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# Newsletter 2021/22

Edition 2



## PCS Newsletter - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



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## Headteacher Update

Dear PCS families,

I want to take this opportunity to highlight and thank all of the staff at PCS who have worked so hard to ensure that PCS students have an enriching, engaging and supportive time every day. The school is a vibrant place to work and I sometimes underestimate the energy and care that staff put into their day, supporting and challenging our students.

I also want to thank you as families for being part of PCS, supporting our values of resilience, respect, representation, reliability and rigour. Modelling these values is the best way that we can show how they benefit us as citizens in our community and beyond.

In the new year, I will be asking students to really think about what these values mean, and how we can demonstrate them, even when we are not feeling our best. How we can turn friendships struggles around and how we can apply ourselves to the subjects we find most difficult. It can be tough at school sometimes, and I want the students to help by talking to us about this so we can help find positive solutions to make it better. The best way for the students to be successful is for us all to work together and that has been really powerful.

Thank you. There will be lots to celebrate next term and I am already looking forward to it. I know there will be challenges as well, but that we have incredible power as a community.

Kindest regards,

Rachel Henocq  
Headteacher



## Personal Development

Our school values, the 5Rs, underpin everything we do at PCS and all of our students are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities and experiences across and beyond the curriculum, contributing fully to the life of the school and the wider community. In doing so, students learn to recognise their own worth, develop a sense of their own identity and the ability to take their place in the community, as well as respect for, and work with, others. We have had another busy term and students have engaged well in a wealth of experiences.



Year 10 students experienced the University Fair at the AMEX Stadium at the start of November. They had an opportunity to find out more about University Courses and Apprenticeship options available to them in the future.



On November 11th some of our students read their own poems aloud to members of the community at the Remembrance service at the Peacehaven War Memorial.



Both years 7 and year 11 attended an excellent Road Safety performance.

A group of year 10 students took part in The Speakers Trust workshop. A whole day was spent on oracy and speech delivery. Students learnt how to give convincing speeches to their peers on a topic of their choice with confidence and no prompts!







Albion in The Community delivered a session to girls about Women in Enterprise and a group of AMEX workers delivered an inspiring virtual session about the world of work to the whole of year 9.

Year 10 students experienced a performance by the Touring Theatre company Alter Ego Creative Solutions about County Lines. With high profile cases around the country currently making the news on a regular basis, the performance helped raise awareness of this subject. The performance was followed up with Personal Development sessions to give our students the tools and knowledge that they need to keep themselves and their friends safe.



Monty was elected from a strong field as our Peacehaven East Sussex Youth Council representative last week. The students enjoyed the democratic voting process.



## Year 7

After a long and hard-working term, here we are ready to start the Christmas holidays. This term has been packed with learning, progress and successful endeavour and I am delighted to report that Year 7 students continue to impress at every turn. Even though excitement levels have risen, Year 7 classes have remained calm; as a group they have maintained their high levels of behaviour.

Throughout the term I have visited many classes and students have been enthusiastic and engaged in their learning which has been pleasing to see. Additionally, high numbers of students have taken the opportunity to attend one of our many extra curricular clubs including dance, STEM, drama, DT and sports clubs.

As we reported in our last newsletter Year 7 has voted for their tutor group representatives for the school council. Moving into this term the newly elected council is up and running and the group have been busy looking for ways to make positive changes for their Year group. Congratulations go to Max B and Amelia H who will represent

Year 7 in the whole school council.

Merry Christmas from Ms McCaughan, Ms Fernee and Ms Turner

Mr Hamlin's STEM Club



Ms Morrow's DT Club





## Year 8

Dear year 8 and families.

As we come to the end of 2021 we have lots to celebrate.

Many students have been involved in a brilliant production of Alice and Wonderland. I had the opportunity to drop in after school and see the brilliant progression and effort that students have put into this performance from the start. Everyone involved should be very proud of themselves.



The school has been collecting donations for the Peacehaven Town Council Christmas Appeal this week. I would like to thank all of the students who made donations. Kind acts like this help to make Peacehaven a better place for us all.

Since becoming Pastoral Lead in September I have been impressed by the respect and resilience shown by our year 8 students, applying themselves fully to their studies, whilst showing traits of kindness and compassion for others. Me and Mrs Brooks have felt immensely proud of many of our students and hope that this continues into the new year.

This time of year is also a good opportunity to reflect on what has not gone so well, and more importantly to think about how we can strive to improve. Consider what changes you may wish to make in

2022. I hope that these changes will enable us to keep improving as a year group and that they are founded on respect and kindness.

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas holidays with your families. Remember the days will begin to get lighter from the 22nd December.

Merry Christmas

Mr Millar, Mrs Brooks & Mr Radmore

## Year 9

Hello Year 9!  
It's Christmas!  
Although this term has seen darker



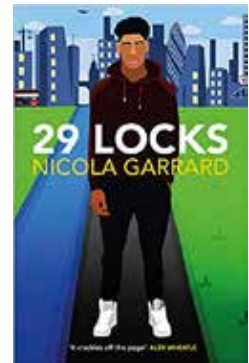
mornings and evenings, it's impressive to see those who have been making the concerted effort to get up and show up to school every morning.

Well done to the vast majority of you who have been making a concerted effort to get up and show up to school every single morning. You are awesome!

This term we have seen your commitment to the 5 Rs through our PCS Conduct Cards. It has been great to see so many signatures on your cards for your demonstration of Resilience, Reliability, Rigour, Respect and Representation - well done!

Let's make sure that we keep this up in the New Year and remember that the achievement points you earn from your Conduct Cards can buy you rewards from our Reward Shop at Main Reception!

This term we have had the fantastic author Nicola Garrard visit Year 9 to talk about her novel '29 Locks'.



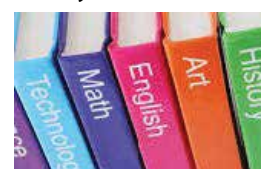
She spoke about her inspirations for the story, the writing and publishing process and also gave us a wonderful reading of excerpts from the book. You were all incredibly interested in what she had to say, engaged and polite; asking lots of questions. You did us proud!



We will be going through the options process in the New Year so please do take the opportunity, while you are with extended family, to discuss options that they chose as students and the career paths that resulted from those choices.



Also, be thinking about subjects that you enjoy and which ones you would like to pursue through to GCSE and maybe further.







A massive well done to those of you who have signed up to take part in the DofE Award. I know some of you have been thinking about volunteering opportunities. Please have a look at the following link for ideas and more information:

[https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/programme\\_ideas\\_-\\_volunteering.pdf](https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/programme_ideas_-_volunteering.pdf)

Thank you to those of you who have donated toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and food to our Sussex Community Development Association Christmas Gift Box Appeal.



I know some of our young people have been struggling recently with anxiety. I have found that some have found the Apps and resources on the following link to be helpful:

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/apps-1>

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and an extremely well deserved break. Eat, sleep, relax, rest, have fun, spend time with your families and get ready for another fantastic term at school in the New Year!

Merry Christmas to you and your families, we look forward to seeing you all in January 2022!

Ms Pollard, Mr Thomsett & Mr Hughes

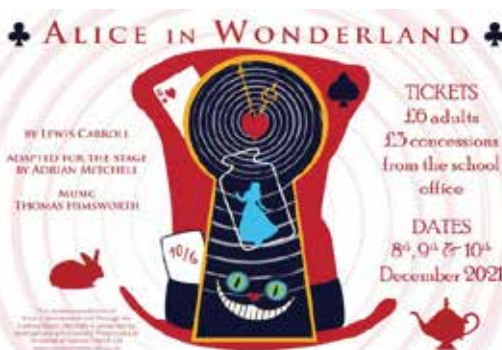
## Year 10

Dear Year 10 and families,

As the year draws to a close we have much to celebrate. I have been really impressed with the number of students who have successfully organised work experience placements and feel sure that they will go on to represent PCS brilliantly in the workplace next summer.

If your child hasn't yet organised a work experience placement, don't worry as there is still time; the Christmas holidays could be the perfect opportunity to speak with family and friends about their career paths and to consider which path might be right for your child. Please ask your child to go and speak with our excellent careers advisors in the library if they are still struggling after the holidays.

An impressive number of Year 10 students were involved in the school production of Alice in Wonderland last week. The show was a real success and they were so proud to have been part of the show and part of the team that made it all possible.



The school have been collecting donations for the Peacehaven Town Council Christmas Appeal this week and I would like to say a special

thank you to Sophie G, Summer T. and Anna L. for the kind and generous donations that they made today. It is these small kindnesses that enrich us as a community and make Peacehaven a better place for us all.

As Scrooge says in the final stave of a Christmas Carol, "I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."



Whilst Christmas and the New Year are a time for celebration, they are also a time for reflection. If you haven't had the best term, now is a great time to look back on the year and consider what changes you want to make in 2022. Be honest and realistic: what do you want to change? Can you make one small step in the new year to make this happen? How can you be a better friend or classmate? How can you be a better learner?

In these dark winter days it can be difficult to focus on the positives, but the solstice is coming and from 22nd December the light starts to return to us, slowly but surely. Remember that brighter days are just around the corner.

We all wish you a wonderful, and safe, Christmas holiday with your families. Though your celebrations may be smaller than usual, take the time to appreciate those around



you and to reach out to those you may have to celebrate with from a distance.

Merry Christmas all,

Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Burney & Mr. Broadbent

## Year 11

### Merry Christmas Everyone,

Term 2 has come to a close and it feels like I've blinked and missed it its gone so fast. Lessons are calm and even more productive, with students working hard over the last 6 weeks. One of the main focuses for students this term has been exploring the different colleges and courses available to them.

Understandably this is a very stressful process as pupils want to make the correct choices for their futures. All the colleges in the local area are very different, so it is vitally important that pupils take the opportunities to visit the campuses and get a proper feel for the courses. There will be one that fits for each and every one of you.

There is still time to apply but this now needs to be a priority so please do not hesitate to contact myself or Jemma Newman if you or your child would like further support with this.

Aside from the mocks and college applications, the term has been filled with a variety of events. For Yr11 this started with a visit from East Sussex Safer Roads campaign. The pupils sat and watch what was a very relevant but hard-hitting performance to emphasise some of the choices they will possibly be facing in the not so distant future. The performance covered a wide variety of scenarios and the possible outcomes that they could bring.

Next PCS invited in local companies to run an Employers Interview day. We have done this in the past with huge success so were very excited about being able to run this again this year. It is such an important experience for our Yr11's as it gives them the opportunity to practice interview techniques with strangers before their college interviews. To see the powerful impact it had on the students was incredible. The nerves before going in and then the beaming smiles after they had received such positive feedback. In both of these events, the pupils represented themselves, the school and myself extremely well, demonstrating high levels of maturity and poise.

Last week the Government released further information regarding the year 11 exams. It is a relief to all of us that they recognise the impact that the pandemic has had on their learning. There is a brief summary below:

*"I write to update you about the nature of the advance information, on the content of some GCSE, exams, which the exam boards will be publishing by 7 February 2022.*

*As you are aware, the first ever publication of advance information in general qualifications is a key adaptation to examinations, aiming to support students and teachers in focusing revision for exams. It is intended to make sure that we are being as fair as possible to students given the disruption they have experienced, and many continue to face, due to the coronavirus pandemic.*

*In some cases, for example, the information will provide a list of topics that will be the focus of the exam, or parts of it. In other cases, the information will identify a section*

of a set work (such as a text), and the extract used in the exam will be taken from this smaller section."

Advance information will:

- help focus revision time
- vary in breadth, depth and presentation between subjects
- not detail everything in the exam (this could risk providing a balanced education, progression or fair results)
- not require changes to a question paper's usual structure (so exam papers will be familiar to teachers and students)
- not be allowed into the exam

On Thursday this week, myself and Mrs Jenkins have launched a new Intervention and Incentives drive to help encourage pupils to take all the opportunities offered to them. There will Intervention sessions running most nights of the week, enabling pupils to continue their learning and progress outside of timetabled lessons.

It is vitally important that Yr 11 attend as many of these sessions as they can as this can only have a positive impact of their progress. This term I have walked down the corridor at the end of the day and seen pupils still so engaged in their learning. This has been such a heart-warming experience. If you are someone who has been invited to attend these sessions please make sure you snap up the invite and make this your goal in the New Year.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I would just like to emphasise the importance of the following areas – attendance, revision, and mocks. All of these three areas are intertwined and can impact on each other, either positively or negatively. The best advice I can give at this time is to be at school each and every day,





work hard in your lessons but understand that there is a necessity for each one of you to complete work at home or at intervention sessions. Take the second set of mock exams extremely seriously and take on board all the lessons that the first set of mock exams gave you. There is still plenty of time to impact the end results, never forget that.

That just leaves me to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas holiday with your family and friends. Relax, recharge the batteries, do some revision and come back ready to hit the ground running. Please be mindful of your communities around you, be kind and considerate to all. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year to tackle the obstacles together.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Best wishes,

Miss Leggett and Ms Didcote

## President's Corner

We have made it to Christmas! It's been a busy term for our school, especially for year 11. This term we had our Mocks which proved to be difficult. Over a span of 2 weeks we sat approximately 10-15 exams and although it was a challenge we all persevered. The school has been fantastic in supporting us by offering revision sessions after school such as Maths to prepare us for exams by focusing on exam questions and techniques.

Not only this, we want to take this time to congratulate our students that got onto the student council and are focusing on creating a better school environment for everyone.

Last week we had the school production Alice in Wonderland which was very successful! We both got the privilege to be a part of the fantastic cast playing Alice (and Tweedledum) and the absolutely brilliant caterpillar! We are so proud of all that took part as well as supported, it has been a fantastic experience.



We hope you have a lovely Christmas and we will see you in the new year!

Abi and Thomas  
Vice Student President and Student President at PCS



**Make Good Trouble** are very excited to be offering a Holiday, Activity and Food Programme this year in collaboration with East Sussex County Council. The club is available for free to young people however we will prioritise young people on free school meals.

**Date & Time** - Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd December from 11am - 3pm

**Location** - The Joff Youth Centre, Roderick Avenue, Peacehaven, East Sussex  
BN10 8BL (Transport can be arranged)

**Age range** - 11-16yrs

There will be a range of different activities including cookery, nutrition education, photography, sound effects, filming, arts & crafts.

All the young people attending will receive a Digital Badge and certificate on completion.

Make (Good) Trouble is a partner of the RSA Cities of Learning programme. All of our youth led team are DBS checked.

Covid protocols will be followed without the duration of the club.

Applicants can sign up on our website -

<http://www.makegoodtrouble.co.uk/holidayclub/>



## AUDIOACTIVE

AudioActive are pleased to announce that we'll be running HAF music-making sessions in Bexhill and Newhaven during the Christmas holidays.



Open to young people aged between 14 and 16 who receive free school meals during term time, professional artists will be leading the project that will provide free food, as well as an opportunity to rap, sing, produce and record music. We have up to 20 available spaces in each town and young people or their guardians can sign-up for free using the link.

As always, our sessions are open to all skill levels and music of all genres. The free food on offer will be a balanced lunch courtesy of Bagelman. Please share with any young people / families who may benefit.

Register at:

<https://audioactive.org.uk/audioactive-to-run-haf-sessions-this-christmas>

### When?

Bexhill: 12pm – 4.00pm (28th December – 30th December)  
Newhaven: 11.30am – 3:30pm (27th December – 29th December)

### Where?

Bexhill - Sidley Working Men's Club, 34A Hollier's Hill, Bexhill-On-Sea TN40 2DD

Newhaven - Meeching Hall, 2A Fort Road, Newhaven, BN9 9QQ

## 29 Locks Author Visit

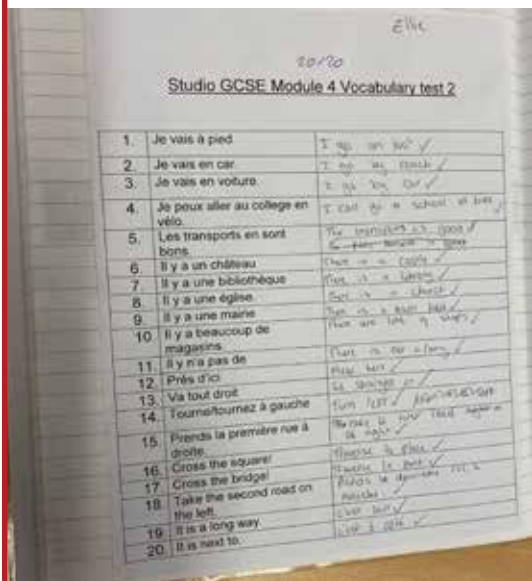


8SA had a personal visit by the author of 29 locks Nicola Garrard where they were able to hear her read excerpts from the book, ask her questions and win t-shirts/books! Jayden and Tamzin won and did a great job of being reliable and representing the school.



## Modern Foreign Languages Superstars! Félicitations! ¡Felicitaciones!

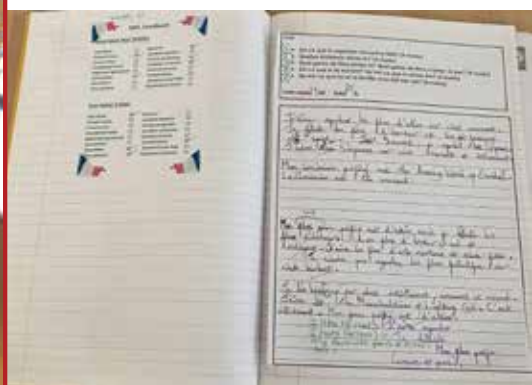
Ellie B Year 10 - Full marks again in the weekly vocabulary test- Miss Hayhurst



KS3 End of Module test certificates for French Years 7-9- Miss Hayhurst



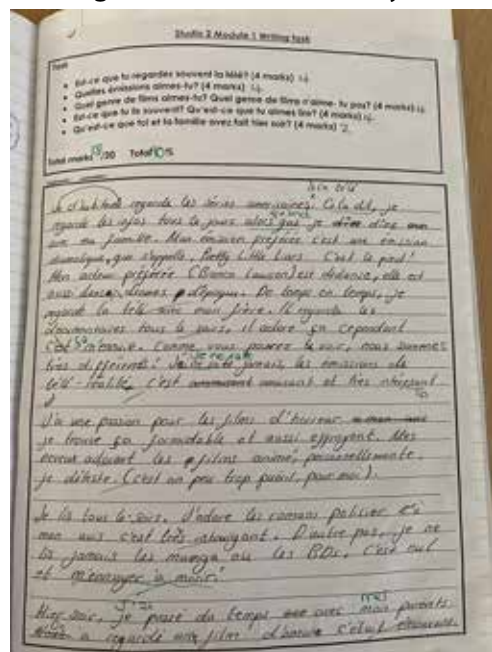
Noah D 8A1 French End of Module 1 Writing Assessment. Miss Hayhurst





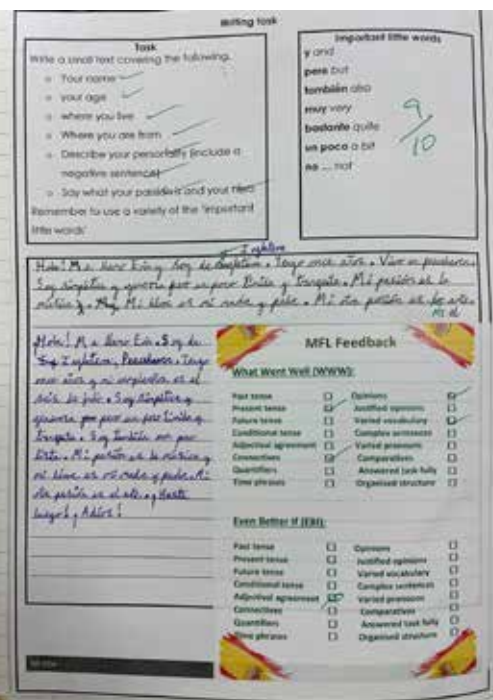


Lilli H 8A1 French End of Module 1 Writing Assessment. Miss Hayhurst



Spanish  
(Mr de la Torre)

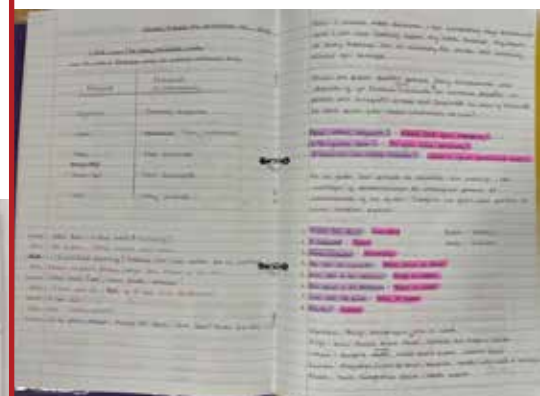
Year 7 Erin C. Written assessment  
Module 1 (Mi vida)



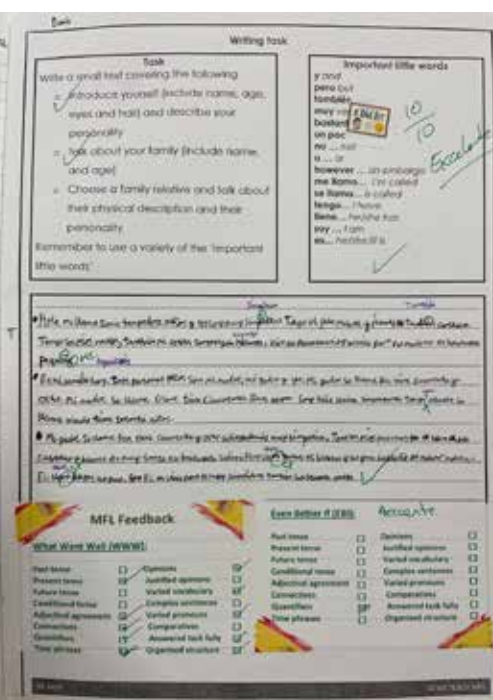
Year 9 Charlie J. End of Module 3  
assessment. Highest grade of the 3  
Y9 groups



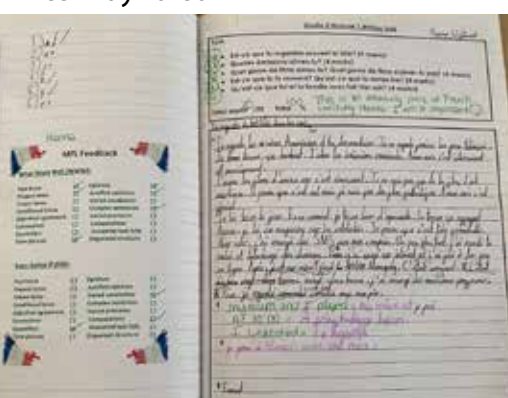
Year 10 Amber S-R. Excellent use of  
colour coding for learning strategies



Year 8 Dennis W. Written assessment  
Module 4 (Mi familia y amigos)



Hanna W 8A1 French End of  
Module 1 Writing Assessment.  
Miss Hayhurst



Year 11 Charlie F. Excellent Writing  
mock exam





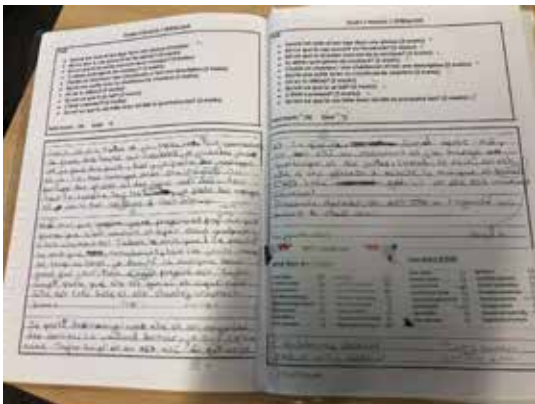


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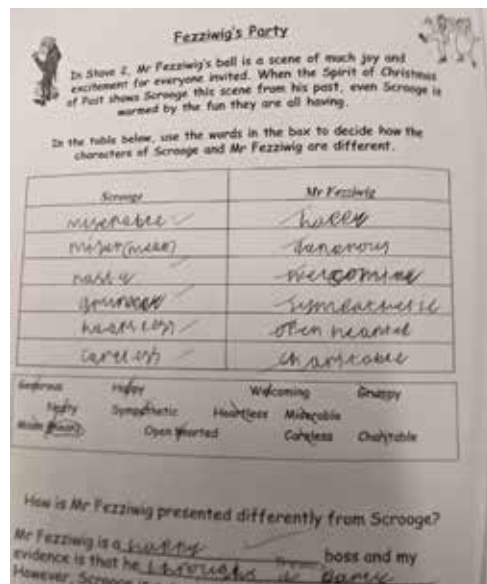
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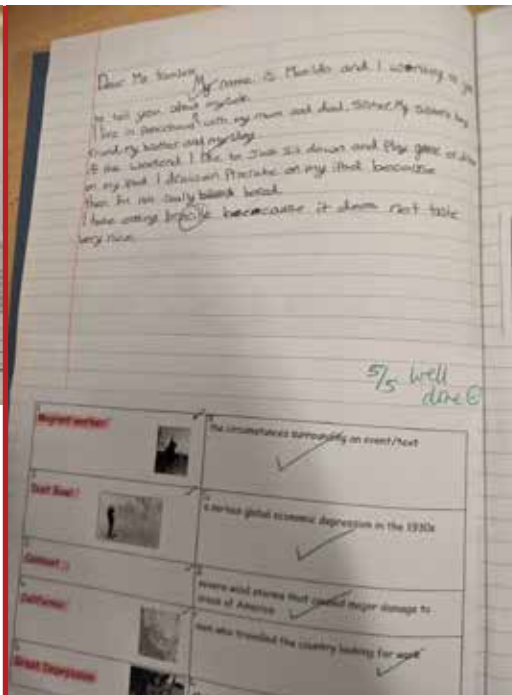
KS3 End of Module 1 Assessments  
7A1, 7A3, 8A2, 9A1, 9A3



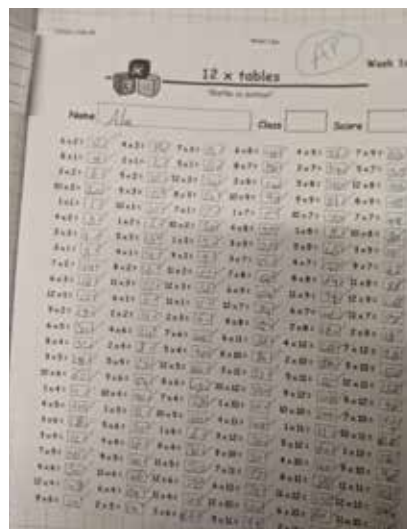
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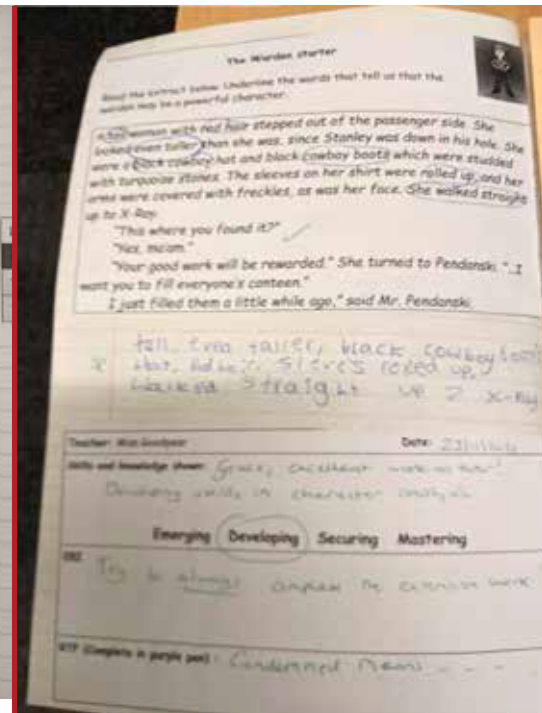
Ryan R Y8



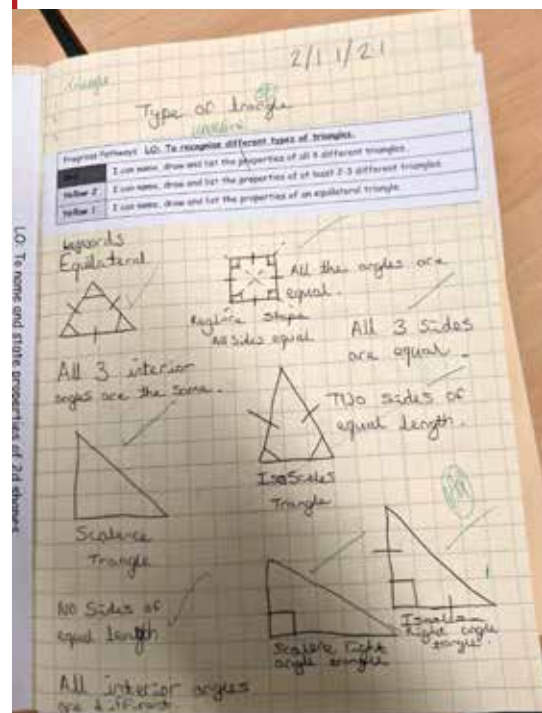
Matilda B Y9



Alaa A Y7



Year 7 English-Grace D

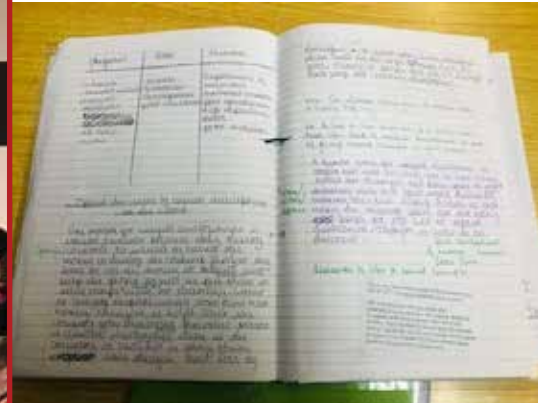


Shay W - Maths 8





Olivia C Y8 Geography - explaining the factors that affect uneven development



## Dance



## Drama

The focus of this term has been the school production of Alice in Wonderland.

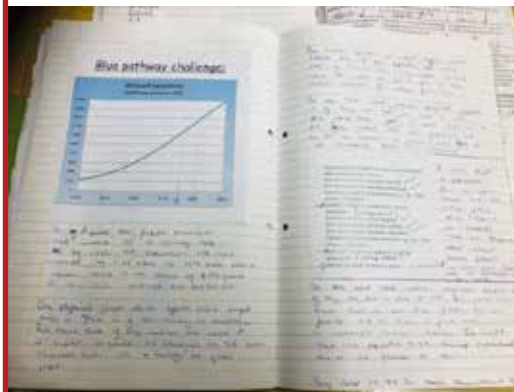
With fantastic music written by Mr Himsworth, Alice has given a number of students the opportunity to develop their performance or technical skills and to further develop their confidence, communication, oracy and teamwork skills.

I would like to celebrate the following students who have made extraordinary progress during the three month rehearsal period:

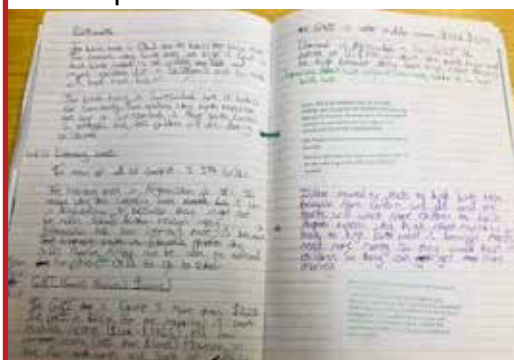
Year 7 - Grace S, Brooke D  
Year 8 - Marestfan F, Eva W, Amber B,  
Year 9 - Luca G, Emily H, Pirawinth B,  
Summer Butler, Mia B  
Year 10 - Rowan B, Megan H, Jack B,  
Libby P  
Year 11 - Dayton E, Kelly M, Veronica  
G, Ellie T, Beth M

## Geography

Jake K Y9 Geography - Explaining the factors that affect where people live in Africa.



Darcy B Y8 Geography - explaining the factors that affect uneven development.



**Shout out to the following students for getting full marks on their term 2 dance exam, well done!**

Year 7

7A1: Natalie G, 7A1: Charlotte M  
7A2: Finley A, 7B1: Kem O

Year 8

8A1: Amber C, 8A2: Alexa Z

Year 9

9A1: Finn M, 9A1: Ellie-May W  
9B1: Phoenix R, 9B1: Amber S  
9B4: Alfie S,

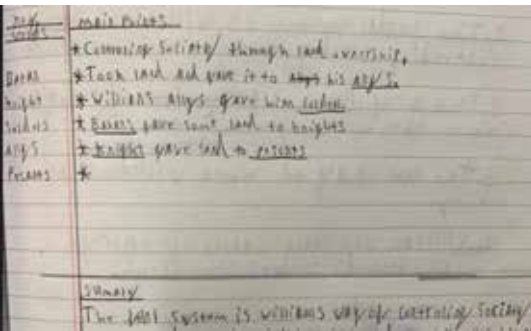
Students who wanted to gain more and showed great resilience were:  
Aydin S, Sasha B, Ben L and Luke T.



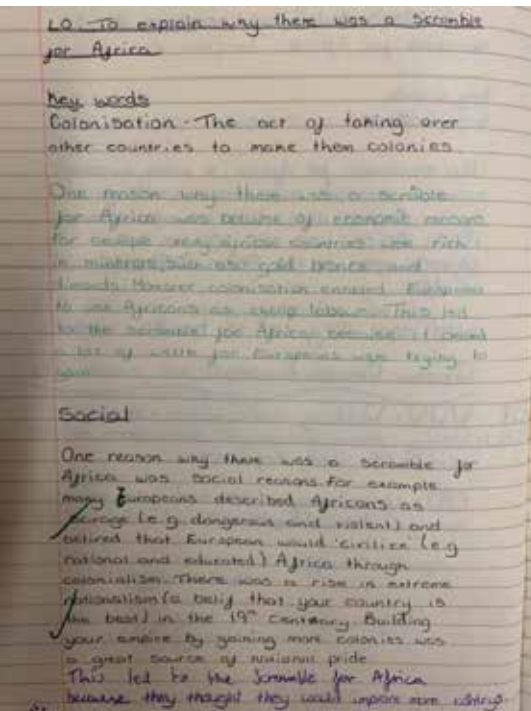


## History

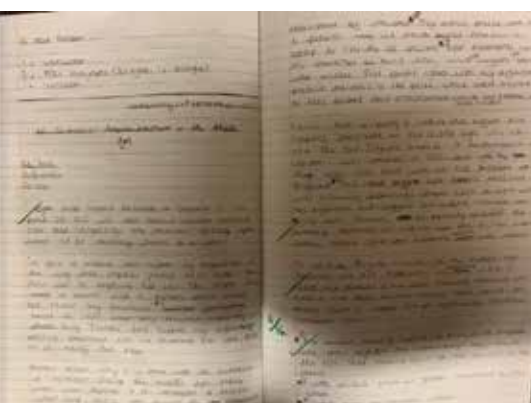
Year 7 - Ava I for excellent cornell note taking skills.



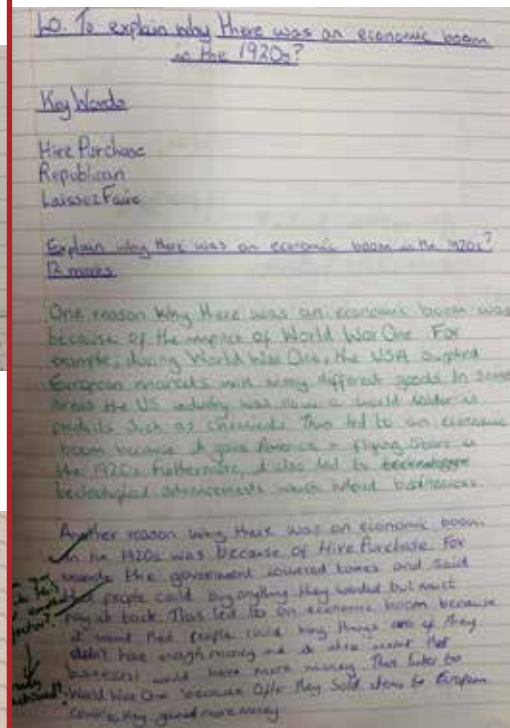
Year 8 - Holly M for excellent progression with her extended writing.



Year 10 - Kai W for a 16/16 perfect essay!



Year 9 - Jake B for an intelligent explanation of why there was an economic boom in the 1920s.

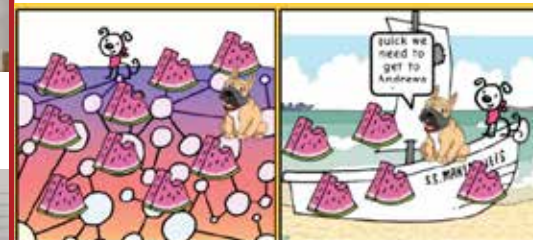


Year 11 - Mia P for superb progress on the 12 mark exam question.



## Computer Science

Y7 - Computer Science - Esmie Kingham - Esafety Comic



Y8 Computer Science - Ozzy -  
A comic about data packets  
(The Internet)





### Y9 - Computer Science - Python Assessment, Building a Quiz - By Alex Beale

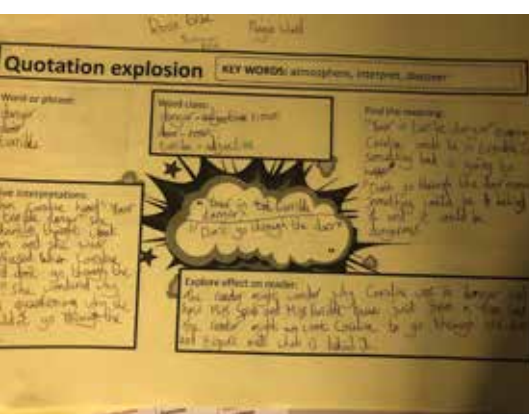


### Y11 - Computer Science - Justyna - Algorithms - Sorting methods



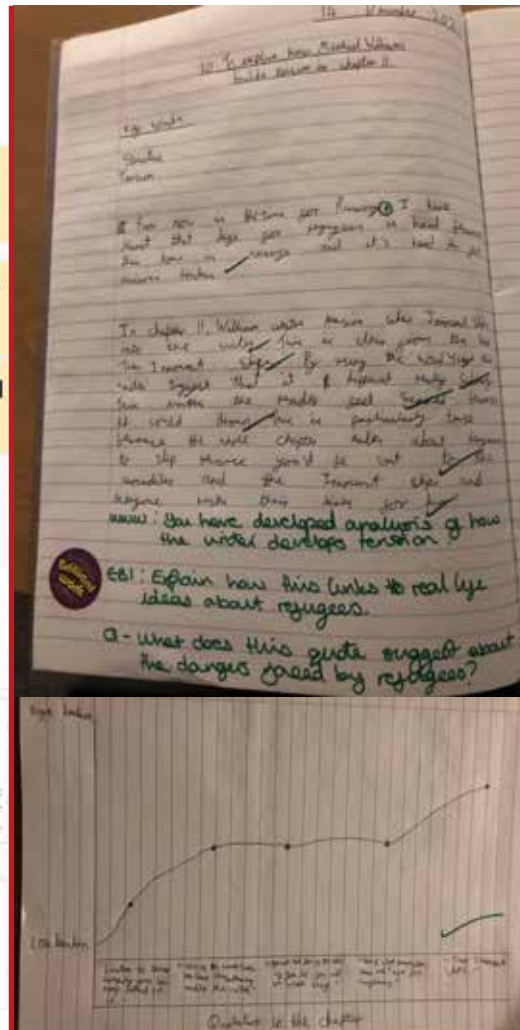
## English

### Rosie, Paige and Summer - Year 7 Quotation explosion for Coraline

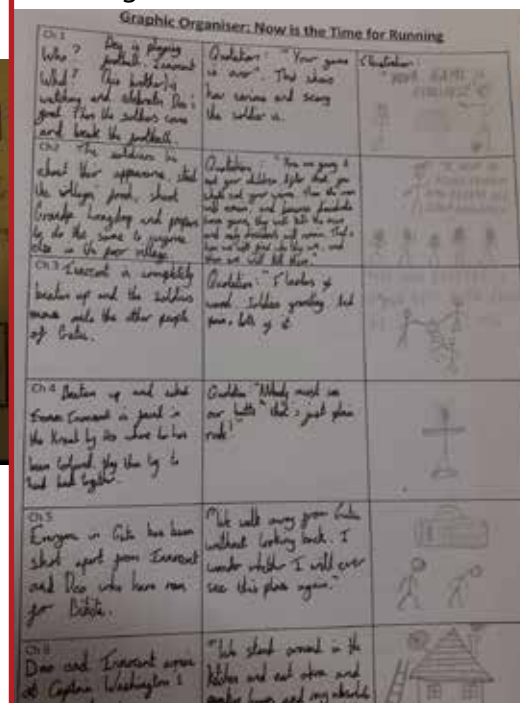


### Scarlett S - Year 8

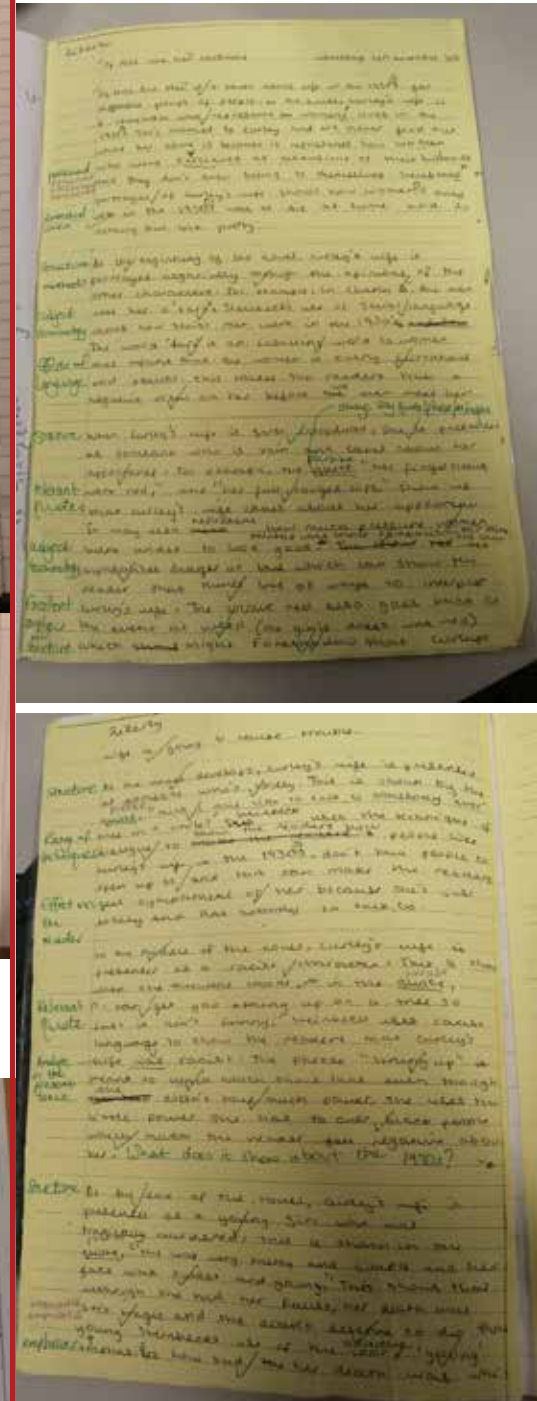
Tension graph for chapter 11 Now is the Time for Running and analytical paragraph of how tension is created.



### George C wonderful Graphic Organiser, 'Now is the Time for Running' Y8



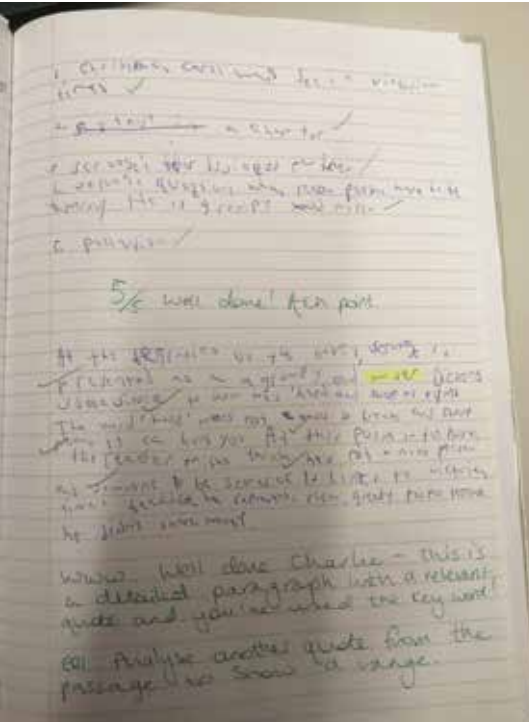
### Liberty K's Essay and RTF on the novel Of Mice and Men Y9



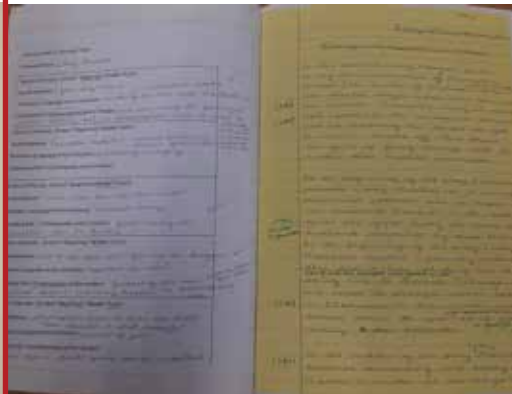
**STAY HOME  
PROTECT  
THE NHS  
SAVE LIVES**



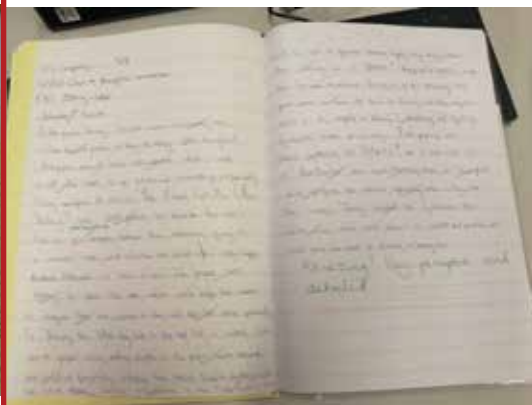
Charlie M's Analytical writing, RTF and Retrieval Practise Y10



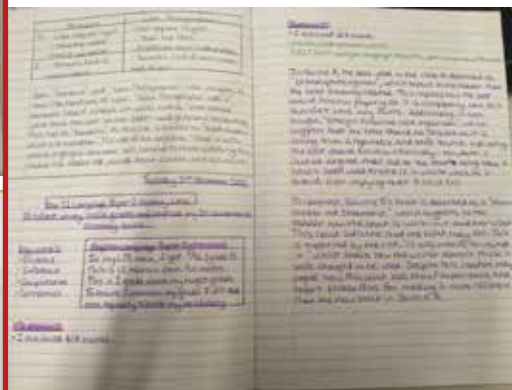
Izzy W excellent planning and essay, 'A Christmas Carol' Yr 10



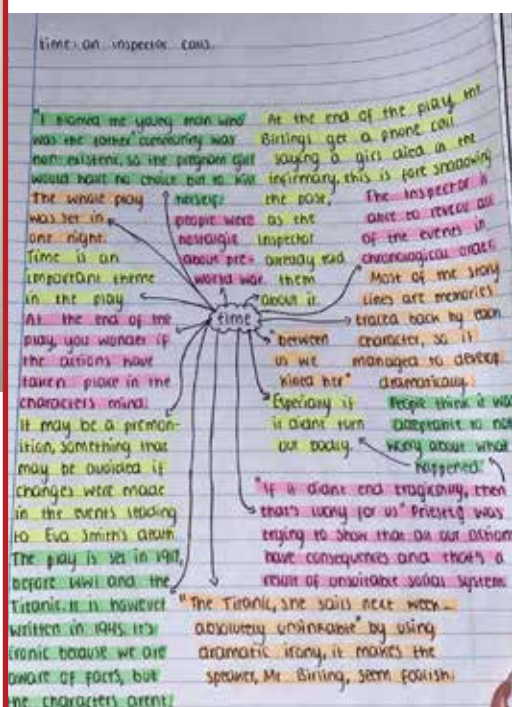
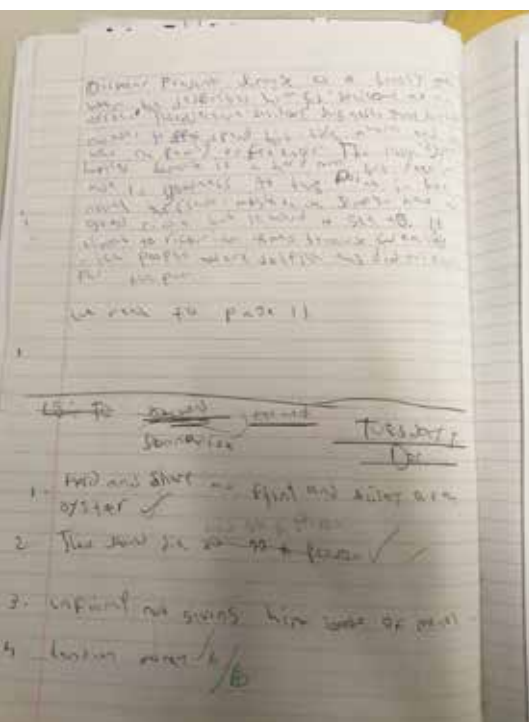
Charlie F's English Literature Mock Poetry RTF Y11:



Emily D's Mock Reflection and English Language RTF Y11



Miriam K, Y11 - An Inspector Calls



## Maths

Year 7 Raiya G - always working to the best of her ability and producing really good notes.







Year 8 Rezwan A - fantastic work on finding the gradient of a straight line.



Year 9 Isla Y - Nearly perfect work on multiplying fractions and conversion between fractions and decimals.



Year 10 Emily T - Not only fantastic work but the most amazing presentation and care over her work.



Year 11 Jasmine I - Consistent hard work and dedication to making sure her work is the best it can be.



## Citizenship

Can I explain the importance of racism and the need to be anti-racist?

becoming anti-racist

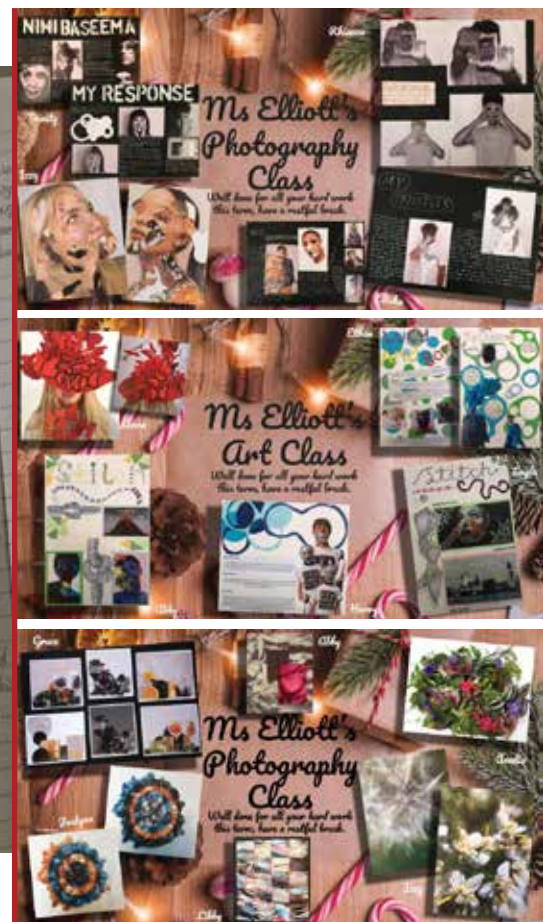
anti-racist - someone who isn't racist themselves and doesn't associate with anything racist

Anti-racist - someone who actively is trying to stop racism and will challenge people who are racist and try to stop it from happening ~~there~~ and actually try to make a change!

Over the past couple of lessons I have learnt with about racism that I didn't know before and that will be useful but I have also learnt about how to be anti-racist so going forward I am going to try and change for the good. As I go on I will try to do the simple things like supporting a person's business and giving things. I will try to educate myself on other cultures and make everyone feel comfortable. I do ever see anyone being racist I will try to challenge them and educate them instead of saying that's not ok. I could say yes that's not ok and this is why. As a whole I will try to make everyone feel welcome no matter their race or the colour of their skin

Excellent thoughtful pledge

## Art



Hana in Yr 7 has produced these incredible water colours in her free time. I think we have a future artist in our midst!







## Design Technology



These were made by year 7 students in the DT enrichment club where they showed great skill in manipulating metal to make these creations.





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# Newsletter 2021/22

**Edition 2**



A helping hand with your mental health  
**me & my mind**  
East Sussex Mental Health Support Team

## Webinars for Parents & Carers Jan-July 2022

### Who are we?

Me & My Mind are a team of Mental Health Practitioners who work in 54 schools across East Sussex. We provide 1:1 and group support for children and young people with low to moderate mental health difficulties.

Now have an annual schedule of short webinars on mental health and emotional wellbeing themes for Parents and Carers. All the webinars aim to:

- Increase awareness and understanding of the MHSTs
- Increase knowledge of the topic being presented (Low Mood, Anxiety, Phobias, Recognising Mental Health Difficulties)
- Equip parents with some strategies and tools to support their children with their mental health needs
- Be able to recognise when the topic becomes a problem and what to do

**click here for the dates and  
booking details**

If you have any questions, please do  
contact us:

**MHST.Info@eastsussex.gov.uk**

01273 335585

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Thank you to all our students and their families for donating so generously to our food bank appeal. We took your donations across to the council offices this morning. This has provided much needed support for some families in the community this Christmas.

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A massive thank you to Charlie for this amazing cake that he made for Miss Newman and her food technology class, with flavours of bubble gum frosting inside, candy floss and peppermint icing on the outside and the lightest, delicious sponge we've ever tasted! Move over Paul Hollywood!

**EAST SUSSEX YOUTH SERVICE  
PRESENTS...**

# **HAF Christmas Youth Session**

*A free Christmas celebration session for  
selected young people aged 11yrs - 13yrs*

**TUESDAY 21ST DECEMBER  
@ THE JOFF YOUTH CENTRE  
11AM - 3PM**

To book or for more details:  
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