

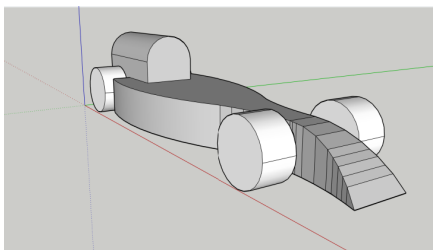
This week's update includes: Easter break; events in school this week; Year 9 Options Evening presentation; Humanitarian support for Ukraine - Non Uniform Day; GCSE Geography trip; Formula 1 in Schools; Skittles Squad; Year 9 football; Theatre Visit; Stars of the Week; Parental Resource for phone scams

One more week to go until we break up for the Easter holidays. A reminder that **we break up next Friday at 3.10pm**. We return to school for the summer term on **Tuesday 19th April**. This half term is always the busiest one, and **Year 11 have this week completed their final round of mock examinations**. The real examinations kick in after Easter of course, and run through to the end of June. We have also had busy online Parents' Evenings over the last few weeks, and it was nice to host a large event in school again this week with the **Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday**. **Mrs Kennedy's Options presentation is [here](#)**.

Non Uniform Day next Friday: We want as a school to support the humanitarian effort in supporting the people of Ukraine. Our young people and our staff have expressed their wish to support, and many of you may know that Mr Mujagic arrived in the UK as an 11 year old boy from war torn Yugoslavia as a refugee, so he is particularly keen to be involved.

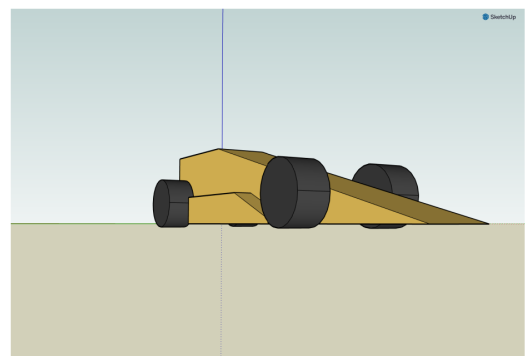
Next **Friday, 1st April 2022**, we will be having a non-uniform day in school. We would like students and staff to contribute £1 for this day and all the money raised will go towards the Ukraine Refugee Appeal. Mr Mujagic says "This is a government backed appeal meaning the government will match our donation and it will go directly to the Ukraine Refugee Crisis appeal. The money will then be distributed to DEC charities that provide food, water, shelter and health care to refugees and displaced families." We would really like to encourage students to wear yellow and blue to represent the meaning of the day, and we will collect the £1 from everyone at the start of the day.

A reminder from Mr Nicholls that **Year 11 GCSE Geography students have a GCSE fieldwork trip on Tuesday**, as part of their GCSE preparation. Students need parental consent for this before they can participate, and some have yet to return this ... consent needs to be returned to Mr Nicholls or Mr Parker.



Mr Nielson from Design & Technology reports

that "two of our **Formula 1 In Schools** participants have produced cracking designs as they move forward towards a final design to take to the competition this year. Jack Middleton (Yr9) created the 'Flying Cheese' and Macey Rose Adams (Yr8) created RedBull RB13."





A bake sale was held this week by students from our **Skittles Squad** who support and are allies of the **LGBTQIA+ community**. They wanted to raise money for a local charity. A total of £80.00 was raised and will be donated to Mermaids who support transgender, nonbinary and gender diverse children and young people until their 20th

birthday, as well as their families and professionals involved in their care.

Congratulations to **Year 9**, who have progressed to the **Final of the Stockport Boys U14 cup** after beating Hazel Grove on Penalties. Jack Spillane saved the decisive penalty to win the match. A great all round team performance! Well done to all the lads and team manager Mr Mairs.



Some of our year 10 students enjoyed a **spectacular afternoon at The Opera House in Manchester earlier this month**, as we attended a matinee of an award-winning play. Students were so impressed with the production value, the impressive lighting and sound effects and the top quality acting. As one student says, "I really enjoyed it, and at first, I was reluctant about going. The story was great and now I see how we can empathise with someone who has



special needs." Mary added that "this was my first trip to the theatre, and it's set the bar very high for my expectations in the future. I loved it".



Congratulations to all of our Stars of the Week [left] , and to Brandon Beadell who was drawn from these students as our overall winner.

A free online safety guide ... sim hacking, smishing and impersonation

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as sim hacking, smishing and impersonation. You can view it [here](#). It's the National Online Safety website, and you will be asked to sign up for regular updates from them - very worthwhile resource for families!

Enjoy the weekend!