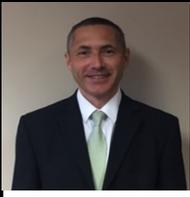




# THE BRIDGE



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### KEEPING CALM AND CARRY ON FOR CHRISTMAS

As we approach Christmas, I would like to thank everyone involved with Bridgewater for their sterling support this term. People have stayed focused, worked hard and made the best of things. I know I can rely on the same fortitude and positive mindset for the year ahead, which fills me full of confidence.

### Remembering Freddie

Freddie Williams, one of our students, sadly passed away in August 2019 from a type of bone cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma. He is sadly missed by family, friends and students. In his memory and in support of the Owen McVeigh foundation, students have organised a raffle that has raised an astonishing £1600. To read more about this please turn to page 39. In the meantime, I would like to thank everyone involved and trust this provides some comfort to Freddie's family and friends.

### The Expansion project

The expansion project at Upper Site continues to go ahead at pace and that's despite the best efforts of Storm Arwen! It started with the demolition of some offices and the relocation of the entrance to the back of the school besides Broomfield's Leisure centre.

#### The demolition of offices



The bulk of the work so far has been to redesign the carpark and drop-off zones in the North area which faces Broomfields Road. There's been a lot of mud and digging and whilst it may not appear glamorous, it is nonetheless essential. Over the coming weeks, we expect to see the steel structure going up and our contractors Read and the Project management team E3 Cube are confident that we remain on schedule for the opening next September.

#### Preparing the new drop off zones



I do hope you enjoy what follows in this edition of the Bridge and it just remains for me to wish you, on behalf of all staff and Governors at Bridgewater High School, a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Tim Long

**For a paper copy of this newsletter, please email a request to [p.mcewan@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:p.mcewan@bridgewaterhigh.com)**

## CHRISTMAS 2021

### Inside this issue:

Frank Prosser photography award	pp6-8
Book Reviews	pp14-20
Academy Sport+	pp21-28
RS Competition	pp32-37
Dance News	pp42-43
Student Leadership	pp46
Sports News	pp49-61

#### Special points of Interest:

- ◆ Black History Month p5
- ◆ Pop-up Library p9
- ◆ Liam Rogers—MasterChef p10
- ◆ Duke of Edinburgh Awards Trip p12
- ◆ Little Shop of Horrors p29
- ◆ Oxplore p38
- ◆ Remembering Freddie p39
- ◆ Train to Teach with TCAT p48

## Bridgewater Expansion Project

Many of you will have noticed that works started during October half term at our Upper school site for the expansion project. Read Construction Holdings Ltd are our constructors and E3 Cube Ltd are our client representatives.

The entrance for visitors and parents has moved to the back of the school near to Broomfields Leisure Centre and the old Chapter House Annexe has been demolished. Work has now started on the new carpark. You can keep up to date with the progress of the build through our twitter page @BHSnewbuild



## YEAR 10 FIELD TRIP Salford Quays

*200 Geography students visited Salford Quays in November to undertake one of their compulsory fieldwork days investigating topical issues. They were investigating how effective the regeneration of the old "brownfield site" at Manchester Docks has been with its transformation into a major residential, tourist and media location. Will, Y10, takes up the story.*

For GCSE Geography we went on a class trip to Salford Quays. The drive there was around 35 minutes on the coach. When we finally reached Salford, it was incredibly cold as we stopped right next to the river. We then got into class groups and had a 10-15 minute tour around Salford Quays. The tour ended at the Lowry Shopping Centre and we split off into individual groups. By the time the tour finished, it was around 9.45am. Everyone split off and we began our land-use survey. The survey was to review the land use of different places around Salford Quays. To ensure that it was a fair survey, we only measured the use of the ground floor. We visited various important business, media and factory use buildings including the MediaCityUK BBC Sport studios.

Seeing where successful TV shows like Coronation Street are filmed was really interesting and eye-opening. Our land use survey took around 25 minutes to complete, which was quicker than expected. Afterwards we explored the more suburban outskirts and also visited the Imperial War Museum North (even though it wasn't open, we saw the tank outside). We reached the Lowry again and looked around the shopping centre in our spare time. **Will Y10**





Bridgewater  
High School



let's celebrate!

CONGRATULATIONS

*Harry*

You have won the Year 7  
History competition!

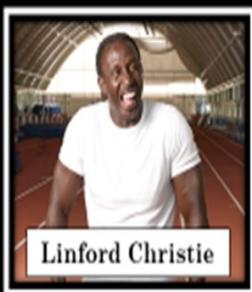
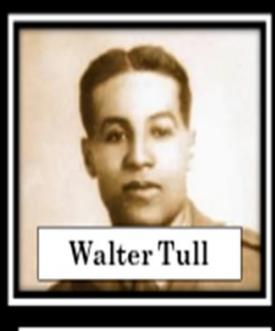
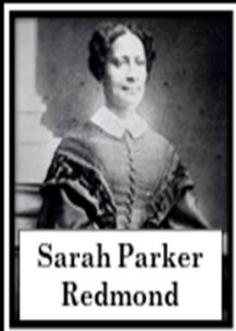
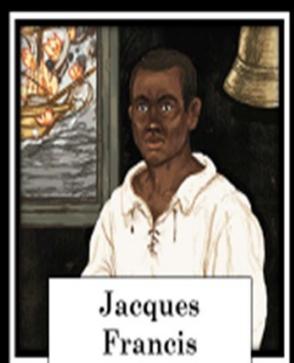
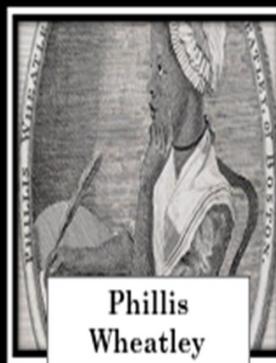
## Black History Month

This October, the History department launched a competition to celebrate 'Black History Month'. This was to encourage students to consider how people from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been a fundamental part of British History for centuries. We believe that the contributions have been overlooked and wanted to highlight the work of some individuals who have made a big impact on our society through the centuries.

The task was to research one individual who was on display in the Humanities corridor, complete a form and hand it in to the History department. Our winner was Harry from 7KA1. Harry chose Baroness Doreen Lawrence due to her outstanding contribution to charity work and her tireless work within the UK justice system.

Well done, Harry and thank you for taking part in our competition!

### Miss Ward



## Frank Prosser Photography Award 2021

Bridgewater High School and the Prosser family are proud to announce the results of the 5th **Frank Prosser Memorial Award** – a photography competition open to all students at Bridgewater High School.

The theme for this year was "**Weather**" and the standard of entries was extremely high, giving the judging panel a lot to discuss!

Congratulations to the following students (prizes will be awarded in the New Year):

**1st prize: £50 gift vouchers & a framed print of the winning entry.**

**"Cora in The Snow"  
Emma 8DT**



**2nd prize: £25 gift vouchers and a mounted print.**

**"Photo - 2021-06-19-04"  
Joe 8JMJ**





a

**Joint 3rd prize:  
£15 gift  
vouchers and  
mounted print.**

**"KittyM1"**

**Kitty 10JB  
(above)**

**"Rain in the City"**

**Joseph 10EP/JR  
(right)**



## POP UP LIBRARY COMES TO UPPER SCHOOL

Why not come and visit our new **Pop-up library** situated in Upper School foyer, every Wednesday (week 1) at lunchtime?

Year 10 and 11 books include Young Adult Fiction, graphic novels, quick reads and non-fiction. Choose a book to borrow, bring it back after a fortnight and then choose a new one! You can recommend books, make a book request, renew or reserve a book.

Library staff are available to help with any questions. Or just come over, say hello and have a browse!



Ex Bridgewater student Liam Rogers in finals of MasterChef: Professionals!

Liam, who is now 25, has reached the final six contestants in MasterChef, with only three episodes remaining. The finals take place next week, and



judges Marcus Wareing, Monica Galetti and Gregg Wallace will be watching. In the first round on Tuesday, the final six will be whittled down to four. Liam said: "I became interested in cooking at the age of six when my dad would let me in the kitchen of his restaurant so I could watch him work. I went on to work for my dad for

six years. A lot of people have influenced me throughout my career. I wouldn't be where I am without my dad inspiring me to become a chef."

Liam moved to Scotland at 18, training under top chef Andrew Fairlie at Gleneagles. After four years there, he relocated to Nottingham, where he was the senior chef de partie at Michelin-starred Restaurant *Sat Bains*. Liam left the restaurant in November after the show was filmed. "At the time I was taking part in MasterChef, Sat Bains himself gave me a lot of time and rein in his kitchen to practise, and he would take the time out to taste my food and give feedback. He helped me work on my pastry skills and develop them before I actually even applied for the competition. Throughout lockdown, he was helping me with that." Liam came third in the World Young Chef competition in Dubai before returning to Gleneagles.

Fingers crossed Liam will win! Make sure you are watching!!



## TCAT Youth Parliament

Bridgewater's Year 10 pupils recently met with Andy Carter, MP, at Sir Thomas Boteler School as part of TCAT's youth parliament.

The pupils (Abigail, Ruby, Lois and Joe) asked thought-provoking questions about the new housing estate in Warrington and learnt about how Westminster is run.

**Mrs. Dearden**



Pupils in our KS3 designated provision have been working hard making Christmas treats!



## The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Throughout September and October 155 Year 10 Students completed their Bronze DofE expedition. Both weekends had their challenges with two expedition groups Hiking and camping across south west Cheshire from Whitchurch all the way to Kelsall. The teams encountered many obstacles from grumpy farmers to freezing night time temperatures. All students completed the weekends with an excellent attitude and a renewed sense of achievement, learning a few new skills along the way. After their qualification weekend every student could map read and navigate their team along our route, as well as set up camp and cook a warm meal on their portable stoves (despite torrential rain). Hopefully they have all recovered well and are continuing with the same attitude with their volunteering, physical and Skills sections.

Congratulations to our Year 10 Bronze Award students. Now on to the Silver award!!

From the DofE Team



(Beeston Castle from our northern route)

## Read for Good 2021

**Read  
for Good**

Motivating kids to read

A big thank you to all those who took part in this year's sponsored read. This term, pupils in Y7 and 8 took part in a sponsored read. This was an opportunity for pupils to challenge themselves with their reading choices and raise money for a really good cause. We have raised £221 so far. However, if pupils still have money to hand in, they can do so online. If you are interested in learning more about this amazing charity, read on...

### Hospital Work

For children in hospital, books and stories are particularly important. They comfort, distract, reassure and entertain. Read for Good provides a regular supply of brand-new books along with storyteller visits to brighten up the days of children in all of the UK's main children's hospitals. Children unable to leave their beds can choose books from our specially designed mobile bookcase which wheels right up to their bedside. Because they are brand new, the books are safe for those at high risk of infection.

### Our Storytellers

The team of professional storytellers are an amazing bunch. Working across 30 hospitals in the UK, they bring the power of stories to young patients and their families. They spend time with children letting imaginations run wild and bringing laughter into places where a little distraction goes a long way. The money raised at Bridgewater will support all of this wonderful work so thank you for your generosity.

See pages 14-20 for reviews of some of the books read by our pupils as part of their sponsored read.

**HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD**

JK Rowling—play by Jack Thorne

For the sponsored read, I challenged myself to read Harry Potter And The Cursed Child written by J K Rowling. I decided to read this book because I love the first seven original Harry Potter books and I was so excited when it came out. At first it was a difficult read as it was actually a play script (by Jack Thorne based on a draft J K Rowling wrote)

The plot however is amazing, not as good as the original seven but still amazing! Its story line is about all of the original Harry Potter characters' children going into Hogwarts themselves,. My favourite character from the book has got to be Harry's youngest son Albus. Albus is a mischievous, brave character just like his father.

I would definitely recommend this book and hope the money I made will help disadvantaged children learn to love reading as much as I do.

**Georgia Y7****Cristiano Ronaldo**

This term the book I have been reading is "Cristiano Ronald". It is a great non-fiction book about the life of football superstar, Cristiano Ronaldo. It talks all about Cristiano's early love of football, playing in the streets, his moved to different leagues and also his early life. Overall I think this is a great book and I would definitely recommend it to anyone interested in football or just simply Ronaldo!

**Dylan Y7**

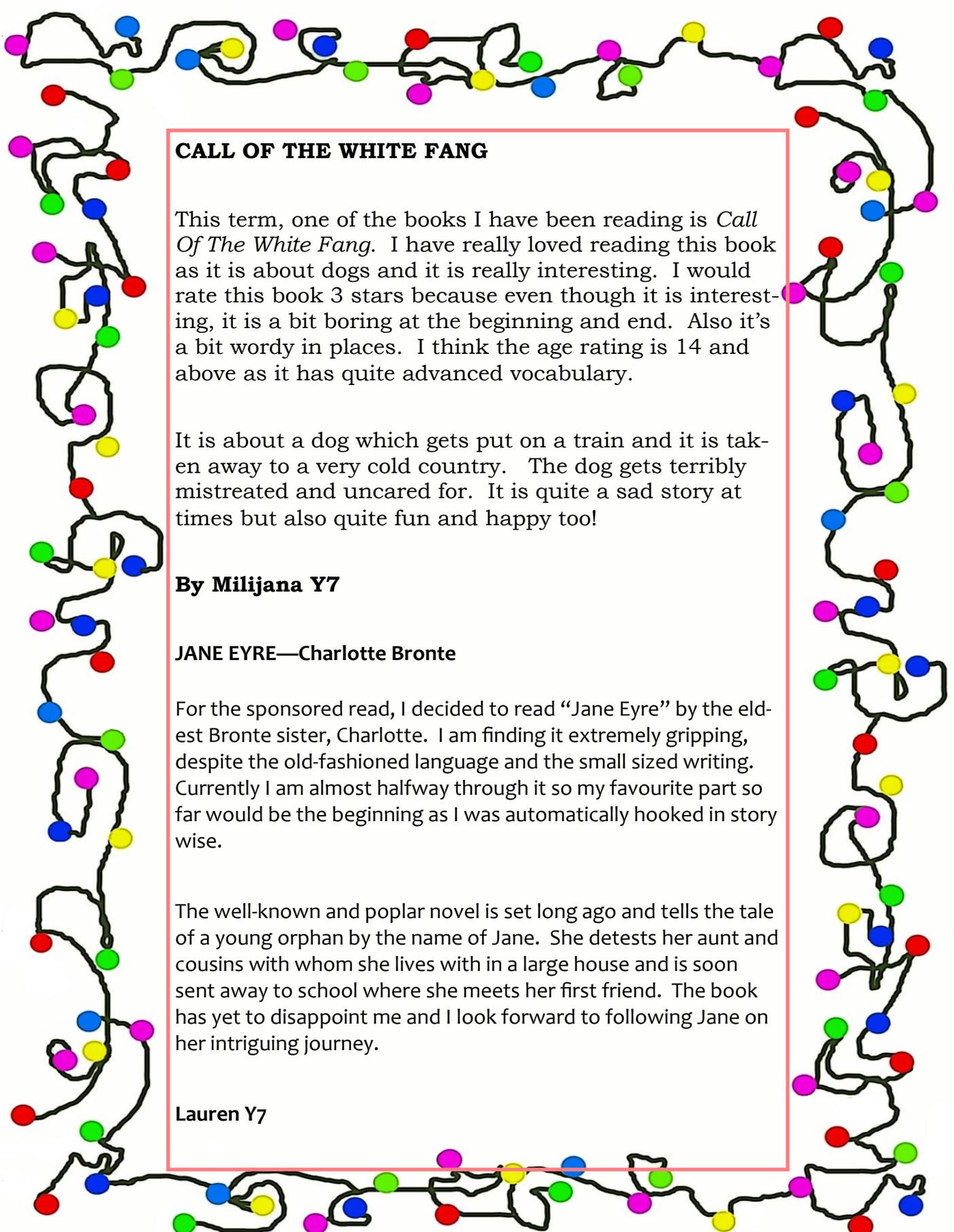
**MICHAEL JORDAN: THE LIFE****By Roland Lazenby**

This term a book I have enjoyed is Michael Jordan: The Life. It is a biography of Michael Jordan, describing his wins, his losses, his hardships and his accomplishments, and really shows the personal side of the most famous basketball player that everyone knows and loves.

The athlete didn't always have it easy. That's why my favourite part of this life story is the challenges he had to overcome. He wasn't always an athlete, he wasn't always a popular NBA player, his determination got him where he is. This is what's so inspiring about this biography, and why if you play any sport, it is a great read.

His rivalry with his brother, the challenge of being the best after the passing of his father really makes you involved in his life and hardships. There is some adult things in the book, and it is quite long with advanced vocabulary so I wouldn't recommend it to young children but for anyone else it is a must-read. This book inspired me and many other and is not only for basketball players, but any sport too.

**Jack Y7**



### CALL OF THE WHITE FANG

This term, one of the books I have been reading is *Call Of The White Fang*. I have really loved reading this book as it is about dogs and it is really interesting. I would rate this book 3 stars because even though it is interesting, it is a bit boring at the beginning and end. Also it's a bit wordy in places. I think the age rating is 14 and above as it has quite advanced vocabulary.

It is about a dog which gets put on a train and it is taken away to a very cold country. The dog gets terribly mistreated and uncared for. It is quite a sad story at times but also quite fun and happy too!

**By Milijana Y7**

### JANE EYRE—Charlotte Bronte

For the sponsored read, I decided to read “Jane Eyre” by the eldest Bronte sister, Charlotte. I am finding it extremely gripping, despite the old-fashioned language and the small sized writing. Currently I am almost halfway through it so my favourite part so far would be the beginning as I was automatically hooked in story wise.

The well-known and popular novel is set long ago and tells the tale of a young orphan by the name of Jane. She detests her aunt and cousins with whom she lives with in a large house and is soon sent away to school where she meets her first friend. The book has yet to disappoint me and I look forward to following Jane on her intriguing journey.

**Lauren Y7**

## HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

JK Rowling

The book I have been reading recently is *Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone* by J K Rowling. This book is about a young boy named Harry who finds out he is a wizard and goes to Hogwarts, the school of magic. He goes on an adventure to find the stone and keep it away from the evil wizard Voldemort alongside his two best friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger.

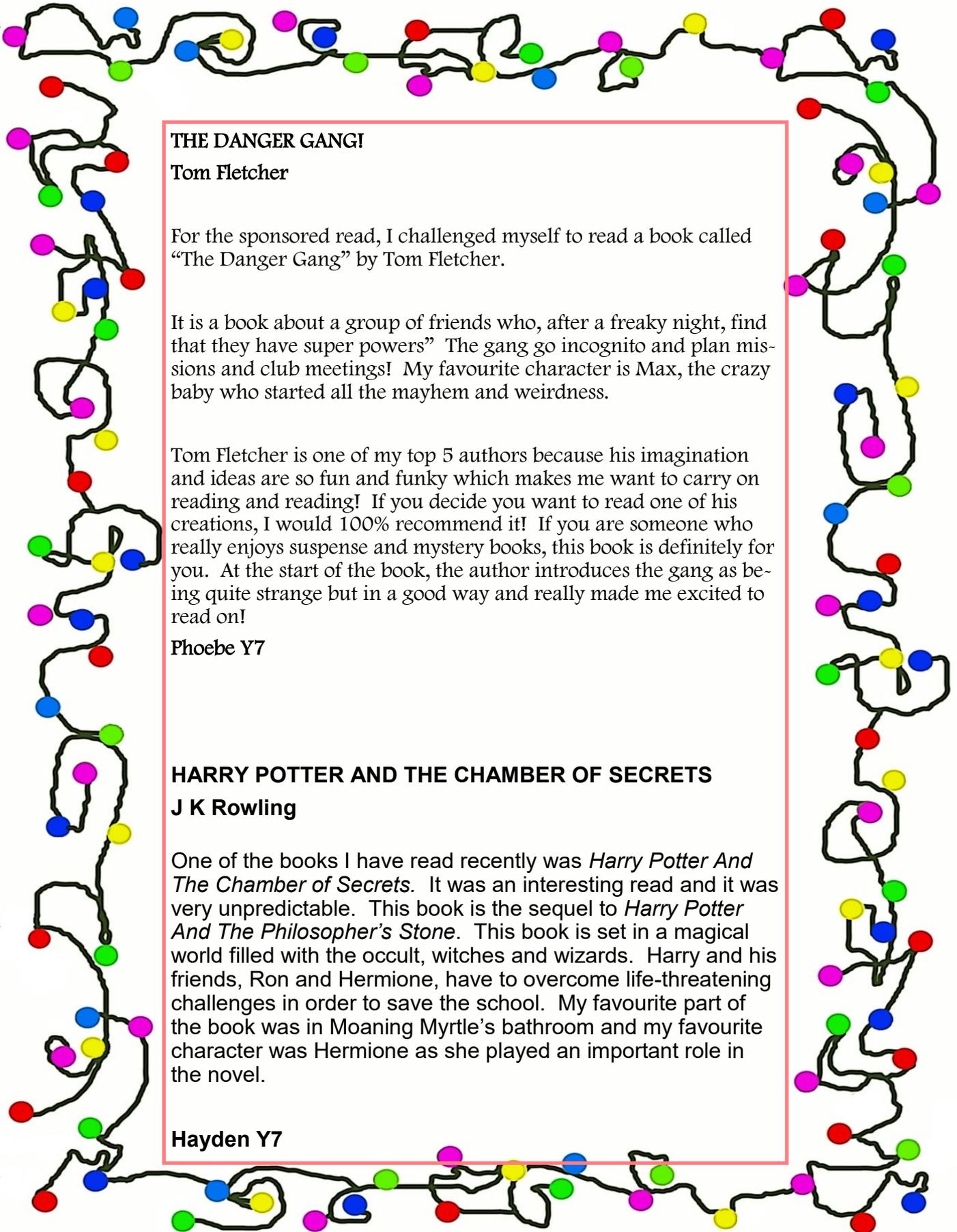
I think this is suitable for children aged 8-9+ as there are a few scary things in it but not overly scary. If you like stories about witches and wizardry, then this is the book for you.

If you have read this and enjoyed it, then read the other books or watch the movies.

I definitely recommend it as one of the world's most popular books!

By reading this term, we have raised money for the Read For Good charity which is using the money we raise to help young children in hospital enjoy books.

Niamh Y7



## **THE DANGER GANG!**

**Tom Fletcher**

For the sponsored read, I challenged myself to read a book called “The Danger Gang” by Tom Fletcher.

It is a book about a group of friends who, after a freaky night, find that they have super powers” The gang go incognito and plan missions and club meetings! My favourite character is Max, the crazy baby who started all the mayhem and weirdness.

Tom Fletcher is one of my top 5 authors because his imagination and ideas are so fun and funky which makes me want to carry on reading and reading! If you decide you want to read one of his creations, I would 100% recommend it! If you are someone who really enjoys suspense and mystery books, this book is definitely for you. At the start of the book, the author introduces the gang as being quite strange but in a good way and really made me excited to read on!

**Phoebe Y7**

## **HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS**

**J K Rowling**

One of the books I have read recently was *Harry Potter And The Chamber of Secrets*. It was an interesting read and it was very unpredictable. This book is the sequel to *Harry Potter And The Philosopher’s Stone*. This book is set in a magical world filled with the occult, witches and wizards. Harry and his friends, Ron and Hermione, have to overcome life-threatening challenges in order to save the school. My favourite part of the book was in Moaning Myrtle’s bathroom and my favourite character was Hermione as she played an important role in the novel.

**Hayden Y7**

**SISTER MISSING****By Sophie McKenzie**

This term, one of the books I have read is *Sister Missing*.

I like this book because it's gripping, has lots of drama and isn't too formal. I also like it because it's a murder mystery.

A girl soon realises that she wants to find her real parents as she is adopted. She sets out to find them and when she does, she realises she has a sister. They become very close but then they realise someone is watching them. They fall into danger and are taken on a wild goose chase to find their stalker...

I would recommend this book to people between the ages of 10 and 40. I would definitely encourage other people to read it and would give it 10 out of 10 marks.

**Tillie Y7****THE POWER OF 5 SERIES****By Anthony Horowitz**

This term I have been reading *The Power Of 5* series. They are the best books I have read ever. They are about five teenagers who think they are ordinary. They soon find out that they have supernatural powers. The lead of the gang is the first to find out he is special. He then goes on a round-the-world expedition to find the others. Their destiny is to find an all-powerful army of monsters that are actually just deformed humans. The genre is horror and adventure. I would definitely recommend it and give it a 5/5 rating.

**THE HUNGER GAMES TRILOGY****By Suzanne Collins**

This term I have challenged myself to read the whole trilogy of The Hunger Games.

However this wasn't a challenge as I loved these books so much that I could never put them down! The Hunger Games is a form of entertainment for the snobby people in the Capital but for Districts 1-12 it is a dastardly thing that scares them into discipline. One girl from little District 12, Katniss Everdeen, is chosen to play in these horrid games and little did the Capital know they were in for one heck of a game!

The best thing about reading this gripping tale is that just by reading, I am donating money to the Read For Good charity which lets children with cancer choose and keep their own books.

I really recommend the Hunger Games as it is gripping and very thought provoking.

**Flo Y7****CORALINE****By Neil Gaiman**

*Coraline* is a book by Neil Gaiman. It is a horror book so is not suitable for younger children.

The plot is a very interesting one with many interesting characters which have been developed by the author really well. None of the characters are perfect and all of them have some sort of flaw. One of the characters is the other mother, the way she acts and talks gives me the creeps but at the same time makes me like her character.

I would recommend this book for anyone who likes horror but probably not younger children.

**Scarlet Y7**

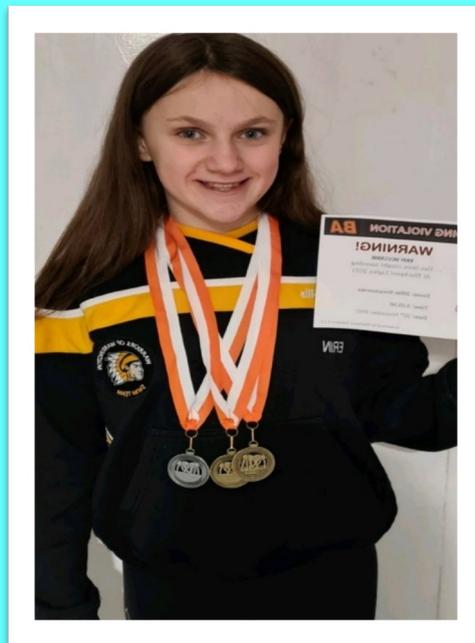
Academy Sport+ Bridgewater High School.

Bridgewater High School has launched an exciting new programme of study for elite athletes called Academy Sport+. This programme aims to celebrate and showcase the amazing talents of elite athletes within the school. Bridgewater has forged a fantastic new programme of study with LJMU involving some of the best lecturers in Sport and Psychology in the country. They have developed specifically tailored programmes of student workshops from Strength and conditioning to elite Sports Nutrition.

Below are some of the amazing successes celebrated so far since September and I am looking to celebrate a great deal more!

Academy Sport +

Academy Sport + Erin in Year 8 recently represented Warrington Warriors in a swimming event at Blackpool. She successfully achieved 2 Golds, 1 Silver and also a speeding ticket as she was too fast for the gala times! Over the holidays, Erin attended the Liverpool and District Swimming championships, being placed top 8 in most of her races in age group and also achieving 2 silvers and 1 bronze.



Academy Sport + student Fintan in year 11 has been selected as part of the North West squad to compete in the forthcoming U16 Water polo Inter-Regionals in Walsall. 30 boys were invited to try out and 13 were selected. Teams compete from Scotland, Wales, NE, SE, Midlands, SW, London and Ireland. Good Luck.

Congratulations to Academy Sport + Kacper in year 10 who won first place gold in the K1- the English title Kacper!

light category with belt. Well done



Year 11 Academy Sport + student Jocelyn recently played in the Severn Stars pathway squad with a super 65-30 win against the Stafford Hub. This was an amazing experience and achievement. Well done.  
#BWaternetball #BWatersportingsuccess

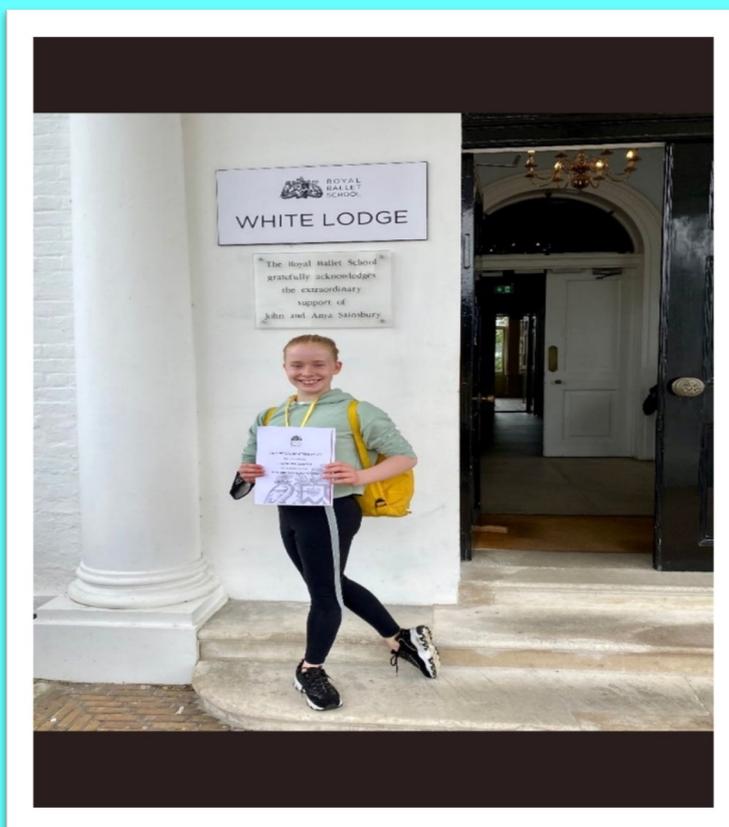
There was an excellent performance from Academy Sport + Gabriella in year 9 who qualified and competed in the Swim England NW Regional Championships last weekend in 3 events: 50m Butterfly (12th), 800m Freestyle (14th), 100m Breaststroke (13th). She also competed in the Junior open age group (16 and under). Gabriella enjoyed personal bests in all events.

There was a fantastic performance from Academy Sport+ Keira in year 10 who represented the NW in the classic challenge Bronze national competition this weekend and helped team NW to 7th place. Keira competed in the NW classic challenge Bronze competition at Manchester Academy of Gymnastics. She was awarded Bars senior champion and fifth overall for seniors. In the combined juniors and seniors, she was placed 7th and selected as the travelling reserve for November's national competition in Surrey to represent the North West.

Congratulations go to Academy Sport + student Eva in Year 9 Warrington Rowing Club, who rowed the fastest time in her age group and achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal. Eva competed at Agecroft Head Rowing event at Salford Quays Watersports Centre. She competed in the timed race (over 3,200m) on the River Irwell.



We'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate Academy Sport+ student Lucy in year 8 who was awarded the Achievement Award from the highly prestigious Royal Ballet School.





Congratulations to year 11 Academy Sport + students Jack and Leyton (pictured below) who both helped Morecambe FC U18 to a win the first round of the Youth Cup. This was a superb achievement.



Academy Sport + students Gabriella competed in the Liverpool and District Age Group Championships on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October, achieving 8x 1<sup>st</sup> places in the age groups, another fantastic achievement.



Congratulations to Academy Sport + student Oliver in year 10 who has just signed a scholarship contract with St Helens Rugby League. This is fantastic news!



Sports Academy + Ella-Grace in year 8 attended a gala at Knowsley. She competed in 6 races- 2 medals, 1 Gold in 200 backstroke and Bronze in 200m. She enjoyed personal bests in all races and has been invited by Swim NW to attend a Regional Swim Camp for the top 45 swimmers in her age group in the north -west. This is a significant step toward international competitions

Congratulations to Harriet in year 10 Academy Sport + who competed for Warrington AC in the U15 North West Road Relays at Birchwood Park. Her team came 5<sup>th</sup> overall and won gold for Cheshire.

A special mention should go to Esme in year 9 who was also a part of the successful team for Warrington AC in the U15 North West Road Relays at Birchwood Park. She came 5<sup>th</sup> overall and won gold for Cheshire.



Congratulations to Academy Sport+ student Oliver in year 11 who wind-surfed in the UKWA national cup event at Stokes Bay last weekend and ended up 4<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the boys' techno fleet.



Congratulations to Bridgewater Academy Sport + Emily in year 11 (pictured centre) on winning an award for the 'rising star' category in England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Grass Roots awards for outstanding volunteers at their sports clubs.



## Our Year 10 Musical - The Little Shop of Horrors

Since the beginning of September, when we were first introduced to each other, this year's musical theatre class have been working non-stop on a very special project; Our BTEC Component 2 Production, which we are very happy to say is a thrilling adaptation of the original stage show "Little Shop of Horrors"!



We dived head-first into the show, conducting auditions in singing, acting and dancing, which were absolutely terrifying but we somehow managed to survive, and were then cast by our director Miss Plimmer. As soon as the cast list was up, we were on our feet and have been ever since! Our rehearsals are what can only be described as organised chaos...!

It's working though! Each lesson a new section of this mean, green production is brought to life by the talented members of our cast, who are putting everything into making the show the best that it possibly can be! And, to be honest, with the addition of sets, lighting and a full-sized stage (not to mention three amazing plant puppets!) we're really not far off!

The show follows a poor, insecure florist's clerk, and several other

people that he knows, as he makes the acquaintance of a mysterious, man-eating plant that goes by the name of "Audrey Two". The plant, named after another important character, goes on to cause all sorts of mayhem, but I'm not going to say too much; you'll have to wait to find out! Full of twists and turns, this spellbinding tale is sure to hold your attention for its entire duration, and isn't something you want to miss!

But all this effort isn't for nothing! Yes, we want to get a good grade in our BTEC's, but what we really want is to be able to perform our show to a real, live audience: You! Our aim is to have "Little Shop of Horrors" on stage at Priestley College by the end of March, so keep a look out for the exact date!

We can't wait to perform to you, and we hope that our audience enjoys it as much as we are!

**Amelia Y10**

(singing voice of Audrey Two)



Some of the Y9 students in TLC have created a memorial piece for Remembrance Day. Using knowledge from last year's Warhorse and this year's War Poems, they have assembled a very impressive piece of art work, which will sit below under our poem analysis.

This piece consolidated their knowledge around suffering on all sides during any war and it was the conversational piece for our poem analysis, looking from different perspectives.

We have also used art to underpin knowledge for 'To Kill A Mockingbird', beginning to understand racial differences and having the ability to make better judgements in today's world.



## Introducing Bridgewater's new I - Max Suite

The I-MAX suite is a purpose-designed and new study facility. This term, it has predominately been used for the Tutoring Programme which is a part of the school's Intervention and catch-up initiative. It offers pupils who have lost learning during the extended period of Covid -19 school closures high-quality one-to-one and small group targeted academic support. The facility will be increasingly made available to students as a high-quality resource for independent study.



# R.S. Competition

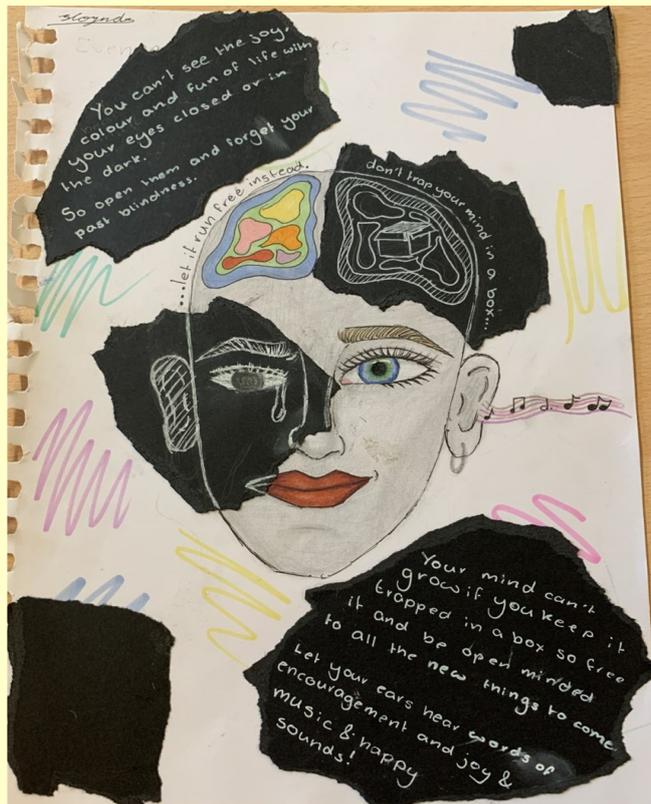
As part of our return to school in September the RS Department launched a competition for Key Stage 3 students to come up with a piece of artwork to encapsulate the words 'You only see with open eyes, you only hear with open minds, you only think with an open mind.'

I was incredibly impressed with the quality and variety of ways our students responded to this in creative ways and I would like to thank all those who submitted a piece to the competition. The competition was so close, and I didn't envy the judges with the difficult decisions they had to make. Eventually they were able to settle on four worthy winners; with two sharing third place it was that close!

1st place - Sophie (Year 9); 2nd place - Bess (Year 7); Joint 3rd place - Gaby and Harry (both Year 7)



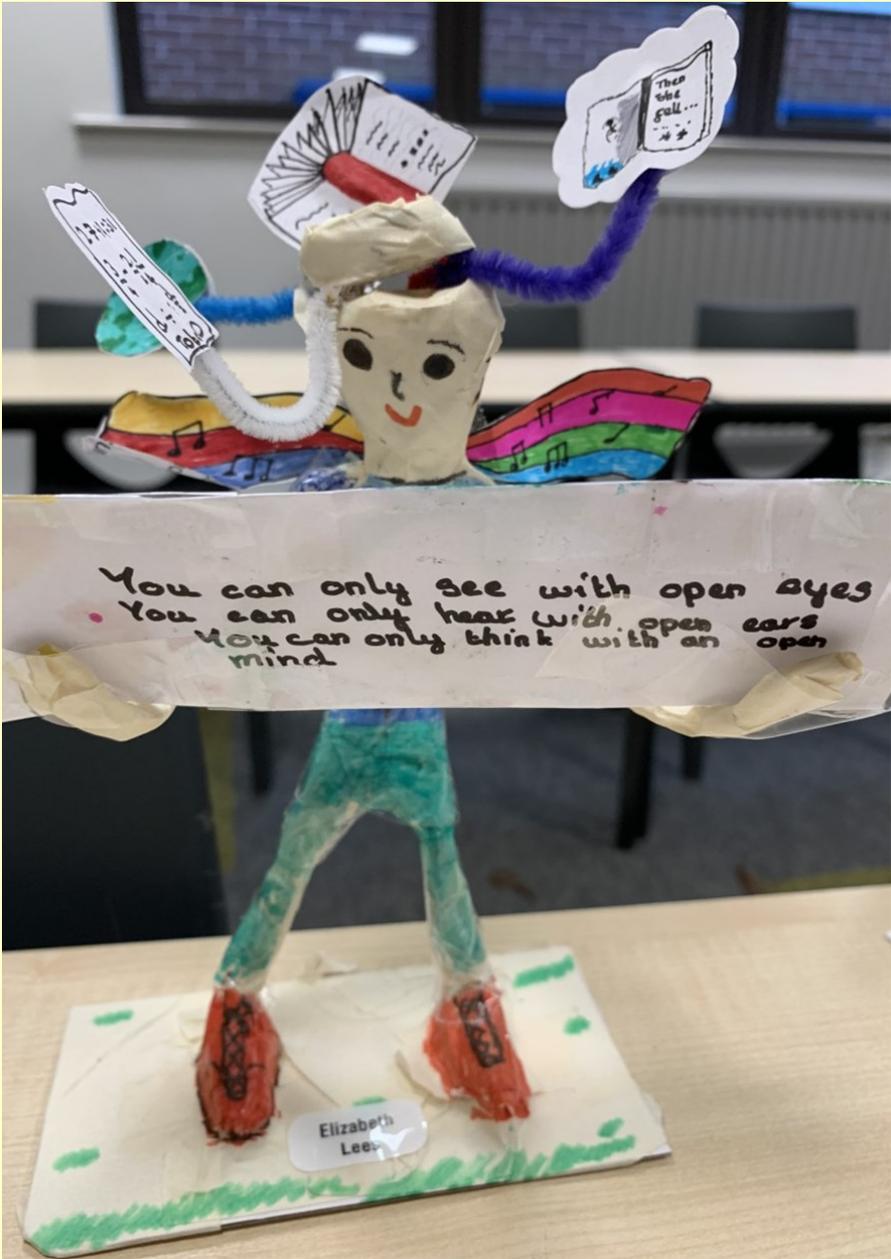
**SOPHIE  
YEAR 9**



This piece is not about the literal shutting of eyes or blocking thoughts in the mind. It is about the being blinded by happiness and once we open our eyes to it we will be so much better and will live a better quality of life. Similarly, when we open our minds to other ideas, thoughts and possibilities and no longer restrict ourselves, we are more fulfilled. With the ears it is again about allowing ourselves to be happy and enjoy positive sounds rather than negativity. Sophie Year 9



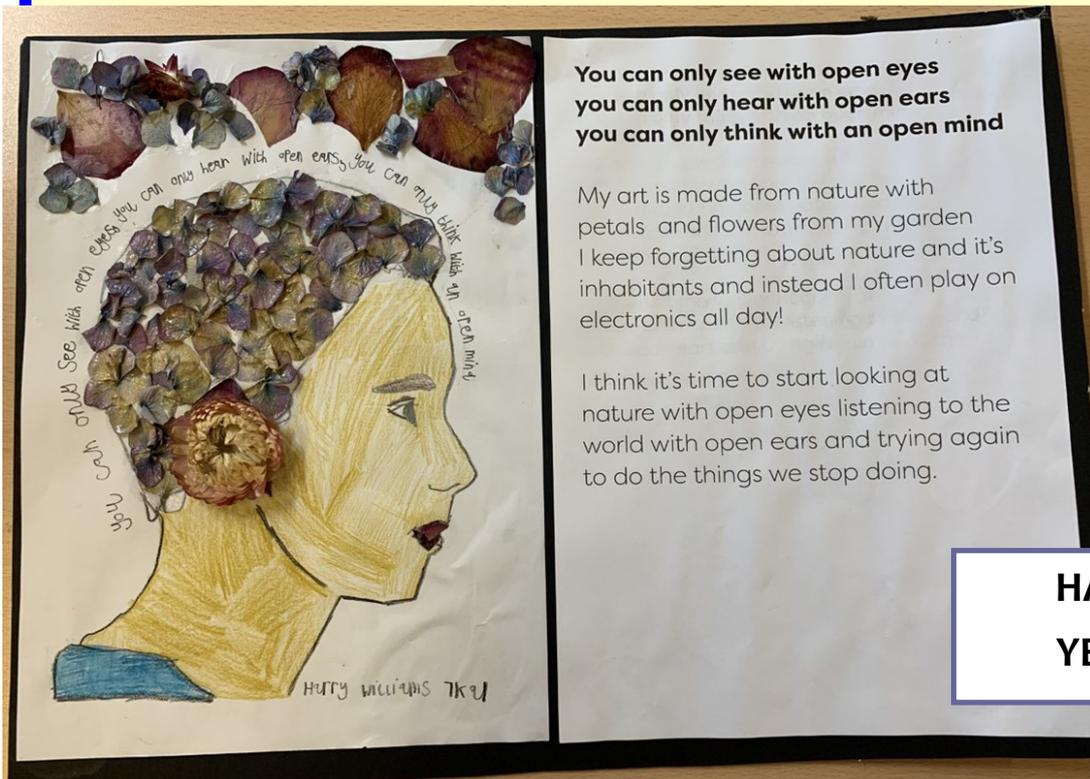
BESS  
YEAR 7





**GABY  
YEAR 7**

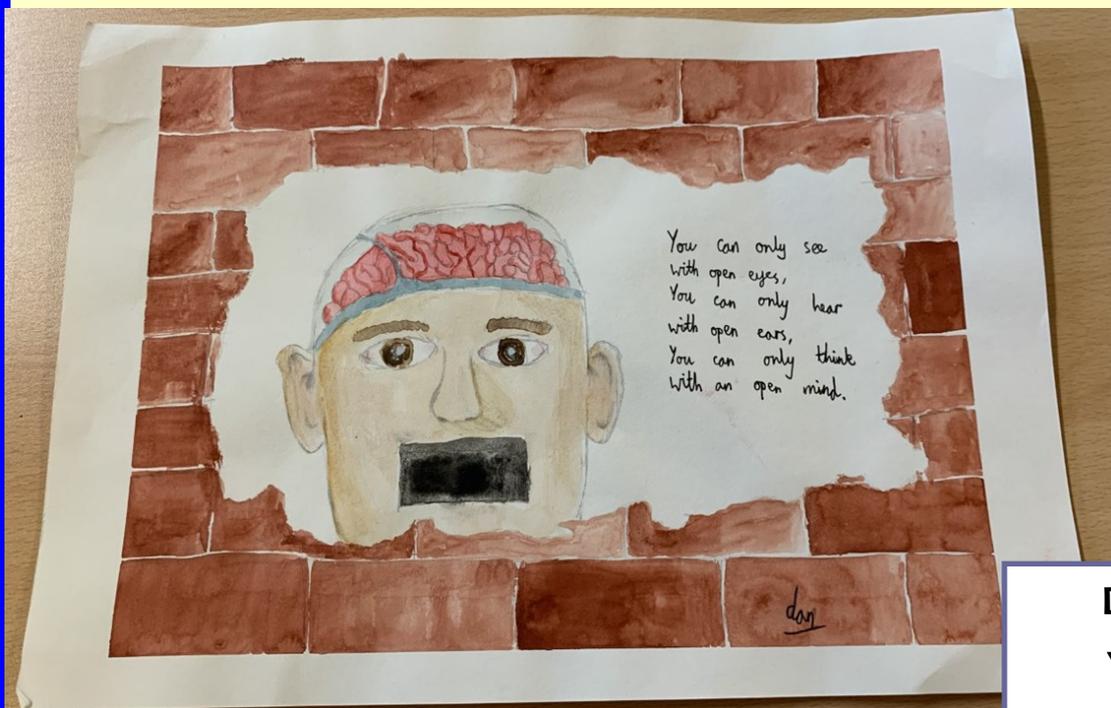
I took the words and illustrated them in my own style and tried to symbolise nature, earth, equality and the actual quote. I tried to convey about having an open mind which means all your senses are open to new ideas. Religions are based on many different ideas and beliefs.



**HARRY  
YEAR 7**

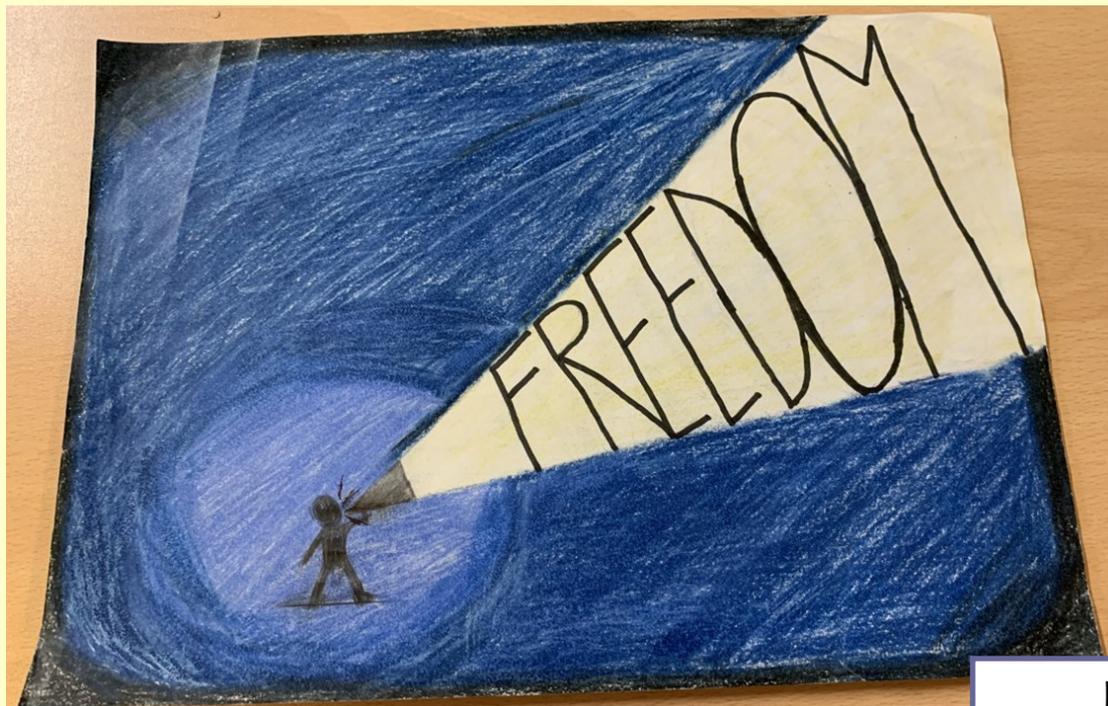


**SOPHIE**  
**YEAR 7**



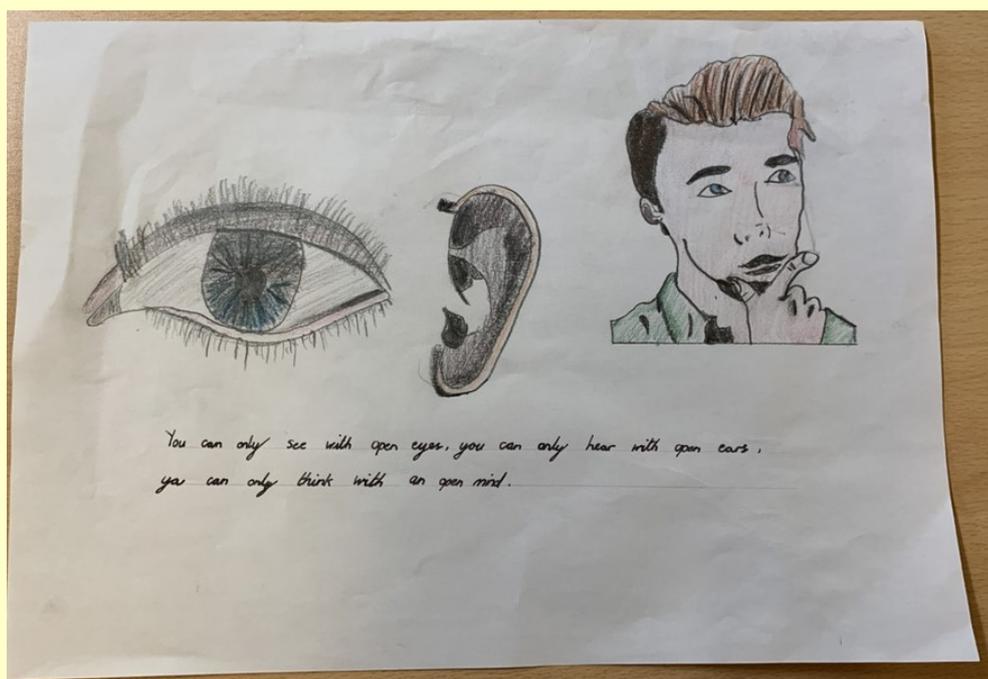
**DANIEL**  
**YEAR 7**

I drew this to show that people should be open minded, and that people shouldn't be afraid to share their ideas.



**FLO**  
**YEAR 7**

I thought really hard about the three phrases and researched art about freedom and rights which lead me to Amnesty International - an organisation which campaigns against injustice and inequality. My idea is inspired by some of Amnesty's artwork. It's a figure shouting in the darkness to bring light, their voice being able to speak out shows freedom and/or freewill.



**ADAM**  
**YEAR 7**

DARCEY  
YEAR 7



This picture represents 'open eyes', 'open ears' and 'an open mind' because the whole picture is the mind, the eye is open and the music represents the ears.



Pupils from across Year 7, 8 & 9 have been participating in sessions to answer the question 'Can we live on other planets?'. This is the fourth year of the STEM programme, with sessions run in partnership with Oxplore, part of Oxford University. The aim of these days is to improve the academic aspirations of our pupils, and encourage more students to not only think about going to University, but also to consider Oxford as a realistic option. These sessions have continued to run via zoom due to COVID restrictions.

The sessions began with pupils learning about University life, part of which was a tour of the campus by a current student from Warrington. Our pupils were able to gain an insight into a typical day on campus and were able to see living quarters, the Science labs and the library. Pupils were then given the opportunity to ask questions about University life to the researchers. They came up with some brilliant questions, especially relating to finance.

Year 7 & 8 focused their session on water, learning about the water cycle and trying to think of new ways to get water on other planets. Pupils took part in a Kahoot quiz about water, learning about how we drink the same water the dinosaurs once drank and also that a new born baby is made of 78% water. At the end of the session, pupils were given an opportunity to make a water filter using every-day materials, such as sand, stones and coffee filters. Our students really enjoyed this activity and when they realised that after filtering the water once, it was not clean enough, they continued to investigate how they could improve the filter.

Year 9 had a separate session about energy. In this session, they looked at different methods of getting energy on other planets, and the difficulties involved. They were given the opportunity to make a Starshade using paper, with most of us being unsuccessful. The session ended with a Kahoot quiz about providing energy on other planets, with Jamie proving to have the strongest knowledge and quickest reactions to win against all the other TCAT schools.

All pupils were exceptionally well behaved and were a credit to the school. I would like to thank the researchers from Oxford for their time as the sessions were interesting and informative and look forward to more sessions in the new year.

**Mrs. Gavin**

## Remembering Freddie

Year 10 pupils have been busy in the build-up to Christmas, raising funds for the Owen McVeigh Foundation. This is a charity which helps support terminally ill children. They offered a lot of support to Freddie Williams and his family several years ago. Freddie (pictured below with Liverpool's Virgil van Dijk) was a pupil in this year group who very sadly died in August 2019, from a type of bone cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma.

To remember Freddie and to support the Owen McVeigh foundation, pupils organised a raffle with fabulous prizes including two match tickets for Liverpool v Manchester United, a signed John Barnes picture, £20 Nando's voucher and lots more. They also organised a penalty shoot-out for Year 10 and some Year 11, shooting against Mr Taylor and Mr Anderson. All prizes were donated from local businesses, including the Co-op and Sainsburys.

The event was organised by Luke, Ollie, Lewis and Matthew, all in Year 10. Prizes were generously donated by Mrs Gill, Mrs Dunbabin and Mrs Williams. A staggering £1600 was raised in Freddie's memory.



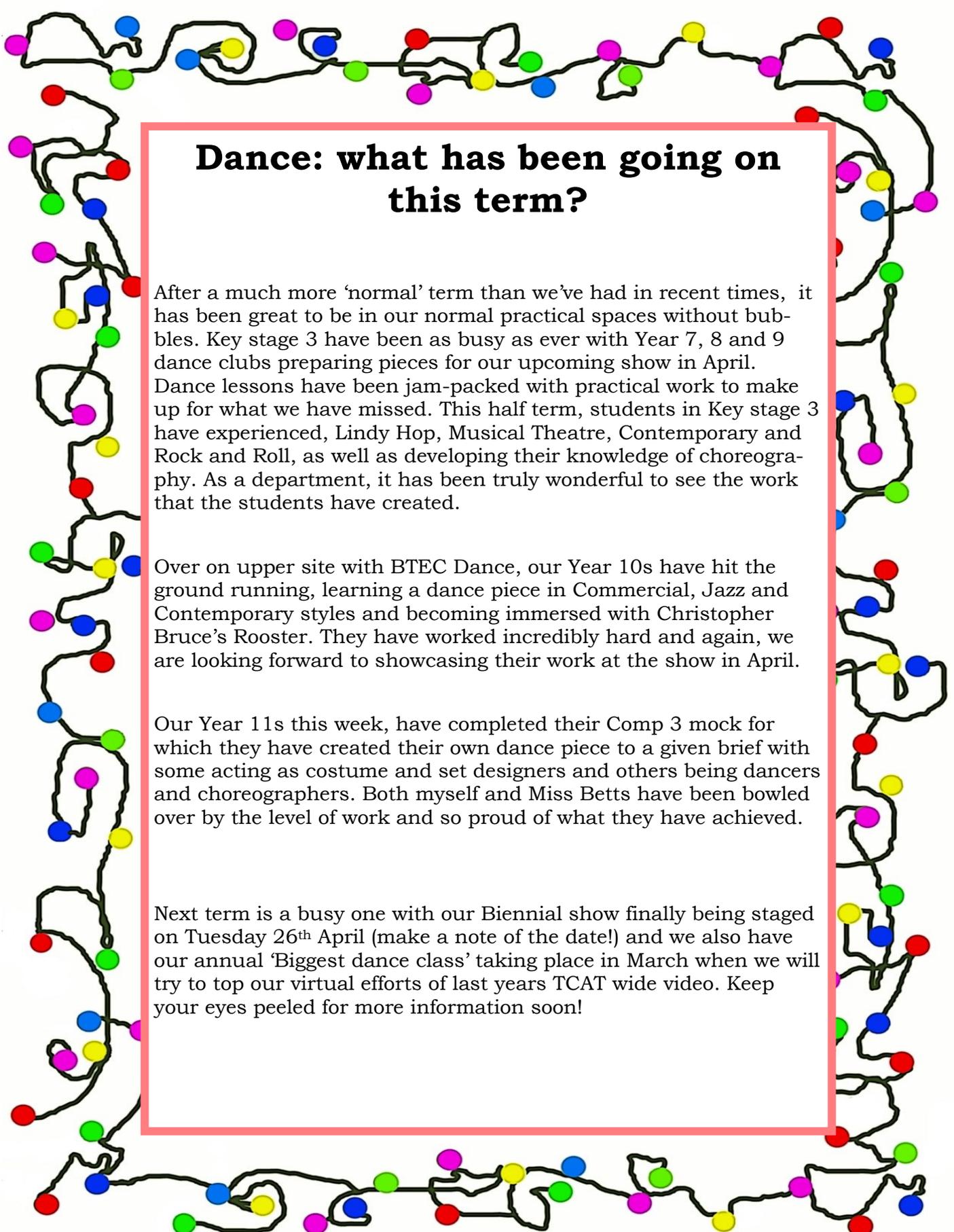


2021 Christmas D  
Competit  
Congratulations, to  
winners  
Eloise, Isabella, L  
Penelope, Quentin





Decoration  
ion  
the following  
:  
Laurence,  
and Faye



## **Dance: what has been going on this term?**

After a much more 'normal' term than we've had in recent times, it has been great to be in our normal practical spaces without bubbles. Key stage 3 have been as busy as ever with Year 7, 8 and 9 dance clubs preparing pieces for our upcoming show in April. Dance lessons have been jam-packed with practical work to make up for what we have missed. This half term, students in Key stage 3 have experienced, Lindy Hop, Musical Theatre, Contemporary and Rock and Roll, as well as developing their knowledge of choreography. As a department, it has been truly wonderful to see the work that the students have created.

Over on upper site with BTEC Dance, our Year 10s have hit the ground running, learning a dance piece in Commercial, Jazz and Contemporary styles and becoming immersed with Christopher Bruce's Rooster. They have worked incredibly hard and again, we are looking forward to showcasing their work at the show in April.

Our Year 11s this week, have completed their Comp 3 mock for which they have created their own dance piece to a given brief with some acting as costume and set designers and others being dancers and choreographers. Both myself and Miss Betts have been bowled over by the level of work and so proud of what they have achieved.

Next term is a busy one with our Biennial show finally being staged on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April (make a note of the date!) and we also have our annual 'Biggest dance class' taking place in March when we will try to top our virtual efforts of last years TCAT wide video. Keep your eyes peeled for more information soon!



### **Instagram and Twitter**

We like to showcase our students and celebrate success where we can. Please check out **BwaterDance** on Twitter and Instagram for regular updates as well as **BWHS\_drama** on Instagram to see what the Drama team have been up to. We show a snippet of what we do in and out of school with our lovely students as well as posting opportunities that our students may wish to take up.

On both pages we have showcased what our ex-students are up to after studying at Bridgewater to help our current Year 9s make informed decisions ahead of their options in January.

Make sure to follow us to check this out!

**Mrs Fleming (Nee Hughes)**



## Food Technology Christmas Competitions

Thank you for everyone who entered the KS4 Christmas Yule Log and KS3 Christmas Cookie Challenge. Competition. We were very proud and amazed by the quality of entries, brilliant cooking and decoration skills shown by everyone. You made it so difficult for us to pick winners, but in the end, we decided it had to be Laura in Year 10 (see her entry, right) and a range of winners from KS3. See below.

**Mrs. Callaway**



Above, Jessica, Year 7



Above, Olivia, Year 8



Above, Lucy, Year 9

Other brilliant entries are pictured below, created by Scarlett, Sophie, Keona, Roxanna, Eleanor, Gabriel and Alex.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



We are the Student Leadership Team at Bridgewater Highschool, and are proud to announce our upcoming events and Student Leaders! Our group is split into 5 teams, who aim to tackle different topics within our school. The 5 topics consist of;

Culture, Equality, Community, Environmental and Digital!

The Culture team, including Caitlin and Himasha in Year 9, wants to teach our school about the cultures of the world, and those within our community. Caitlin says she is really excited to widen the knowledge of students at our school to different aspects of the world around us.



Bella in Year 9 from the Community Group told us that she believes it is a great opportunity to make our school a better place through working with charities and helping those in need. The Environmental team aims to help our school be a cleaner and healthier place and love doing their part in protecting our planet. The Equality team

aims to make our school a more inviting place and the Digital team aims to help our school act better online!

The amazing students at Bridgewater supported us through our events in the last week of term, where we were fundraising for charities including the Food Bank, WODAC and The Roy Humphrey's Foundation. Thank you for helping us to make a difference. If you wish to get involved please contact Mrs Burrows

[j.burrows@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:j.burrows@bridgewaterhigh.com)).





## **TCAT Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Course**

On 6<sup>th</sup> September TCAT and Bridgewater High School welcomed a new cohort of students training to become Secondary School teachers and starting their teaching careers within TCAT schools. All have degrees in their subject specialisms. Some have joined us straight from University and some have joined us after successful careers in business and industry. Twelve are working under the watchful eyes of Mentors at Bridgewater and five have started training with Mentors in other TCAT schools. They will stay in their current schools until February half term, when they will move to a different TCAT school to further their training. This term has been a packed and busy term. As well as developing their classroom skills, they have completed their first PGCert assignment with Liverpool John Moores University and continued to develop their subject knowledge and adapt it to their classroom teaching. They enrich our TCAT schools as they support our classes, bringing in new ideas and approaches. Several of our students accompanied the recent Duke of Edinburgh weekends and others are running or supporting after-school Enrichment opportunities and clubs to benefit TCAT students. All are doing well and should be congratulated on completing their first term. We hope they all have a relaxing break over Christmas and come back recharged and full of energy for 2022!



**Train as a Secondary teacher with TCAT schools in Warrington**

**Complete all your training in TCAT schools within 5 miles of Warrington**



**Achieve QTS and PGCE**

**Learn from experienced current practitioners**



**Support for your subject knowledge from senior specialists**

**Gain Primary and KS5 experience**

**Begin your teaching career with us at Bridgewater High School and inspire young people for the rest of their lives**

**Email [j.hodgson@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:j.hodgson@bridgewaterhigh.com) for more details**

## MORE SPORTS NEWS

### Bridgewater PE

Ronnie in year 10 recently competed in the under 16s North West Regionals last and qualified for three events- 100m, 200m freestyle and 400m freestyle at Swim England National Winter Champs in December 2021. Well done. #Bwaterswimmer #swimmer #rising star

Well done to all runners who competed at Warrington Schools Cross Country at Walton Gardens. It was a great morning. #BWaterrunners #cross country



Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 A teams who won all of their games in the year 8 Warrington Schools competition this week. There was a super effort from all Bridgewater netballers. #BWaternetballers #netball #schoolnetball

There were also two great wins this last week of term for our Bridgewater Boys Y10 Football- Bridgewater 1. St Gregory's 0

Bridgewater 1. Birchwood 0

#BWaterboysfootball #BWaterwin

Congratulations to Bridgewater who won 10-9 on penalties against Whitby High School after drawing 1-1 in 70 mins in the Cheshire Cup after a goal from Seb in year 7.

#BwaterfootballsUPERSTARS #BWaterboysfootball

Massive congratulations are also due to Nicole in year 8 who made it onto the U13 Cheshire County Netball squad this week—a superb achievement; well done Nicole!

#BWaternetballsUCCESS #BWatersportsstar



Well done to the Year 7 boys who this week beat Great Sankey 2-1, but were beaten 1-0 by Kings. Man of the match goes to Rafael. #BWaterfootball #BWatersports

Bridgewater Y7 Girls Football played their first matches to represent school this week. We have 2 Year 7 Girls teams and it was a great night at Warrington League School Sport Partnership to debut our girls. All played with dedication and teamwork. There are exciting times ahead for the Girls Football at Bridgewater!



Bridgewater Girls Cheshire Cup enjoyed victory against Poynton with a 10-0. Scorers were: Charlotte 2, Erin 3, Orla 2, Ruby 1, Imogen 1 and Lucy 1. It was a fantastic performance.  
#BWatergirlsfootball #girlsfootball #cheshiregirlsfootball



Congratulations go to Joe and Ollie on their recent North West Counties Final win . It was a great effort by the boys and their team.  
#BWatersuccess



Well done Year 7 boys after a fantastic win this week against St Gregory's 4-3. Man of the match was Toby. #BWatersportsstars #BWater footballers



Future superstar Isobel in year 7 took part in the Liverpool and district swimming association age group championships. She swam in 7 events and achieved age group champion in five, 1 silver and one 4<sup>th</sup> place. Isobel was selected to attend Swim England talent development camp. What a fantastic effort!



## SPORTS NEWS

Well done to past Bridgewater student Tom in the ESFA U18 Schoolboys' North Squad.  
#BWatersportsstars



Congratulations to our Bridgewater student Arron in year 11 nomination for Warrington's U15's Man of Steel Award. @warrington wolves. #Bwatersuccess #Bwaterrugby



## SPORTS NEWS

Year 7 beat Cardinal Newman 17-11. Highly contested game. #Bwaternetball #netballers

Y8 Girls Football representation for School. Fantastic commitment from all girls involved and good goals scored. Wins against Newman 2-0, BCA2 3-0, draws Kings 1-1 and Penketh 0-0 and loss against BCA 1-0. #girlsfootball #BWatergirlsfootballteam



Well done to Junior boys team for making it to the Regional Finals of the Cross Country Cup 2021. This round will take place later in November. #bwaterrunners #bwatersuccess #bwaterruns

Massive congratulations go to Tilly in year 7 and Olivia in year 9 who were both successful in making the Cheshire Netball squads. This was an amazing achievement. #bwaterstars #netballstars

Netball mania has been in the air recently at Bridgewater with year 8,9 and 11 fixtures. There were some wins and some losses but lots of outstanding play with the highlight being our U16's narrow defeat to Oldham Hulme in the cup 30-26. We saw complete determination and intensity throughout. Well done to all. Congratulations to Imogen year 11 who achieved player of the match. #Bwaternetball

In the English Schools Cross Country Cup Cheshire round, our junior boys came 2<sup>nd</sup> place, our junior girls 5<sup>th</sup> and our inter girls, 4<sup>th</sup> place. Huge congratulations go to all runners on a fantastic team performance. #teambwater #bwaterrunners #bwaterxcountryteam

Congratulations go to the Year 7 boys Rugby League first representative games this last week of term. They beat Cardinal Newman, Great Sankey and Penketh and drew against Kings. It was a fantastic start! Training takes place on Tuesday nights..

Huge congratulations go to the Year 11 Boys who recently played in the Cheshire Cup Rugby against St Ambrose. Although they lost the match, they fought hard and represented Bridgewater with honour and pride. It was a fantastic effort by all. Man of the match went to both Max and Jacob

Massive congratulations go to Tilly and Tillie in Year 7 who were both successful in the trials to join the Netball Thunder U12 Pathway. This was a huge achievement for the girls. Well done! @Pathway Thunder @manchesterthunder. #bwatersportingsuccess #netball stars #BWaterPE





Well done to Bridgewater Y9 Girls Football @penkethHighPE hosting. It was a great afternoon of fixtures. The girls showed great team work and commitment. Matches won Penketh 3-0 and Kings 2-0. Drawn against Lymm 0-0, Culcheth 1-1 and Newman 0-0. #BWaterPE #girlsfootball #nextgenerationoffootball

Congratulations to Joe, Aaron and Ryan who have started their second year of the Warrington Wolves Scholarship and are all eager to get stuck in and work hard.

Well done to the Bridgewater Runners representing Bridgewater in the Cross-Country at Walton Gardens. It was a great morning. Well done to all our runners.



Congratulations to Joe in Year 11 as he was selected to train and play with Sale Sharks U16's Development Group, after completing summer training.

Congratulations to Joe, Aaron and Ryan (left) who have started their second year of the Warrington Wolves Scholarship and are all eager to get stuck in and work hard.

Huge well done to our U14 Netball Team who are through to second round of the National Cup.

Congratulations to our Y10/11 Girls Football Team who are Warrington League Tournament winners. Culcheth 1-0, Kings 8-0 and Newman 5-1. #welldone #Bwaterfootball

Seb in Year 8 represented NW England in a Triathlon in Galway, Ireland . Seb won his race under very difficult, windy conditions. The lake was very choppy making the swim pretty tough. He managed to come out of the swim with a good lead and maintain this through the rest of the race”.

Y11 Boys Rugby progressed through to Warrington Final at the Halliwell Jones after beating Sankey, Culcheth and Kings. Well Done.

Congratulations to Tyler in Year 7 who is now black belt in Taekwondo. Well Done.

Congratulations to Year 11 Lewis for successfully being selected for U16 Boys County Cheshire Football Squad. #sportingsuccess

## Fixtures & Results Year 7-11

### Boys Football

All boys football teams have experienced success in their fixtures during the first half term, with teams being entered into Warrington league fixtures on Wednesday evenings and Cheshire Cup competitions at various ages.

All teams have progressed into the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Cheshire Cup. The cup highlights are as follows:



U13 won 3-0 at Abbeygate and then dramatically beat Whitby 10-9 on penalties. The year 8 will face Bishops in the next round.

The U14 enjoyed a comfortable victory against a strong Blacon High School. The 4-0 win will see the boys face either Newman, Kings or Wade Deacon.

After receiving a bye in the first round, our Year 10s will face either Sankey or Kings in the third round of the Cheshire cup. A dominant display from the U16s saw them comfortably beat Wade Deacon 5-0.

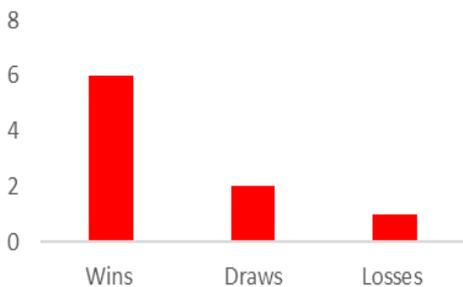
**SPORTS NEWS**

**Y7 Football**



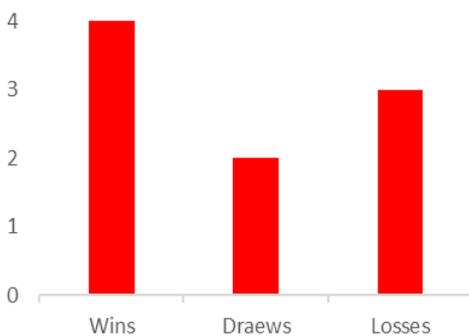
In the Warrington League, Year 7 have experienced a great start to footballing life at Bridgewater. Under the watchful eyes of Mr MacKay and Mr Taylor, the boys have won seven of their nine games which has seen them placed in division one for the second part of the season. All the boys have been excellent and are really showcasing their talent.

**Y8 Football**

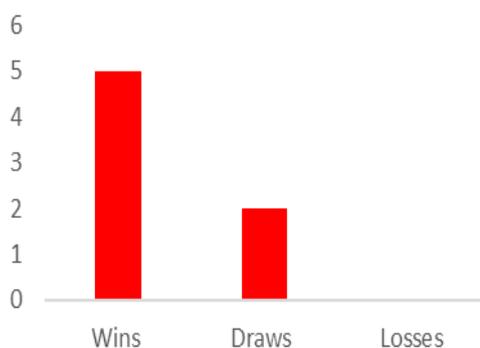


The year 8 boys have been excellent all year in both the league and the cup. They have progressed to the third round and have consistently performed on Wednesday Nights. The boys have recorded 6 wins out of their nine games so far this season. Mr Anderson is excited about the boys' development and where they can progress to in the cup this year.

**Y9 Football**



They Year 9 Football team has had some mixed results in the league this year, with 4 wins, 3 losses and 2 draws. But a strong 5-0 win in the cup has given Mr Smith a lot to look forward to as the competition develops into the new year.

**SPORTS NEWS****Y10 Football**

The year 10 football team have had a very successful start to the season. They are yet to lose a fixture in the Warrington League 9 aside tournament and will face either Kings or Great Sankey in their first Cheshire cup fixture.

**Girls Football**

Similar to the boys, all girls football teams have had an excellent term in both Wasp fixtures and Cheshire cup fixtures respectively.

Some key highlights from girls football this term include a strong performance from year 11s in the Cheshire cup at Poynton. The girls won 10-0 securing their place in the second round and will now face Alsager before Christmas.

Elsewhere, the under 14 girls face Wilmslow in the next round of their Cheshire Cup. In addition, the girls have performed excellently in the WASP football tournaments with big wins coming for Year 7/8/9 teams.



**SPORTS NEWS****Bridgewater netball is back!**

We are delighted to have our netballers playing and training hard once again at Bridgewater! It has not been an easy return with fixtures and transport difficulties. However, we have had several games, both friendlies and cup matches to keep us busy this term.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new year 7 players onto the netball scene with the highlights being our unbeaten A team record in the Warrington Schools competitions and our two starlets who have achieved a place on the Thunder squads at U12 level. There are super achievements for Tilly and Tillie!

It has been a great pleasure getting the year 8 netballers off to a flying start following all the cancellations of the past eighteen months. We have remained unbeaten in Warrington Schools and the highlight was Nicole securing a well-earned place on the Cheshire U13 squad.

Year 9 pupils have enjoyed returning to the court at Bridgewater with a squad which is strong in depth. They are unbeaten amongst Warrington schools and show super commitment in training. Massive congratulations go to Olivia who has achieved a place on the Cheshire U14 squad this year.

Our U14 and U16 dream teams have a mixed age squad from years 7-11 and faced some extremely tough opposition, winning several games then being knocked out of the National Cup. However, they played some amazing netball at a very high level at the start of the term in difficult conditions.

We cannot wait now to return to hard work and more fixtures in the New Year. The year 7-9 County Cheshire comps are held in March with several friendly festivals to keep us moving and playing!

Happy Christmas to our netball family and well done on a super term. Keep active and keep passing that ball!

**Mrs McKean and Mrs Marshall**

***Pictured on the back page, in suitably festive pose, are Baylee (Y10) and Mrs. Hendey, both of whom decorated our beautiful Christmas tree.***



*The Principal, Staff and Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students, parents, carers and friends, a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.*



PART OF THE CHALLENGE ACADEMY TRUST | NURTURE | CHALLENGE | ACHIEVE

**Principal**

Tim Long BA (Oxon)  
MA Ed, P.G.C.E, N.P.Q.H

**Headteacher Lower School**

Tracey Hatton  
BA Hons, P.G.C.E, N.P.Q.H

**Headteacher Upper School**

Keiron Powell  
BA Hons, QTS

**Registered Office.** Bridgewater High School, Broomfields Road, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 3AE **Company No.** 9286883