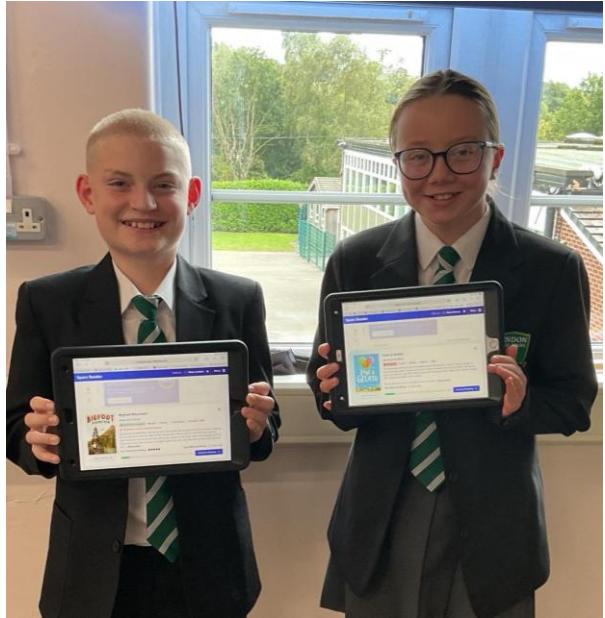


A focus on ENGLISH

Students in 7XO have made an outstanding start to English at Endon High School. Dolce and Oliver are both at the top of the leaderboard for their reading on Spark reader. Dolce has already read over 15,000 words!

One hundred Year 10-11 English Literature students enjoyed a festive trip to Stoke Rep theatre to watch Scarlet Theatre's adaptation of "A Christmas Carol", in which three current student and one EHS alumnus are performing! The students then took part in an informative discussion with the director Laura Harvey who shared her thoughts on how her actors translated Dickens' themes to the stage.

#proudtobeEHS



A focus on

MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS

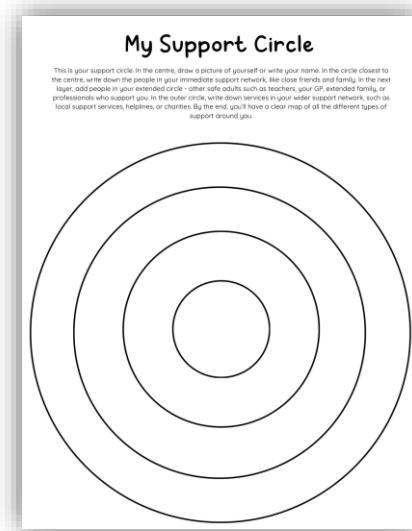


The Year 10 team of mental health ambassadors continue to help and support pupils with wellbeing and mental health. The ambassadors are using form times and lunchtimes to assist pupils and giving them an opportunity to seek help should they want it. They have completed 5 hours of training for this role with Mrs Tapley and are trained in active listening, signposting support and help. Well done mental health and wellbeing ambassadors you've made a great start to your role.

If your child feels as though they would like help and support please contact one of the team.

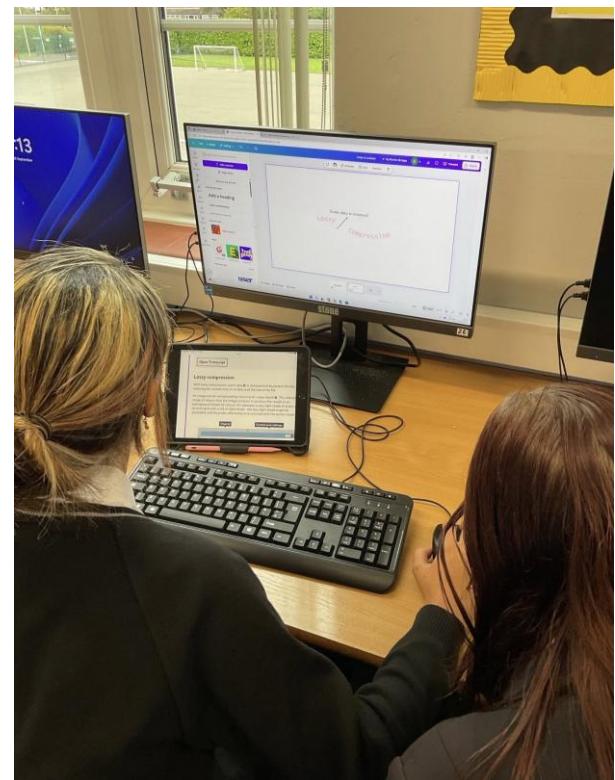
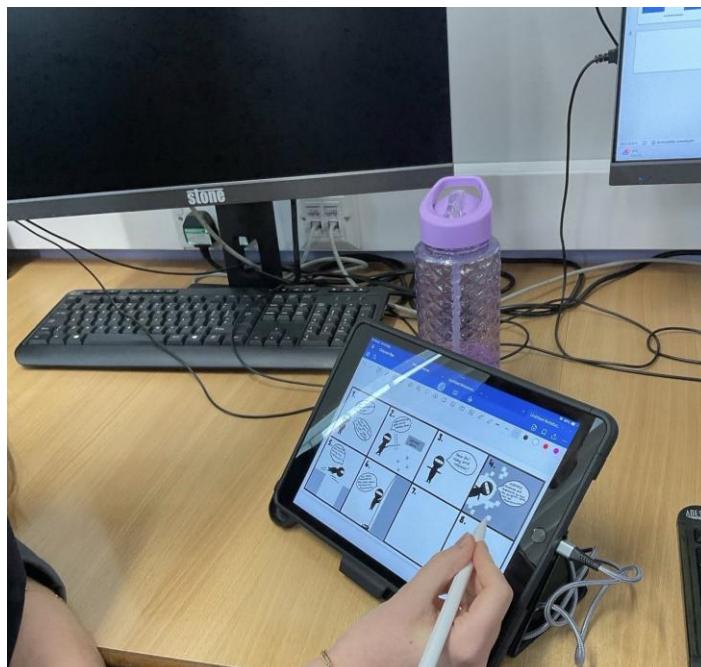
As we work towards the crescendo of this week with world mental health day on Friday, we would like to get the pupils talking about their own support circle. We have many different support services in school and we ask all parents to remind their pupils about the support outside of school too.

It's not always easy to talk about feelings, emotions and our own mental health but the more we normalise it the easier it can become.



A focus on **COMPUTING**

Our brilliant Year11 Computer Scientists have been used creative methods to explain the difference between lossy and lossless compression! One group chose to script, record and create their very own video to explain how compression works. We can't wait to see the results of their creativity!



Our Year 9 Computing pupils have turned into digital/cyber detectives, trying to spot the potential risks in suspected "phishing" emails. They have learned about email scams, Trojan horses and preventative methods they can take to protect themselves and their digital devices from fraudulent activity!



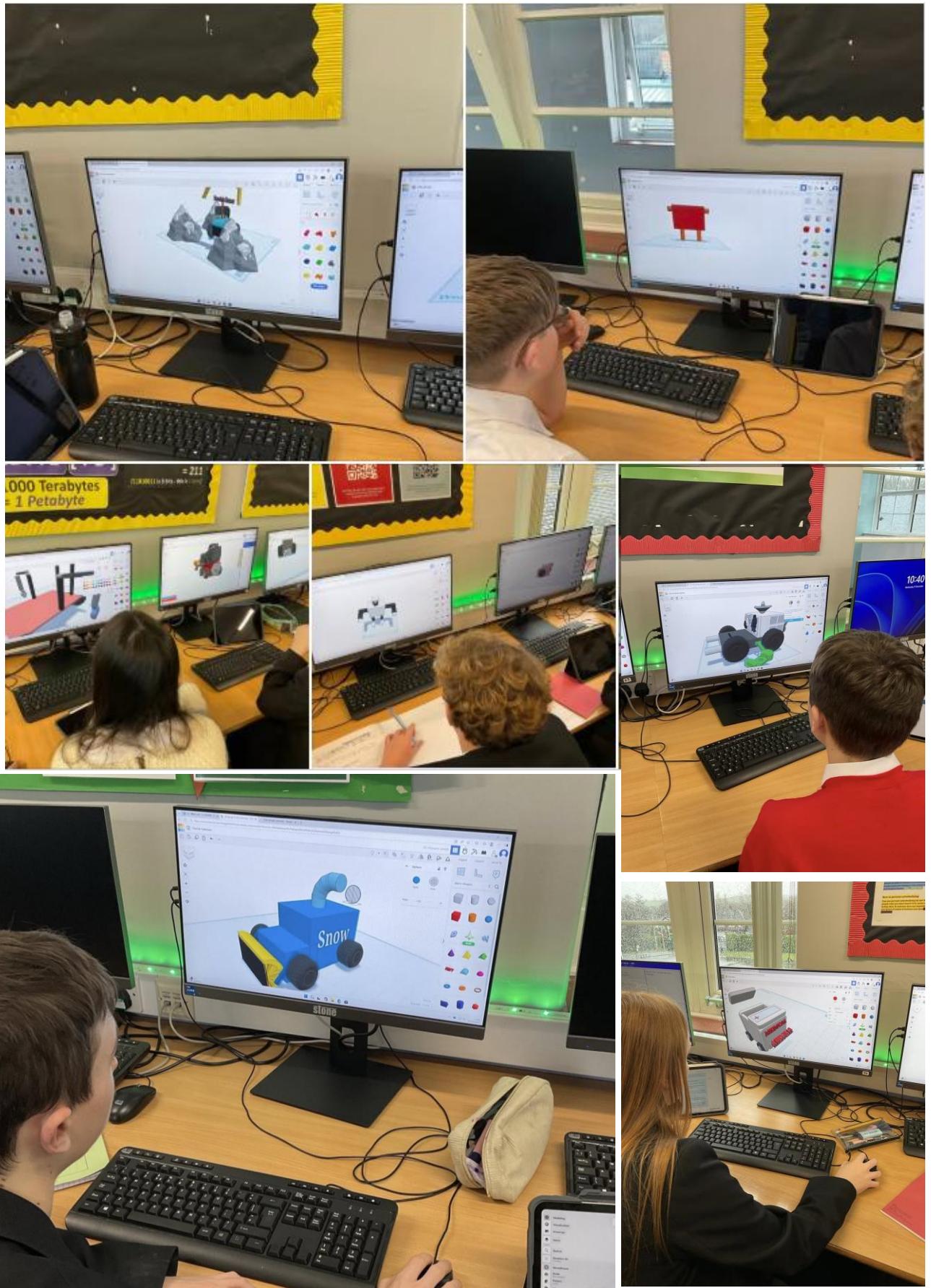
Our Computer Scientists creating their presentations to share with their peers - addressing some of the ethical concerns associated with the development of technology and the impact on society



Our Year 11 Computer Science groups visited Newcastle College to take part in their annual esports event. They are learning why to study esports and take part in a competition.



Our Year 9 Computing classes have been learning more about AI, robotics and neural networks this week, including designing and 3D modelling their own AI robot!



Our KS4 Computer Scientists took on the annual GCHQ problem-solving challenges/puzzles.



A focus on

PERFORMING ARTS

In Performing Arts, Year 8 have started the year by developing their knowledge and skills. In the first lesson we explored the chorus in Greek Theatre and have now moved on to puppetry. Lots of fun was had building the puppets and exploring performance techniques for bringing them to life.



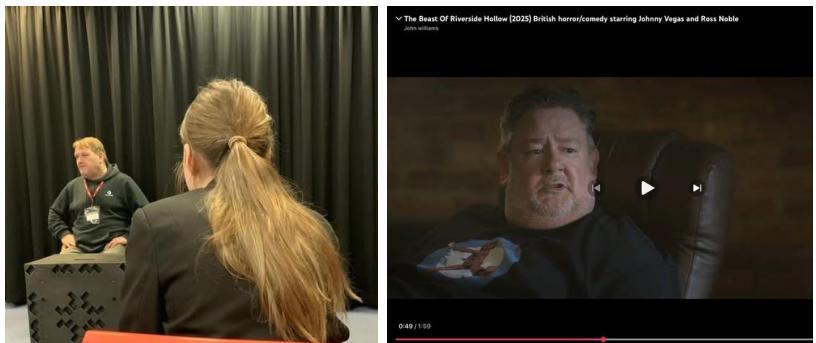
The new BTEC Performing Arts course is underway with both dance and acting students exploring the different components through practical tasks.



Our Year 7s have had a fantastic time “under the sea” at the New Vic Theatre on Friday watching ‘The Little Mermaid’ 🎩🎶歌舞 #proudtobeEHS



Thank you to local film maker John Williams for coming and speaking to our Year 10 Drama group. It was really interesting to hear how he has become a film director over the past 10 years working locally and with some known stars.



A focus on **TRANSITION**

It was the ENDON HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN EVENING on Wednesday, 1st October for all prospective Year 5 & 6 pupils and their parents and carers.

The advert video is well worth a watch! [Click here to see the video.](#)

For more information about joining our school, visit the school website:

www.endonhighschool.org.uk

- 'Join our pupils' page
- The school prospectus on the 'about us' pages
- The Ofsted report on the 'about us' pages

The **MAP Room** was ready to welcome you at our Open Evening. #proudtobeendon #teamendon



The **German department** were very pleased to have so many visitors on Open Evening. Lots of budding linguists stopped by to work out some new, interesting German words. Some visitors even added them to our language stones or made them into models using play dough.



LET THERE BE LIGHT(S)!!

The visiting Year 5 / 6 pupils and parents loved the activities that we set up in the Computing Department for Open Evening. The examples we demonstrated are either from our current afterschool clubs or resources that we use within our Computing & Computer Science lessons.



The Art department was a hub on activity at open evening, it was a joy to share the amazing work that is produced by our pupils, we also had a drawing and photography activity going on, these brilliant photos were taken by GCSE photographer Ruby in 10 Minton.



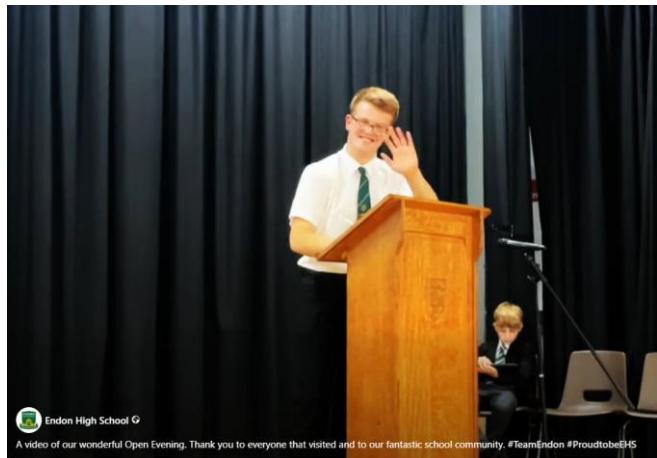
What an incredible buzz in our Design & Technology department at Open Evening! It was fantastic to see so many of the next generation excited about 3D printing, robotics, design, and manufacturing. The energy and creativity in the room were inspiring, the future of innovation is looking bright! A huge thank you to everyone who came along, we can't wait to see where your ideas take you.



[Click here to view](#)

a video of our wonderful Open Evening. Thank you to everyone that visited and to our fantastic school community.

**#TeamEndon
#ProudtobeEHS**



If you attended our open evening and visited the Art department you would have contributed to our graffiti task, here is the result of the task proudly displayed outside A1, we think it looks fantastic!



A focus on

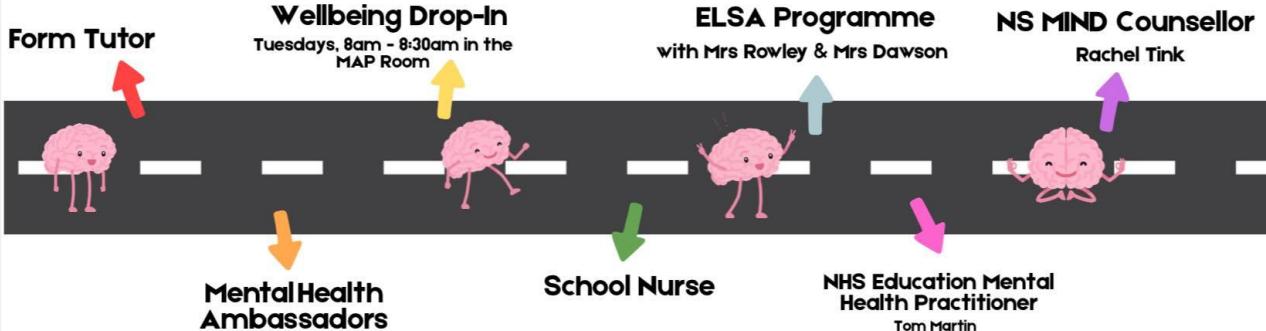
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

During our ELSA sessions, we often explore Zones of Regulation. Today, we did this using Play Doh- a great regulation tool in itself- to create facial expressions. **#TeamEndon**



JOURNEY

TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AT ENDON HIGH SCHOOL



A focus on

FOOD & NUTRITION

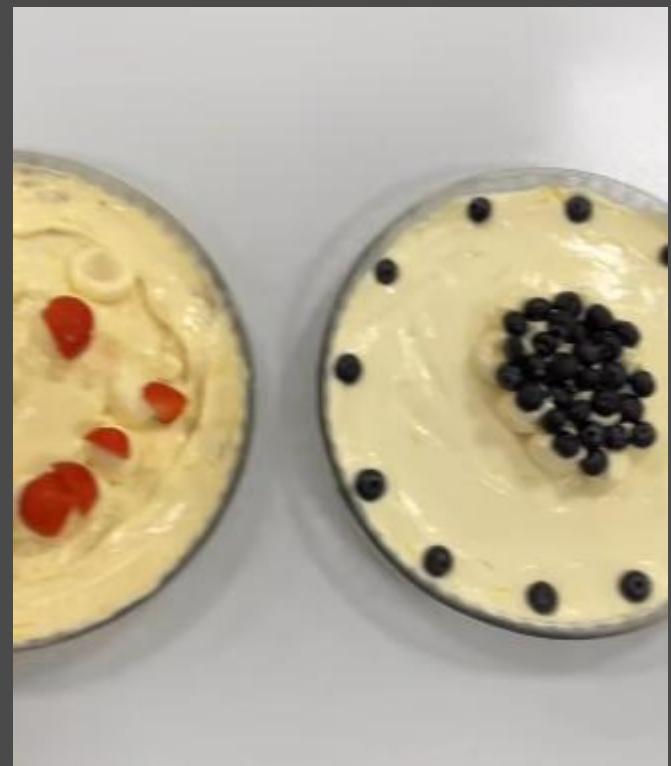
Year 7 making their own pasta salad, demonstrating hob skills, knife skills, making a salad dressing and judging readiness. The sensory analysis was great and all were very happy with their product, but could still suggest improvements. Everyone used the room and equipment responsibly and all worked very well as a group. Awesome job!



Year 10 have each made a lemon meringue pie in Food Prep with some impressive control over coagulation, syneresis, gelatinisation and plasticity. The slices on most of the pies kept their shape and WOWs were given for height and appearance. They then were able to define the keywords after showing impressive understanding of the functions of each ingredient. Well done year 10!



Year 10 experimenting with acid coagulation and plasticity in their lemon on a biscuit base tarts - fab job !



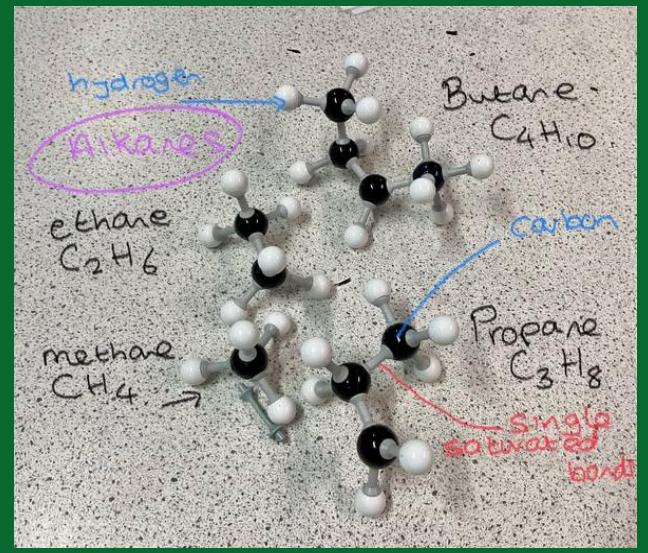
Year 10 Yule Logs enrobed with ganache.



A focus on

SCIENCE

Pupils in 11Y side have been learning about the topic of crude oil with Mrs Tapley. They have made 3D models to represent the first four alkane hydrocarbon molecules and then completed theory and exams questions about their properties, formulas and uses. Well done.



Year 11 enjoying carrying out some random sampling using quadrats in biology.



A focus on PE

Our Year 11 Sport Studies group took part in a kayaking session as part of their outdoor and adventurous activities coursework. The session gave pupils the opportunity to develop key practical skills while also gaining an understanding of what it takes to organise and run an activity like this. An excellent effort from all involved.



Over the past few weeks the school netball teams have been taking part in their outdoor tournaments. Some excellent netball has been played and many goals scored across all age groups, well done girls!



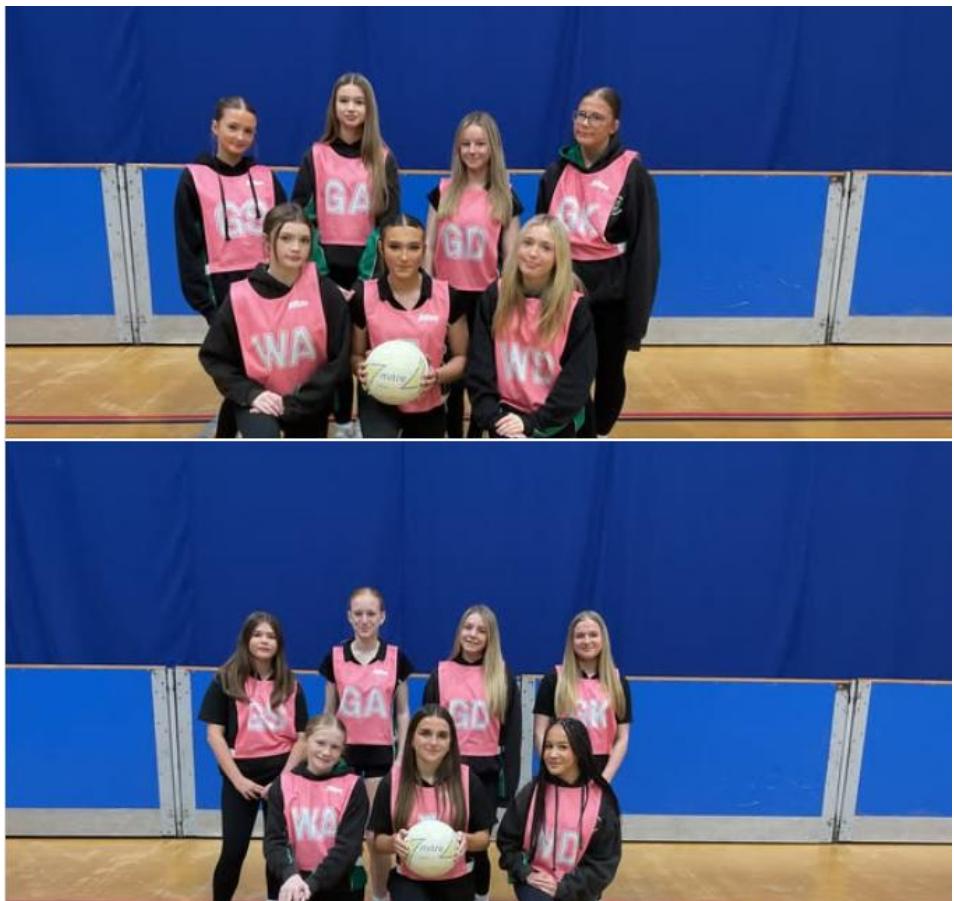
The U14s girls played Thomas Alleynes High School in the County Cup. Although the score finished 5-3 to the opposition the girls worked tirelessly, showing their resilience and team work. Well done girls, and a special well done for Lily Caine who scored 2 goals and Ebonie Wilkinson who scored 1.



Both the U14s and U16s football teams went to St Edward's to compete in their respective tournaments. Despite the freezing cold weather they gave it their all with some great performances. Well done girls!



The under 16s took part in their indoor netball tournament at Fenton Manor with some amazing performances all round, well done girls!



The girls took part in their U13s netball tournament at Fenton Manor. There was some incredible netball played and every girl gave it their all with some great goals scored and plenty of wins. Well done girls!



The Year 7 and 8 girls took part in the U13s Utilita Girls Cup. Despite the bitter weather conditions, the girls played so well and gave it their all, just losing out on third place out of 9 other schools. Well done girls!



The under 14s netball teams took part in their indoor tournament at Fenton Manor, with one team finishing in second place and another in fourth. Some amazing goals were scored and both teams worked so hard. Well done girls!



Our girls took part in the U15s futsal tournament at Fenton Manor. Some great performances and goals scored. Well done girls!



Our U15s girls took part in the annual indoor cricket competition at Fenton Manor. Some amazing performances that resulted in qualifying for the next round! There was plenty of runs and wickets throughout the team, with every single girl playing an important role. Well done girls!



A focus on

BUDDIES

The Year 9 buddies have been helping the year 7 pupils transition into secondary school. They use form times to complete check ins with them and are around lunchtimes to talk to anyone who needs it too. They are an excellent team this year showing true leadership skills. Well done buddies.



A focus on

GERMAN SUBJECT WEEK

Languages Subject week. We have some exciting things lined up for pupils, starting with a taste of how to use German in the world of football tomorrow for some lucky year 9s. Take a look at just some of the reasons why we love German at Endon!



To mark the second day of Languages Subject week Year 9 enjoyed a talk from footballer R'mar Murray with Futbol Lingo talking about the importance of knowing multiple languages within the football industry and how learning other languages opens doors “it’s hard to be a global icon, if you only speak one language”



After an inspiring assembly, some lucky year 9 students got the opportunity to put their language skills into practice. They learnt the German for various footballing terms eg pass, cross, dribble, shoot and were wonderful at using these during drills and some short games. Very impressive German and football skills this morning



Another busy day for the MFL Department. We were delighted to welcome Year 6 pupils from St Luke's Primary for a German taster session today. Pupils did brilliantly and have left knowing how to greet someone, introduce themselves, and talk about things that they love and hate, all in German. Wunderbar!

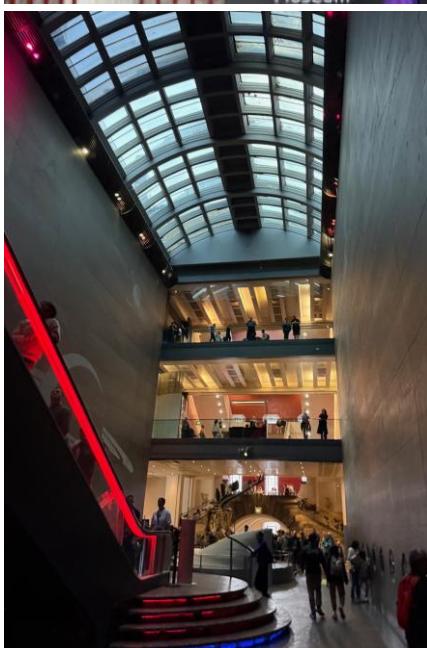
A focus on

THE ARTS LONDON VISIT

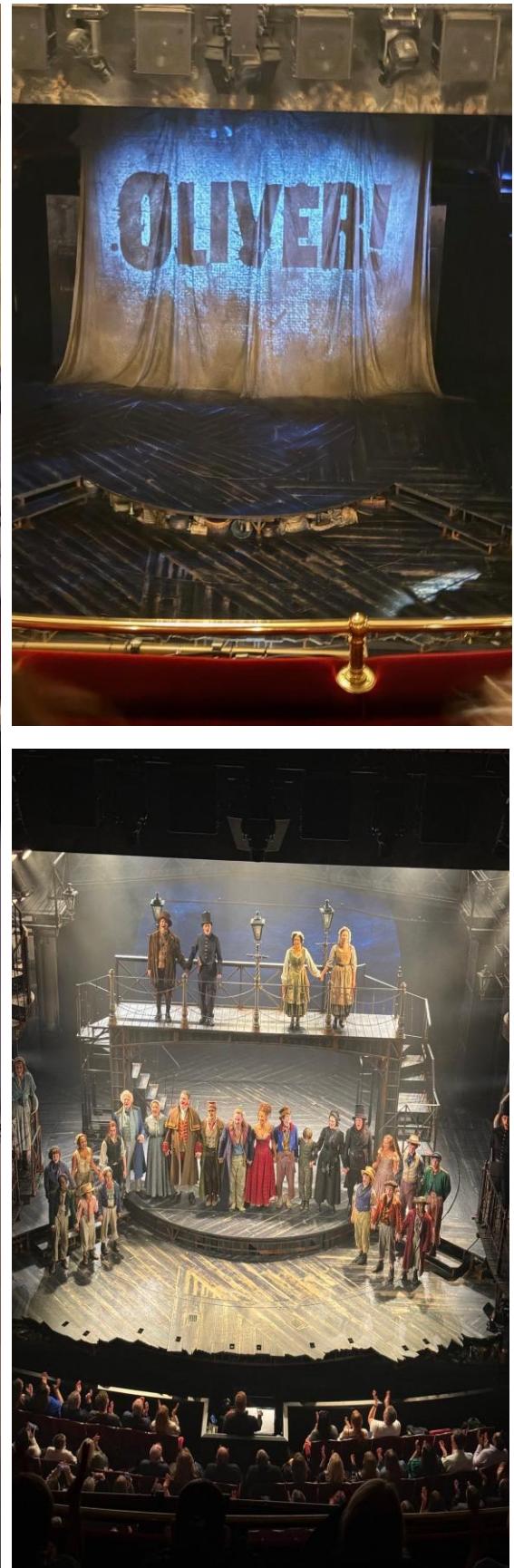
Arts visit to London started with a fab afternoon at the National Portrait Gallery, walked around Leicester Square and Piccadilly Circus and made our way to Covent Garden to see some street performers. After having a rest they were off for a meal for pizza. Then it was time for Wicked.



We've had a fab day. The V&A was brilliant and this was followed by The Natural History Museum. We then went for lunch, the students wanted a McDonald's so they got their wish. We're now waiting outside the London Dungeons, the excitement and fear is building. Everyone had a great day.



We spent our last night at the Gielgud Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue seeing OLIVER! It was simply outstanding and so brilliant to see our cast of Oliver! Jr reacting to the show. We loved every second of it. We are still debating which show was our favourite. Team Oliver! Or team Wicked?



We've arrived at the Warner Bros. Studios



We are half way around the Harry Potter studios. We've had talks, shows and been on a broomstick. We're just having a rest (some a butter beer and some an ice cream) and then we are off to explore Privet Drive and whatever weird and wonderful wizardly delights are ahead!



And that's it...

Our London trip is coming to an end. We've left The Warner Brothers Studio. Wow, what a place. We've had an incredible day and we are bringing a lot of wands and chocolate frogs home.



A focus on

YEAR 7 STANDON BOWERS

Creating a Team Endon identity, a sense of belonging and memories being made by Year 7 at Standon Bowers.









A focus on

GEOGRAPHY WEEK

Well done to all the pupils who represented their forms in the Inter House Geography Quiz. Congratulations to the winners who were Spode house represented by J. Peake, W. Ellerton, J. Beeson, I. Akubue, E. Hunter and F. Millins.



 **ENDON
HIGH SCHOOL**

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT
**PUMPKIN CARVING
COMPETITION**

Carve a pumpkin on any theme linked to Geography.

Send an image of you with your pumpkin (so we know it's yours!) to your geography teacher by email or Showbie by 31st October.

We will judge the best designs and award prizes after half term.



Well done to S.Owen, H.Carter and E.Carrier-our Geography Pumpkin Carving Winners!

The creativity, effort, and geography-inspired designs were incredible.



A focus on

BLACKFOREST



After a very long journey all the way to Freiburg, our students enjoyed 4 days in the beautiful scenery of the Black Forest in Germany.

Day 1: Steinwesen Park for some a wholesome morning of fun on the toboggan slopes. We then headed to the lovely Lake Titisee for some shopping and tasty treats. Special mention to the delicious *Bratkartoffeln*!

Day 2: A morning where we found the waterfall closed and instead made our own fun in the photo fantasy museum in Triberg. After this, students experienced the local German festival of *Chrysathema* in Lahr.

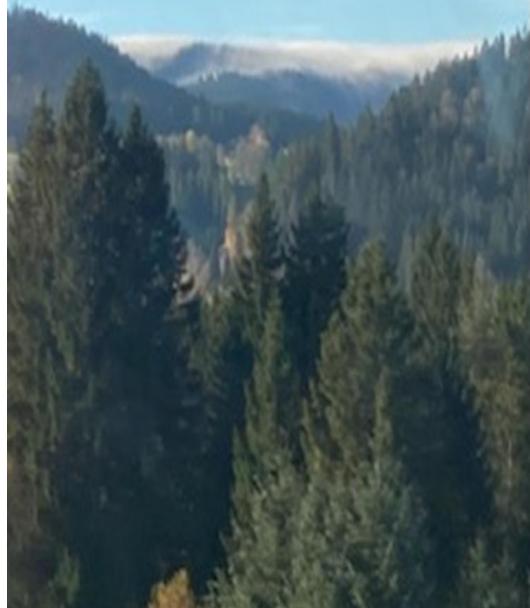
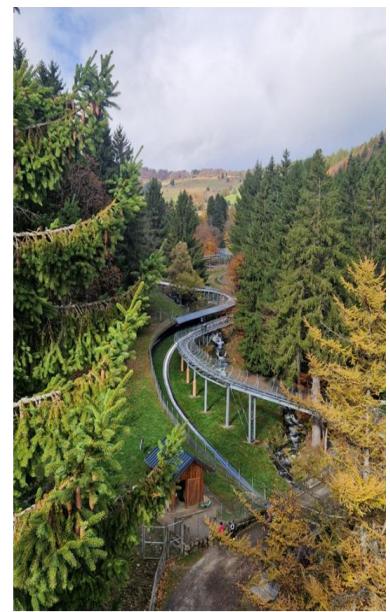
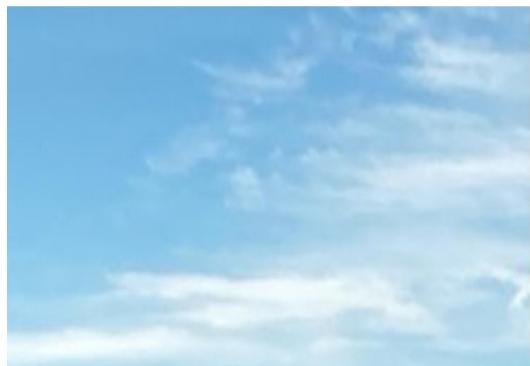


Day 3: Students spent this day using their language skills to accomplish specific tasks such as asking for directions. They were absolutely amazing and smashed this challenge!



Day 4: Our final day in Germany was spent at one of Europe's best theme parks, Europa Park.

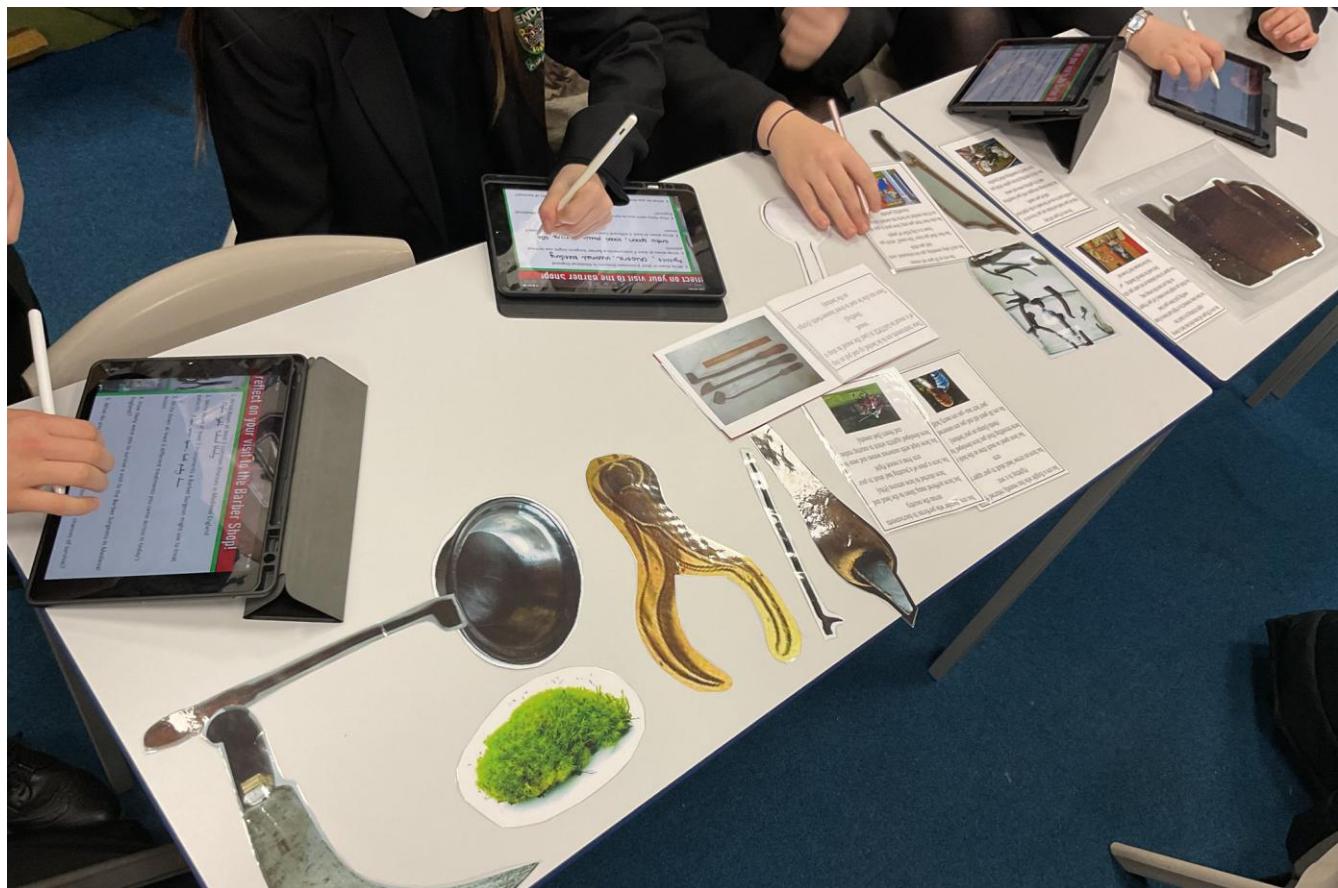
All that was then left was to pack our bags and set off for home. A memorable trip enjoyed by all!



A focus on

HISTORY

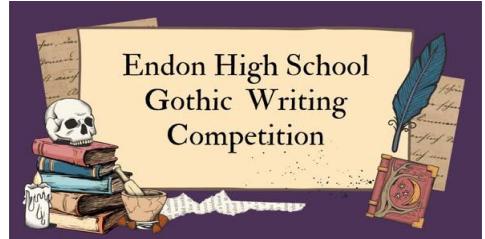
Year 11 GCSEs have been learning about medieval medicine and been practicing what it would be like to be ill and treatment they would receive in medieval times. They have learnt a lot and really enjoyed it.



A focus on

ENGLISH WEEK

The English Week competition:
Gothic writing.

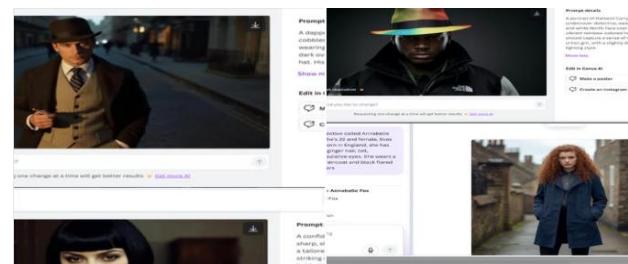


As part of our celebration of all things English, we had a visit from children's author, Alex Foulkes. She spent time with our Year 8 and 9 students delivering a fantastic Gothic workshop. Also, she spoke to our Year 10s about how to become a published author. Finally, she delivered a brilliant assembly to the wonderful Year 5s from St Anne's Primary School. It was a fabulous day!



Students in Mr. Kelly's 8XO English class had fun turning their creative writing descriptions of detectives into the real thing, using modern AI technology.

There were some fantastic, inventive ideas and vocabulary used to generate some great, original images.



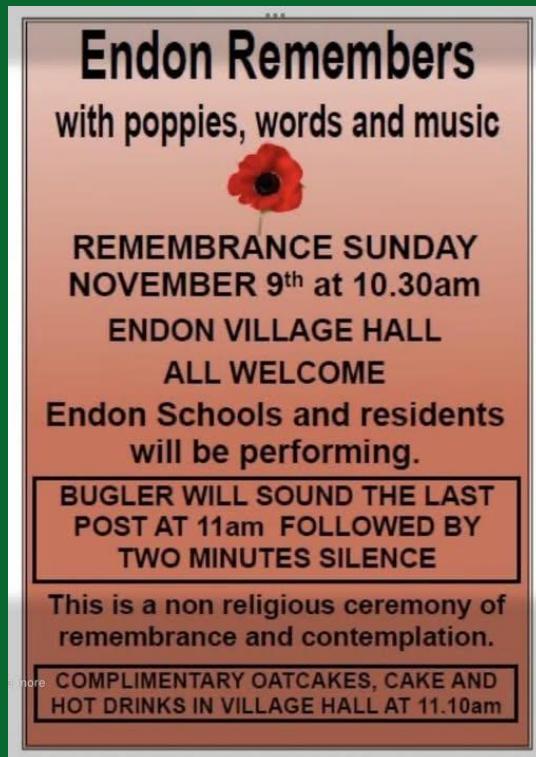
Mr Moston delivered a fantastic assembly about the role of English in the real world and how linguistics can help solve crimes!



A focus on

REMEMBERANCE

Thank you to student H Carter who gave up her time during half term to support the Royal British Legion by selling poppies in Leek. We are proud of you!



Pru, Marcus and River supported the Endon Remembrance event. **Well done!**



A focus on

EHS DIGITAL INNOVATION FESTIVAL

Year 9 are really enjoying their innovation task to use their iPads to be creative, recording podcasts, interviews, films, stories, visual images, making a song and so much more. The use of their technology has been outstanding. Well done Cliff we really look forward to seeing where they all end up.



A focus on

GEOGRAPHY

Earth 🌎, tree 🌳, butterfly 🦋, recycling 🌱 It was great to be part of the first ever Staffordshire Moorlands Student Climate & Biodiversity Conference at Moorlands House.



Our students had a fantastic half term in Geography — **winning the Staffordshire GA Quiz** against other schools 🏆 and taking part in a Mini COP Conference at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. They worked with local businesses on climate change and even questioned a panel in the council chamber. A brilliant experience all round!

Year 11 geographers have had a break from mocks to go out conducting questionnaires of the general public and doing environmental quality surveys to investigate the impact of regeneration in Salford Quays.



A focus on **TRUST AWARDS**

Emily and Jan were both recognised by the Trust for having a fantastic Key Stage 3. Well done!



A focus on

OPERATION CHRISTMAS

Our two sold-out Christmas concerts were "merry and bright" and full of "tidings of comfort and joy"! Here is a sneak peek behind the scenes at our concert rehearsals 



Enjoy a selection of photographs of our Christmas Concert performers, captured by our official event photographer, Tom in Year 8! #proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS



The reviews are in from our two packed-out audiences at this year's EHS Christmas Concerts - never mind "five gold rings", it was five gold stars all round for our brilliant student musicians!

★★★★★ #proudtobemusicians #proudtobeEHS



**“What an absolutely fantastic concert!
You have some very talented pupils at Endon
whose love of music is clear to see!”**



**“Best Christmas concert I’ve seen! Great variety
and enjoyment seen in all the children.”**



“Stunning concert! Feeling festive.”

**“Mrs RD, your passion for music and the children
really shines through. It’s wonderful to see that
our children have such a passionate role model.”**





Last day festive fun. Mrs Tapley's Proud key stage 4 Cliff quiz winners.



Christmas Karaoke Team, assemble: two girls on the drumkit, two boys on the audio-visuals and Mrs Reardon-Davies wielding a microphone ready to sing with every year group in the end-of-term celebrations!

We can't quite believe it, but we managed to collect an absolutely staggering 664.9kg of food for the Leek and District Food Bank. **A huge thank you and Merry Christmas!**



Our students were in fine voice for their festive karaoke session! **Merry Christmas.**



SAFEGUARDING

A pupil is in distress. What do they, you or can anyone do to share concerns?



Press the 'Speak Out' button on your Firefly homepage to report a concern.

Every pupil, member of staff, parent, carer and Academy Councillor must use 'Speak Out' to notify the pastoral team or any safeguarding, bullying or welfare issues that affect the pupils at our school.

The school community working together to keep everyone safe.





GET IN TOUCH

For any queries or support please contact:

Telephone: (01782) 502240

General Enquiries - email: office@endon.set.org

Report Pupil Absence - email: attendance@endon.set.org

Firefly/Technology support - email: firefly@endon.set.org

STAY UP TO DATE

Keep up to date with the life of the school using:

Firefly – endon.fireflycloud.net or use your parent app

The website – www.endonhighschool.set.org

Facebook - [@endonhighschool](https://www.facebook.com/endonhighschool)

Twitter - [@endonthighschool](https://twitter.com/endonhighschool)

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

Please keep us informed of what we are doing well and what we could do better but most importantly reach out to the staff at the school if you need our support.

[Click here to leave us your feedback](#)