



Dear all

I hope that you are all safe and well, it is lovely to see all of our students and staff back at school. I am aware that the holidays have been exceptionally difficult for some people, please do get in contact if you are in need of any support and we will see if we can help.

As we enter a new stage regarding removing some of the COVID measures, I would still suggest that students remain vigilant and use their common sense when it comes to testing and hygiene. We are very fortunate that the percentage of cases within our school is exceptionally low at the moment, obviously we would like to keep it this way.

It is great to get back to some form of normality, year 11 are preparing for their GCSE exams and year 9 are about to start their options process in the next few months. You will see from our newsletter that departments are busy with their teaching, learning and enrolment activities. We encourage students to engage in everything we have to offer.

Hope you enjoy the read.

Neil  
**HEADTEACHER**

## ENGLISH - MRS FURNESS

In Year 8 students have been studying the poetry of the Romantics. Inspired by Percy Bysshe Shelley's Ode to The West Wind students wrote their own odes. Two keen fishermen, Charlie and Tevez wrote beautifully about their favourite catch.

### The Story of The Carp

A carp is a big scaly fish  
the scales look like a mirror when  
you stare into their teddy bear eyes  
the fins look like leaves.  
Carp swim as fast as a hare can run in grass.

Tevez S

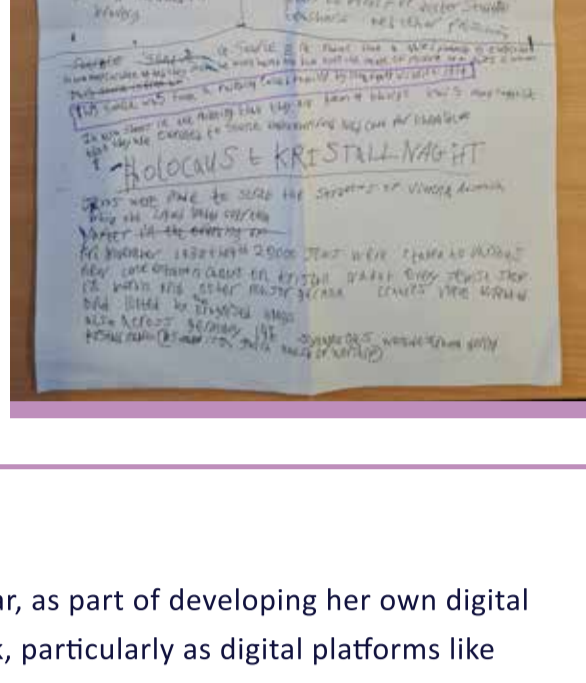
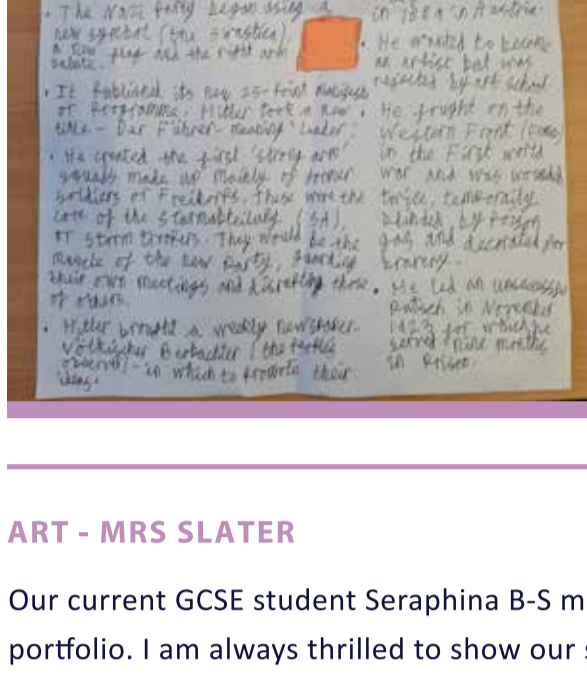
### The Summer Months

In the summer the river flows  
down the mountain whilst the trout  
swims with the current and then  
the heron stands on the side of the river  
trying to catch its food.

Charlie P

## HISTORY - MR CLARKE

These posters have been completed by two Year 9 pupils - Andrew M and Aaron C. The boys have taken it upon themselves to get a head start on GCSE History by completing some fantastic independent work at home. Well done boys, keep it up.



## ART - MRS SLATER

Our current GCSE student Seraphina B-S made a webpage last year, as part of developing her own digital portfolio. I am always thrilled to show our student's creative work, particularly as digital platforms like Adobe Spark are so easy to use and accessible for students to show their artwork.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/v25ridCnbFIFb/> Well done to SBS!

Another gallery space we use to exhibit work, particularly useful during lockdowns, was Artsteps. Here is our GCSE exhibition 2021. <https://www.artsteps.com/embed/60d32e70253985d8108016fc/1280/720>

In Creative Industries we are excited to announce that 20 students will be participating in **Art Bytes** - a national inter-schools art exhibition.

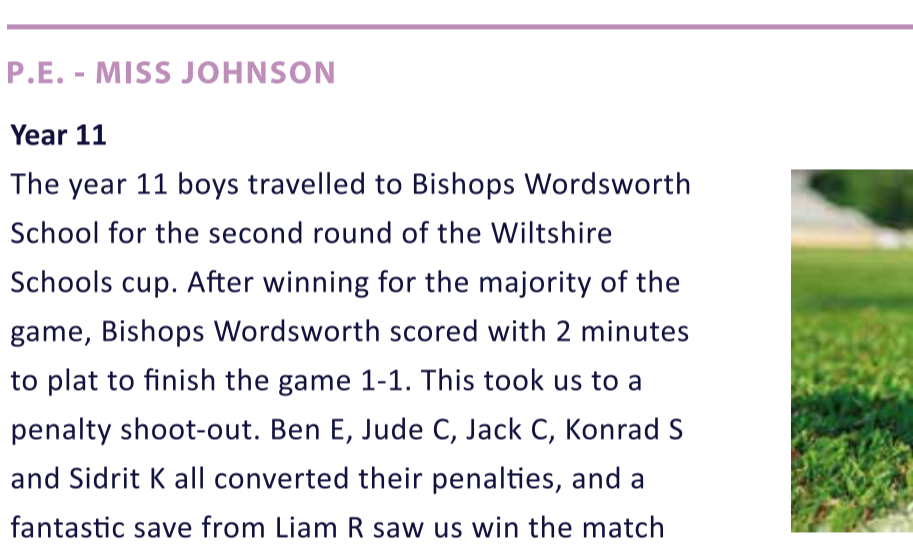
Over the coming weeks we will post updates on our Instagram- [@pvs\\_arttextiles](https://www.instagram.com/pvs_arttextiles).

I look forward to sharing more news over the coming weeks, including a visit to Roche Court.

## LANGUAGES - MISS ROBERTS

The MFL department is delighted to announce the winners of the Christmas card competition which took place last term. Students were asked to design the front of a Christmas card depicting German or French traditions. Entries were judged on the language included as well as the design. Joint first place went to Teagan Y (Year 11) and Seraphina B-S (Year 10). Both were awarded an Amazon voucher in recognition of their hard work and creativity. Gut gemacht girls!

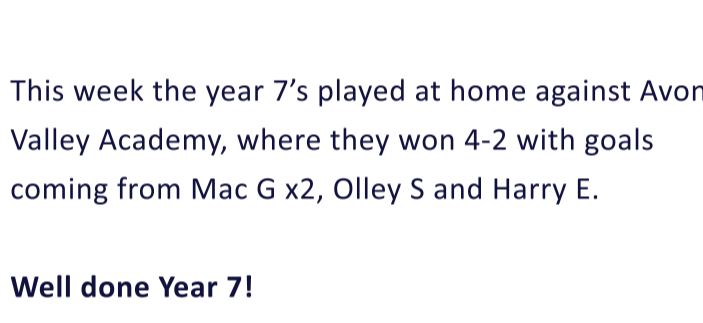
Their entries can be seen below:



## P.E. - MISS JOHNSON

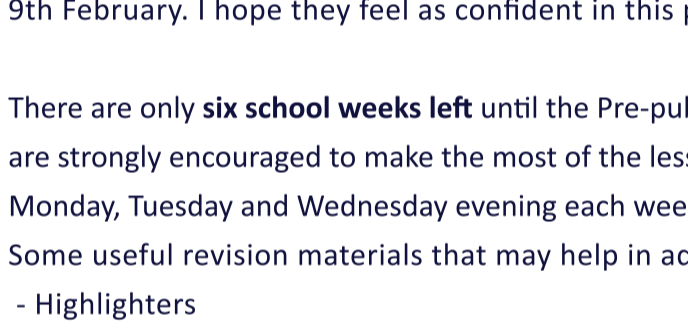
### Year 11

The year 11 boys travelled to Bishops Wordsworth School for the second round of the Wiltshire Schools cup. After winning for the majority of the game, Bishops Wordsworth scored with 2 minutes to plat to finish the game 1-1. This took us to a penalty shoot-out. Ben E, Jude C, Jack C, Konrad S and Sidrit K all converted their penalties, and a fantastic save from Liam R saw us win the match 5-4. We look forward to seeing who we are drawn against in the next round!



### Year 7

Last week the year 7's travelled to John Hanson School, where they fought hard to come away with a 3-2 win. All 3 goals coming from Jack D.



This week the year 7's played at home against Avon Valley Academy, where they won 4-2 with goals coming from Mac G x2, Olley S and Harry E.

**Well done Year 7!**

## EXAMS - MS PROTHEROE

Year 11 Pre-public examinations have begun this week with our History & Social care cohort sitting a very long 2 hour paper on Thursday. These candidates were exemplary this week and really listened closely to the guidance from the earlier exams briefing. I wish them all the very best of luck with their official paper on the 9th February. I hope they feel as confident in this paper as they did in their trail.

There are only **six school weeks left** until the Pre-public exams begin for students in every other subject. Students are strongly encouraged to make the most of the lesson time and also period seven sessions that are running on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening each week, to capitalise on the remaining time available.

Some useful revision materials that may help in addition to required stationary are:

- Highlighters
- Revision cue cards

A note to parents that the key messages to emphasise at home, are:

- Arriving on time fully prepared for the paper being sat
- Ensuring candidates are in full school uniform
- Ensuring candidates have all the required equipment available in a transparent pencil case or wallet

**Wishing Year 11 the very best of luck!**

## YEAR 9 - MS PROTHEROE

This week we have launched a new reading strategy with Year 9 students. Thank you to all parents who were able to make the briefing on Wednesday evening.

## MINDSET & MEDITATION - MISS LYTHE

We have a Mindset and Meditation Club running in Room 25 every Friday. 12.45-1pm.

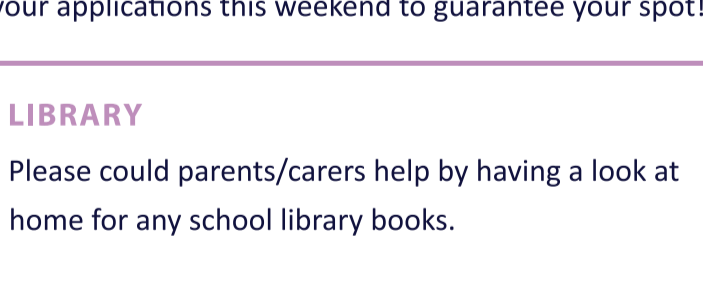
This is open to all students who:

- would like to increase their attention
- manage difficult emotion
- decrease stress and anxiety
- improve sleep quality

The year 9 options process will begin in the next few weeks starting with the Straw Poll. This is a very important part of the process, as this determines the final option blocks.

The turnout has been really positive so please encourage your son/daughter to come along if it's something you think they may benefit from.

It would be useful to discuss at home the kinds of choices that your son/daughter may wish to take as part of their options. They will be asked to tell us their Straw Poll indications in priority order. We ask for three main choices and two reserves.



I will write to you formally next week with updated information

## FLEXIBLE VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE - MISS DEAN

**Open to all students in years 10 and 11**

In the past a number of our students have undertaken virtual work experience programmes with Springpod. They have spoken highly of the experiences they have had. Currently they have opened up the next round of the programme with a deadline of the 9th February for all applications. Below is a bit more information about the programme and a link to the google drive to show the programmes of study available in this round.

Springpod offer free and flexible Virtual Work Experience in a wide range of industries with top UK employers. Every single programme is available to complete at a pace and times that are convenient to the student, and offer a certificate upon completion that is great for CVs and other important documents/applications.

All our programmes are on this pdf. [https://app1.campus-site.com/public/e/click/a5-1VgeBxjV\\_1qM4nQ08Q/mGwMFGs9bN\\_log4s7bSBA](https://app1.campus-site.com/public/e/click/a5-1VgeBxjV_1qM4nQ08Q/mGwMFGs9bN_log4s7bSBA)

With the deadlines just round the corner get cracking with your applications this weekend to guarantee your spot!

## PEWSEY VALE SCHOOL - JOB VACANCY

**Pewsey Vale School is looking to appoint a SCHOOL CLEANER**

Monday - Friday  
3.00pm - 5.00pm  
Term time only  
(+ 20 hours during the summer holidays)

£9.43 per hour

**Start date: asap**

This post is subject to a DBS check

Please telephone 01672 565000 or email [admin@pewsey-vale.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pewsey-vale.wilts.sch.uk) for an application form

## LIBRARY

Please could parents/carers help by having a look at home for any school library books.

Many students have overdue library books, some borrowed before the start of the pandemic and may have forgotten that they were ever taken out.

Library books usually are covered and have coloured labels attached which can be easily seen on the spines.



## JOB VACANCY - DEVIZES FOOD BANK

**Part-time Foodbank Admin Assistant (£10 an hour)**

Devizes and District Foodbank is dedicated to helping people in crisis by providing them with emergency food and working with the local community to address their needs. We are looking for a part-time administrator on a fixed term contract (initially for 12 months) to provide support to the Project Manager in all aspects of the operation of Devizes and District Foodbank. The role is for 10 hours a week, ideally over 5 days, Monday to Friday.

You will be committed to the work of the Foodbank, being able to work collaboratively as part of a team of staff and volunteers. You will have good general administrative experience with excellent communication skills and be comfortable dealing with a wide variety of people. You will also have good IT skills and be confident in using the main Microsoft Office programs, having a good eye for detail.

For more information and for details of how to apply, please contact the project manager: [info@devizesdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@devizesdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

Closing date: Friday 4 February 2022

Interviews will be held week commencing 14 February 2022 (We reserve the right to close early or extend this date depending on the number of applicants.)

Devizes and District Foodbank is committed to achieve greater diversity and welcomes applications regardless of sex, gender, race, age, sexuality, belief or disability

## THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please could we ask parents and carers to provide their students with refillable water bottles? We have a growing number of students coming to reception during the day asking for cups water. This causes an unnecessary amount of plastic waste, which is very bad for our environment. Please refill and re-use whenever you can.