# HWA Newsletter





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"Another amazing term draw to a close at Hanham Woods and we have much to celebrate which is down to the hard work of students! We have seen so many opportunities this term for students to get more involved in the Academy and benefit from enriching activities such as trips, clubs, sports fixtures and external agencies working with us to provide different curriculum experiences. I hope you have been enjoying our newsletters and that they provide you with further insight into the Academy. Please do get in contact if you have any feedback as we are keen to ensure that the newsletter supports you."

#### Dream BIG // Work Hard // Be Kind

Mr O'Callaghan Principal



#### HWA Welcomes Sir Keir Starmer





Hanham Woods students enjoyed a unique insight into the world of politics this week when they were invited to put questions to the man widely tipped to be the next UK Prime Minister.

Labour Party Leader Sir Keir Starmer visited the Bristol school alongside Damien Egan, a former Hanham Woods pupil who is representing Labour in the Kingswood by-election later this month.

The visitors began their visit by meeting Principal Steve O'Callaghan, who outlined the school's rapid journey from an inadequate Ofsted rating in 2017 to its current rating of 'good', earned in 2019.

Steve – supported by CLF Deputy CEO Dan Nicholls, COO Sarah Lovell and Executive Principal Tracy French – also updated Sir Keir on the challenges schools face in returning pupil attendance to pre-pandemic levels.

The group then enjoyed a tour of the school and took time to speak with Year 7 pupils during a tutor session, where they were quizzed about their respective career paths into politics, and whether Sir Keir 'is friends' with current Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.



They were also asked role of a Prime Minister, which Sir Keir answered by likening the job to that of a school Principal, who he said is also responsible for creating a community environment where all members can thrive.

The visitors then moved on to a grilling from school council members, who tackled them on their past careers, future ambitions and topical issues.

Students were urged to 'be happy, and be confident' in life, with Sir Keir reminding them 'it is very important you don't have that voice in your head saying you can't do something'.

Students were asked too about the issues that matter most to them, both in school and out. Answers ranged from environmental concerns to support for young people's mental health to the cost-of-living pressures facing families.

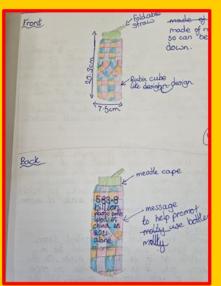




### **Design and Technology**



This term in DT all of KS3 have been busy with their assessments. As part of the assessment we selected 6 designs that would be entered for the CLF design competition. Several school across the federation took part and the Execution CLF Team judged the competition. We were delighted that 4 students from Hanham won! Well done to Elodie P Year 7, Oscar S Year 8, Kadie R Year 9 and Emma Knowles who won a gift voucher.



Year 7 aesthetically pleasing Winner: **Elodie P** 

The judges particularly liked:

Foldable straw

Rubix cube design

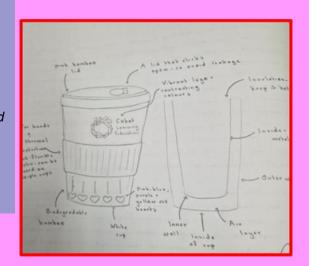
Year 9 aesthetically pleasing Winner: **Kadie** R The judges particularly liked: *More like a water bottle but robust Colourful* 



Rubber grip – fab! Very useful for busy CLF people.



Year 8 design brief Winner: **Oscar S** The judges particularly liked: *Lots of detail Side view. The way the ideas are presented* – good labelling and text



Year 9 design brief Winner: **Emma** K The judges particularly liked: *Enjoyed the HEART logo and CLF theme The bamboo lid.* 

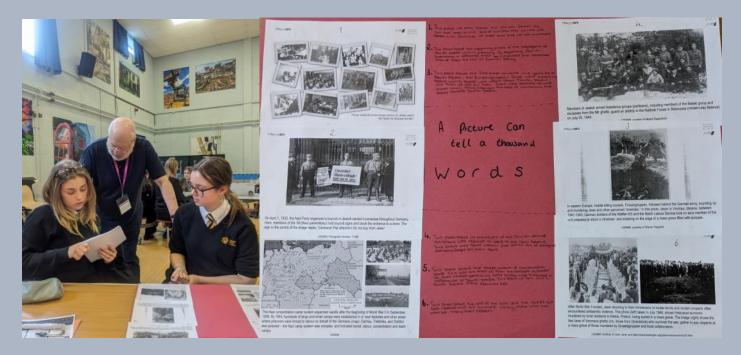


#### Humanities

This term we took 9 students to Royal Wootton Bassett Academy for a Holocaust Memorial workshop which was in partnership 4 other schools from across the country. The students had a series of workshops that enriched their understanding of the Holocaust, and it's impacts on individual families. They created a fragment poem based on the family that they have studied from a documentary called My Family, The Holocaust and Me. The family that they had researched into were members of the Jewish resistance against the Nazis, before the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands Els was a dancer.

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Later in the day students had only 20 minutes to tell the story of the Holocaust in 6 pictures, in this time one group was able to discuss the impact that this event had with Bernhard, who appeared on the documentary to find out about his Grandfather.





#### **Humanities**



For their final workshop of the day, each person was asked to write a postcard to someone who had talked to them that day. Everyone from Hanham Woods was so grateful they did more than one! Well done to all of your that came on the trip, you were absolutely incredible!

#### Bernie

To have such knowledge as yours about the origonings of the Holocasust

and to their document it is a fantable thing to do , and I really respect you for it. Not only does it halp educate today's generations about what took place and the harror of it, your story will continue to help what took place and the harror of it, your story will continue to help the number race is ligh with following the atroctites of two decades and the awful and the origin.

Thank you, Bernie, Huly.

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#### To Bernie

Thank you for coming over to talk to us. It is so important to be educated about the holiocaust and the families connected to it. Your sources of discovery (whiles was not my groups facus) is something mat-will stay with both you and us for the fest of our lives and with encorage others to discover their herotoge. -Thank you for being brave enough to look into history and learn from it.

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Thrack you for coming to visit as nil today, Shong such a vuncer part of your framilies bistory can't be easy and I commend you for do to it. Not only that, But you had a roaduful conversation with our group during one of our activities, and you were such a hand individual and The conversion re had now way valuable to me, so thank you!

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On the 31st of January, a group of students -Including us, the ones writing this- were given the opportunity to attend a conference at the Royal Wootten Bassett academy because of a project we are all part of. The project is called "The holocaust my family me and us" which centres around a documentary starring Robert Rinder, Lousia and Natalie Clein and other such individuals. The documentary aimed to help the second generation of Jewish people after the Holocaust to discover more about their families complicated History. And the project took these stories and gave us the privilege of learning about their families. For this conference we all travelled to Swindon, and we greeted by the head of the project. Then we were taken to a large hall where we were introduced to the other schools a part of the project. It was a wonderful experience to meet those we had been doing the project alongside for the past four years. Throughout the day we completed reflective activities that started to make us think about the atrocities committed and about the development of Holocaust education as a whole. We also had the amazing opportunity to meet the stars of the documentary and it allowed us to have intellectual conversations about the stories we have been learning about (and get some photos). We are eternally grateful to have had this opportunity, and we'd like to give a special thanks to Miss Dora for doing the endless risk reports to allow us to attend and for being such a big part of the project. -Lily B and Bella W!

### **Poetry Live**



On Monday 22nd January Year 10 and 11 students went to Bath forum to see Poetry Live . The poets we saw are John Agard, Carol Ann Duffy, Imtiaz Dharker, Owen Sheers, Daljit Nagra and Simon Armitage . In my opinion the trip was very interesting. Learning about their interests and experience of writing poems was very engaging and educational. The poet I enjoyed the most was John Agard , he makes poems like a fairytale , the way he tells them makes the reader listen.

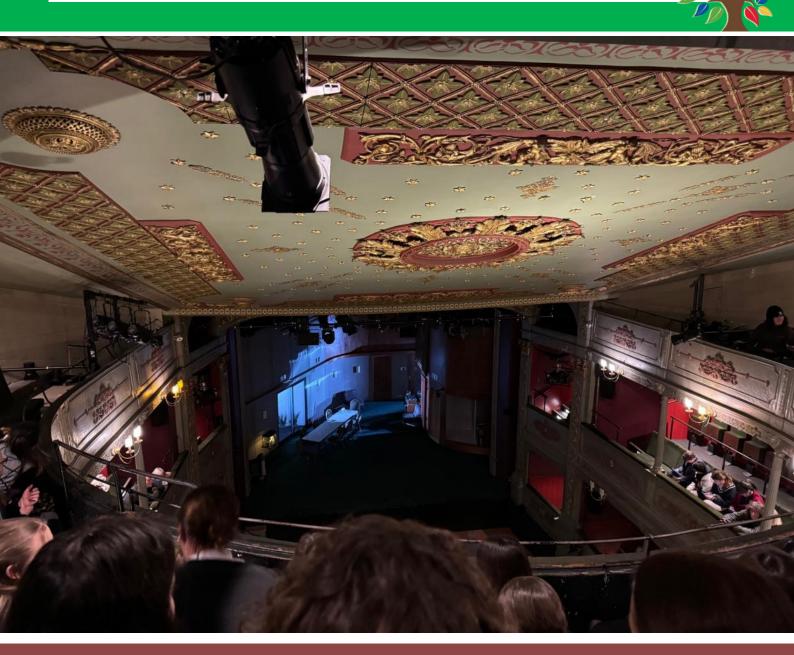
Ruby and Cristina (Year 10)





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### Macbeth Trip



"On the first of February a couple of year 10 and 11 students went to the Old Vic to watch Macbeth. We took a coach from school to the Old Vic. The play was funny and interesting but at times it was hard to keep up with what was going on because it was in old English. As we were in Year 10, we didn't know the plot as well as Year 11. You could buy snacks or bring your own for the interval and everything was easy to access. I had a very fun time with my friends, and I am glad I went. It was good and enjoyable."

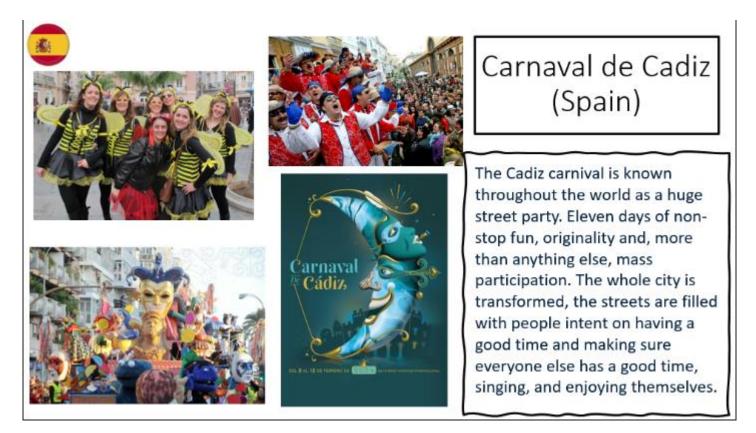
Lyla in Year 10

#### MFL





#### •https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/classic-crepes





#### MFL

### Carnaval de Cadiz

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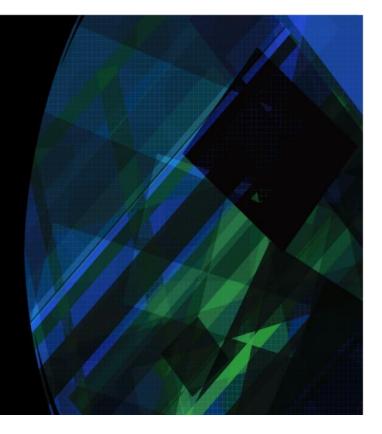
### **Oxford** Trip



# INFORMATION ABOUT THE OXFORD TRIP

By Niamh .W , Emma .M and Ryan .S

• The trip to Merton and Exeter college (two of the many at Oxford University) was extremely educational and informative. Not only did we have a tour; we all had fun. We got to have the same meal as the students at Merton college. We got to sit at the head table for special guests. We also got given a free meal by Hanham Woods Academy.









#### **Oxford Trip**

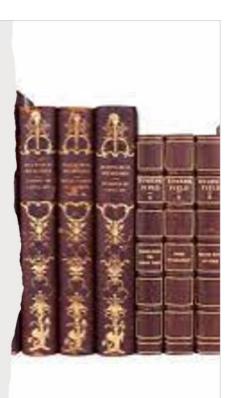


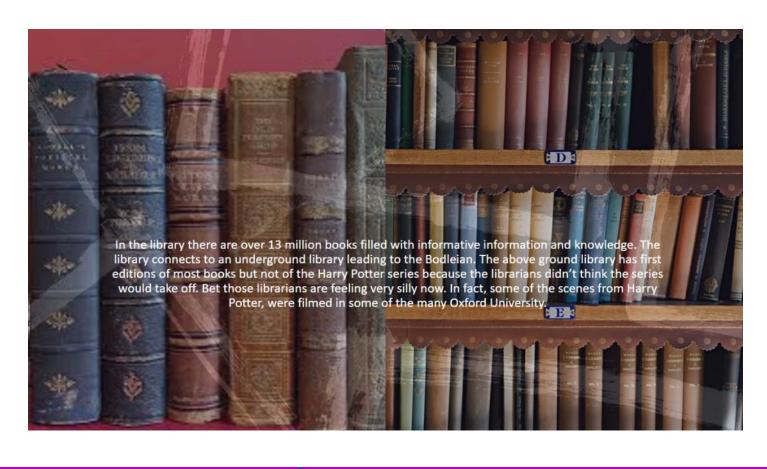


#### Fun facts

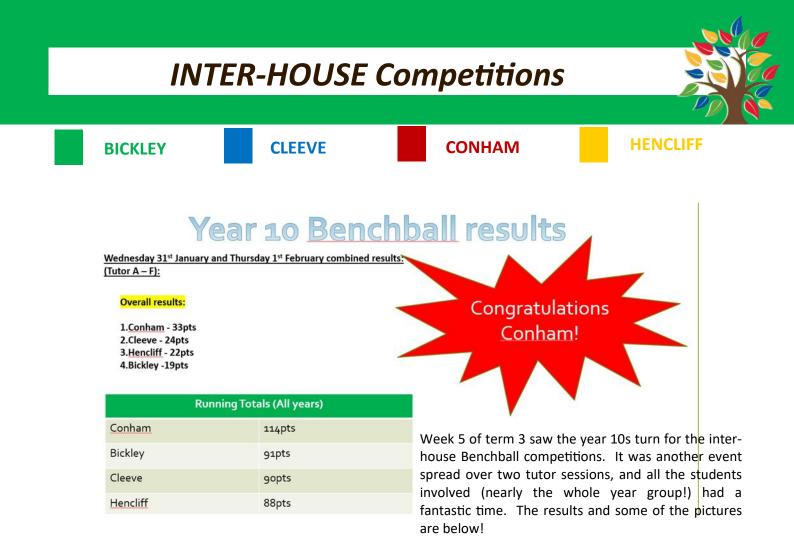
The Mob Quad is exactly 704 years old, in fact, Merton college is over 750 years old! C. S. Lewis used to attend University college, called Oxford. (He is the author of the Lion witch and wardrobe).

In tutor there are usually 1-4 people, however in lectures there can be 200+ people depending on which course of work is taken.















We had the **county athletics finals** and the year 7 and 8 boys and Year 8 girls qualified for the event. They all performed really well and represented themselves and the school really well.

#### The Year 8 boys won by 1 point!







It has been a busy term for PE, with lots of different activities and events taking place.

#### Athletics

We hosted the indoor athletics, Super 6 competition, for the area. A girls and boys team from Year 7 and Year 8 took part and did extremely well against some good opposition. The Year 7 and 8 boys teams and the Year 8 girls team won their competition and will go through to the county finals in the last week of term. The Year 7 girls narrowly missed out on winning. All of the athletes were a credit to the academy for their positive attitude as were the Year 9 students who helped to run the event.







#### Athletics Sports Leadership – Year 9 Leaders

The Sports hall Athletics event ran smoothly and was very successful, thanks to our outstanding year 9 Sports Leaders who ran the event with Dean Garrett. They lead, coached and recorded all of the results with an excellent attitude and were positive role models to the athletes competing. A big thank you from the PE Department to all of the leaders!

#### Leadership Report – Thomas S



On Thursday 11th January year 7's and 8's competed in an athletics event held at Hanham Woods and we can proudly say that year 7 boys, year 8 boys and year 8 girls came first. Year 9 boys and girls were nominated to be leaders at the event and this consists of

boys: Thomas S, Edward W, Harrison P, Charlie B, Sonny W

girls: Maddison B, Martha H, Kaitlyn B, Laila J, Lexi P.

As a leader we had to record the scores of the following events: vertical jump, standing long jump, triple jump, speed bounce and shotput. Alongside this we had to make sure each event was being completed to the rules and we also helped any contestants that found the technique complicated. Overall, the evening ran very smoothly and the Hanham contestants did very well, deserving to walk away with the win, but a very well done to all other schools giving their best.



# Year 8 Boys Football – Strong start to the group games:

The year 8 Football team won their first league match against SBL. 2 top quality teams hoping to qualify for the knockout stages were very closely matched in the first half. In the second half, Hanham improved their individual and collective performances to come out comfortable 4-0 winners and are now in a strong position in the league.

The Man of the match award went to Frankey W.

The goals were scored by Ozzie W, Fin W and Reuben M.





#### **Girls rugby festival**

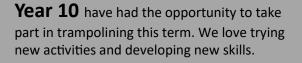
Whitehall Rugby Club and Bristol Bears offered girls the chance to take part in a festival of rugby, where teams could choose contact or non-contact games. Most of the girls playing for Hanham had never played before so they decided to opt for tag rugby. The girls were very supportive of each other, especially Sasha and Mollie from Year 8 who captained the team and made sure everyone knew what to do and even did some coaching before the games started. The whole afternoon was a great display of teamwork and positive sporting attitudes. They even got a t-shirt and wristband to take home at the end.



#### **Girls football**

15 year 8 and 9 girls went to Chipping Sodbury for the area 7v7 U14 football tournament. The girls played well, considering they have not all played together as a team before. They drew 2 games, won one and lost one. Maybe this might encourage a few more girls to attend football on Monday after school, so we can enter the local league.





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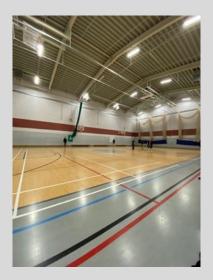
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#### **Girls cricket**

Year 8 girls took part in the Lady Tavener's indoor cricket competition. It was great to see our girls experiencing something new and using some of the skills they had tried out with Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation earlier this academic year. Hopefully this will be the start of a Hanham girls cricket club – watch this space!







#### Benchball

Benchball club started this term, and it has been great to see so many students attending. Year 8 had a match against Kings Oak in week 5 and demonstrated fantastic teamwork to win 4 matches, draw 1 and lose 1. Well done to everyone that took part.





**Year 9** will have their tournament on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and the Year 7 tournament will be in Term 4 (date tbc).



#### **PE Lessons**



This term Year 7 girls have been taking part in problem solving and gymnastics activities. It's been great to see you all work so hard and build your confidence in these activities.



Year 9 girls have been working on a Sport Education block of work. In teams they have been looking at their strengths and weaknesses and planning circuit training sessions in order to improve their performance. We have seen some fantastic leadership and organisation across all 4 classes. Well done!



#### Football

Football clubs have been well attended, with fixtures starting soon. The Year 10 team had their first match against St. Bedes in the Woodcock Shield, but sadly did not win. They played well and demonstrated great teamwork and sporting behaviour.

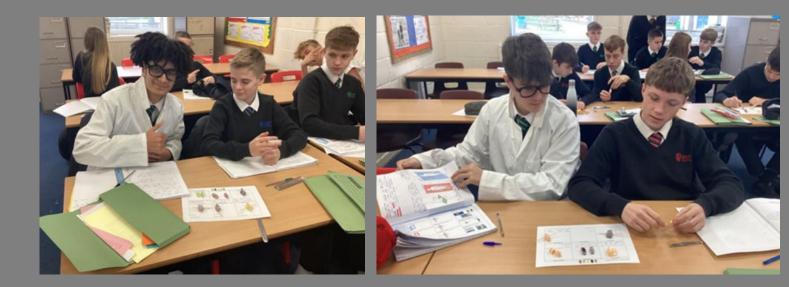
#### Individual sporting success

Well done to Harry in Year 11, who has travelled to Lithuania with BWB to play football. Also to Kezia in Year 10 for coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the SW indoor championships in Cardiff.



#### **Examination PE**

Year 10 GCSE students have been working hard attending every Friday night to develop their practical skills in different sports. This can make a real difference to the grade achieved. They have also been enjoy-ing earning about planes and axes through dissection of JELLY BABIES!





# Duke of Edinburgh



Well done to Year 9 who have got their programme planners started, and are working hard on their volunteering, physical and skills sections. It's so wonderful to see the range of activities students choose, and to see students helping out in our school community.

We have our FIRST EVER Silver award group getting started with their award this term too, and hopefully this will be a regular opportunity for Year 10 going forwards as well.

Letters have also gone out to students this term who have completed their Bronze award in Year 10 and Year 11 to invite them to our FIRST EVER awards evening for D of E! We can't wait to celebrate their achievement and hand out their awards. There are still a few assessor reports needed for some – if you don't know how to get this done please speak to Mrs Baker or Mr Littlejohns.

Letters will be coming out soon to Year 9 and Year 10 with the dates of your expeditions; apologies for the delay.

If anyone has any spare equipment that we could use for D of E and allow more students to take part we would be much appreciated. We are on the look out for large rucksacks, roll mats, waterproofs.

Also, if anyone is aware of a volunteering opportunity in the community that we might not know about please drop Mrs Baker an email so



#### DofE

"I am looking forward to work with elderly people with a group of friends this month at the old peoples home. We will be doing actives with them and chat with them to make them feel like they are not always alone. We are there to make them have the time of their lives so they can also feel young again."

Omar

#### Maths

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, we took a team of four Year 8 students to a Chess Competition at Bristol Grammar School. They had some tough competition as they were up against students from across KS3-KS5 but they played well winning 2 rounds and placing 7<sup>th</sup> in their section. We have another Chess tournament on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March for KS3 where we are hoping to take 2 teams with us. Please come along to Chess club on a Monday in M1 if you are interested in playing and competing.



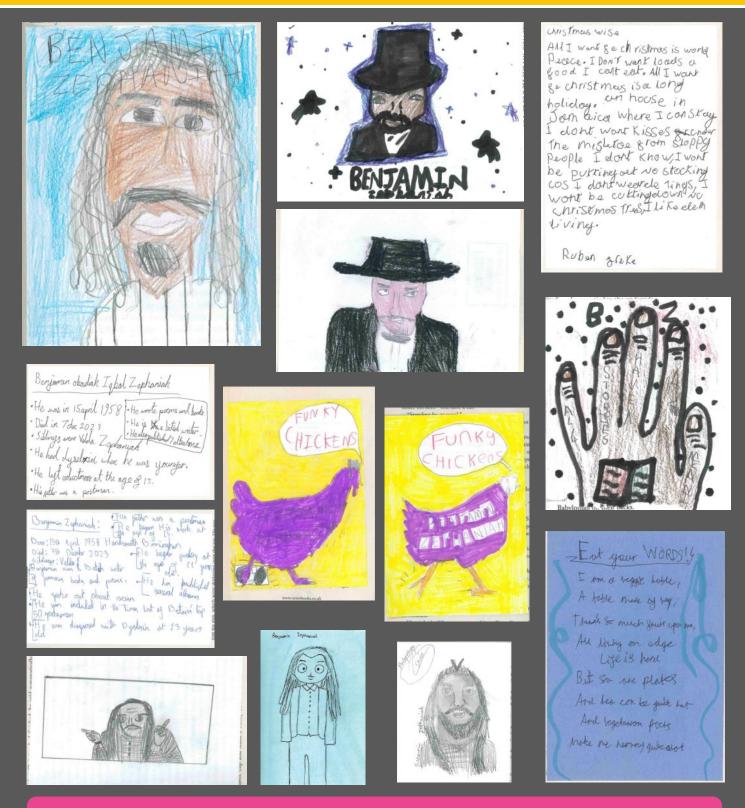




### Library Lesson—Benjamin Zephaniah



In one of the library lessons, Y7 created images and fact files on Benjamin Zephaniah.



#### Please bring any overdue library books back.



## Wellbeing



#### Reminder of the 5 ways to wellbeing

Especially in winter it is important for us to take care of our health and wellbeing. This isn't just our physical health but also our mental, emotional and social health too!

The NHS recommend 5 strands that we can focus on to support our wellbeing, take some time to reflect on which ones you do well and where you could give yourself some more self-care.



# Safeguarding





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#### **CLF GOVERNANCE TEAM**



#### A message from the CLF Governance Team

If you have ever considered volunteering within your community, working with and contributing to one of our CLF Academies could be one of the most rewarding things you ever do. If you have the desire to improve children's lives and outcomes, are passionate about the importance of education to change lives for the better then this could be the role for you.

I cherish the role I play in children's education; I live and work within my local community and feel everyone's contributions, no matter how small, can make a real difference to a child's life. As a Councillor I have the opportunity to shape the lives of children and therefore shape the community and society I live within. It is a really rewarding role.

Education is not just about the academic work that children undertake; it is a time when children develop their life skills creating the young adults that join our society; as Councillors we have a chance to help shape their lives and give them opportunities they may otherwise never have.

If you have an enquiring and challenging mind, put it to use and help shape the educational direction of the academy.

As a Councillor, I have had the opportunity to undertake professional roles outside of my own everyday remit and develop a diverse range of skills that are transferable to other areas of my professional life. I would highly recommend a role as an Academy Councillor within the Cabot Learning Federation; the training and opportunities are invaluable, joining really can make a difference.

Why wouldn't you want to?.....

E-mail: governance@clf.uk

Website: https://clf.uk/volunteer-with-us/



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# Family/parenting support



**NHS website:** Advice for parents on a range of parenting issues, including talking to teenagers, fussy eating and teenage aggression.

Website: www.nhs.uk/family

**Parent Buddies** is a confidential, universal, one-to-one listening service offering short-term support depending on family need. Volunteers are trained to provide parents/carers with listening, and signposting to specialist services. https://www.parentbuddies.co.uk/ **CCP** – Caring for Communities and People – Offer outreach support for families at an early help level. Families can selfrefer. www.ccp.org.uk

#### Support for families who have children with additional needs

#### SEND and You - SAY:

Local SEN and disability information service (SENDIAS) -Information and support around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, for children, young people and families. (previously Supportive Parents)

Tel: 0117 9897725 Mon-Fri 9.30 - 4.30 (answerphone at other times),

Email: support@sendandyou.org.uk Website: https://

www.sendandyou.org.uk

South Glos Parents and Carers: Information and groups for parents who have children with a disability and/or additional needs. Offers a weekly drop in for parents and carers, support groups, workshops, counselling and events. They also run the Parent Carer forum in South Gloucestershire to collect feedback and views from families with disabled children.

Website: www.sglospc.org.uk

Email: team@sglospc.org.uk

JIGSAW Thornbury Support families who have children who are 0-25 years and have any additional needs or disability. This can be anything from learning needs such as dyslexia to complex disabilities or medical problems. Many children who come have no diagnosis. Weekly support group for parents, carers and children + training courses on a range of topics. Telephone: 01454 416381

Website: https:// www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/

#### **Adult Mental Health**

**South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies** - Vitaminds: Therapeutic interventions including counselling and group courses, in line with people's differing needs, age 16+. Self-referral via the website:

https://www.wellaware.org.uk/projects/talking-therapies-south-gloucestershire/

Tel - 0333 200 1893

https://www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk/nhs-services/nhs-mentalhealth/bristol-north-somerset-south-gloucestershire/ **Samaritans:** Free, confidential emotional support for those experiencing despair, distress, self-harm or suicidal feelings.

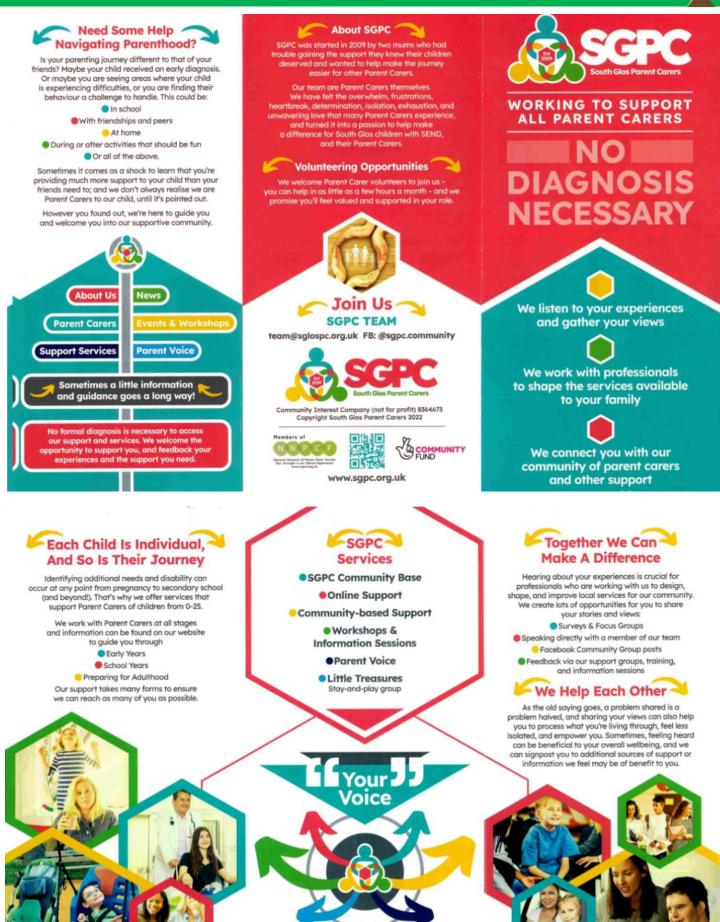
Tel: 116 123 (free, from any phone, 24/7).

Website: www.samaritans.org. Email: jo@samaritans.org



#### **Parent Carer Support**







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# **General Information**





### CALL FOR TIES



If you have any school ties you are no longer needing, IA and the Pastoral team would be grateful for them.





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# **General Information**



#### **Free School Meals**

Do you think your child might be eligible for free school meals?

If you wish to apply for free school meals for your child attending Hanham Woods Academy you can apply either online, in writing to South Gloucestershire Council or by phone, **01454 868008**.

Free School Meals Online

Lost Property

> There is a lot of lost property waiting to be claimed. If you have lost any items please ask at reception and also in the PE office. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of at the start of each term.



**Data Protection** 

Following the UK Data Protection legislation (including UK GDPR), we asked for permission to process and use some personal and sensitive data belonging to students, for example photographs and recordings. This consent can be changed at any point. To change the level of consent given, please email us: Karen.Cooper@clf.uk.

**Please note:** Student photos in our Newsletters appear in both print and online platforms, including the school website.

### Change of Details

Please can you ensure that if you change address, Phone number or email address that you inform the school as soon as possible to ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for you and your child. Please email any changes to <u>reception@hwa.clf.uk</u>

# Student Absence

Student absence line: 0117 440 8900 (Option 2)

#### **Student absence**

email: <u>attendance@hwa.clf.uk</u> ('Absence' in subject line)







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# **General Information**





Applying for free school meals could save you up to £414 per year, per child.



You can check if you are eligible by using our online application form at: www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals For more information, speak to your child's school.

#### Your child could be entitled to free school meals.

#### You may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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You can check if you are eligible by using our online application form at: www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals For more information, speak to your child's school.

The quickest way to complete your free school meal application is online.

The Contact Centre is here to help and support those who are unable to access this service or require support in their online application. Contact 01454 868008 for more information.



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