

HEADTEACHER BULLETIN

Friday 26.4.24

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first Headteacher bulletin of the summer term and what a term it is shaping up to being.

We held what has now become the annual Shaw Education Trust Digital Event this afternoon which saw our fantastic student council use all of their Core Values to organise the event and deliver an amazing showcase. There are images within the bulletin which give a flavour of what the event was all about and the great time had by all involved.

Year 11 students undertake their final GCSE's in a few days time. This year group have continued to be well motivated and committed to their studies for some time and we are expecting some great results come August. The prom is just around the corner and I know this group will continue to work their socks off until the last exam is sat in June.

Year 10 have their work experience to look forward to this term and they are officially over half way through their GCSE studies. There have been some significant improvements with Year 10 recently, which we are proud to see as they mature in readiness for Year 11 and we cannot believe it is a year ago that this year group was choosing their option subjects. This is exactly what Year 9 students have to look forward to next month and we are excited to invite parents/carers into school on Thursday 9th of May for a face to face combined options/parents evening event. This is a key event in the school calendar as students pick their next KS4 steps which will ultimately help steer them towards their future careers.

Years 7 and 8 are continuing to excel with students producing a high standard of work in lessons. We are excited to see their progress this term when we complete the second performance assessments of the year in the months of June and July. We have been very impressed individually and collectively with these year groups.



Upcoming Events:

Thursday 2nd of May - Art Showcase
Monday 6th of May 2024 - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Thursday 9th of May 2024 - Year 9 Combined Parents Evening and Options Event
Friday 10th of May 2024 - Year 11 Examinations Begin

Yours faithfully,
Mr S Frost

Year 11 English and Maths Residential

Year 11 students had a brilliant weekend enjoying a wide range of activities in between English and Maths revision sessions.

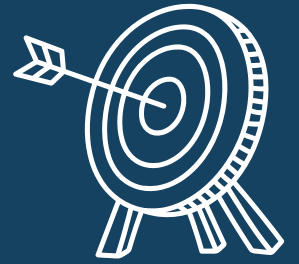
Staff are so proud at how well students applied themselves to the sessions and that they also tried out new activities.

The students even took part in axe throwing, climbing, canoeing and rifle shooting whilst topping up their English and Maths knowledge.

Well done to everyone that attended. It was lovely to see the confidence growing over the weekend and thank you to all of the staff that have up their weekend too.



Year 11 English and Maths Residential



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'I do, We do, You do'

Mrs Weaver has recently been leading a new approach to teaching & learning over the course of the last half term and it is starting to gather some real traction. The approach involves teachers modelling their thought processes and exemplar answers, followed by a class attempt at a question, concluded by the students completing an answer themselves. The student voice has been very positive about this and we have seen some brilliant practice in all classes when popping into lessons. The students are demonstrating some excellent independent work as a result of this approach.

PE Example – I do, We do, You do with a focus on key terms

We do

Resilience - this is important because it helps you to be a role model and not give up when losing.

For example not giving up in football when losing and motivating your team.

Like in so many of our subjects, there is so much key vocabulary in Btec Sport. It is great to see vocabulary being discussed in the I do, We do and You do allowing students to access the questions.

You do

- [Skill/ Quality]
- This is important because... [explain why this skill/ quality is needed by a good leader]
- For example... [explain an example of a leader using the skill/ quality]

Monday 4th March 2024

Skills/Qualities

Trustworthy - it is important because if your team has more trust in you there's the higher chance of them listening to your lead. It's quite important so your reliable and a good role model to the team. For example if the ball is sometimes a captain and these trustworthy they will listen to large someone the captain says.

Firm but fair - it is important because if you tell your team constantly that they're perfect then they won't improve but if you discuss where they can improve in a fair manner their performance will be better.

To be a good leader you need:

Relatable - It's important because it helps when you're an exceptional team with when you're struggling. For example when you need your team to play better or help you out they will feel more prepared and aware of themselves when you're there.

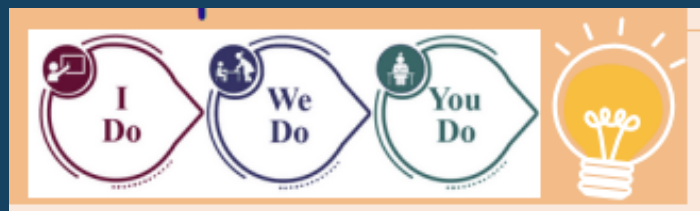
It's good to see the technique in action when referenced during the next task.

SUCCESS

'A Thought For Friday'

"In an effective classroom, students should not only know what they are doing, they should also know why and how"

Harry Wong



"If you do enough small things right, **BIG THINGS** can happen"

Summer Uniform



Just a reminder that following parent and student feedback last year we adapted our uniform to allow students to wear black tailored school shorts instead of trousers **from May half term.**

That is, of course if the sunshine ever makes an appearance!

If your child chooses to wear shorts to school, then black socks should be worn and the rest of uniform (shirt, tie and blazer) remains the same.

The shorts should be tailored school shorts and not sports shorts. Some parents stated that the bigger sizes were difficult to get from shops last year, so we are giving you plenty of notice to get prepared if your child wishes to wear shorts for the last half term.



Maths



A message from Mrs Frost...

This half term has seen the maths department launch 'KSS Bucks' with all students in Years 7-10. These are directly linked to Sparx maths and students earn a KSS Buck for every day that they hand in their homework early and for every 10 minutes that they spent on Independent Learning within Sparx. At the end of this half term, all students can cash in their KSS Bucks on a variety of items, including snacks, drinks, stationery, and novelty gifts. We look forward to updating you on what were the most popular items. Please encourage early completion and extra independent tasks.

YEARS 7-10, GET
EARNING YOUR KSS
BUCKS!

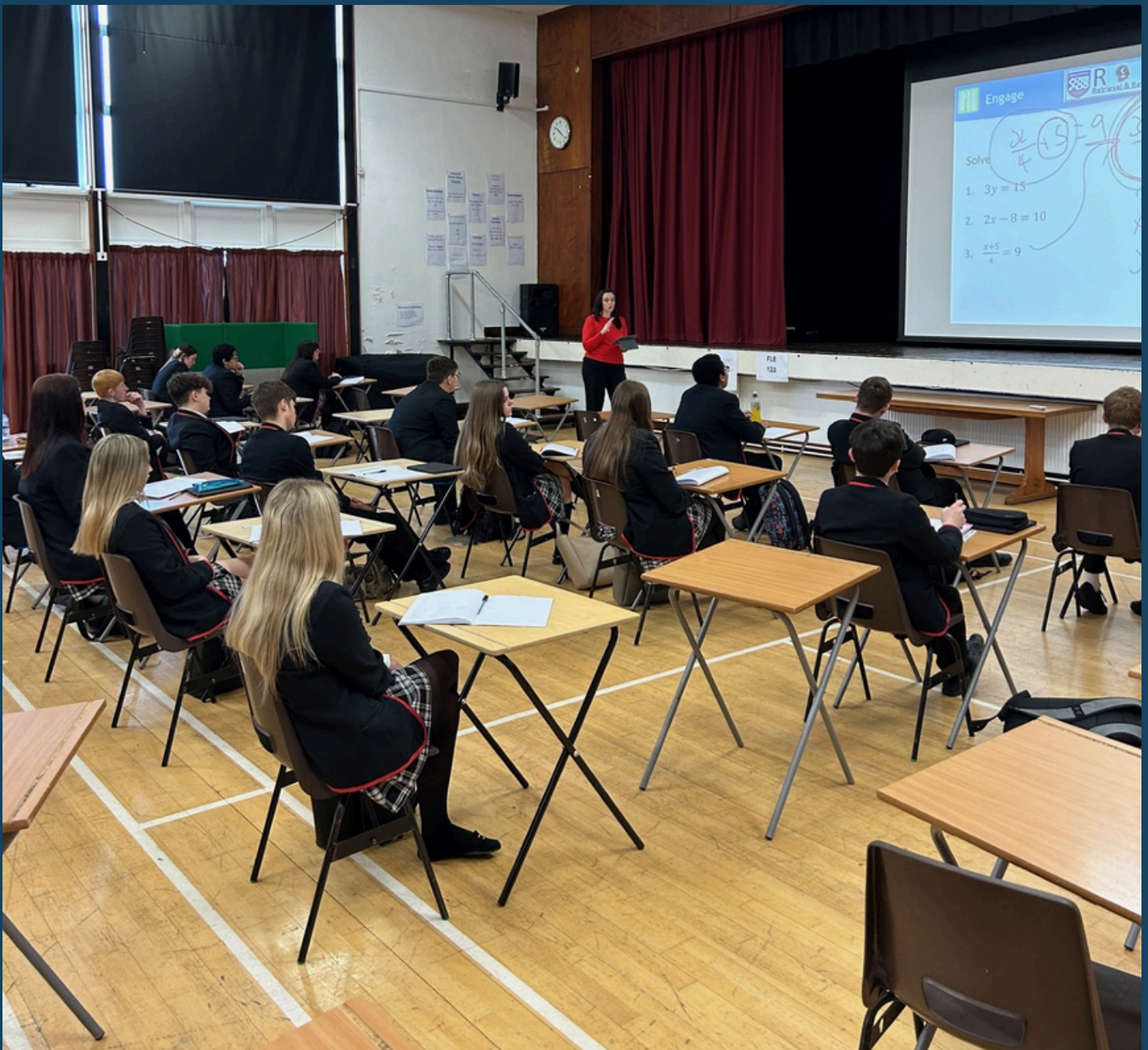


AVAILABLE TO SPEND IN THE
'MATHS SHOP' MON 20TH - FRI
24TH MAY

Year 11 Examination Preparation

The Year 11 students have been undertaking revision lessons in the hall over recent weeks to acclimatise themselves to the examination space prior to the exams beginning in a few weeks.

Staff have used this opportunity to display key words and important subject specific concepts around the room. This will undoubtedly help the students when they face the exam papers.



Project Learning

A message from Ms Morrell...

Cultivating Growth: Year 7 Project Gears Up for Veggie Victory!

Exciting developments are taking root as our Year 7 students spearhead a bid to secure a £5000 grant from the Sheila Coates Foundation to rejuvenate our veg patch. But this project isn't just about gardening – it's about fostering a culture of growth and empowerment.

Beyond the soil and seeds, our aim is to actively involve students in providing fresh produce for food technology lessons while nurturing essential skills and boosting confidence.

This initiative isn't merely about planting seeds; it's about cultivating ideas and nurturing holistic development. Through project-based learning, students aren't just acquiring knowledge; they're cultivating practical skills that extend far beyond the confines of textbooks.

At the heart of this endeavor lies inclusivity. By tailoring the project to meet the needs of our autistic students, we're sending a powerful message of unity and support within our community. The veg patch becomes a symbol of inclusion, where growth knows no bounds.

Currently in the planning stages, our students are eagerly preparing to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty in the soil. Congratulations, Year 7 – you're on the path to becoming confident, capable learners.

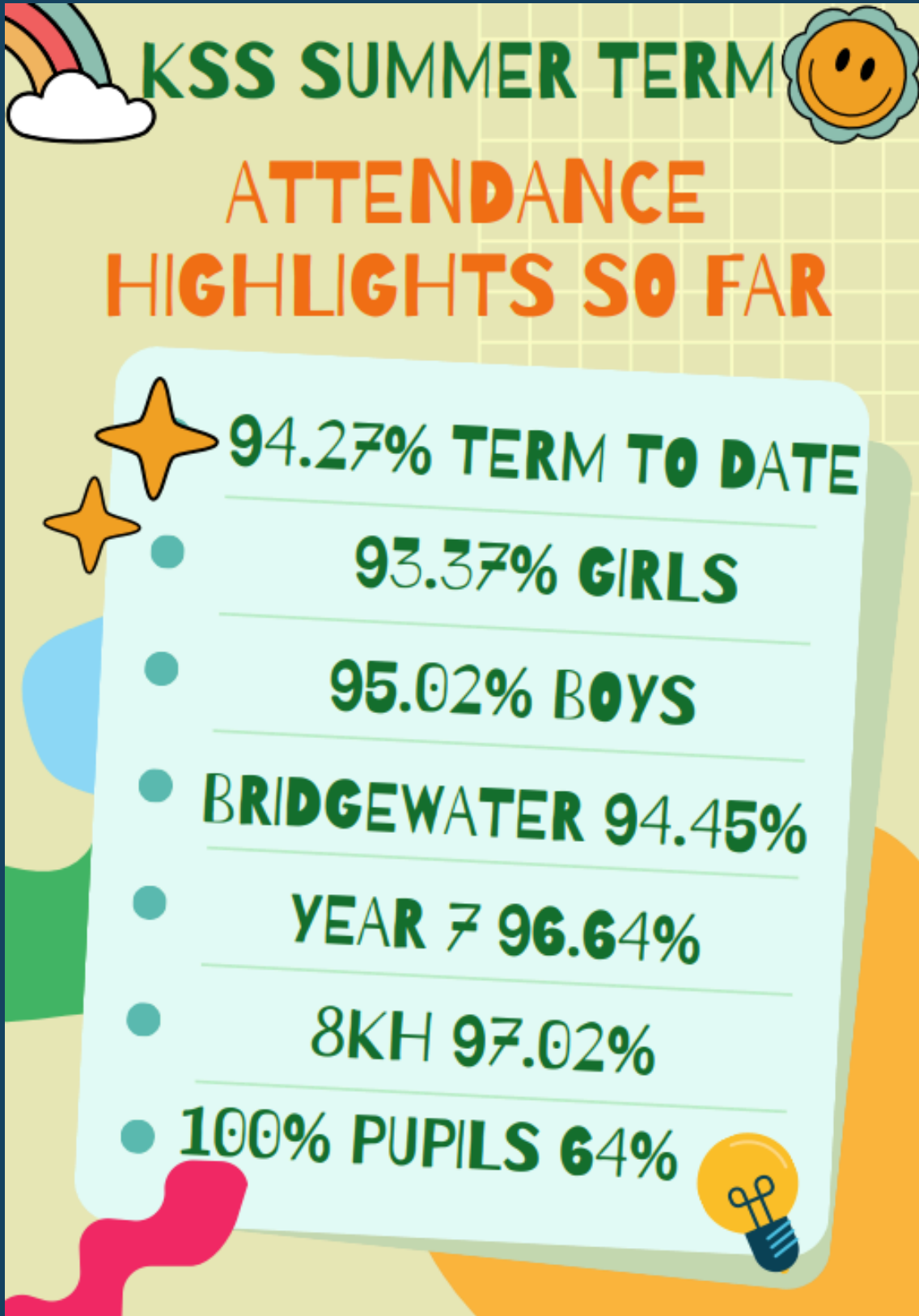
Looking ahead, we envision culinary escapades in the kitchen, interdisciplinary adventures in the garden, and a community united in nurturing growth – both in our veg patch and in ourselves.



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Project Learning

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Unveiling Innovation: Year 9 Students Harness LEGO Spike Prime Sets for Robotics

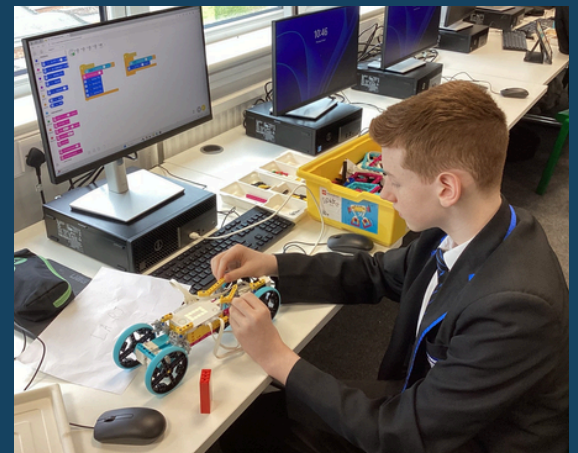
Year 9 students have embarked on an exciting journey into robotics using LEGO Spike Prime sets. Among their diverse projects, one stands out: robots engineered to detect and respond to the color red.

Students have dived into the intricacies of robotics, from assembling LEGO components to coding commands. Through collaborative efforts, they brainstorm ideas, tackle challenges, and celebrate successes, fostering not just technical prowess but also teamwork and communication skills.

The allure of these projects lies in their practical application, bridging theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience. As students delve into real-world problems, they unlock innovative solutions, preparing themselves for the challenges of tomorrow.

With each line of code, they harness the potential of LEGO bricks to create robots that navigate their surroundings and react to stimuli. Their creativity knows no bounds, and their determination propels them towards new frontiers of exploration.

As Year 9 students continue to push the boundaries of innovation with their LEGO Spike Prime robots, the horizon of possibilities expands. Through their ingenuity and collaboration, they're not just building robots—they're sculpting a future where technology and imagination intertwine seamlessly.

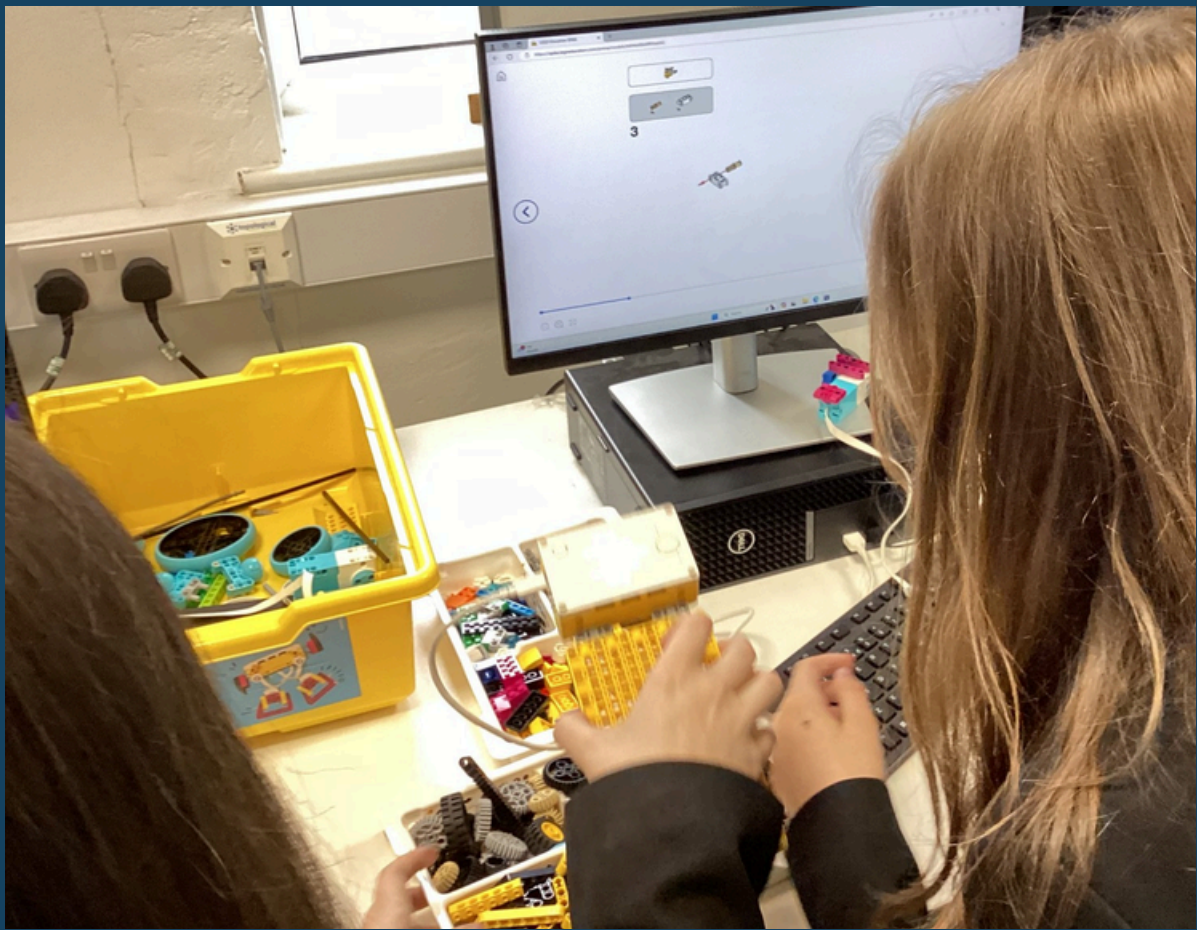


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APR-JULY

EXTRA CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY

Lunchtime
13.30-14.00



Science Support

KS3

Room 23 – Dr Ma

TUESDAY

After School
15.05-16.05



Y10 Performing Arts

Year 10

Music – Mrs Evans

Open Studio

Open to all

Room 10 – Mrs Mason

WEDNESDAY

After School
15.05-16.05



Multi Sports/Rounders Club

Open to all

Changing Rooms – Mrs Castrey

Football

KS3

Changing Rooms – Mr Hilditch

Fitness

Open to all

Fitness Suite – Mr Till

THURSDAY

Lunchtime
13.30-14.00



Science Support

KS4

Room 23 – Dr Ma

After School
15.05-16.05



Open Studio

Open to all

Room 10 – Mrs Mason

Football Fixtures

KS4

Changing Rooms – Mr Till

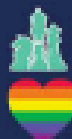
DofE Sessions

DofE

Room 9 – Mrs Weaver

FRIDAY

Lunchtime
13.30-14.00



Chess club

Open to all

Room 3 – Mr Baldwin

Pride Club

Open to all

Room 14 – Miss Ayers

After School
15.05-16.05



D&D Club

If interested, speak to Miss Ayers

Room 14 – Miss Ayers

Football

KS4

Changing Rooms – Mr Till



The electronic tablets are used to develop pupils' digital skills, alongside enhancing subject learning.

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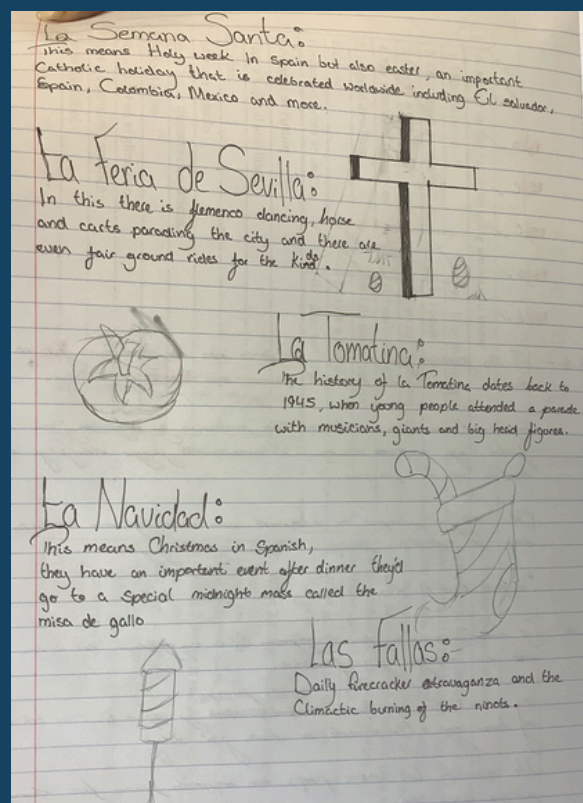
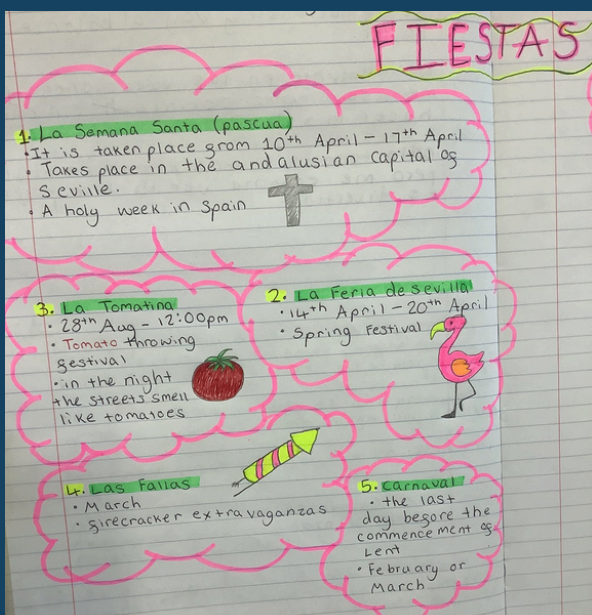
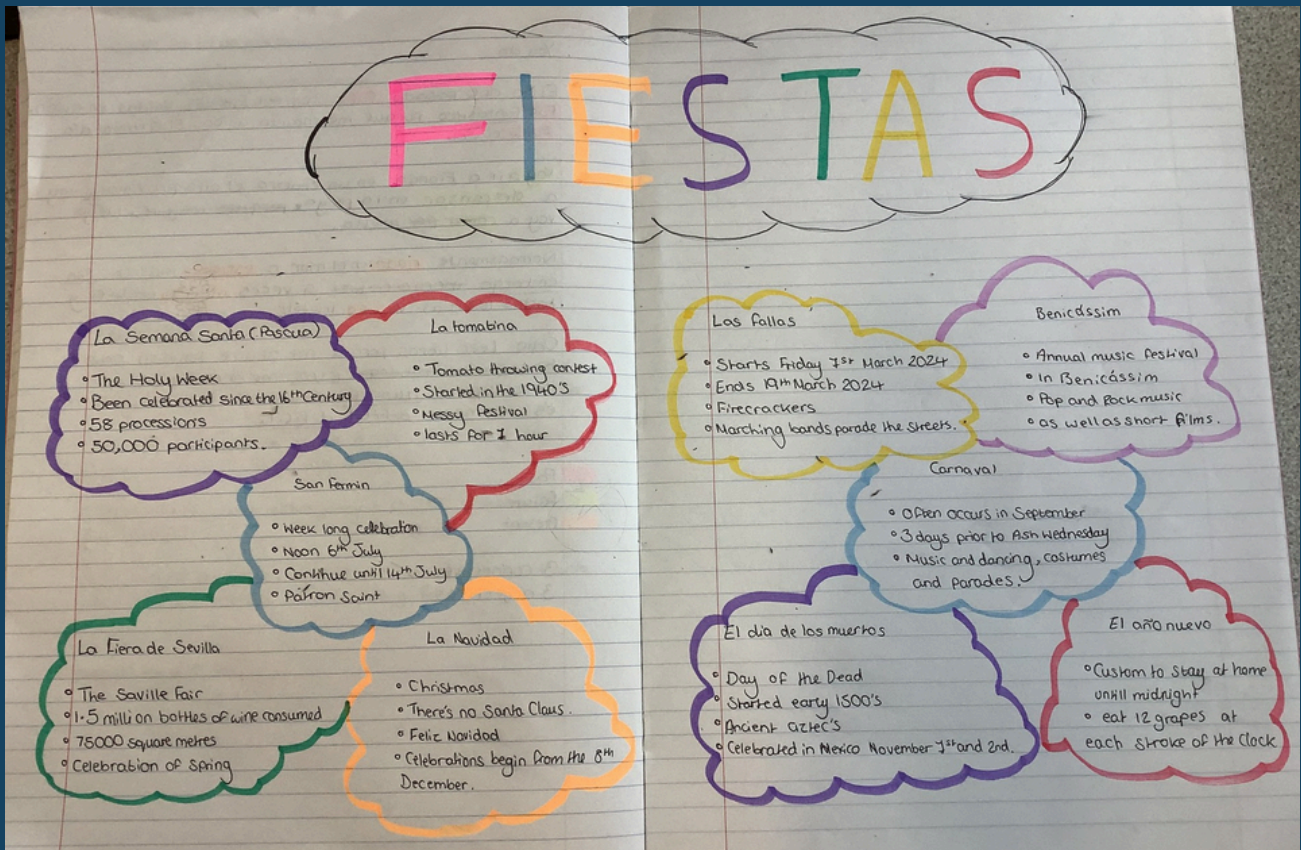


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Spanish

A message from Ms Hud...

Year 8 have recently started a module on Hispanic Festivals. As an introduction to this, they spent a lesson doing some research on their iPads about these. Following on from this, we are going to learn lots of new vocabulary to discuss festivals, at the same time as going over the past, present and future tense constructions in Spanish.



KS3 Update



A message from Mr Till...

Y7 Football:

The Year 7 Boys Football team started their first round of fixtures this week, with matches against Madeley School and Sir Thomas Boughey Academy.

KSS and Madeley were equally matched in a tightly contested match. Following an early goal from Madeley, the team continued to play a composed game with an outside the box shot from Brandon resulting in a 1-1 final score.

The second match against STB had a promising start with Zak scoring an early goal, however STB responded with a mid-game equaliser. With a further two near misses by KSS, the match ended by 1-1 draw.

Players' player went to Luca for his positive attitude and supportive play throughout both games.



KS3 Sparx Reader:

Work done this week:

160 hours
of learning

Total this year: **4494 hours**

Work done this week:

63 books
finished

Total this year: **1011 books**

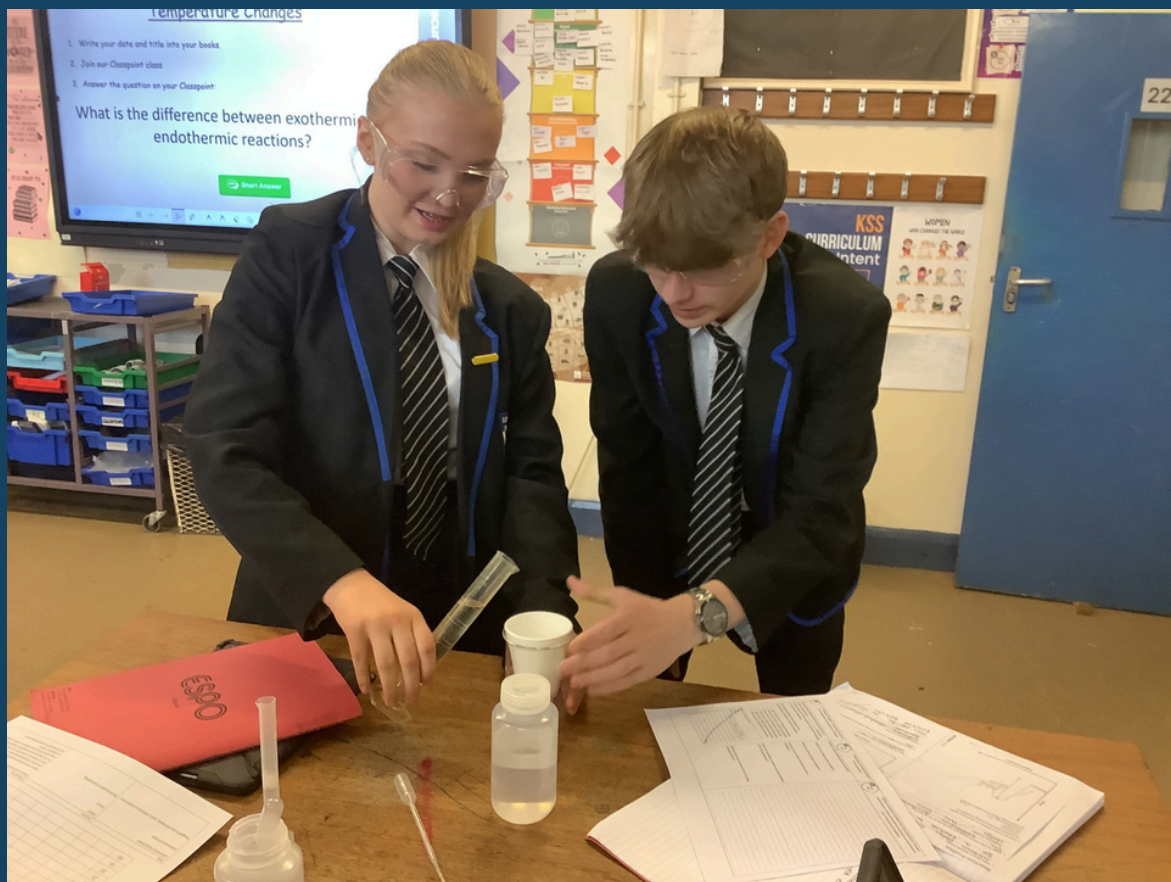
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A message from Mrs Grice-Lowe...

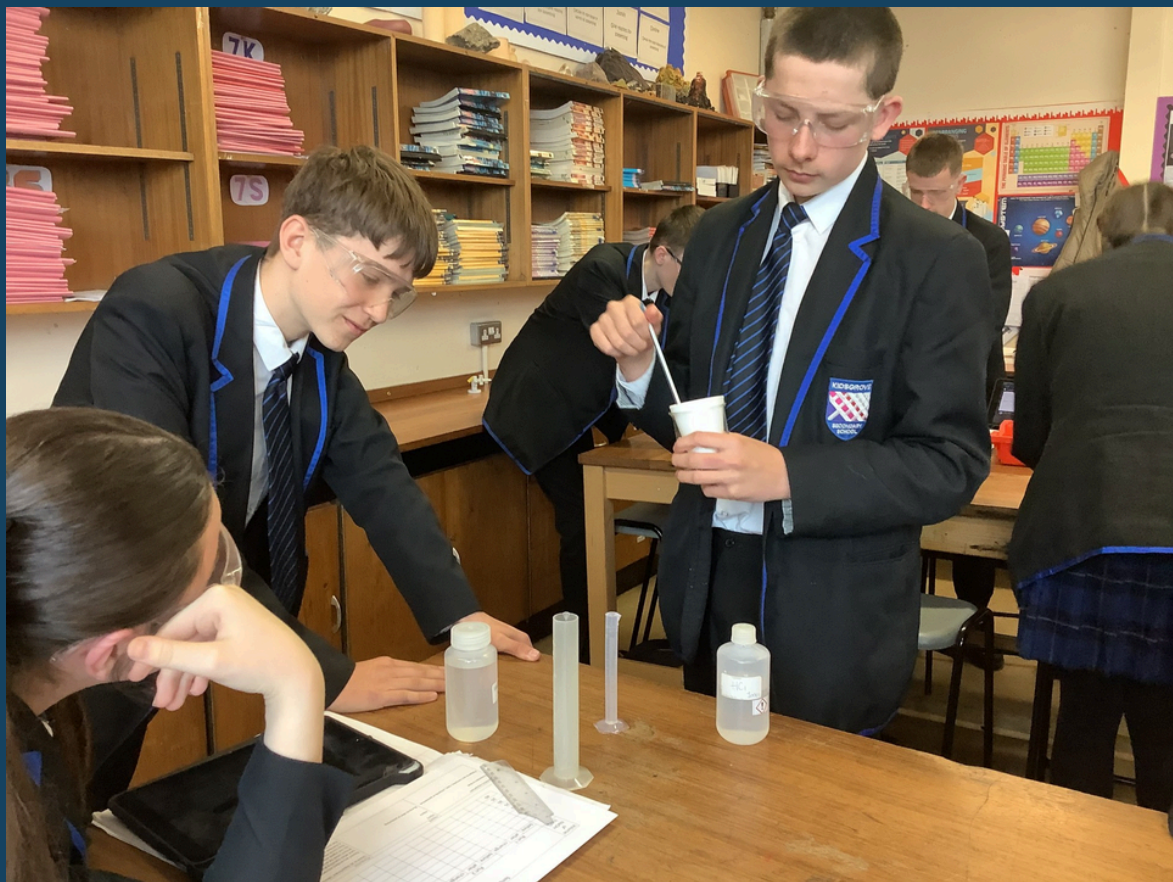
Year 10s have been continuing their Chemistry Required Practicals this week, this time investigating how concentration of reactants affects the temperature change during exothermic and endothermic reactions. Year 10 have also shown how they can work safely and efficiently in the lab, well done for a fantastic practical lesson!

Year 8 have been investigating reactions of acids, observing how different reactants will produce different gases. Year 8 showed fantastic investigative skills and were able to explain the changes based on universal indicator tests throughout the reactions.

Year 7 have been playing games to revise for their latest topic assessment on Reproduction. There was a great competitive spirit in the room for keyword Dominos! Well done to the winners who were awarded star pupil for the lesson on ClassCharts.



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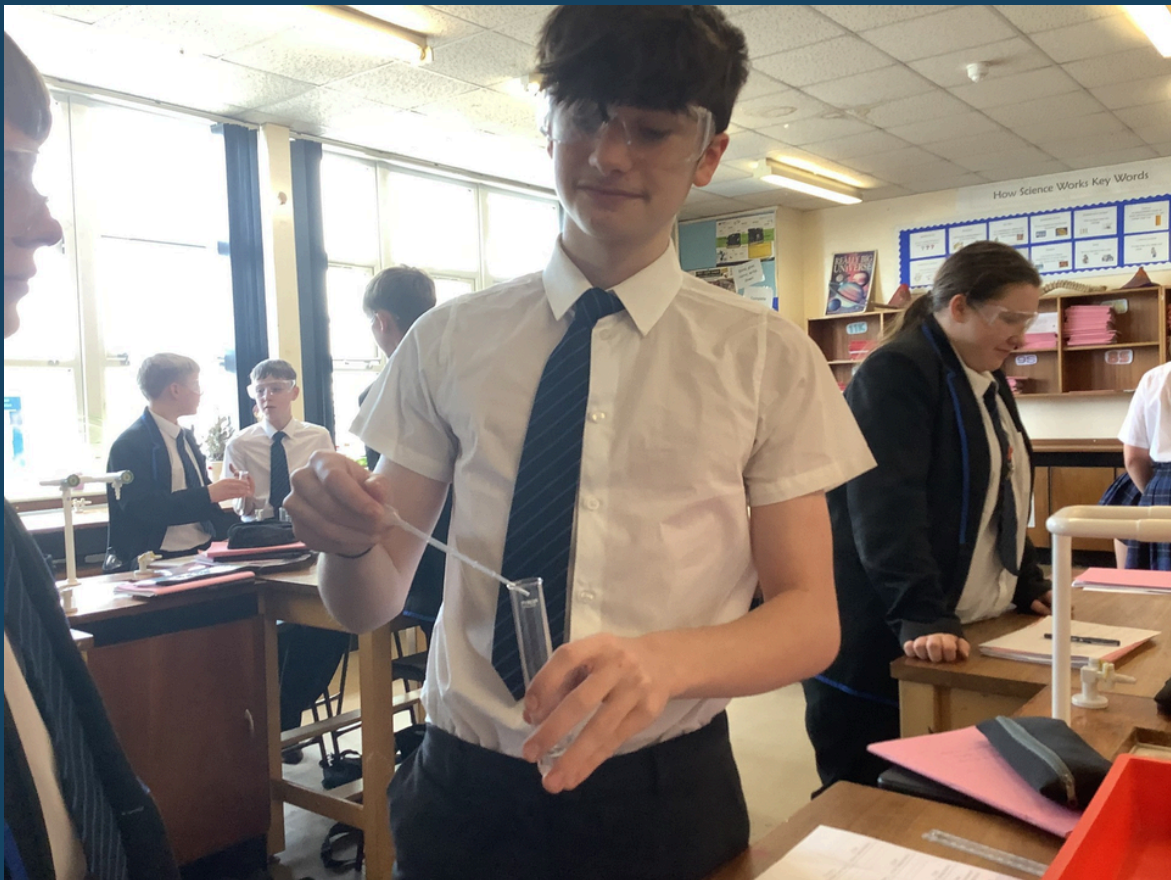
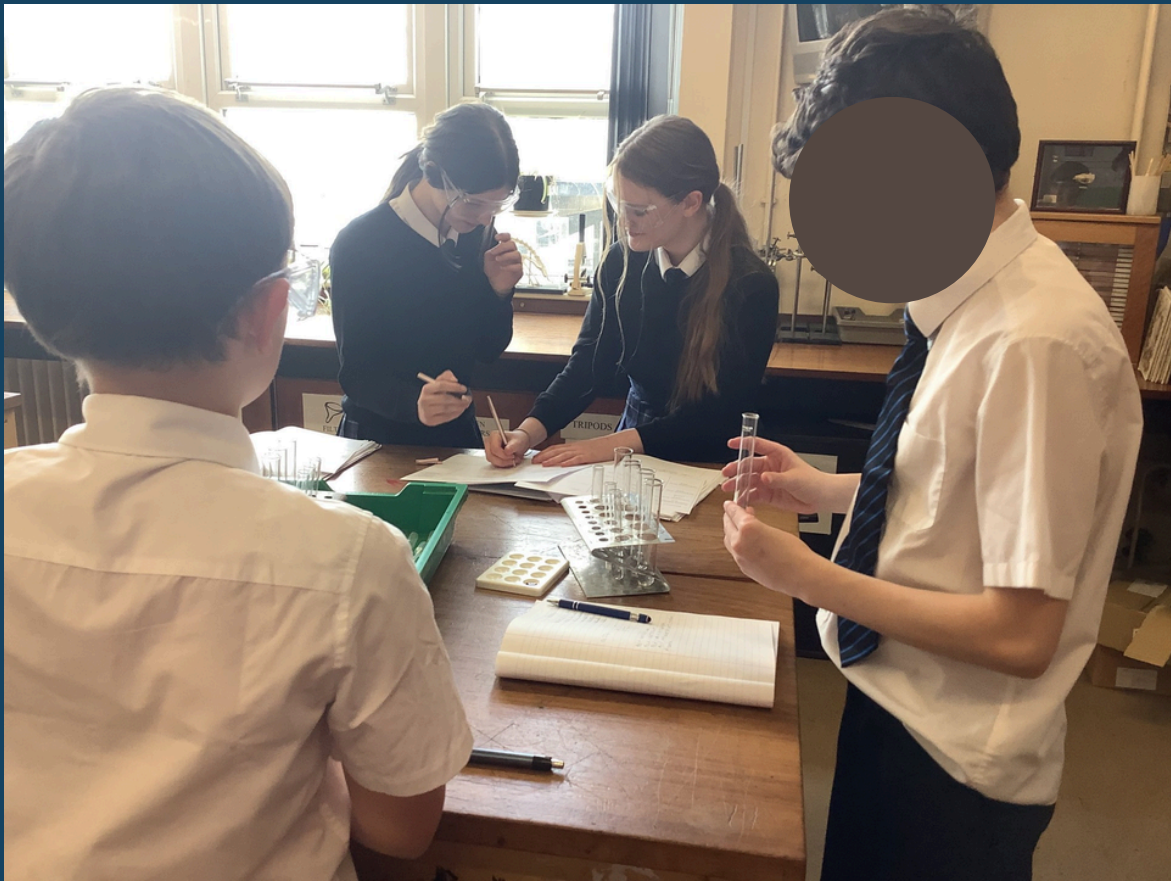

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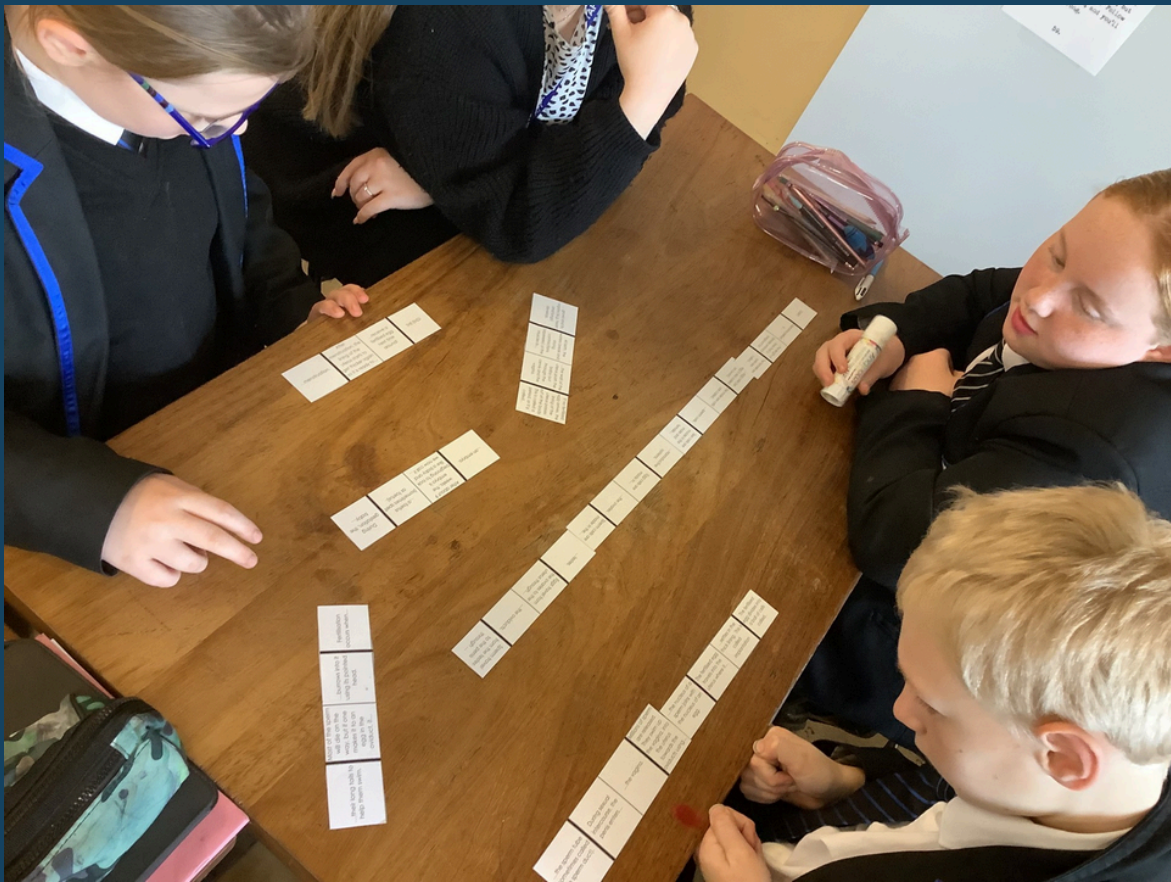
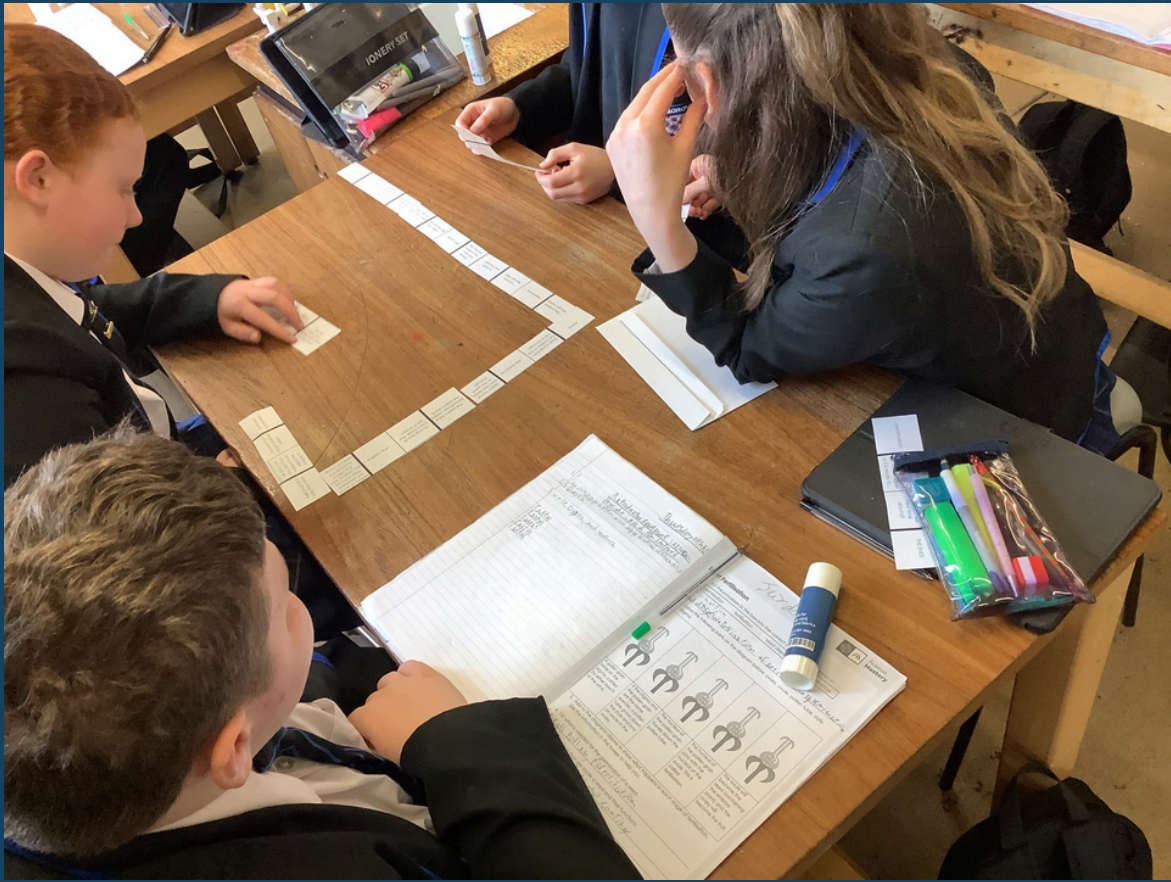
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English

A message from Mr Old...

Sparx Reader

This is your reminder to continue with your weekly Sparx Reader homework. We are looking for approximately 30 minutes of careful reading per week, which equates to 300 Sparx points. This will strengthen your reading comprehension, your vocabulary and your ability to analyse writer's intentions. Additionally, you will also find it highly enjoyable!

Top of the leaderboard as things stand, of Sparx points earned:

Year 7

Joshua B
Tyler H
Matilda G

Year 8

Alexia L
Maisie B
Olivia D

Year 9

Sophie E
Holly P
Reece J

Year 10

Lilly B
Lily S
Mason D



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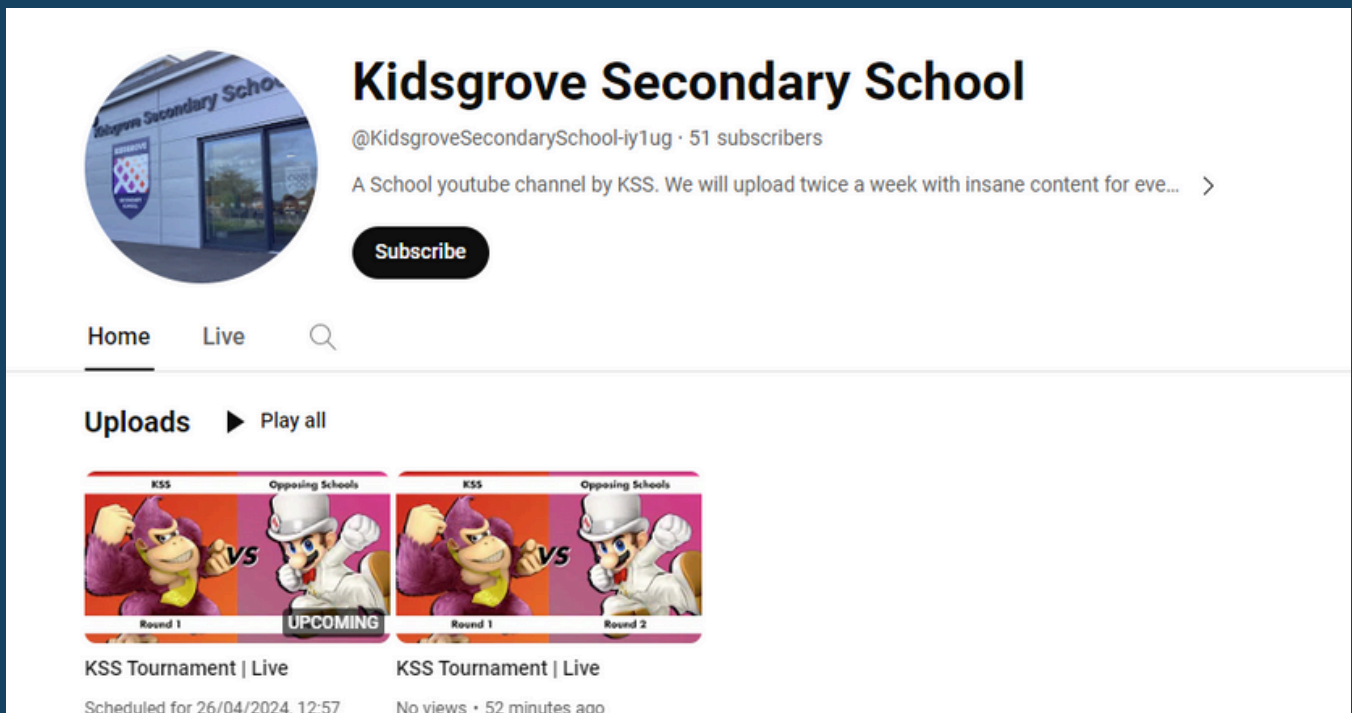


KSS YouTube Channel

The KSS YouTube channel has been launched and the first video posted was in the form of a 'live stream', as we broadcasted the grand finale of the digital gaming tournament this afternoon.

The students are keen to achieve as many subscribers as possible, so please go to the page below and like & subscribe:

<https://www.youtube.com/@KidsgroveSecondarySchool-iy1ug>



There will be lots of content generated over the summer term, including a live stream of our sports day event and enrichment day.

The student council will shape the channel along with three talented Year 7 students who are very excited to be our content creators.



Student Council

The student council hosted a Shaw Education Trust this afternoon and what a great job they did!

This event involved Madeley High School, The Orme Academy, Endon High School and our very own KSS teams.

Thank you to the student council for all of their hard work in delivering an amazing event and experience for everyone involved.

This event was also the first time that the KSS YouTube channel has live streamed.

I am delighted to share that the winning team were... Madeley High School, team name... 'Extra Cool People'.



SUPER SMASH BROS

YOU ARE FORMALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATED IN THE KIDSGROVE SECONDARY X TRUST EDITION SUPER SMASH BROS ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT LEAGUE.

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 26TH APRIL AT 11:30 - 14:30. REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE DAY AND YOU WILL BE UP AGAINST ALL OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WHICH ARE ENDON, THE ORME, MADELEY AND KIDSGROVE SECONDARY SCHOOL. THE WINNING SCHOOL WILL RECIEVE A TROPHY TO PROVE THEIR SUPERIOR 2D FIGHTING SKILLS. LASTLY I WISH YOU GOOD LUCK AS YOU'LL NEED IT! 😊

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Student Council



Senior Athletics Event

A message from Mr Till...

Mrs West and I had the privilege of accompanying 38 Year 9 and Year 10 students to the Newcastle Schools District Athletics Championships. The weather was against us, with hail, plus thunder and lightening ending the day. However the resilience of our students was outstanding. This resolve was clearly transferred into the students' performances with Kidsgrove Secondary returning to school with 4 District Champions!



Notable performances are as follows:

- May 1st in the Inter Girls 1500m
- Atalya 1st in the Inter Girls 200m
- George 1st in the Inter Boys 100m Hurdles
- Evan 1st in the Inter Boys Javelin
- Callum 2nd in the Senior Boys Triple Jump & 3rd in the Senior Boys 800m
- Reece 2nd in the Senior Boys 1500m
- Jack 3rd in the Senior Boys 200m heats (final cancelled due to poor weather)



Senior Athletics



HURDLES
1ST



1500M
1ST



TRIPLE JUMP & 800M
2ND & 3RD



200M
1ST



1500M
2ND



Attendance



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House Update

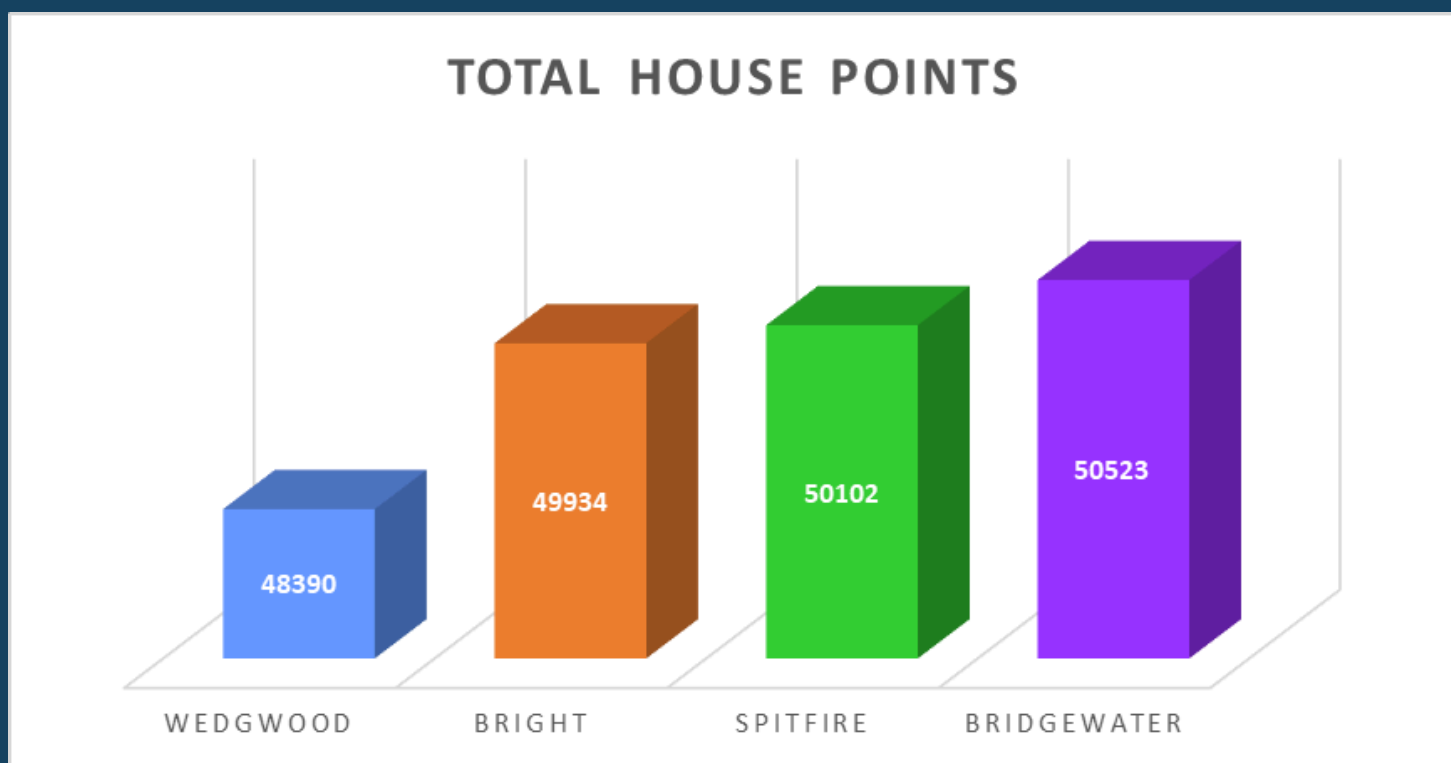
Below are the House totals for the year so far...

Bridgewater are just in the lead by 400 points.

There is still everything to play for.

Remember it is not just achievement points that contributes to your house total; so does your attendance!

Keep up the hard work.





Reminder!

All student absences should be reported daily by 8:30am by calling 01782 948267



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Physical Education

PE CLUBS



Tuesday



Y7/ 8 Football

Wednesday



**Multisports club
Y10 & 11 Fitness Club**

Thursday



GCSE Revision Club

Friday



**Y10 & 11 Football
Trampolining (all years)**

Please see a member of the PE department for further details about these sessions.

