

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to finally have builders on site with us. Students have been excellent taking on the temporary changes to the movement around site. The build begins at the site of the new reception and face of the school and will then move to the new gym and dance studio and the Sixth Form outdoor spaces before a new car park is installed at the front of school.

I was lucky enough to catch this photo of the “M” being moved out of the way. From my office window this week – it will be back when the builders have completed their work.



Our final drawings for our new reception block show the building as it will be seen from the road and the side.

Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 7 Oswestry Town Museum Visits – all next week

We are very excited to have exclusive access to the museum next week to further develop our student's cultural capital and understanding of their community.

Please have a look at their site [here](#) and ask your child about their visit. There are some truly fantastic stories and exhibitions within our town.

Trips will take place during the school day, there is no need to bring anything extra to school. Students will be off site for just under two hours each and will all receive a guided tour of the museum and an engaging talk through some of the key exhibitions.



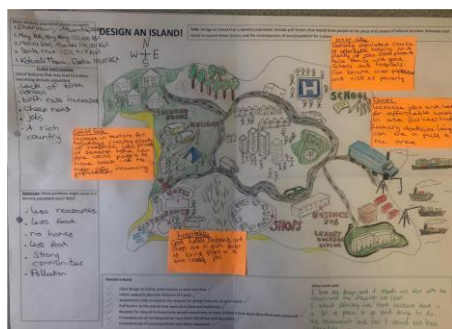
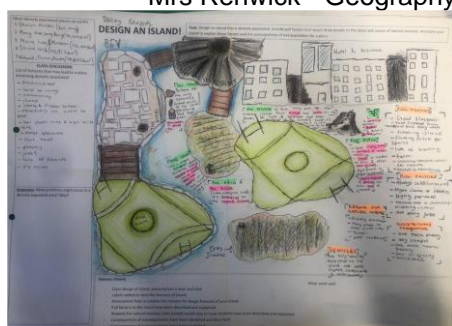
Humanities – the Vis D

Vis-D's are Visual Documents - Organisers of knowledge. These challenges are set in humanities over two or three lessons, with home learning tasks developing independent research. They are designed to promote independence, creativity, and love of the subject using a form of assessment different from the exam style. Students then present their projects and celebrate each other's success back in class.

8K2 Overpopulation Vis-D

Lots of excellent island designs from 8K2 explaining the causes and consequences of overpopulation.

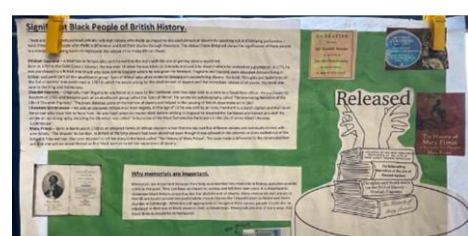
Mrs Renwick - Geography



8W1's Memorial for Black Britons

In this Vis-D task, The group have handed in homework's exploring and designing a memorial for Black Britons. This is the culmination of a unit of work looking at black contributions from the Tudors and Stuarts, through slavery and World War One up to the present day. I was delighted with their amazing research and presentation ideas and we enjoyed looking at what each other had discovered.

Miss Griffiths – Humanities



FOCUS

The Marches School Student Podcast is here



Click the image to go to Spotify where our new podcast has evolved from “The Marches School Newspaper”, with students keen to use technology to create a news product in a new modern format. Students choose topics they want to focus on, arrange and conduct interviews and organise and edit recordings, learning a lot about editing software on the way. Two episodes are ready, with a third due in January. Each episode features students from across a range of year groups right through to the sixth form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Year 12/13 exam week 2 – 17th January
- Year 7 museum visits – 17-21st January
- Year 9 Options and Parent's Evening – Thursday 10th February

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