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# **Headteacher's Message - Summer 2021**

It seems impossible that the summer holidays are upon us once again. As we reflect back on the year that we have had as a community, I feel very proud at the way our students have conducted themselves. In home learning, face to face teaching and personal study - students have shown incredible commitment to school life.

The disruption caused by the national lockdown, ongoing periods of isolation caused through close contact with positive cases and working in a restricted way in 'bubbles' has not stopped students' great achievements, many of which are exemplified in this edition of the DLS Download. This is exemplified by the amazing response to the newly launched Lasallian awards where students displayed fantastic character - this has only strengthened our community.

Getting to this point in the academic year is a testament to the amazing support from families; dedicated service from a talented staff; support from a committed governing body and consistent positive effort from students. The successes of this year have been a true team effort. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to everyone for their continued commitment to the school.

As the lockdown measures are eased, I hope that the whole school community is able to enjoy a restful and safe summer break. We look forward to welcoming students back to normal school life (all being well) in September.

# Mr. P. Norris - Headteacher

# End of Year (2020/21) Prayer

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom,

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced; For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed; For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles;

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days;

For the love that has kept us going;

We give thanks for the community that we are.

Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

# **Times Table Challenge**

Every half term Year 7 and 8 students take part in the Times Table Challenge; the challenge consists of 144 times tables, where they are awarded a gold award 140 correct answers, silver award 130 correct answers and bronze award 100 correct award.

The following students have been awarded the gold award for this half term. Congratulations on a fantastic achievement:-

7.1	7.2	7.3
Jai	Mikey	Ethan
Arian	Gabriel	Christian
Caitlin	Franz	Leah
Lyla	Joey	Callum
Abigail	Joshua	Abigale
Reece	Tia	
Lucy-Lou	Sadie	7.4
Erica		Kyran
Bobby		El
Anessa		Olivia
Akosua		Laila
Paul		Keira-Louise
Ruby		Mirabella
Harry		Lilly
Jenna		Archie
Harvey		Karina
Angeleen		Victor
Havilah		Brooke
Callum		Jessica
Haydon		Julia

8.2	8.3	8.4
Tobiah		Chinedu
Josh	Daniel	Chloe
Olufemi	Zach Leo	Emily
Emily	Amarah	Kye
, Nathan	George	David
Ruby	Tilly	Eric
Wisdom	Shami	Molly
Rihanna		,
Jack		
Anthonia	Luka	8.5
Vaness	Harrison	Anush
Artis	·	
Jessica		Sterano
	Harry	
Rihanna Jack Anthonia Vaness Artis	Harrison Jack Sandra Nathaniel Nathan	·

Valerie

Cont'd.../

Hayden

Matthew Rebecca

Tommy-Lee

8.1	Summer		
Esosa	Michael		
Anna	Bliss		
Ted	Jesse		
Lilly	Cherrelle		
Louise	Joel		
Amelia	Lilly		
Isabel	Kingsley		
Kallie	Isabella		
JMollie	lwo		
Chlo	Lilly		
Toma	Ela		
Chloe	Freya		

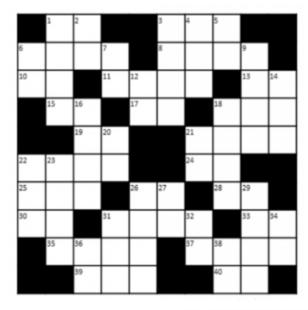
Mr. A. Badger - Teacher of Maths

# **Maths Puzzle**

There is a prize for the first person in each year group to return their completed puzzle to Mrs Curtis via the school email: info@dlsbasildon.org, prizes will be given out in the New Year.

Mrs. E. Cutis - HLTA Mathematics

# A maths crossword



ACROSS			DOWN				
3. 6. 8. 10. 11. 13. 15.	22 - 9 159 - 13 465 + 750 2329 + 3294 25 - 10 18833 - 9266 20 - 7 15 + 16 120 - 24 952 - 344	24. 25. 26. 30. 31. 33. 35.	1496 + 930 124 - 46 1290 - 300 98 - 44 11 + 5 27 + 40 9284 - 2589 44 - 10 3292 - 768 9 + 1616	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 9.	710 + 543 46 - 15 297 + 1269 235 + 232 83 - 21 15 - 4 29 + 30 5457 - 2355 24 + 35 560 - 180	21. 22. 23. 26. 27. 29. 31.	27 + 69 183 - 86 338 - 42 280 + 4692 10786 - 5144 27 + 22 12200 - 5879 687 - 67 62 - 11 21 + 24
	99 – 40 445 + 8975		858 – 356 1 + 10		381 + 1139 12346 + 5865		61 – 6 17 + 44

# **Year 10 Drama Stars**

On 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 the Year 10 Drama students performed their devised pieces for their Drama exam, and the results were OUTSTANDING!

The students had been working in groups for the previous two months, and they had to base their performance on a choice of stimuli, including a colourful picture by a Brazilian artist called Lobo, the song 'Starz in their eyes' by Just Jack, or the quote "Run to the fire, don't hide from it."

The performances were a colourful collection of different stories, many with challenging issues explored and unique characters revealed. The students not only did themselves proud with their excellent acting, but they were so supportive of each other and conducted themselves in an exemplary way throughout what was a long, difficult but ultimately highly successful day.

Mrs. N. Page -



#### **Important News on School Uniform Shopping**

As term draws to a close, we're already looking ahead to September. Our uniform provider SWI is working hard to make sure that despite the challenges posed by international shipping, Covid and Brexit, our parents/carers will be able to find everything they need.

This is a reminder that the best way to ensure your child has all the uniform they need in good time for the start of the school year is to shop early, if this is possible for you.

Please visit the website of our uniform supplier SWI now, and <u>register an account</u> so that you can complete your shopping in good time and receive reminders, news on stock and special offers.

We know not all parents/carers are able to shop early, but the challenges posed when large numbers of families shop in the last two weeks of August is something we are all keen to avoid. After what has been an interesting school year, please help us to help you to ensure we all return in September raring to go.

#### **PE Department**

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who have been awarded Sporting Star on the Gifted and Talented programme status in PE for their sporting performance, motivation and dedication in PE lessons and extra curricular clubs. Well done!

Year 7 Tobi Ashley Tristan Ronny Arian



Year 8 Anna Isobel Aituajie Michael Jack Wisdom Iwo

Kingsley - Gifted and Talented in PE



Miss. S. Rothwell - Curriculum leader of PE

#### **Student Services**

#### Reporting an Absence

Please call the absence line before 9.00am on 01268 822994 leaving your child's full name, form and reason for the absence. Contact is required each day of your child's absence, this is part of the Attendance Policy. Alternatively, please call the school on 01268 281234 and use option 1 (Not 2 Student Services). There is an answering service on this phone. Please leave a message, if you wish for us to call you back please include this in the message. Calls may not be answered before 9.00am.

Please do not use the info email address to leave absence information. You can also email: attendance@dlsbasildon.org to report your child's absence, or report it on Parentmail. If you have any Parentmail queries please contact me by email.

#### **Contact Details**

Please ensure all your contact details are kept up to date.

#### **Holidays**

If a holiday is not authorised, and is taken without permission, the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice to each parent of £60 for each child to be paid within 21 days.

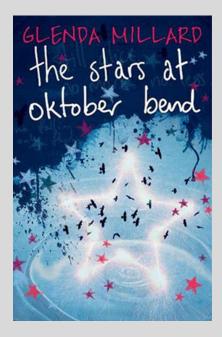


If the penalty is not paid within the time scale the penalty will increase to £120. If the higher penalty is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority will then institute legal proceedings against you in the magistrate's court under section 444 of the Education Act 1996 for failing to ensure your child attends school regularly.

#### Mrs. T. Carlane-Smith - Student Services Manager



#### **Book Review**



The summer holidays are almost here, and I am looking forward to some serious reading time. In the meantime, I am so pleased to be able to share this review with you because 'the stars at oktober bend' is one of the most beautiful books I have read in a long, long time. People say 'it blew me away - really!' And this book blew me away – REALLY!

You may have noticed the lack of capitals in the title, and have assumed that Mrs Smith needs some punctuation catch-up. However, this is because one of the two voices in the story is that of Alice, and she rarely uses capital letters. Alice is a survivor of a horrific attack, at 12 years of age, which left her with life-changing injuries. The way she expresses herself is one of the ways in which the story is beautiful; Alice tells us that her 'electrics' are damaged and that speech is hard for her — and hard for people to understand. But she communicates through her writing and through her art.

The other voice in the story is that of Manny, 'the running boy', who is fascinated by Alice and her story – and by her family and the way they live. He finds one of Alice's poems and wants to know her better. Alice lives with her younger brother, Joey, who cares for her, and they both care for 'Gram' who has breathing troubles (Alice expresses this perfectly!) Their love for each other is also a beautiful thing, without being at all 'cheesy'.

Another reviewer described this story as 'heartrending and, ultimately, hopeful' – a view with which I wholeheartedly concur.

Have a lovely summer – and happy reading!

Mrs Smith
One-to-One English Tutor

#### **Year 11 GCSE Photography**

No one can deny that this has been a challenging year for our Year 11 students. Two lockdowns later and they have left us to continue their education in their chosen pathways.

For Year 11 GCSE Photography students, it has been particularly difficult as they have had to be very resourceful in terms of being isolated, having to remain indoors and having limited contact with peers that would have normally been their models.

Throughout this time, they have shown themselves to really understand the idea of visual communication through their coursework and their final pieces . For many, their focus has been on Mental Health and family and they have creatively demonstrated this in their work.

These images are a small example of what they created inspired by Covid, Lockdown and Mental Health. I am sure you will agree that they have produced some outstanding work.

I am really proud of all of them.

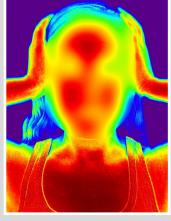
Masks off to the Covid class of 2021!

# **Mrs Ansary - Teacher of Photography**

















# **Year 11 GCSE Photography**

I've always wanted to study photography once I started secondary school. Photography is hard work and takes motivation to do the work but after you have finished it you can look back at all the work you have done. It's surprising!



I think photography has been an amazing experience for me to express my creativity and use it in my work. With my topic BLACK, which I think was perfect for me. As Black can be expressed in many ways plus it is important to many people today in society.

**Abigail** 





# **Catering & Hospitality**



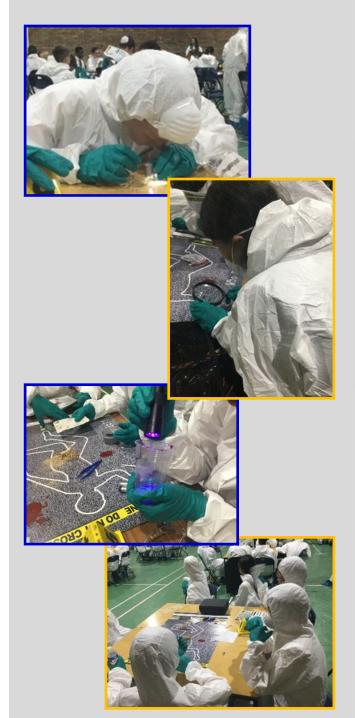




# **Science Department News**

We have been delighted to welcome visitors to the school this half term who have offered interesting and enjoyable enrichment activities. In June all of Year 9 took part in a 'CSI' experience spending a whole day learning how to gather and evaluate evidence from crime scenes. In the afternoon students were dressed in full CSI uniform and put their skills to good use investigating a crime scene scenario.

Pictured are students busy 'investigating!'



Dr. M. Keown - Teacher of Science

In July we welcomed Starlight STEM who ran a Planetarium experience day for Year 8 and Triple science students.





We also invited a speaker to describe the opportunities for careers in the NHS.

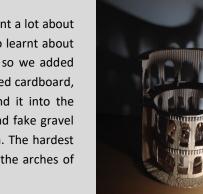


Dr. M. Keown - Teacher of Science



#### **Tech Article**

When we were building our Colosseum, we learnt a lot about the structure and the history behind it. We also learnt about how the colosseum was built 1,951 years ago so we added moss to give it an older look. We used corrugated cardboard, as it is a compliant material so we could bend it into the shape. We also used fake grass for the base and fake gravel to create a path and base inside the colosseum. The hardest part of making our colosseum was cutting out the arches of the windows as it took a long time.



We had so much fun creating a colosseum and we hope we can build something like this again.



### By Meda and Emily



# **My Model**

I didn't have anything except from the cardboard and gravel. The cardboard arches were quite hard because I only had scissors so they were quite jagged. Once I used gorilla glue to hold up the edges of the colosseum I added gravel to the bases to add detail of what an ancient colosseum would look like. Measurements were very difficult during this process because I had to hope it would all fit together. Next time I will not make it so tall and mainly get it to shape and add some synthetic moss to the edges for more of an ancient urban texture.



# By Katelyn Morrison







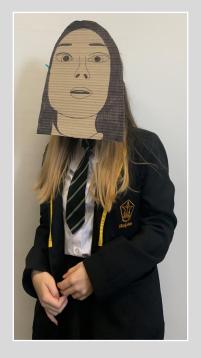


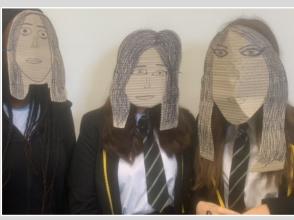


# **Year 9 Photography**

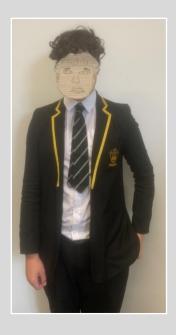
This term students in Year 9 have explored the subject of disguise in Photography. They have looked at a range of different photographers and the way they have communicated this subject through their methods and use of props. These images represent a selection of the different characters within the class with students planning their own photoshoots responding to the style of the photographer Inge Morath and the cartoonist Saul Steinberg.

I look forward to welcoming some of them to GCSE Photography next year!













Mrs. A. Ansary - Teacher of Photography