



Newsletter

21st March 2019

Elections for Senior Student Posts

Congratulations to our new Head Girl and Head Boy and their deputies who will take office after Easter.

Head Boy / Girl



Ben Daniels



Katie Bowen

Deputy Head Boy / Girl



Arthur Carter



Maya Pillay

Wychavon Community Recognition Awards



Congratulations to **Katie Bowen** who won the 'Young Volunteer' Category in the Wychavon Community Recognition Awards for her work as Chair of the Droitwich Spa Youth Council.

Year 13 Pre Public Examinations

We have been very impressed by the approach taken by students in Year 13 towards their PPE exams.

Carenza Dunn achieved an outstanding result in her Psychology PPE.

Holly Connaire is congratulated for her outstanding effort in her PPE's in Sociology and Psychology and her excellent grade in Sociology.

The Year 13 Chemistry students achieved excellent set of PPE results. They are working diligently and with a determination to be successful in their A-level studies this summer. The students are: **Tom Dean, Carenza Dunn, Emily Mann, Josh Hood, Lewis Kirkpatrick, Joe Ilsley, Adam Hughes, Joyal Jose, Trisha Zagula, Jesna Jose, Alex Randell, Mariam Khalil and Catriona Wilson.**

Cambridge University HE Plus Programme



13 of our year 12 students are involved in the Cambridge HE+ programme as part of the Worcester Consortium. They have attended two of their four sessions, where they have had lectures in their chosen areas of study for University, on enhancing their HE applications and how to use Worcester University Library to support their A level studies.

This Wednesday five of our year 12 students on the programme are going on a the residential at Cambridge University, where they will attend lectures and stay in colleges.

D of E News



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an internationally admired scheme that recognises young people aged 14-25 for their volunteering in the local community, taking part a regular physical activity and learning or developing a particular skill. It also includes the expedition section, which sees our students travel away from home to take on a hiking challenge over a number of days in challenging country.

Tuesday 5th March saw the Year 12 D of E Gold students take on a 'Masterchef' challenge. In small groups, the students prepared a three course meal in only one hour using the sort of equipment that might be available whilst camping. They showed ingenuity in the choice of recipes and ingredients. The highlights included a fresh fruit salad, a baked chocolate pudding (cooked inside an orange!) as well as traditional Shrove Tuesday pancakes.



The D of E Bronze and Silver students in Year 9 and Year 10 have recently been busy planning for their training walk and practice expedition respectively. They are making excellent progress towards completing their awards and have been demonstrating this with good record keeping of their endeavours. Details of how Year 9 students can apply to take part in the D of E Silver Award in Year 10 will be shared with students in the coming months.

Mock Trial Competition Regional Heat 2019

The Defence

Alex Young was charged with stealing an iPhone belonging to Vik McCarthy contrary to Section 1 of the Theft Act 1968. The prosecution case was put by St John’s Middle school. Our team presented his defence. They performed well and our defendant was found “Not Guilty”. The defence lawyers did their job well.

The Prosecution

In the second case our Prosecution team competed against Tudor Grange. To general surprise the defendant was found “Guilty”, the only guilty verdict in the whole competition. Well done to the Prosecution lawyers.



We also had a Court Artist, Aliah Chahal, who drew the scene in court showing the characters. Diana Winter, an artist, judged the drawings submitted by all of the other Court Artists from other schools. She awarded Aliah’s work First Place. She commended the quality of her drawing and felt that it was an excellent piece reflecting “the sense of tension” felt in the courtroom. Aliah now has the opportunity to go forward to the National Competition. Prizes were

awarded by Judge Tindell who was impressed by the quality of the Advocacy shown by the young lawyers.



Magistrate 1	Mia Gardner-Smith
Magistrate 2	Maizie Jordan
Magistrate 3	Paige Goode
Legal Adviser	Sophie Howard
Prosecution Lawyer 1	Paige Rowe
Prosecution Lawyer 2	Annie Williams
Prosecution Witness 1	Ellie Taylor
Prosecution Witness 2	Augusta Juseviute

Defence Lawyer 1	Maddie Baskerville
Defence Lawyer 2	Frankie Walker
Defendant	Miki Conroy
Defence Witness	Dan Chorley
Usher	Katie Hodnett
Court Artist	Aliah Chahal



Judo Success

The Amateur Judo Association held their National Competition recently at Kingsbury. **Megan Skillern** earned two gold Medals, one in her own weight category and another in the category for 15-17year olds. Megan is now eligible to go to Holland on 10th May with the Amateur Judo Association National squad.

Biathlon Success

Following their success at the qualifying round in November, further congratulations must go to **Jasmine Kilmartin and James Rushton**. Both travelled to Crystal Palace National Sports Centre to compete in the 2019 British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships with the girls' events taking place on Saturday 16th March and the boys' events on Sunday 17th March. Jasmine improved both her swim and run times to gain 2100 points overall; an increase of 82 points on her previous performance. Jasmine was 21st overall in her age group. James also improved his swim time, which was impressive due to the event being over a long course (50m pool) as opposed to short course (25m pool), and was placed 46th overall in his age group with 2079 points. Both students should feel very proud of these achievements.

Y11 GCSE Dance

Well done to the following Y11 dancers who have worked really hard to complete all their practical coursework several weeks in advance of their final practical assessment: **Thalia Andrews, Nicola Beard, Mia Bowen, Grace Rogers and Olivia Warburton**. These students have put themselves a really good position by leaving plenty of time for refinement and rehearsal prior to their final exam.

Short Story

This term, Mr Izod gave students in Years 10,11,12 and 13 the opportunity to work with him to create short stories. Today's is by Grace Rogers in Year 11. It is a wonderful example of controlled writing where not a word is out of place and every word matters.

Sammy

By Grace Rogers

The car came out of nowhere. I remember Mummy made a funny noise right before I saw it – she'd been talking to Nina from the big house with the dog, Bruno, that catches birds and leaves them in people's gardens. I saw Bruno crouched under the bench in Mrs Patterson's garden – hunting. A robin splashed its feathers and chirped sweetly, cleaning itself and having a drink in the water fountain. I ran towards it, waving my arms and barking, startling the bird and causing it to take off, much to Bruno's dismay. Disgruntled, he stretched out from under the bench and slunk off. I stood for a moment, admiring my own handiwork, when Mummy had let out that horrible noise. It was sharp and squeaky, like when Milo Andrews scratched his fork on his plate at lunch time. I hated him for that, it made my ears hurt. Mummy's noise made my ears hurt too – but it stopped when the delivery truck swung around the corner and into view, heading straight for me. In a way, when it hit me, I wanted to thank it – I didn't have to hear that horrible noise anymore.



I felt all funny when I woke up. It took me a few seconds to realise I wasn't in my room, and Mummy wasn't singing me her good morning song. I jolted up, nearly hitting my head on the ceiling. I was disorientated, dizzy and borderline distraught when I heard a low murmur from underneath me – I froze, then leaned out over the side of what I soon recognised to be a bunk bed. Two pinkish feet stuck out, cuffed by blue SpongeBob pyjama bottoms. Then a head emerged, with brown hair, like mine, puffy cheeks and red-tinged ears. The boy stood, paused, rubbed his eyes and stretched out, almost hitting his arm on the bunk bed ladder. Instinctively, I stuck out my arm, stopping him from injuring himself.

He took a sharp breath and spun on the spot to face me. He looked as if he were about to scream, but I beat him to it. The boy's widened eyes nearly burst out of his sockets, and he turned on the spot, darting out of the room, producing terrified shrieks that vaguely resembled the word 'Mummy'.

Footsteps from downstairs were shortly followed by the appearance of a woman, also with dark hair, who swooped up the little boy into her arms and began muttering soothing sounds, making shushing noises and gently swaying with him. He whispered something that I couldn't make out, causing the woman to smile a little. She placed him down, took his hand, and all of a sudden they were walking towards me. I thought that maybe I should hide, but then remembered that the boy had seen me already so there would be very little point, and perhaps the woman knew what had happened to me.

She let go of the trembling boy's hand, and made for the bunkbed, climbing halfway up the ladder and reaching out over me, tapping the mattress around where I sat.

"See?" She gestured at the bed again. "Nobody here George, it was just a silly dream."

"But... Mummy..."

"Ah. Ah. Let's have no more of that blubbing. Come on, go and get dressed, you'll be late for school if you don't hurry!" She left, ponytail swishing behind her, leaving us alone.

"Who... Who are y-you?" He stammered, rubbing his palms on his pyjamas.

"Sammy... Who are you?" I asked, to which he replied that his name was George. He asked me what I was doing in his bedroom, and I told him that I didn't know, then explained the story of Bruno and the robin, the last thing I could remember. He laughed at that, and seemed to calm down, daring to come closer to the bed. His face scrunched up in concentration, and after a few moments, he jumped on the spot.

"I know who you are!" He cried. "You're my imaginary friend!"

I didn't quite know what to say. I told him that I wasn't imaginary, I was Sammy, and that my Mummy would be looking for me and that he needed to ask his mummy to help. He laughed and jumped around more, exclaiming that his mummy couldn't see me, and that the boys from the park all had imaginary friends who they played with, without him. He clambered up the ladder onto the bed, and



tried to hug me, but his arms passed straight through my shoulders onto the duvet. He squealed and clapped his hands.

Suddenly I was very sure of only two things – this wasn't my room, and I wanted my Mummy. George was very sure of only one thing – the boys at the park were going to love me.

**The
SOUND
of
MUSIC**

Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**
Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**
Book by **HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE**
Suggested by "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

**Jigsaw Players
Theatre Company
March 2019**

Friday 22nd - 7.00pm
Saturday 23rd - 1.30pm & 7.00pm
Sunday 24th - 4.00pm

**Venue: Droitwich Spa High School,
Briar Mill, Droitwich WR9 0AA**

Tickets £13

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