



THE MESSENGER



Issue 5

Personal Development Day 8th July 2021

On Thursday 8th July pupils participated in the final 'Personal Development' Day of the last academic year.

PD Days are delivered to pupils four times each year, and teach all of the compulsory elements of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education curriculum from Years 7 to 11, with additional content tailored to the needs of the 6th form.

All of the lessons are designed to prepare pupils for their life as young adults, and cover important issues such as forming respectful relationships with others (e.g. with friends, teachers, employers and partners), their rights and responsibilities as employees, how to manage their finances and take care of their physical and mental health. Years 9, 10 and 12 were fortunate to receive a visit from Elevate, who gave them useful study skills to help them excel in their future coursework and exams.

Upcoming Dates

16th September 2021
Year 7 Settling-in Evening

23rd September 2021
Sons of Pitches Concert
@ St Matthew's Church

7th October 2021
Open Evening



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support in making the start of term as smooth as possible in what have been some challenging circumstances. It is wonderful to see the students looking very smart and moving around school to their different lessons again. We hope and pray for a year which will be more settled and normal for everyone in the school community.

Kind Regards,

Mr Smith, Principal

Smith's Myths

True or False?

Marrakesh is the capital of Morocco.

'A' is the most common letter used in the English language

An octopus has three hearts

Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa.

Answers on next page

Blue Coat Masked Singer The Reveal!

The moment we have all been waiting for, how many did you guess correctly?



1. Elephant
Pharrell
It's.....
Ms May



2. Unicorn Van.....It's..... Mr Gardner



3. Mario
It's.....
Ms Clarke



4. Phantom
It's.....
Mrs Lambeth



5. Mr Bean
It's.....
Mr Howell



6. Wolf Roberta
It's.....
Mrs Radford



The Big Sing for Walsall

On the 17th June, twenty of our young vocalists took part in the streamed concert 'The Big Sing 2021'. They performed 'Rise Up' by Andra Day as our school song and then also took part in the finale 'The Shaded Tree' which has now been released as a charity single. The concert is still available to watch on the Walsall Music Education Hub's YouTube channel. Congratulations and well done to all of the students involved.



Prayer Corner

Loving God,
your Son told his disciples
to become like little children,
Lead us to work for the welfare
and protection of all young people,
May we respect their dignity
that they may flourish in life,
following the example of the same
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Year 9 & Year 10 3D Design Students

Before the end of term Year 9 3D design classes had been working hard on a GCSE style project entitled time. As part of this project the students had to design and manufacture their own clock based around one of 3 designers they researched. They could either use Zaha Hadid, Rem Koolhaas or Philippe Starck.

This project saw some intricate design and some hard thinking from the students as they were unable to use the usual workshops due to covid restrictions meaning they had to remain in their bubble. Well done to all students that took part.

Year 10 3D design

Year 10 3D design had also been working hard on their GCSE coursework entitled environment. Each student produced their own interpretation of what this means to them and have designed, drawn and 3D print modelled their design ideas. Now these students are starting their manufacture in the workshops, with some interesting results already showing.



Amazing Art



EAL3 form's amazing artwork

Before half term Miss Girhiny had been setting her form a relaxing activity for the benefit of their mental health.

When people create something beautiful through painting, they stimulate the creative mind while relieving mental strain. The students really enjoyed it and got involved.



Check out the detail on this amazing art work which has been produced by a pupil who is currently working on completing her Art portfolio in KS4.

Charity Fundraiser

Recently our students felt very passionate about providing humanitarian relief for people in the Palestinian Territories.

Students selected two charities, Muslim Aid and Save the Children and planned a range of charity events. Each year group worked to raise funds, selling food and crafts and holding raffles. A non uniform day was also held in order to raise money. Families were also very supportive and provided baked goods, which were raffled and many made generous donations. The students raised £2070 and should be incredibly proud of their efforts.



9DAD/DMD hamper which was raffled to raise money



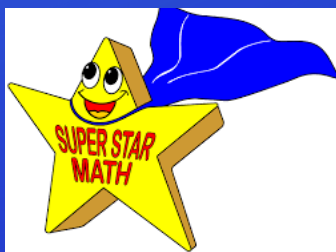
A beautiful cake made and donated by a parent

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Mathematicians

Well done Angelo, Lily, Alnahian, Mahnoor, Amelia, Fatima and Nafisah!

You are our Half-Term 6 'Mathematicians of the Week' and will receive a £5 Love2shop voucher from the Maths department. Great work!



Instrumental Exams

Week commencing 5th July N Knapik in year 10 took her grade 1 violin exam and achieved a distinction. She is the first student to be entered for a violin exam for a number of years. We are extremely proud of her. We also had two students in year 9 taking Rockschoool Guitar exams on Sunday 25th July in Wolverhampton. Well done to T Bailey and R Stephens. It is great to see their commitment taking exams in the holidays.