



## WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 7 – WEEK A

Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning Tours this week
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher of Maths Interviews
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher of Girls' PE Interviews (maternity cover)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Bronze D of E Expedition

Dear TDA families

I hope that this finds you keeping well. As we swiftly approach the last two weeks of this academic term (where has the time gone!?), life at TDA remains busy with lots happening both inside and outside of the classroom.

On Monday we launched our "5 week countdown" with our Year 11 students as we approach their first set of mock examinations commencing after half term. Students were provided with a booklet of revision materials to support their preparation for these and we have been incredibly impressed to see a large number of students utilising these resources as part of their Period 6 in the library. We have also seen an increase in students attending additional after school revision sessions with their class teachers, demonstrating excellent ownership over their learning. As we say to all our students, they just need to work hard, look after their wellbeing and try their best.

On Wednesday we welcomed Keval Shah, new Chair of the Trustees, alongside Dr Tim Gilson, CEO of The Athelstan Trust. Keval and Tim spent a couple of hours walking around the school, popping into lessons and speaking with students. They were both incredibly impressed with the hardworking ethos that TDA students demonstrated. Keval highlighted his key take home message that the students vocalised how friendly and inclusive they feel the school is and how proud they are to be a part of it – wonderful feedback from our learners!

On Thursday we took part in the national "Hello Yellow" on World Mental Health Day where students and staff were invited to wear something yellow to raise the profile of the important issue of mental health in young people and to raise funds for Young Minds. Thank you so much to all who got involved and I am delighted to share that we raised £240. There will be further events across the year to further raise the profile of this important issue.

This week our DofE Bronze expedition will be taking place – we hope that the weather is kinder to this group than the Silver students! In spite of the unfortunate weather, the assessor for the Silver group from DofE was incredibly impressed with the preparation and skills that our students displayed on



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their expedition and went so far as to comment that it was the best he had seen all year – high praise indeed! Thank you to Mr Kelley and the rest of the staff involved in preparing and supporting these students.

Finally, I have had some members of the public contact us with concern that for some of our students that are crossing busy roads, particularly at the end of the day, are not being as vigilant when they cross as they may need to be and not checking both ways. We will ensure that a member of staff is outside of the school by the road to remind students as they cross Church Road, however; if your child does walk to and from school please do remind them of road safety, especially as the evenings get darker.

Wishing you all a lovely week.

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ENJOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

KS3 – Ben L – Year 9  
KS4 – Adele B – Year 10

## TERM 1 DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Photographs
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Term Ends (3.15pm)

## 100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to everyone in 7KLC who were treated to doughnuts for 100% attendance across the tutor group last week.



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Ava H



Charlie W



Chloe S



Sam W



Kirsty Mc



## CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

Congratulations to our Year 9 superstars who have been awarded the most positive points in their year group so far, with zero negative points. They all enjoyed some hot chocolate and pastries in the school restaurant this morning with the Headteacher. Amazing, well done!



## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Students have gone above and beyond in supporting World Mental Health Day today. We have had students come to school dressed as minions, ducks, bananas and even Pudsey and Winnie the Pooh. By wearing an item of yellow clothing to school our students are donating to the YoungMinds charity, demonstrating that we are not alone with our mental health, because we stand brighter together!



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Ben R & Lucas H



Dylan D, Oliver V, Alfie D & Oliver H



Freya C, Alice C, Lilly W & Kayleigh E



Jack G, Oliver T, Harley HJ & Alfie M





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Jack



Lily R

Oliver H, Oliver V & Katelyn B



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Poppy N



Skye B, Layla MM & Kara S



Toby N



Year 11s

## MFL

Some of our wonderful Year 9s have been busy preparing for an exciting Year 9 MFL Spelling Bee that will have the final held at The Cotswold School in January 2025. Students will be entering for French, German and Spanish and will be given one minute to spell as many words as possible from the new GCSE word lists in that time- all whilst using the alphabet in the target language! Students will be competing against eight other schools- we wish all the students from all the schools the very best of luck! We're so excited!



## BEYOND WORDS READING PROGRAMME

8ER are reading the classic tale of 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens in their tutor time as part of our Beyond Words reading programme, and they are really enjoying it! The archaic language and finding out new words have been really rewarding. They've also enjoyed acting out some parts and remembering plays they've seen.

A quote from the book "For the rest of his life, Oliver Twist remembers a single word of blessing spoken to him by another child because this word stood out so strikingly from the consistent discouragement around him."



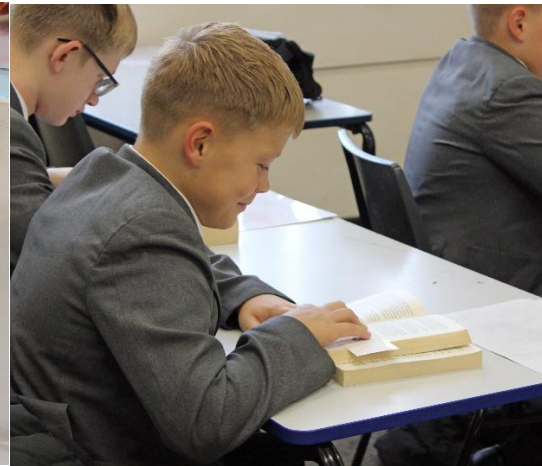
Alfie MM



Jayden P



Max H & Wesley A



Riley MM



## READING AMBASSADORS

Here are our wonderful reading ambassadors, who this week, have been preparing for their new roles! As a reading ambassador, students are being trained to read to others in the school. They will be responsible for having a say in our school library including the choice of books, looking after the library at lunch time and helping to support events throughout the year. So far, they have learned about recommending books and how to read to each other. They are all such wonderful and inspirational students and Miss Radcliffe cannot wait to see the work they do this year!



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Lucibella S & Elsie R



Olivia C & Eleanor T



Lydia JB & Rosemary T



Zeke R & Marlee WH



Zeke R, Marlee WH with Miss Radcliffe



Elsie R

## DofE SILVER QUALIFYING EXPEDITION

Over the weekend, our fantastic Year 11 Silver DofE students completed their qualifying expedition in the Brecon Beacons. The external assessor was very impressed with their planning, map reading and cooking skills as well as their camaraderie, stating that they were one of the best groups he has supervised this year. The students represented the best of themselves and were excellent in some very challenging conditions. We are very proud of them!

### Year 11 Participants

Katelyn, Eleanor, Ryan, Ines, Cameron, Jake, Charlie, Ollie, Cooper



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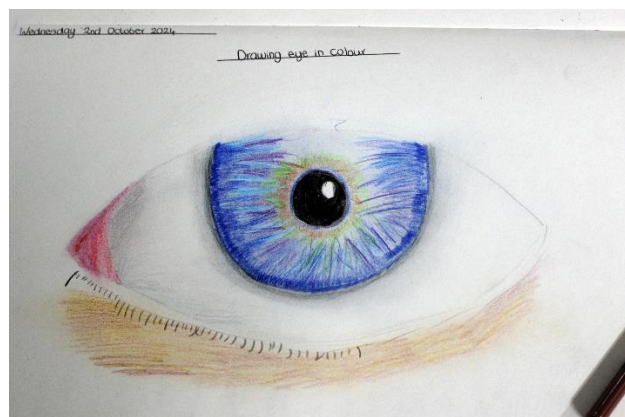
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## YEAR 9 ART

Year 9s have made a fantastic start on their realistic drawings of an eye. This time, they are using colour pencils and are demonstrating some great colour blending skills.





Ruby Jayne G



Emily H



Stan HK



Abi P



Oscar M



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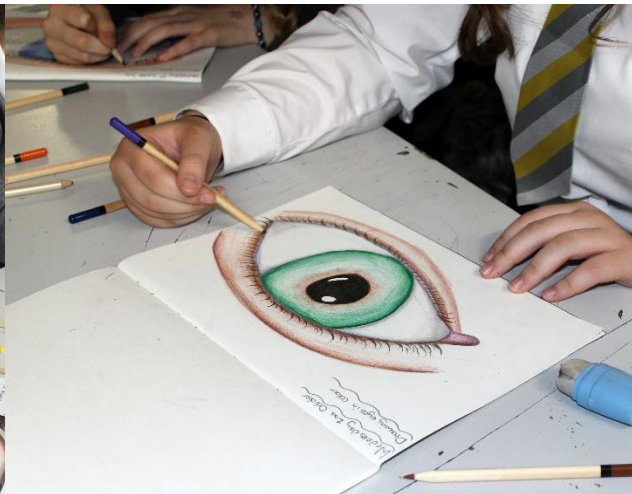
Ellie P



Alex P



Jacob A



Rebekah



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Lexie L

## POETRY

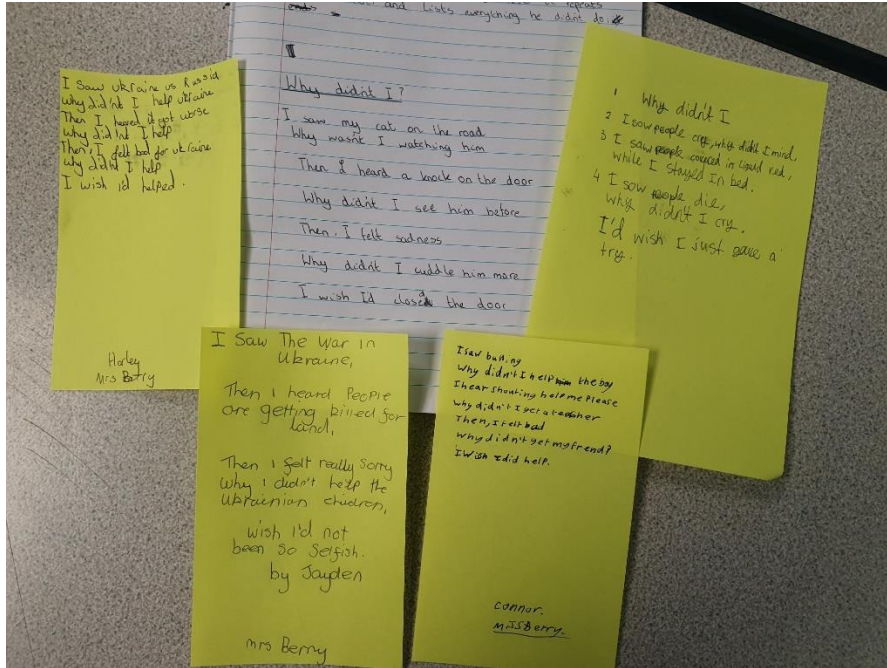
Mrs Berry's Year 7 group are studying poetry and are beginning to write their own poetry inspired by events in wider society and the world. Today they were inspired by Pastor Martin Niemoller's work to produce their own poems.



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Iowa A, Samuel M, Connor W, Harley W and Hayden P

## HALLOWEEN *Half Term*

MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER - FRIDAY 1ST  
NOVEMBER

MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER - CANDI CAFE - SPOOKY MILKSHAKE MONDAY -  
11:00AM - 2:00PM

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER - LEGO CAFE 11:30AM - 1:00PM

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER - CANDI CAFE - SPOOKY MILKSHAKE MONDAY -  
11:00AM - 2:00PM

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER - HALLOWEEN ARTS AND CRAFTS  
SESSION 1 - 10:00AM - 12:00PM  
SESSION 2 - 1:00PM - 3:00PM

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER - LEGO CAFE 11:30AM - 1:00PM

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