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WEEKLY PARENTS BULLETIN NO 14 – WEEK B

Week Commencing 3rd January 2023	
Tuesday 3rd January	Term 3 starts
Wednesday 4th January	
Thursday 5th January	
Friday 6th January	

There has been lots going on over the course of the final four and a half days of this term despite some snowy conditions at the start of the week and sub-zero temperatures!

Christmas dinners have gone down brilliantly in the canteen this week. Huge thank you to Mrs Harris and the canteen staff for catering for well over 500 students (and some staff more than once!)

Christmas Jumper Day on Friday was great too. There were some excellent Christmas jumpers on display particularly from some of our Year 7s

The Christmas Quiz was really hotly contested this year, but ultimate winners were 9JB. Thank you to Mr Palmer for designing the quiz!

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Finally, our end of term newsletter has just gone live – if you haven't already seen it, I'd recommend you have a read here. It really is amazing to see the range of experiences and opportunities that our students have taken part in over the course of this term.

Please note that we are back in school for the start of Term 3 on Tuesday 3rd January.
Wishing you and your family a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

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ENJOYMENT ACHIEVEMENT COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 9th December 2022:-

KS3 – Leo W – Year 9
KS4 – Grace S – Year 10

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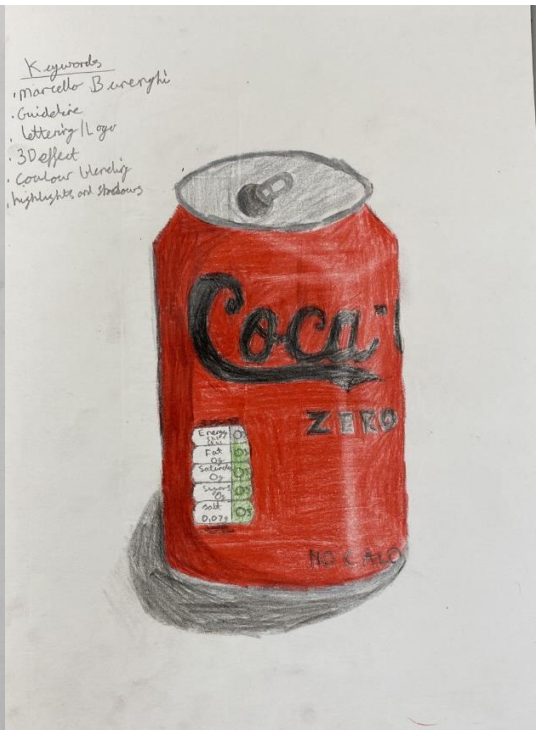
BRIGHT SPOTS

ART

Here are some lovely observational drawings done by my Year 8 students - they have been learning how to draw using blended colour tones, in order to create a 3D effect. They have all done so well. (Mrs Charles)

Toby G



Jayden S

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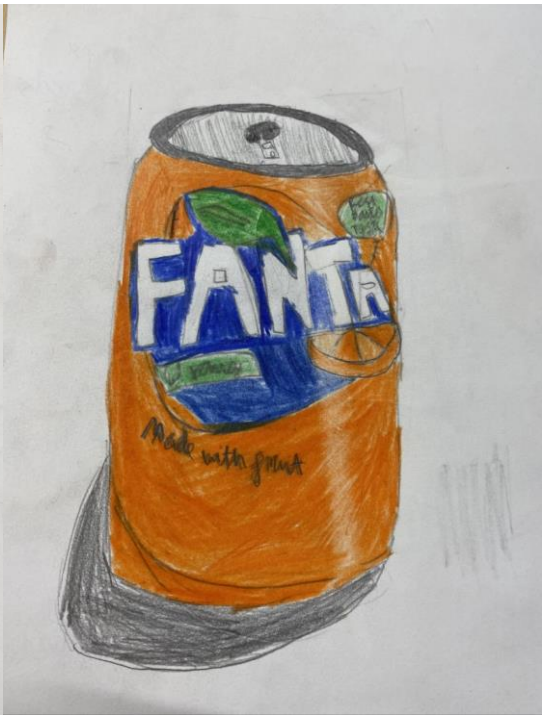
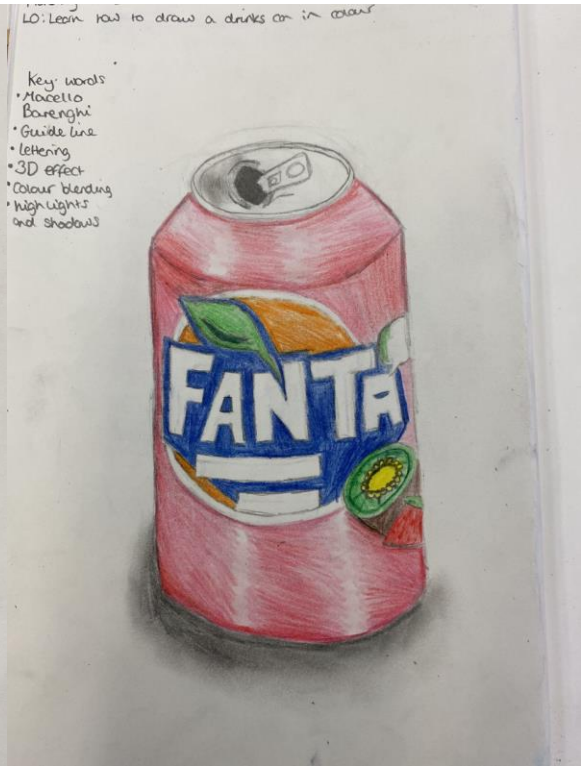
Franky T



Dylan A

Noah N



Evie M

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ASDAN

Asdan work from Seb L-R, Tyler B, Archie T and Josh W.

Year 10 have been working hard in Asdan. Two completed challenges were to produce an illustrated study of the life and work of someone. They chose Jeremy Clarkson, K.S.I., Brendan Fairclough and Tom Cruise.

They also had to investigate clay and then make something. They all enjoyed this and did some great work. Well done. (Ms McCormick)

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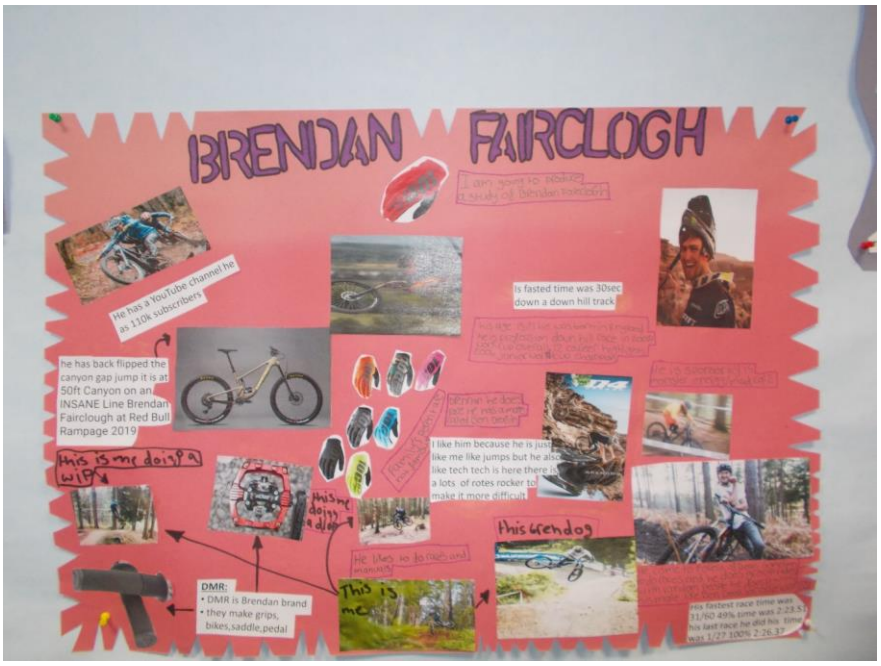

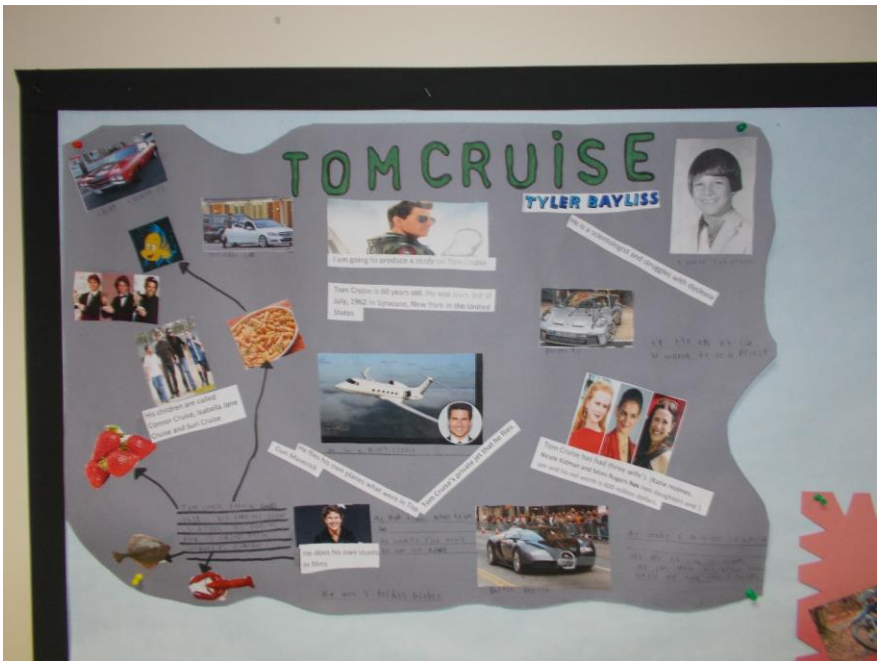

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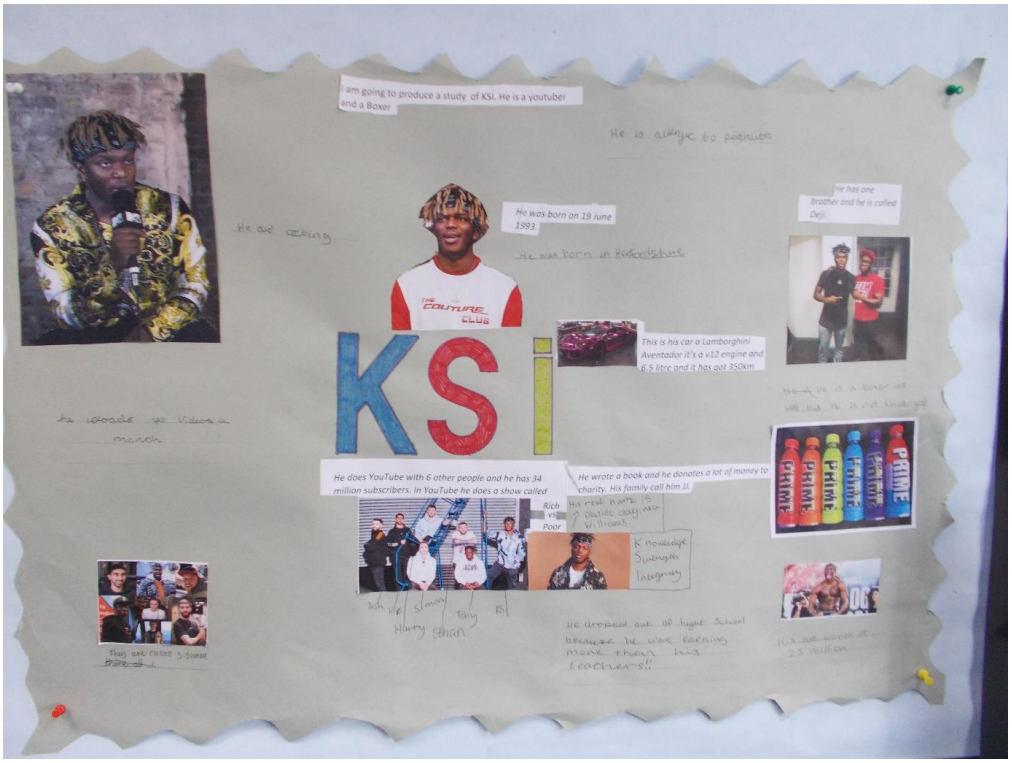

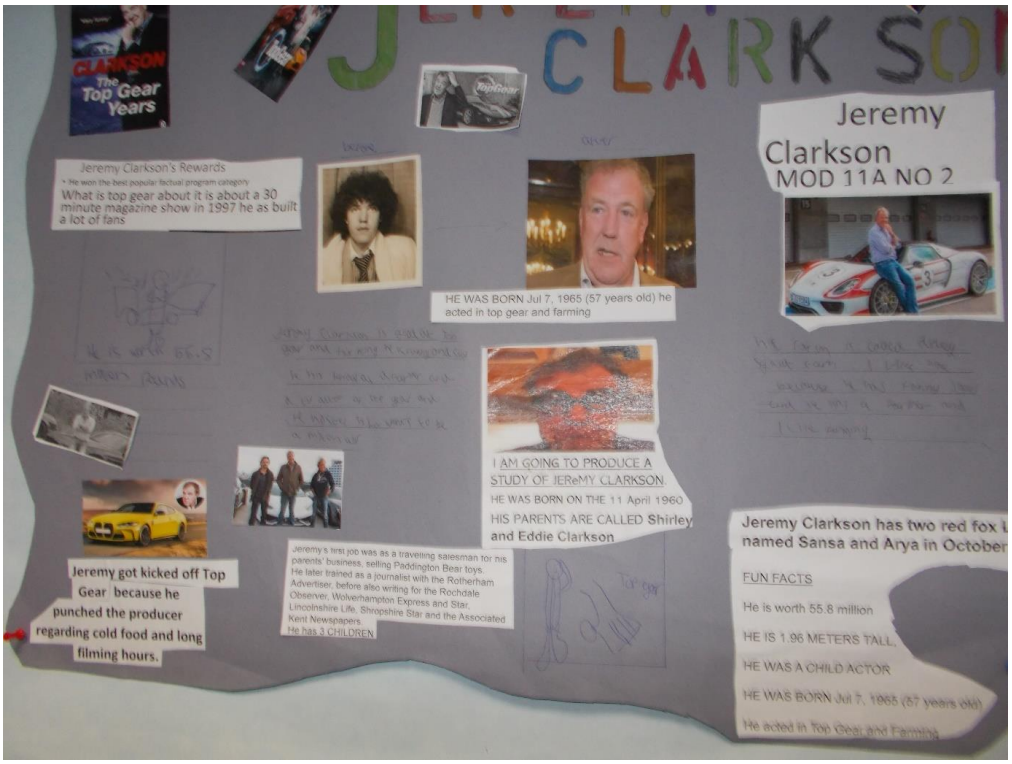

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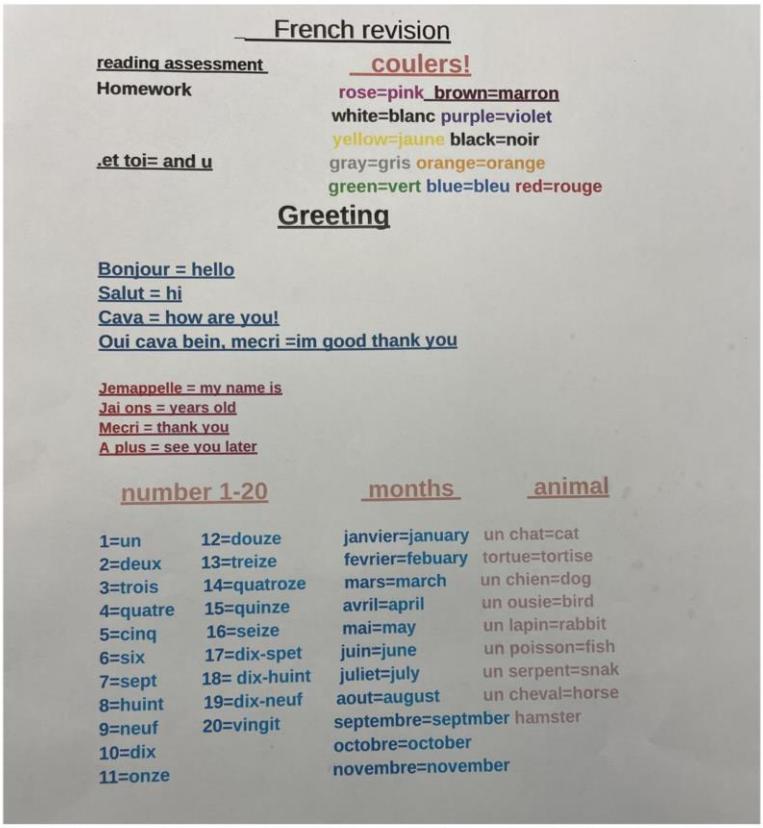
MFL

MFL Magic!

We have been so incredibly impressed with all KS3 and GCSE students of French and Spanish throughout the term. Their focus, effort and perseverance have been amazing and we are very proud of their progress as they continue to develop essential language skills so that they can seize opportunities across the world and be international leaders!

Here are some examples of outstanding work:



Brooke B in Year 7 used revision strategies that were discussed in class and during the Tutor Study Skills Programme to create some brilliant revision notes to prepare for the Year 7 French Reading and Translation Assessment this term!

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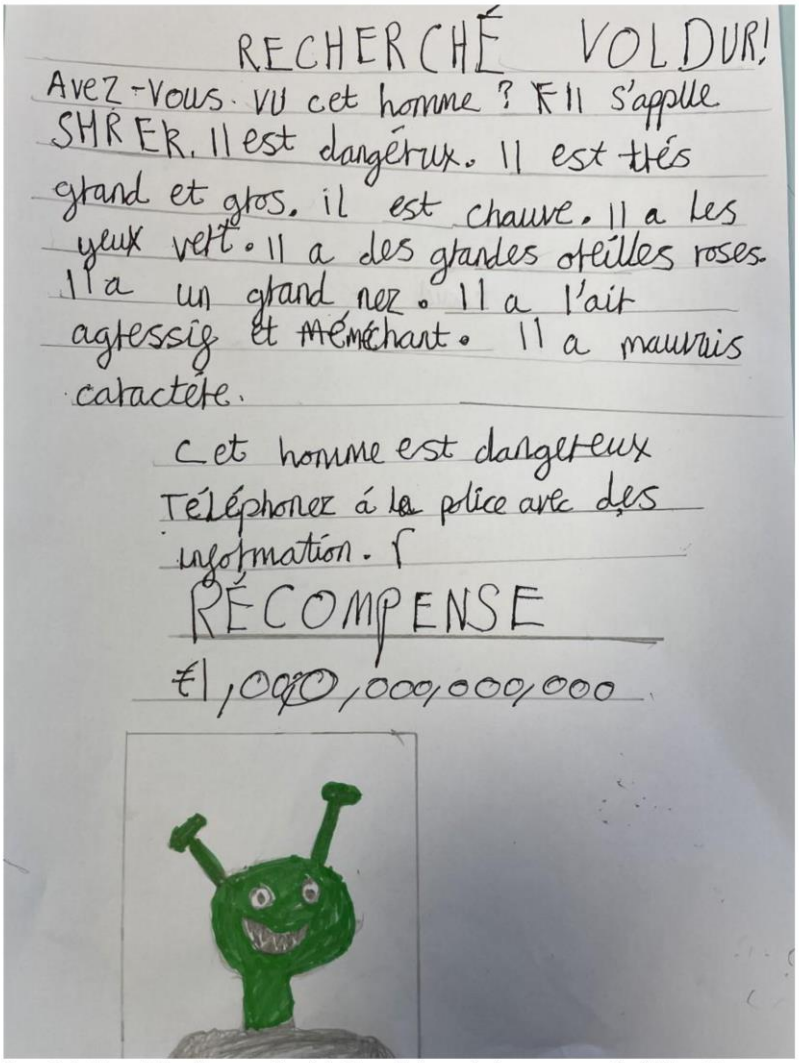

Sam B in Year 7 has been using his French knowledge to try to find Shrek!

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Mark H in Year 8 produced this fabulous fact-file about Spanish cities for his homework as we explored countries and thought about how different countries can inspire us as part of our term topic 'What inspires me?'

Las ciudades:

Madrid es la capital de España y 6.714.000 personas viven en Madrid. Pienso que Madrid es muy hermoso. Hay una catedral y un gran palacio. Es muy popular y quiero visitar Madrid porque es bonito y interesante.

Palma es en la costa de España con una población de 477.000 personas y hay edificios increíbles. Por ejemplo, hay el castillo De Bellver. Quiero ir a Palma porque hace calor y me gusta nadar en el mar porque es divertido. Pienso que las personas en España son muy graciosas y inspiradoras.

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FOOD/TEXTILES

Creative Christmas with Mrs GJ

The Year 10 have shown their creative flare with decorated fruit cakes, using marzipan and icing.

Year 9 textiles have been showcasing their designing and practical skills to create little recycled monster friends.

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EPIC – SECRET SANTA SHOPPING TRIP

In EPIC, our students have been enjoying the build up to Christmas this year, taking part in the festivities! Each year we do Secret Santa, enjoy a trip to Greggs, and eat Christmas dinner together - all of which enable our students to practice many life skills.

For Secret Santa, they find out a little more about each other, to help them pick a suitable gift for their chosen friend. We then go on a shopping trip where they purchase a gift, with a budget! They then wrap their gifts, and we exchange them on the last day of term.

The students also go to Greggs with a list of staff they would like to buy a special treat for, as a thank you. As staff, we get to see them practice road safety, handling money, and social skills in the community.

On Wednesday, we set out decorated tables in EPIC and enjoyed our Christmas dinner together. It was particularly amazing to see our students try new foods. They were all very helpful, moving and setting up chairs and tables, and washing and wiping up all the plates and cutlery. Finley was our EPIC DJ and also took pride in taking everyone's food order for their dinner, and Lucas was our star at washing up!

Wishing all of our students and staff a very Merry Christmas and a well-deserved break.

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHOCOLATE RAFFLE IN AID OF THE YEAR 11 PROM

Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate for the raffle today, particularly the Year 11 parents/carers. We gave out 80 prizes and raised over £300. (Mrs Price)

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Year 7 students enjoying their Christmas lunches.

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Headteacher Mr Brand joined our Year 11s for their Christmas dinner in the school restaurant, this will be their last Christmas with us here at The Dean Academy and the catering staff made sure it was extra special for them!

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