

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to receive our Stage 1 award as we work towards the Rainbow Flag award. This award is a national quality assurance framework for schools focusing on positive LGBT+ inclusion and visibility with a whole school approach. Our assessor commented on our "really high quality evidence".

Staff have taken part in awareness training and report that they are more confident in tackling LGBT+ phobia if it occurs. Our LGBT+ student club is just one of our thriving enrichment opportunities which can be seen [here](#). A reminder that students can report any issues through our confidential SHARP system online [here](#).

Face masks – we will continue to wear masks moving between lessons and moving to social areas until Thursday 27th January. Students traveling on our minibuses will need to continue to wear a mask on the bus until further notice, in line with government guidance shared with us today.

At the building site this week – the footing to the new reception has been dug and the concrete has been poured, with the fencing now going up around the site for the new fitness suite and dance studio.



Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Independent skills - Food Test 10X1 have been working independently, reading, interpreting and following practical methods in groups to collect their own results without (much) assistance! Their results were fantastic and their Science independent skills really impressive.

Mr Collier – Teacher of Science



Attendance – Did you know?

When a child is absent school must categorise the reason for absence. Please give as much information as possible on the absence line. 'Unwell' or 'Won't be in today' does not give us enough information to authorise an absence and it may be unauthorised.

Physics Olympiad Success

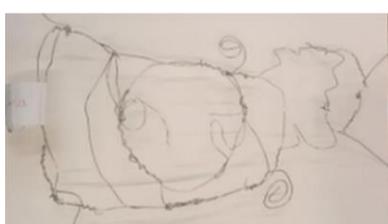
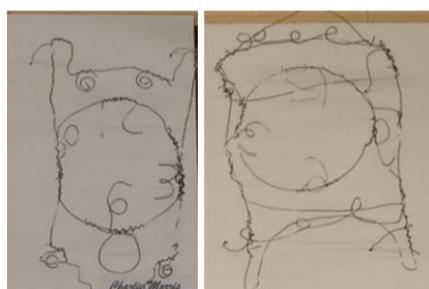
Three Year 13 students did the Physics Olympiad before Christmas (organised by Mrs Williams) and their results are in; 2 silvers and a bronze which is amazing.

Robbie Ackerman and Finley Taylor won silvers, whilst Efan Smith won a bronze.

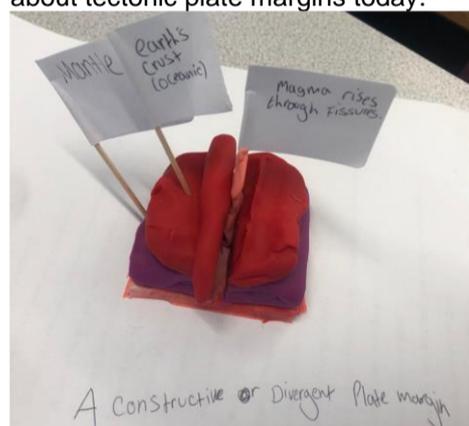
Year 7 Wire Drawings

The Art department have tasked students to design and create their own wire drawings inspired by the work of Helaina Sharpley. To say this was a challenge is an understatement, but they persevered and the results are incredible.

Miss Smith – Leader of Art



9K5 and 9K1 enjoyed making playdoh models to consolidate their learning about tectonic plate margins today.



FOCUS Red Sky in the Morning



Mr Davies captured this amazing sky before school on Tuesday above our Year 10 zone, giving us all a wow moment to start the day. Find out more about the phenomenon [here](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Week commencing 24th January – Parent and Student Survey
- Thursday 10th February - Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening
- 17th February – Parent Forum

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