

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 22 Feb - 26 Feb 2021: Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Sally Cornes

It is with a huge sense of grief and sorrow that I need to inform the school community of the death of year 9 student Sally. Page 2 of this bulletin is dedicated to Sally and has a message from her family. Sally played an inspirational role in our school community; she was a source of never- ending positivity, grace, determination and resilience, and her blog, documenting her treatment for cancer, was both insightful and educational. Sally was a hugely popular student, who touched the hearts and souls of everyone in our school, and I know there will be hundreds of very sad young people when they learn of her passing. Our pastoral team is on hand to support, if required. On behalf of the whole school, I send our deepest condolences to Sally's family.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our students and staff at school for their herculean efforts this half-term. At the darkest and most miserable time of the year, we have seen continued high levels of engagement with work with a very large number of GREEN lockdown audit reports. On the whole, Parklands students have worked exceptionally well over the past few weeks and they should be proud of everything they have achieved. The majority of our students have got to grips with remote learning and have perfected their time management and organisational skills, which will only serve them well in later life.

I am also grateful for the feedback we have received this half-term from parents and carers. Your constructive comments and positive messages are very much appreciated and help us to navigate our way through this pandemic as best we can.

During half-term we shall not be setting any work. We do not expect any students - including Year 11 - to log on to Google Classroom! It is essential for your own wellbeing to spend the week on different activities, hopefully not stuck in front of a laptop screen! We hope to welcome you back to Google Meet lessons on Monday, 22nd February fully refreshed and raring to go! At this moment in time I do not know when we shall reopen fully, and I also do not know yet how exactly Year 11s will be assessed for their GCSEs - no doubt announcements will be made over half-term, but I shall provide an update as soon as I have something to report.

REMINDER: students are expected to follow their timetable and only spend maximum <u>one hour</u> per subject per day. If work cannot be completed in that hour, then we do not expect students to continue working until late in the evening.

Parents Evenings

School Cloud is the system we shall be using to hold virtual parents evenings from next half-term. Further details will be provided for everyone, but you only need an internet browser such as Google to attend. We shall start with Year 11 as soon as the system is set up.

Have a lovely half-term break. Kind regards, Mr Mitchell

Message from Sally's family

As many of you know, Sally has been very poorly over the past few months whilst bravely battling Cancer.

On Christmas Eve, her pain became unbearable and she was taken by ambulance to Manchester Childrens Hospital. We took Christmas to Manchester and gave her the best family Christmas we could.

She was due to start her targeted treatment on 29th December, but we were told the devastating news that her disease had progressed too far and no further treatment was available.

We then spent the next 6 weeks at her bedside. She fought so hard and exceeded all the doctors and nurses expectations. We are so proud!

However, on Tuesday 9th February 2021 (on her Mum's birthday), with her Mum, Dad & Sister by her side, our little Warrior was asked by the Angels if she was ready to dance again. Of course, Sally said YES....and so, off she went at 6.27am.

She was brought home to Chorley on Tuesday evening where she is peacefully sleeping at Derian House Children's Hospice.



Year 7 Messages

Good to see so many Year 7s checking out Indigo, our careers programme. If you haven't logged in yet, ask Miss Berry for your unique username and start exploring careers! (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk). Make sure you join the Year 7 Careers Club on Google Classroom and keep an eye out for updates

Year 8 Messages

If you would like your child to have the HPV vaccination in school please follow the link below to complete the online consent form and access more information as to why the vaccine is administered. We have not yet agreed an exact date for the vaccination due to government restrictions but you will be notified in due course. The link will close on 22nd February 2021.

Link: https://www.nhsimms.uk/HPV/information?Id=138647&Type=HPV

Year 9 Messages

None this week.

Year 10 Messages

Medic Mentor - for Year 10 and 11

All our conferences are run by volunteer doctors, dentists and vets as well as presentations from current Medic Mentor students. The conferences will massively help to support you and will cover: perspectives from recent successful and current applicants, CV building, work experience, medical personal statements, medical school interviews, entrance exams: UCAT & BMAT, how to access medical awards, prizes, leadership programmes, and scholarships to study medicine at university as well as what it's like to be a Doctor, Vet or Dentist.

Look out for our upcoming conferences:

Get into Medicine - Saturday 13th February & Saturday 27th February.

Get into Veterinary - Saturday 20th March.

Get into Dentistry - Sunday 14th March.

As a partner high school, Parklands' students can access these conferences FREE of charge (normally £50) - for more details of how to get involved, contact Miss Berry (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

More news from Medic Mentor - this time for aspiring Dentists and Vets in Year 10 and 11

Following on from our successful launch of UHB & Medic Mentor's Work Experience programme in October 2020, we are excited to now bring you two new exciting **FREE** live virtual work experiences, for our aspiring vet and dental students! The process to join will be the same as the existing work experience programme and will showcase the same high fidelity patient simulation to give students the opportunity to complete up to **30 hours of work experience** in their chosen career field! This will be suitable for your students between years 10 -11, and we will run rolling programmes for six months, and then start the programme again at the end of the six months.

Dental Students have their big launch first! **Saturday 13th March** is their work experience, and the next day, your students can also participate in our *Get into Dentistry* Conference! Interested students can apply directly on https://medicmentor.co.uk/dental-live-virtual-work.../

Year 11 Messages

The Ofqual consultation into how GCSEs will be awarded this summer has now closed. We expect notification of the outcome very soon and shall update you as soon as we can.

PARENTS EVENING

We shall be holding a virtual parents evening in the next half-term. We are currently setting the system up & shall provide further details when we have them but the provisional date is 4th March.

You were all sent an Edulink email this week regarding your **Statement of Entry** for your exams. I can confirm that it does not mean that the exams are going ahead. The process for your GCSE grades needs to be the same to enable all results to come through from the exam boards. It is just a process of checking to ensure all your subjects are correct. Should you have any queries on any of your subjects, please contact your teacher to discuss. Mrs Adamson

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A number of students have incomplete college applications - please check that you have had an email saying that you have successfully submitted your application. Don't just assume - as there are no interviews with some colleges, you may not find out that you have not applied until you come to enrol! If you haven't applied anywhere yet, please do so before the half term break, as deadlines are rapidly approaching. This applies to everyone, including those who are intending to take up an apprenticeship - you need a full time college course in place, just in case.

A number of Year 11s were involved in interviews with Wigan & Leigh College this week. The interviewing team has asked me to pass on how impressed they were with you all. If you missed out for any reason, or would still like to apply, it's not too late. Just get your applications in as soon as possible and the team will schedule another interview day.

I will be emailing a postcard from Runshaw this week - there are two videos: one for students and the other for parents/carers, explaining the interview/enrolment process this year. Miss Berry.

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Runshaw College Virtual Open Event - final event of the year!

Registration for Runshaw's upcoming virtual open event on 3rd March is now live here: https://openday.runshaw.ac.uk/ The new and improved virtual open event platform is packed full of live chats, 3D tours, staff and student videos, course and college information and opportunities to chat to teachers and support staff via online chat or by phone.

The event is registration only and those who sign up to the event will receive a link via email to access the online platform on Wednesday 3rd March prior to the event going live at 3.30pm. If anyone has any questions, they can email openevents@runshaw.ac.uk or email Miss Berry on (openevents@runshaw.ac.uk or emailto: openevents@runshaw.ac.uk

Careers

https://careermap.co.uk/careermag-students-teachers/?utm_source=Leavers17Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Leavers17Email

Our latest edition of Careermag for School Leavers is filled with information, resources and tips to help guide you in taking your next steps - follow the link above for your copy.

Covering a wide range of opportunities with leading employers and training providers, Careermag for School Leavers has something for everyone.



Careermag for School Leavers
Out Now





Alexa, make me a drink whilst I read this article about machine learning. We wish. Yet, with the rise of machine learning, the world of voice assistants, data insights and other areas of technology is set to get even more sophisticated.

Why is this fascinating technology so important? How will it impact our future? What is machine learning anyway? Read our <u>Beginner's Guide to Machine Learning</u> for everything you need to know about it, including the skills needed to work in this rapidly-growing industry.

If you're looking to break into a machine learning career, there's plenty of routes into it, like supercomputing, artificial intelligence or data analytics. There's lots of skills to be learned and of course, plenty of flexible ways to learn them on FutureLearn.

Read the post to discover how machine learning will change the world and if you're interested in a career in the industry, then upskill today, ready to change the future.



Careers

Calling all aspiring nurses Careers in Nursing - Virtual Taster Day for Yr 11 9th March 2021 - 10am-3pm

10.00am - 10.45am: NHS Insight Session

11.10 - 12.00pm: Applications, Values, Behaviours and Attitudes

1.00pm - 2.00pm: Speed Networking with Different Nursing Specialisms

2.10pm - 3.00pm: **Q & A Panel**

Register here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-in-nursing-taster-day-tickets-136937041377



The GT Scholars Programme

Parklands now has a partnership with The GT Scholars Programme, which means we have access to lots of exciting careers-based events and opportunities. First up is a Careers Day, featuring top UK employers offering advice and support to students and their parents/carers.

The Careers Day will take place on **Saturday 27th February** and will run from 9:30am until 4.00pm. Please note that parents and young people don't have to be online for the whole day as they can choose which sessions or workshops they'd like to attend. I will email details of how to sign up. The event is aimed at students from Year 7 onwards, as it's never too soon to start looking at career options.

Dentistry weekend will be the Vets weekend! *Get into Veterinary* conference will be hosted on **Saturday 20th March** and the exciting launch of work experience will be Sunday 21st March. Interested students can apply directly on https://medicmentor.co.uk/veterinary-virtual-live-work.../
If students do wish to participate in both the work experience, and their conference, I am happy to confirm work experience programmes are free, and your school's unique funding code can be used for your students to book a funded place on the conferences. Contact Miss Berry for more details and the funding code on: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

To mark International Women's Day 2021, the Royal Air Force (RAF) in partnership with Amazing Apprenticeships, will be running an exclusive free webinar for students in Years 10 and 11, to explore the incredible apprenticeship and career opportunities available for them.

Join us on 8th March at 2 - 3.30pm to hear from Ambassadors and recruitment staff within different areas of the RAF. The webinar will include an engaging mix of presentations, interactive workshops and valuable Q&A opportunities with a panel of RAF Ambassadors.

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/raf-iwd/register/



Apprenticeship Notifications

https://www.unitedutilities.com/corporate/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/ https://www.unitedutilities.com/corporate/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/application-process/

United Utilities - apprenticeship vacancies will 8th Feb for 3 weeks: 08/02/21 - 07/03/21



Some excellent opportunities available - check out the links above for details of the vacancies and how to apply.

You'll get the opportunity to fulfil your potential. You'll be rewarded with starting salaries from £12,500 and an annual bonus of up to 7.5%. Our fantastic benefits include private healthcare, discounted gym, up to ten driving lessons if you need to learn for your role, flexible holidays, and award winning pension scheme.

Whole School Messages

School is completely closed during half-term (15th - 19th February). No work will be set for students.

It was lovely catching up with so many of you this week during our House Google meets. I would have liked to have seen more of you and hopefully you will join me when we return.

I hope you have a lovely half term break, make sure to use the time to relax and spend some time away from a computer screen.

Take care, stay safe

Mrs Fox

HAL Europe House

Weekly Notice Support Board

Whole School Messages



PARKLANDS HEAD PUPILS WEEKLY CHECK IN

WK COMMENCING: 08/02/21





Hi everyone!

I hope that everyone is well and has had another successful week of school work and are finally ready for half term! However, as we approach it, there are a few things that I encourage you to do, in order to help your mental well-being.

Firstly, get all of your school work organised! You will feel so relieved if you have a full week free, rather than focusing on overdue assignments. Sometimes, keeping your subject resources in different folders is really helpful and you will feel so much better for it.

Another idea to prevent boredom in half term is going through the photos on your phone and putting them into albums. It is great to look back on memories. There are some websites where you can get free prints of photos every month. You only have to pay for postage. Ask your parents if you/ they can sign up (make sure they read the t8cs). You could get prints of all your favourite photos and make a collage or picture.

ext, keep in touch with people. Message someone you miss or send them a funny picture of a memory you have together. Ask people how they are and if you are worried about them, tell an adult or someone you think might be able to help.

Another recommendation is keeping active. Keep to a normal eating and sleeping routine. This will help boost your

Or, just do what you love! For example, I was feeling bored and lethargic at the weekend, so I decided to make a cakel It was so fun and so delicious and put me in a happy mood for the rest of the day. Likewise, I encourage you to do what you enjoy (while staying

Most importantly, stay Positive. Make a note of one thing each day that you have achieved or are proud of. If you struggle to do this, try again the next day. Logging into 'Skills Builder' and completing the levels will help you focus on this. I highly recommend giving this a try, if you are feeling negative.

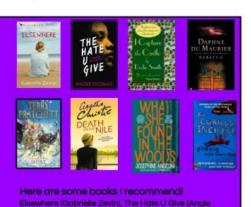
I hope you all have a relaxing and well-deserved half term. The worst thing you can do during this next week is sitting inside on your phone. It will affect your mental and physical health. So make sure to stay productive (whilst allowing the occasional lazy day!)



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WK COMMENCING: 08/02/21





Thomas), I Capture The Castle (Dodle Smith), Rebecca

the Nile (Agatha Christle). What She Found in the Woods (Josephine Angelini), The Curious Incident of the Dog in

(Daphne Du Maurier), Mort (Terry Pratchett), Death on

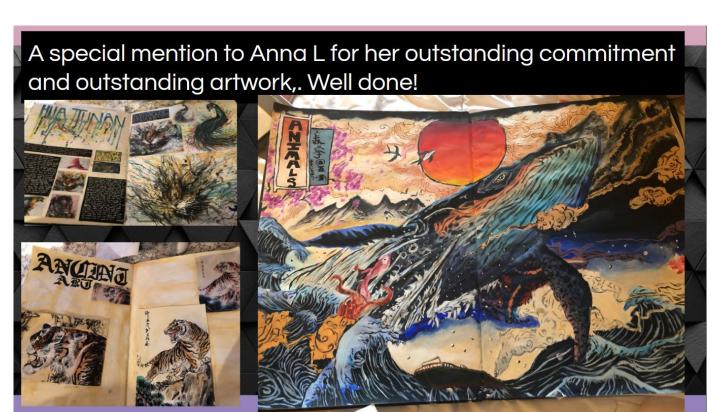
the Night-time (Mark Haddon)

Lockdown has been tough for many of us, me included. It's hard to keep motivated to do work, so it's important to keep a routine and stay organised. Set alarms in the morning and stick to your timetable. Try to keep busy, do things that make you happy and have a sense of purpose, instead of just scrolling on your phone or playing video games. You could purchase craft kits, take up knitting, drawing, colouring in, make something out of clay or do origami. Perhaps learn a new skill or set yourself a challenge, it could be anything. Why not make it your mission to be able to touch your toes and try everyday until you can? Just little things can add variety and keep you on track. You could write a short diary entry everyday, which might inspire you to do something worth writing about, and you can have a great reminder of life in lockdown.

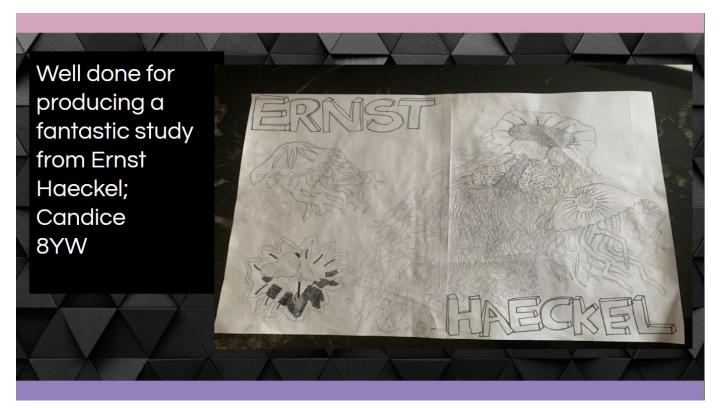
Have fun and stay positive,

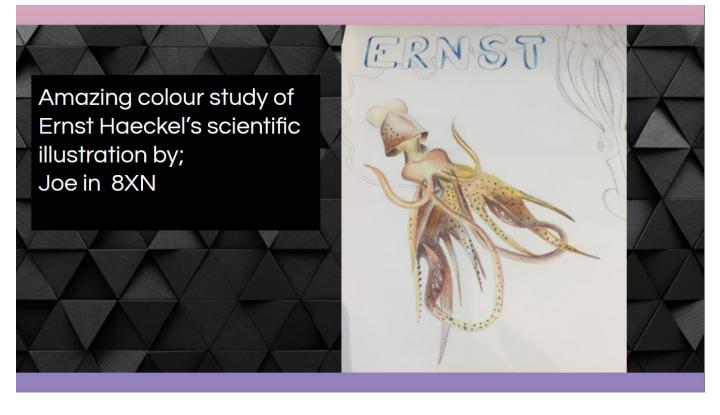
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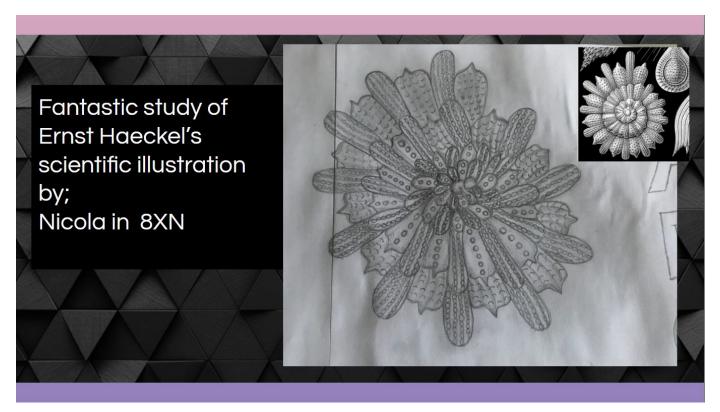




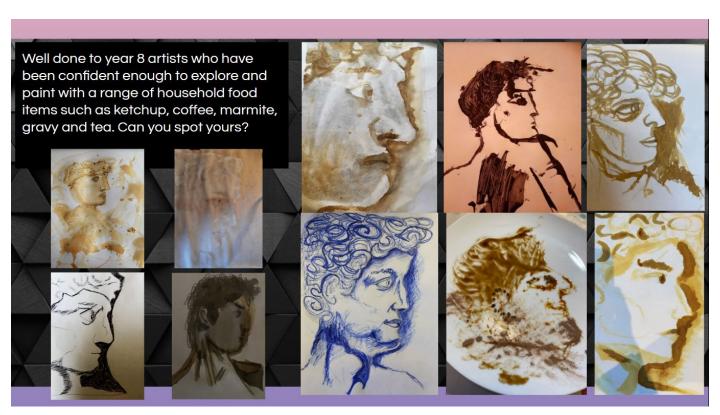


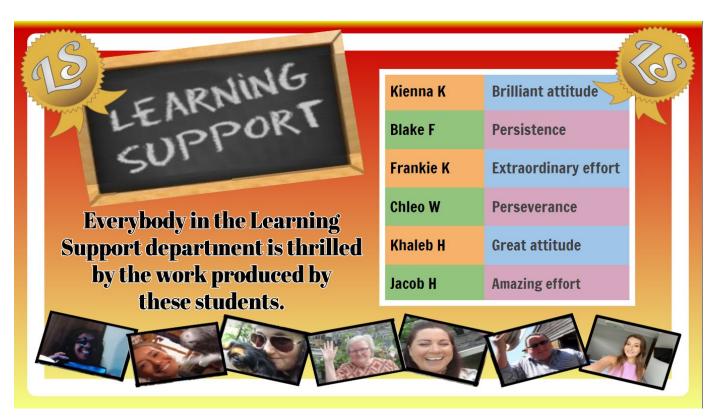














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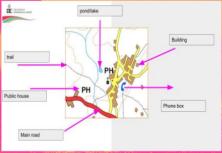
Well done to those pupils in year 9 who have been completing their Aspire work linked to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. They have had to complete a diary showing how they are doing their 3 sections and complete tasks linked to the expedition section such as

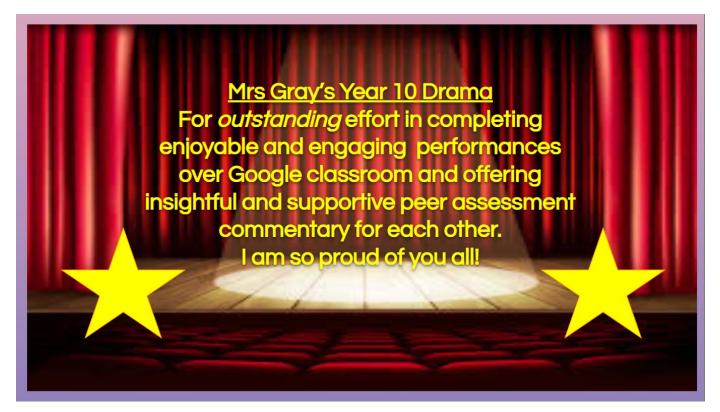
- Map reading
- Cooking on stoves
- Countryside code
- Clothing and packing rucksacks





- difficult to see so keep the little people away
- One of the lids of the Trangia burner has a slid





Well done to Maisie T in 9XAD for a fantastic piece of creative writing to extend a short story we had worked on. Your writing was sophisticated, imaginative and entertaining. Another well done to the following pupils for consistently great work: Ishaaq A, Josh B, Abbie B, Gracie B, Kara D, Janna H, Abi L, Niamh L, Lola P, Adam P, Amber S, Matthew W, Francesca Y, Harvey P, Abbie T, Emily P.

Well done to the following pupils from 10XAD for working at a high level consistently this half term: Sol B, Trinity W, Shannon H, Theron H-C, Jaydon G, Chloe B and Gabbi L.

Well done to the following pupils from 8XAD for their fantastic hard work: Sophie G, Henry W, Orion R, Tyler P and Brandon P.

Miss Duffell's English classes

Well done to the following pupils from 7XAD for always working extremely hard and constantly producing brilliant work: Martha, Jayden, Raghad, Harrison F, Molly, Shayla, Alexa, Sam S and Finley.

Well done to the following pupils from 11XAD for keeping motivated and working really hard this half term: Lene C, David A, Dylan B, Mia P, Sarah G, Megan M, Charlie R and Jack T.

7XVB ENGLISH SUPERSTARS:

Danny; Gracie; Cameron; Kienna; Tilly; Lily-Mae; Jacob

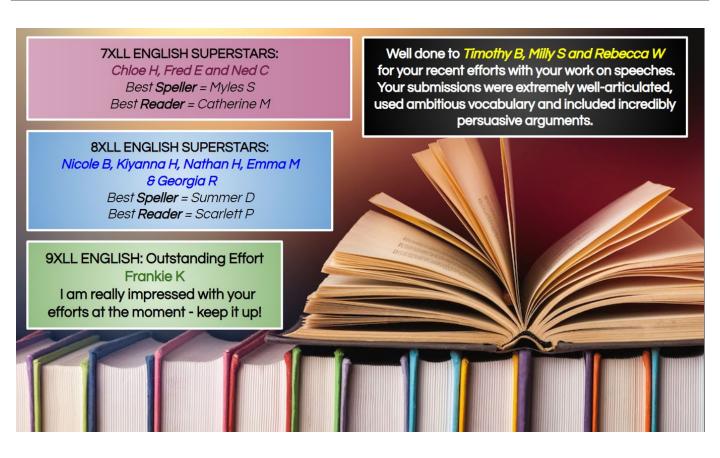
8XVB ENGLISH SUPERSTARS:

Ella A; Lewis C; Robyn H-C; Taegan; Ahmed; Robyn H; Josh H; Alfie; Kara; Rihana; Josh T

9XVB ENGLISH: Outstanding Effort

Amber; Ella; Ruby; Derin; Matthew; Oliver CONGRATULATIONS TO JADA AND CHRIS (10XVB) AND RUBY AND SIMEON (11XVB) FOR ACHIEVING THE HIGHEST GRADES IN GCSE WORK LAST WEEK.





MISS RHODES - RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A huge well done to 11yKK, 11xVB and 11yDB. You are going above and beyond to keep up to date with all of your school work. There are some impressive scores for the weekly exam questions and revision quizzes - keep up the good work!

11xVB - Charlee, Isobel, Izzy, Hayden, Molly, Olivia, Rhys, Mo, Courtney, Rebecca, Max, Ethan, Keeleigh, Emily, Isaac O, Milly, Isaac S, Simeon and Sayeda.

Special shout out to Ruby S!

11yKK - Malik, Eleanor, Niamh, Aaron, Emily, Jodie, Gemma, Cara, Suzanna, Isabelle, Isabel, Robyn, Minnie, Harley, Alex, Nat, Beth, Zoe, Malaika, Eve, Zeyad, Tom, Holly, Kate, Poppy and Hannah.

Special shout out to Faye and Frankie!

11yDB - Liam, Andrew, Chloe, Maddy, Mackenzie, and Josie

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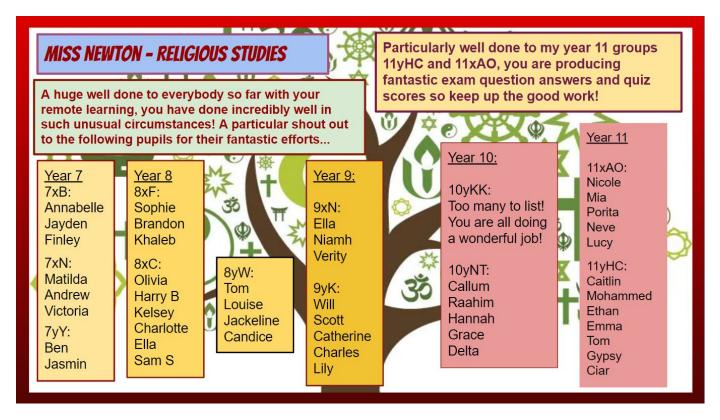
Year 7: Lily-Mae P

Year 8: Muhammad A, Anabel S and Ebony WG

Year 9: Frankie K and Harrison S

Year 10: Molly D, Ella C, Milly S and Dylan T





Miss Partington-Religious Studies

A particular well done to 10xVB who are making excellent progress with all the work that is set. You continue to impress me with your hard work and determination.

Christain B, Ashden B, Ruby B, Phoebe, B, Leah G, Hannah H, Cloe L, Jada M, Tyler M, Katie P, Megan P, Ella-Rose R, Adam R, Izzy S-T, Ellen S, Ellis S-B, Chester S, Chris S, Courtney S, Danny T and Lucas W



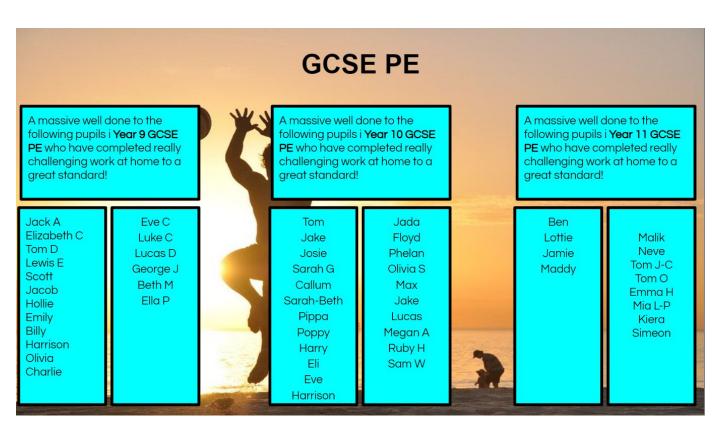
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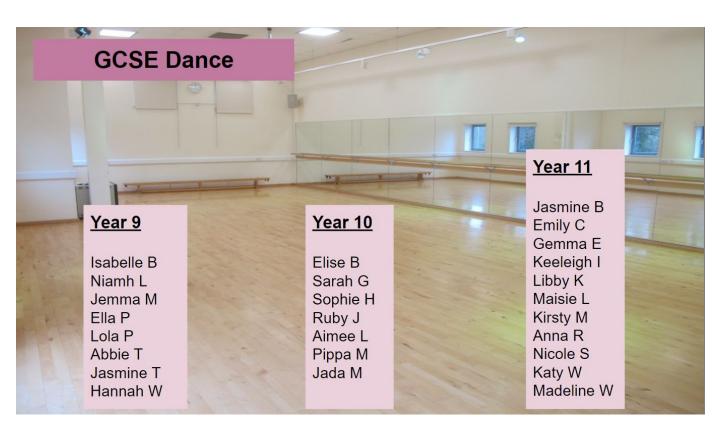
7yV and 7yW

9yV: Charlie C and Hannah W

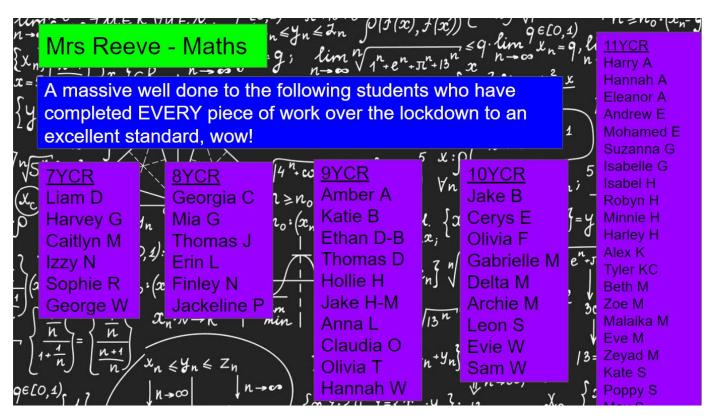
9xC: Lucas D, Harvey P and Jacob S Year 11: Eamon, Ben and Cameron

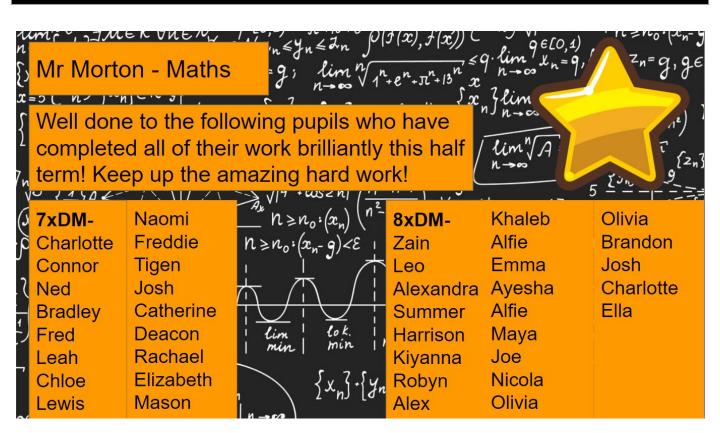


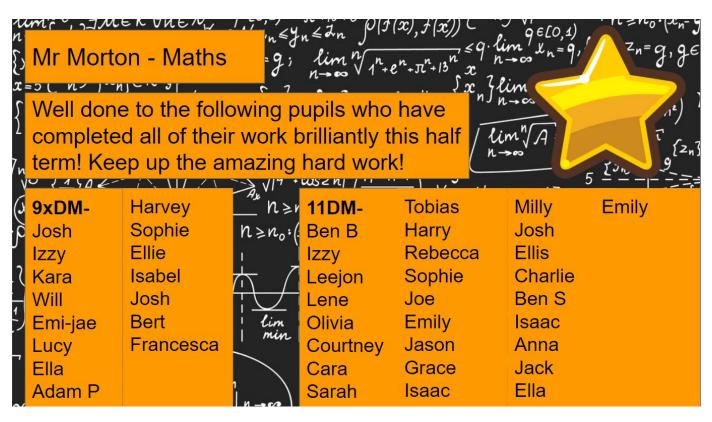


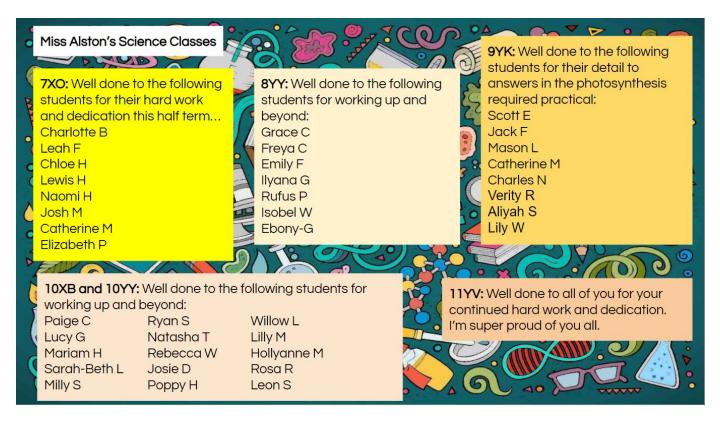


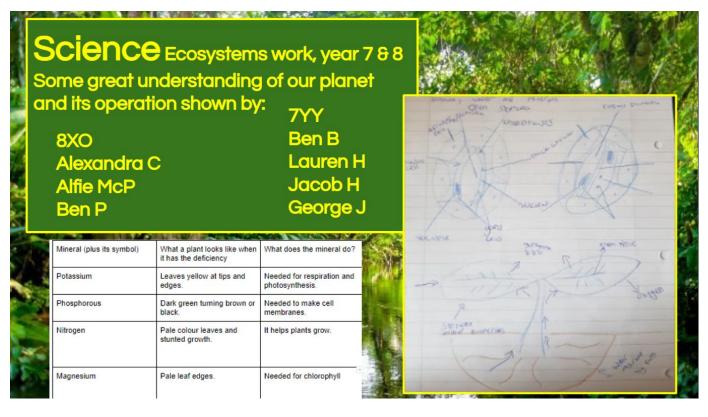


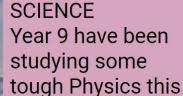












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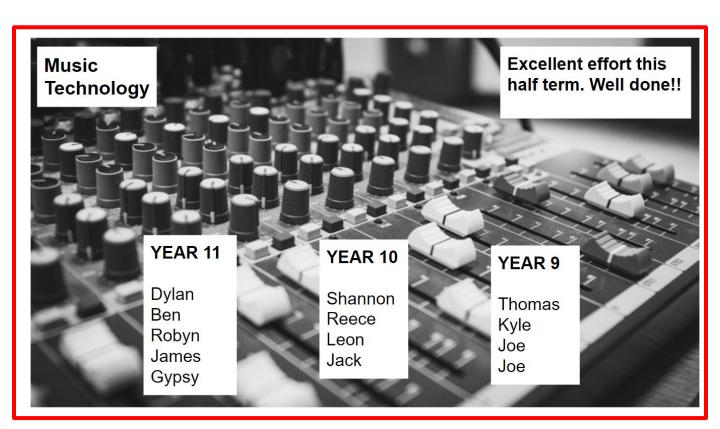
9XN Kara D Niamh L Verity M Amber K

Ella P

KS4: Great work on Sustainable futures in year 10, & Organic chemistry in year 11 completed by

10XN Ewan CB Eddie C Liam D Ellie P Megan P Susannah R Ella-Rose R 11XN Isobel B Izzy B Lene C Neve C Ethan I Maisie L Adam L Megan M

Jess P Milly P Ellis R Charlie R Ruby S



Congratulations to the following students for outstanding and consistent work throughout the lockdown period in *English*

Well done to Year 11 from Miss Pilkington

Hani A Kirsty M
Ben C Jake O
James H May S
Libby K Madeline W
Charlie L

You have all worked really hard and stayed focused and motivated throughout this half term. Well done!

Well done to <mark>Year 10</mark> from Miss Pilkington

Raahim A Hannah L
Toby E Samuel M
Ibrahim E Grace M
Cerys E Delta M
Olivia F Evie-Leigh E
Sam W

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7XC - Sophie, Alfie, Kaitlyn, Amna, Amr, Holly, Lucy, Charlie, Mariam, Lee, Connor, Ben, Maddison

7XO - Charlotte, Bradley, Leah, Chloe, Lewis H, Catherine, Myles, Max, Naomi

7YV - Lia, James, Frazer, Grace Col, Laila, Mia, Mohamed, Cameron, Jess, Thomas, Ajay, Jake, Lauren, Aimee, Lydia, Will D, Grace Cob 8XB - Molly, Max, Megan, Bradley, Darcie, Jake, Hoda, Josh, Ayesha, Zeyan, Freya M, Kara, Layla, Violet, Grace, Hannah, Calum

9AWR - Isobel, Jamie, Josh, Libby, Kyara, George, Evie, Charlie, Isabella

11CWR - Issie, Madi, Lucy, Becca, Maisie, Jade Isabelle Really well done on your work over these last few weeks!! Be very proud of yourselves. Mrs Wilkinson





7XO - Charlotte, Chloe, Naomi, Myles

7XN - Madi, Victoria, Taylor, Ethan, Matilda, Andrew, Amber, Ashleigh, Josh, Lily, Toby

7YW - Alfie, Rhys, Monica, Lucas, Brandan, Freya, Harlan, Madison, Josh, Amelia, Safiya

7XB - Annabelle, Jayden, Martha, Raghad, Harrison, Molly, Shayla, Sam, Tom, Sam, Finley

7YY - Ben, Macie, Evie, Willow, Harry, Wallace, Amy, Bruno, Lauren, Jacob, George, James, Matthew, Seth, Joseph

8XN - Nicole, Summer, Josh, Kiyanna, Emma, Libby, Scarlett, Nicola, Olivia T, Georgia 8YW - Hollie, Mia, Tom, Louise Jackeline, Lily, Candice

8YY - Rob, Grace, Emily, Megan, Rufus, Alex Spinks, Ebony

8XC - Ella A, Lucien, Harry B, Lewis, Ruby, Olivia Harrison, Tom, George, Robyn HC, Kelsey, Robyn H, Alfie, Brandon, George, Sarim, Tobias, Rihana, Sam, Josh, Charlotte

9CJD - Ciara, Evie, Verity

11AJD - Ethan A, Izzy, Gemma, Suzanna, Isabelle Gibbs, Isabelle Guest, Robyn, Gab, Sophie J, Charlie, Adam, Zoe Kirsty