# PENTECOST Holy Spirit

### PENTECOST SUNDAY – 28TH MAY 2023

### Mr Scott-Evans writes:

I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to my request for feedback on the OfSTED Parent View site. If you did not get the chance to respond, do not worry, the survey remains open 365 days a year! You can see the results and give your own views here. <u>https://tinyurl.com/BKofsted</u>

It is very pleasing to know that only 4% of parents who responded would say that their child is unhappy and only 6% would say that their child does not feel safe here. However, that is still too high, and I would like to hear from any parent who feels this way. We work really hard to help students feel safe; this is our top priority. Over 92% of parents who responded said that their child does well here. You also complimented us on the valuable information you receive on your child's progress. Only 5% said that they did not think the school has high expectations for their child.

I was pleased to see that only 4% of those responding said they did not think the school was offering clubs and activities that your child could take part in and a higher percentage agreed that our support for wider personal development was working well this year. I was also pleased to see that 94% of those responding said that the school offered a good range of subjects. Thank you for your feedback!

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It looks like we need to get better at responding to the concerns you raise. This was down at 10% this year. Surprisingly to me 10% of parents responding who said that they would not recommend us to another family. We will work even harder at making sure your comments via the website are responded to quickly and followed up even more regularly. If the 10% can speak to me about why they would not recommend the school it would help me to better understand your views.

We are also constantly continuing to improve the way that we monitor conduct and deal with students who do not behave well. 12% of you still felt this was an area for development.

Overall it was a very pleasing picture from the 97 parents who responded, but this is a small sample. It would be great to have more feedback from you.

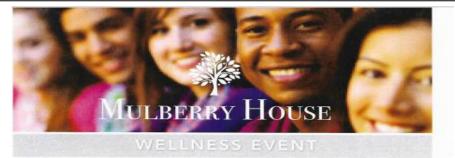
Thank you for your support with this survey. Please remember, you can always contact us via the website with more detailed feedback:

https://www.becketkeys.org/cont act.php

> Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher







# Journeying through life with your teenager

Monday 17th July evening with Patrick Regan and Joel Harris from Kintsugi Hope

at Mulberry House Hotel, High Ongar, Essex

### Are you a teacher, parent, grandparent, carer or youth-worker?

Join us for an evening of insight into the struggles our youngsters are facing today. Patrick and Joel will tackle the challenges teenagers are going through and discuss the tools older generations can use to support them.

### Bar open from 6pm Summer Evening Buffet: £12.50 (please pre-book) Kintsugi Hope talk from 7.30pm: £5 including tea/coffee

Kintsugi Hope was founded by Diane and Patrick Regan OBE after a series of operations and events that took them to the brink; physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. They faced illness and loss in their family and community. Patrick is a mental health first aider, a campaigner on issues of social justice and was awarded an OBE for his services to the young by her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II. He is an Honorary Fellow of the South Bank University for his contribution to Justice and Wellbeing.



To book please call: 01277 365398 or email reception@mulberry-house.com

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# Free School Meal Vouchers Whitsun Holiday

Further funding for Free School Meal vouchers for the Whitsun period has been allocated by the local authority. As with previous holidays, vouchers have been issued to eligible children using the school voucher system: Wonde.

Eligible parents have been sent an email, if this applies to you, follow the link to 'redeem a voucher'. You will be taken to Wonde's 'evouchers' page (previously named Schoolvouchers), where you will need to enter your details and confirm your email address before being asked to select the retailer you wish to receive a voucher for. The retailers available are Asda, Aldi, B&M, Farmfoods, M&S, Iceland, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Waitrose and Tesco. You will then be given a PIN and the option to view the voucher. Having confirmed the PIN, you will be issued your voucher. The voucher barcode can be printed off or scanned on a smartphone for use in-store.

Details of the process and more questions about evouchers can be found on thisr website - <u>https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-</u> <u>gb/sections/360003848737-Recipient-FAQs</u>

You can also download the Evouchers app to make it simpler to access and use vouchers. This can be downloaded via either the Apple App Store or Google Play. Further information on how to access and use the app can be found here -

https://help.evouchers.com/hc/engb/sections/360005926797-NEW-Evoucherscom-App



June 28 – 10am to 12noon at The SNAP Centre June 28 – 7.30pm to 9.30pm – Online webinar



# Emotional and Sensory Regulation with Kathryn Miller

# A Specialist Talk for Parents

This talk is relevant for parents or professionals who would like to understand more about regulating children's emotional states (and their own!) and how this can be achieved for all children through changing responses and developing a range of effective strategies.

Kathryn will explore the journey of learning to regulate effectively, thinking about supporting all children to develop their regulation skills through sensory, organising and thinking strategies.

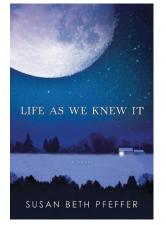
Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. 10am to 12noon session — The SNAP Centre

7.30pm to 9.30pm session – Online webinar



# English Department Recommended Reads - Dystopia

This month the Year 7s have been reading 'The Hunger Games' in form time. This is a dystopian novel that tells the story of a society divided into districts and forced to sacrifice two people to gladiator style games every year! If you enjoy this genre, here are some of our recommended reads!

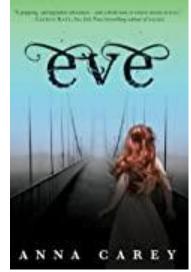


# Life As we Know It

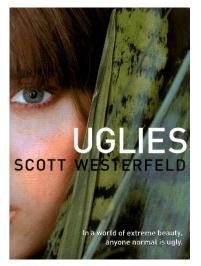
Miranda's disbelief turns to fear in a split second when a meteor knocks the moon closer to the earth. How should her family prepare for the future when worldwide tsunamis wipe out the coasts, earthquakes rock the continents, and volcanic ash blocks out the sun? As summer turns to Arctic winter, Miranda, her two brothers, and their mother retreat to the unexpected safe haven of their sunroom, where they subsist on stockpiled food and limited water in the warmth of a wood-burning stove.

### Eve

Sixteen years after a deadly virus wiped out most of Earth's population, the world is a perilous place. Eighteen-year-old Eve has never been beyond the heavily guarded perimeter of her school, where she and two hundred other orphaned girls have been promised a future as the teachers and artists of the New America. But the night before graduation, Eve learns the shocking truth about her school's real purpose and the horrifying fate that awaits her.



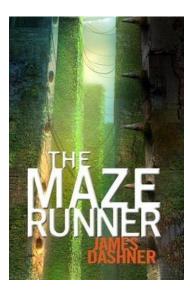
Fleeing the only home she's ever known, Eve sets off on a long, treacherous journey, searching for a place she can survive. Along the way she encounters Arden, her former rival from school, and Caleb, a rough, rebellious boy living in the wild. Separated from men her whole life, Eve has been taught to fear them, but Caleb slowly wins her trust... and her heart. He promises to protect her, but when soldiers begin hunting them, Eve must choose between true love and her life.



# Uglies

Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. In just a few weeks she'll have the operation that will turn her from a repellent ugly into a stunning pretty. And as a pretty, she'll be catapulted into a high-tech paradise where her only job is to have fun.

But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to become a pretty. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world—and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally a choice: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. Tally's This month the Year 8s have been reading 'Divergent' in form time. This is a dystopian novel that tells the story of a society divided into factions, each group responsible for one part of society, until some decide they cannot choose a faction! If you enjoy this genre, here are some of our recommended reads!



### The Maze Runner

When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone.

Outside the towering stone walls that surround the Glade is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive.

Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying.

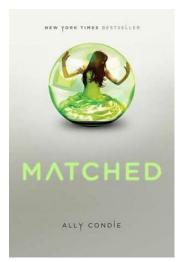
Remember. Survive. Run.

## Wither

By age sixteen, Rhine Ellery has four years left to live. She can thank modern science for this genetic time bomb. A botched effort to create a perfect race has left all males with a lifespan of 25 years, and females with a lifespan of 20 years. Geneticists are seeking a miracle antidote to restore the human race, desperate orphans crowd the population, crime and poverty have skyrocketed, and young girls are being kidnapped and sold as polygamous brides to bear more children.

When Rhine is kidnapped and sold as a bride, she vows to do all she can to escape. Her husband, Linden, is hopelessly in love with her, and Rhine can't bring herself to hate him as much as she'd like to. Nobody else in the house appears to be able to be trusted. Will Rhine be able to escape--before her time runs out?





# Matched

In the Society, officials decide. Who you love. Where you work. When you die. Cassia has always trusted their choices. It's hardly any price to pay for a long life, the perfect job, the ideal mate. So when her best friend appears on the Matching screen, Cassia knows with complete certainty that he is the one...until she sees another face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black. Now Cassia is faced with impossible choices: between Xander and Ky, between the only life she's known and a path no one else has ever dared follow—between perfection and passion.

# **Student Achievement**



# Rudy Collier Brown – Year 8

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May I took part in the NSSA (National Schools Snowsports Association) Finals at Gloucester Ski Slope. This ski slalom race was by invite only and to be invited you had to have come at least third in an NSSA Local Schools' race in the UK. So, I was there as I had previously been one of the top three finishers at Brentwood Ski Slope in Warley in a slalom race.

I train at Warley Ski Slope every week with the Essex Ski Race Team with Eira-Mia Higgs (Year 11) and Sasha Higgs (Year 7) who were also invited qualifiers but sadly couldn't come because of school commitments.

Slalom races involve individual timed runs down a ski slope weaving between poles (gates) as quickly as possible. If you miss a gate or crash off the course you are disqualified. These races normally take place on a snowcovered mountain but because we don't get a lot of snow here in the UK we use a dry ski slope which is a plastic matting which copies the effects of snow.

I was one of 145 skiers that day and I was representing Becket Keys. There were over 20 schools from all over the country invited to the final. It was a challenging course that I hadn't been on before, despite this I finished in the top half of the field for my age group. It was a very long day as training started at 8:15 am and I finally got home at 8 o'clock pm! Exhausted but happy as it was a very enjoyable day.

# **Charity Fundraising**

Isabella Howard and Ruby Mack in Year 7 have a huge love for animals, especially dogs. When they discovered how many dogs had been bought in lockdown but were now not wanted they felt that they needed to do something to be able to help.

At the end of last year, the girls had an idea and with the help of Ruby's grandad they put their plan into action by making a market stall out of recycled wood and then painted it by hand.



The girls were selling treats for both humans and dogs! Ruby and Isabella make their own products - chocolate chip biscuits, vanilla cupcakes with paw print icing and chocolate brownies. They also sell tea, coffee and hot chocolate complete with marshmallows and cream. During their first venture they raised £160 for The Dog Trust!

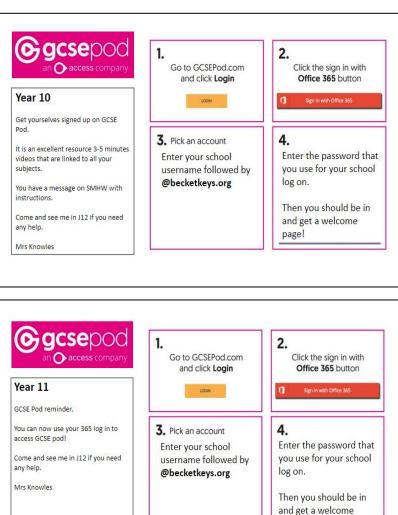
Isabella and Ruby will be running their stall in Park Way, Shenfield every second weekend of the month. Please pop along and support them!



# **Education on Demand**

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- If new to Easyfundraising then set up an account.
- Browse the hundreds of online shops who participate in the scheme and go shopping! As long as you go into the online sites through the Easyfundraising site, you will register a donation to FoBK. You can even get an App for your phone! It will not cost you a penny!

If already a member, then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each person you refer makes a purchase.

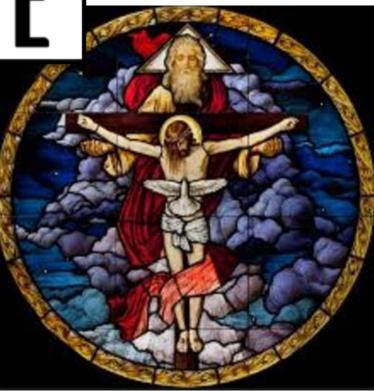
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# **Triune God**

As we begin the Whitsun holiday, we remember the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus' disciples (often referred to as Pentecost). This is also an apt time to reflect on the triune nature of God; Trinity Sunday falling on 4<sup>th</sup> June (just prior to us returning to school). It celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity; the three persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The concept of a 'three-in-one' God is impossible for our minds to grasp, yet we believe it because it is what God's Word teaches. We use the words 'triune' and 'trinity' since they conveniently express this incomprehensible truth.

You and I live in a three-dimensional world. All physical objects have a certain height, width and depth. One person can look like someone else, or behave like someone else, or even sound like someone else. However, a person cannot actually be the same as another person. They are distinct individuals. God, however, lives without the limitations of a three-dimensional universe. He is spirit. He is infinitely more complex than we are. That is why Jesus the Son can be different from the Father and, yet the same.





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The Bible clearly speaks of God the Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, but emphasises that there is only ONE God. If we were to use maths, it would not be, 1+1+1=3. It would be **1X1X1=1**. God is a triune God. Thus the term: 'Tri' meaning three, and 'Unity' meaning one. Tri+Unity = Trinity. It is a way of acknowledging what the Bible reveals to us about God, that God is yet three 'Persons' who have the same essence of deity. A triangle is often used to illustrate this concept. Triangles have three sides, but are one triangle. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the three sides of God. This does not mean they are three

parts. They are all completely God. In Deuteronomy 6:4 we read: 'The Lord our God, the Lord is one'. The doctrine of the Trinity is strictly monotheistic. There is one God. The Trinity is not teaching that there are three gods, but that there are three persons that comprise one God. We learn something about the nature of God – God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit. God is three in one.

Some have tried to give human illustrations for the Trinity, such as  $H_2O$  being water, ice and steam (all different forms, but all are  $H_2O$ ). Another illustration is

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the sun. From it, we receive light, heat and radiation. Three distinct aspects, but only one sun. No illustration will be perfect. However, from the very beginning we see God as a Trinity. In the book of Genesis, the first book in the Bible, God says, 'Let us make man in our image...male and female *he* created them' (Genesis 1:26,27). These verses contain a mixture of plural and singular pronouns. The three co-operate perfectly. God (the Father) 'spoke' (Genesis 1:9-10). God (the Son) 'made everything' (John 1:13). God (the Spirit) 'moved over', supervising the creation and revealing God in creation (Genesis 1:2).

According to Scripture, each person within the Godhead was involved in the work of creation. While God the Father was the primary agent in initiating creation, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit served as his divine co-agents in the creative task. Thus, it is proper to say biblically that the Triune God created all things.

The three persons, individual from each other, were present at Christ's baptism:

'As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, 'This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased' (Matthew 3:16-17). 'Go,



then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (Matthew 28:19).

### Each person is of the same standing – all treated as equally God. Each person is fully God.

Consider also the words of John 20:17: Jesus said: 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'

Each person has a distinct role, summarised in the three statements below:

- The Father sent His Son (John 3:16-17) The Son (Jesus Christ) is an obedient Son and does the will of the Father (John 6:38)
- 2. The Holy Spirit is sent by God to teach and counsel the followers of God (John 14:16 & 16:7)

Let us conclude by reflecting on why belief in the trinity is important. It is important because it teaches **who God** is, how He is to be **worshipped** and how He **interacts** with humanity. This is the nature of our faith and the mystery of Christianity; the foundation of our faith.

Many blessings have a Trinitarian formula. So, let us pray:

### May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all (2 Corinthians 13:14).

May God the Father bless us; may Christ take care of us; may the Holy Spirit enlighten us all the days of our life. Amen.

> Mrs Sharp Deputy Headteacher



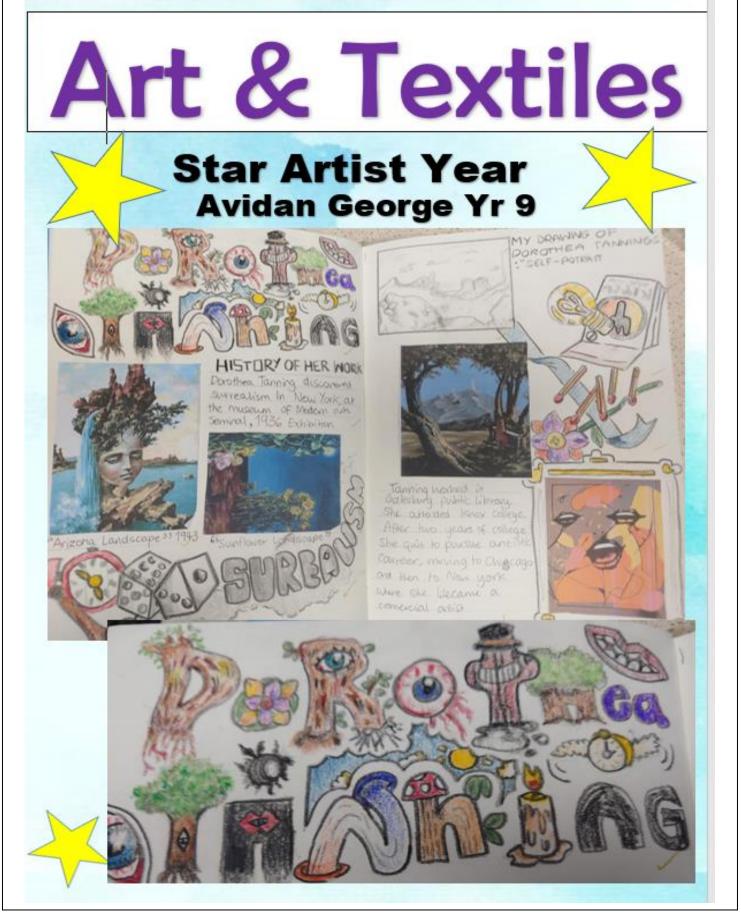
The local foodbank is now currently feeding over 100 people every day.

### **MAY ITEMS REQUIRED**

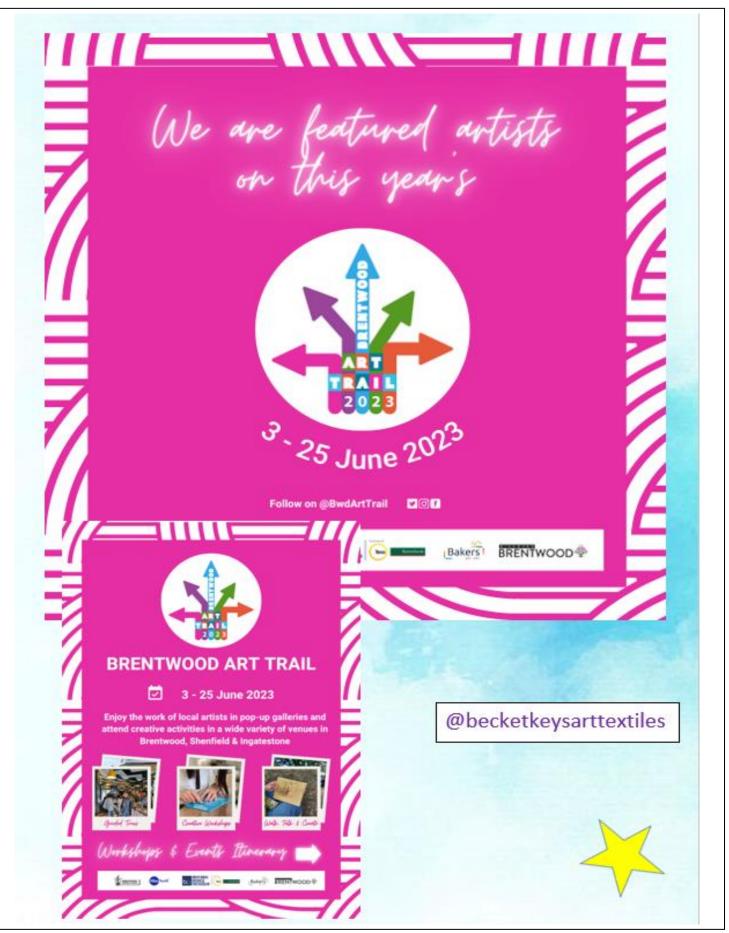
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Collections are becoming more important so please if you can assist those who are less fortunate and donate urgent items on the above list. Collection points are at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Stephen's Ingrave and Sainsbury's.

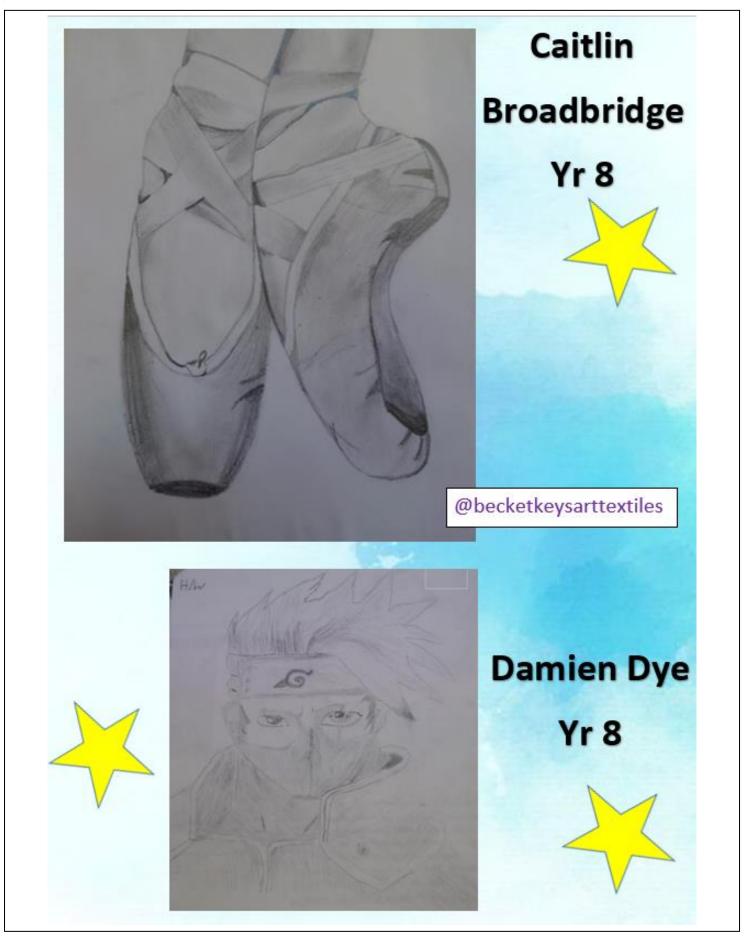
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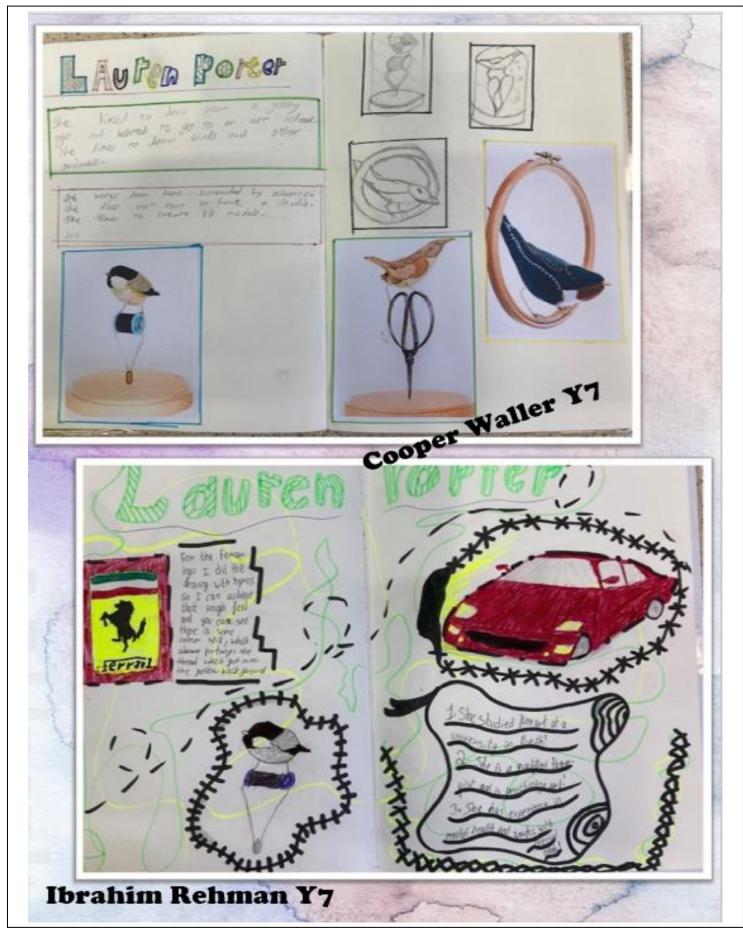


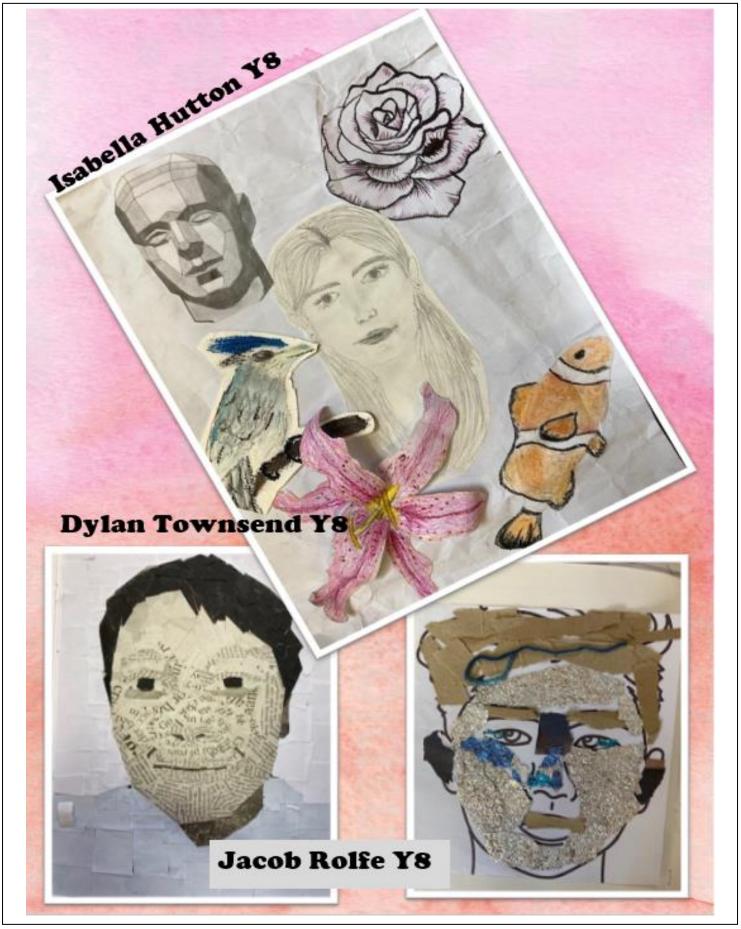


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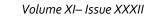














# **Sports News**

# Year 7 Cricket

The Year 7 team were not waiting long for their second game of the season as it came just 3 days after their first successful match. This time we travelled to William de Ferrers where captain Elliot Jamieson won the toss and elected to field first. Opening bowler Jilan Parekh wasted no time in getting his wicket as his second ball was edged on. Our second bowler Joshua McCann was seemingly on for a maiden over until the strong William de Ferrers batsman found the boundary. This fed his desire to seek revenge and so on his next over he took two sighters and on the third delivery he got his wicket! Not done there, he did the very same on the next delivery, a double wicket maiden is some way to respond.

Up next was Isabella Howard who is a very economical bowler whose consistency and ability can only mean one thing... The sight was set after keeping the over to a single run and on the return, she got her joy on the final ball of the over taking wicket number 4. Alexander Taylor bowled two consistent overs limiting them to singles before allowing Isabella her third visit where she wasted no time in joining Joshua McCann on claiming two wickets! The next pair of bowlers was Jovan Hungan followed by Peter Neall. Jovan's bowling showed great skill whilst Peter claimed the bowler of the day limiting William de Ferrers to



1.6 runs an over from his three. Ethan Deluxson finished the bowling off giving us a target of 58 to chase.

Captain Elliot Jamieson was padded up and went to town with his new bat. Confidence running through his veins he was orchestrating his partner Austin Luckett between the wickets picking off quick singles and confident doubles.

Up next was Charlie Tasker whose all-round coordination impressed Mr Carter and he joined the team collecting a few runs before being run out. James Stevens came in 4<sup>th</sup> and impressed from the first delivery as he and Elliot built an aggressive partnership and they wasted no time in racking up the runs.

Mr Carter retired the captain on 20 runs to allow Rupert Thomas

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(who was called in last minute) to experience his first match. He collected a few runs before taking the walk back where Isabella Howard came in to clinch the victory. The team chased down a very respectable 58 with 3 overs remaining, a convincing win with lots to work on.

Player of the match goes to Isabella Howard!

Mr Lane PE Teacher



# Year 8 Cricket

The sun was shining and spirits were high for our fixture at Anglo on Wednesday where the confidence began on the bus and was highlighted in the toss as we opted to bat first and set a target for our opponents to chase. Joseph Cansell and Sam Perkin, the opening pair looking to build on their partnership in the previous game, were struck by an early blow as Cansell was left with his off-stump uprooted by a fierce delivery to leave us one down in the first over. This brought Zach Webb to the crease who helped steady the ship and see off the new ball bowlers. A lapse in judgement from Perkin saw us 2 down inside the first 4 overs which set the stage for the everpresent Nic Moses to enter the fray. His exuberating confidence helped accelerate the run rate with a 6 over square leg, however the very next ball the bowler got

the better of him as he saw the bails fling off after playing a shot to a ball that needed more respect. 3 down and moving steady.



This brought Maddie Moon to the crease who began quickly, scoring 4 runs in as many balls, and the combination of Webb and Moon helped rebuild the innings. Maddie fell shortly after the pair reached a double figure partnership which laid the foundation for Harvey Saunders Page 20 of 21 Volume XI– Issue XXXII

to enter the stage and push the team to a respectable total. Some excellent running between the wickets between Webb and Saunders saw the run rate creep up before some bold bludgeoning by Harvey helped the team reach 88 off their allotted overs. Enter stage left, the bowlers...

Making his debut William Shotter, bowling with efficiency and accuracy, was rewarded by taking his first school wicket from an excellent catch by Maddie to begin the defence of our total which set the dominant tone for the match. Joining William in efficient, offensive bowling was Star of The Match Emily Lorenc, whose 4 overs included 1 maiden, 1 wicket and only went for an economical 4 runs. This helped increase the required run rate for Anglo, taking the game out of reach for our opponents. Albie Spurdle, Jamie Southgate and James Cross chipped in with solid bowling overs to carry momentum to our efficient and comprehensive bowling display, leading our team to victory.

A great team performance with a lot of potential going forward!

Mr Carter PE Teacher



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WHITSUN HOLIDAY MONDAY29TH MAY – FRIDAY2ND JUNE 2023

YEAR 7 EXAMINATIONS 5<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

× <u>YEAR 10</u> SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

> INSET DAYS (NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL) FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

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\* <u>SIXTH FORM BRIDGING EVENT</u> 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023

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