



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 24 – WEEK B

Week Commencing 11th March 2024

Mondy 11 th March	Inset Day (no students in school)
Tuesday 12 th March	Athelstan Trust colleagues in school (English & MFL)
Wednesday 13 th March	10.15 – 2.30 College Link Day at GlosCol Period 5 Drama Production Violence/Knife Crime – Year 7 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. Local Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 14 th March	
Friday 15 th March	

A real highlight this week was our first ever Music Awards Evening. It was so lovely to see parents and family members coming together to hear students perform and show off their talents. It was impressive to see the progress students have been making through individual 1:1 Music lessons and the confidence with which they performed was excellent. Thank you to Mr Peacock, Dr Matthews and Mrs Rodway for organising the event.

It was also really nice to see so many students engaging with our World Book Day activities on Thursday. Led by Ms Kesteven from our English team we had a range of exciting things happening in our library to promote a love of learning and an enthusiasm around books! It was lovely to see so many students taking an interest.

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A quick reminder to our Year 11 parents that you have been invited to join us for our mock results assembly on Thursday 21st March and then to stay with us for parents evening. A huge number of you have already signed up which is great – more information is [here](#).

Please be reminded that Monday 11th March it is an INSET day so students will be in school on Tuesday from 08:45 next week.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 th March 2024	Year 8 HPV vaccinations
21 st March 2024	Year 11 Parents Evening/Mock Assembly/ Reports to Parents
22 nd March 2024	End of Term 4 (3.15 p.m.)
8 th April 2024	Start of Term 5

ENJOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 1st March 2024:

KS3 – Violet B, Year 8

KS4 – Bailey W, Year 10

MUSIC AWARDS EVENING

Our Music Awards evening took place this week and was a resounding success. Parents thoroughly enjoyed the performances from our very talented students which included singing, solo brass, solo piano, the school band and much more! We are so proud of all the students that performed and showed the audience how hard work and practice pays off. A big thanks to Mrs Rodway, Mr Peacock and Dr Matthews for organising the event and special thanks to all those students and parents who attended. Looking forward to the 2025 music awards!



Leo LH & Afie RP



Maisie B



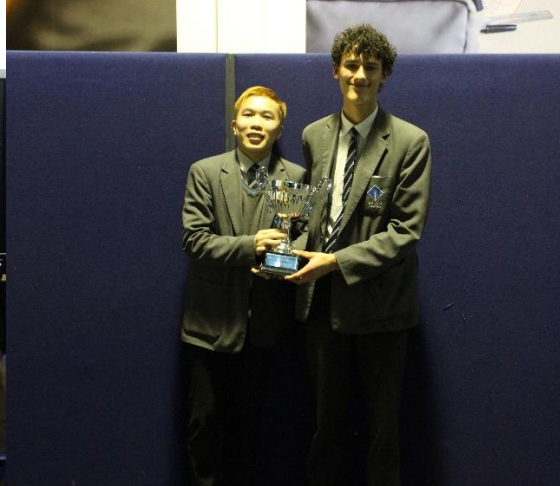
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April D & Oliver D



Oscar H & Jarom E



Oliver D



Max H



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Dina AA



Ameliana P



April D



Sophie H



Toby N



Leo LH



Jasmine S

Ivy E

WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day, the English Department organised lots of fun activities and competitions for students in the Library throughout their lunch break. There were author anagrams that students were tasked to unscramble, a poetry or song quiz and a match the book to the title competition. It's a great way to promote a love of books and reading!



Alex P & Cohen P



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Ava L, Jack B, Olivia C



Ava L & Jack B



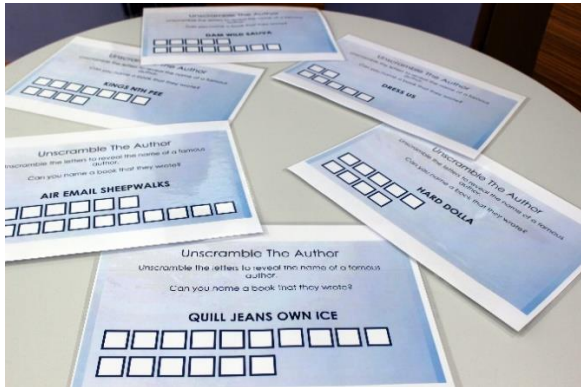
Carter G



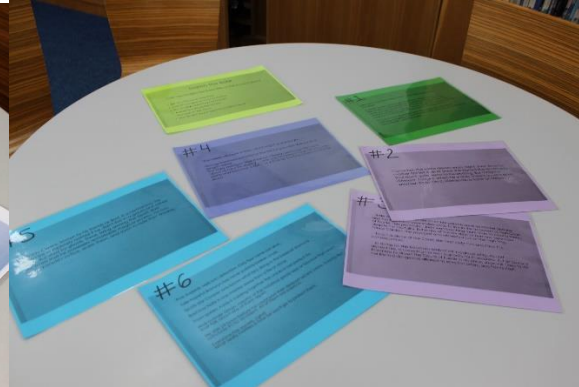
Isla S



Lydia JB



Author Anagram



Match the Book

PRIMARY TRANSITION - SCIENCE

Pupils from Lydney C of E Primary visited our Science Department recently for a lesson on the circulatory system with Mr Webb. We hope that they enjoyed looking at lungs and participating in a heart dissection, Mr Webb was really impressed with the students and their level of knowledge about the heart!





BRIGHT SPOTS

ART

Year 7s have created some fantastic Aboriginal dot paintings today with Mrs Charles in Art as part of their Aboriginal art project. They created the dots using cotton buds. Great work, well done!



Cameron L



Isla S



Eden-Mae H



Jonah R



James A

Jasmine K



Joseph C



Lydia JB



Mia S



Noah M

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 9s have been busy cooking some colourful and tasty curry dishes as part of their assessment this week with Mrs Gittins-Jones.



Cameron R



Cobain B & Ethan H



Cobain B



James P



Ruby G



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Year 7s baked some very impressive fruit muffins this week in Food Technology! Students could choose to use either fresh, frozen, tinned or dried fruit for their creations - they all look very delicious!



Charlie B & Harry H

Harry H



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Samara S



Tabitha T



Charlie B



Cody LM



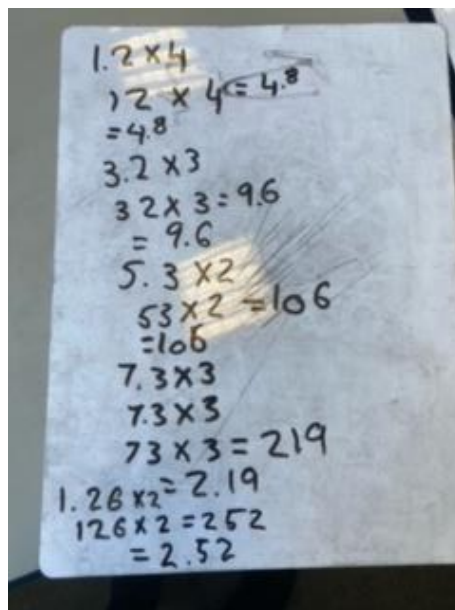
Annie P





MATHS

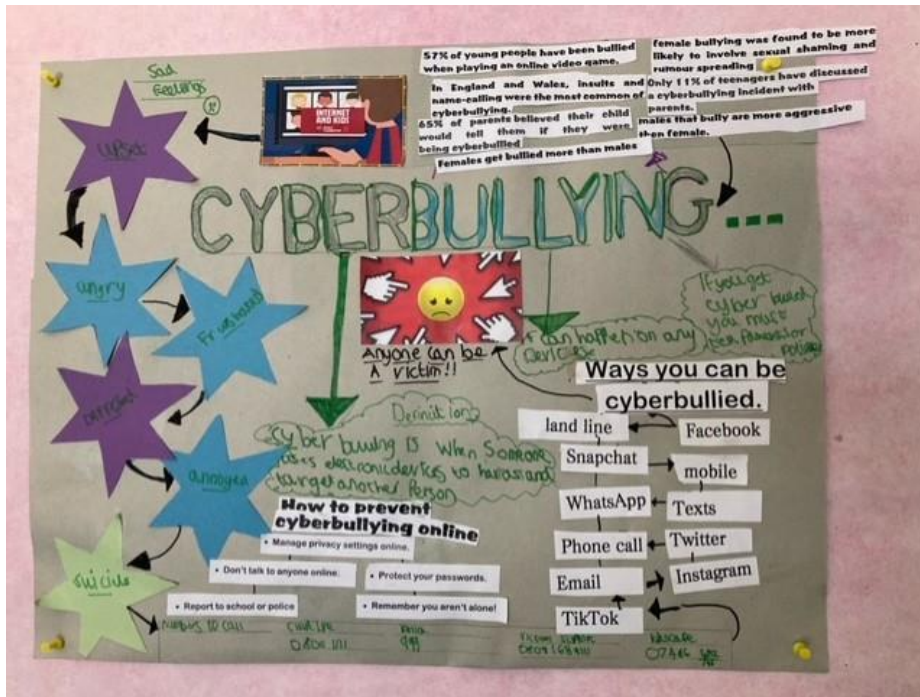
Amazing work by Ellie O-D in Year 8.



ASDAN

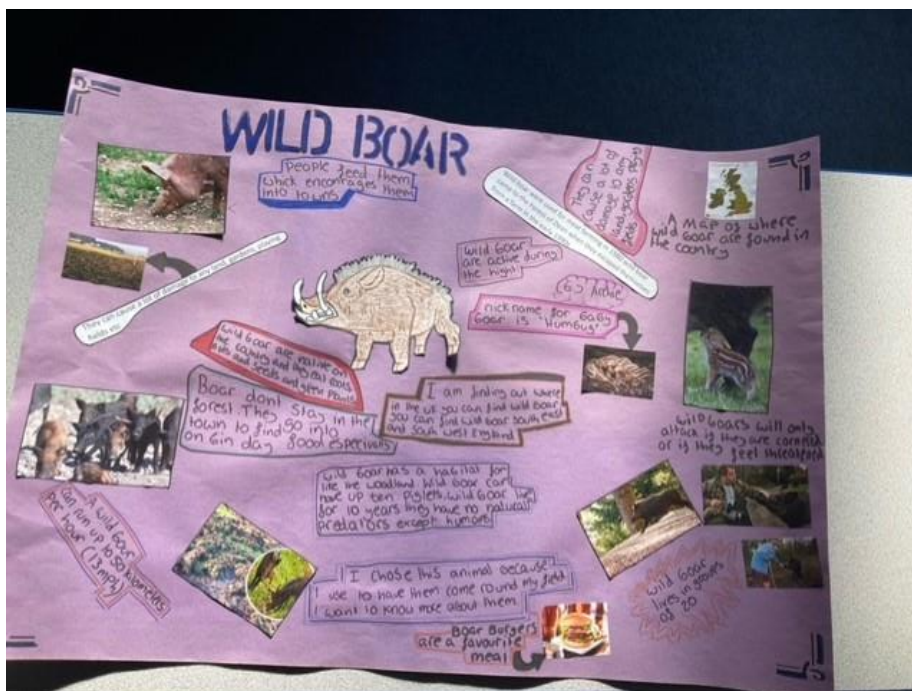
Year 11 Asdan students have been working on challenges regarding Cyberbullying and studies of wild animals found in Great Britain.

Using his own knowledge and information from the Internet, Seb L has created a poster about Cyberbullying, which gives information of what it is and where to go for help if it ever happens to you. He was surprised to find out how many places there are where you can be Cyberbullied.



Archie T decided to find out as much information about Wild Boar as he could and included his own knowledge when he prepared a poster with drawings, information pictures.

Both students are working towards their Silver Award in Asdan.





MFL

Wow und wunderbar! One of our amazing MFL Ambassadors in Year 8 has gone above and beyond with continuing to practise and develop his Deutsch (German) skills following Frau Klauke's visit to The Dean Academy this term! He has made his own German study guide, as well as flashcards with key German phrases so that he can practise and share his love for Deutsch with others! Wow! Wir sind so unglaublich stolz auf dich! We are so incredibly proud of you!



Cohen P

MFL Masterpieces:

KS3 students were invited to complete an extracurricular cultural project this week so that students could continue to expand their awareness of different countries, cultures and languages across the world. Miss Eddy has been incredibly impressed with students' phenomenal work and would like to say an enormous 'bravo' to all who submitted work- all of your work was amazing! Here is a small selection of some of the wonderful pieces of work that students submitted!



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Colombia
A Spanish speaking country

Colombian animals

Delfin	Yaguarete	Rana
Ranura	Tiburón	Mono/a

Facts about Colombia (in Spanish)

1. La capital de Colombia es Bogotá.
2. La población de Colombia es 48,168,196.
3. Colombia tiene una amplia gama de climas.
4. Colombia fue encontrada en 1822.
5. El verdadero nombre de Colombia es república de Colombia.

Noah Y (Year 7)

Why is learning French important???

- 29 countries, including Belgium, use French as the national or official language. Additionally, France has 11 Overseas Territories, which are administrative subdivisions of France outside of the mainland. According to the 2022 report of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), 450 million people speak French. Meaning you can communicate with 450 million new people with just 1 language!



Bea L (Year 8)

POPULATION
The population of Chad is a massive 18,887,348 and is growing at a rapid rate of 2.7% per year.

LOCATION
In the continent of Africa Chad is situated in North Central Africa but is a landlocked country and is located 500 miles to the north, Sudan to the east, the Central African Republic to the south, Cameroon to the south west and Nigeria to the southwest.

It does not touch any other country and it is one of the poorest in the world. More than 50% of the population live in rural areas. Chad is a landlocked country that is made up of many different ethnic groups.

Tobias B (Year 8)

Puerto Rico
Puerto Rico is a beautiful tropical country in South America without being a state. With 300 miles of beaches and so much more, this is a country that has rich culture and fascinating facts to it, so read!

Population
Puerto Rico has a population of 3.7 million people, making it the most densely populated island in the world. It is a territory of the United States and is located in the Caribbean Sea. The population of Puerto Rico is 3,700,000.

Sofia B (Year 7)

Location
Puerto Rico is one of the territories not incorporated to the United States. It is the only territory that has its own constitution. Puerto Rico is the 14th most populous of the Antilles Major Islands in the Caribbean, located to the east of the Dominican Republic.

Es posible que se encuentres con personas que hablan una mezcla de español o "Spanglish", dada la influencia de Estados Unidos en la isla.

The Language

- ¿Es verdad o no?
- Hola
- Hola
- ¿Cómo estás?
- Estoy bien.
- Bienvenidos a Puerto Rico.
- ¿Mi nombre es...?
- ¿Cómo te llamas?
- ¿Qué tengas un lindo día!
- ¡Adios amigo!

Sofia B (Year 7)

La superficie terrestre de Bolivia es de 1.096.51 kilómetros cuadrados.

Los animales de Bolivia incluyen llamas, paguees, condors, alpacas, camélidos, parroticos, y muchas otras especies.

Do you speak English?

En el este y norte del país el terreno es abarba. Se le llama a esta zona por las tierras bajas conocida como Oriente.

Parlez-vous français?

Population: La población de Bolivia es 10.00.900

Bolivia es un país sin salida al mar en América del Sur, que limita con Brasil, Paraguay, Argentina, Chile y Perú.

Bolivia's official language is Spanish as well as 36 other indigenous languages.

Tia Adams 7X1

Tia A (Year 7)

MEXICO

Mexico es conocido por su cultura amigable y feliz entre su población. Aunque México tiene la mejor población hispanohablante, no tiene un idioma oficial, se utilizan otros 68 idiomas dentro del país.

- the population in Mexico is 126 million
- Mexico is located south of the USA

Isla A-H (Year 7)



The official capital of Benin is PortoNovo, but Cotonou is Benin's largest city, its chief port, and its de facto administrative capital. Benin was a French colony from the late 19th century until 1960. To the East of Benin lies the Niger River, which is the principal river of western Africa, with a length of 2,600 miles. It is the third longest river in Africa, after the Nile and the Congo. Benin's population is 13 million! Benin is an incredible and interesting country people that so little people know about!



Ellie P (Year 8)



Facts about Mexico

- México es el hogar de la pirámide más grande del mundo. (Mexico is home to the world's largest pyramid)
- En México se hablan 68 idiomas diferentes. (68 different languages are spoken in Mexico)
- México tiene montañas, selvas tropicales y desiertos. (Mexico has mountains, tropical rainforests, and deserts)
- El animal nacional de México es el águila real. (Mexico's national animal is the golden eagle)

Cameron R (Year 9)



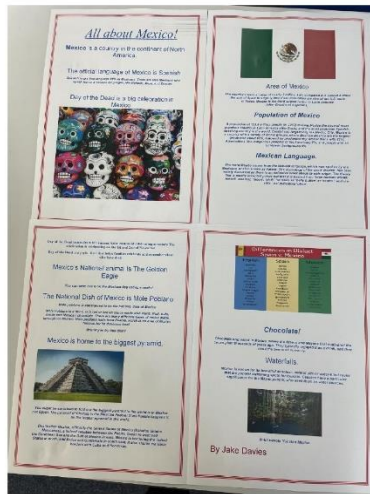
Sports

- Spain is famous for producing some fantastic footballers in recent years ranging from the likes of Ronaldo, Messi, Iniesta, Xavi and Andres Iniesta. They also are famous for their tennis players Rafael Nadal, who has won the Wimbledon tennis title several times.

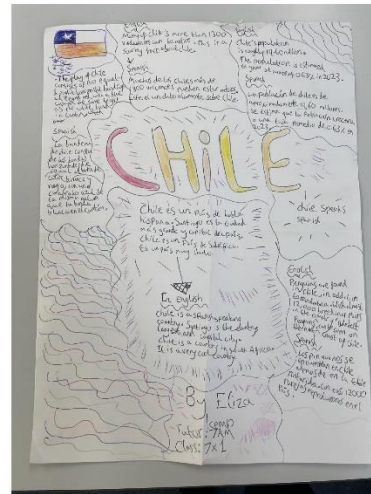
Barcelona (My favourite city)

- If you visit Spain you will have to visit Barcelona. It is a beautiful city with a lot of history and culture. It is also a great place to visit if you love the sea and sun. Barcelona is a city of contrasts, with its modern architecture and its rich history. It is a city that has something for everyone.

Toby H (Year 7)



Jake D (Year 7)



Eliza K (Year 7)



Theo (Year 8)



WRITER OF THE WEEK

THE DEAN ACADEMY WRITER OF THE WEEK 'TO FIGHT'

The dreaded came to fruition
Alastor, destroyed, failed in his mission
Adam's hold beams wreaking havoc
All hope lost, or so the feeling would rock

My brilliance and bravery would work one last
time
For a plan formulated in my mind
"I will stop this beast!" A goal set anew
"Battalion, come now!" I knew what I had to do

As I climbed the hotel I could only think of one
thing else
My love for my enemy turned friend, Cherise –
my explosive Belle
I saw her climb the door next to me
I caught her, proclaimed my insanity
I kissed her, not gently

Before I embarked on my ninth symphony
I released my confession to her: remember me.
My face red, I heard her say
"I'll never forget you." It felt like ecstasy

In my ship, ready for anything, unlike the
Hoteliae
Commanding the battalion, "Ready the death
ray."
The craft flew towards the angel of death
Sweat on my face, yolk in my hand, I took a deep
breath

"Sir, Pentious, haver of friends" I thought with
tears in my eyes
I exhaled and said to my boys, "Fire." With no
remorse in my side
Pointed at Adam, the ray shot
A white flash, then nothing.

I feel, weightless, the voice
"Pentious" a voice said, and without a choice
I shot up to a light in the sky
Confused but ready, or am I?

I pass through, blinded by the white
I regain sight, fall, but nonetheless, fight
Stood up now, I asked the winged people ahead
"What, whe – where am I?"
I see now they're angels, as end tick in my head

Smiling I wave, not knowing what to do or to plea
One of them, distraught, the other smiling with
glee
I calm as I see Heaven,
Heaven is where I be.

By Tristan (Year 10)



Tristan H



ENGLISH

Leo F in Year 10 has produced a really good piece of narrative writing for his English milestone.

Milestone

Walking down the cliff my feet tremble. I realize what happened, I'm on the edge of a cliff and my legs appear to be broken with no way off the cliff, my hands start to shake, and I began to start wheezing uncontrollably the feeling of fear and nervousness is overwhelming. As I regain my thoughts and sense of consciousness I look around at my surroundings. The sound of the rain pounding down like bullets, the sun gleaming slowly reducing my skin to a fiery red colour. Over time I spot black and white hawks in the distance elegantly flying in the vicious and unmerciful winds. The hawks slowly leave my eyesight after being a blur and what appeared to be a black speck in the air, they have finally flown far away from me luckily not spotting me and thinking of me as their next meal.

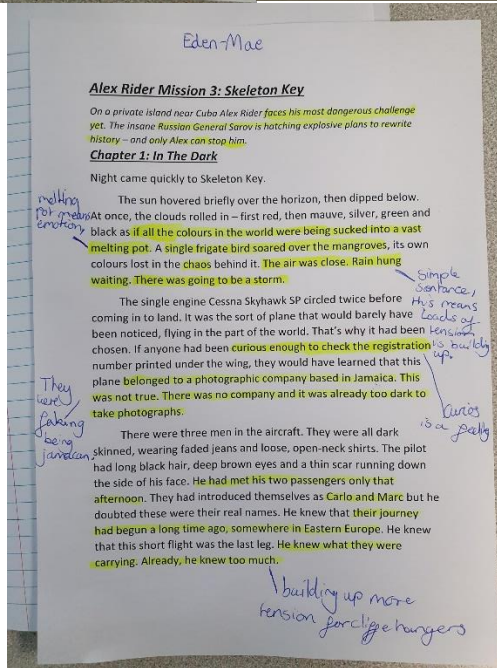
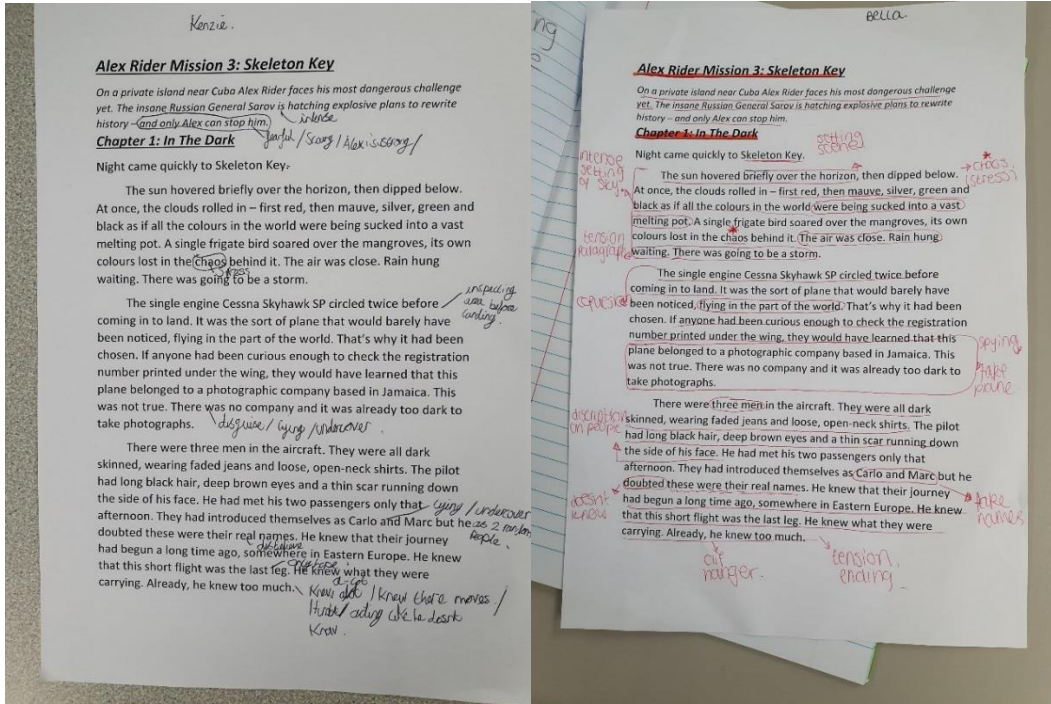
I wonder how I got here, when I woke up, I must have bashed my head and received brain damage or maybe worse, but that doesn't matter now. I can hear my own heartbeat endlessly echoing through my body where all hope of getting of this steep and soggy mountain is slowly dwindling. But just then I can hear what I believe to be a helicopter in the very far distance rumbling aggressively through the hollow and beautiful orange sunset sending a shiver down my spine and reigniting my sense of hope. Believing that I may after all be saved.

With this burning emotion residing with in me I wait. Expecting the worst, I readied myself expecting a helicopter to enter my eyesight any minute now, the noise of the helicopter is getting closer every minute, but I don't know if I can wait long enough now. My immense dehydration leaves a bitter and horrible taste in my mouth. Catching my last few breaths now I start panicking again. Hoping the helicopter gets here soon. Finally, I see the helicopter, it's approaching me extremely fast. Before I know it the helicopter is directly above me still flying in the same direction, furiously I start waving a them sending a message that I'm stuck on the edge of the cliff face.

Out of hope I re enter a calm state of mind. Knowing my death is soon good emotions regret and sadness start flowing through my head, I wish I did all the stuff I wanted to do. Not long after I drew my last breath I wonder, is this my end!



Mrs Berry's Year 7 class have completed some excellent annotation for their Spy Fiction unit.





AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

This week, in our after-school Dance Club, students have been exploring lifts, leans and tilts with Mrs Rodway. They had lots of fun and really surprised themselves at how capable they were at safely lifting others and they quickly overcame any worries about being lifted! Fantastic work.





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ATHELSTAN TRUST MATHS CHALLENGE

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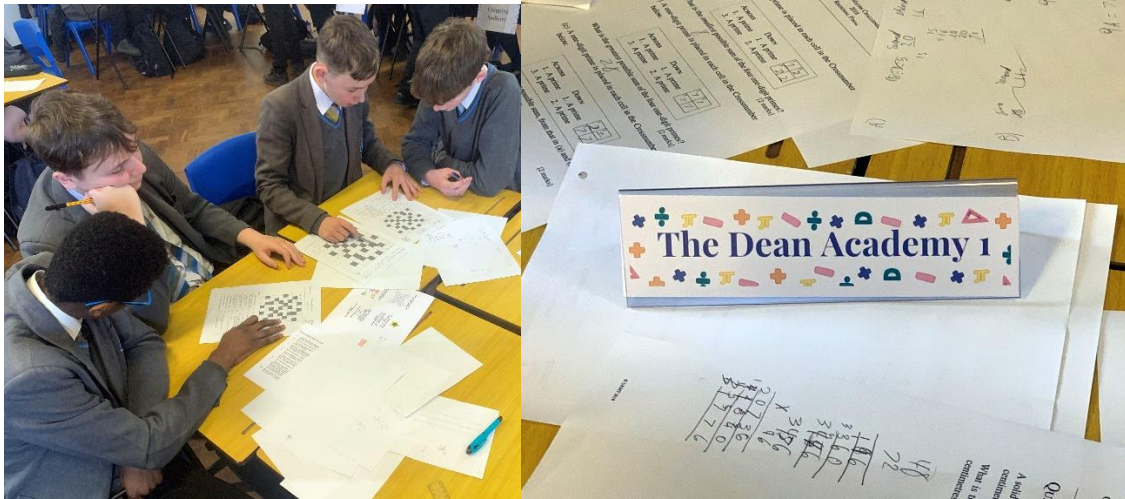




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SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

Our fabulous gardening helpers got stuck in this week making our first raised bed on the school allotment. They are already discussing what they'd like to plant first!

Jayden G, Charles H, Finley S

