



# AUCKLAND COLLEGE SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



**Welcome to the first secondary newsletter of 2024. We have had a fantastic half term with students engaging in a mixture of opportunities and events.**

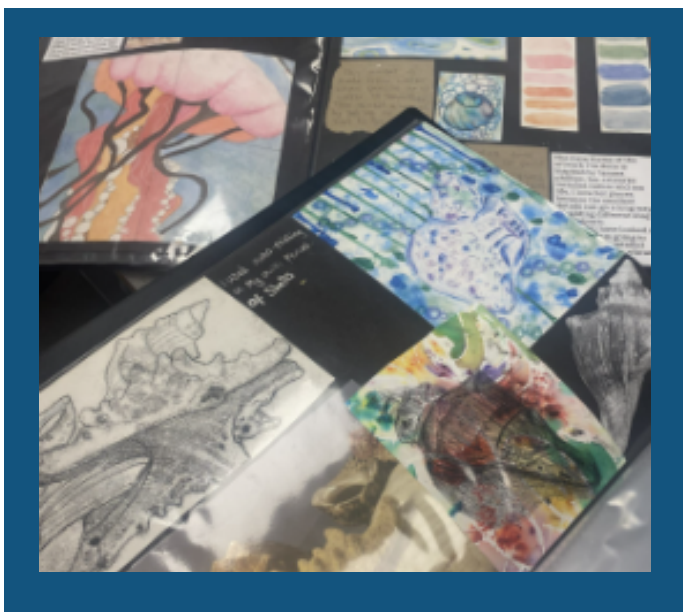


## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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**Term Ends 9th February  
Half Term 12th - 16th February  
Term Starts 19th February  
Parents Evenings  
Year 7 - 13th March  
Year 8 - 18th March  
Year 9 - 20th March  
Year 10 - 25th March**

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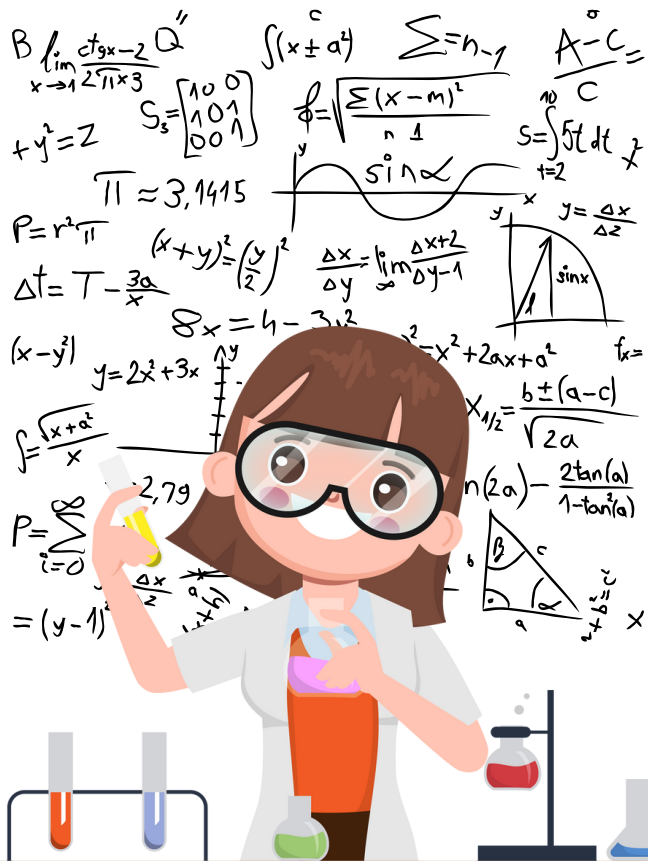




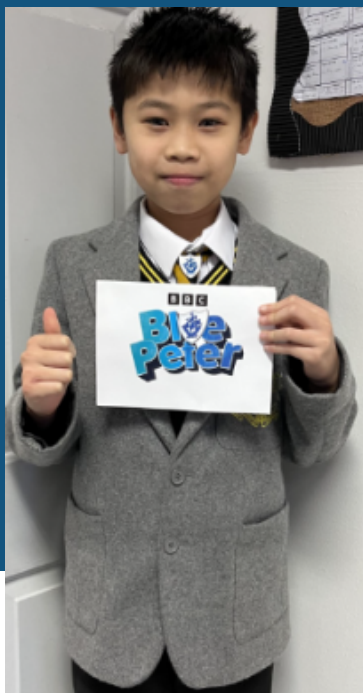
# NOTICES

## Miss McKenzie

Hello, my name is Miss Mckenzie and I am the new KS3 Scienc teacher at Auckland College. I have been a teacher of maths and science for 13 years and have worked in schools all over Liverpool. I have a degree in Forensic Science and studied for a Postgraduate in Chemistry. I enjoyed settling in this term and look forward to doing some really fun experiments next term. I can already see some science stars amongst us.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



### BLUE PETER BADGE

Well done to Daniel in Year 9 who received a Blue Peter badge and certificate for writing an informative poem.







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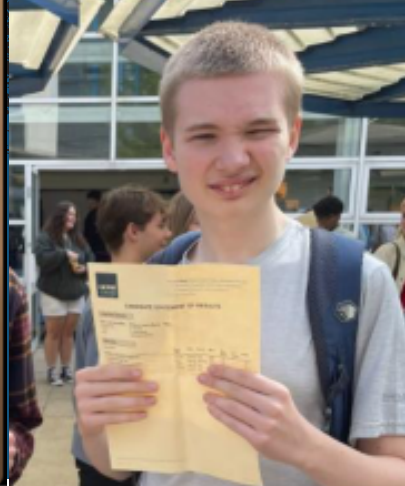
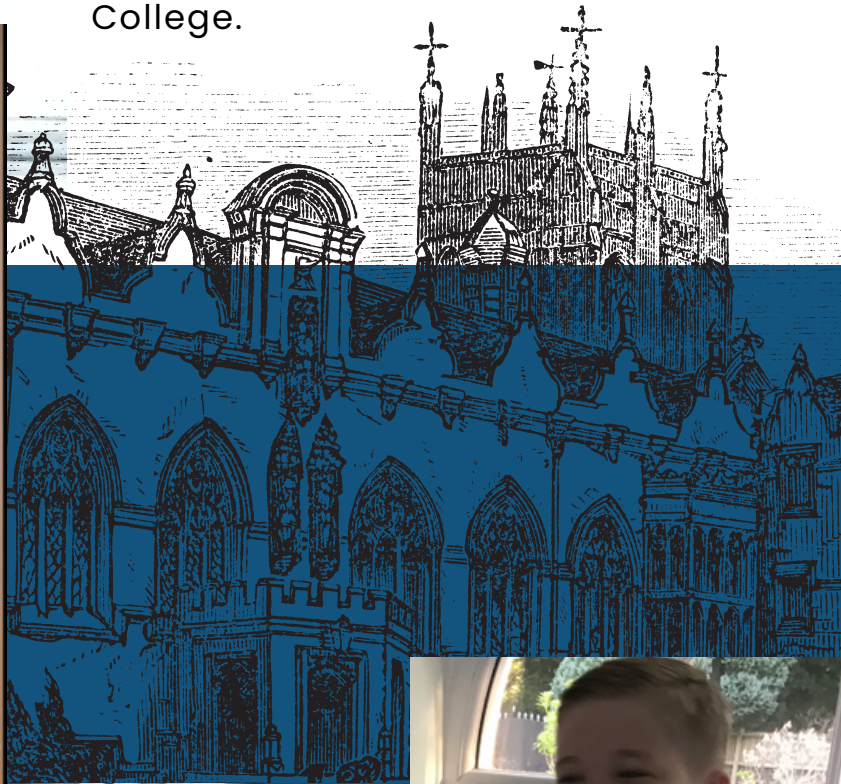
## Oxford University

Congratulations to our former 2020-2021 Head Boy, Lewis Klieve, who has just accepted a place at Oxford University to study Mathematics. Lewis achieved 3 A\* in Maths, further maths and Physics in his A-Levels after completing his GCSEs at Auckland.

Congratulations to Lewis, we are all very proud of you at Auckland College.



**Lewis Klieve**  
Auckland College  
**Maths, University of Oxford**  
Congratulations to our students who received offers to study at Oxbridge this year. The application process requires so much hard work and dedication,... See more



*Congratulations*



# EVENTS

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## *Move More Monday*

As part of our Move More Monday initiative, our Sports Ambassadors promoted the positive values and benefits of an active lifestyle when the secondary year groups walked a mile together.

Well done everyone

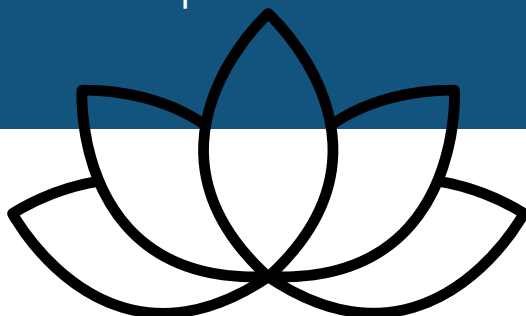


**MOVE** more  
**MONDAY!**



## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

We commenced our first Terrific Tuesday activity this term, where students took part in an activity to promote positive well-being. This half term, students set their personal goals for their academics and personal lives.







# TRIPS/EVENTS



## Sick To Death Museum

What a great day our GCSE History and Year 9 pupils had at Sick To Death Museum, Chester. Pupils learnt lots about how people's health changed over time and enjoyed all the gory exhibitions! Look out for more information and pictures!

## SAFER INTERNET DAY 2024

Pupils participated in a range of activities for this year's theme "Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online".



# Together for a better internet



# EVENTS

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## *National Storytelling Week*

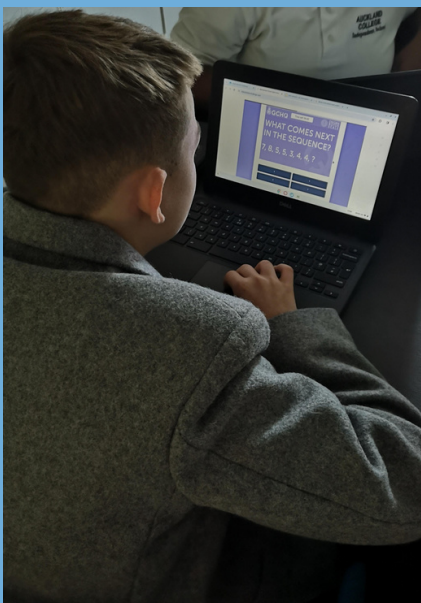
As part of National Storytelling Week, secondary have attended a live session from gaming panellists.



After attending this session they have been coming up with their own original ideas and stories for a video game. Year 7, 8 and 9 presented their pitches with a prize for the best one. Everyone has worked really hard and been very creative.



## *Merseyside Police Cyber Challenge 2024*



Auckland College pupils have participated in the Merseyside Police Cybersecurity Challenge 2024.

I was really impressed with the level of engagement from KS3 and KS4 pupils.

Good luck everyone and hopefully we might get to the next phase of the competition.





# ART

## MISS BRADSHAW

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It has been a very busy half term in the Art department! Year 7 pupils have been completing their Pop Art portrait; I am so proud of their determination and outcomes.

Year 8 and 9 have been developing their skills in 3Dimensional form using clay. They are all very proud and I cannot wait to share the final outcomes once they are painted.

Year 10 have been developing their ideas when using a print technique, which they have all enjoyed and Year 11 have begun their final exam project. They have already come up with great idea development and are recording their skill very well! Keep up the good work secondary Art.

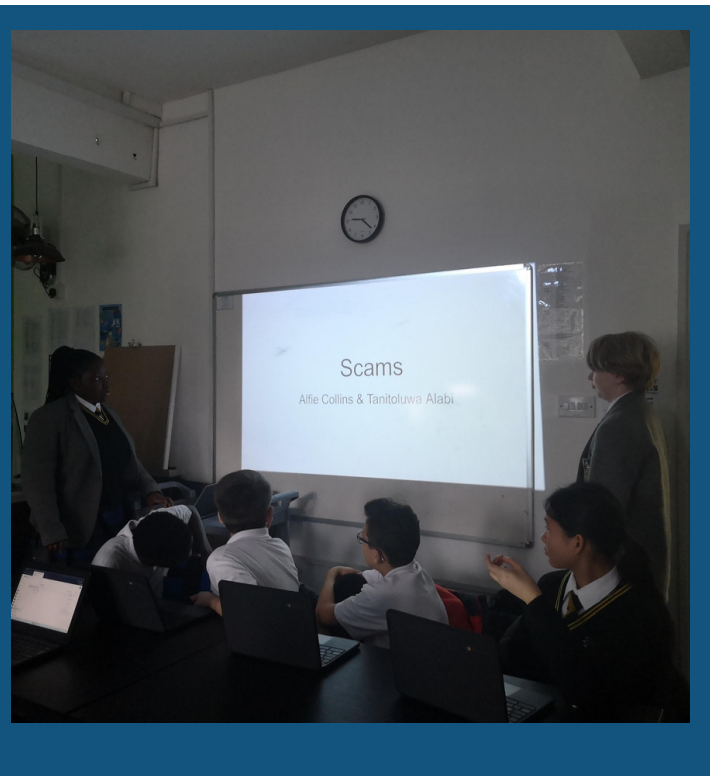
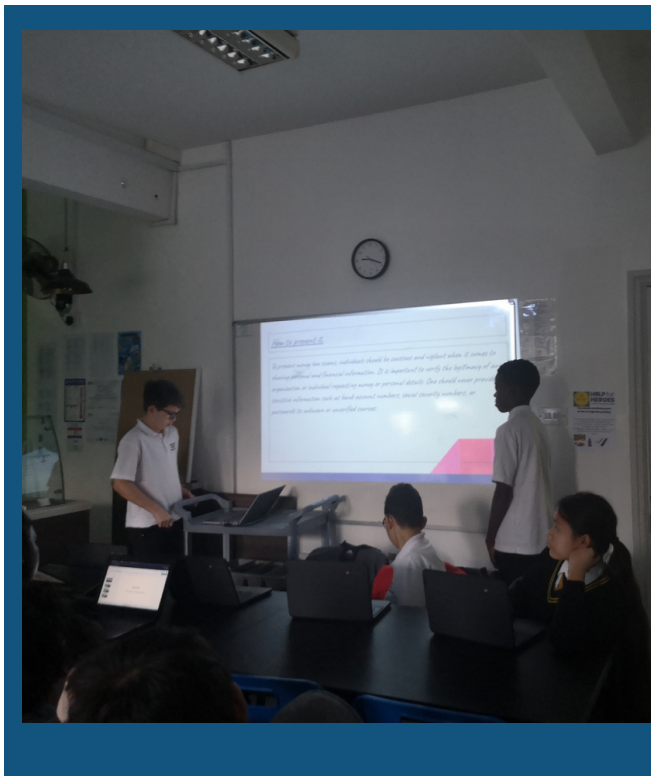
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# IT/ICT MISS HODSON



Learning about cybersecurity is crucial in today's digital age. Year 8 students have been gaining knowledge about different types of cyber threats and how to protect against them. Understanding cybersecurity not only helps individuals safeguard their own digital presence, but also contributes to creating a safer online environment for everyone. Year 8 has been converting old analogue scams into their own digital versions and have produced some very impressive digital scams of their own.



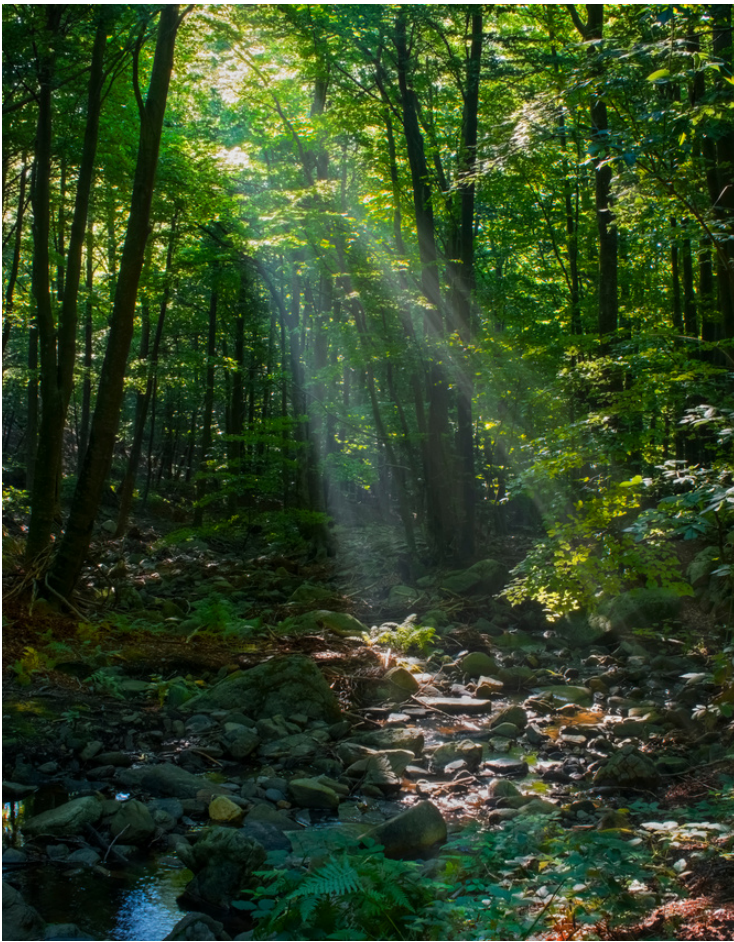




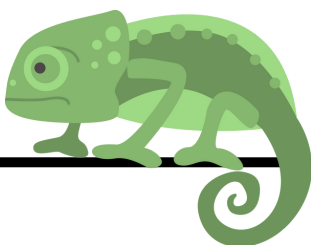
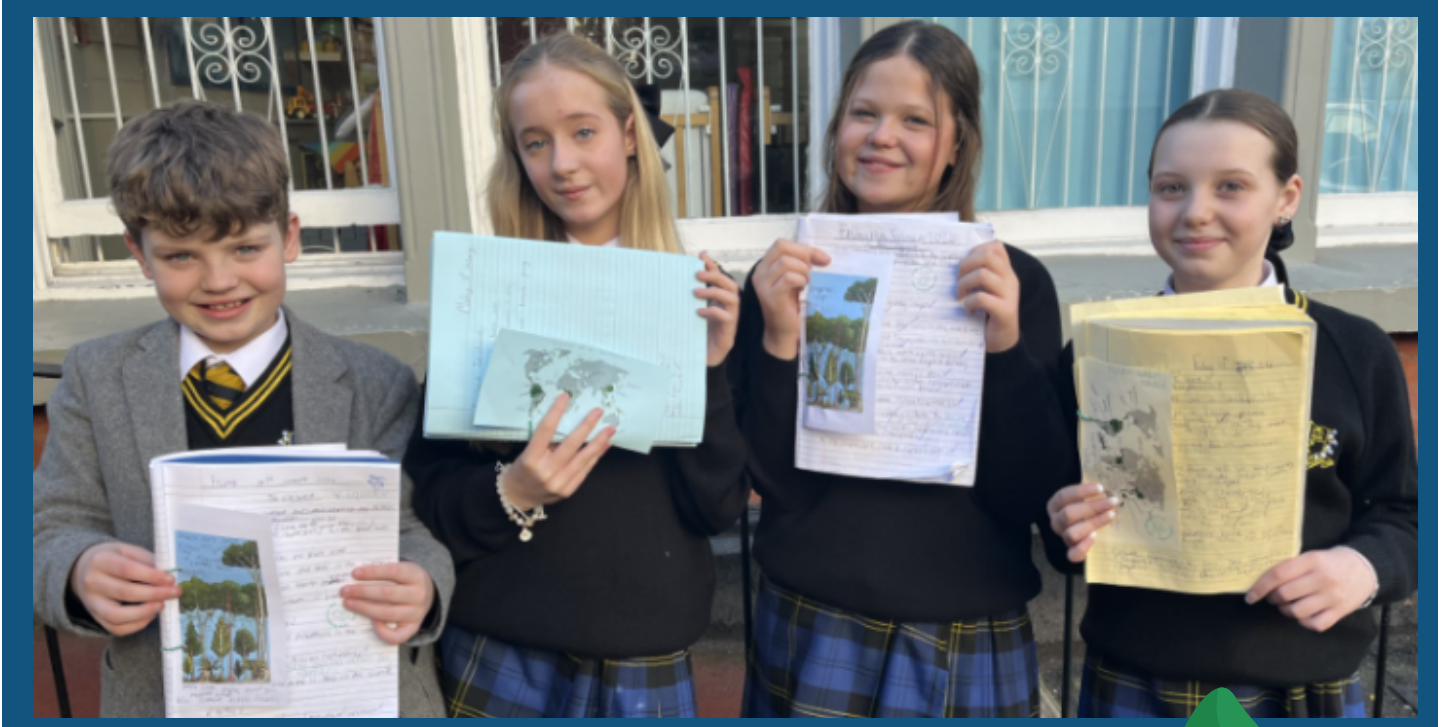
# GEOGRAPHY

## MISS WHITEHOUSE

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Pupils have been working very hard in Geography, in particular Year 7 who have been studying Rainforests. We have looked at tropical and temperate rainforests and where they are located in the world. We have explored the different layers of the rainforest and the many threats that rainforests face every day.







# HISTORY

## MISS WHITEHOUSE

Year 9 and GCSE pupils visited the Sick To Death museum in Chester. Here we explored the medical past, travelling down 'Diagnosis Alley' and examining gory autopsies. Everyone learnt so much by bringing History to life, which will help when examining People' Health at GCSE.







# PE

## MR CROWTHER

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Key Stage 3 have been developing their Football skills, revisiting their passing, dribbling, shooting and teamwork skills. Students have demonstrated clear talent throughout the term and have adapted well to using skills via different sports and challenges.

Students have been given the chances to lead their class warm-up this term to experience a coaching/teaching role and applying their knowledge.





# SPANISH

## MS BURKE

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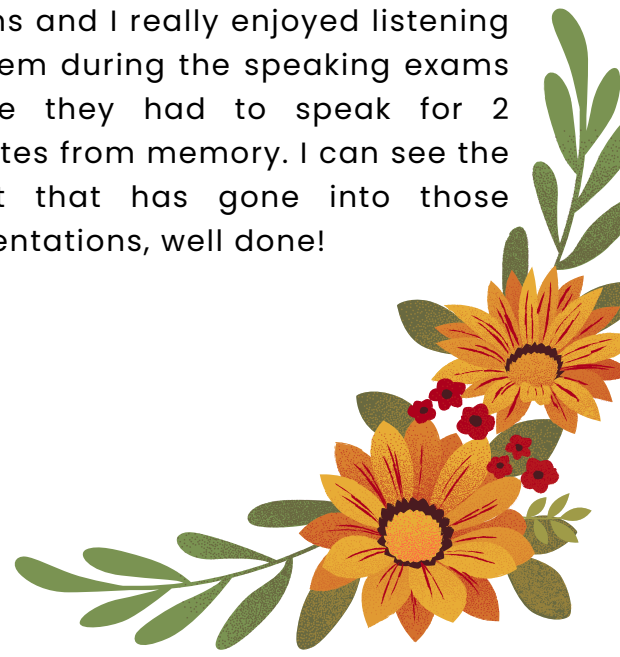
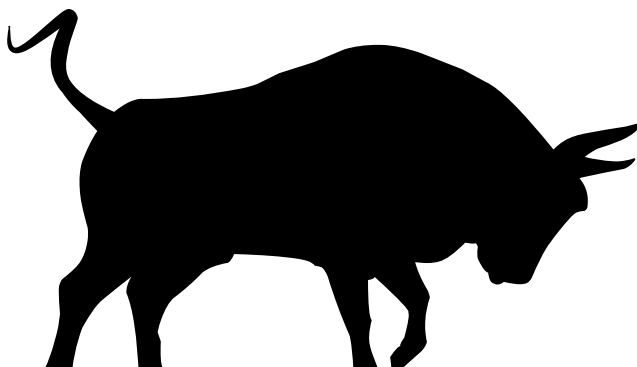
Year 7 have been learning how to talk about their free time interests using actions to help us to consolidate the new vocabulary. This involved some games using those actions which quickly became very competitive!

Year 8 have worked hard on their topic about 'las vacaciones' = holidays. They have had to learn how to use past tense verbs and our recall of key vocabulary has been very impressive.

Year 9 have been learning how to give opinions on their school subjects and their uniform. The stand-out moment for me was listening to their fantastic pronunciation; it really is great!

GCSE have been studying their area and their diets. It's nice to see them using vocabulary from previous topics and developing their answers with their own style.

Y11 have just completed their mock exams and I really enjoyed listening to them during the speaking exams where they had to speak for 2 minutes from memory. I can see the effort that has gone into those presentations, well done!





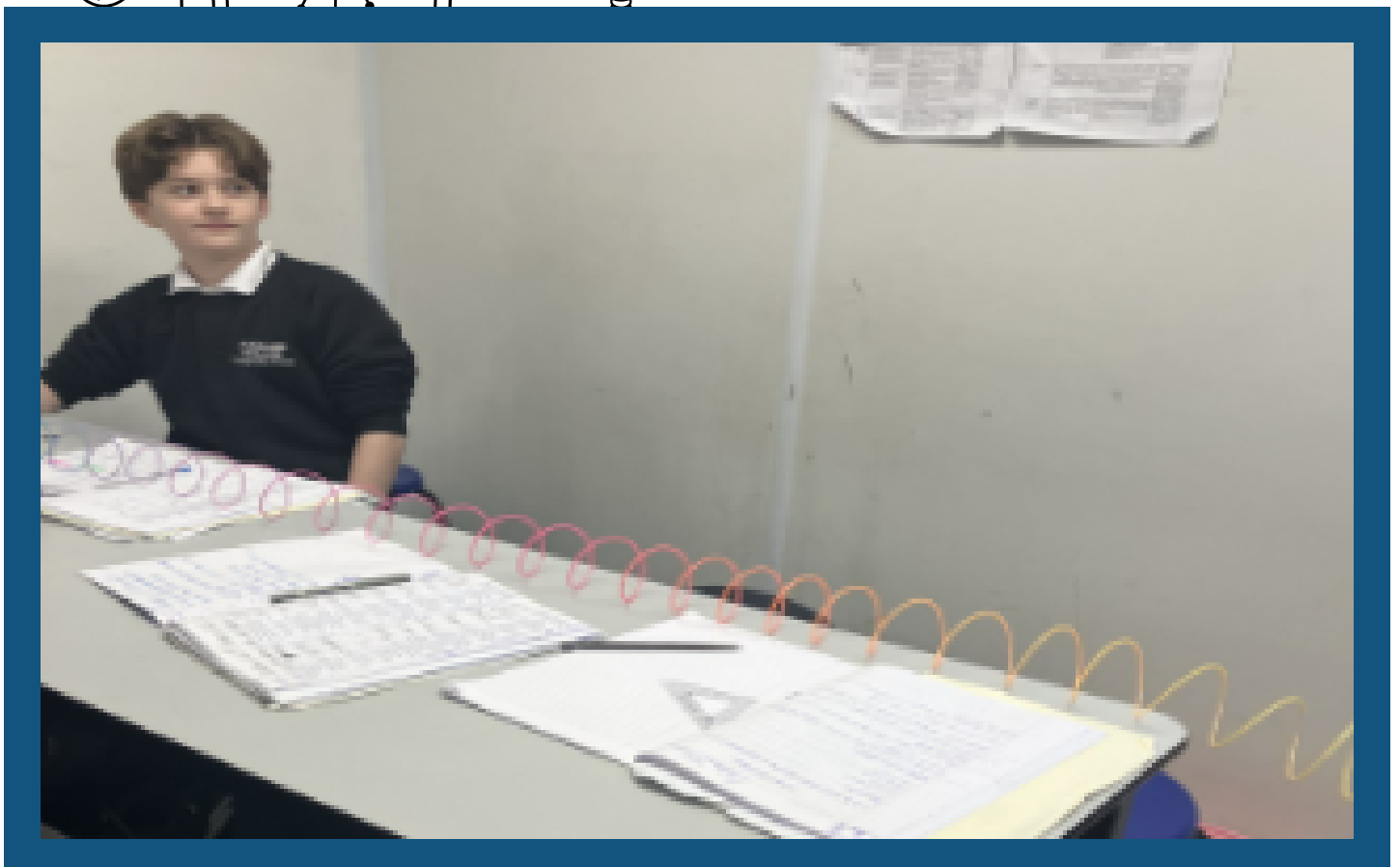


# SCIENCE KS3

## MISS MCKENZIE



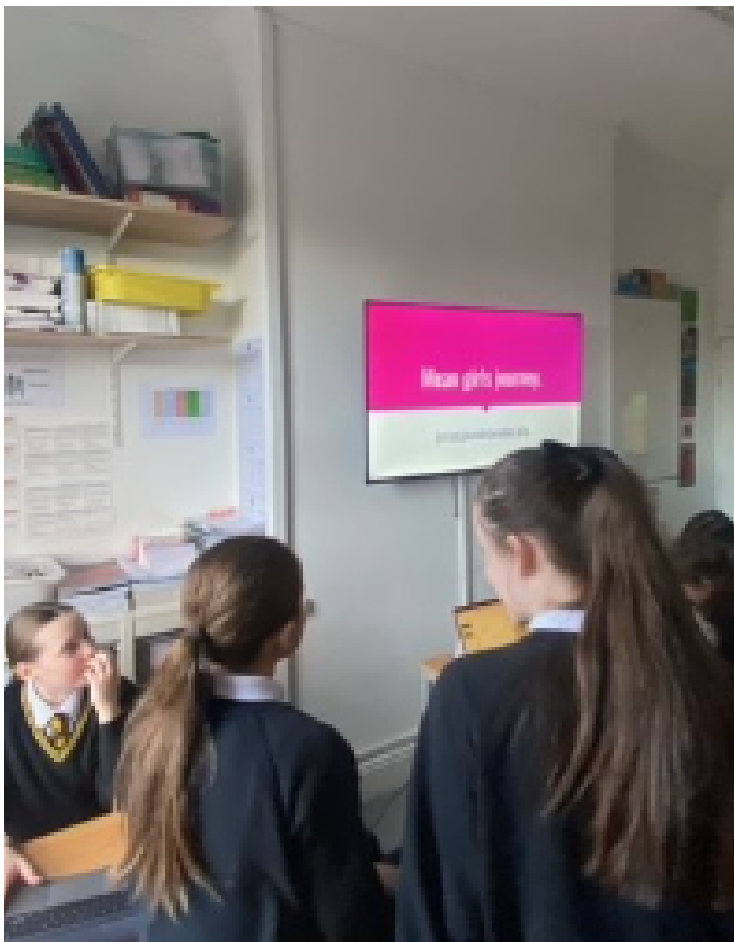
Students have been working hard this term learning all about Energy in Physics. Year 7 have been learning about energy sources, including renewable and non-renewable energy. Year 8 have been learning about sound waves and using a slinky to represent how sound waves travel.



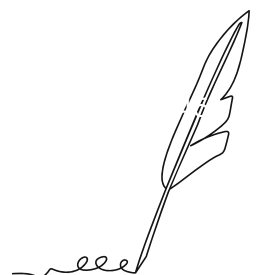
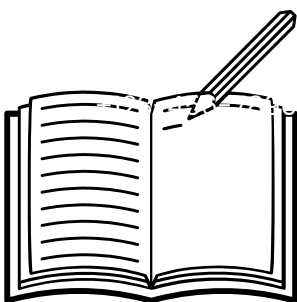


# ENGLISH

## MISS MAHONEY



During National Storytelling Week, we participated in an online session aimed at Key Stage pupils all across the UK. Following this, the students of Y7, Y8 and Y9 have been pitching ideas for their own video games. They've all worked hard and been very creative with their ideas!



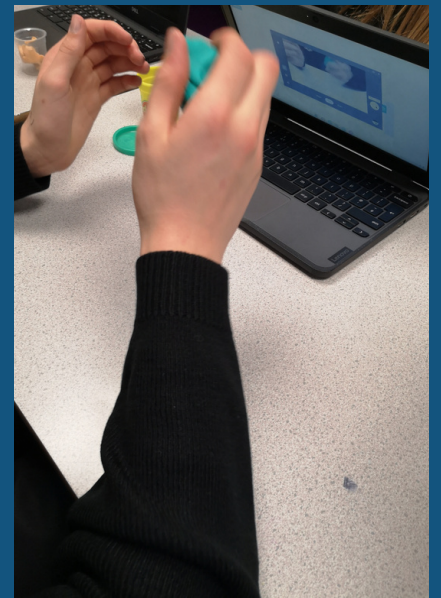
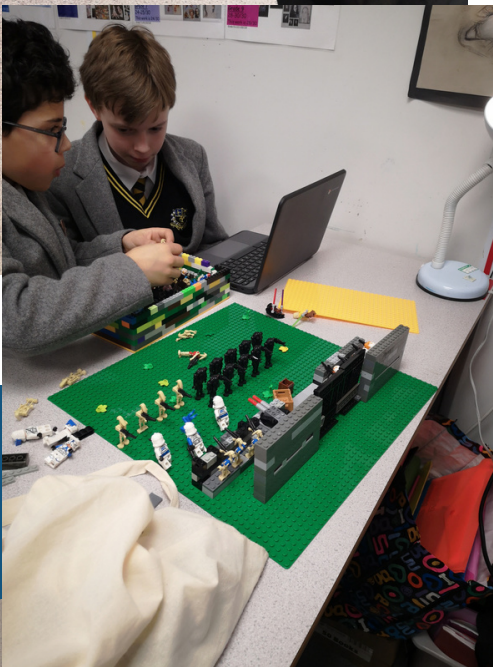
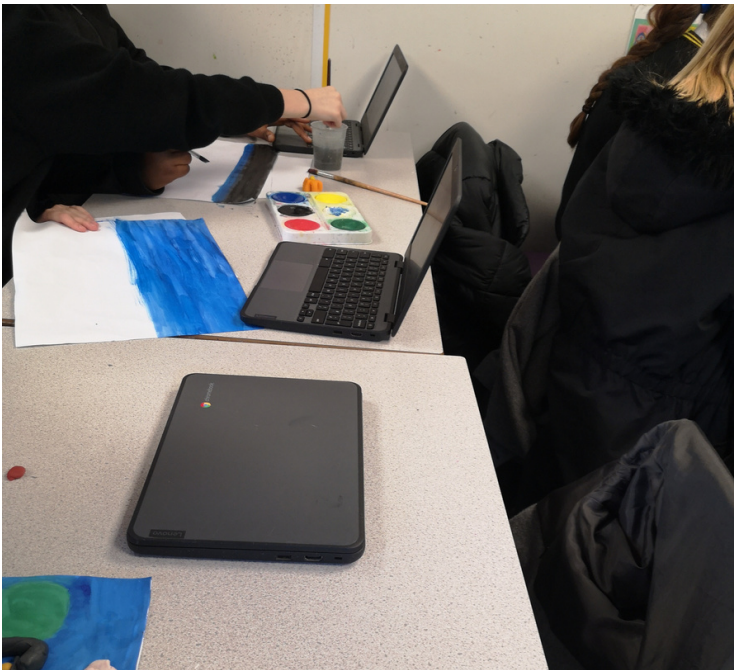




# ENHANCED CURRICULUM ANIMATION

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Pupils have been learning about 'Stop Motion Animation'. Pupils have been creating characters and scenery to be used in the filming of their own stop-motion animations.







# ENHANCED CURRICULUM FIRST AID

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During First Aid, we have covered some of the basics including: the dangers when carrying out First Aid; the Recovery Position; CPR and applying bandages. Here are some of our pupils practicing the Recovery Position.







# DOJO WINNERS



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## Spring Term 1

Year 7 - Billie

Year 8 - Alfie

Year 9 - Ivy

Year 10 - Mitchell

Year 11 - Eva M

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