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Important Dates;

14 Dec

Oldfield Christmas Festival of Music,
19.00

15 Dec

End of Term 2
Finish at 12.20

02 Jan 2018

Week One
Start of Term 3; INSET DAY

03 Jan 2018

INSET DAY

04 Jan 2018

Students return to school

09 Jan

Yr 10 Parents' Evening

10 Jan

Yr 9 DofE session, 15.00

11 Jan

Yr 10 DofE Session, 15.00

Yr 11,12,13 Berlin Trip Info Evening,
18.00

16 Jan

A Level Geography Trip
Schools Somerset Indoor Cricket
Competition, U15s

17 Jan

Yr 11 Blood Brothers Trip

18 Jan

Yr 10 Blood Brothers Trip
PGL Ardeche/Mimosa Trip Parents'
Info Evening, 18.00

25 Jan

Yr 12 & 13 Parents' Evening

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is around the corner and I can rarely remember a term passing so quickly. I suspect that this reflects how busy the school has been since we returned to school in November; both with regards to learning and also the number and range of extra-curricular events and activities.

Year 11 and 13 have completed their mock examinations and have gained valuable experience of the examination process in preparation for the summer. The music and drama departments have been particularly busy and those of you who have watched either the Macbeth performance at the Egg Theatre or have attended any of the music events in the build up to Christmas will have, I am sure, been impressed by the quality of the performances from our students. Our final event of this term will be the Christmas concert on Thursday and I hope that you are able to attend. Our Year 9 students have been busy planning, marketing and selling a wide range of products as part of their involvement in the Big Pitch and I look forward to seeing and sharing their presentations later in the year; thank you to parents who have supported them in their endeavours. Of course none of these events could take place without the commitment and hard work of staff and I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for this.

This newsletter formally introduces the new school Houses, with a section dedicated to updates on the House system and this will be a regular feature of future newsletters and each House will also have a page on our website. The current position with regard to total House Points will be shared with students in a whole school assembly at the end of this term. This will be the first such assembly and is an opportunity for the whole school to come together to celebrate achievements at the end of school and I am looking forward to seeing the whole school together to say goodbye to staff who are leaving and to wish them a merry Christmas. I am sure this will be a successful event and our intention is to repeat this at the end of the year.

There are some staffing changes in place from January. Michael Pearce has been appointed to a post to St Nicholas' School. In English, Ruth Rhodes will be on maternity leave from the start of next term and her classes will be taught by Dave Bevan. Agnes Morens is leaving at the end of this term to live and work in France and we have appointed Anna Taylor as a teacher of French and she will be starting with us in January. Also, in our pastoral support team we are saying goodbye to Carly Adams and Clive Carey at the end of term.

Wishing you an enjoyable Christmas and a happy new year.

*Steven Mackay
Headteacher*

Christmas Events

The Music Department has been hosting lots of lovely Christmas music events this year and we didn't want you to miss out on the last one before Christmas, which takes place this evening. Whether or not your child is involved in these events all will be warmly welcomed and we hope to see you there.

The Christmas Festival of Music starts at 7pm in the school hall and will be a traditional school Christmas Concert complete with tinsel and full on Christmas jollity in the second half! Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the interval, served by the OSA.

It would be lovely to see as many students, parents and friends of the school as possible come to together to celebrate Christmas this year.

*Ms Lobbett
Music Teacher*



NOTICE BOARD

Bath Croquet Club will be hosting a youth croquet group (ages 11 –16) for three months from January 2018 at the Recreation Ground in central Bath. There are 8 places available for the weekly coaching sessions, for which there will be no charge. The first session will be on Sunday 7th January and it will continue weekly until the end of March. The sessions will start at 10am and continue until 12.30pm. Please contact Andrew Willis at andrew@eastbournevillas.co.uk for further information or to reserve a place. Or look on the facebook page for more information; <https://www.facebook.com/BathYouthCroquet>

Christmas Jumpers, Friday 15th December

On Friday 15th December we are celebrating Christmas (and the end of term) with Christmas Jumper day and £1 donations will be collected for charity, by tutors. It is not a non-uniform day but Christmas jumpers can be worn instead of jackets. All donations will go to Save the Children and these will be collected by the Heads of House.

Merry Christmas!



Uniform

Please support the school with regards to our expectations on uniform by ensuring that any replacement shoes purchased over the holiday period are in line with our uniform policy (this is outlined on the website). Students should not return to school in January with haircuts/ styles that are contrary to our policy (this includes tramlines and unnatural hair colouring). We are also having a number of students wearing hoop earrings and these are not allowed, if students wish to wear ear jewellery this should be ear studs only.

WELCOME

Library News

OLDFIELD SCHOOL

OLDFIELD SCHOOL HAS A NEW LIBRARIAN

Some of you may have noticed that Oldfield School has a new Librarian. Mrs Pearce has been a Librarian for eleven years having previously worked at Wellsway School in Keynsham. Please do pop in to meet her and introduce yourself.

Mrs Pearce is also an artist and illustrator and she is transforming the Library environment into a more inspiring space by creating lots of interesting displays. Which do you like the best? She is also keen to have more student input into the working of the Library and she will be creating a Library Committee where students can voice their thoughts and ideas for improving it. Just let her know that you would like to help.

Mrs Pearce will be buying lots of new books and if you have ideas about what she should buy - please let her know. You can email her, speak to her in person or jot it down.

She has just started a Book Club on Wednesday lunch time which is open to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. This will be a fun club where we can talk about books and do other book related activities.

Mrs Pearce is also going to host lots of fun events and activities throughout the year for students to get involved in, so keep your eyes peeled for further information!

Buses

While the very great majority of our students behave impeccably on the buses on the way to and from school we are being let down by a small number of individuals in this respect. The buses are not run by the school but we have an arrangement with both First Bus and Abus that students whose behaviour is either upsetting other passengers or is unsafe can be banned for a period of time from that bus service. If your child uses public bus services to come to school, could you emphasise the importance of behaving in an appropriate manner. We will be reminding students of our expectations with regards to this in assemblies at the start of next term.



Thank you!

The Christmas Fair was a great success with lots of festive cheer, and we raised over £1000! Lots of the Nordman Fir non-drop trees were sold and we are getting quite a reputation for good quality, reasonably priced trees. Many people see this as the start to their Christmas celebrations. Congratulations to the winners of the hampers and thanks again for all the donations.

A big thank you to all those that have helped out at the various events and activities that have taken place this calendar year—it's been a busy one, with open evenings, ice creams at sports day, Year 7 family BBQ and disco, quiz night, Battle of the Bands and teas and coffees galore! Not to mention all the helpers at the Christmas Fair and those that will be serving refreshments at the Christmas Festival of Music. Thanks to you all.

Don't forget if you want to get involved, everyone is welcome to attend the OSA meetings (see below for next one) or just send us your details and we'll be in touch for future events. It's a great way to get to find out what goes on at school and be a part of your child's education.

*Susan Holway
Chair of the Oldfield School Association*



Giving Machine

Now is the ideal time to help the OSA without doing anything extra! When buying things online (almost anything), please go through www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and it will generate free donations for our school!

It just takes a couple of minutes to sign up;

- Click on "join as a giver"
- Choose Oldfield School Association Bath, Bath and then "join and support"
- Fill in your details and join
- Everytime you go to buy anything online, login to your account and choose your retailer (which you can then add to your favourites to make it easier in future)
- GO SHOPPING!!

Dates for your diary

11 January 2018, 7pm down at the Boathouse on Newbridge Road, next OSA Meeting

16 March 2018, Quiz Night, Oldfield School. Further details to follow.

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING AREAS —

Communications

The Communications Learning Area is a team of diverse interests and enthusiasms. Between us we cover the core area of English Language and English Literature as well as Modern Foreign Languages (French and Spanish), Media and Film Studies. You will be well aware of many teachers in the English team, although there have been some movements this year due to maternity leave: Mrs Morris has just returned and Mrs Rhodes will be leaving at the end of term. Miss Boseley has been with us since April and we will soon be joined by Mr Bevan.

The new courses in English and Literature GCSE have now bedded in and we trust the Year 11 students are feeling buoyant after a very successful literature mock exam in November. Students are given the opportunity to go to the theatre – Blood Brothers in January! – as well as take part in debating, public speaking, creative writing ...

KS3 English: I'm Mr Trowell, and I'm very excited to have joined Oldfield as the new Head of KS3 English. The students in KS3 have really impressed me so far, not just with their ability but with their enthusiasm and willingness to get stuck in. Year 9 have worked through the sobering theme of tragedy, starting with Romeo and Juliet and moving on to war poetry from a variety of periods. Here they were able to bring in some of their own knowledge and experience, and it was lovely to hear the personal stories of relatives involved, as well as the personal touch this added to their learning.

Year 8 have had a very busy term, not only have they created their own 100 word mini saga short stories, but they've been looking at a range of poetry and non-fiction centred around the idea of place. We've loved hearing about various holiday destinations and experiences they have had, and it has been fantastic to see them using their knowledge acquired during Term 1, and building on it so robustly.

However, it is a particularly big well done to all of our Year 7 groups, who have made a superb start to their time at Oldfield school. They have been tackling a wide range of texts and have taken it all in their stride. It is clear we have some fantastic writers in the year group, and several members of staff have commented on how well their groups responded to the feedback they received for their first assessed pieces – something which certainly bodes well for the future. Keep it up Year 7s!

Modern Foreign Languages: I am the new Head of MFL, Mrs Newport, and I started this September along with many of our team so it is all change in Languages at Oldfield this year. I am truly excited to be here at Oldfield and my team and I look forward to harnessing and nurturing the language skills of your children over the next few years.

I am lucky to be part of a highly dynamic and committed team comprising Miss Ryan (also Head of Year 7), Miss Hassell, Mrs Sidler and Mr Thompson, who joined Mrs Beckett and Miss Morens this year. And there is yet more change to come... We are sad to say goodbye to our French colleague, Miss Morens, who is going to return to France to be happily married and we wish her all the best and thank her for all her hard work. In turn we welcome Miss Taylor in January to take on the mantle of much of our French teaching.

We mostly teach both French and Spanish to differing levels but all share a great passion for the countries, cultures and languages we teach and aim to make our lessons reflect this to ensure Oldfield students' experience of languages is as real and as exciting as possible.

As languages are a popular option here, with the new GCSE now in place, our focus has shifted towards equipping our students with an excellent grammar base as well as giving them the tools to make them more confident to speak and our main aims are to build towards this new exam right from the start in Year 7 and promote the continuation of language study right through to A level.

The breaking news is that we are currently looking into setting up more cultural and exchange style trips over the next 2 years to make languages really come alive for Oldfield students, so watch this space...

Media and Film Studies: Miss Brewer is teaching the new Media GCSE course and she and students are greatly enjoying the content and challenge of this. The new A level Film Studies course is great – and allows students to discuss an excellent range of films. The production work at both levels allows students to explore their creative skills. Teaching at Oldfield School is a privilege: our students – your children – are determined and enthusiastic.

Ms J Malt
Leader of Learning

Mr L Trowell
Second in English (KS3)

Mrs A Newport
Head of MFL

Year 8 & 9 Girls football team

The Year 8 and 9 girls' football teams were entered the Somerset cup, a knock out competition between schools in the Somerset area. In the first round of the cup we were awarded with a home walkover as the other school dropped out. In the second round of the competition we were up against Millfield School, a private school from Somerset, renowned for their sport.



The girls were extremely nervous before the game as this was their first ever game as a team. The first half was incredible, not only was it their first game together, they were also playing 11v11 which was completely new for some of the girls. The team showed excellent team work, skill and quality footballing abilities. We went 2-0 up in the first 15 minutes of the game. Goals were scored by Quinta Coombes and Mia Sparks. Millfield battled well and scored a goal to make it 2-1, closely followed by a great shot on the edge of the box to make it 2-2. Half time arose; we had a chat about tactics and what we needed to do to win the game. The second half was a constant battle from both teams and both created goal scoring opportunities. We were fighting the game against light and the time was closing in as the game remained 2-2. In the last 3 minutes of the game the girls managed to pick the ball up in Millfield's half, build up an excellent piece of play by making a 1-2 pass and a cross into the box for Quinta to get on the ball and score a winning goal to make it 3-2. The final whistle went and the girls were extremely excited that we are now through to the quarter finals of the cup. I am enormously proud of the team and look forward to the upcoming fixture. Well done girls!

*Miss Hooper
PE Teacher*

BANES Cross Country Event, Tuesday 28th November

Some excellent results from the students that took part in the rescheduled Cross Country event held at Kingswood playing fields. We had a great afternoon and the weather stayed dry for us.

Out of 120 students that took part in each year group, our students did extremely well;

Year 7 Girls

Imogen Yap	22 nd
Matilda Coles	42 nd
Matilda Lewis	54 th
Daisy Ashcroft	56 th
Jess Causey	60 th
Maddy Davies	74 th

Year 8/9 Girls

Emma Poploski	21 st
Eloise Parker	28 th
Rosie McLain	42 nd
Eloise Wilson	58 th
Isabelle Medley	75 th
Trinity Love	77 th

Intermediate Girls

Megan Barwick	15 th
Katie Williams	14 th
Niamh Bird	18 th

Year 7 Boys

Evan McLain	19 th
Harry Hamilton	24 th
Daniel Pledge	26 th
Ellis Cooper	30 th
Jed Meerholz	31 st
Fred Kershaw	34 th
Dylan Roberts	41 st
Finn Williams	50 th

Year 8/9 boys

Will Hall-Haines	44 th
Herbie Bailey	56 th
Leo Ashman Cox	93 rd
Mackenzie Davies	94 th

Year 10/11 Boys

Marley Carpenter	5 th
Joey Williams	12 th
James Horrocks (JC)	20 th
Teo Rolando	23 rd
Finn Searle	43 rd
Joaquin McLoughlin Dymond	49 th
Hamdi Saleem	56 th
Bailey Clements	57 th



A special congratulations to Marley Carpenter who has qualified to the County round to be held in January 2018.

Mrs Bell and Mr John



Year 7 BANES NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On a very cold November afternoon the two Year 7 netball teams took to the courts to compete in the Year 7 BANES netball tournament held at Oldfield School. It was their first experience of this competition in Year 7 and they did extremely well.

The Year 7B netball team had maximum participation with lots of rotation of position to allow the girls to play in a variety of positions. The girls demonstrated positive attitude and etiquette in every match played. Congratulations to the squad and to Sophie Iles for her first tournament captaincy.

Results

- Won 2-0 v Somervale - Player of the match Saffron Hayden
- Lost 9-0 to Ralph Allen- Player of the match Jessica Backholer
- Lost 6-0 to Chew Valley – Player of the match Jessica Woodham

I was impressed with the way the Year 7A team supported each other off and on the court and how they coped with the change of position and players in each game. We finished in joint 4th which was a very pleasing position given that we lost some games in very small margins but that is all part of what happens on the day! Congratulations to the squad and to Jess Causey for her first tournament captaincy.

Results

- Lost 4-0 to Ralph Allen
- Won 2-1 v St Greg's
- Lost 3-1 to Wellsway
- Lost 3-2 to Chew Valley
- Won 3-0 v Norton Hill
- Won 2-1 v Writhlington
- Drew 1-1 v Somervale
- Miss Hooper and Mrs Little*

Gaby Norman and Paige Woodward – County Rugby

Gaby Norman and Paige Woodward (Year 10) have been lucky enough to be selected to play rugby for Gloucestershire County and have played in all their games so far. They have also both scored a try! They train at their local rugby club (Kingswood RFC), where 5 of the girls in U15s got selected for county. This is a massive achievement from one team out of all the girls across the county who went for selection.

Well done girls!
Mrs Bell
PE Teacher



Year 9 Netball Team

We also hosted the Year 9 B&NES netball tournament on Tuesday 21st November at Oldfield school. There was a total of 9 teams that entered where two pools took place. The following games and results during our pool are below;

- Oldfield v Somervale (Won 19-1) - Player of the match was Lauren Buxton
- Oldfield v Ralph Allen (Won 8-3) - Player of the match was Poppy Wallis
- Oldfield v St Greg's (Lost 8-6) - Player of the match was Lauren Buxton
- Oldfield v Writlington (Won = 17=3) - Player of the match was Erin Hammond

The girls did fantastically well during their pool and came 2nd in the group on points overall, this resulted in them playing Hayesfield in the semi-finals of the tournament. The team kept their focus and quality and managed to get the win.

Oldfield v Hayesfield (Won 6-4) - Player of the match Lauren Buxton.

With the excellent win over Hayesfield, the team made it to the final to play against St Greg's for the second time of the tournament. The team were now competing to win the tournament and go through to the next round. The game was extremely close, the scores were neck and neck. The final whistle blew and the game ended 4-4 with both teams as winners of the B&NES tournament. Nelly Lord was voted player of the match from the opposition and the team are very excited to see who we are playing next. Well done to the Year 9 netball team.

*Miss Hooper
PE Teacher*



Year 10 Boys Football

There was a great turn out of support, from Oldfield students, for the Year 10 boys football match against Backwell School, in the 5th round of the Somerset County Cup. Unfortunately the players could not be legends in their own lunch time squandering countless chances in front of a baiting crowd of mad super fans. However, perseverance was key as the deadlock was finally broken by Ferdinand Symons close to the end of the first half. The second half was very much like the first but Oldfield scored once again to put the score 2-0 as this time Marley Carpenter swooped on a loose ball from the Backwell keeper. Backwell squeezed in a goal to make it a 2-1 but a nervous Oldfield team saw the match out to secure a 2-1 victory and an away match to BANES school Writhlington in the next round.

Man of the Match: James Horrocks



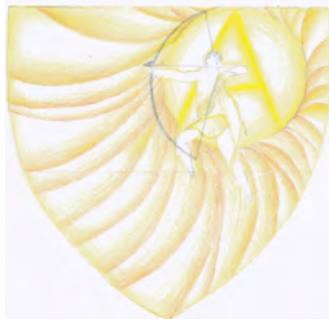
HOUSE PAGE

Apollo Argus

A big thank you goes to all Apollo students who entered the house shield design competition. We had nearly 50 entries which made shortlisting extremely difficult. A huge congratulations to the winner, Maisie Serry 9B. Maisie has helped shape the future of Apollo house by designing a beautiful shield that will be used for many years to come.

Apollo house have been fantastic in helping raise money for charity, with the whole house contributing to Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for being so generous and helping raise money for a great cause.

*Miss Vickery
Head of Apollo House*



The Maia Messenger

The progress that we have seen this year for Maia House has been truly brilliant! We have really lived up to the name of Maia, and shown growth among every pupil in all areas of school life. Having had a difficult start to the year in terms of house points we are slowly climbing up the beanstalk of house points and have recently overtaken Neptune! Well done to everyone in Maia House, especially to Eleanor Stone 9D for designing our amazing house shield.

*Mr Gann
Head of Maia House*



The Neptune Noise

Neptune house crashes in to Christmas like a tsunami of success! It's fair to say that we conquered the conkers competition (with the exception of any matches against Mr. Mackay, who clearly did his homework and practiced before the event). We are extremely proud of our brilliant new house shield design, courtesy of Year 8's Lily Davies. Did you know that Neptune was the god of horses as well as the god of the sea? There were lots of great entries to choose from, thanks to everyone that entered.

Next term we are launching an inter-form competition to raise money for Water Aid – a fantastic charity that improves people's lives all over the world by providing them with reliable clean water supplies. Mr. Fox has volunteered to have the first wet sponge thrown at his face – who else will volunteer?!

Happy Christmas Neptune House. The wave rolls in to 2018...

*Mr Fox
Head of Neptune*



Minerva Mail

The second term has been an extremely busy one for the students in Minerva house from our 'Finding Wisdom' competition to fundraising for Children in Need.

To kick start this addition of the Minerva Mail, a huge congratulations to Emily Harrison in 10D whose winning shield

entry will now be made into the Minerva house shield. There were lots of very impressive shield designs. A very big thank you to all those students who took the time to design a shield, there was tough competition and an even tougher decision to make. In other Minerva News; the 'Finding Wisdom' mission had most of the school talking. So much so that other houses asked if they too could join in the fun! There were 50 owls to find and well done to Mrs Evans tutor group, 7G, who found an impressive 46 owls! Your prize will be 'winging' its way to you soon.

*Mrs Macnaughton
Head of Minerva House*



Children In Need

As well as a non-uniform day to raise funds for this national event the teachers held a cake sale. A special mention to Minerva 11D and their tutor Mr Pearce who wanted to make a real impact. Taking inspiration from Lord Sugar, Mr Pearce gave 11D £10 and told them to come back at the end of the week with a profit for Pudsey. With the help of Mrs Dowding, the students made cakes, created posters and ran competitions around the school, giving up their break and lunchtimes to do so. Each and every student contributed and managed to turn £10 into £128! This is an amazing effort in 4 days! 11D has added this to the overall school total. Well done 11D & Mrs Dowding!



TRIPS AND EVENTS

A Level Physics trip to centre for Fusion Energy

On December 5th, A Level physics students were lucky to be able to attend a trip to The Joint European Torus (JET), located at Culham Centre for Fusion Energy; educational visits to this centre are in high demand. It is where scientists from all over Europe study nuclear fusion in



conditions approaching those needed for a power plant, so could possibly hold the solution to our world energy crisis. The students were first given a lecture covering the fundamentals of nuclear fusion and harnessing energy, they were then given a guided tour of the centre including the structure that holds the magnetic field where the nuclear fusion takes place.

It was a great all round experience giving the students the opportunity to consider potential careers in physics, to speak with physics graduates and to introduce nuclear physics which they will study later in the course.



Mrs Hobbs
A Level Physics Teacher



The Oldfield choir performing at the Bath Christmas Market, last weekend to raise money for the Bath Rotary Club. Well done to everyone that took part.

Oldfield SEND School Trip to Grimsby Farm, South Gloucester

The Oldfield SEND department arranged for students from various years to visit Grimsby farm, situated in Kingswood in South Gloucester. The trip was planned to focus on the development of "life skills" with particular emphasis on improving the students' confidence and communication skills through the introduction to new environments and experiences.

Covering an area of just over 20 acres there was plenty to explore. With an array of animals and out-buildings, a duck pond and nature walks, it was the perfect place for the students to learn new skills. The students were exposed to a variety of activities such as meeting a pedigree pig, who had recently given birth to nine piglets, interacting and feeding donkeys, ducks and chickens as well as learning about the gestation periods of sheep and goats together with the daily life, on a working farm.

The students enjoyed the day immensely and are hoping to return next year in time for lambing season!



Mrs Goddard-Palmer
Teaching Assistant

Oldfield Leaders Sportshall Athletics Primary Event

On Tuesday 5th December our Oldfield Sports leaders went to Wellsway school to help run the Primary Sportshall Athletics Competition. They took charge of all the events, demonstrating, measuring and recording. All the students did a fantastic job and were a credit to the school.

I would like to congratulate all the sports leaders who have worked hard this term completing the course. After Christmas we will be recruiting a new group of leaders ready for the Spring term. The course is open to both boys and girls in year 9. Please see Mrs Bell if you would like more information.

Lauren Buxton	9D
Holly Beasley	9H
Ilham Darr	9H
Maddie Leach	9L
Ellie Lester	9S
Nico Long	9L
Will Hall-Haines	9N
Mackenzie Davies	9L
Ruby Frampton	9T
Esther Billington	9N
Ella Causey	9N
Remy Benson	9L
Emma Poploski	9B
Erin Hammond	9B
Tia Evans	9B
Bryony Prewett	9L
Nelly Lord	9D



*Mrs Bell
PE Teacher*

Rambert Dance Company

As well as visiting The Bath Theatre Royal to watch Rambert Dance Company perform the iconic 'Ghost Dances' in early November we were also lucky enough to have the opportunity to work with Kathy Codogno, a dance animateur who works closely with the company.

Kathy came in to teach our GCSE Dance students repertoire from two dance works. 'A Linha Curva' which is one of the students' Dance Anthology works for the GCSE course as well as material from the 'Ghost Dances'.

The students worked extremely hard and Kathy was very impressed with how the students faced all the challenges on the day; from learning the dance material to choreographing. It was an amazing morning in the dance studio for all the students and staff involved.

*Mrs Macnaughton
Dance Teacher*



Dance Styles Props

The year 8 students have been studying different styles of dance in lessons and a highlight for me always the homework students produce. The standard this year did not disappoint; Billy Marshall in 8B made a cardboard guitar, Lizzy Vodden Summers in 8S made a ballet shoe whilst Cameron Hackett in 8L made a 1970's stereo. All the props are associated with the different styles we have either studied or the students have an interest in.



A big thank you to all the students for their hard work but also for your help and support in making and transporting the stereos, disco balls, top hats, tap shoes, Charleston headdresses and sets of headphones to name a few of the props that have filled the studio.



Mrs Macnaughton

ATP World Tennis Finals, London

We were extremely fortunate to secure a number of tickets for the ATP World Tennis Finals which takes place in the O2 Arena in London each year. Our tennis club students were given the opportunity to attend the matches and many of the students had not been to a professional game of tennis before so this was a fantastic opportunity to experience both a doubles and singles match. The atmosphere inside the arena was very intense and really added to the experience.

Miss Vickery, PE & Dance Teacher

"I found the tennis trip a thrilling experience and I was very grateful to go.

We travelled by coach to Victoria Coach Station, approximately a two hour journey, and then went on the tube to the O2 arena. When we got inside we checked in with our tickets and watched the doubles game. This was very exciting for me because I love tennis and I have never watched tennis at a venue. After the game had finished we had the opportunity to browse the stadium. During this time I had my photo taken with the trophy. Later we sat down to watch the singles game. I enjoyed this game the most because I prefer to play singles. To me this was the best part of the day.

I give my greatest appreciation and thanks to Miss Vickery for giving me this fantastic opportunity." by Isaac Amos, Year 11 student



Super Non-Fiction with Year 5s from WASPs

During a busy Term 2, the English Department welcomed 89 Year 5 pupils from WASPs to take part in a non-fiction writing day, based around the theme of superheroes. Pupils started the day by testing their knowledge of superheroes, before creating and designing their own superhero. They gave detailed descriptions of their powers and abilities, their weaknesses and of course their arch nemesis. As we'd hoped they came up with some wonderful creative ideas, including a superhero who could shoot rainbows from their eyes and a superhero who had the agility and speed of a squirrel! The Year 5 pupils then tried out their powers of persuasion by writing a letter to Universal Studios, trying to persuade them to cast their superhero in an upcoming blockbuster. Again the English team were really impressed with the students ability not only to learn and use persuasive devices, but also to reflect on how effective they were in other peoples writing. A big well done and thank you to all the team at WASPs for their creativity and enthusiasm!



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Mr Trowell
Second in English

