



Weekly Parent Bulletin No 17: Week Commencing Monday 27 January 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

We've had another busy and eventful week at school, with a number of meaningful activities and events taking place for our students.

Holocaust Memorial Day

The week began with a thought-provoking assembly led by Lynn Adams, our Head of History, for all students from Year 7 to 11. The assembly marked the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, observed on 27th January. This important day serves as a solemn reminder of the atrocities committed during the Holocaust and honours the millions of men, women, and children who suffered and perished under Nazi persecution. It also encourages all of us to reflect on the importance of combating hatred, bigotry, and intolerance, ensuring such horrors are never repeated.



After-School Street Dance

Students had the opportunity to participate in a street dance session run by Kim Owston after school. It was a fantastic chance for students to try something new and decide whether they'd like to continue with this activity in the future. We hope they enjoyed themselves! Looking ahead, next Tuesday, we'll be hosting a tag archery session for any students who are interested—it's a great way to try something different, so please do encourage your child to come along.

Police Mini Boost Leadership Session

We were delighted to host Year 5 students from a number of forest primary schools, who joined 21 of our own students in a Police Mini Boost Leadership session. This session was part of the wider Boost Leadership programme, and we're proud of the students who have participated in this valuable initiative. It's great to see young people from different schools working together and developing their leadership skills.

U12s District Football Tournament

Our Year 7 students participated in the U12s District Football Tournament this week. They played with great enthusiasm and determination, and while they didn't make it to the county finals, they showed fantastic resilience against some very tough teams. We're proud of their effort and sportsmanship throughout the competition.



Year 9 Parents' Evening – 6th February

We would like to remind all Year 9 parents and guardians that the Year 9 Parents' Evening will be held on 6th February. Appointments can be booked online via our *School Cloud* account. If you do not yet have a login for the system, please contact reception, and they will assist you in setting one up.

Year 9 Famelab - 5th February

We are excited to announce that the final of our *Famelab* inter-class competition for Year 9 students will take place on Wednesday. Our finalists recently participated in a masterclass with Eliska Jandova on presentation techniques, helping them refine their skills and prepare for the big day. I am looking forward to judging the competition alongside Mr Wynn and Mr Brady.

Famelab encourages students to present complex scientific ideas in a clear, engaging, and accessible way, helping them develop their communication skills while exploring fascinating topics. It's always inspiring to see how our students bring creativity and enthusiasm to their presentations. We can't wait to see what they have in store for us!

'Reading Buddies' Reading Intervention

Our 'Reading Buddies' intervention is well underway in the school library this term. Year 10 volunteers have received formal training from our Literacy Lead on strategies to support some of our younger readers, such as decoding, reciprocal reading and checking comprehension. They have been partnered with a younger 'buddy' to mentor and read with every Thursday morning in the library. Mentors have really taken to their role, showing initiative, care and responsibility in their approach and have supported some excellent reading from their younger 'buddies'. Well done to these role models.



Year 7 Art

We have enjoyed getting to know our Year 7 students, they have thoroughly enjoyed working with a range of media. As they complete their first unit of work on Colour and Imagination, they've been delving into the vibrant world of Pop Art.

Recently, the students had the opportunity to create collages inspired by the movement, showcasing their creativity. Special mentions go to Maisie Jones, who decorated her trainers for ILT, and to Ben Townsend, Connie Jones, Charlie Collins-Norris, Stirling Mason, Emilia Norman, Theo Roberts, and Sophia White, who all achieved impressive scores on the Pop Art quiz.

We're excited to see how their creative journeys continue!

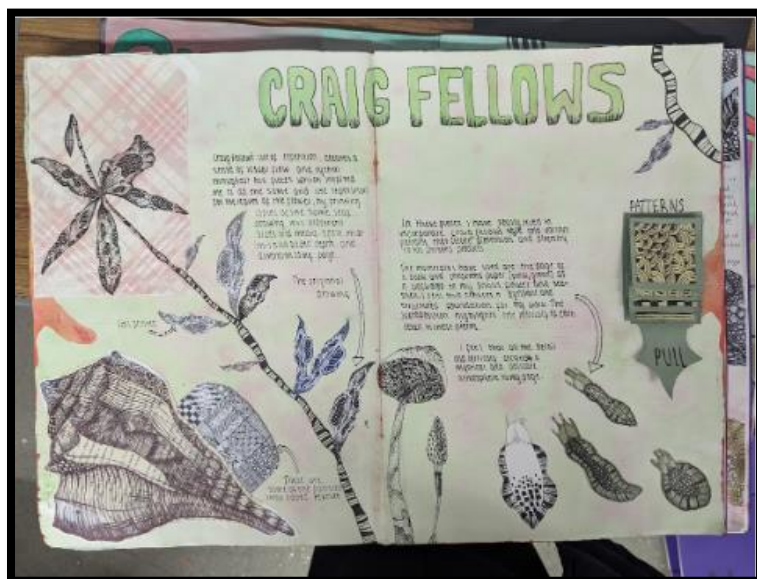


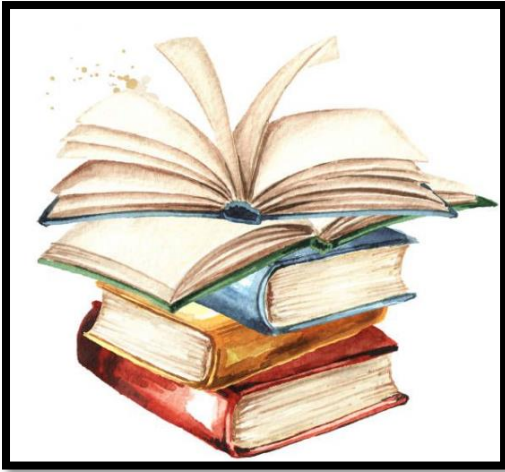
Year 10 Art

Our Year 10 artists are now fully immersed in their GCSE studies and are demonstrating great dedication and pride in their work. They have been exploring the theme of Growth and Decay, delving into research on various artists and techniques to inspire their creations.

Each student's sketchbook is a unique reflection of their individual journey, with pages filled with innovative ideas and thoughtful responses to the theme. They have been experimenting with fine-line pens, a variety of surfaces, and vibrant foil transfers.

The passion and creativity on display are truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing how their work continues to evolve throughout the year.





Appeal for books for our World Book Day book sale

World Book Day 2025 will take place on Thursday 6th March and as part of our celebrations we hope to have a second-hand book sale on the day. If you are clearing out any books that you think would appeal to our students, we would welcome them! Books can be left for Miss Jones in the library. The sale has become a popular part of WBD here and it is always great to see so many students discovering new books to read and enjoy!

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:

- 03.02.25 - U16 Girls Football County Finals Tournament @ Almondsbury
- Street Dance - Main Hall - 3.30pm- 4.30pm

- 04.02.25 - Archery Tag - Main Hall - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

- 05.02.25 - Y8&9 Basketball v Forest High - home
- Y11 Netball/Football Practice Moderation with Five Acres & Wyedean – away

- 06.02.25 - Y10 Football v Forest High home
- Year 9 Parents Evening - 4pm-7pm

- 07.02.25 - Y11 Athletics Moderation in Sports Hall

- 11.02.25 - Year 11 Taster Day @ GlosCol

- 12.02.25 - Year 12 Speed Awareness Event

- 13.02.25 - Year 12 Parents Evening @ 6th Form