

MADELEY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



• **Drama**



On Tuesday 27th February, a small group of Year 9 students attended a workshop day with the creative company RESTOKE at Fenton Town Hall. The theme was based on power and where they felt at their most powerful. Sessions included movement, creative writing and theatre tech. By the end of the day, all sections were combined to create a mini performance. The students worked amazingly and did themselves and the school proud.



This week, 3 students in Year 10 who are taking part in The National Theatre's script writing competition met with their assigned Professional Script Writer, Stewart Melton. In the session, Stewart

gave each student personalised feedback on their first draft with hints and tips, to get their 30 minute play finished. Well done to the students for all their hard work.

• **World Book Day - Thursday 7th March**

The winner of the Book Cover Competition was:

Ruby! Congratulations!

Winning a £10 gift voucher.

We had a range of fun, original and eye-catching designs. Thank you for everyone who took part!

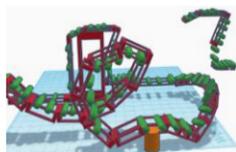
• **Spanish**

As a celebration of our enjoyment of learning Spanish, we welcomed Onatti Productions to perform their play "Reserva Duplicada".

This is a comedy about a double booking at an Airbnb. All GCSE students of Spanish together with all students in Year 9, watched the show. Excellent feedback has been received about the experience. The actors performed in Spanish and many students were amazed how much they could understand. A special well done to Tommy, Oscar and Sakina for their willingness to participate on stage!



• **Science**



Well Done to Year 7 students Harris, Oliver B, Oliver H, Leo and also Year 8 students Nour and Alistair who have all completed their CREST award. We have had a range of

projects including rollercoaster design, games console design and defeating a computer virus. We can't wait to see what the other groups produce.

• **Computing**

Year 8 have been getting creative in Computing. They are currently working in groups, to set up their own businesses that could operate in school. For part of the project, they need to design their own logos. Year 8 have produced so many great designs, it was difficult to choose which ones to put in the Principal's Post! Well done, Year 8!



• **Maths**

Mr Bedford is delighted to share the remarkable achievements of our Year 10 students in the recent UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. It brings him immense joy to inform you that our students have demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication, earning 3 gold awards, 9 silver awards, and 8 bronze awards collectively. These accolades reflect their outstanding problem-solving abilities and deep understanding of mathematical concepts. Furthermore, that one of our students has been invited to advance to the next round of the competition, which is a testament to their remarkable skills and potential.



The next UKMT competition is for year 7/8 students and the first round is April.

• **26th February - 1st March Empathy Week 2024**

As a school we acknowledged Empathy Week. Through assemblies and form time we raised awareness and reflected on the importance and benefit of having empathy with ourselves and showing it to others. In recognition we introduced our Empathy Hero Class Charts award, which staff are awarding to pupils who display empathy with themselves and others.

• **Year 11 Design & Technology Reminder**

Design and Technology pupils in Year 11 are very close to the completion of their NEA portfolio now. A huge well done to those who have consistently put effort and dedication into every lesson since September. And it's not too late for those who haven't yet completed. All pupils will be given a tick list of outstanding work that they must complete over the next two weeks and Easter. Final hand in date is Tuesday the 16th of April.

Important dates:

- Thursday 14th & Friday 15th March - Year 11 GCSE Photography Exam
- Monday 18th & 19th March - Year 11 GCSE Fine Art Exam
- Wednesday 20th March - DofE Presentation Evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- Thursday 21st March - Year 10 Parents Afternoon (Face to Face) 2.00pm - 6.15pm
- Friday 22nd March - Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam moderation

The school will close at 1.15pm on the above date and school transport will collect early to reflect the earlier close.

