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Dates for your Diary:

Mon 28th to Fri 1st Nov:
Half Term
Return Mon 4th Nov
(week 1)

Mon 4th to Fri 8th Nov:
Year 7, Calshot Week

Thu 21st Nov:
Sixth Form Photographs

Mon 2nd Dec:
INSET day, school closed to
students

Thu 28th Nov:
Friends of Hazelwick
Christmas Fair

Tue 3rd Dec:
Year 10, Parents'/Carers'
Evening

Fri 13th Dec:
Year 7 Student Review Day

Fri 20th Dec
End of Term

October Reflection:

*"It's not that I'm smart, it's
just that I stay with
problems longer."*

- Albert Einstein

Hazelwick School Newsletter

October 2019

Headlines

Ms A Fearon, Headteacher

I am thrilled to be able to share with you some exciting news about our GCSE results; the Department for Education has confirmed our Progress 8 score (the benchmark now used to measure the achievement and success of secondary schools across the country) as **+0.47**. This places us well above national standards and amongst the highest achieving schools locally and nationally. More importantly, it shows that on average each student achieved **almost half a grade higher than predicted**, based on their Key Stage 2 scores, **in every subject**.

We have had an extremely busy, productive and positive half-term here at Hazelwick. Our new students are now fully settled into school life and enjoying becoming increasingly involved in our school community.

Appointment of Head Girl and Head Boy and Deputies

A large number of students put themselves forward for the prestigious positions of Head Girl and Boy and, after a rigorous selection process, I am delighted to inform you that our Head Girl for 2019-20 is Olivia Mullan, currently studying A levels in Chemistry, Biology and Maths and aiming to read Biological Science at Oxford. Our Head Boy is Alex Cathcart, following A levels in English Literature, Drama & Theatre Studies and History and planning to read English Literature at Kings College, London. The Deputy Head Girl, Alina Ahmad is applying to read Electronic Engineering and Computer Systems at Surrey university, and our Deputy Head Boy, Toby Harris plans to study fashion buying and merchandising at FRA (Fashion Retail Academy). Already they have been marvellous ambassadors for Hazelwick and have been showing prospective parents/carers and students around our school site. They have also been visiting assemblies to introduce themselves and gave excellent presentations at the Sixth Form Open Evening.



Olivia Mullan



Alex Cathcart



Alina Ahmad



Toby Harris

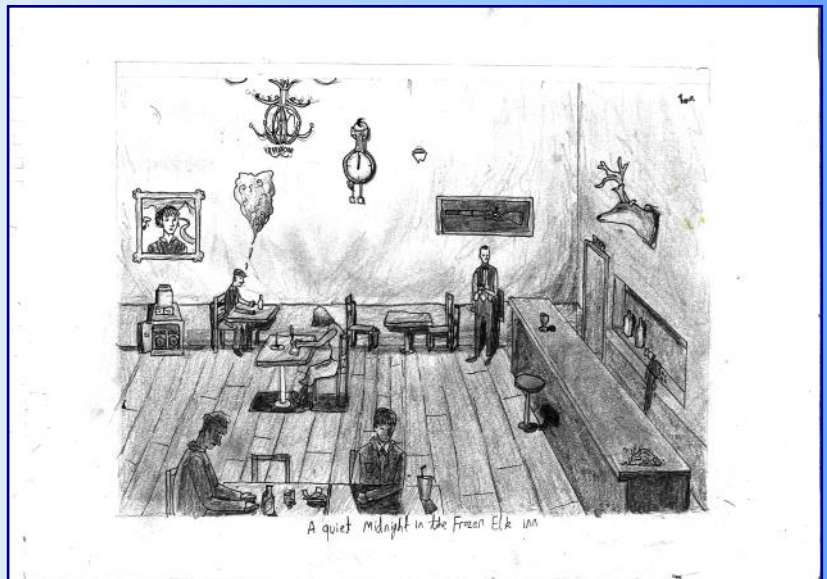
All good wishes



News From The Art Department...

Thomas Farrow (10SMA) shows his excellent drawing skills when depicting these made up scenes of interiors.

Thomas uses a mixture of pencil and ink and draws inspiration from music. He imagines these jazzy sounds being played in these scenarios.



Year 9 Art and Design students have been creating some fantastic pieces of work inspired by British artist David Hockney.

Creating these landscape drawings in ink they have developed their skills in understanding perspective, mark making and tonal differences with great results to show.

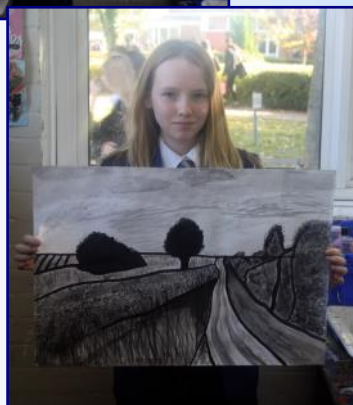
They should be very proud of their first main drawings this year and be able to use these when going forward and creating work from their own photographs of landscapes.



Simren Naseer



Milli Monaghan



Grace Davies-Burgess



Tayibah Zauhra



News, Events & Activities...

Year 10 Goethe-Institute Trip

The German Goethe-Institute trip took place in the summer. We travelled to South Kensington in London to visit the Victoria & Albert Museum and completed a very interesting quiz which focussed on German history and culture. It was not only a lot of fun, but it also helped us develop our German language skills even further.

After our visit to the Victoria & Albert, we went to the renowned 'Goethe-Institute', the German cultural institution which is just around the corner of museum island. We were welcomed by very friendly staff, and we went on a tour of the institute. We were introduced to the 'Bibliothek' (library), which keeps a varied selection of resources, useful to A-level and GCSE students of German. The woman giving us the tour spoke only in German to us, which we felt was a real benefit in the run-up to our GCSE exam, in particular the speaking exam.

After the tour of the library, we watched an amazing German film called "Lola Rennt" in the purpose-built in-house cinema at the Goethe-Institute. It was in German but had also English subtitles which helped us understand the plot.

Overall it was a great opportunity and a very useful and enjoyable way of experiencing the German language and culture.

Charlie Nickolson, Hali Smith and Lily Vickers



News, Events & Activities...

A Level Students Visit University of Sussex

A group of A Level Sociology students attended a fantastic trip to the University of Sussex on Friday 4th October. They enjoyed a tour of the campus and a talk about life as a student. They then sat in a lecture and seminar focused on gender, social media and gender role expectations.

The day helped students to consider their options post Hazelwick and gave them a taster of university life. One student said about the day "it was such an insightful trip! I loved the library!" Another one of our students was so inspired by the engaging lecturer ("fun Ben") that he has started exploring further reading within the field.

Mrs Banbury



DROP EVERYTHING AND READ at Hazelwick

This year will see every student, every class and every teacher *drop everything and read* for pleasure once every half term! Each DEAR will last for 30 minutes and take place during lesson 5 after lunch. Please see below for dates.

Our first one in early October saw a huge range of fiction and non-fiction being read across the school.

Every student is asked to come on DEAR days with a book they will enjoy reading in the afternoon. For reminders about DEAR, recommended reads and library news, check out @HazelwickReads on Twitter.

Autumn DEAR **22/11** Friday Week 1
 New Year DEAR **23/01** Thurs Week 2
 World Book Day DEAR **5/03** Thursday Week 1
 Read for Success DEAR **06/05** Wednesday Week 2
 Summer DEAR **13/07** Monday Week 1

Mrs Hampton



News, Events & Activities...

Healing Words Poetry Competition Raising Awareness of World Mental Health

Over the summer holidays, Iffat Rahman in 10SKH entered The Healing Words poetry competition held by The Advocacy Project. The competition culminated in a public display of all the poetry entries on National Poetry Day on Thursday 3rd October, where Iffat was awarded the 'Runner up' in the Spoken Word category!

This is a terrific way of using poetry to encourage a discussion about mental health.

Here is Iffat's entry:

Shutdown

I'm pacing,
Heart racing
Head spinning
Mind black
With thoughts of pain and aching closing in

You see me smile
Sunshines and rainbows
But that's a mask I use to hide
My being
In the depths of despair

I'm a beautiful clam
With an ebony pearl
But
That's my mind
My brain
My true self
Calling out my name
Past scars in-vain

I'm running fast
From my past
It's catching up
Not fast enough
Caught in the web
You don't see it
But my brain is on
Shutdown

Mrs Khan





Christmas Gift Fair...

Dear Parents/Carers

Hazelwick School has had a successful, committed, hardworking "Friends" committee for over 5 years. During this time, we have raised valuable funds for the school through Christmas Shopping Evenings, Summer Fairs and through selling refreshments at school events. Money raised has contributed significantly to improving the educational experiences of all students. However, we would love to do more and in order to do this we need more support.

The Friends Committee meets in a very informal way, usually once a term and the meetings last about an hour. We would love to hear from any parents/carers of students from Year 7 to 13 that would like to get involved and help us to grow.

We are currently in the process of organising our annual Christmas Gift Fair which will take place on Thursday 28th November. There will once again be a wide range of stalls offering solutions to all your gift dilemmas! More information will be sent out nearer the time but we would love to hear from you if you are able to support us by donating any prizes to our popular raffle or are just willing to get involved.

If you would like to be a part of Friends of Hazelwick, donate a prize, make a donation or have a stall at the fair, please contact helenlathcart@aol.com, juliajellicoe@me.com or mcroft@hazelwick.org.uk

Thanks in anticipation of your support.

Friends of Hazelwick

**Hazelwick School
Christmas Gift Fair**

28th November 2019
6:00pm - 8:30pm

Entrance £1 Donation to School
Free entry for kids!
Free parking!

Hazelwick School Close, Crawley (behind Tesco)

Gifts	Raffle Prizes	Student Stalls	Kids Activities	Food & Drink
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House News...

First House Event this year: Great House Bake Off!

We had an amazing selection of cakes and bakes for the first House event of the year, The Great House Bake Off. The judges were very impressed by the taste and decoration of the cakes and it was difficult for them to choose an overall winner from the 25 different bakes produced. In the end – a delicious carrot cake made by James Campbell (Year 8, Anderson) was declared the winner!



House Charities and Representatives:

In every form, students have volunteered to become representatives for the House in the areas of: Student Voice, Charity and Sport. Thank you to those of you that are helping represent your form. The Houses have also voted for which charities they would like to represent and raise money for this year. They are:

- Anderson – Crawley Open House
- Bamber – Save the Children
- Brontë – Water Aid
- Brunel – Cancer Research
- Fleming – Macmillan
- Wilberforce – Young Minds

The first House point total: Wilberforce are in the lead! Congratulations!

House Points Table	
The current winner is ...	
	2nd Place – Fleming 3911
Wilberforce 4297	3rd Place – Brunel 3648
	4th Place – Bamber 3639
	5th Place – Brontë 3535
	6th Place – Anderson 3389



Careers Café...

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

Crawley Careers Fair

All Year 8 and Year 12 students attended The Crawley Careers Fair at the K2 Leisure Centre on Thursday 3rd October. The students were a credit to themselves and the school and enthusiastically engaged with the employers and organisations there (of which there were over 70!). A large number of our students particularly impressed the employers and won a variety of prizes for their efforts, with others receiving nominations. Well done!

At the Careers Fair there were a large variety of stands full of interesting jobs, universities and apprenticeships. We had the opportunity to browse stalls, ask questions and play games.

I came across a stand and I took part in a competition to predict how large a development was. In conclusion, the Careers Fair was an incredible experience and I would highly recommend it to future year groups.

Esther Raper-Webb - 8HPE



Esther Raper-Webb being presented her £50 Cineworld cinema voucher by Project Manager Carl Grantham of St. Modwen Homes for correctly 'Guessing the Green Space'



Alisha Mahmood being presented her £50 Cineworld cinema voucher by Project Manager Carl Grantham of St. Modwen Homes for correctly 'Guessing the Green Space'



Jessica Ferguson being presented her £20 Amazon voucher by Frances Bradley of Ashcroft Care Services.





Careers Café Continued...

Monthly Careers Challenge

Each month this year, we will suggest a new challenge to help you take achievable steps towards making your dream job a reality.

This month's challenge: Buddy up with a friend to keep track of your careers progress.

Find a friend and start regularly comparing notes on what you are each doing to develop your career plans. You could agree to speak monthly about what you've been up to. In your first chat, you should agree what you each plan to achieve by next month. Then, when you meet in November, find out how far each of you has got and agree your next set of goals. This way, you can share ideas and also motivate each other to make good progress.

Brinsbury College's Taster Day

Brinsbury College's Taster Day is on Tuesday 19th February 2020 (Half Term) with a 9:30am start. If you are interested in attending, please book on to this individually. If you have any further questions regarding this Taster Day, please call the number provided on the flyer.

Brinsbury College
brinsbury.ac.uk

TASTER DAY

Real learning
for the real world

Tuesday 19 February 2020
9.30am start

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BRINSBURY TASTER DAY

Have-a-go at something new!

Our Taster Day is a fun way to discover new and interesting subjects that you've never had the opportunity to try before.

- > Agriculture
- > Animal Care
- > Arboriculture
- > Blacksmithing
- > Equine
- > Furniture Making
- > Horticulture & Landscaping

To find out more or to book places call
01243 786321 ext 1046 or 1077

Brinsbury College | North Heath | Pulborough | West Sussex | RH20 1DL



Careers Café Continued...



Gatwick Airport Jobs Fair

24,000 people work at Gatwick across the airport campus and you could be one of them.

They offer a wide range of careers from security, IT and airlines to engineering, catering and construction - to name but a few. In fact, over 1000 jobs will be available across at least 40 different companies, if you go along on the day.

Visit the Arora Hotel in Crawley on 7th November where you can meet representatives from many airport companies based at Gatwick. You will be able to find out about the range of jobs on offer, chat about the application process and get advice on how to apply.

When and where?

Date: 7th November 2019

Time: 08.30 to 18.00

Place: Arora Hotel, Crawley

Transport: Crawley railway station is right next to the hotel. There is also limited free parking.

<https://www.gatwickairport.com/business-community/careers/apply-for-a-job/gatwick-airport-jobs-fair/>



Read On!



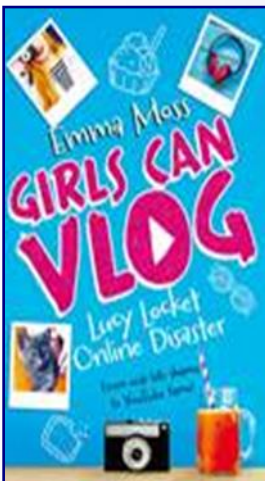
At the start of the new academic year, the Year 7 students had the difficult task of selecting a book as a gift from the English Department and the Library. Mrs Gray has been handing out the books during her Reading Lessons and, as you can tell from Mrs Gray's photo on page 14, the students were delighted with their books. There was an excellent selection of seventeen titles and as I know some students wish to read more than one book, I thought I would highlight the popular titles. Students will be able to borrow all the titles on the list once all the classes have received their books. As the majority of the titles are on the Accelerated Reader programme, I have included the Accelerated Reader level for each book.



Drone Racer by Andy Briggs

Fans of science fiction and fast-paced adventure stories opted for this title. The story focuses upon a group of friends who discover a high-tech drone in a junkyard. Carson and his friends love racing drones so cannot believe how lucky they are to find the drone but things take an unexpected turn when they discover that the military wants their drone back and will stop at nothing to obtain it. This title is a real page-turner.

AR LEVEL: 5.6



Girls Can Vlog by Emma Moss

This is the first book in a new series about a young girl who starts an online vlog. Lucy is moving to a new school in a new country and worries about how strangers will react to her stammer. In a bid to deal with her worries, she decides to vlog about her concerns. The school 'queen bee' Dakota shares online an incident where Lucy stutters when she gets nervous. Will Lucy's vlog help her? The author makes good use of diary-style transcripts throughout the story and includes tips for the reader on how to set up a vlog.

AR LEVEL: 5.4



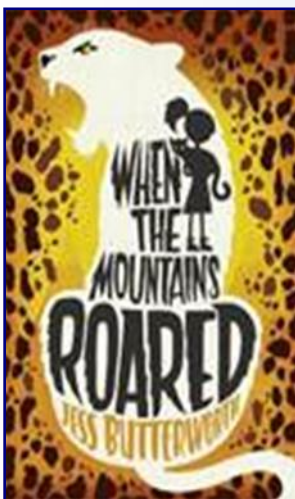
Read On Continued....



Still Water by Chris Priestley

Readers who enjoy a historical ghost story will need to add this title to their books to read list! Rosie has been evacuated from London and is taken in by Mrs Taylor and her daughter Mary. Mary becomes jealous of Rosie and bullies her. Rosie escapes Mary by swimming in the local pond where she meets a strange girl. Hoping to make a friend, Rosie discovers that the stranger has links to the secret that Mrs Taylor is keeping. Will Rosie discover the identity of the girl?

AR LEVEL: 4.2



When the Mountains Roared by Jess Butterworth

Students looking for an adventure book may enjoy this story set in India. Twelve-year-old Ruby moves from her native Australia to India. Ruby's new home does not feel like home at all with a range of animals to cope with. She also misses her mother who sadly passed away. Ruby has become afraid of everything since her mother died, including cars, the dark and going to sleep. When the leopards are under threat from local poachers, Ruby vows to protect them but will first need to overcome her fears. Please note that this title does contain descriptions of poaching and animal killings which sensitive readers may find upsetting.

AR LEVEL: 4.2



Animal Records by National Geographic Kids

Our non-fiction title from the selection of books will appeal to both animal lovers and fans of record breakers. If you need to know the fastest, slowest, largest, smallest or the smelliest animal, this book will answer all your animal record related questions! This would make an excellent gift book as it contains bright and colourful photographic images.

This book has yet to be added to the Accelerated Reader scheme.



Read On Continued...

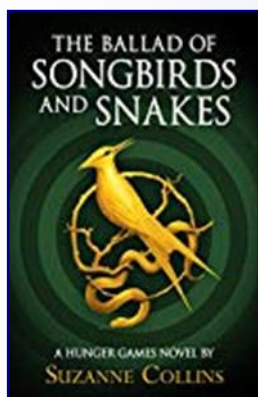
Students can check out the link below to read a detailed synopsis of all seventeen Bookbuzz titles, including the two picture books. Of interest to parents and carers are the recommended reading levels and interest levels. The synopsis also includes keywords that will link to book titles on a similar theme. There is also a mini biography about each of the seventeen authors that may be of interest to students.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/>

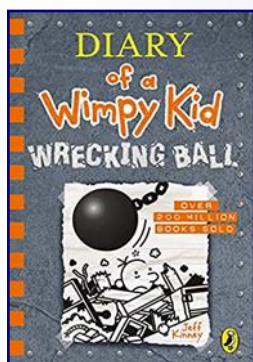
Using the link below will give further information about the Bookbuzz initiative.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/>

Book News



On the theme of buzzing with excitement about new books, it has been recently confirmed that Suzanne Collins will be writing a fourth book in the 'Hunger Games' series. It is called 'The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes' and will be set sixty-four years before the 'Hunger Games'. Several students have asked to reserve the book but sadly, the book will not be published until May 2020.



Fans of the 'Wimpy Kid' series will not have such a long wait with the fourteenth book in the series due to be published this November. In 'Wrecking Ball' the Heffley family have received an inheritance and Greg's parents decide to undertake major home improvements. When the construction work does not go to plan, will Greg and his family be able to live with the chaos or will they have to move home? The popularity of the Wimpy Kid series does not seem to be diminishing! I hope the author follows this title with a second Rowley adventure.



Accelerated Reader..



RENAISSANCE
Champion School



It has been a positive first half-term for the students on the Accelerated Reading scheme. Most of the Year 7 and 8 students have now been given their personal book level and have been selecting reading books from the fantastic selection we have available in the library. We have lots of great new titles arriving all the time for the students to choose from.

Millionaire Readers

We have our first Year 7 millionaire readers this academic year! Huge congratulations to Inika Singh Mondal (7KSI), Julian Loskot (7CBY) and Nathaniel Carter (7CBY).

Well done, a fantastic start to the year & the accelerated reader programme.



Inika Singh Mondal



Julian Loskot



Nathaniel Carter

Star Readers

My first star readers of the year are Hadja Saumah (7MVN) and Avighna Ramaswamy (8DLO).

Both Hadja and Avighna have made a huge effort with their reading logs and have recorded their reading beautifully. They both have a positive approach with their home reading.

@HazelwickReads

We have a new twitter account dedicated to Reading at Hazelwick! @HazelwickReads

The feed will be regularly updated with all of our exciting reading news, along with book recommendations and reading events.

Please do follow us at **Twitter.com**.



Accelerated Reader..



RENAISSANCE
Champion School



The Year 7 students have all now received their chosen Book Buzz books. I am sure the students will enjoy their new books and most of the titles can be quizzed on too.

Book Buzz is a scheme run by Book Trust, aimed at Year 7 students to inspire a love of reading. Participating schools are able to offer a book for each student from a list of 17 titles suitable for 11 to 13 year-olds. The books are carefully selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality, suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure. It has proved a very popular scheme and we are pleased to be able to offer it to all Year 7 students at Hazelwick.

For further information on the Book Buzz book scheme please follow the link; <https://www.booktrust.org.uk>



71/Rg2a reading class looking very pleased with their Book Buzz books

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information about the Accelerated Reader scheme at: egray@hazelwick.org.uk

Have a great half term break.

Mrs E Gray

Accelerated Reader Mentor



Sport...

U12 Boys Football

The Year 7 boys had their first football matches against Dorothy Stringer High School and St Wilfrid's Catholic School at the end of September.

There have been some very pleasing performances and all of the boys that have been involved have really enjoyed themselves. Our first outing to Dorothy Stringer High School was an opportunity to try out different positions and just get a feel for playing with new people. The end result was a 3-0 defeat but there were many opportunities for Hazelwick to score which meant the overall feeling about the performance was positive.

In the second game we faced St Wilfrid's Catholic School in the District trophy. The game was a lot more settled and goals came easily. The end result was 5-0 to Hazelwick with goals from Harry Flint, Kryspin Olesiak, George Aitken(2) and Thomas Abbott.

Mr O'Brien

Daniil Grishin, Rhys Hawtin, Ashton Reynolds, Adam Bedir, Joshua Parker, Kryspin Olesiak, Mateusz Wojciechowski, Todd Alexander, Tyler Pardoe, Max Jones, Harry Flint, George Aitken, Callum Erskine, Wiktor Stankowski, Luke Savage



Hazelwick Athletes Shine at Hurstpierpoint

On a wet and windy Friday afternoon, eighteen Hazelwick students travelled to Hurstpierpoint to compete in the English Schools cross country cup. Although the event is primarily a team event, a special mention must go to Alice Cox (Year 7) who won the Junior Girls race, Amelia Cox (Year 10) who won the Inter girls race and Nicholas Hollan-Ellidge (Year 10) who won the Inter Boys race.

At the time of going to press, the Inter Boys have qualified for the South East regional round and we are awaiting news on the Junior Boys.

Well done to all the athletes that participated.

Mrs Reynolds



Charlie Cullinane, Finlay Martin, Nicholas Hollan-Ellidge, Luc Best, Alexander Sproston, Alicia Macleod, Amelia Cox, Miyuki Stephenson, Ava Gallup, Alice Cox, Kirsten Goodbourn, Eden White, Amreet Saraw, Rebecca Lambert, Olivia Williams, Harrison Frost, Toby Jenkins



Sport Continued...

Year 10/11 Netball



After qualifying for the local league final with convincing wins over The Holy Trinity School and St Wilfrid's Catholic School, our girls faced a competitive Oriel High School side in the final.

The match was really close, but we struggled to get past their excellent goalkeeper. After a brilliant, battling effort from the whole team, we eventually lost 3-1. The girls showed a really good work ethic and team spirit.

Well done.

Mrs Reynolds

Noa Maoundus, Isabella Lehtinen, Prithya Gowrypalan, Ella Mullan, Itar Esadki, Bridget Brett Kelly, Victoria Morales and Olivia Rathborn

Year 11 TAP Workshop

On Monday 7th October, the Year 11 talented athletes attended K2 gym.

The aim of this session was to continue to support the athletes in the range of sports that they participate in e.g. swimming, golf, dance, gymnastics and running. The fitness requirements of these sports are wide and varied and it is important that these young sports people can work on their fitness levels independently outside of a coaching session.

The session involved students doing either a high intensity 'Omnia' circuit or a spin class. Both placed high fitness demands on the students. The students were fantastic and worked incredibly hard.

Well done!

Mrs McHugh





Sport Continued...

U14 Girls Football Team

The U14 girls football team have made an excellent start to the season.

They are through to the second round of the County Cup after an 18-0 win over Steyning Grammar School.

In the league, the girls won their opening match against Sackville School 6-4.

Well done girls, a great start and good luck in your next match.

Miss Oxby



Back Row

Jamilah Cheune, Julia Adolfsdottir,
Lily-Mae Frost, Libby Mean, Amy

Knock, Darcie Olding, Imogen Stevens

Front Row

Grace Lovell, Ella Stone, Louise

Denbeigh, Salma Al-Moussaoui, Jamie

Bone, Rebecca Lambert

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who have all been selected to play football for Sussex.

Alicia Macleod U16

Alicia played for Sussex at the weekend and won 3-2 against Surrey.

Rebecca Lambert, Grace Lovell and Amy Knock U14

All three girls played at the weekend against Surrey but lost 5-2.

Riley Morgan U14

Riley played for Sussex at the weekend against Kent and won 2-1.

Congratulations to all of the students and good luck in your next fixture.

Miss Oxby



Alicia Macleod



Rebecca Lambert, Grace Lovell & Amy Knock



Riley Morgan



Sport Continued...

Joshua Browning (8YMO) Wins Gold!

Very well done to Joshua Browning who won Gold in Judo - Under 55kg at the Southern Regional Schools Competition this month.

By winning Gold Joshua will be invited to represent Hazelwick in the British Schools Championships early next year.

Great work Joshua and good luck for the British Schools Championships.

Head of Year 8



Megan Howe (7NVN) Wins Silver!

Very well done to Megan Howe who won Silver in Judo at the Southern Regional Schools Competition this month.

By winning Silver Megan will have the opportunity to fight at the British Schools Championships early next year. Megan had some really tough fights but worked really hard and her perseverance paid off.

Megan is going to become a green belt in November and her goal this year is to win a medal at the pre cadet nationals.

Good luck Megan!

Head of Year 7





Sport Update Continued...

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 football team have progressed through to the Finals of the Crawley District trophy by beating The Holy Trinity school 6-0 and The Gatwick School 9-0.

The team has really grown in confidence and are playing some lovely flowing football. Unfortunately they faced a tough test in the County Cup first round, playing The Forrest School away. Forrest came out on top, winning 4-2 to progress through and the Year 7 boys will now enter the County Shield tournament later in the year.

We have also had 2 Year 7 Hazelwick boys make it through to the second round of the County trials after they impressed the coaches in Lancing.

Well done to Kryspin Olesiak and Callum Erskine.



Year 10 Football

Goals from Liam Jones and James Archard (pen) ensure the Year 10 football team progressed through the first round of the County Cup against Dorothy Stringer B. In the next round Hazelwick will face Oriel High School.

Mr O'Brien

Under 12 Girls Football

The U12 Girls Football team played their first game of the season.

It was an away game against Oriel High School in the WSGPEA league.

The team settled quickly and soon started passing the ball around in a confident manner. Each of the players contributed to a convincing 8-0 win.

Goals were scored by Chloe Byrne - 3
Mia Robinson - 3
Lilly Soan - 2

An excellent first game.

Well done to the whole team and good luck in your next game.

Miss Oxby



Harmony Stephens, Phoebe Olding, Lily Darvishi, Chloe Byrne, Samantha Marshall, Jorja-Lena Marshall, Mia Robinson, Abigail Stevens, Ava Gallup, Lilly Soan, Megan Howe



Spotlight on Safeguarding...

Both in school and at home there are times when we look for support and advice regarding children's well-being and safety. An excellent external resource for adults and children who require more information around the area of keeping and staying safe is the NSPCC website:

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/>

For your information this month, via the Newsletter, we are raising awareness of the issue of **bullying and anti-bullying week**.

According to research by the Anti-Bullying Alliance in 2016, 1 in 4 children reported that they were bullied a lot or always. The reasons as to why young people are bullied are varied, however what is common is that the bully will look for difference in others to pick on. The Annual Bullying Survey has revealed that last year the highest frequency of bullying occurred due to a young person's appearance with 57% of those surveyed stating that this was the reason why they were bullied. Research has also shown that the effect of childhood bullying on some adults is that they may suffer from low self-esteem, difficulty in relationships and anxiety and depression.

Schools have an important role to play in dealing with bullying early on by educating young people about the harm bullying can cause and by ensuring support is in place for students. At Hazelwick School, students attend regular timetabled PSHE lessons, which in Year 7 and 8 includes studying types of bullying, prejudicial bullying and how to access support. The PSHE and Citizenship department also offer a mentoring support service on a range of issues including bullying and this is usually set up through a discussion with a member of the Head of Year team. Each year the school also runs effective anti-bullying week activities for students which includes assemblies and form time activities.

An important part of dealing with bullying is the involvement of young people and empowering them in taking a lead role in communicating the anti-bullying message to other students. Earlier this month, Head of Year 9, Miss Brennan, along with eight Year 9 students, participated in the Diana Award programme for anti-bullying where they had the opportunity to work with students from across schools in Crawley.

Students learned about how to engage young people to change their attitudes, behaviours and the culture of bullying by building skills and confidence to address different situations, both online and offline. After the training programme, Year 9 student Oshadi Jagodage said that "we learned about the impact bullying has on our mental and physical health, and how to help a friend or someone who you know when they are being bullied."

Throughout the training day, students were learning from the Diana Award experts, filling in course booklets and taking part in many different activities with their instructors. Oshadi also commented on the knowledge she had specifically gained from the course on understanding how online bullying activity works, saying "we also learnt about how people can anonymously cyber bully people via social media."

From the training, every student and staff member received a booklet, a pen and a wristband to advertise his or her status as an Anti-Bullying Ambassador for Hazelwick School. Oshadi was enthusiastic going forward after the training by saying "We are looking forward to running lots of events to help tackle bullying in our school."

Since the initial training day, Miss Brennan has been meeting with the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors at the school to work on an action plan and they have decided to run the following activities for Hazelwick Students.

Assemblies to Year 7, 8 & 9 for Anti-Bullying Week

Form activities

Posters advertising the Anti-Bullying ambassadors

Information on how to support peers on TV screens and computer screens around school

A stall at the Christmas Fair promoting wellbeing and good attitudes around the school



Spotlight on Safeguarding Continued...



Where to get support for bullying

The following external organisations will offer support and guidance:

Childline – Get Support - <https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Anti-Bullying Alliance - <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/if-youre-being-bullied/find-help-and-support>

Young Minds - <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feelings-and-symptoms/bullying/>

Homework Clubs

A reminder that Homework and Revision Clubs run in the Learning Resource Centre, Monday to Thursday, from 3.00pm to 4.00pm for students to study, revise and, where necessary, to receive support from a team of Learning Support Assistants. For Years 7, 8 and 9, the club runs in the library and for Years 10 and 11 it is in Room 105. Computers are available.

Students do not need to book but are welcome to just come along. For further details, please ring Mrs Checkland on the school number (extension 2268).

For more details, please see the school website - www.hazelwick.org or contact us on 01293 403344

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