



### A message from Mrs Jackson, Deputy Headteacher

This week has been all about getting our students back into our daily school routines and the students are doing brilliantly. Walking around school it is a pleasure to see them so engaged in their learning and focussed on teacher instructions and feedback. Year 7 are settling in well, getting used to the school site and wearing their uniforms with pride. Next week is the first of our many careers events with a selected group of year 9 students taking part in the Rise Programme where they will be encouraged to develop skills for the workplace; problem solving, team work and communication skills will be essential. We have also been busy preparing for Open Evening next week, Wednesday 17th September at 5pm. Many of our current students are signed up to help show the year 5 and 6 families around school and we really appreciate their enthusiasm to show off our school Community. Please note the early close for all students on Wednesday 17th September at 1.20pm as we spend the afternoon getting our displays and demonstrations ready for our visitors.

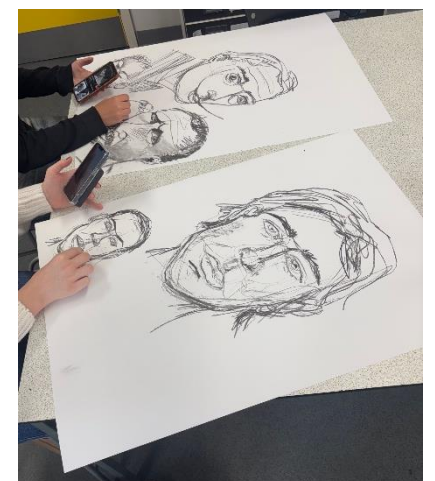
### Year 12 Art & Photography

The year 12 Art and Photography students are currently focusing on a 6 week master class by experimenting with different skills and media to broaden their knowledge and creativity as part of their coursework. This



has included continuous line drawing, mark making experiments, mono printing and ink and stick.

There will be GCSE and A level afterschool homework sessions available for students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for both art and textiles till 4pm. This will be across a few different rooms, Miss Grainger and Mrs Rhodes will be organising the different sessions. There will also be a lunchtime GCSE art club on Wednesdays in U74.





### Become a Parent Governor

We have one vacancy for a parent governor. More information can be found in the attached brochure or on request to [admin@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk) Nominations can be made here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YpvBkxuvaa> the deadline is 12pm on 25 September 2025.

### Volunteers Needed for our Careers Education – Can you support?

Do you work for a company that could support our Careers Education events and help inspire our young people of the future?

We are in constant need for employers and employees across all subjects and sectors to align curriculum learning with employer engagement.

If you know of anyone that can help, please contact Miss Ceri Tranter, Head of Careers Education on [TranterC@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:TranterC@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk) or call 01225 792700 Ext 712

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## Key Contacts

**In the first instance please contact your child's tutor**, who will be best placed to answer your query or direct you to the best person who can give you an answer. Details of the pastoral team are below:

### Pastoral Manager

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Year 11	Miss S. Abraham
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## Upcoming Events



**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September:** Early closure at 13:20. Year 6 Open Evening 5pm to 7pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** School Photos

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 7 Tutor Trips

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October:** Meet the Tutor evening (more details to follow)