



## Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Sixth Form

**Year 12 Geography students** are commended for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the fieldwork day in Worcester. Additional credit should go to **Ben Kirkham and Katie Davies**, who prepared excellent data collection sheets for their groups. **Katie Davies, Alex Bennett, Jemma Keen and Laura Penny** continue to make an excellent effort overall, especially in homework tasks demanding independent research.

**The Year 12 Chemistry students** recently completed a complex practical investigation testing for different functional groups in a range of chemicals as part of their A level course. It was impressive to see how efficiently and safely they worked in the laboratory and they are making excellent progress toward gaining their Practical Certification. The students are: **Joe Cairns, Michael Chung, Amy Deane, Jade Doody, Mina Khalil, Laura Perry, Adam Prescott, Aman Surrana & Sophie Wardley**

**The Year 13 Health and Social Care group** has worked really hard in the last couple of weeks to gather data in order to investigate the views of the local community regarding Health and Social Care services. Well done **Holly Connaire, Katie Parker, Ian Ward, Mariam Khalil, Lauren Hinton & Emma Kirkham**

**Year 13 Theatre Studies** students have been working very hard towards their practical exam, which takes place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February. Miss Lapsley and Mrs Evans were very impressed with their attitude during the final rehearsals on Saturday and look forward to seeing their hard work pay off on Tuesday afternoon.



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EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The DofE programme is well under way with over 100 students currently working towards their Awards. This week saw a visit from GoOutdoors to talk about expedition equipment with the Year 9 Bronze students. Thank you to Year 12 DofE students **Alex Bennett and Liam Andrews** for their help in setting up on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr Tibbits congratulates the following Sixth Form DofE Gold students for their excellent eDofE record keeping and evidence: **Matt Green, Quinn Marshall, Ellie Baskerville, George Battin, Joe Cairns & Sophie Wardley**

### Year 11

Overall our Year 11 students are commended on the mature and responsible way in which they tackled the recent PPEs.

All students in Mrs Tregoning-Harris's **11DAD1** are currently producing good quality artwork for their final exam module. In particular, **Mia Bowen, Grace Brazier, Danielle Greensall, Leah Hicks, Ria Nunns and Georgia Price** have demonstrated real dedication and resilience keeping up with deadlines.

### Year 10

**Tom James** has shown a real improvement in attitude which has led to a great improvement in the quality of his work in English. He is showing some real maturity in the quality of his answers in terms of both content and style.

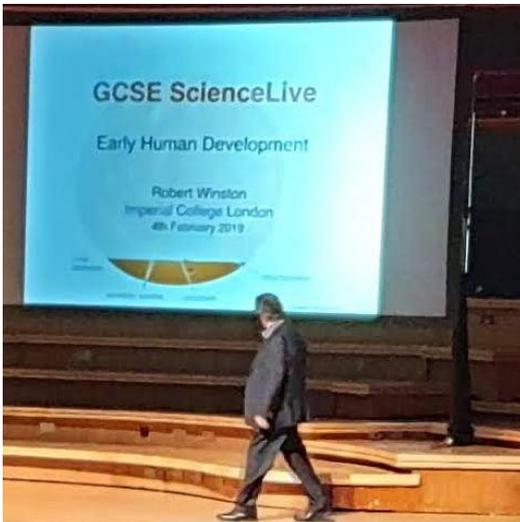
**Tia Cole, Lorna Beecroft, Anele Mbatha and Phoebe Strange** gave valuable help at Year 9 Options Evening. They were all confident and professional when speaking to parents and Year 9 students about Child Development or Food Preparation and Nutrition.

Mr Jones congratulates **Adam Stott (10HSF)** on his excellent work in Creative iMedia.

Mr Jones congratulates **Robert Blake, Felicity Jones, Nathan Law, Adam Stott and Charli Head** for demonstrating outstanding problem solving and programming skills in Computer Science.

**Alex Marszalek** has been outstanding in his weekly cooking class on a Monday. He always comes with his ingredients, works hard and produces the very best food he can before cleaning up thoroughly.

The Science Department organised a trip to Birmingham Symphony Hall, where Year 10 students saw some inspirational lectures by Professors Alice Roberts, Robert Winston, Jim Al-Khalili and several others on recent topics of interest.



Their conduct was impeccable and a very enjoyable day was had by Mr Rees, Mrs Geoghegan, Mrs Woodings, **Samual Albutt, Harvey Bastock, Lorna Beecroft, Daniel Birch, Joseph Bunyan, Tia Cole, Caitlin Denby, Chloe Doody, Christos Efstathiades, Roman Filkin, Daniel Finch, Jennifer Freeman, Heather Gamble, Thomas Griffiths, Kobi Hall, Chloe Harrison, Charli Head, Charis Hughes, Ben James, Felicity Jones, Gemma Kelleher, Ben MacCallum-Banks, Charlotte McCammon, George McNeill, Izzy Oxborough, William Parkes, Kirsten Porte, Maddie Rollit, Alice Shepherd, Megan Skillern, Anna Smith, Cameron Smith, Jonathan Smith, Pamela Stacey, Tom Starks, Holly Whittall-Jones, Ben Wood, and Elysia Convey.**

Miss Haddon congratulates the following Year 10 Bronze students for the quality of their eDofE record keeping and evidence: **Charis Hughes, Maddie Rollit, Jareth Weir & Annie-May Young.**

**Kobie Morris** has been a great help to the Year 13 Theatre Studies group. He has given a great deal of time to do their lighting and gave up a Saturday to do their dress rehearsal. He will also be running their exam show on Tuesday. They are Very grateful to this professional, hardworking and invaluable young man.

## Year 9

**9RW** have been showing some excellent practical skills in Physics. Mrs Thompson was particularly impressed with the homework investigation of density by **Kiara-Rae Austin, Molly Brady, Jacob Brazier, Dan Chorley, Lily Fidoe, James Harrison, Will Hughes, Kathryn Jones, Amber Smith and Demi Watson.**

**9LR2** worked really well in Science last week, with many students completing an extension activity.

Mr Shepherd congratulates the following Year 9 Bronze students for the quality of their eDofE record keeping and evidence: **Grace Pedley, Owen Perkins, Phoebe Williams, Olivia Hale, Adam Such & Tia Summers.**



## Inter House Football



A tense game between the combined Terra/Ventus team and the Lux team resulted in Terra/Ventus being crowned Inter-House champions of Football in Year 9 for this year. What started with a comfortable 6-0 lead for the victorious team, slowly turned into a final score of 7-7. The game went to a penalty-shootout which **Terra/Ventus** won on the last penalty. Commiserations to Lux, the losing team.

## Sandy Beales Visit

It was a pleasure to welcome Sandy Beales, bass player for One Direction and J.P. Cooper, to DSHS. He talked about his life as a session musician, the need for resilience, being prepared and versatility in the music industry and played a few tracks. Y8, 9 and 10 musicians then got the opportunity to ask him about his experiences.





### CyberFirst Girls Competition 2019. (ICT and Computing)

Between 21<sup>st</sup> – 28 January girls from year 8 took part in the CyberFirst Girls Competition run by the National Cyber Security Centre (part of GCHQ). They pitched their skills in teams to answer questions in 4 categories - Cryptography, Cyber Security, Logic & Coding and Networking. The girls displayed commitment, tenacity and resilience during a week full of challenging puzzles and questions. Their dedication to work every lunchtime, tutor-time and at home was exemplary. They were a joy to be with during the week and they should be very proud of their efforts. The results of the competition will be announced later. The top 10 teams in the country will go to Scotland for the final in March, fingers-crossed for our girls. Members of the highest scoring team for the week at DSHS were **Millie Shepherd, Emma Sabel, Frankie Walker and Grace Osborne.**

Well done to all the following girls who took part:

**Mollie Allen, Maddie Baskerville, Augusta Juseviciute, Mia Gardner-Smith, Grace Osborne, Millie Shepherd, Emma Sabel, Frankie Walker, Holly Hulston, Amy Pullen, Hattie Grainger, Ruby Jackson and Olivia Gregory**



On Friday, there was a very successful visit to the Worcester Magistrates court in preparation for the Mock Trial competition in March. The students found it very interesting and are now inspired to continue their preparation for the competition. They are: **Mia Gardner-Smith, Sophie Howard, Paige Rowe, Annie Williams, Ellie Taylor, Augusta Juseviute, Maddie Baskerville, Frankie Walker, Miki Conroy, Dan Chorley, Katie Hodnett, Aliah Chahal, Maizie Jordan and Paige Goode**

Mr Jones congratulates **Cobie Guest (08RHB)** for his excellent work on control systems and flowcharts, showing determination and resilience in all the tasks.

**Finley Morris** is commended for always giving his best to every task in English. He is a polite, pleasant, personable, hard-working young man.

**8RA** have been working really hard to improve their descriptive writing. They impressed their teacher with their approach to the adjective, verb and adverb challenges and she is looking forward to reading their final descriptions.



## School Catering - The Big Apple

The Big Apple provides a variety of choices before school, break-time and lunchtime. The menus are based on Week A & Week B in line with the school timetable. All menus and prices are available on the website under School Catering.



Since the introduction of ParentPay last July where we became a cashless operation but there are still a number of students yet to activate their account. This account is not only used for adding credit for school meals, but also for trip payments, Prom tickets, revision guides, workbooks, DofE and theatre tickets. Any student participating during their time here will need to have an active account.

### Information to activate a ParentPay account

Please email student name and tutor group to [schoolkitchen@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:schoolkitchen@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk) if you would like a copy of the letter with activation details in order to create your Parent Pay account.

Please call the Finance Office if you wish to pay with cash using the Pay Point facility at local stores as you will require a bar code to do so.

### How much credit is on a student's catering account?

The catering account balance can be found:-

1. On your Parent Pay account
2. On the Student Portal
3. At the Reval machines at Reception, J floor and Sixth Form common room.
4. At the tills by asking for the balance after being served.

It is essential to stay in credit for School Meals if students wish to make further purchases. A loan can be requested if funds are low and e-payments have not yet come through the system or if a student has forgotten to bring food from home. This is at the discretion of the Resources Manager and repayment is made directly once the ParentPay account has been topped up. If you would prefer not to have loans applied, please advise by emailing [schoolkitchen@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:schoolkitchen@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk)

### Transaction details

If you would like to know more information about when the money allocated onto your school meals account is being spent and on what items, please put in a request via e-mail. We are able to supply a detailed transaction report which shows dates, times and each item purchased as well as the e-payments being received.

The Cashless Catering Current Balance on the Student Portal has a section called 'show more', which can be clicked to show the last 10 transactions on the account.

### Pupil Spending Limits

Each student has a spending limit on his/her catering account of £5 per service unless instructed otherwise. If you would like to set a different limit such as a total amount to spend per day, this can be arranged by supplying student name, tutor group and your preferences. This is especially helpful if you want to monitor the spending of a larger online payment, instead of making smaller daily payments.

**Please do not hesitate to contact the school kitchen with any comments, questions or queries 01905 774421 ext. 6073 or email [schoolkitchen@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:schoolkitchen@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk)**