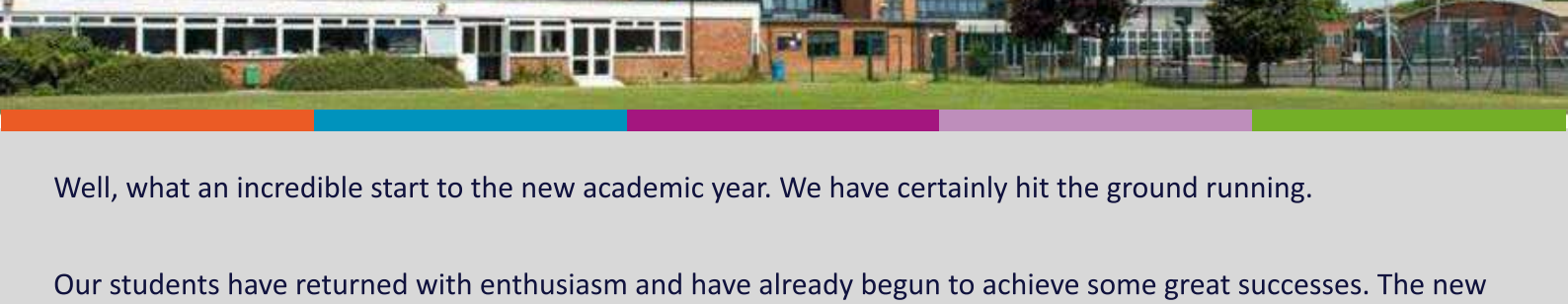


Brightside

SEPTEMBER 2022



Well, what an incredible start to the new academic year. We have certainly hit the ground running.

Our students have returned with enthusiasm and have already begun to achieve some great successes. The new uniform looks incredibly smart and I would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us to achieve this; please remember if anyone does need assistance with uniform, please do contact us.

As we prepare for our Open Evening, which will be on Thursday 13th of October, I am excited to see how many students have already volunteered to help. This is a great evening to showcase what our school offers and it is always a lovely evening.

Although, it has only been a month since we came back, you will see from our newsletter how much has been going on. We have had lots of sports fixtures, clubs and trips running. We have introduced our new behaviour system to the students which has meant a tremendous increase in the amount of reward points that students have gained.

Our school site has had a lot of work done to it with a new reception area and Reflection Room. I would also like to remind you that our October half-term holidays are slightly longer this year (15th - 30th October) so that we can have a rebuild of the Quad which will really benefit our school community. This work has only been possible thanks to the exceptionally generous donations from different members of the community and I would publicly like to thank them for making such a huge difference.

So, this is going to be a truly exciting year and I hope that you all continue to enjoy hearing about our students' achievements.

Neil Pritchard

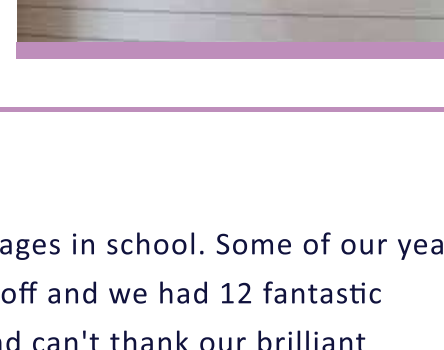
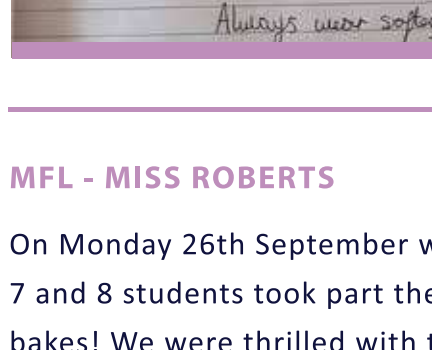
HEAD TEACHER

GEOGRAPHY - MISS LYTHER

It has been a really positive start to the academic term in the geography department and students have now settled into the procedures and routines of the classroom. Learning doesn't stop there though. It is really exciting that so many students have shown interest in the 2024 International Field trip to the Western Coast of the USA. This will be a trip of a lifetime to experience geography in the wider world. However, there will be field trips for ALL students in KS3 at some point throughout the year so that all students are included in experiencing geography outside the classroom. More details of this to follow. The Year 10 geographers will hopefully be taking part in a residential in 2024 too. Lots to look forward to.

SCIENCE - MISS ARCHDALE

We have had a piece of outstanding homework done by Ffion G in Year 7. She was asked to name which pieces of equipment you would use and describe how you would use them for a science practical such as measuring the temperature of boiling water and timing how long it takes to heat water up. She has produced fantastically detailed answers accompanied by beautiful diagrams. Myself and Mr. Carter were very impressed indeed!



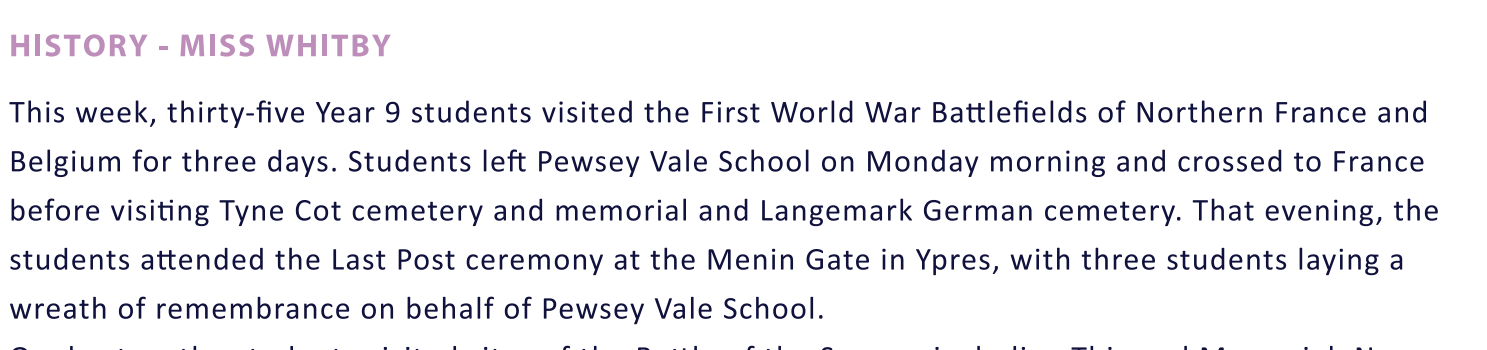
MFL - MISS ROBERTS

On Monday 26th September we celebrated the European Day of Languages in school. Some of our year 7 and 8 students took part the Great European Day of Languages Bake off and we had 12 fantastic bakes! We were thrilled with the effort that had been put into them and can't thank our brilliant students enough for taking time out of their weekend to get involved!

Year 7 also spent a lesson creating famous European monuments out of food. Here are some of their creations! We're so proud of the organisation and effort that went into making them. Well done year 7!



Finally a huge thank you to Hazel B for running some taster lessons in Korean for our year 7 and year 9 students. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning to introduce themselves and count in Korean and also took up the challenge of using Korean symbols to write down some of the numbers they had learned.



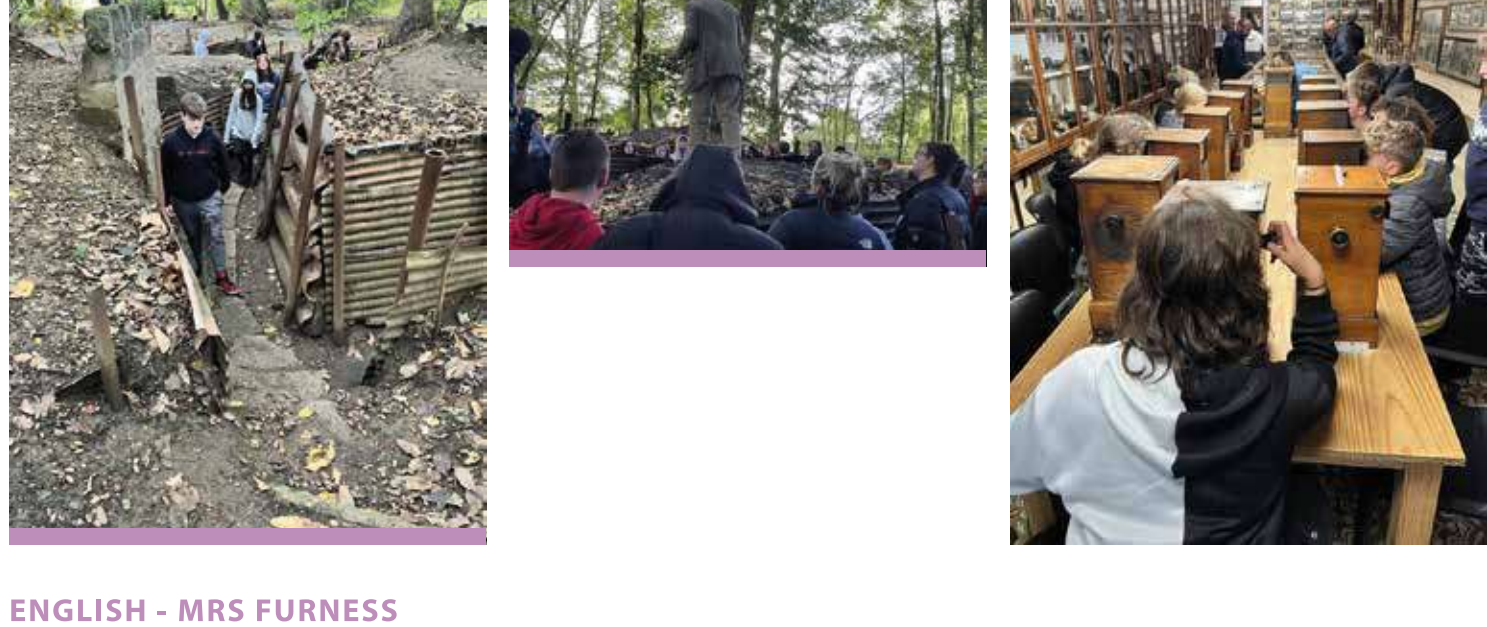
HISTORY - MISS WHITBY

This week, thirty-five Year 9 students visited the First World War Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium for three days. Students left Pewsey Vale School on Monday morning and crossed to France before visiting Tyne Cot cemetery and memorial and Langemark German cemetery. That evening, the students attended the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, with three students laying a wreath of remembrance on behalf of Pewsey Vale School.

On day two the students visited sites of the Battle of the Somme including Thiepval Memorial, Newfoundland Park and Ulster Park. Throughout the day students saw the devastation of the bloodiest day in British military History and learned about the 20,000 men who had died and the 40,000 who had been injured on July 1st 1916. They were also able to see the impact on the land; of the land mines, the shell fire and the trenches.

On the final day the students visited Leopold's chocolate shop in Ypres before visiting a casualty clearing station, the grave of a 15-year-old soldier, Hooze Crater Museum and most interestingly got to experience trench life at Sanctuary Wood. Here the students were able to walk in preserved World War One trenches, climb in dug outs and find their way through a pitch-black tunnel. For the students this was the opportunity to see the First World War come to life and to get an idea of what the soldiers would have experienced on the Western Front.

On Wednesday night, students returned to school full of historical knowledge, memories, Belgian chocolates and sore throats from singing on the bus home.

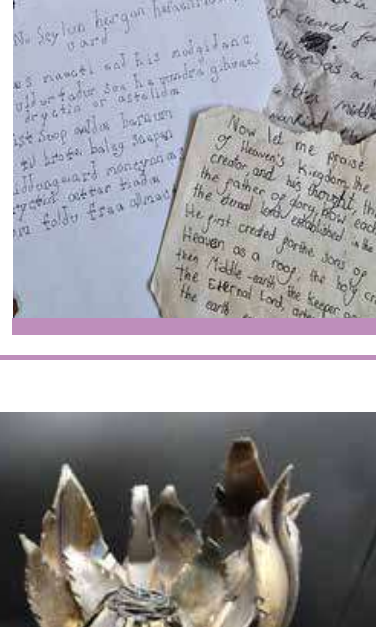


ENGLISH - MRS FURNESS

In the first half term of year 7, students learn about the history of the English language; discovering its roots in the Celtic, Anglo-Saxon, Latin and French languages. As an extended piece of homework some students have made their own version of Caedmon's Hymn (an 8th century text written in Old English). Sadly, the original manuscript was damaged in a fire in 1731 and students have tried to capture the spirit of this by aging their paper in various ways.

As this is extra homework, that students have chosen to do, there is no deadline. Caedmon himself might have laboured over the hymn for many months and we encourage participating students to take time enjoying the act of writing as an art form.

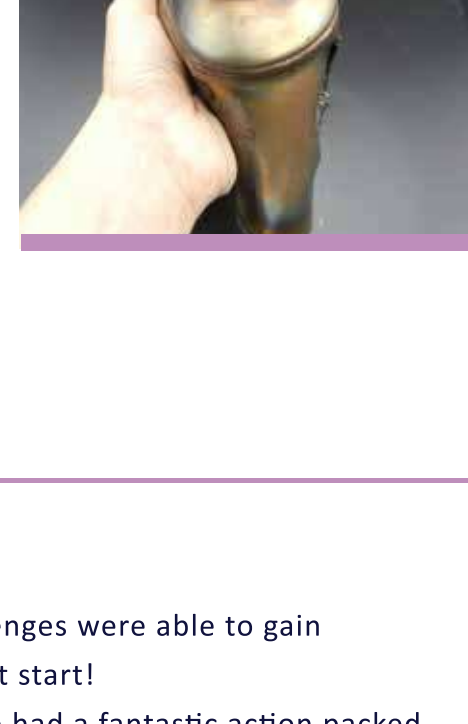
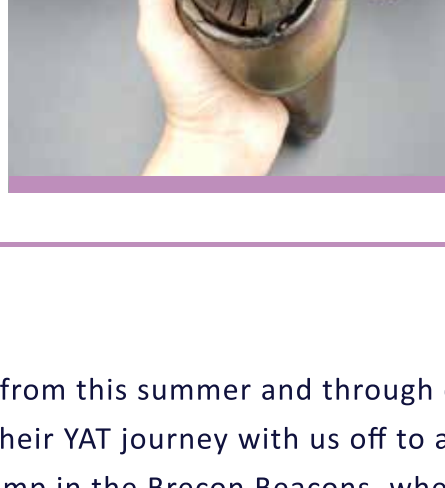
Students who take part in the project will earn themselves 3 house points and have their work featured in a display.



ART - MRS SLATER

Sonnie T (Year 8) made this sculptural metal piece in response to the DT homework, to create a body adornment. This can be held in the hand similar to a torch or flame. It has been made from a disused motor cycle exhaust, and each petal has been individually made and welded to the exhaust.

Well done to Sonnie for the hard work and passion for welding shown through this sculpture.



YOUTH ADVENTURE TRUST

The young people took a lot away from this summer and through challenges were able to gain confidence and resilience getting their YAT journey with us off to a great start!

The new Year 8's had Mountain Camp in the Brecon Beacons, where we had a fantastic action packed week full of activities. The young people got the opportunity to try out rock climbing, gorge walking, canoeing, an overnight expedition, caving, as well as seeing some amazing waterfalls and developing leadership and social skills. A full on week but great fun and one they will all hopefully take fond memories from.

The new year 9's had Forest Camp in the Forest of Dean. Here they got the chance to learn bushcraft skills, take part in archery, abseiling, mine exploration and canoe down the river Wye. Another full on week with lots of experiences to grow and develop from.

SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS

Please visit the following website for the upcoming live broadcasts schedule.

www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtals/upcoming-vtals/

Live broadcasts are a great way for students to hear directly from leading figures from a range of industries, and have the opportunity to ask questions via a moderated Q&A.

Among the upcoming broadcasts are:

Alex Scott MBE, English sports presenter, pundit, and former professional footballer in Collaboration with Penguin Talks.

Deborah Williams OBE, Chief Executive, Creative Diversity Network in collaboration with Black History Month.

MERCER'S LECTURES - DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

This year Dauntsey's School look forward to a diverse range of speakers covering; history, broadcasting, e-commerce, musical theatre, human flight and the English language.

Zoe Bayliss Wong - Wednesday 12th October
Rev Richard Coles - Wednesday 16th November
Colin Ingram - Tuesday 17th January
Susie Dent - Wednesday 1st February
Richard Browning - Wednesday 8th March

Please book online at www.dauntseys.org

All lectures are free to attend and start at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall at Dauntsey's.

CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

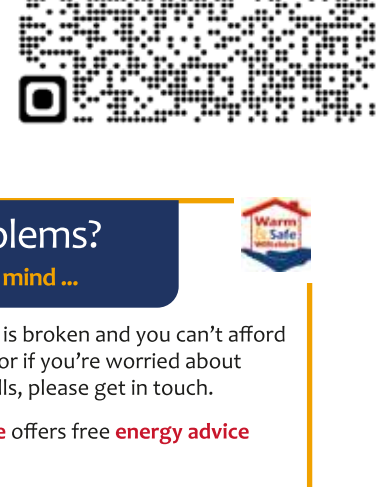
Please note that area cross country trials will be taking place at Marlborough College on November 17th.



WILTSHIRE COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Chippenham Wednesday 5th October 5-7pm
Lackham Saturday 8th October 10am-12noon
Salisbury Wednesday 12th October 5-7pm
Trowbridge Thursday 13th October 5-7pm

To register your interest, just scan the QR code, it will take them to the correct web page to register.



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Pantomime Audition Notice

Sunday Oct 9th 2022
Bouverie Hall, Pewsey
14:30 Chorus, 16:00 Principals

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