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## School Bags

Could we please remind parents and students that all school bags and PE kit should be taken home each evening. They should not be left around the school site or in the PE changing rooms. Bags left on the site over the weekend will be removed to lost property.

Could we please, once again, remind you that **every item** of school uniform and PE kit should be named with your child's full name (labels sewn in work the best but anything is better than nothing) please do not assume that the initials on the front are sufficient. School shoes and trainers are part of uniform. If items are named then we can reunite them with their owner.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Fond Farewells to the Class of 2018

It has truly been a packed half term! It never ceases to amaze me just how much our passionate staff and students pack in to just a few weeks.

Amongst all of the other goings on, the main focus of the term has been the final preparations for the Year 11 and Year 13 students' terminal examinations. Our Year 11 students are already well underway and, with more exams than ever before, they are coping admirably under the pressure. It was just two weeks ago when we reflected on their time at Arden during their celebration day. The students' conduct was outstanding throughout the day; their fancy dress costumes were a wonderful display and it was delightful to see the teamwork on show at both the final concert and during the lunch time games. There was not a dry eye in the house as we watched the emotional (and rather amusing) farewell video put together by Mr Reed and Head

Boy, Arun Barnard. They are a really special year and we wish them well for their remaining exams and look forward to welcoming many of them back to Arden in September to start their A-level journey.

For Year 13 their Arden journey really has come to an end as we have held their own celebration day today. Whilst talking to students on these days I am always so very proud of the young men and women they have become, and how fondly they speak of their time at Arden. We really do wish them all the very best for their exams and their futures. It was exactly ten years ago that Arden said goodbye to its first cohort of Year 13 students and saying goodbye with such joy today is a fitting reflection of how far the Sixth Form has come in that time.

May I wish you all a happy, healthy and restful half term break.

Mr Murphy

Arden Principal



Year 11 Students



Year 13 Students

## Teaching School

We were delighted to recently receive notification from the DfE that we have been successful in our application to become a Teaching School.

Teaching Schools are defined by the DfE as being 'strong schools led by strong leaders that work with others to provide high-quality training, development and support to new and experienced school staff'.

The Department for Education uses what

they describe as a 'sophisticated and balanced approach to designating system leaders – one which relies less heavily on Ofsted judgements and more on timely and accurate data'.

This is an exciting opportunity for Arden and will help us to continue to drive up standards both internally and in conjunction with other schools, whilst maintaining the core purpose of providing the best possible education for our students.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Congratulations to Hannah Gladstone, Emma Gough, Saskia Inman and Peter Fitzroy on receiving their Gold Duke of



Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace Gardens on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Prince Edward, the Duke of Wessex, addressed the group and the presentations

were made by Sean Rose the Paralympic skier and TV presenter.

This was the culmination of years of hard work and dedication and a lot of fun along the way. Proud parents looked on, as well as Miss Cassidy, who was also presented with a long service award for her commitment to helping students on the programme. Well done to all!



## Spotlights Awards

April saw the return of our biennial Spotlights Awards ceremony celebrating student success in the performing and creative arts and Design Technology.

Students were chosen by the Music, Drama, Art and Design departments to receive awards based on their effort and commitment to these subjects over the past two years.

The evening culminated with the announcement of our prestigious 'Spotlight' award, which this year went to Olivia Saunders and Jessica Wiseman. Congratulations to all of the students who



## Waiters Day at UCB

A group of Year 9 students who have opted to take Hospitality and Catering next year recently had the opportunity to visit UCB to help celebrate National Waiters' Day. They were given the chance to serve in the Brasserie restaurant alongside the UCB students.

Our alumni, Brett McSkimming was our guide and mentor for the morning session. Learning how to serve drinks, make 'mocktails', lay tables, wait on a table, and communicate with paying customers at first seemed daunting. However, guidance and encouragement from Liz the tutor, Brett and the UCB students gave our students confidence to work as a team to serve the three course meal.

Miss Guest and I were pleased to see the pupils at ease chatting to the customers. Another proud Arden moment. Well done. You are all going to be a fabulous group next year.

Mrs Herbert.



## Upper School Concert

The Spring Upper School Concert is always an emotional affair as we say goodbye to some of our students and wish them well for the future. This year's concert did not disappoint as we were once again blown away by the talent of our students.

Thanks to Dr. Seago and the Music Department for co-ordinating the evening and to all parents and guardians for their continued support of music at Arden. Well done to all students who performed on the evening.



## Amazing Arden Artists

It has been a busy term for the Art Department with both the GCSE and A-Level exams taking place, as well as Year 7 completing a monster pot project, and the Year 9 Art Ambassadors producing portrait studies as part of their enrichment.

Here are just a few examples of the wonderful pieces that have been created.



Year 7 Monster pots



Year 9 portrait



GCSE final pieces



## Mural Competition

We have recently launched a mural competition to students. We are inviting students from all years to participate by illustrating one of the Arden Values, depicting what the value means to them.

The winning designs will be taken by Mr Hook and his creative team who are going to produce a mural just outside the main school hall, to reflect the Arden Values.

Students should submit their designs to Mrs Collett in room 106 by **Wednesday 6th June**. More details have been sent out to parents via SchoolComms this week.

We look forward to seeing the students' ideas.

## Poitiers Trip

During the Easter holiday, at the unearthly time of 12:30am, 39 excited Year 9, 10 and 11 students set off from school to the port of Folkestone. With the



rain lashing down and in darkness for the entire journey in England, we were anxious about what would greet us once we arrived in France. We were therefore very pleasantly surprised to see the sun and feel its warmth once we emerged from the Eurotunnel at Calais. This was clearly for us a sign of good things to come!

We arrived at our hotel in Futuroscope and had a hearty meal at the 'Restaurant des Pirates' and after a refreshing night's sleep, we were ready for a day at the theme park and a tour of Poitiers. When we arrived at the theme park, it was initially eerily quiet, but after an hour or so, we were able to visit the attractions, go on the rides and sample the food and drink of the cafés. We were fortunate that we didn't have to wait long in the queues and we only had a short walk back to the hotel.

That Wednesday afternoon we set off for Poitiers, where both Mr Edgington and Mrs Brennan had lived prior to being teachers. We split off into 2 groups and visited the beautiful cathedral of Poitiers and the oldest baptistry in Western Europe. The tour guide gave us an interesting explanation in French of its history. That evening we returned to Futuroscope for the evening firework show and spectacle.

Thursday morning we were up and ready to go by 7am and we had been told that we were going to spend the morning in a French school and meet our pen pals for the first time! We did some bilingual activities with our French pen pals at the start of the day and then went into a number of lessons, including a French lesson on Shakespeare, a music lesson singing 'Zombie' by the Cranberries, a Maths lesson doing algebra and a Judo lesson! We had some support from the Arden teachers, but I think that most of us agreed that we very much prefer Arden school to Collège Camille Guérin, despite the fact that they don't wear a uniform! We then headed off to Tours, visited another beautiful cathedral and then did some shopping in the town centre.



Friday was our last full day in France and we certainly made the most of it. We travelled to La Rochelle, a beautiful port on the west coast of France. It was a warm sunny day and we enjoyed walking alongside the port and relaxing in the park close by. Mr

Edgington's favourite place, Île de Ré was next on our agenda and after a short coach trip, we visited an apiary and found out how honey is made. We sampled a number of different types of honey and had the opportunity to buy a variety of different flavours. Finally we made our way to the main port of Saint Martin before heading back to England.

We really enjoyed our time in France and hopefully we will be able to use some of the new words and phrases we learnt in our lessons. It was an amazing experience for both teachers and students.

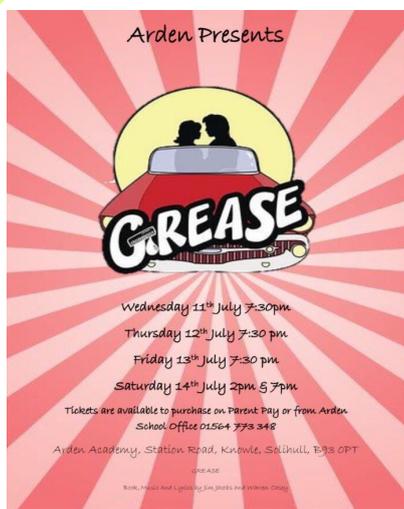


## JLR Work Experience

Well done to Year 9 student Mia Kirk who recently completed a work experience programme at Jaguar Land Rover.

Following an application process similar to a real life scenario, Mia beat off the competition from over 60 other Arden students, as well as nearly 200 applications from the borough as a whole, to earn one of only 20 placements. A great achievement and a fantastic opportunity.

Well done to all of the Arden students who applied; we were commended for the quality of the applications overall.



## Young Enterprise

It has been an amazing past few months for the Altiora Team here at Arden Sixth Form as recently, we launched our book '25 Ways to Revise for your GCSEs', which is available for order via ParentPay! Or alternatively you can order from our website [www.Altioraaimhigher.co.uk](http://www.Altioraaimhigher.co.uk) for an introductory deal of just £5.99. This deal is limited to only 100 copies so don't delay! The book encompasses many different techniques ranging from: how to prepare to revise; how to revise efficiently for your learning style and how to prepare before entering an exam. It also has recipes to increase brain functionality and tips on how to cope with exam stress. If you are preparing for exams then '25 Ways to Revise for your GCSEs' is the right book for you!

Here at Altiora we are proud to announce that on April 21st our team won a prize at the Birmingham and Solihull Trade Fair; in which we received the award of best product for our book as well as on May 10th at the



competition hosted by Arup we won Best Product / Service, and Best Company, with our Managing Director, Max Topham-Steele, winning the award of Best Managing Director. These successes have allowed us to move to the next stage in our Young Enterprise journey with the team currently preparing for the Regional Final in June.

Many thanks,

The Altiora team



## Year 9 Charity Cycle Rides

Two groups of Year 9 students have recently participated in a bike ride to try and earn selection for a charity bike ride (raising money for the Stroke Association) which has been organised by Mr Singh. The students all did really well and the final selection process was a difficult one. The students who have earned their places will now aim to complete a staggering 100km ride in July. We look forward to sharing with you how they get on.



Pictured: a group of Arden students following one of the 27 mile selection rides.

## Year 8 STEM Competition

On the 15th May, three groups of Year 8 students attended the *Solutions for the Planet* regional finals at Aston University to present ideas that they have been working on over the past two months to help save our planet.

The first team that presented was *Clean our Seas* which was a campaign to clean our oceans. The second, called *SOS* was a service to educate pupils in schools about the impact of litter in our oceans and the third, called *Green Hive Trust*, created a product to help increase the Bee population. They were all fantastic and did themselves and Arden proud.

There were 10 groups in total and *Green Hive Trust* came second which means they are in with a chance of progressing through to the nationals. Well done to all of the participating students.



## Year 7 Book Club

This term the Year 7 Book Club, now newly titled the 'Word Wonders', entered a competition with the Reading Agency. They wrote an insightful application and were successful in their bid, winning ten copies of *The House with Chicken Legs* by Sophie Anderson amongst other prizes.



The students are currently reading the book and noting some questions on the plot to make a quiz for the Accelerated Reader programme. Following this, some of the students will be making a presentation on the book to their peers in their English lesson.

Here are some quotes from the book clubbers who have finished the book already:

"It was really well written and nothing like I've ever read before; I loved it!" – Eden Tattersall

"The House with Chicken Legs is an amazingly strange book but fascinating. I love Marinka" – Thea Hitchcock

"It's amazing how Marinka's world gets turned upside down just as she is beginning to feel normal" – Hannah Soane

"It is the best book I have ever read and I am learning new words from it" – Corley Jones

We look forward to winning more competitions in future!

## STEM Trip

Following a hugely enjoyable event delivered by iRail at school last term, five Year 9 students got the chance to attend the iRail Regional Final event held at the newly opened National College for High Speed Rail in Birmingham. Students were lucky enough to undertake a behind the scenes tour of Birmingham New Street Station with one of their shift leaders, including taking in the view from the 11<sup>th</sup> floor and sampling the delights of the disused Victorian tunnel system under the existing station. Back at the College we played with augmented reality headsets, took control of the West Midlands rail signalling system and toured the facilities before undertaking a bridge building challenge with the help of mentors from AECOM Engineering.



## Accelerated Reader Prizes

Congratulations to everyone in Years 7 and 8 for a fantastic term of reading.

Everyone has really impressed us, but the overall winners for this term of a bespoke bookmark and an early lunch pass are:

### Year 7

**Most Books Read** - Hannah Stanton and Jack Campton

**Most Points** - Daniel Tall and Anna Bambrook

**Most Effort** - Jamie Meaden and Louis Dalton

### Year 8

**Most Books Read** - Tom Naylor and Erin Power

**Most Points** - Rosie Davila and Adam Sanders

**Most Effort** - Henry Dean

Those who have consistently achieved over 85% and above in all their quizzes across the term were entered into a prize draw to win a goody bag with a new book, poster, stickers and more.

Winners are Ben La Vigna (Year 7) and Holly Stoneman (Year 8).

## Sixth Form Ski Trip

Over Easter a group of Sixth Form students took off to Vermont for a week of skiing in the prestigious Killington resort. The conditions throughout the week were excellent with fresh snow fall and terrain to challenge all levels of skier.

Following our week skiing we set off for the bright lights of New York where students visited iconic landmarks and explored the city.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to thank the students for their outstanding conduct during a fantastic trip.

Mr Hooper



One of the strands of ArdenAIM is 'Excellence Students'. Tying in with the Arden Values, this aims to highlight and celebrate some of the astounding achievements made by Arden students, in a range of different activities, outside of school.

We are very proud that a number of our students have received recognition for their outstanding talents in the arts and in sport at local, national and international levels. They are truly inspirational role models.

Every month, we shall be shining the spotlight on one of our Excellence Students to find out exactly just what it takes to excel in their field and to achieve such success.

## Joshua Birch-Cole (Year 7)

*Josh is a very talented Gaelic footballer and plays for the John Mitchels Gaelic Football Club. He already shows huge potential in the sport and was awarded Clubman of the Year in 2017. He has played in many tournaments and attended training camps in Ireland to develop his skills. He is also starting out in Hurling, which is the fastest field sport in the world.*

### What is Gaelic Football?

It is a sport which is traditionally played in Ireland and is a bit like a combination of football, basketball and rugby.

### When did you first realise that you were such a good Gaelic footballer?

My brother started playing about two years ago and I used to love watching him play, so I asked if I could have a go. I really enjoyed it and realised that I seemed to have a lot of the skills that are needed to play the game well.

### How often do you have to train?

I do club training twice a week with John Mitchels and try to get some skills practice in for at least half an hour every day. I usually train at St Peter's School, but sometimes I have to go to the Warwickshire GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) ground in Bickenhill. This is also known as 'Páirc na hÉireann' ('the ground of Ireland'). Last year I attended a training camp in County Donegal in Ireland, to train with the Downings GAA, which was a brilliant experience.

### Do you get to play in any matches?

Yes. I usually play matches on a Saturday in 9-a-side matches, which are played as mini-tournaments. This means that there can be as many as 5 matches to play in one day. Last year I got to play in the 'All Britain Competition' in London.

### How do you fit your school work in around your football commitments?

I just have to be organised and make sure I work around my training and matches. I try not to leave everything to the last minute.

### Do many people play Gaelic Football?

It is one of the most popular sports played in Ireland, and although it's not as common here, there are quite a few clubs. There is pretty a big Irish community around Birmingham.

On St Patrick's Day, there is a huge parade through the city, attended by over 80 000 people. In 2017, I was on my team's float in the parade, which was amazing and I even got onto TV afterwards!

### You mentioned that you have recently started hurling?

It is a sport where you use a stick with a flat end and you have to hit a small ball over the bar of the goal. It is known as the fastest sport in Ireland, because it moves very quickly from end to end. It is a cross between hockey and golf. I now train every Wednesday in hurling, as well as playing Gaelic football.

### Who is your inspiration?

My brother. It's because he is so good that I first got interested in playing; I suppose I wanted to be like him.

### What is your ambition?

I would like to progress from playing 9-a-side to being in a full 15-a-side team. I need to keep focused and working hard to make sure that I can improve to this level. I don't know yet if Gaelic Football or Hurling is something that I want to pursue a long way into the future; I will just have to see what happens.

### What is your motto?

Always give it a go!



# Sports News

For all the latest news about all things sports related don't forget to follow the Arden PE Department on Twitter

 @ArdenPE

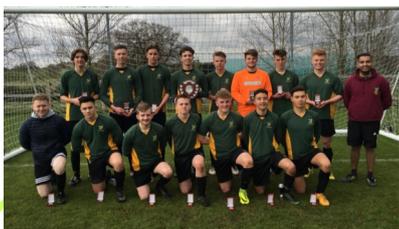
## Sixth Form Football

The Sixth Form Football team have had a fantastic season. They have been competing in the inaugural 'Sixth Form Solihull Cup'.

On their way to the final, they beat Grace Academy in a hard fought game on penalties, and then followed this up with a 6-3 victory over Park Hall.

In the final the team faced Tudor Grange and showed true grit and determination to come from behind to emerge eventual 4-3 winners.

Congratulations to all of the team.



## Cricket

We have been delighted to see so many girls at after school Cricket practice. Over 60 girls of all ages have been out improving their skills.

Students should remember to check the extra-curricular timetable each term to see if there is a club on offer that they could join.



## Girls Football: Cup Final

Back in April, the U16 girls football team played in the Solihull Cup Final against Coleshill.

Even though the girls were 10 minutes late due to a slight navigating error, the girls rushed onto the pitch and got stuck straight into the game and after a nervy start worked hard in the extremely hot conditions and were able to take a 3-0 lead at half time. With the girls struggling in the heat in the second half, they continued to battle on and in the end ran out well-deserved 8-2 winners which really reflected the effort they had put in throughout the game.

The player of the match was awarded to Jess Raisbeck who scored 4 fantastic



goals to set the team up for the win.

The girls whole heartedly deserve this and I am extremely proud at how hard they have worked over the last couple of years as a team to get to this point. Congratulations to all of the team.

Mr Spence

## Solihull Cross-Country

Arden students recently attended the Solihull Cross-Country Awards evening and Mr Hunt was delighted to see so many individual and team awards being presented. Congratulations to all of the students who received an award.

Commitment awards were given to:

Macy-Jay - 3 years  
Tanith Cox - 4 years  
Dan Reidy - 4 years  
Tom Reidy - 4 years  
Mary Takwoingi - 4 years  
Ella Bolton - 6 years

Albutt relays teams:

Y7 Boys 2nd in Albutt relays  
Y8/9 Boys 1st in Albutt relays  
Y10/11 boys 2nd in Albutt relays  
Seniors 1st in Albutt relays

Individual League Results:

Y7 boys:

Tom Maidment - 2nd place  
Matthew Carter - 3rd place

Y7 Girls:

Typhaine Jardine - 2nd place

Y8/9 Boys:

Nathan Carter - 2nd place

Y10/11 Girls:

Mary Takwoingi - 2nd place

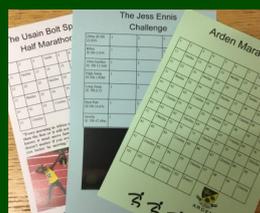
Team League results:

Y8/9 Boys 1st place



## Running

It's that time of year again where we encourage students to take part in one of our marathon challenges. There are three different challenges available this year. Students should see a member of the PE Department for more information and to pick up a card. We would like to see more students than ever before taking part.



## Correction

Apologies to Joshua Bowley (Year 7) whose name was omitted from the basketball article in the last edition of the newsletter. Congratulations to Joshua on his contribution to the team.

We do our best to acknowledge all students and apologise to any student who is accidentally left off team lists.

## Netball

Well done to the Year 8 Netball team who are league winners. They had a great time at the Solihull Netball Presentation Evening collecting their medals and trophies.



## Badminton

Congratulations to the KS3 Badminton team who battled really hard all day whilst competing in the National Badminton Schools Finals. In the end they came third overall. A fantastic achievement considering they were up against the best school teams from around the whole country. Well done to all of the team.



## Gymnastics

There was yet more Gymnastics success recently when the Arden teams competed in the floor & vault British schools championships against 12 other regions of the UK. Here is Mrs Heard's account of the day:

The U14 boys were first up and they all performed brilliantly on floor with the tidiest routines we have seen from many of them. They came 6th out of the 12 regions which was a really good result for them. We were then absolutely delighted when Christian Mobsby was awarded the Ivybridge Trophy for the best overall score at u14 level, a huge achievement and one which we have never won before.



The U19s were on in the last round and did their vault first. The scoring is out

of 16 and we have occasionally had scores in the 15s for vault, however we were astonished when all 5 scores came back over 15 with Anna Bambrook being awarded 15.7. Mrs Bennett has done amazing things with the vault and I can't thank her enough. After some fantastic floor routines we

waited anxiously for the final scores. We were delighted when it was announced that the team had won, and by a huge margin!

To top the day off it was then announced that both Corey and Anna



had won trophies for the best gymnast in their age group, an amazing achievement from both of them as the standard at these competitions is so

high. Arden have never been awarded the top gymnast trophy before and we got 3 out of the 4. Mrs Bennett and I are so very proud of all of the students and what they have achieved this year.



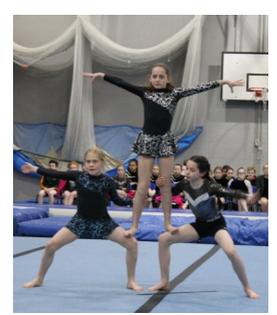
## Gymnastics and Dance Display

Riding on the high of such a successful year for our Gymnastics teams, and to showcase the talent of our dancers, we were delighted to host a Gymnastics and Dance Display this term.

We were treated to some fabulous vaulting, tumbling, trampette and floor routines from our gymnasts. Breath was held as we watched the students fly over the heads of Mr Murphy and some of our Year Heads. Fortunately all went

to plan and no one was hurt!

Our dancers performed a number of routines demonstrating their range across a variety of different dance styles. It was fabulous to see the breadth of skills that our students have and it is clear how hard they have worked on these routines all year.



## Ones to Watch

This half term we have been amazed by the number of students that we have been receiving information about, who are achieving great things in their sporting lives outside of school. These students are truly dedicated to their sports and are the embodiment of the Arden Values. Here is just a snippet of what they have been up to.

### Alliyah O'Hare

In April, Alliyah (Year 10) competed in the world championships for Irish Dancing.

She won the world title and is now the five times consecutive unbeaten world champion. Not only is this an amazing accomplishment but it is also something which has never been done before by a female Irish dancer!

### Kiara Henry

As a result of Kiara's (Year 11) badminton performance (which includes recently being crowned national doubles champion) this season Badminton England have invited her to join the performance programme that involves competing as a part of the England under 17 team internationally and domestically.

### Local boys' Rugby Success

The Old Silhillians U14 Rugby team won the County Championship in April - beating Stratford 45-5.

The team contains a number of Arden boys; potential stars of the future?!



This is a great achievement as there are now only four other girls in England in the under 17 age group who are on this package.

However, despite this success, Kiara is still working hard towards her GCSEs in order to achieve the results to remain at Arden 6th form next year.

### Deen Ahmed

Solihull Swimmer Deen (Year 9) is working hard to try and qualify for the British Summer Championships where the top 24 in the country in

qualifying age groups are invited to compete.

We will keep you updated on his progress in the coming months.



### Elise Glynn

Whilst juggling her GCSE preparations, Elise (Year 11) recently competed at the European Under 19 Youth Boxing Championships in Italy. She did well, reaching the quarter finals including an outstanding display against the Bulgarian national champion.

Unfortunately she was the victim of a contentious split decision against the 18 year old Russia champion and previous World finalist.

As one of the top 8 Under 19's in Europe she now qualifies for this years World Youth Championships to be held in August.

### Dylan Murphy

Last weekend Dylan (Year 9) took part in the semi-final of the Schoolboy Boxing Championships – he secured a very convincing win over his opponent and, as we go to press, is confident of success in the final on Saturday May 26th. This would award Dylan with the title of England Champion in his category and age group!



### Andrew McWilliam

Andrew (Year 9) has been outdoor carting for less than a year. In that time he has won fifteen trophies! These have included a first place cup from the Daytona Cadet class Championship which took place in Tamworth.

Andrew is currently looking for sponsors to encourage his continued success. If you might be able to support him, please contact Mrs Brennan.



### Caitlin Hubbard

Caitlin (Year 12) recently represented England at the World School Swimming Games in Morocco and returned with a fantastic silver and two bronze medals.

What an achievement!



### Natasha and Olivia Cannell

Natasha (Year 9) & Olivia (Year 7) competed in a synchronised swimming competition this month in Walsall, representing the City of Birmingham Synchronised Swimming Club.

Olivia's age group team won silver and Natasha's age group team also won silver. As well as their team success, Olivia also won a silver medal for her age group figures - synchro positions they demonstrate in the pool in front of a panel of judges.



## Polite Reminder

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you to be respectful of our neighbours when visiting Arden.

In particular please can car drivers obey the parking regulations outside school and also refrain from blocking the drives of our local residents. We would also ask that car engines are not left running whilst waiting to pick up students from school.

## Arden Alliance News

In April we were proud to launch our new Arden Alliance website. This is a reflection of our continued commitment to growing our own outstanding teachers through the PGCE School Direct programme, working in partnership with The University of Warwick. You can access the website by following the **Train To Teach** tab on the main Arden homepage.

We have also recently announced the dates of our next three School Experience weeks which are an opportunity for aspiring teachers to get a feel for life at Arden.

The dates are: w/c 12th November 2018; w/c 21st January 2019 and w/c 25th March 2019.

More details can be found on the website.

## Staff News

**Babies** ..... we are delighted this edition to congratulate staff and welcome some new life into the Arden family. Mr Reed (Head of Year 11) became a proud daddy to a baby son, Chester. Mr Clark (Teacher of Computing) welcomed daughter, Megan into his family and Mr Chowdhury (IT Support) is delighted to welcome a son Zahian. Congratulations also go to Miss Long

(Teacher of Business) who was surprised by the early arrival of baby daughter, Polly. Finally, and hot off the press, we are thrilled to also announce that this week Mrs Hawthorn (Teacher of Music) gave birth to baby Isaac. Miss Long and Mrs Hawthorn will now be on maternity leave.

**New Appointments**... we are pleased to announce appointments to the following positions which will begin in September 2018:  
Key Stage 4 co-ordinator - Miss Duffy Turner  
Key Stage 3 co-ordinator - Mr Reed  
Head of Year 12 - Mr Pillinger  
Head of Year 7 - Mrs Dunbar

## Important dates for June

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Charity Day (non-uniform) Year 7 Trip to France Parent Meeting ARDEN @ 6.00pm SCHOL @ 7.00pm
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 10 Hairdressing visit to 'Lush', Solihull
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 10 D&T visit to Hockerton Housing Project Year 10 Geography Field Study to River Blythe
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 10 D&T visit to Hockerton Housing Project Year 10 Geography Field Study to River Blythe
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 10 Geography Field Study to River Blythe
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 10 Geography Field Study to River Blythe
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 9 Debating Competition at Solihull School
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 10 Bronze DofE Assessed Expedition
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> June - Tues 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 12 Geography Field Trip
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 7 residential visit to France
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 12 Mock examination week
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Parents Information Evening (7.00pm), Sports Hall
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Arden Local Governing Body Meeting
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 13 Leavers Ball
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 11 Prom ( <i>Family/friends welcome to view red carpet arrival of students at Arden from 6:30pm</i> )