



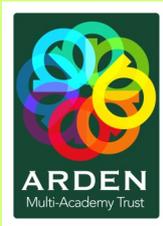
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A short but packed term

Given the fact that we were only in school for four weeks in the last half term it is remarkable that so much can have happened. The undoubted highlights of last half term were the celebration day for our year 11s and the final day of lessons for our year 13s. Both days gave the opportunity to share some very fond memories and to wish our fantastic students the very best of luck for their upcoming exams. Once again one of the best things about both of these days was the opportunity to see the wonderful relationships that exist between our staff and our students.

Since then both sets of students have made good starts to their exams which continue over the next three weeks before we can really celebrate the end of the year with the Year 13 ball and the Year 11 prom, both of which are wonderful events that serve as very appropriate celebrations to five and seven hugely successful years.

As in all walks of life as one chapter closes, a new one begins. We look forward this term to beginning the transition work for next year's Year 7 and Year 12 cohorts. The Sixth Form and Year 7 induction days are very important dates that we are already looking forward to as 300 Year 7 students take their first steps on their Arden journey whilst we welcome both new and familiar faces to begin an exciting two years of A level study.

Mr Warwood, Associate Headteacher

Sports Gala Awards Evening

Last term saw the biennial Sports Gala Awards evening where students are recognised for their success in sport over the past two years.

We were delighted to be joined by former professional footballer Kenny Swain as our guest speaker who spoke passionately about his playing career.

The evening was a great way to celebrate the huge array of sporting talent amongst the Arden students and culminated in the coveted Sports Personality of the Year Award which went to Year 10 student Charlie Billinge. Special mention also goes to Year 13 student Tom Parkin who was awarded the inaugural Tommy Godwin Award for Sporting Dedication which was presented by Rob Jones, Sky News Sports Presenter, Tommy

Godwin's Grandson and Sponsor of this prize.

Congratulations to all the students who were nominated for awards and thank you to all the members of staff who make it possible for the students at Arden to have so many sporting opportunities.



Pictured: Top - team of the year: Girls Badminton, Bottom left - Kenny Swain and Charlie Billinge, Bottom Right - Rob Jones and Tom Parkin.

Arden is part of Arden Multi Academy Trust: Chief Executive Officer, Mr M Murphy and Executive Headteacher, Mr D Burgess

Arden values: Determination : Excellence : Courage : Inspiration : Friendship : Equality : Respect

Year 13 Final Day

Year 13's last day was a rather subdued affair... but in a good way! Rather than celebrating in style they instead opted for a short afternoon off... before going home, in many cases, to revise. I'm so proud of them: I think we in the Sixth Form Team can say that our job is done!

The number of students opting to come in and work during study leave is a testament to their continuing hard work and the ongoing success of the study booths recently provided for us by the Arden PTFA. This purchase has genuinely aided a huge number of the Sixth Form and will continue to do so in years to come! We would like to thank the PTFA for their ongoing support of our students.

(The real celebrations will be at the Ball later this month once exams are over...)

Mrs Hodgkinson



Year 11 Celebration Day

The annual Year 11 Celebration Day was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on a super five years. There were lots of laughs and a few tears (mainly from Miss Berry) as this super group of students saw out the first stage of their Arden journey. We wish them all the luck in the world for their exams and are looking forward to welcoming many of them back in September to start their Sixth Form experience with us.



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Congratulations to three Year 13 students who recently visited St James's Palace to collect their Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. Charlie Watson, Lucy Connors and Esther Batchelor have worked really hard to juggle the award alongside their A-Level studies and Mrs Foulkes is really proud of what they have achieved.



Lucy, Charlie and Esther with guest Gaby Roslin

Five further students are on track to achieve their awards once the exams are completed. Well done to all.

Photography Exhibition

A selection of budding photographers have all entered into the Young Photographer Competition run by the local Rotary Club. This year's theme was 'The Beauty of Nature'. Students from all year groups have entered to showcase their own interpretations of the brief and the results have been marvellous. Inspiration came in many different forms including landscapes and wildlife and their pictures are excellent.



German Exchange

'On 4th May 2019, sixteen Year 9 German students travelled to Schwalbach am Taunus in the Hesse area of Germany for a week's stay with their German exchange partners and families. We set off from Birmingham airport at 1pm on Saturday and after a quick stop off in Amsterdam, arrived in Frankfurt at 6.30pm, feeling excited but a little nervous. Here we all separated off with our exchange families and spent the rest of the weekend exploring the area and getting to know our new German friends. I was partnered with Julius and after a typical German meal out on the Saturday evening, we were up and out very early on Sunday morning for Julius' swim competition. As I also swim for a club, I was able to warm up with him; that was a great experience in a huge 50m Olympic pool, he is an impressive swimmer! I really liked the fact that the two schools had obviously tried hard to match us with people with similar interests and hobbies.

After sightseeing in Cologne after the swim meet, on the Sunday evening Julius' family took us to watch Eintracht Frankfurt at Bayern Leverkusen: again another truly fantastic experience that I won't forget, despite a 6-1 scoreline...I was able to convert Julius into a Liverpool FC fan during my stay.

Monday morning came and we all met up at Albert Einstein Gymnasium. The school itself is big and the facilities are great so spending some time here with our German Exchange partners was something I enjoyed. We met the

mayor and spent some time in the afternoon playing team building games which was good fun.

The rest of the week went really quickly and was a mixture of time in school, trips to Frankfurt and other local places plus time with our partners and their families. On the Friday evening the school arranged a farewell evening and it was a nice way to finish off what was a busy and memorable week.

I think we are all looking forward to the return visit from Albert Einstein Gymnasium and have been making plans for things to do. I would very much recommend anyone getting involved in the German exchange programme; you will have a great, sociable experience and it's one that I am so glad I was able to take part in.'

James Flaherty, Year 9 student.



Solutions for the Planet STEM Event

On the 20th May 14 pupils took part in the Regional Final competition run by a company called **Solutions for the Planet**. The aim of the competition is for each group to create a solution for a problem the world is facing.

The 14 pupils were split into 3 groups, KS Resist, who started a campaign to raise awareness of knife crime, Solar Shark who designed a 20 meter shark that would swim around the ocean collecting rubbish with an aim to remove all the plastic from the ocean and Focus who designed a device that fits into your shower to measure the amount of water used. The data is collected on an app and the app tells you how much water you are using, the cost of the water used and the energy needed to power the shower for that time. The aim is to reduce the amount of water used.

The prizes available were first place with two runners up. We did amazingly well and Focus won first prize! They will now present their idea at the Palace of Westminster

on the 24th June at the national finals. We also won a runners up prize with Solar Shark for their ambitious creation to tackle an massive problem. Unfortunately KS-Resist didn't pick up a prize but the problem they tackled is one of a lot of importance and they are going to continue to campaign, starting with taking to Arden pupils.

All of the pupils were amazing and presented with confidence and passion for their ideas. I am very proud of them.

Mr Hussey



Mental Health Awareness

Arden was proud to support Mental Health Awareness Week last month via the Green Ribbon Campaign.

The Green Ribbon Campaign aims to help #endthestigma of mental health. The campaign encourages organisations to invite their employees to wear a green ribbon during Mental Health Awareness Week to help destigmatise mental health by: creating a visible movement of support for ending the stigma; showing those struggling that there is support and they are not alone; demonstrating the level of support for this issue in your organisation; encouraging people to share their story and to create an inclusive cultures workplace.

The campaign is part of our wider whole-school work on Mental Health aimed at supporting both students and staff.



Library News

Despite this being a very short term, Arden Library has been exceptionally busy, with students studying for exams and reading widely. We are currently running a *Battle of the Books* competition to discover Arden's favourite book, so please do pop in to the Library to vote for your favourites.

Congratulations to the winners of this term's Accelerated Reader prizes, which was a bookmark and an early lunch pass, and a reading goodybag for the prize draw which included a new book, a poster, stickers, badges and more! The winners are:

Year 7 - Most Books Read: Jessica Moxley (14 Books) and Maryam Rees (14 Books)

Most Points: Charlotte Miller (93.5 Points) and Lauren Taylor (52.7 Points)

Most Effort: Zaynub Noor

Prize Draw: Zak Arfan

Year 8 - Most Books Read: Bella Heselden-Hamer (6 Books) and Esme Chatwin (6 Books)

Most Points: Mary Butler (58.1 Points) and Johannes Van Genderen (110.5 Points)

Most Effort: Ben Stiles and Naomi Mychajluk

Prize Draw: Zoe Taylor

Hope everyone has a lovely half term - Keep reading!

Florence Study Visit

'The Italian visit was one of the best weeks of my life and I will remember it forever! I spent an amazing week with my friends, visiting beautiful cities and talking in my favourite language.

After the journey we arrived in Pisa, early morning. We visited the Leaning Tower of Pisa which was very impressive if you can get past the slanted structure! We climbed all of the way to the top to see the stunning view.

We then travelled to Florence where our hotel was, which was a beautiful place with lovely, extremely accommodating people. That evening we visited Florence including Ponte Vecchio.

One of my favourite experiences was visiting the schools. I loved discovering the Italian school and its different methods and meeting the Italian students. The lessons were also really fun to experience and we made friendships that we will hopefully have forever. We visited an Italian, English and French school which was really interesting to see especially



considering how stunning the schools were. I think Mr Edgington would have happily stayed there.

I hope to visit Florence again in the future and as a group we have already begun to make plans to do so as we enjoyed the experience so much!

Marion Walsh, Year 10 student.

Senior and Leadership Pupils

Mrs Brennan was blown away by the students who were interviewed for the new Senior and Leadership teams. She writes: 'It was a long and humbling afternoon spent with these youngsters who showed **courage**, **determination** and **excellence** in abundance – we hope that they will form lasting **friendships** built on mutual **respect** and **equality** – they are a real **inspiration**'.

We are delighted to announce that the new **Leadership team** is: Tom Davies, Tessa Franks, Sam Hocombe, Charles Ment, Lottie Stiles, Helene Toone who will be led by Chairs Jen Harris and Rhys Tippings.

The Senior Pupil team is: Matthew Alsop, Ollie Bailey, Georgia Cutter, Freya Harding, Joe Harrison and Anna Lawrence. The new **Head Girl** and **Head Boy** are Martha Corcoran and Charlie Billinge.

We are in no doubt that they will make super teams.

Oxbridge Event

On the 14th May, Arden proudly hosted the most recent Solihull Oxbridge Network Tutorial event. Organised by Dr Sian Foster from Solihull School, Network events are organised across Solihull to allow all students equal access to essential preparation required for submitting an Oxford or Cambridge application. Staff from Arden contributed sessions on Maths, English, Physics and Medicine. There was an even wider range of subjects on offer and feedback from students has been very positive.

Arden takes part in as many Oxbridge events as possible so as to allow the greatest access to Oxford and Cambridge for those who wish to follow this path.

Young Enterprise

On 9th May two teams from Year 12 entered the Area Finals of the Young Enterprise Company Programme. Our students were competing against independent and grammar schools including Saint Martin's School, Kings Edwards VI and Edgbaston High School for Girls. Both teams did exceptionally well with Spire Enterprises beating off all the competition to win Best Company and Nebula Enterprise winning Best Presentation. Both teams have worked extremely hard on setting up their businesses and learned a lot along the way. The Programme involved establishing each student's role within the business, developing a product, marketing and selling it at trade fairs, producing an official company report and presenting their business in front of a panel of judges and some big wigs at Arup. Not to mention the other competing schools, their parents and staff too! If that isn't fantastic experience, I don't know what is.

Spire's mission was to create a product to increase cultural awareness in young children – you could say, ultimately making the world a more tolerant place. What a mission! To achieve this they developed two products that sit nicely together – a series of books that teach children about cooking, sport, dance, languages, etc. with links to the second element of their product - a Youtube tutorial series which they produced and starred in themselves. They cleverly used social media to raise capital for and promote their business. The judges were extremely impressed with their online digital presence.



Spire Enterprise then went on to compete in the Regional Finals at the HSBC Headquarters on 6th June. The HSBC HQ building is incredible - just being in such an environment is inspiring in itself. Again, Spire's Company Report, trade stand and presentation was scrutinised by a panel of even more important and very serious people! The students



were quizzed on their knowledge of the product and the whole process of setting up a business, including their finances. Representatives from various organisations, including Disney, were there to present the awards. Once again Spire Enterprise did themselves, and us, proud and came away with Best Financial Management Award. Most adults would find this process daunting but they worked hard and performed with remarkable assurance and self-confidence! Obviously I am very biased but our students were by far the best all-rounders and if I were running a business I know who I'd like on my team! They're a great bunch with so much to offer, they really do amaze me. All the students who took part in the Programme are sure to have a very bright future. The whole evening was topped off with a visit to the HSBC tenth floor veranda with spectacular views of the City at sunset and an obligatory pit stop at McDonalds on the way home!

Well done Spire and Nebula!

Mrs Butcher-Johns,
Young Enterprise
Mentor



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Year 10 History Study Visit to Belgium

'We set off on our journey from school at midnight. Apart from a quick stop at 2am we drove through the night to the ferry which was a very smooth crossing; the only struggle being staying awake!

When we reached Belgium our first stop was Caterpillar Crater and Hill 60 where we experienced how close the two different front lines were as well as learning about tunnelling and the use of canaries during the war. Next we visited Sanctuary Wood where, as well as looking around museums and artefacts, we got to experience being in trenches ourselves. They were very muddy but nothing compared to what it really would have been like for the soldiers. After this we visited Hoge Crater where we explored a museum and listened to a talk about medicine during the war. After lunch we visited Passchendaele memorial museum to experience both British and German trenches and dug outs. Next we visited Tyne Cot cemetery (the largest British cemetery) where our guide told us about the stone of remembrance and the cross of sacrifice which appear at every British cemetery. It was very emotional to see the amount of soldiers there and the amount who have never been found and were missing. Straight after this we visited one of four German cemeteries where it was very cramped with lots of mass graves; a stark contrast to Tyne Cot. It had been an extremely long and exhausting day so we were all very glad to go to the hotel and have a very welcoming three course meal.



After a lovely breakfast at the hotel we went to Vimy Ridge, the Canadian memorial, where the views were breathtaking and many photos were taken. We also learnt about the danger of exploding sheep due to unexploded shells! Next we went to the little village of Arras for a little down time and lunch (some amazing waffles!). Our next stop was Cabaret-Rouge cemetery followed by Wellington

Quarry, which included a tour round a series of underground tunnels that the soldiers travelled through and were based in



before the first Battle of Arras. We then travelled to the Menin Gate in the town of Ypres. After a lovely dinner we were able to watch the moving ceremony which takes place every evening to

commemorate the soldiers who fought in the war. We then had a quick stop at a brilliant chocolate shop which was the perfect end to the day.



We woke up to a very soggy morning but our spirits weren't dampened. First we visited the Yorkshire trench and dug-out followed by Essex Farm Dressing Station. It was incredible to see how something so simple and small could have been used as an operating theatre. After exploring for a short



while we then visited two British cemeteries: Brandhoek New Military and Lijssenthoek. Here we saw a really interesting exhibition about medicine in the war which will be really helpful for our studies. We also saw a grave for a 15-year-old who lied about his age to fight, as well as one of two nurses who died in the First World War. This was our final stop and we headed back to England. We would like to say a huge thank you to our tour guide Tony and all the teachers who made the trip so memorable.'

Anna Lawrence, Olivia Carter and Martha Corcoran, Year 10 students.



Sports News

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

 @ArdenPE

Gymnastics

We were thrilled to hear that Corey Allen (Year 11) has been crowned British School tumbling champion. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement especially when you consider that this competition came in the midst of Corey's final GCSE preparations. We are all very proud of what he has achieved.

Corey was also recently awarded 'Coach of the Year' at the Sports Gala for the work he does supporting Gymnastics in school. Here he is picking up his award. Well done Corey!



Rounders

Congratulations to the Year 10 Rounders team who competed in the Solihull tournament and came in runners up. A huge well done to all members of the team.



Youth Sports Trust Quality Mark

Arden has been awarded the Youth Sport Trust Silver Quality Mark for its commitment to physical education and school sport. The Youth Sport Trust is a national charity that builds a brighter future for young people through the power of sport.

Mr Hunt said "We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded the Silver Quality Mark from the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises our commitment to delivering the best possible sporting experiences for the young people at our school. "There are a whole range of educational, health

and wellbeing benefits from delivering high quality PE and school sport, and we see on a regular basis that when it is delivered well it can transform the lives of all pupils."

Alison Oliver, Chief Executive at the Youth Sport Trust, said: "Congratulations to Arden for achieving the Youth Sport Trust Silver Quality Mark. Schools which achieve the Quality Mark, share our belief in the value of high quality PE and sport and the positive impact it has on young people's journey through education."



Rugby Sevens

Congratulations to a number of Arden students who recently competed in the Midlands U14's 7 Finals competition at Derby RFC with Silhillians RFC. Two teams were entered and one came out victorious! Their coach at Sils is extremely proud of their performance, which was made even more satisfying by the fact that some students have now been selected for the Ultimate Rugby National 7's Academy too.

The students who represented Arden at the Tournament are: Jack Brennan*, Ryan McCourt*, Eoghan Dunnion*, Dom Jayne, Ollie Pitt, Christian Walker, Sam Harden*, Ollie Lidgate-Taylor*

(* - winning team)

The students who have subsequently been invited to the National Academy are: Jack Brennan, Ryan McCourt, Ollie Lidgate-Taylor and Dom Jayne.

This is a phenomenal achievement as Sils have a total of 10 players invited (only a 100 in the country) and the biggest representation from any club by far, but also Arden have the biggest representation from any single school too!

Congratulations to all of the boys who competed in the event.

Solihull Schools' Cross Country Awards

Congratulations to a great number of Arden students who have picked up awards at the recent Solihull Schools' Cross Country Awards. There were many awards handed out on the night, both individual and team. In total 25 Arden students were nominated for awards which shows the huge breadth of talent that we have in the school. This was by far the highest representation from any single school in the Borough. You can see from the picture

below just how many of our students picked up prizes on the night! Congratulations to everyone who was invited to attend the event.



Softball

Our Year 9 Softball team competed in the South Solihull Softball tournament recently. They played brilliantly and ended up winning the tournament!

Very well done to all of the boys that took part in the event.

Table Tennis

We were delighted to be updated on the Table Tennis achievements of Year 10 student Henry Belcher.

Henry has played in Division 2 of the Birmingham and District league with weekly games since September and his team have now won the league! He also got a chance to play in the Premier division a couple of times over the course of the year winning 50% of those matches.

He's had numerous mentions in the Birmingham Mail for his performances and has been recognised by his club for his achievements. It is a big commitment outside of school for Henry as sometimes matches have gone on til 11:30pm on weeknights, not to mention all his practise sessions and tournaments. It takes a huge amount of commitment to perform consistently at this level and we wanted to congratulate Henry for everything that he has achieved over the course of the year. We look forward to hearing about his future successes!

Athletics

Enormous congratulations to Cairo in Year 9 who recently went to a regional athletics event and represented South Solihull coming away with the gold medal! This is a fantastic achievement and we are thrilled for him.

More about Cairo in next newsletter as he will feature as our AIM student.

Super Skiing Brothers



Pictured: Owen competing

Year 13 student **Owen Johns** is a fantastic skier. Having climbed the ranks of British ski cross racers over the past two seasons, he recently earned himself selection to the Great Britain junior world championships ski cross team. The team went to Austria where they competed against the best from across the world in under 21. The competition was fierce and although Owen did not get through to the final rounds the whole experience was amazing and one he shall not forget.

Owen hopes to continue to progress in his sport and hopefully be invited to represent Great Britain again in the future.

Scott Johns (Year 11) has followed in his brother's footsteps to become an amazing skier also. This year was Scott's last year racing as a child so was

aiming for a strong performance at the National Championships and didn't disappoint being crowned English Alpine Super G Champion and finishing the championships with a 3rd place overall.

Following Scott's success at the National Championships he was rewarded with being selected to race for Great Britain at the Children's International Race in Val D'Isere in France to compete in "Le Scara Race" which is recognised as one of the toughest races and the unofficial Children's World Championships. After a challenging competition Scott managed to end the day as the top British racer and finish 56th.

Both boys have already shown a huge amount of potential and we are sure they will continue to experience success in their fields. We look forward to hearing about it.



Pictured: Scott in action

Boxing

Congratulations once again go to Elise Glynn (Year 12) who has had yet more Boxing success. Last month Elise boxed for England in the final of the Great Britain Tri-Nation Championships at the National Welsh Sports Centre in Cardiff against the Welsh National Champion. Elise won by a unanimous points decision with the Head Coach of England Boxing (Development) in her corner who described it as a comfortable, controlled display winning gold for England at 57kg. This victory secures her fifteenth victory in an

England vest.

This is her fourth consecutive Great Britain Tri-Nations Junior/Youth title which has taken a lot of hard work and dedication to training by Elise. We are very proud of Elise and what she has achieved once again.



Golf Rising Star

Year 11 student Lucas Laurie recently competed as part of a three man team in the Warwickshire Schools county Golf competition. Despite this being the first time Arden has been able to supply a team in this competition Lucas has represented the school for the previous four years and his performances have landed him a place to represent Warwickshire in forthcoming inter county competitions.

These recent achievements have been just reward for his efforts which started in Year 7 and have continued uninterrupted over the least 5 years. Through hard work and a consistent

approach Lucas has been able to lower his handicap down to 5, represent Warwickshire at national level and become junior captain at Robin Hood Golf club for last year.

The commitment that Lucas has shown to progress his golfing skills, represent the county, act as a club captain with all the extra responsibilities this entails while also balancing his studies for his GCSE's is a real credit to his meticulous approach in all areas. Lucas is a real role model for younger students and we are very proud of him.



Alumni News

We are always pleased to receive updates from former Arden students. This month we received news about Jacob Lamb (Arden 2009-2016).



Jacob took A-Levels in Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics, achieving an astonishing three A* grades. Jacob has just completed his degree in Physics at Imperial College London, and has now won a scholarship to study for a PhD in Engineering at Cambridge University, Queens College. He will start at Cambridge in September.

What a fantastic achievement. We are very proud of what Jacob has achieved. If you have any updates about any of our former students then please do let us know via the school office email address: office@arden.solihull.sch.uk

Staff News

Huge congratulations are due to three members of staff who have recently welcomed baby boys into their families. Mrs Bull's (Learning Support Assistant) new arrival is Philip, Mrs Petley (2nd in charge of Maths) welcomed Owen, and Mrs Hill's (Head of Media) baby boy is George. All of these babies were born during the Easter holidays! The final baby is Cooper, who was born to Mr Butler (Teacher of Science) and his wife at the start of May. Fantastic news all round!

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long-standing member of the Arden family; Betty Smallman in April. Betty worked at Arden for forty years; formerly running the Youth Centre which was based here and latterly as a huge part of our lunchtime supervisors team.

Betty was a hugely kind and compassionate member of staff who always took the time to talk to the students at lunchtimes and I know that everyone who benefitted from her time in the Youth Centre is hugely grateful for all that she did to make such a range of opportunities possible. She will be sadly missed by all of us here at Arden.

Donations in memory of Betty have been given to the Family Care Trust, a local charity supporting families with dementia and Alzheimer's.

Community Events

Knowle Fun Run

The annual Knowle Fun Run was a huge success and we were thrilled to receive a letter from the Knowle and Dorridge Lions recognising Arden's contribution towards the event.

The letter wrote: 'May I personally thank you, and the staff of Arden, on behalf of Knowle and Dorridge Lions for helping ensure the continued success of what has become Solihull's premier fundraising event. The use of the school facilities enables the Lions to put together a very good and hopefully professional community event. When all the runners sponsorship has been paid in we hope to have raised approximately £37,000 for The UK Sepsis Trust and SoLo Life Opportunities our two nominated charities as well as local Lions causes'.

We would like to express our thanks to all students, staff, parents and local residents who supported the event.

Tommy Godwin Cycle Event

We were delighted to once again support The Tommy Godwin Challenge Sportive which was set up in 2013 to honour the memory of 1948 Olympic cycling medallist Tommy Godwin. The event is run entirely by volunteers and profits go to fund the West Midlands Marie Curie Hospice in Solihull where Tommy spent his last few days.

The following year 12 students were a credit to Arden; volunteering with water supplies, handing out medals, selling merchandise and updating twitter throughout the day: Zoe Bull; Lois Mansfield; Zara Barton; Annie Stanway; Will Gray; Jemima Cray; Maheen Safi; Alicia Holsey; Sam Evans. Well done to all of them for helping out.

School Production Sponsorship

We are thrilled that **StarStruck Performing Arts Academy** are one of our partner sponsors for this year's school production: **Chicago**. The Academy offers a wide range of classes for youngsters in the local area both in the evenings and at the weekends.

They also run holiday workshops via their satellite company the '**Performing Arts Project**'. More information about the Academy can be found on their website by following the link below:

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Important dates for June and July

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| Monday 3rd June | Students return to school |
| Thursday 6th June | Year 12 Art & Photography visit to London galleries Year 12 Young Enterprise Team at Regional Finals |
| 8th-15th June | Year 9 German Exchange students in UK |
| 10th- 14th June | Year 10 Geography Field trips (half days) |
| Friday 14th June | Year 9 DofE Bronze expedition Training |
| Friday 14th-Sunday 16th June | Year 10 Silver DofE Practice expedition |
| Weds 19th June – Fri 29th June | Year 12 Examination Week |
| Wed 19th June – Fri 21st June | Year 11 Silver DofE Assessed expedition |
| Thursday 20th June | Year 12 Taster Day (changed from 1 st July) |
| Mon 24th – Fri 28th June | Year 10 Work Experience Week |
| Mon 24th – Fri 28th June | Year 7 residential Visit to France |
| Tuesday 25th June | New Parents Information Evening (7.00pm) |
| Wednesday 26th June | Year 8 students attending STEM final (Westminster Palace) Year 8 Science visit to Warwick University Year 8/9 vaccination catch-ups |
| Thursday 27th June | Year 13 Leavers Ball Art Summer Exhibition, Smart Centre (4:30pm) |
| Friday 28th June | Year 11 Prom (red carpet arrival at Arden from 6:30pm) |
| 1st-5th July | Year 12 Work Experience Week |
| Tuesday 2nd – Tuesday 9th July | School Production Rehearsals (including compulsory full weekend rehearsal) |
| Wed 10th-Sat 13th July | Performances of school production ('Chicago') – Tickets will be available via Parentpay |
| Thursday 4th July | Year 6 Induction Day Year 11 Visit to Wimbledon (by invitation) |
| Friday 5th July | Year 7/8 visit (by invitation) to The Story Museum |
| Mon 8th – Wed 10th July | Sixth Form Futures Week |
| 12th July – 14th July | Year 12 Biology visit to Margam |
| Monday 15th July | Year 12 Physics trip to Alton Towers Sports Day (parents invited in the afternoon) |
| Tuesday 16th July | Year 7 Awards Assembly (9am) Year 8 Awards Assembly (1:30pm) |
| Wednesday 17th July | Year 9 Awards Assembly (9am) Year 12 Awards Assembly (11:30am) Year 10 Awards Assembly (1:30pm) |
| Thursday 18th July | Years 7-10 House Music |
| 19th July-21st July | Year 10 Silver DofE Assessed expedition |
| Friday 19th July | Term Ends |
| Monday 22nd July | Inset Day |