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Headteacher Update

Dear PCS families,

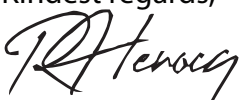
Another lovely term full of great learning and lots of opportunities for students and staff at PCS. It's a tough term to get through and students have had their resilience put to the test with darker and colder days, but it has been amazing in school where students and staff have engaged in all the different experiences on offer.

We are having to say goodbye to a couple of staff, Ms Goodyear, our head of Access who joined us in Sept 2020, has been instrumental in shaping the Access curriculum and is now taking on an exciting new opportunity at another school. We wish her every success. Our PE Technician Mr Brasier has secured a PE teacher role within the Trust where we know he will flourish and Ms Budd, our Senior SENDCo Assistant is retiring. Ms Budd has been with the school for 21 years and has dedicated herself to supporting our students (and staff). The staff who work in this school over a period of time really do become part of the PCS family and I know will have supported so many students, families and staff. It is always difficult to say goodbye. You will be missed dearly.

We have a new Maths KS3 Co-ordinator, Mr Ball, starting in January and Mr Jeeves will be returning for a short period to weave his magic in the Access department.

I really hope you all stay safe and warm over the break, and remember that Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day so no students will be on site.

Kindest regards,


Rachel Henocq
Headteacher



Year 11



Dear Year 11 and families,

As the year draws to a close, we have a great deal to celebrate. This is a busy and important year and your children have already achieved so much: mock exams, college visits, college applications, mock-employer interviews, and of course lots of learning!

Some college interviews have already taken place and we have another set of mocks and another parents' evening in the calendar for after Christmas.

We know that some students are beginning to feel the pressure of the looming examinations, so do encourage them to talk and help them to plan for the year ahead.

We have been running some exam anxiety workshops in school and there are a number of revision sessions available each week within subject areas.

We also have an excellent careers team in the library who are able to offer individual sessions if needed. Please do encourage your child to engage with the support on offer.

Over the past few weeks, we have welcomed outside speakers to share information on staying safe in the community. Our Year 11 students were taken to watch a very powerful performance from the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and also a presentation from the Know Knives campaign.



As a school, we are trying to promote the message that students should not be a bystander, as learning to recognise when someone is in danger and what you can do to intervene safely is an essential skill.

Safely intervening could mean anything from a disapproving look, interrupting or distracting someone, not laughing at a homophobic or a racist joke, or talking to a friend about their behaviour in a non-confrontational way.

At other times, it means asking friends, staff, or the police for help. We hope that our Year 11 students have taken away some important messages from these sessions which will influence their choices both now and in the future.



Some of our Year 11 learners were recently given the opportunity to talk politics with our local MP, LLOYD Russell-Moyle. We were very impressed by the students' engagement with this visit and many of them commented that they had found him very interesting and approachable.



We hope that this experience will encourage them to develop an interest in politics and to seek out ways to make their voices heard on both local and national issues in the future.

On a lighter note, a very talented bunch of Year 11 students have been involved in the school Christmas production of Matilda, which I hope many of you managed to see, and in the Winter Music concert.

These are the experiences that will become lifelong memories and we are very grateful to the Drama and Music teams, and the staff volunteers, who create these opportunities for our students.

On the subject of memory making, in the Spring term we will be launching the Prom Passport. The aim of this is to encourage all students to engage with their learning and earn their place at the PCS Year 11 Prom. More details of this will be shared with the students next term.

PROM 2023

Many families have been struck down by illness this term, but do try to encourage your children to attend school if at all possible. The time between now and exam season will fly by, and every lesson really does count in the run up to the summer examination series.

We wish you all a healthy and restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

Merry Christmas from the Year 11 team:

Mrs Willis, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Langridge and Mrs Jenkins

Year 10

Merry Christmas Everyone,

Term 2 is drawing to a close and it feels like I've blinked and missed it, it's gone so fast. Lessons are focused and even more productive, with students working hard over the last 13 weeks. There have been so many opportunities and events going on for Yr10 to be involved in.

PCS made the decision to go back to having tutor groups, not in exactly the same way but having that regular teacher at school to see each day. Meet the tutors was a lovely event. I was pleased to see so many of Yr10 and their parents/carers attending to sit down with their tutors and discuss the term so far and any problems they wanted help with.

A really positive vibe was felt across the school. One of the most inspiring projects that some of the Yr10's have been involved in is the Intergenerational project. This involves pupils spending time with local elderly people to listen to their stories of growing up in a very different world. The pupils are going to be creating stories from these encounters. A very moving and rewarding experience for all involved.

We have also had one of our local MP's, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, visit our KS4 pupils to discuss all things political. The feedback from pupils was extremely positive and has given them confidence to voice their opinions and believe that they are capable of making positive changes if they believe strongly enough. I also took great delight in joining in with Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks for the day. It was great to see the pupils supporting this important cause.

A new initiative that has involved and impacted Yr10 this term has been the appointment of the Curriculum Ambassadors. This involves 40 Yr10 students who are now ambassadors for each curriculum subject. The pupils will play a vital role in how those subjects move forward over the year. They will play an integral part in promoting and supporting different subjects, completing student voice, helping with the displays for subjects and updating all of the careers aspects of your subjects. I think this has been a fantastic initiative and one that will continue to grow to support pupils to connect with all subjects and the opportunities that could be there for them after PCS that they may never have thought about.



Lastly, all of Yr10 have been discussing the topic of knife crime. The Know Knives campaign visited PCS to discuss not only the laws, rules and regulations around knife crime but also to help pupils think about the consequences of partaking as a bystander.

As a school we want our students to take responsibility for their actions and have the strength and knowledge to know that prevention of an incident could possibly be the key to avoiding life changing consequences. It is always a very thought provoking presentation.

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. Send any information regarding your work experience place (eg Name of company, name of contact, email address and phone number) to pcs-careers@swale.at

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. For any student who has not found their own placement by the end of this term, meetings will be arranged with Ms Newman and Mrs Pellett in the first few weeks back after the holidays. Work experience is such a valuable part of secondary school and can be really insightful as to a possible career path you would like to follow...or in some cases as it turns out, not want to follow.



PERFORMANCES:

**6:30pm on Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th
& Friday 9th December 2022**

**Tickets: Adults £6
Students/Children £3**

Peacehaven Community School
Production of

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book by
Dennis Kelly

Music and Lyrics by
Tim Minchin

Orchestrations and Additional Music by
Chris Nightingale

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International (Europe)
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe
www.mtishows.co.uk

Either way, the experience is full of new experiences and skills to help bridge the gap between the world of education and work.

An impressive number of Year 10 students were involved in the school production of Matilda 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. It was pure entertainment from start to finish. By the time you read this we will have also enjoyed the Winter concert. It's another highlight on my Christmas calendar as it never fails to get me in the festive mood.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I would just like to emphasise the importance of the following areas – attendance, effort in lessons, asking for help and homework. All of these 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 and every one of you to complete work at home or at intervention sessions.

This year is creating the solid foundations in your GCSE subjects in order to help propel you to success next year.

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 homework 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



Year 9

Dear Year 9's and families.

We are rapidly approaching the end of another term at PCS (where did that time go?). Lots of focused, productive, and meaningful learning has been taking place. As well as fantastic lessons our Year 9's have been involved in many projects and events around the school.

The penultimate week of term saw many of our year 9's participate in the fantastic school show 'Matilda'. The talented year 9's involved put so much effort into preparing for this event, and the feedback from all of us who went to see is that it was amazing!

We have had external speakers speak to our year 9's such as the 'know-knives' campaign. This has followed on from their recent work in PSHE, and the students engaged fantastically answering questions about the law and knives, whilst also offering insightful suggestions on staying safe. Students were told about the importance of recognising when to ask friends, staff or the police for help or advice.

I would like to thank all the parents that came to the meet-the-tutor event. The students returning to having a regular tutor session every day allows for the first point of contact for students as well as them being able to share successes and address issues with their tutors. The meet-the-tutor event was really positive and allowed tutors to learn more about their tutee's interests and aspirations.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I would like to emphasise the importance of Year 9 students continuing to think about the GCSE options they will be selecting.

Students should continue to ask their teachers questions about what the topics, exams and lessons will look like in the subjects they are interested to take at a GCSE level.

I would also like to reiterate the importance of coming to school every day, especially as we get closer to picking our options. I hope you all manage to have a happy and restful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2023!

Merry Christmas from the Year 9 team.

Mr Millar, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Waite



Year 8

This term has been exhausting - especially these last few weeks; with such cold, dark evenings and even colder and darker mornings!

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!

So many of you have displayed your commitment to the 5 Rs this term with your demonstration of Resilience, Reliability, Rigour, Respect and Representation - well done!

Big Pastoral Team Shout Outs go to: For Representation a huge well done to our Year 8 students who have been selected by Ellie and Kai to be part of the Junior Leadership team. Massive congratulations: Karina G, Katelyn H, Sacha S, Matilda A & Zac S.

For Rigour, a huge well done to Georgia C, Erin C, Karina G, Zac S, Oliver W, Emily C, Dexter N-J, Laila C, Charlie B and Amber H for being our Top 10 achievement point earners with 100% attendance and 0 behaviour points!

For showing great Resilience, a huge well done to Raiya G, Bryn BG, Tommy D, Kitty R, Ava B, Olivia P, Yarik S and Summer R.

For Reliability, a huge well done to Valley W, Emily J, Farrah P, Natalie G, Alix SR, Grace L.

For always showing the utmost Respect, a huge well done to William S, Alaa A and Josh C-F.

A massive well done to our Football Team for their continued success.

Congratulations too to our Year 8 Basketball Team - 3rd in the Basketball Tournament.



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 2023!

Miss Pollard, Mr Thomsett and Ms Turner

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 standards of behaviour and effort. Most continue to demonstrate the qualities of 'shiny shoes!' (The year 7s will know what I'm talking about hopefully.)

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, chess, Anime and the newly formed Rubiks cube club.

Students have embraced a number of enriching and thought provoking events delivered by outside speakers. These have included;

- The geography game show
- Be safe on the roads performance delivered by East Sussex Road safety Team
- The One Punch workshop delivered by the Connor Saunders Foundation

As we reported in our last newsletter students had the opportunity to become part of the student leadership team.

I would like to congratulate Bobby E, Oliver B and Izzy H on their selection to be the Year 7 Leadership representatives. They will join students from the other groups to start making positive changes to both the school and the community.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all Year 7s and their families a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. I look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th January.

Ms McCaughan and Mrs Fernee.

Student Leadership



Our President Ellie and Vice President Kai, were very busy at the start of the academic year interviewing to appoint students for leadership posts.

Congratulations to Yr 11 Katrina, Rowan, Rhianna, Elliot, Skye, Billy, Yr 10 Aaliyah, Dexter, Ali and Kara who now make up the Senior Leadership Team and Yr 9 Alyssa, Amber, Noah, Yr 8 Matilda, Zac, Katelyn, Sacha, Karina, Yr 7 Izzy, Bobbie and Oliver who are part of the Junior Leadership Team.

The students have big ideas for the coming year, with student voice playing a large part, in the spirit of true democracy so watch this space!





Remembrance

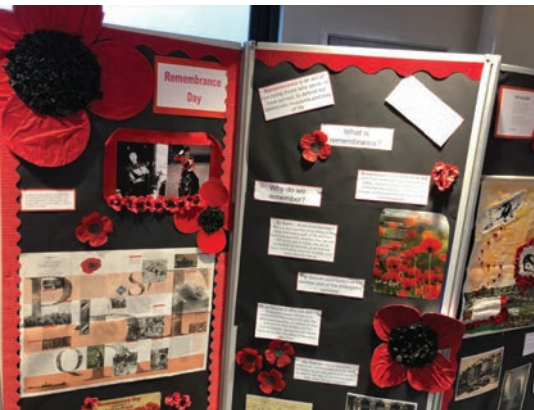
Thank you to all your kind donations this year to help raise money for the Poppy Appeal. Our student leaders, alongside other students in uniform, marked Armistice Day on 11th November by attending a short service at the Peacehaven & Telscombe War Memorial.



Youth Mayor

Congratulations to Ines in year 10 for being appointed Peacehaven Town Council Youth Mayor.

We hosted our first meeting last week, with PCS students meeting with elderly members of our community. Our getting to know you session is going to pave the way to creating our own intergenerational history book - Life Stories.



Amber and Alyssa read their own thoughtful and poignant poems that they had written, whilst other students undertook some more wellknown readings.



Ines already has lots of projects underway to support the Community which she will be sharing with us all in the new year!



Library Launch

We were delighted to welcome our Mayor Lucy Symmonds to open our new library earlier this term. Ellie Griffiths, local author, also attended and spent the afternoon talking to students about her life as an author.



Big Sparks

Make It Happen Community event

Students involved in the PCS Intergenerational Project attended the Eastbourne Community event to gain inspiration and ideas to support our project.





Loudmouth



Years 8 & 9 engaged well with our visiting theatre company Loudmouth productions who delivered their performance on relationships. Our visitors were most impressed by our students post production questions and contributions.



PCS Boys Network

The PCS Boys Network has been off to a great start in year 10 and 11. All students have shown high attendance and we have had between 90-100% attendance for our morning intervention sessions.

These sessions allow the PCS Boys Network students to attend 15 minute Science, Maths and English sessions from 8.15am to 8.35am.

These sessions will continue throughout the year.

Starting in January, the PCS Boys Network will be starting the mentorship programme.

Duke of Edinburgh

We have relaunched the Duke of Edinburgh Award with year 9 and some students have already started their volunteering with the ABC fund, by ordering and wrapping gifts which will bring a smile upon many young faces this Christmas.



Cycle to School

Thank you to Sustrans for providing our students with their early morning breakfast at the end of Cycle to School week after providing, their excellent repair workshop with Dr Bike the week before.



The Foodbank

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our families for the astounding number of kind donations that were made in support of the foodbank appeal.

You have certainly helped to support many people in need during this festive period.



This means all our students in the PCS Boys Network will participate in online and in person lectures from previous PCS students learning about what they have gone on to achieve post PCS, instilling aspirations for our students.

The students have been participating in our volleyball reward weekly, developing skills that will equip them to take on the mentors in the summer of 2023. The purpose of the practical reward is to enable the students to engage within their learning and have further incentive to work hard and aspire to do their best.

The annual trip attending yellow wave in Brighton is a fantastic way to end the year and allow our students within the PCS Boys Network to re-join with the mentors and further discuss their aspirations and plans post-16.

Art

The year 10s have made an excellent start to the new 'World architecture' project.

Top: Year 10 Holly C - Term 1 - Gothic drawing and research page

Middle: Year 11: Libby Pook
Mock exam - series of lino prints

Bottom: Y10 Tyler B - Term 1
drawings of Gothic architecture





Food Preparation

It has been a fantastic start for Food Preparation and Nutrition this year. We have been developing more challenging and higher skilled activities that provide students with a wide range of skills, experiences and opportunities that will be with them for life. Some of the highlights have been.

Favour Fish - Encouraging more people to explore this amazing sustainable economical and often feared food. Year 7 Creations:



Remember the old saying "Go to work on an egg" well year 8 students have been learning the different cooking and heat transferring methods to do just that. This time it's Eggs 3 ways.



Perfect pocket filled pasta. Year 9's have learnt the art of homemade pasta and created a range of pasta shapes from the traditional to the unique.

The final challenge to create a stuffed ravioli pasta with a lemon sauce.



Year 10 have been busy brushing up their pastry skills and have created their own version of the Cornish Pasty with a light shortcrust pastry and mixed vegetable cheesy filling.





And now the science bit. Food preparation allows students the opportunity to bring their broader curriculum knowledge to the lesson.

Sharing their knowledge and understanding of the science behind food, where food comes from and the impact on the global food delivery systems.

Why and how food goes off, how to preserve food.



Students have been learning why we cook food and the methods that this can be done and the effects different cooking methods have on the taste, texture, aroma and appearance of food.



They know about why and how foods are imported and exported, global warming and our Co2 footprint as well as the food security of our planet. All this through creating and making using seasonal, sustainable and affordable food.

Science

KS3

Year 7's have made a great start to their amazing science journey at PCS, so far they have studied vital concepts such as exploring different types of cells, looking at particle behaviour and Forces. Year 8's have been looking at 'Healthy and lifestyle' and the Periodic table. Year 9's have studied 'Forces and motion,' 'Electricity and magnetism and 'Earth science.' Keep up the amazing work

Trips

The science museum was a lovely experience, it allowed students to explore the different aspects of science taught in lessons. The students participated in many interactive activities in the 'Wonderlab,' upon which they were able to explain how motors and how forces work to younger years.

Overall, the yr9's were a dream team and displayed amazing PCS values throughout the day!



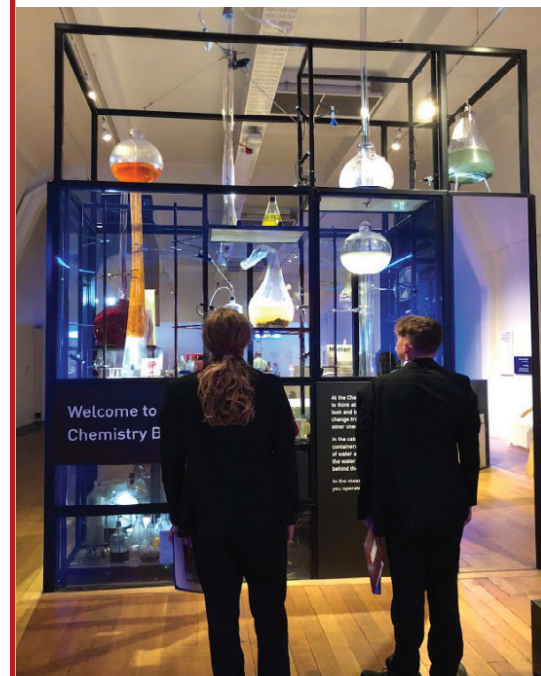
KS4

Year 10 have made a great start to their science GCSE. They've been looking at atomic structure and bonding in chemistry, matter and forces in physics and cells and the body in biology.

Year 11 worked hard to complete their first set of mocks of year 11.

We've had a dedicated group of students back every Tuesday after school putting in the hours to improve their grades.

We have a trip planned for January to Brighton Dome to listen to lectures from famous scientists on their area of expertise, as well as tips for GCSE exams and careers in science.





	Questions Correct %	Questions Attempted
Year 7	70%	34,705
Year 8	64.4%	28,585
Year 9	68.4%	27,250
Year 10	69%	71,853
Year 11	68.4%	60,554
Whole School	68.3%	222,947

Science - Homework

Students have made a great start with their homework using the online platform Educake. The research suggests that students can improve their grade by two if they regularly engage in homework.

Students have answered over 222,947 questions since September. Well done to year 10 who have answered the most questions and to year 7 who have the highest percentage of correct answers.

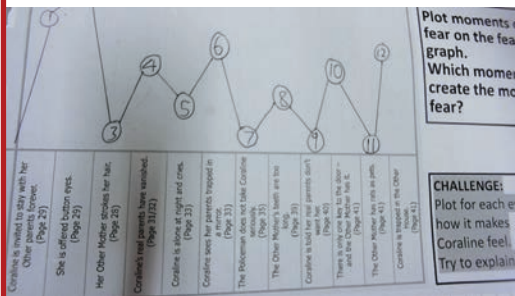
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7SA/En - Ms Osborne

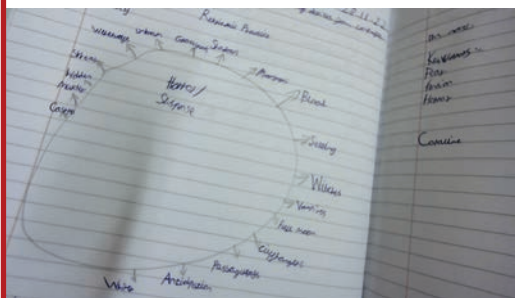
Lovely work created by 7SA recently for their Coraline module.

Students have shown a good understanding of Coraline's growth (as a character) as well as track how fear and tension is shown throughout the novel.

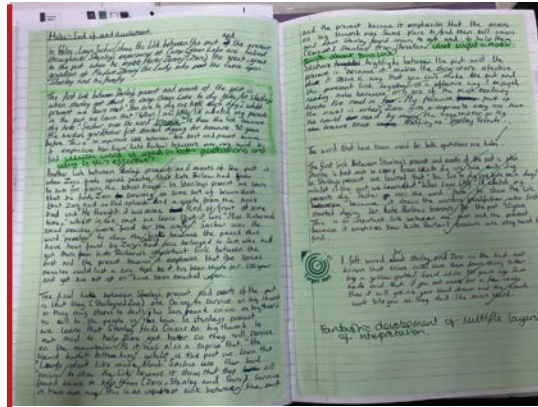
Nina B - Explosion of key quote from Coraline. Well done!



Hayden M - Tracking how fear and tension are shown in Gaimen's Coraline.

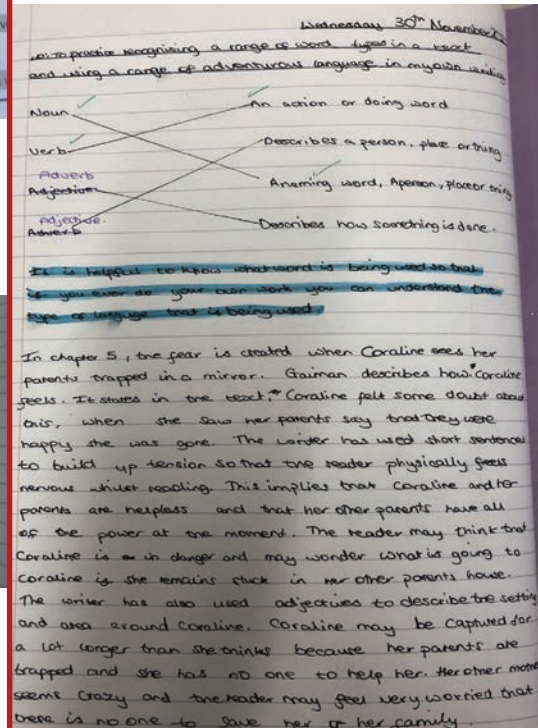


Max S - Retrieval practice starter looking at key words associated with the Gothic genre.



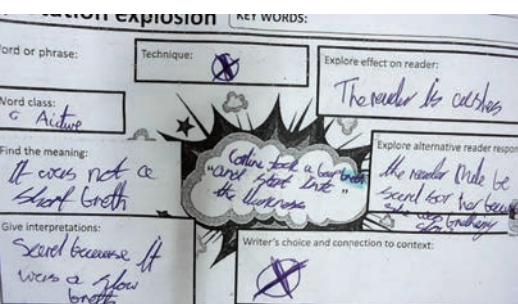
Holes Assessment - Chloe W. We wrote an assessment to explore the links between the past and present in Holes by Louis Sachar.

As a class we looked at our areas for development and rewrote a paragraph in purple pen, aiming to improve our original essay.



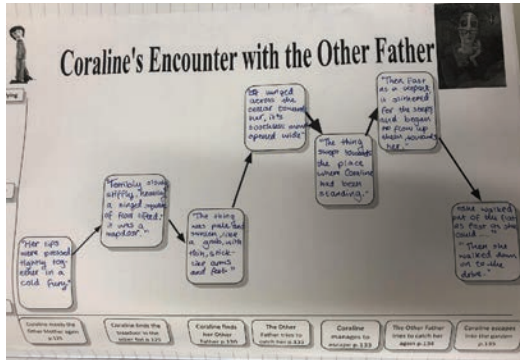
Analysing Fear in Coraline - Ryley-Rose. We are currently reading Coraline by Neil Gaiman. Students have written analytical paragraphs to consider how a sense of fear is created.

They have used blue highlights to identify when they challenge themselves in lessons.

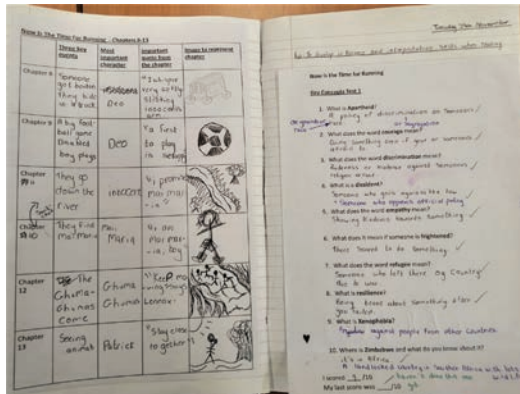




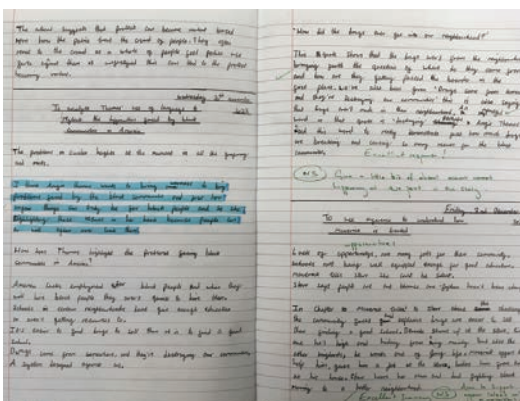
Tracking fear in Coraline - Solaf A. Students have tracked the way fear is created in chapter 9 of Coraline, selecting quotations that are particularly effective.



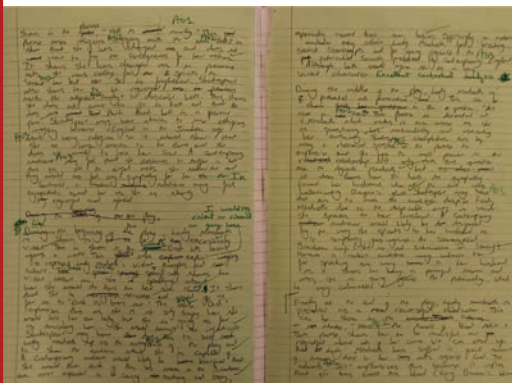
Year 8: Lily K. Our weekly Key Concepts Test, using green pens to mark and purple pens to correct; and a Graphic Organiser to keep track of key events in the novel, Now Is The Time For Running.



Year 9: Lacey S. Analysing the author's use of language in our Year 9 reader, The Hate U Give. Students highlight work in blue where they have tackled a 'challenge' task.



Year 10: Aaliyah G. Two pages from a four page exam-style essay on how Shakespeare presents Lady Macbeth in Macbeth.



Examples of Y11 Revision Activities for English Literature:

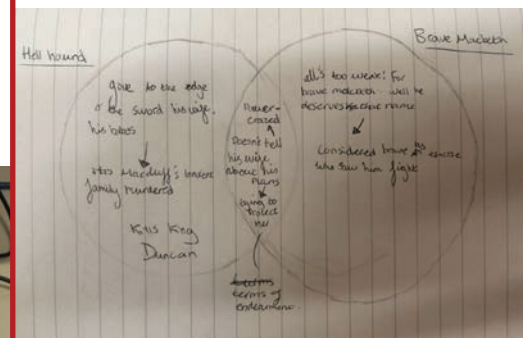
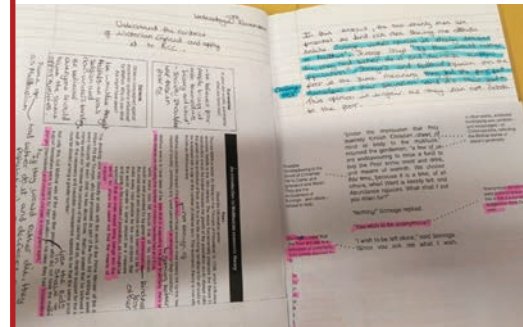
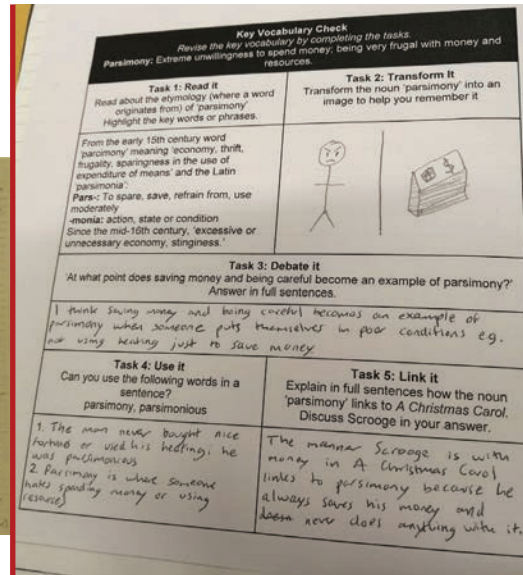
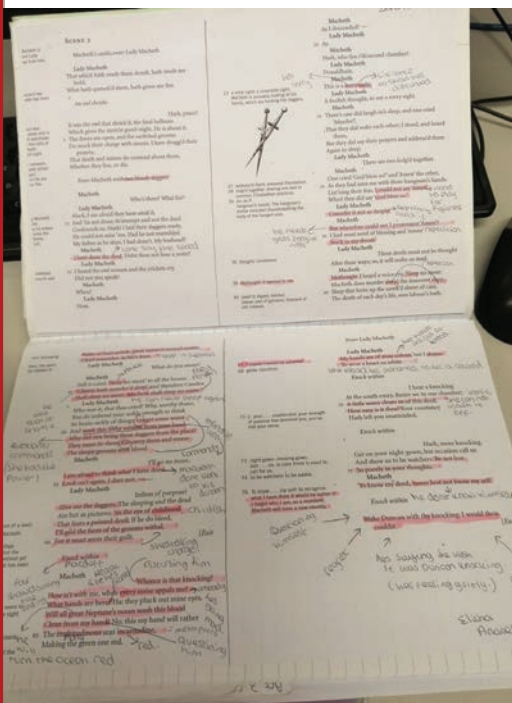
Carlo LS - Retrieval Practise of Key Quotations and Dual Coding

Carlo LS - Ways to Remember Key Vocabulary

Cherry B - Using a Venn Diagram to Show Complexity of Character

Elisha A - Annotating Key Parts of the Text

Imogen J - Applying Context: Victorian Economics in A Christmas Carol



Creative Writing Club

Creative Writing Club has been a great success this term with students from across Years 7, 8, and 9 engaging in a range of writing activities, from writing acrostic nature poems and 100-word short stories to writing descriptions inspired by the incredible landscapes in Frozen Planet.



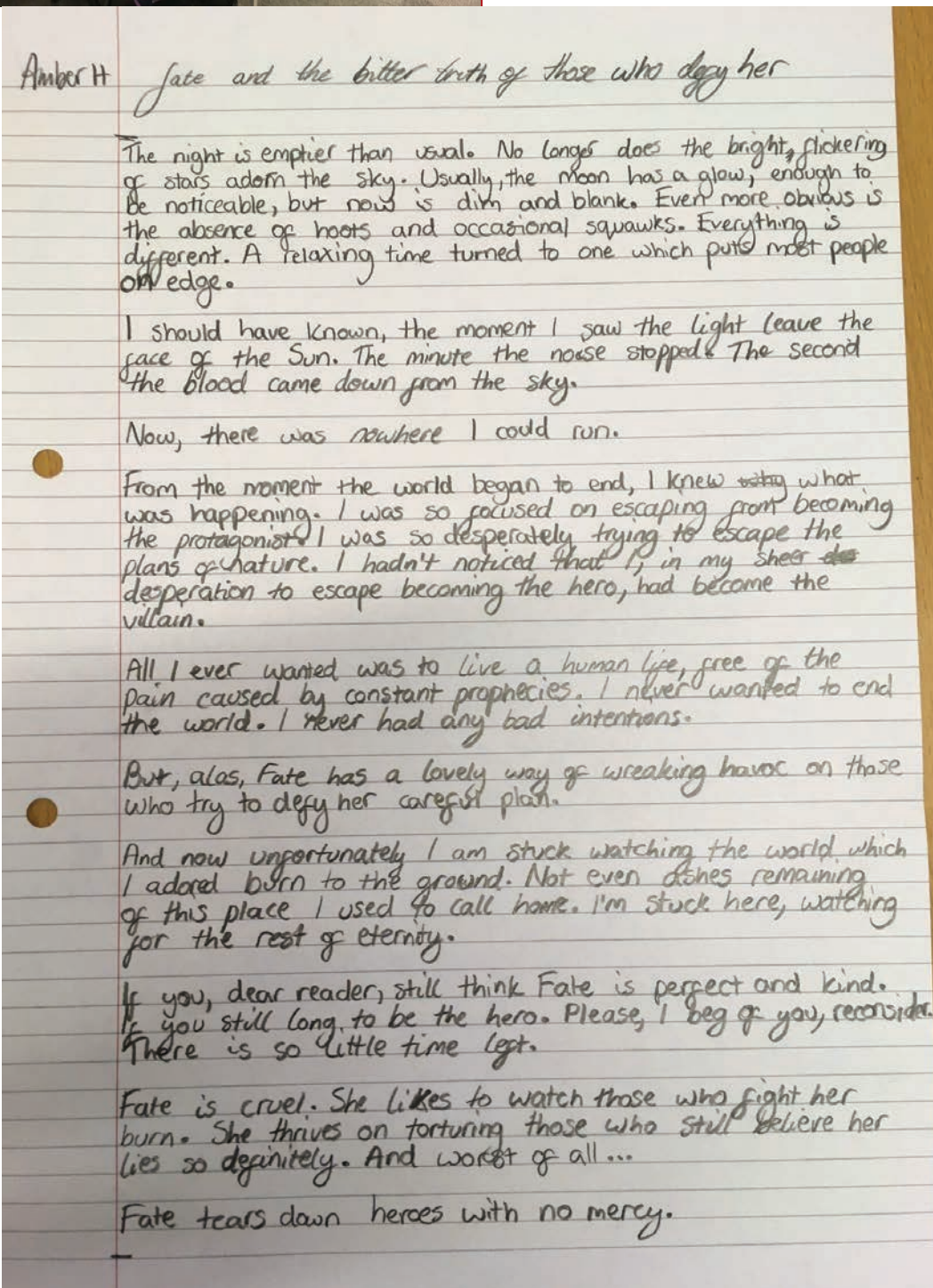
Many students have also been developing their own first novels! Students have submitted work to a number of competitions so hopefully the New Year may bring some exciting news.

Creative Writing Club takes place in En9 from 3pm - 3.45pm every Monday.

Chess Club

Chess Club has been incredibly popular this term. We have students from all year groups coming along to play each Wednesday after school in En9.

The group have shown themselves to be incredibly well organised and wonderfully open to the challenge of playing each other, regardless of whether they've met before. Whether in games of speed chess, racing against the clock, or hour-long epics, we've seen some hard-fought battles. Everyone is developing their ability to think logically and calculate the outcomes of good (and bad) choices.



Amber H *Fate and the bitter truth of those who defy her*

The night is emptier than usual. No longer does the bright, flickering of stars adorn the sky. Usually, the moon has a glow, enough to be noticeable, but now is dim and blank. Even more obvious is the absence of hoots and occasional squawks. Everything is different. A relaxing time turned to one which puts most people on edge.

I should have known, the moment I saw the light leave the face of the Sun. The minute the noise stopped. The second the blood came down from the sky.

Now, there was nowhere I could run.

From the moment the world began to end, I knew ~~why~~ what was happening. I was so focused on escaping from becoming the protagonist. I was so desperately trying to escape the plans of nature. I hadn't noticed that I, in my sheer ~~des~~ desperation to escape becoming the hero, had become the villain.

All I ever wanted was to live a human life, free of the pain caused by constant prophecies. I never wanted to end the world. I never had any bad intentions.

But, alas, Fate has a lovely way of wreaking havoc on those who try to defy her careful plan.

And now unfortunately I am stuck watching the world which I adored burn to the ground. Not even ashes remaining of this place I used to call home. I'm stuck here, watching for the rest of eternity.

If you, dear reader, still think Fate is perfect and kind. If you still long to be the hero. Please, I beg of you, reconsider. There is so little time left.

Fate is cruel. She likes to watch those who fight her burn. She thrives on torturing those who still believe her lies so definitely. And worst of all...

Fate tears down heroes with no mercy.

Anime Club



The Anime and Japanese culture club is still doing regular screenings. With the first screening having been Steamboy by Katsuhiro Ôtomo. A good turn out was made by students who came and enjoyed the action film full of steampunk style and beautiful visuals.



Regular posts are made on the google classroom with recommendations of Anime and Manga to read.

As well as posts exploring more about Japan and its traditions and culture.

Weekly screenings of Anime are as follows:

KS4: Tuesday Breaktime (En6)

KS3: Tuesday Lunchtime (En6)

Termly screenings will continue to be advertised via email and the Google Classroom.

Ms Osborne Recommends:

Spy X Family
Yama no Susume
Yoru wa Neko to Issho



Film Club

Film Club has had a fantastic start to the year with 3 screenings having already taken place. Students have enjoyed what has been shown so far and have had an impact on what has been chosen too.

Good debates around the films watched have also been shared and it is nice to see students enjoying films together.

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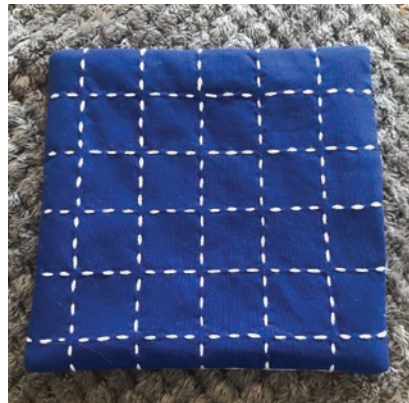
Design Technology

Eco-Friendly Club is a great success this year again. We aim to spread environmental awareness within the whole school.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students are learning new skills in metal work, textiles and creating eco-friendly products from recycled materials.



DT textiles - example
Sashiko coasters



Boro - is from the Japanese word, Boroboro, which means something tattered or repaired. It now refers to the practice of reworking, piecing, patching and stitching to extend the life of a textile.

Eco Club



Here are some examples of students work:

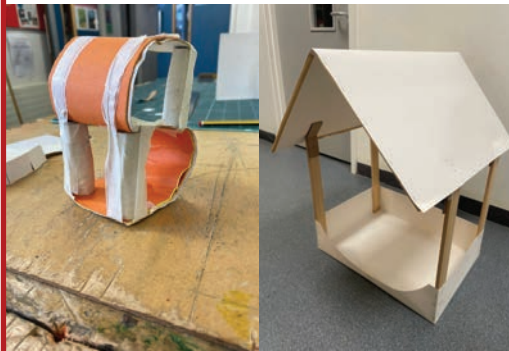
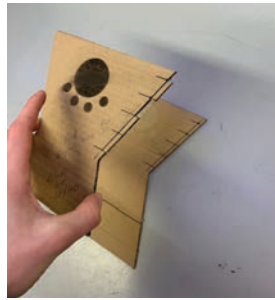
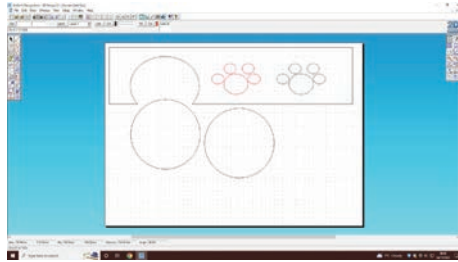
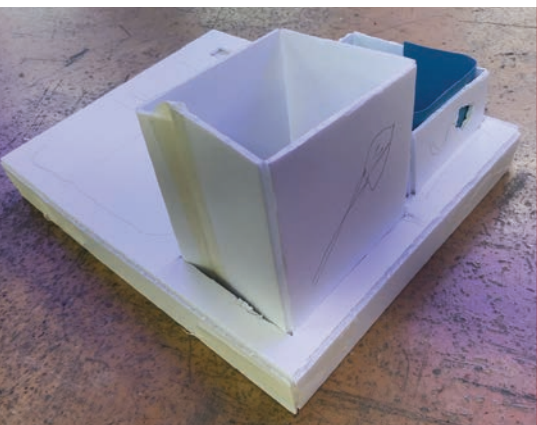
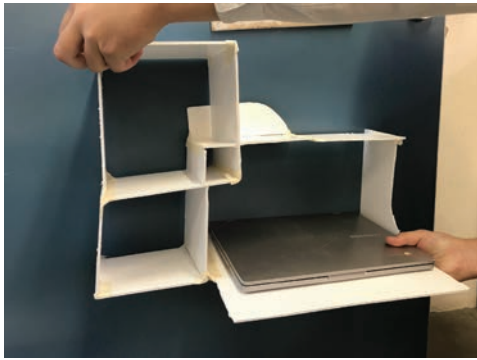




GCSE DT

Students are currently completing practical design and make projects.

Here are a selection of cutting paths and models from the Year 11s. There are some really interesting projects in development and we are looking forward to seeing working prototypes by the end of term 3. Projects include products to support working at home and looking after pet animals.



Geography

It has been an exciting term in Geography at the start of which we welcomed our new Head of Department Mr Loggenberg.

Students in all year groups have been working hard learning about Population, Coasts, UK landscapes and Africa, Tectonic and Weather Hazards as well as preparing for the all important GCSE in Y11.



The Geography Gameshow:
On the 1st December Neal Nicholls returned to PCS and all of our Y7 students enjoyed watching Neal draw a map of the world from memory.

As Neal draws, he shares key facts about the world as well as different strategies to support students as learners. Neal emphasises the importance of engagement, practice and taking responsibility for your own learning journey.

The students were amazed at Neal's artistic talents but the Gameshow comes into its own when students have the opportunity to win prizes from around the world based on what they have learnt.

Successful students included Megan, Oliver, Leo, Chloe and Charlie from the B band performance. Winners in the afternoon included Josh, Ellis, Cassie, Mia and Scarlet.





Sporting Fixtures

Year 7 Boys

The year 7 boys have gotten off to a fantastic start to the season winning their most recent game 7-0. The year 7 team will start their county cup journey against Angmering winning that game have now gone on to reach the 3rd round of the county cup and will be playing Oriel High in the new year.

All of the boys have shown outstanding sportsmanship and have been a shining light at club, on fixtures and around the school.



Year 7 Girls

The girls season started off well with fixtures against Seahaven and Hove Park in a strong year 7 league, winning the latter game 2-0.

All of the girls have shown outstanding sportsmanship, perseverance and dedication, all of which we value highly within PE.

Year 8 Boys

The year 8 boys have started the A league well after securing promotion last year with a 3-2 win. They also won their opening game of the county cup putting them into the second round before losing to last year's county champions, Patcham in a well fought game.

In all of their games so far the boys have shown determination and teamwork even when things were not going their way.

Year 9 boys

The year 9 boys had a great start to their football campaign going unbeaten so far in the games that they have played. They are through to the second round of the county cup after winning 4-1 against St Catherine's.

Under 14's Girls

Last year's county champion year 7 girls and the year 8 girls have combined into this year's Under 14's team. This has seen them go from strength to strength winning their most recent game 13-1 and getting through to the 3rd round of the county cup.

Year 10

The year 10 boys have had a hard start to the season playing two very tough teams, narrowly losing out in the first game to Stringer and fighting hard against Varndean. The year 10 boys will start their county cup journey in the second round in the new year against PACA.

Under 16's Girls

The under 16's girls have represented the school amazingly winning their last game 4-3 with the teacher who took them praising them for their conduct, stating that they were role models for future students.

Netball - Year 7 & 8

The year 7 & 8 netballers have had amazing turnout for training throughout the year. All of the girls have shown dedication to the sport, great teamwork with other year groups at training and fantastic enthusiasm that has caused netball to become a rising sport at PCS. Fixtures for them will start in the new year.

Year 9

The year 9 netball team travelled to Seaford Head for a tournament. The girls showed the values and ethos of the school and the PE department playing 4 games in great spirits winning 1 game, drawing 1 and losing 2 to come in joint second place.

The teacher on the fixture with them could not have praised the students more highly on their conduct and the way they represented themselves and the school. They were role models to future year groups.



Basketball - Year 7 girls

The year 7 girls went to their first ever basketball game and came back winners of the tournament.

The girls won 3 and drew 1 of their 4 games. Many of the girls won individual awards for teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship.

Basketball - Year 8 & 9 girls

The year 8 & 9 girls travelled to The Eastbourne Academy to participate in the basketball tournament.

They represented the school fantastically, with year 8 coming joint 3rd and year 9 coming 4th. Again many awards were given at the end of the events.



They bring together talented young dancers from across the country to work with leading artists and create world-class performances.

They support young artists to realise their potential and gain an insight into the dance profession.



Peacehaven Community School have had an ex-student be successful by being part of this dance company, they now tour across the UK with some well known choreographers like Wayne McGregor, Russell Maliphant and Akram Khan.

Let's Dance

One of our year 10 students at PCS has made the cover of the Let's Dance event that we will be on Tuesday 14th March 2023. This picture was taken at last year's event.



A message from Ellie and Kai

We have loved our first few months as President and Vice President and would like to thank everyone in the school community for engaging with us and the work we are doing.

We look forward to working with students and staff even more after the holidays.

We hope all students and families have a restful Christmas break.

Dance

GCSE students participated in a dance workshop with National Youth dance Company (NYDC). About NYDC: National Youth Dance Company (NYDC) is England's Flagship youth dance organisation.





WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINTER CONCERT PERFORMERS BELOW.

** HAPPY CHRISTMAS **



"THE PAST IS HISTORY, THE FUTURE IS A MYSTERY, AND THIS MOMENT IS A GIFT. THAT IS WHY THIS MOMENT IS CALLED 'THE PRESENT'." — DEEPAK CHOPRA

Year 7

Tommy H, Madison F, Abi S, Riley S, Taylin Q, Ruby T, Lucia W, Ben B, Evie E, Bobbie E, Kaya-Lily P, Alfie S, Ellis H, Ruby P, Riley P, Isla C

Year 8

Bryn D, Lily K, Ava B, Xin S, Sahil K, Katelyn H, Tabitha S, Scarlett B, Karina G, Erin C, Ben B, Bryn D, Keir F, Logan J, Charlotte L, Lillie-Mae P, Olivia T, Liv L, Emily J, Brooke D

Year 9

Nick R, Kylah B, Gaby C, Maddie K, James W, Lilli H, Morgan M, Niah A, Ola P, Amber B, Amber C, Eva C, Marestfan F, Harrison F, Finn R, Charlie W, Ozzy R, Amber B, Morgan M, Ryan W

Year 10

Taylor C, Yara A, Jenilee C, Taylor C, Harry E, Liberty K, Lewis L, Riley N, Esmay N, Aris P, Kim G, Olivia N, Leon O

Year 11

Sophie J, Sky M, Jayda S, Ellie B, Elliott C, Lilly-Ella C, Ethan H, Dom M, Artemii T, Marissa J, Paige S, Tyrrell B, Laila B, Marshall E, Megan H, Abbie K, Lorenzo S, Daisy D, Ellis F, Sky N, Megan H, Ash J, Tyrell B, Laila B, Marshall E, Abbie K, Lorenzo S, Oscar S

Drama

Well. What a term we had preparing our amazing students for their performance of Matilda!

Students from every year group were involved in this massive production which was performed to audiences last week.

We are incredibly grateful to our amazing cast for their hard work and to our Peacehaven community for their support.

Please see the review from our fabulous colleagues in English:

Matilda Review

PCS students captivated their audiences this December 2022 with an amazing production of musical comedy genius Tim Minchin's 'Matilda the Musical'.



Time flew by as the charismatic cast took the audience through a magical retelling of the story of Matilda. A magnificent set with huge book covers (painted by the students), giant swings and moving school gates transported the audience to another world.



PCS students became backstage crew, taking control of sound, mics, spot-lights and set changes.

The stage-high classic books dotted around the stage, surrounding a lone girl sitting down absorbed in one, set the scene for Roald Dahl's much loved story of an avid young reader with superpowers trying to make sense of a world run mostly by hideously grotesque adults.

It isn't long before we see two of these adults - Matilda's Father, a television worshipping, shifty car salesman who thinks books are the root of all evil, and her vacuous, shallow mother, hilariously portrayed in all of her neon-lycra glory.



We quickly realise that Matilda is very different from her parents and her brother, a crude child who is obviously intellectually inferior to her but also clearly her parents' favourite.

When it is time for the gifted young Matilda to go to school, a battle ensues between her delightful, nurturing teacher Miss Honey and her school headmistress, the fierce and tyrannical former hammer throwing champion, Miss Trunchbull. The next hour and a half chronicles this classic story of good triumphing over evil, with excellent performances throughout.



The ensemble were consistently enchanting, with Big Kids and Little Kids singing and dancing their way through complex lyrics and choreography with captivating energy and talent. Jessica M and Ava D were incredible as Trunchbull, embodying all the evil and cruelty of the villain headmistress. Timid but heroic Miss Honey was brought to life by both Libby P and Erin F who captured her kindness and strength wonderfully with solos including 'This Little Girl'.

Miles M and Billy M were magnetic as Mr Wormwood with a comical solo praising TV, all the while throwing books across the stage to be caught by Kara F, who played his son Michael wonderfully.



Holly K and Amber B were hilarious as Mrs Wormwood, with a variety of lavish outfits, and Rowan B made a highly entertaining dance partner in the role of Rudolpho.

Keir F as Bruce had the audience on the edge of their seats, watching with delight and amazement as he polished off an entire chocolate cake while the cast sang and danced around him.

Grace S and Lilli H carried the show wonderfully as Matilda, showing a brilliant range of emotion and feeling. Their portrayal of Matilda's defiance, imagination and humour made for excellent viewing.

The spectacle was directed by Mrs Pearce, technical direction by Mr Robertston and a huge-level of commitment from many students and staff, including choreography by Miss Hulatt and Stage Management by Miss Blake.

A truly magical production.

Anna Poulton & Lauren Haywood

Haven Young Creatives

**FREE Drama Sessions in Newhaven for
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Every Tuesday starting 10th January for 8 weeks

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It's given me a confidence boost.

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I feel like I can let myself be free in drama.

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My favourite thing is making new friends and acting well.