

Dates for your Diary:

Tue 4th Jan:

Start of Term (Week I) Tue 4th Jan - Mon 17th Jan:

Year 13 Mock Exams

Wed 12th Jan: Year 8 Options Evening

Thu 20th |an: Year II Mock Results Day

Mon 24th Jan - Fri 28th Jan: Year 8 Exams

Wed 26th lan: Year II, Parents'/Carers' Evening

Fri 28th Ian: Sixth Form Application Deadline



Hazelwick School Newsletter

December 2021

Headlines

Ms A Fearon, Headteacher

Welcome to this final edition of our school newsletter for 2021. I would like to start by wishing all students, parents and carers a joyful, safe and healthy holiday season and a very happy and peaceful New Year.

The final weeks of term have been immensely busy and productive. Year II students have sat their mock examinations and there has been a range of extra-curricular activities involving many of our students.

During December, activities included Sixth Form Festive Friday which was enormous fun while raising money for charity. We collected over fifteen boxes of food to donate to Crawley Open House; Mr Hillier and a team of Sixth Form students delivered these the week before term ended. Crawley Open House are immensely grateful for the support from Hazelwick.



Throughout these weeks, we have ensured that the quality of teaching has remained high, enabling our students to have positive learning experiences in lessons right through to the end of term.

We say goodbye to Ms. Lacey from Maths and Mr Wells from the Business Studies Department. We thank them for their contribution to our school during their time with us, and wish them both luck and happiness in their new ventures.

We look forward to seeing all our students on Tuesday 4th January (week I) for the start of the Spring Term. All good wishes

News, Events & Activities from Heads of Sixth Form...

Oliver Sebire-Harris - 12NPO

Oliver has been playing cricket for many years. In February this year he was offered the opportunity to join the Young Leaders in Cricket Course. He jumped at the chance and completed various different modules such as; umpiring, scoring, first aid, volunteering and fundraising. As part of the course, Oliver had to raise some money to allow it to continue. However instead of aiming for the minimum amount, Oliver set his sights much higher.

Oliver wrote to over 100 different companies asking for donations, some of which were superb such as an Adidas goody bag, Arsenal signed t-shirt from the 1st team and meals at 5 star restaurants. Oliver was raising money for his cricket club (Hurstpierpoint), Alzheimer's UK and the Ruth Strauss Foundation.



In the end Oliver managed to raise nearly £3000 for many various charities and the club. There was a special day arranged for all those involved and, on the day, Oliver found that he had won the "rising star" award from grassroots cricket at county level. Once you win at a county level you are automatically put forward to receive a national award which he also won! Oliver was presented with the award at the Metropole Hotel in Brighton by the Chairman of Sussex and Rob Andrews – who played rugby for England and the British and Irish Lions. The day was a great experience with a silent auction and a live auction happening where Oliver's parents won something too! The day was also great as the guest speaker was Glen Hoddle who played and managed England football.

Due to the volunteering hours at his cricket club Oliver was nominated for young coach of the year which he won at a county level. As a result he was lucky enough to have an experience day with professional coaches along with other county winners where the national winner will be announced in Derby. The day itself was a huge success. They had a breakfast of bacon rolls, a cricket match, an ice cream van, a BBQ, an auction, a raffle, an open bar, programmes and music too.

A massive well done to Oliver for all his hard work and the inspiration that he is to all of us here at Hazelwick. Well done!







News, Events & Activities from Sixth Form...

Year 12 Speakers for Schools Visit

During the visit from Emma Wadey (Speakers for Schools), Year 12 were given the opportunity to listen to Emma's experiences regarding her job role as Head of Mental Health Nursing for England.

Emma delivered a powerful and moving assembly, telling of her trials and tribulations and how she overcame them. Emma's personal anecdotes: including that of her teenage goal to be in the Navy engaged us on a realistic and humble level, depicting to us as a year group how it's okay to not have a completely linear journey and you can succeed where you didn't think you would, as Emma did in nursing.

Emma taught us about the historical background of mental health nursing, and how the field has evolved and changed in regards to treatments as well as diagnoses. She also described to us how she personally found her passion for mental health nursing whilst training originally in another nursing sector. Emma's undeniable dedication and resilience to her role should be an inspiration to us as a year group as it should be to all. Emma Wadey is a figurehead in NHS mental health nursing for England.





Preston-Paris Ingold 12AJO & Saskia Blackburn 12AJO

University Course Presentations



At Hazelwick we are trying to support students with all different types of higher education. We had the opportunity to invite back one of our outstanding students from 3 years ago, Ishaaq Saleem, who has started an apprenticeship, to come back and talk about the process and the options available. He delivered an assembly to students in Year 12 and 13 who are considering alternatives to University. The assembly was informative and helpful, giving both information about what was involved in the application process but also what completing an apprenticeship entailed.

The students left the room knowing more about what they needed to do now and being inspired and encouraged to be able to do something different.

The presentations given by former students about university courses have given me an insight into how we, as students, can begin to plan our future pathways towards courses at university, post sixth form. I especially enjoyed the film production and film photography presentations by Priyanka Pattini and Arnold Baker; they have inspired me to continue being involved in the different elements of working within the creative arts industry (producing, directing, filming and editing), as I'd love to work in the industry as an actor on stage or screen. Thank you so much, they were very helpful!

Tegan Muggeridge 12AJO



Mirza Baigh who led and organised the presentations

News, Events & Activities from the Music Department...

If any students are interested in learning a new instrument in the New Year, we still have space with instrument teachers. If you would like to learn Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Cello, Piano, Drum Kit, Guitar, Bass, Clarinet, Oboe, Flute, or Voice then please get in touch with Mr Bayliss - sbayliss@hazelwick.org.uk

Our wonderful choir performed carols at the Festive Fayre in Crawley High Street on Monday 13th December. They performed well and enjoyed drinking hot chocolate between carols!

Rehearsals for Little Shop of Horrors are in full swing! We are excited for the performances which begin on February 2nd 2022!

Mr Bayliss









News, Events & Activities from the English Department...

In our Year 8 English lessons we spent two weeks preparing for a performance project, using our text *The Adventure of the Speckled Band*, a Sherlock Holmes story.

The students selected which parts of the story they thought were the most important, created storyboards and scripts to develop their understanding, and then performed them after only one rehearsal.

The characters in each performance were well developed and many even brought their own props. Miss Khan and I were very impressed by the quality of the performances in such a short space of time.

Miss Webb



Hassan Qureshi, Inayah Hassan, Afia Hassan and Louis Ricketts

In Year 10 English Language, students have been challenging themselves to use more sophisticated vocabulary in their work. This has resulted in some beautiful pieces of imaginative writing and one student in particular really took this into consideration. This beautiful poem was written outside of school and is an excellent demonstration of how vocabulary can be used in a really varied and lyrical way.

Thank you very much to Mymoona Sukri in 10ZBA for sharing her poem and really engaging with her learning both in and out of the classroom.

Old memories like blotted ink feathered upon the aged paper that is the mind, a soul withering as that aged paper catches a small flame quietly, it burns silently,

not a deafening silence,

not a painful flame, a comforting warmth that hugs one 'til the end of time, (forever blissfully).

by Mymoona Sukri 10ZBA





News, Events & Activities from the Travel & Tourism Department...

Visit to Reigate Manor Hotel

On the 15th October our Year 12 Travel and Tourism students visited Reigate Manor Hotel, which is part of the Manor group.

The students were welcomed by the Operations Director and the Head of Human Resources in one of their small conference and function rooms.

Mr Thomas, the Operation Director gave a comprehensive talk on the marketing and promotional methods used by the Manor group and in particular the Reigate Manor Hotel. This information will be invaluable to the students for their coursework on the Principles of Marketing in Travel and Tourism.

The hospitality industry is the 3rd largest employer in the U.K. with I in 6 jobs involved in hospitality. The Manor group's core business is hotels, however the main areas of income and marketing that the hotel group focuses on are events such as weddings, conferences, dinners, lunches and Christmas and New Year events.

The group entertains over 200 weddings and over 400 conferences per year in their three hotels.

The students were given a lot of information regarding the ways the hotel uses new technology to promote their events to a wide range of customers, with the use of 5 websites and 20 social media platforms. The students were given a tour of the hotel facilities including different hotel bedrooms, large dining areas, function rooms, kitchens and the cellar bar which holds private party events throughout the year.

Mr Wells



Charlie Robinson, Corey Langridge, Sophie Smith, Abigail Mcfall, Jahmellie Alexis, Aimmen Naseer



News, Events & Activities from the Spanish Department...

Spanish A Level

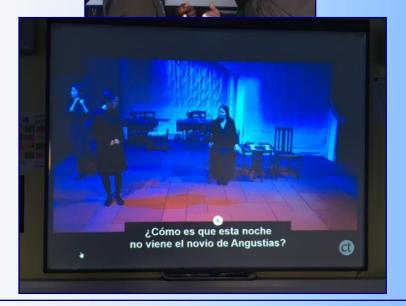
On Wednesday 8th December the Year 13 Spanish A level class enjoyed an online production of their set text 'La Casa de Bernarda Alba' (The House of Bernarda Alba by Lorca). The performance was in Spanish (with Spanish subtitles) which served as a useful revision aid before their mock exams in January.

It was a great opportunity to focus on how the key themes in the play are portrayed visually, as well as reminding ourselves of some of the useful quotations.

We also enjoyed some 'palomitas' and delicious homemade muffins (courtesy of Supriya – thanks, Supriya!)

Ms Gratton







News, Events & Activities from the Politics & History Department...

Trip to the Houses of Parliament

At the end of November, 30 Year 12 and 13 Politics students participated in a trip to the Houses of Parliament.

The trip consisted of a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster, a question and answer session with Crawley MP Henry Smith, and participation in a 'Representation and Voting' workshop, where students had to produce a manifesto for their Party and pitch these ideas to the rest of the group.

This activity certainly generated some passionate political responses and the student's questions to Henry Smith were informed, perceptive and incisive.

Mr Smith



11th November was Remembrance Day and, this year, all students in Years 7-11 had an assembly with a representative from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Commission is tasked with looking after the graves of all Commonwealth soldiers, from both World Wars, and researching the lives of some of the millions of people who were involved in the fighting.

Sarah Nathaniel, the visitor from the Commission, was able to stay and do further work with some of our Year 8 students, looking in more detail at the idea of remembrance. Some of the students' ideas around this theme are shown here.

Mrs Barton





News, Events & Activities from the History Department Continued...

Last month, four Hazelwick Sixth Form students – Charlie Nickolson, Ajay Michael, Saskia Blackburn, and Alisha Mafaas – were chosen to partake in Lessons From Auschwitz, an online course conducted by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

Even though the Holocaust is taught across England in both primary and secondary schools, few students can truly empathise and grasp the feeling of what it must have been like to live through the Holocaust. Throughout our journey on the course, this is what we tried to do.



As part of the course, we completed several self-guided learning modules and attended three live sessions to enhance our learning and understanding of the Holocaust. We also had the honour of listening to the testimony of a Holocaust survivor themself – Eve Kugler BEM.

Eve's experience was one of courage and strength, learning that she did not identify as a Jewish person or actively practise the Jewish faith, yet was still mistreated under the Nazi regime. Throughout the Holocaust she travelled and moved through an abundance of different foster homes, eventually moving across the world to New York in the United States. Hearing the tragic event so often told, through a first-hand perspective, allowed us to fully engage with the topic and amplify our understanding and knowledge. To our surprise, we found that Eve was never held in a death camp (such as, Auschwitz-Birkenau) throughout the Holocaust – this doesn't belittle her experiences but shows how widespread the Holocaust was and how varied it was in the way the operation was carried out.

Throughout the three live sessions and our own independent learning through the platform, we discovered how to reform our perhaps previously ignorant definition of the Holocaust as an event in history, realising that mere statistics do not count as individual identities for the lives lost during the Holocaust. As part of our final live lesson, we were introduced to the concept of historical conclusions allowing us to form our own mental decisions and perceptions from what we had learnt. We decided that the historical conclusion that we would convey and articulate clearly across the school would be that of the loss of **pre-war Jewish culture**. Before the Holocaust a diverse and multi-cultural community thrived in southern Poland as it does throughout Hazelwick School, truly resonating what it would be like for us as students if we lost our Hazelwick community.

Written by Alisha Mafaas - 12ECA and Saskia Blackburn - 12AJO





News, Events & Activities from the Food Preparation & Nutrition Department...



The Year 10 Food and Nutrition students had to design, make and decorate a Victoria sponge with a Christmas theme.

Here are some of the fantastic results.



News, Events & Activities from the Design & Technology Department...



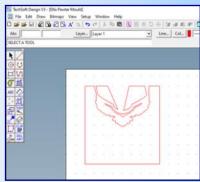


















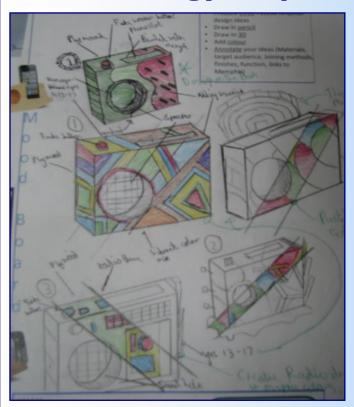
Year 8 Design & Technology students have been learning many new processes. Inspired by tribal culture, they have used CAD (Computer Aided Design) software to create their best designs. These were then laser cut out of acrylic and mounted ready to cast. A few of our brave Year 8's used the brazing hearth to melt the pewter to cast in the moulds.

Great work Year 8's!

Mrs Thomassen



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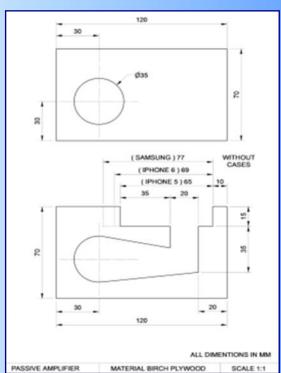


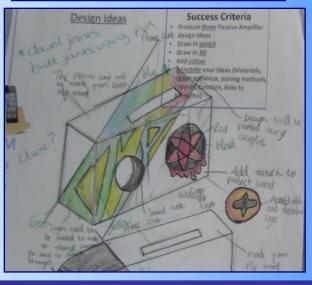


Year 9 students have been using Memphis as inspiration for their passive amplifier project. Students are to interpret the working drawing specification and use this as a base for their surface designs. They're realising the importance of dimensions and are transferring these to their own practical pieces. We look forward to seeing how these turn out!

Mrs Thomassen







News, Events & Activities from the Design & Technology Department Continued...



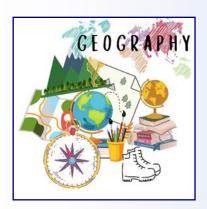




Year 10 students have been practising their drawing techniques to create a range of design ideas for a lamp for their chosen clients. They then used a range of modelling techniques and materials to produce small scale models of their best design. There were some interesting concepts from the group.



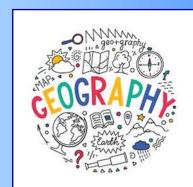
News, Events & Activities from the Geography Department...



Year 8 Geography students have been learning about indigenous tribes and how they have adapted to live in different biomes of the world.

They joined Bruce Parry on his travels to learn about the Matis tribe in the Amazon Rainforest and Inuit tribe in the Arctic.

For their assessment they took on the role of a researcher working for the BBC and decided on a tribe for Bruce Parry to visit next. Below are some excellent examples.





News, Events & Activities from the Science Department...

My Year 8 class tried a new way to represent atoms, elements and compounds today. By using card circles for each atom and connecting them, they were able to create models for molecules such as water, carbon dioxide and hydrogen.

Each atom is a unique building block for making all compounds. Every material is made by connecting atoms. By combining different atoms we make combinations called compounds.

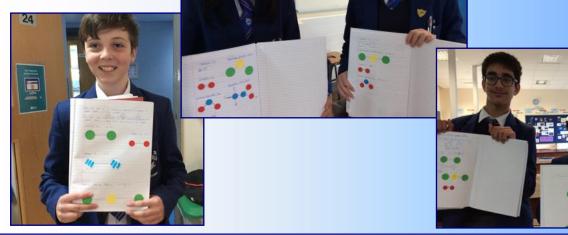
The class really enjoyed this and the thought provoking exercise allowed them to model a fundamental idea that can prove tricky to grasp. The task also helped us to define the terms atom, element, compound and molecule.

Well done also to Samrahn Paterson and Adam Bouabbane for patiently using the craft punches to prepare the circles for the class to be able to do the exercise.

Excellent work all our fine scientists in 82Cbla.

Mrs Nabeel







Year 8 French Celebratory Breakfast

In November we celebrated some excellent effort and achievement in Year 8 French with an invitation to a French breakfast.

Well done to all the students who were nominated by their teachers. The students were able to ask Year 12 for a pain au chocolat or croissant and a drink in French. Congratulations to Nivea Allen whose name was drawn out of a "hat" to win a French book "La galette du roi loup."



Thank you to our lovely Year 12 French class for serving Year 8 their French breakfast and providing them with an opportunity to use the language.

Thank you also to all the staff who joined us to celebrate including Ms Fearon, Mr Chalmers and Mr Bagnall.

Mrs Burke

Nominated Year 8 Students

Neel Karuppiah, Abigail Flynn, Zara Howe, Hayden Amer-Turnham, Evie Forrest, Dara Meenaghan, Mafalda Barros Vieira, Karolina Szulc, Cameron Blackburn, Nivea Allen, Annabelle Magri, Siyana Chaudry, Hashir Gul, Kayley White, Ayisha Hubbard Jefang, Ruby Pritchard, Jack Mulford, Kian Reynolds, Reyansh Chauhan, Aditya Vaidya, Hassan Khan, Daniela Glavan, Nibarna Gunarathinam





Book Buddies Reading Group

We celebrated the end of another successful Book Buddies course with some of our Year 7 students this month. Ms. Fearon, Mr Chalmers and Mr Cahill joined us to present the students with their books and certificates and a yummy breakfast was enjoyed by all.

The students have been meeting up this term and enjoyed weekly group reading sessions with Mrs Stewart, Mrs Gray and Mrs Thornton in the library. They also enjoyed a trip to Crawley Library and spent time reading together and finding out more about the West Sussex County Council library service.

Fun fact: there are approximately 85,000 books in Crawley Library!

Mrs Stuart









Hazelwick School Equalities Society

Hazelwick School Equalities Society have invited the YMCA YAC to the school on Thursday 20th January 2022. This taster session will take place immediately after school at 3pm in East Hall and is designed to give our LGBTQU+ students information regarding the support available to them. This is a drop in event and therefore no appointment is necessary.

YMCA DOWNSLINK GROUP



Crawley LGBTQU+ Haven @ YAC Crawley

The Crawley LGBTQU+ Haven provides a safe space for LGBTQU+ young people (aged 11-25) from Crawley and surrounding areas to access support and meet other LGBTQU+ young people. We have two youth groups up and running every other week - one for 11-15s and one for 16-25s, and you can also access 1:1 support sessions with our LGBTQU+ youth support worker.

Mr Lambert

Oliver Davis - 7JCA

Oliver has been involved in drama lessons via "Kaleidoscope Children Bilingual Theatre" for about 6 years. Currently he is participating in the play "Pippi Long-stocking" by Lindgren and playing Tommy.



The play is directed by Victoria Milham and performed in Russian language. Oliver is bilingual. The Drama Club participated in Belarus in the XV International Festival "Kufar" in September 2018. They took a 1st prize among other young professional theatres and awarded diplomas.

In 2019, "Kaleidoscope" participated in the Children's Theatre Festival in Cambridge. In summer 2018, Kaleidoscope won a 1st prize in the London festival "Karavai". Oliver played different characters such as a pizza man in

"Collection of the Stories," a little boy who finds himself attracted to a

young girl in "Everything About Love and Not Only", a naughty boy from "Day of Disobedience" and many others.

Another of Oliver's passions is football. Oliver has played for about 4 years as a striker for Three Bridges Football club. Oliver trains twice a week and participates in matches on a Saturday/Sunday with different football clubs. Last year Olly won the Parents' Sympathy award which represented all his hard work.

Heads of Year 7





Dine in Geography Discussion for December

The Geography department has created a regular feature for the newsletter - 'Dine in Geography discussion.' The aim is to create geographical discussion around the dinner table between students and parents/carers, based on significant and topical issues.

This month's discussion question is based on storm Arwen.



Menu Appetizer

Watch this short video clip about storm Arwen which hit the UK in early December and brought almost 100mph winds to parts of the UK overnight.

https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/video/2021/nov/27/storm-arwen-wild-weather-batters-uk-video-report

Starter

What caused storm Arwen?

Main

What were the main effects of storm Arwen? Can you categorise these effects into social/economic/environment groups?

Side

What were the responses to storm Arwen?

Dessert

How effective do you think the UK's response to storm Arwen was? How could this have been

If you're still hungry for more discussion - Is there a link between climate change and extreme weather? If so, how do you think this will affect the UK in the future?

Ms. Frampton & Mr Salmon



House News...

There have been house events aplenty this month and so many students have been getting involved with the fun and games!

Bonfire Night Treasure Hunt for Year 7 and 8

Miss Davis and Miss Brown ran around the school, hiding letters for students to find and mark on a map. The letters then unscramble to spell out the word 'FIREWORKS'. Lots of you took part and we were very impressed by your tracking abilities. The overall winner picked from a hat was Alysa Watts 7JHR from Turing House – congratulations!

House points were also awarded for participation resulting in Equiano earning 100 points, Fry earning 300 points, Turing and Winton earning 400 points apiece and Seacole earning 800 points.



Year 7 Balance Test

Miss Podsiadly ran the very popular balance test for Year 7s, who were challenged to stand on one leg, without losing balance or leaning, for as long as they could. We had some truly astounding times which just goes to prove the determination of our Year 7s! But there can only be one winner and this was Amelia Kuich 7RGR from Duleep Singh with an incredible time of 10 minutes and 18 seconds! Well done!

Participation points were awarded for each entry with Seacole and Fry each getting 250 points, Equiano getting 500 points, Duleep Singh getting 1,500 points and Turing getting a whopping 2,500 points!



Hazelwick Winter Charity Week Events:

From the 22nd to the 26th of November there were activities available for students to take part in for a small donation which went towards each House charity. It was an opportunity for all year groups to get involved and to raise money for those less fortunate during what can be a very hard time of year and, once again, Hazelwick students really demonstrated their empathy and kindness by contributing and engaging with the message.



House News Continued...













Name the Bear for Year 7 and 8

Lots of students took part in Miss Hammans' fun challenge with some very creative names being chosen for the cuddly critter! We raised a total of £12.16 but there could only be one winner and that was Ella Lampey from 7SKE correctly guessing that the bear was called Nelly. Congratulations to Ella!

House points were awarded for participation and from this Winton gained 10 points, Seacole gained 30 points, Equiano gained 60 points, Duleep Singh gained 100 points, Fry gained 130 points and Turing gained 200 points.



Winter Quiz

Miss Davis prepared a Winter Quiz to help students get into the festive mood with lots of challenging questions to try their hardest at. We had so many entries and raised a total of £33.62! The runner up was Asad Khan I3KBA from Seacole House and the overall winner was Hasaan Khan I3NBR from Winton House! Congratulations to everyone who took part, once again House points were awarded for participations with Winton earning 40 points, Fry and Duleep Singh 50 points each, Turing 60, Equiano 100 and a massive 240 for Seacole!

How Many Sweets in the Jar?

Miss Khan ran a challenging event to guess how many sweets, of all different shapes and sizes, were crammed into a jar. We had lots of close guesses with one of the teachers only being one sweet away but we did have a student guess the exact number – 157! The psychic in our midst is Poppy Bull in 7REC – congratulations, Poppy! Maybe you can predict if we will get any snow this holiday!





House News Continued...

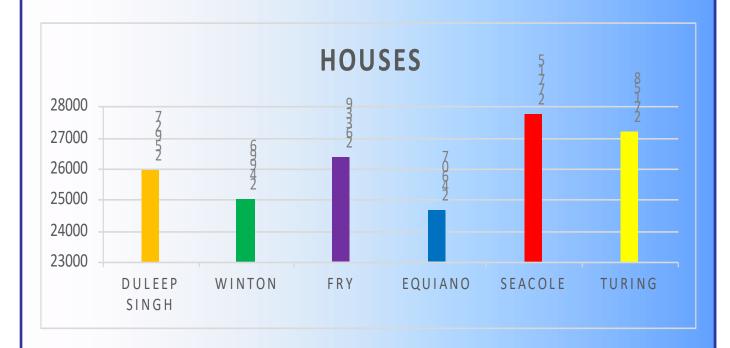
Sweet Sale

Hazelwick students showed that they have something of a sweet tooth in Miss Stokes' Sweet Sale taking place around the school with sweets available to purchase from 10p. This raised a huge total of £71.09 – amazing!

House Point Update

Needless to say, with all of the events and points this month, there has been some movement in the House rankings so far. Equiano and Duleep Singh have fallen down the ranks whilst Seacole have risen to the top with Turing and Fry edging their way steadily closer to snatch away that number one spot...

What will you take part in next to change these results?



Upcoming House Events

Winter Photography

Origami

Miss Brown



Careers Café...

In this section of the newsletter, we bring students, parents and carers information on careers and the world of work.

Monthly Key Skills Focus

Each month this year, we will focus on a different employability skill. These are the skills that you need for the world of work – and they are pretty important for life as well! By developing employability skills, you will improve your chances of getting a job and thriving in your career. There are lots of different ways to develop them – including in lessons or extracurricular activities at school, in a Saturday or holiday job, doing projects in your own time or work experience.

This Month's Skill: Initiative

Look at a selection of job adverts and you'll often come across something along the lines of "must be able to work independently and in a team."

While employers want to know that you can work well with your colleagues, they also like to see that you are motivated, proactive and can be trusted to use your own initiative – for example, by keeping your employability skills up-to-date with the latest developments in your area of work.

Show that initiative is one of your key skills by doing a free online course to learn a new skill or forming a new group or club.



Focus on a career in the music industry



The creative sector is a key generator of economic growth for the UK and is respected across the world.

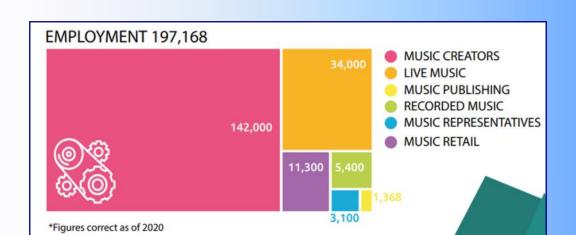
UK music industry has created a <u>resource pack</u> to help people who wish to work in the music industry. This is a comprehensive resource, packed with information on accessing potential career paths within the industry. At <u>Education & Careers Resources - UK Music</u> there is a wealth of information, such as a course directory, job profiles and links to employer websites. Below are some possible roles within the music industry:

Careers Café Continued...

- Digital Marketing Manager
- DI
- Instrumental Teacher
- Live Event Technician
- Music Producer
- Orchestra Musician
- Royalties Assistant
- Session Musician

- Sync Assistant
- Project Co-ordinator
- Music Data Administrator
- Songwriter
- Composer for Video Games
- Studio Maintenance Engineer
- Music Recording / Mixing Engineer





Source: UK Music Careers Information Pack 2020.pdf (ukmusic.org)

Gatwick's Expansion

The <u>Crawley Observer</u> reports on the 800 new construction jobs which would be created by the middle of the 2020s if the Gatwick expansion plans go ahead. These would include professional level management roles as well as electrical engineers, plant operators, ground workers, concrete placing specialists, steel erectors, cladding and glaziers, building management system and fitout specialists. In addition, around 17,600 extra local jobs that could be generated at Gatwick by 2038. The airport is currently staging a public consultation on its proposals to bring its 'emergency' Northern Runway into routine use.

Work Experience Opportunity in Commercial Law

Hogan Lovells First Steps to Law Programme, is a free opportunity open to students. You will get to experience what it is like to work on a project that mirrors the skills their teams have and the work they do in the real world. Build skills in gaining commercial awareness, critical thinking, spotting issues, legal research, drafting emails and communication.

Whether you already have an idea about what you want to do when you leave school or are still exploring, the Hogan Lovells First Steps to Law Programme will give you a taste of what a career in commercial law might look like for you!

- Gain practical skills and experience to better prepare you for the world of work. Programmes are self-paced so you can learn on your own time.
- Learn more about what you will actually do on the job by completing a series of hypothetical tasks based on real life scenarios.
- Gain a certificate to share and add to your resumé. You'll stand out on your application and have something tangible for your interview.

Follow the link for more information and to enrol.

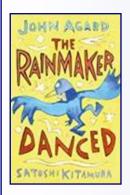


Read On!

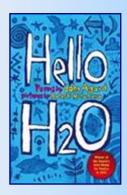
As this is my final article of 2021, I have selected the theme of celebration to tie-in with the holidays. Award winners and anniversaries are featured, and I hope that they will provide some reading inspiration for the holiday period and some title ideas for those of you who receive book tokens to spend in the January sales! Keep reading to discover which book was the most requested by Hazelwick students!

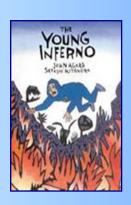
Book Trust's Lifetime Achievement Award

John Agard











BookTrust is the largest reading charity in the UK and recently announced their Lifetime Achievement Award for this year. Sussex-based writer John Agard is the winner for 2021 and is the first poet to have been granted the award, which recognises his 'outstanding contribution to children's literature.' I was delighted with their choice as the poet has championed poetry in schools and is one of my personal favorite performance poets. Agard was born in Guyana in 1949 and moved to England in 1977 and became a major voice in British contemporary poetry, receiving several major poetry awards over the years.

Agard gave an insightful interview with the Booktrust's Emily Drabble and I have included the link for you.

'We are all creatures of language': Lifetime Achievement Award winner John Agard on his incredible life and career | BookTrust

I have also included the link to the British Council website as it gives a full bibliography of all his work in addition to a detailed biography.

John Agard - Literature (britishttps://literature.britishcouncil.org/writer/john-agardhcouncil.org)

If you would like to listen to Agard perform some of his poetry for children, the Poetry Archive has a selection to listen to from two recordings made in 2009 and 2019.

https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poet/john-agard/



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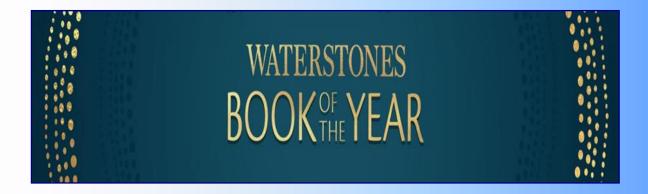
Celebrating Penguin Classics

The book publisher Penguin celebrates the 75th anniversary of their Penguin Classics and the 60th anniversary of the Penguin Modern Classics, with over three thousand titles published across both series. The Penguin Classics series became ground-breaking, publishing the first affordable translation of Homer's 'The Odyssey' in 1946 and selling over three million copies. The Penguin website has some useful information on the Classics section of their website, including a synopsis of each title and biographical details about each author. There are other features including where to start with reading Jane Austen and a list of classic horror/ghost stories and the twenty must-read titles in translation.

Best Classic Novels & Books | Famous Classics | Penguin Fictiohttps://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2018/100-must-read-classic-books.htmln

If you are looking for Classics reading lists for the holiday period, the website also details the top one hundred classic books as chosen by the publisher's readers.

100 Must-Read Classic Books, As Chosen By Our Readers | Fiction, Novels & More (penguin.co.uhttps://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2018/100-must-read-classic-books.htmlk)



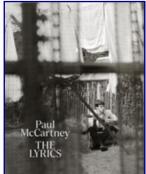
Waterstones Book of the Year

The bookseller Waterstones has announced their Book of the Year and their Children's Gift of the Year awards for 2021. Paul McCartney has won with his book entitled 'The Lyrics.' Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Tom de Freston have won the children's award with their book 'Julia and the Shark.' The details about the other books that made the shortlist can be found by clicking the link below:

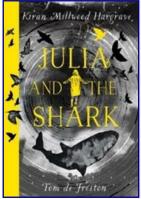
Waterstones Book of the Year 2021 | The Lyrics Paul McCartney



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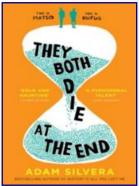


This is the second book award for 'The Lyrics' as it has also won the Sunday Times Book of the Year. A unique twist on the traditional musician's autobiography/memoir with McCartney recounting his life and art through one hundred and fifty-four songs arranged alphabetically with notes about the inspiration for the lyrics. McCartney has also included material from his personal archive, including letters, song drafts and photos. I will be waiting for the paperback edition as the book's recommended retail price is £75 in hardback!



'Julia and the Shark' is the story about a young girl and how her mother's bipolar disorder impacts upon Julia and her family life. Julia and her family move to a remote island for the summer holidays and are determined to find the Greenland shark. When her mother's mental health begins to take its toll upon the family, Julia discovers a lighthouse full of hope. Hargrave demonstrates skills with characterisation and the mental health element of the story is sensitively handled. De Freston's illustrations complement the story well. I am sure this novel will be shortlisted for other book awards.

Most requested title by Hazelwick students



This was the most popular with students this year in terms of the number of student reservations made. The novel was originally published in 2017 and is aimed at key stage 4/5 students. When I have asked students what they found appealing about the book, the combination of LGBT romance and the use of parallel narratives were the most common replies. Please note that the book does contain strong language and includes violent scenes.

I have included the link to the author's page on the Fantastic Fiction website for details about this book and Silvera's other titles.

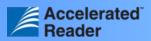
https://www.fantasticfiction.com/s/adam-silvera/

Keep reading and happy holidays!

Mrs Thornton BA (Hons) MCLIP School Librarian



Accelerated Reader...



Champion School



Millionaire Readers

This month has seen two new Year 7 millionaire readers.

Well done and congratulations to Yog Kapatel 7JHR & Mariam Souissi 7JHR. Excellent reading this term!





Hazelwick Reading Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new Year 8 Reading Ambassadors, who were appointed this half term:



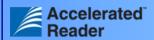




The Reading Ambassadors are a group of students throughout the school who are involved in the promoting of reading. The ambassadors will be on hand to assist other students by recommending books, helping in the library and giving reading advice. This is an important and exciting role and we are sure that the new Year 8 Reading Ambassadors are going to be brilliant advocates for reading at Hazelwick.



Accelerated Reader Continued...



Champion School





Raffle Winners

All of the Year 7 and 8 students have had the opportunity to be entered into the reading raffle this term. The students were required to gain 3 stamps on their AR bingo cards (by quizzing on books and passing at 90-100%) to then have a ticket put into the draw. The lucky winners all receive an amazon voucher.

This term's winners drawn at random in front of class 82/RgIc are:

Nadeeshan Thewaraj 7SKH

Rehaan Hussain 7REC

Darcey-Rae Henry 8JPL

Cameron Blackburn 8SRO

Congratulations to you all!

If you would like any further information about the accelerated reader scheme, please e-mail me directly. Egray@hazelwick.org.uk

Have a very Merry Christmas!



Mrs E Gray

Accelerated Reader Mentor



Sport...

Zara Howe - 8MOW

Zara took part in the annual British Judo Championships in Sheffield earlier this month.

This event is for the top judo athletes in Great Britain, and they compete for the title of British Champion. Zara fought extremely well, and was successful in winning a silver medal.

This finishes off an incredible year in judo for Zara. Zara has dealt with moving up to the under 15 year age band and this is her 2nd British Championship medal after winning silver at the under 13 year Championships 2 years ago.

During lockdown Zara maintained her fitness and took every opportunity to train that was offered to her. Her training ethic and drive to succeed has earned her this accolade and we at Hazelwick and at her Judo club are extremely proud of all that she has achieved.

Zara has worked extremely hard at Judo since the age of 5.

Well done Zara!



Daniil Grishin - 9SAN

Daniil also competed in the British Judo Championships in Sheffield earlier this month .

Daniil fought extremely well and was successful in winning a bronze medal.

This finishes off an incredible year in judo for Daniil, which saw him win the English Championships in September as well as now taking his Ist British Championship medal. During lockdown Daniil also maintained his fitness and took every opportunity to train that was offered to him. Daniil's training ethic and drive to succeed has earned him this accolade and we are extremely proud of all that he has achieved.

Well done Danill!

Mr O'Brien





Sport Continued...

U12 Girls Football

Congratulations to the UI2 Girls Football Team who beat Bohunt School 6-3 in the WSGPEA League.

They have now had two wins and two losses, and we hope to complete their remaining league games in the new year.

Well done to the whole team.

Miss Oxby

Year 10 Talented Athlete Programme

On Tuesday 7th December, the Year 10 talented athletes visited K2 to do a gym induction. These students are selected on the basis of representing their sport at county level (or equivalent) and above.

The new cohort of Year 10 students participate in Football, Dance, Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming, Basketball, Acrobatic Gymnastics and Netball.

The induction will mean that they can use the gym to train independently to support their very different fitness needs. During our time there, the students also completed an exhausting virtual spin class! I think they enjoyed it....well done to all involved.

Mrs McHugh



U19's Table Tennis Squad are Sussex Champions

Congratulations to members of our U19 Table Tennis team, coached by Mr Evans, who have been crowned Sussex Champions.

The team is made up of Tarkan Ates, George Nayler, Nathan Austen and Deren Bedir. They now progress through to the regional round which will be held in January.

Well done to everyone involved and good luck for the next round.

Mr O'Brien

Swim England Nationals Winter Competition Yasmin Jones 12ECA & Oren Jones 10HPE

Yasmin and Oren Jones, both qualified for the Swim England Nationals Winter Competition held in Sheffield at the beginning of December.

This is the biggest English swimming meet of the winter months, with many of Britain's top senior swimmers involved. Yasmin competed in the 200 metre butterfly and Oren competed in the 400 Individual Medley and 200 metre Breaststroke. Both had a great experience and are now working towards qualifying for the next competitions due to be held in the Summer.

Heads of Year 10





Spotlight on Safeguarding...

For your information this month, via the Newsletter, we are raising awareness of county lines drug dealing.

County lines drug dealing has been in the news this month with the government pledging to tackle this issue which involves the criminal exploitation of children by drugs gangs. County lines is the transportation of illegal drugs from one area to another across different county and police force boundaries. Criminal drugs gangs will usually transport drugs from big cities in the UK to surrounding counties, although they can transport further

NEW PHONE. NEW BIKE.
NEW MATES. NEW CLOTHES.
NEW HABITS. NEW ATTITUDE.
THE SIGNS OF EXPLOITATION
CAN BE HARD TO SEE.

Drug gangs are exploiting kids in our are

afield. One local example is the 'Rocky' county drugs line which has been transporting drugs from Essex to Crawley for several months. In this case, a number arrests were made and successful prosecutions took place earlier this year with two men being jailed. The risk to children is significant as they play a major part in the criminal gang's drug operation as children are considered to be less suspicious and are usually given a lighter sentence than adults. The National Crime Agency (NCA) states that children as young as II are used and children not known to police are referred to as "clean"

skins." The risk to children has been compounded by the covid-19 pandemic according to a report by the BBC earlier this year. Children have been more isolated and vulnerable, particularly to online grooming. The NSPCC describes the grooming process which involves seeking out a child to exploit, looking at the child for vulnerabilities, finding what the child needs and wants, and manipulating the child into believing that the gang can fulfil these needs.

At Hazelwick School, students explore the topic of county lines drug dealing in PSHE lessons in Year 7, 8 and 10. Students are taught about the grooming process and the legal ramifications of being involved in county lines drugs gangs. Our students have also been involved in a special event at the Hawth Theatre where guest

speakers including the police and young people previously involved in county lines drug dealing spoke about the dangers of being groomed by gangs.

For parents and carers, there are a number of signs of criminal exploitation and county lines to look out for according to the NCA and CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection agency). Some of the signs include a child returning home late or staying out all night, being secretive, being found away from home, having rail tickets and taxi apps on their mobile phones, unexplained wealth and coming home with injuries or looking dishevelled. Also the NSPCC warns parents/carers to be aware that there are a number of locations targeted by county lines gangs to



approach vulnerable young people including schools and further educational institutions, special needs schools and places for alternative provision outside of mainstream education.

The NCA state that parents/carers worried that their child might be involved, should call either the police 101 service or 999 if they feel their child is in immediate danger. For those wanting to remain anonymous you can call the Crimestoppers charity and you can also contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Where to get support and information:

NSPCC

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/county-lines

Crimestoppers

https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/community-family/county-lines





Hazelwick Twitter Account

Follow us on our Twitter account @HazelwickSchool for reminders of key dates and details of important events.

Insight - Parent Portal

Insight is a secure online system which allows parents to access a range of data and information about their son/daughter. Once logged in, parents can view information such as their child's timetable, session attendance, behaviour points and school reports.

If you have not accessed this yet and would like more information, please email insight@hazelwick.org.uk

Homework & Revision Clubs

Lunchtime

Years 7, 8 and 9 – Monday to Thursday in Room 12

Students can revise or complete homework on computers with support available from staff.

Booking is not necessary. For further details, please ring Mrs Stewart on 01293 403344 Ext 2327.

After School

Year 7 & 8 - Monday to Thursday in the Library - 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Year 9 - 11 - Monday to Thursday in Room 102 - 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Students can revise or complete homework on computers with support available from staff.

Booking is not necessary though students need to arrive by 3.15pm. For further details, please contact Mrs King: gking@hazelwick.org.uk or 01293 403344 Ext 2301.

Sixth Form: Monday to Friday until 5pm – Supervised study in the Octagon.