

# MADELEY SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



- On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, we held a "Wear it Pink" day to raise funds for Breast Cancer. There was a bake sale organised by 9ABP, a tombola organised by Mrs Carter and Y7, a Super Smash Bros tournament organised by Mrs Bascombe-Price and Guess the Sweets in the jar organised by 9SHA who also sold pink ribbons for a donation. All Pupils were invited to wear an item of pink clothing or accessory with their uniform. We raised a fantastic total of £617.24. Thank you to everyone who helped organise events, donated prizes and cakes, and gave up their time to make this such a successful fundraising event.



- The History department took 40 Y7 students to visit Warwick Castle where they were able to immerse themselves in over 1000 years of British History, specifically on how castles were used to establish control and the effects on the local population. The students enjoyed exploring the castle, especially walking the 530 steps up the narrow spiral staircase to the top of Guy's Tower where they were rewarded with incredible views of the castle and the town of Warwick. They watched a fantastic falconry show, explored the court rooms and even took part in an escape room activity! It was brilliant day and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



- Year 10 mock exams commence Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Can students ensure they have the correct equipment, pen, pencil, ruler, protractor and a calculator. Calculators will be required for maths and all science examinations.
- The art department have had a whirlwind first half term which saw several trips take place. We have already visited the Potteries Museum and Gallery, The Brampton Museum, The British Ceramics Biennale, a V&A Careers festival at Wedgwood and a very wet trip to the Yorkshire

Sculpture Park. Whilst we dry out from that we are working furiously with the Young Curators (a group of year 8, 9 & 10's) to put together the exhibition of contemporary art at The Brampton Museum alongside ex-Madeley Pupil and Art Dealer Dr Jack Roberts. They have recently been handling famous art works from David Hockney, Tracey Emin and Eduardo Paolozzi to name a few. They've had workshops and meetings with Neil Brownsword a local artist and a PR professional who will be guiding them through all aspects of marketing this exhibition. This is getting very exciting so look out for adverts and posts with all the details to come.



We have also appointed 20 pupils across the year groups as Creative Ambassadors who will support the department through running assemblies, collating pupil voice, creating events, attending additional trips and workshops.

Meanwhile in lessons year 7 have been exploring the formal elements of art through history, mark making, shape and form all through the humble game of noughts and crosses. Year 8's are exploring portraits through a variety of artists, designers and photographers and have been busy pulling crazy faces, distorting images through apps, creating wire sculptures and will eventually move onto clay. Year 9 are exploring animals from endangered wildlife to our beloved pets and have been experimenting with mono printing, developing work into wire and will eventually paint and produce a 3d outcome of their choice. Year 10 are settling into GCSE life both in art and photography and enjoyed their YSP trip despite the rain. The photographer's had great fun in the studio last week light painting so follow the art Instagram page @artphotographymadeley over the next few weeks as some examples will be showcased on there. The artists have been working with clay and an awful lot of materials in response to the landscapes around us. Meanwhile our year 11 artists and photographers have been getting to grips with their final coursework unit and have been beaver away quietly.

This year looks to be an incredibly busy time in the art department.

### Important dates:

Parent Afternoons will be held on: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**The school will close at 1.15pm on these dates and school transport will collect early to reflect the earlier close.**





- To celebrate the Hindu Festival of light Mrs Derrington sold homemade Diwali treats including, samosas, bhajis, cardamom and coconut biscuits. The food sale raised £80 for Madeley Food bank. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed their Diwali treats and supported the food bank!



- We're excited to share the results of our recent competition, "Presentation Perfection," where students showcase their dedication to keeping their maths books impeccably neat. Each teacher in our faculty took on the challenging task of nominating one student from each year group whose commitment to organization and precision stood out. We were truly impressed by the effort and attention to detail demonstrated by all our nominees.

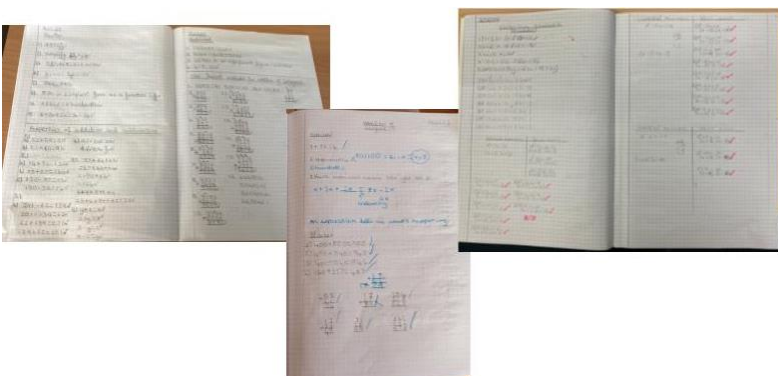
Without further ado, let's unveil the winners of Presentation Perfection:

Year 8: Jessica  
Year 9: Sophie  
Year 10: Tilly  
Year 11: Sophie



A round of applause to these students for their outstanding commitment to maintaining order and precision in their maths books. It's clear that they understand the importance of a well-organized workspace in the pursuit of mathematical excellence. As a token of our appreciation, all the nominated students will receive delicious chocolates for their efforts. However, the icing on the cake (or perhaps we should say, the chocolate on the cookie?) is that each year group's winner will be awarded a £5 Amazon gift card.

Below is an example of the amazing work completed by students during the competition.



- Cross Country**  
Well done to all pupils who represented Madeley in the Newcastle Schools XC League. All pupils showed fantastic resilience and determination in what were at times challenging running conditions. We still await overall finishing positions in both the individual and team events but stand out performer was Ruby (Y10) who took 3 silver medals from her 3 races.



- Extra-curricular participation**  
Throughout the first half of the autumn term, participation in extra-curricular PE has been excellent, with pupils across all year groups taking part in both lunch time and after school sport. In addition, we have seen the Netball, Football and Hockey teams participate in regional, county and district competitions.

Information about clubs, fixtures and results can be found on Madeley Sports weekly which is shared with pupils/parents on class charts announcements, via form teachers on a Monday morning and is displayed in the PE department.

- There is a vacancy at The Meadows Primary School for a Wraparound Teaching Assistant (Part time). Please see the link below:  
<https://meadowsprimary.schoolrecruiter.com/>  
You can apply through the website or collect a paper application from The Meadows Primary School, school office.



- The Drama department presents:



Performances on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

- The school supported Children in Need today. It was a wear your own clothes day, Pupils & student donated to wear normal clothes £2.00 or a spotting item £1.00. Thank you for everyone who helped organise the events in school, donated sweets/cakes and gave their time. The school raised an amazing £1230.00! Well done everyone!



- Thank you to Mrs Carter who represented the School on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the Remembrance Ceremony held at the Madeley Centre.



- The Friends of Madeley are looking for new volunteers for the Charity such as the Treasurer and other people. They need volunteers so the charity can continue. It'll just be a matter of elections again, which will only take a few minutes, together with the necessary Treasurer & Chair reports.

The new AGM will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, at The Offley Arms, at 7pm.

- Polite reminder: Parents who pick up and drop off pupils need to park safely and to be respectful of the local residents. Also we ask that parents do not drive onto the site to pick up or drop off or to park on the bus park. Thank you.