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Year 7 Foreign Language Spelling Bee National Final 2023

Since September 2022, our year 7 students have been taking part in the national Foreign Language Spelling Bee competition.

We are extremely proud of all our students and we were delighted that 2 of our students represented the North West region in the National Final at Cambridge University, Friday June 30th. In this final stage of the competition, students were tested on 300 words and competed against the other regional winners from around the UK. Both students did exceptionally well and, although not winners on the day, they were in the final 98 out of the 21,099 who started the competition this year and they did so well.

Congratulations and well done to Evelyn F and Jessica L.



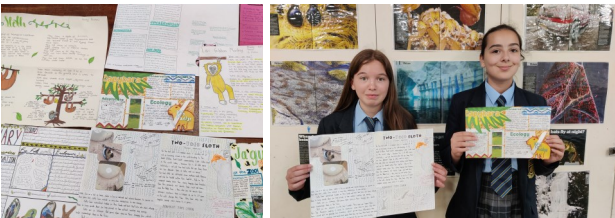
A MESSAGE FROM MR DEAKIN:

I would like to use this opening letter to say goodbye to colleagues who are leaving us this summer for new opportunities. These include Ms Moore, Ms Faulkner, Mr Edge and Ms Barlow and we thank them for their work with our students and families. Additionally, one of our teaching assistants Mr Bill is leaving as is our Pastoral Leader for Year 8, Mr Phillips. Both have worked at the school for many years and across a range of roles and we wish them all the best for the future.

As a teacher, from time to time, acquaintances will comment in late June, “You must be winding down for summer around now.” The truth is that any gaps that have been created by the departure of Year 11 and Year 13 are promptly filled up with careers days, summer showcase events, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, STEM events and lots more of the things that teachers love to do that can only be squeezed into the summer term. I hope you enjoy this newsletter as it showcases some of those amazing activities that have been taking place in school.

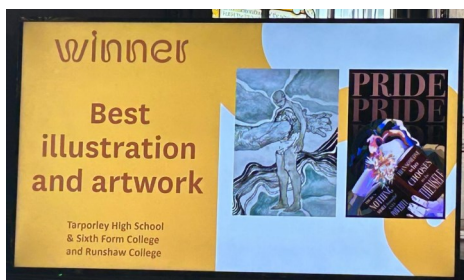
This term, year 8 pupils have been learning about conservation in their science trip to Chester Zoo. Students were tasked with a project to research a zoo animal of their choice. The key focal points of this task were the animals zoo enclosure, morphological adaptations, ecology and conservation. Many excellent submissions were put forward but the final winners were: Martha J, Bella W, Molly M, Bethany R, Raph P, Emilia T, Molly C, Lizzy P, Lucy F, Charlie G-H. Winners were treated to a tutor time of cake and hot chocolate as well as chocolate to take home. The top three winners were Bella, Molly M and Emilia who also won an Amazon voucher.

Students demonstrated their passion for science in both their response to the trip and their submissions. One experience was thoughtfully summarised by winner, Raph; ‘[this] trip alone has brought to light the dire situation of deforestation- just researching about the Jaguar has shown me what needs to change in today’s society if we want to salvage what we have left of wildlife. This trip has taught me more about animals than I could have ever expected-but on a more positive note, the highlight of my year will forever be getting selfie of the year with one of the fiercest big cats.’



In Textiles we have been taking part in the ‘Embroider a Selfie’ project in Textiles Club and at home. Mrs Thompson would like to share the fabulous work which has been produced by students in KS3, all beautifully hand stitched to celebrate 150 years of the Royal School of Needlework. If there are anymore ‘Selfies’ out there please bring them in as we would love to see them and exchange your embroidery ring for a reward. Well done Super Stitchers!





Shine School Media Awards 2023

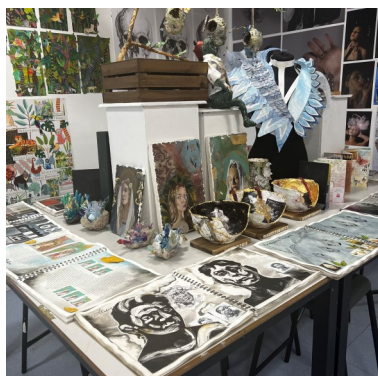
A huge congratulations to our sixth from students on their fantastic achievements at this years Shine School Media Awards. Attended by Mrs McMillan and Term team Liv, Alice, Seth and Beth it was fantastic to see our school magazine win the award for best illustration and artwork; with a piece created by A Level artist Emily and achieve highly commended for a photograph produced by A Level photographer Liv.



Art Exhibition

Following the return to the exam component in GCSE & A Level Art this year post Covid, the Art department was bursting with all manner of wonderful creative works.

In June we held our annual Art exhibition showcasing the incredible talents of our creative students. It was a jam packed evening of celebration with students sharing their work with family and friends. A huge thank you to the sixth form team who helped set up the evening with Mr Bowland, Miss Moore and Mrs Jones.



A Level Geography Fieldwork

Recently our geography class spent 4 days collecting data for our fieldwork. We visited numerous locations from Liverpool One to Llandudno, we spent hours in the searing sun, scrambling up sand dunes and battling attacks from the howling winds. We completed an investigation each, some human and some physical.

We visited; Liverpool One, Manchester Media City, the Etihad Campus, Old Trafford, Formby, Rhyl, Prestatyn, Talacre, Colwyn Bay and Llandudno.

Overall, we had a great adventure across the North-West (Tarporley on tour), collecting all our data, allowing us to smash our coursework. Let's hope we don't stall it (like Mr Hutchinson driving the minivan).

By Lucian F, Tristan D-C





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FI in Schools

The teams have just started in the workshop, turning their ideas into reality and will be working to produce their race cars over the coming weeks. The teams were also treated to a trip to Oulton Park, where we had a chat with a technical manager of the British Formula 4 Championship who gave us the opportunity to hold the steering wheel of their race car, a good look around the Radical race car and a chat to reigning British Touring Car Champion Tom Ingram. We looked at the range of tyres available for each different championship and how the regulations varied across each series. The group also had talk from an events manager, who deals with the likes of BMW and Lotus, about the importance of marketing and building and maintain relationships with sponsors and their guests.



Farmvention

Following the University of Manchester's Farmvention Challenge, 30 pupils have been discussing agriculture and the importance of balance and sustainability with the environment. We've conducted experiments around carbon emissions, engineered an extending arm and programmed a temperature warning system.

We were also visited by two NFU representatives who discussed their roles and the ever-increasing importance of technology, utilising data and diversification.

Year 5 STEM Challenge Day

We were visited by our feeder primary schools for a STEM challenge morning featuring some science and technology-based activities. We were very impressed with the engagement and questions from the pupils.



Year 7 X Band completed their STEM morning last week. All pupils were fantastic and worked extremely hard in their groups to survive living on STEM island. Pupils designed an island, looked at ways to generate alternative energy, food sources and built shelters. All students achieved their STEM challenger awards. Well done Year 7!

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Year 12 Kelsall Wellbeing Research Group Trip to the Hub.

We visited the Kelsall Well-being Hub to observe the progress of the centre and to see how our ideas have contributed to the set up.

We were told by the manager of the Hub, Helen, about the activities they offer to the public, such as yoga and coffee mornings for dementia patients, allowing their carers to relax. We spoke about the next steps of the Hubs development, such as advertising it to younger members of the community with ideas such as study groups during exam periods and sport activities in the outdoor area of the Hub. Whilst there, we established a Tik Tok page for the Wellbeing Hub and posted the first video. Please give this a follow and look out for more to come.

The Hub will be running the following activities for young people over the summer for free.

Please contact them at kelsallwellbeinghub@outlook.com if you are interested to hear more.

Money Skills – Monday 31st July 1.00 – 2.30 pm

The Digital World, Behaviour's, Dangers and Opportunities- Wednesday 2nd August 1.30 – 3.30 pm

Sound Barriers – Monday 7th August 1.30 – 2.30 pm





Lancaster University visit

We were fortunate enough to welcome Lancaster University to school who spoke to our Year 12 students about the study of Economics and an insight into the topic of government spending.



Bank of America

Recently thirteen Year 9 students alongside Mr Bowland undertook a business and careers workshop with representatives from the Bank of America. Students explored the future of pride events and created business proposals that they pitched to the bank representatives.



Duke of Edinburgh

A huge congratulations to our Year 9 students who recently completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifier in Llangollen on the 6th – 7th July. Pupils enjoyed beautiful weather and navigated their routes in groups and set up camp; representing the school wonderfully.



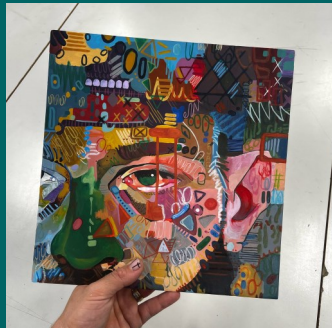
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Sixth Form News

Year 12 Careers Fair - On Wednesday 5th July we hosted a careers fair for our Year 12 students. We had 25 employers in attendance ranging from large international companies such as Cadburys and Ernst and Young, to more local businesses such as Willows Veterinary Group. We also had six 6th form alumni in attendance including Chloe who is now a local primary school teacher, Catrin who has recently gained a place on the Lidl Graduate scheme and Lucy who came to speak about her experience of an Art Foundation course and Curating and Art History at York University.

Year 12 also took part in an inter-tutor sack race and tug of war competition, followed by ice creams in the sunshine; a fantastic way to end the day.



Artist Recognition

Recently as a leaving gift for Mr Bowland, Katie produced this incredible painting inspired by the work of artist Andrew Salgado. Amazingly; Andrew Salgado himself acknowledged the painting on the Instagram account claiming Katie's work was better than his! Now that is recognition at its best!

On Tuesday 27th June our Year 12 students travelled to Birmingham to attend a UCAS convention where over 100 Universities and apprenticeship programmes were represented.



Tarporley Sixth Form Alumni Issy, who has recently graduated from a Law Degree at Cambridge, kindly came in to talk to our future Oxbridge applicants and MFL students.

15 Year 12 and Year 11 students have taken part in a 2-day TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) course. This will open up a wide range of exciting opportunities for the students allowing them to combine work and travel abroad.

The sixth form recently undertook a rainbow themed dress up day for Pride month. They are raising money for the Trevor Project Crisis Services for LGBTQ Young People.



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