



Hazelwick School Newsletter

December 2022

Dates for your Diary:

Tue 3rd Jan:
Start of Term (Week 1)

Tue 3rd Jan - Mon 16th Jan:
Year 13 Mock Exams

Wed 4th Jan:
Ex-Upper Sixth Presentation
Evening

Wed 11th Jan:
Year 8 Options Evening

Thu 19th Jan:
Year 11 Mock Results Day

Mon 23rd Jan - Fri 27th Jan:
Year 8 Exams

Wed 25th Jan:
Year 11, Parents'/Carers'
Evening

Fri 27th Jan:
Sixth Form Application
Deadline

The Influenza Nasal Spray
Vaccination for Years 7, 8
and 9 is taking place on 4th
January 2023.

Consent forms have been
sent out and need to be
returned no later than 4
working days before.

Headlines

Ms A Fearon, Headteacher

Welcome to this final edition of our school newsletter for 2022. 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 11 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 when everyone had enormous fun while raising money for charity. We collected a large number of boxes of food and other goods to donate to Crawley Open House; Mr Hillier and a team of Sixth Form students, and I delivered these the week before term ended. The Crawley Open House team is 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 Mrs Cason from the Technology Department, Mr Stuart from the Art & Design & Photography Department and Ms Goss, Cover Supervisor. We thank them all 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 3rd January (week 1) for the start of the Spring Term.

All good wishes

News, Events & Activities from the Art and Photography Department...

Students in Year 11 Art and Photography have been working hard to complete their Unit 1 coursework on the theme of Identity.

Students did a fantastic job in their mock exams and produced some outstanding pieces. We are so impressed by all students who sat the 5-hour exam and cannot wait to exhibit their work in the summer Art and Photography Show.

Below is a sample of some of the work produced.

Well done Year 11!

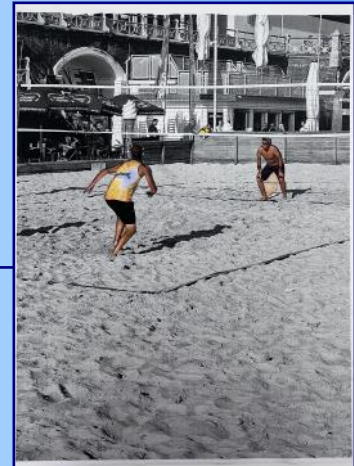
Miss Holbrook



Tyler Weir - I1DDM



Liam Nietzer - I1PME



Leah Stark - I1ZBA



Zohra Hamrazadeh - I1YBA



Lewis Bedwell - I1CNM



Connor Woods - I1CST



Kishel Machimbidza - I1MLU

News, Events & Activities from the Economics and Business Department...

Year 13 Economics and Business visit to the London Institute of Banking and Finance (LIBF)

Miss Doherty and I took a party of 22 students up to the LIBF's educational establishment in the heart of the City. It all kicked off with a walking tour where students were able to get a taste of life in the City from medieval times to the present walking through cobbled alleys and taking in modern spectacles such as the Walkie Talkie, the Cheese Grater and the Scalpel; these are colloquialisms for the skyscrapers which house many leading financial companies. Our guide talked about how banking and finance started as well as where it all began in the City's coffee houses. It was interesting to see how the City itself was divided up into banking and insurance districts. One thing that grabbed the attention of many students was the Royal Exchange, a former city trading house and now a place of luxurious restaurants and high end boutiques.

Besides this, the students were able to experience a taster lecture by an illustrious international banker who provided them with an analysis of banking markets including how they were no different to other markets in the way they behaved. On top of that the students had talks on employability and careers in finance as well as degree courses they run which again proved useful as many of them were there for that very reason.

Many students stayed behind at the end of the day conveying interest in their degree programmes in finance and banking. The potentially high starting salaries were definitely an attraction! An online quiz testing them on some of the things they had learnt during the day was won by Corey Langridge.

Mr Rawlings



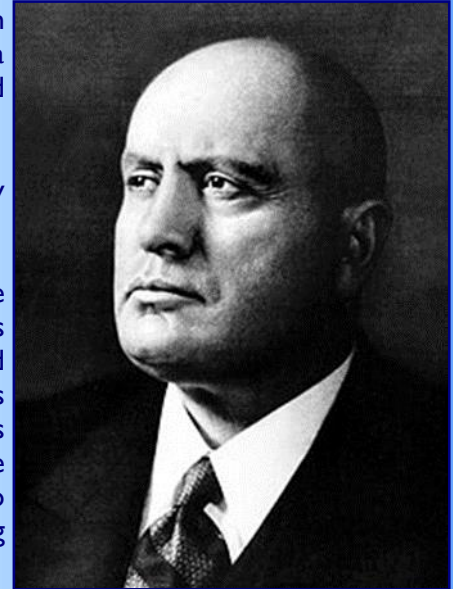
News, Events & Activities from the History Department...

History Club!

Miss Hammans led the December session for History Club, which focused on Italian fascism and the rise of Mussolini in Italy. This was a nice comparison to our previous History Club session on Nazism, and lots of parallels were discussed between the far right groups.

Students pre-read an article from the BBC History magazine written by RJB Bosworth and debated their ideas in a university style seminar.

We looked at the rise of fascism in Italy, with Mussolini leading the March on Rome in October 1922. We discussed how Mussolini's takeover was surprisingly peaceful compared to other bloodstained coups d'état in History. Mussolini's negotiations behind the scenes allowed him to smoothly take over government from the previous liberal prime minister, and announce a 'one party state' in 1925. We discussed how a democratic election in 1924 allowed Mussolini to secure a resounding victory, which led to his all-encompassing implementation of a cult of personality.



The session went very well, with lots of historical discussion of dictatorships as well as cake! A huge thank you to the following students for making it a success:

Alisha Mafaas, Sinali Ileperumage, Lexi Randell, Zoha Asim, Sandra Darmen, Joshua Randolph, Thomas Farrow, Alexander Sproston, Oliver Sebire-Harris, Saskia Blackburn, Preston-Paris Ingold, Tajah Kwatia, Matthew Kitson, Hanifah Iqbal, Ciaran Simpkin, Callum Jones, Morgan Zacharias, Kacper Zdunek, Ella Halpern and Rohan Finch.

A special thank you as well to Mrs Podsiadly and Mrs Barton for coming along too.

Look out for our next History Club after the winter break.

Miss Hammans



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

Hazelwick's History students have been working really hard in preparation for the winter break. Year 7 students have been busy learning about the Battle of Hastings and how William the Conqueror then kept control of the country. Year 8 are learning about the First World War before moving onto looking at how women gained the right to vote in the UK.

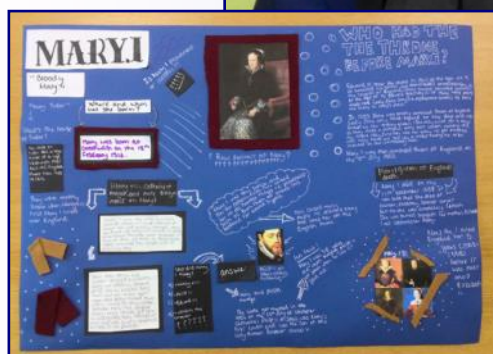
Year 9 GCSE students have been continuing with their American West studies (including making cowboy hats!) whilst Year 10 have been finishing looking at Elizabeth I (including her treatment of her cousin, Mary Queen of Scots) and are now moving onto Crime and Punishment.

We hope that all students have a great break and come back ready to carry on with their history work in 2023!

Mrs Barton



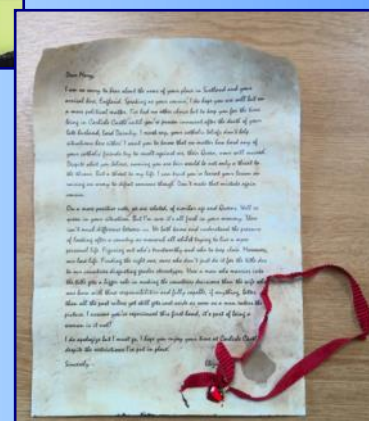
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Daniela Glavan 9IHO
Amelia Cooper 9IHO
Ethan Bull 9SCO
Ethan McCarthy 9STU



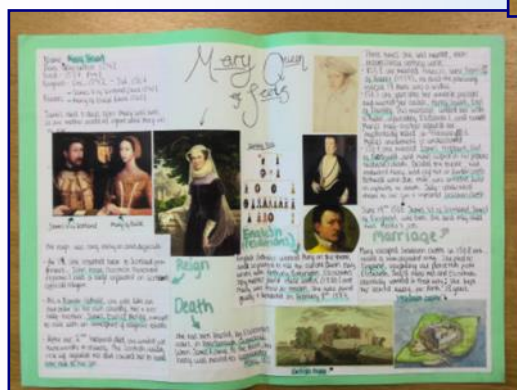
Ava Gallup - 10GGR



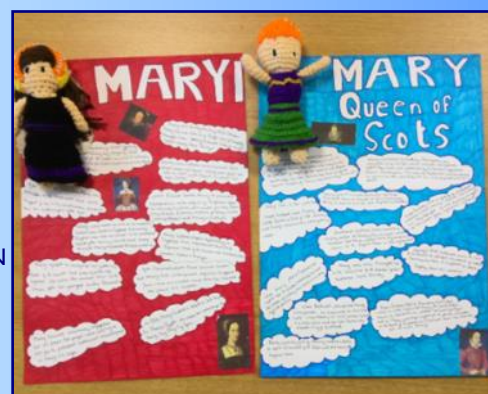
James Hill - 10KHO



Esther Armstrong - 10SEV



Harmony Stephens - 10MVN



Megan Howe - 10MVN

Oxford Trip 2022

During November, fifteen Hazelwick Sixth Form students were chosen to visit St John's College, Oxford University as part of an 'Access to Oxbridge' event. The trip was aimed at students with aspirations to attend Oxbridge, in order to help us prepare for our futures.

The day began with a talk about life at Oxford by a member of the Access team, in which he provided information on the steps to reaching academic success at the university, the application process and the financial support available to students. This was followed by a short tour around the college, where we visited the library and saw many artefacts, such as letters to Jane Austen and 15th Century books.

We then had a short intermission for lunch in the dining hall before reconvening for a question and answer session with two students at the university; one of whom was a previous student at Hazelwick. Together, they quelled any of our potential fears about Oxford and divulged how to have a successful interview.

Finally, we partook in an admissions workshop, designed to give us the necessary tools for applying to Oxford, focusing on personal statements. We left the day feeling accomplished and with a newfound sense of determination with regards to applying to university.

Written by Minnah Shahabdeen – I2NBR and Anupreet Kaur – I2LBO





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.

Menu

How our high streets have changed since COVID

Today we discuss shop changes in Crawley and the UK. You can go to this website for more information - [Postcode checker: how has your High Street changed since 2020? - BBC News.](#)

You could watch this video on Bath's shops.
[How are our high streets changing? - YouTube](#)

Starter

Have you noticed any shop changes in Crawley?

Main

Look at the bar graph showing changes in selected categories in the UK. What impacts will this have for our shopping centres? For jobs? What changes do you think will happen in the future?

What is the future for our town centres? Would you rather shop online or in the high street?
Does it change for different shopping items (food, clothes, present)?

Dessert

Check out the changes in Crawley using the school's postcode - How does Crawley compare with the South East and Great Britain? How were the changes in Crawley different than the rest of the UK? Why would Crawley be different?

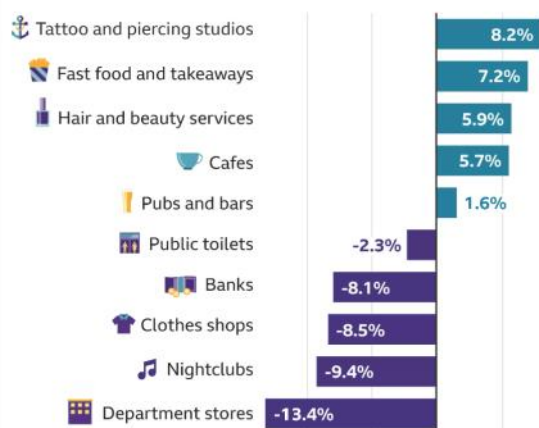
Ready for more - how would you design a high street for the future?

Ms. Frampton & Mr Salmon

Dine in Geography Discussion for December Continued...

Changes in selected categories

Percentage change in the number of establishments between March 2020 and March 2022



Source: Ordnance Survey

BBC

How does Crawley compare with South East and Great Britain?

From 2020 to 2022 in selected categories:



6.2% of banks closed in Crawley.

South East: 8.4% decrease
Great Britain: 8.1% decrease



12.9% more beauty services opened in Crawley.

South East: 3.4% increase
Great Britain: 5.9% increase



No change in fish and chip shops in Crawley.

South East: 2% increase
Great Britain: 2.6% increase



No change in public toilets in Crawley.

South East: 1.2% decrease
Great Britain: 2.3% decrease



8.3% more supermarket chains opened in Crawley.

South East: 2.4% increase
Great Britain: 2.5% increase



16.7% of tattoo and piercing studios closed in Crawley.

South East: 7.9% increase
Great Britain: 8.2% increase

STEM@Hazelwick...

Building Bridges

This Autumn Term we have had 2 great successes in our STEM activities. Firstly, Year 9 and Year 10 students took part in an international bridge building workshop with schools from the UK, and the USA.



Figure 1 - Bridge assembly

The afternoon was started off by Mr David White, the Apprentice Lead at Gatwick Airport where he is in charge of training for the young people at Gatwick who have secured roles; and trains them over four years to be their future engineers.

Following on from this, the students were given a presentation in which they were asked to consider the importance of bridges, including ideas about the use of simple bridges transforming people's lives throughout the developing world.

The presentation also considered aspects of engineering relating to the different types of bridge, materials used in construction, the science behind the choice of materials and design considerations. After this, students were given time to design, build, test and improve bridges of their own.

Following on from the construction and testing session there was a discussion opportunity with apprentice engineers from Gatwick. There was also an opportunity to demonstrate the capabilities of the bridge to hold a load. All Hazelwick's bridges performed well, holding several kilograms of masses.



Figure 2 - Hazelwick demonstrating one of their bridges over Zoom

Girls in Engineering

Later in the term a group of girls from Year 8 and 9 attended a Girls in Engineering Day at Boeing Gatwick.

The day was split up into series of talks from women in engineering roles and challenges to test teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills. The challenges were competitive and against the other schools present and prizes were on offer for two of the activities.



Figure - 3 Glider design time



Figure 4 - Competition flight

STEM@Hazelwick Continued...

First up in the competition for Hazelwick was the Glider Challenge. In this challenge the students had to build a glider to meet specific criteria and test it for flight distance. Following modifications, the students then had to fly their glider as far as possible. Students were aided by the Royal Aeronautical Association in this task.



Figure 5 - Design time 'Moon lander'

Before the second challenge, female employees were able to give the girls an insight into their careers with Boeing. The shortage and importance of female engineers working on important projects such as the space capsule for Artemis flights to general maintenance of planes was highlighted. So were some of the specific challenges met by female engineers in the workplace.

After lunch the girls had to design and make a 'Lunar Lander' that could fall from the greatest height and would not lose its load. For this they were given limited materials and had to consider the effect of different forces on falling objects.

The final challenge of the day was to make a wing that provided the most lift. In addition to the lift for itself, the wing had to be able to provide increased lift forces were



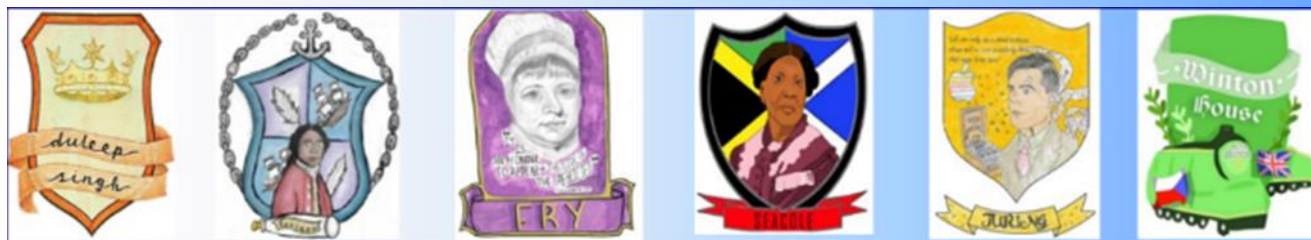
Figure 6 - Testing a wing design



Figure 7 - Winners! Longest flight for unpowered glider

To close the day a number of prizes were given for the various challenges. The group from Hazelwick came second overall in the challenges and secured victory in the glider flight challenge, winning a day's drone piloting experience. Many congratulations to them all.

House News...



There have been lots of exciting House events occurring in the last month, which students have been getting involved in to win lots of House points!

Balance Test Competition

Miss Podsiadly ran a balancing competition for Year 7s. There were a lot of students who took part and showed their balancing skills. Congratulations to Treyvon Larbi in 7ELL who managed to balance on one leg for an impressive whole 16 minutes and 4 seconds!

Below is the table of our best Year 7 balance test competitors.

Rabia Begum and Holly Earl	7SMA	Duleep Singh	10 minutes 4 seconds
Saanvi Shetty and Gracie Graham	7EKI	Duleep Singh	2 minutes 46 seconds
Vongai Musanhi	7TFR	Turing	2 minutes 37 seconds
Maddox Dunning Antoan Gramatov Shaima Rahman	7LSC	Seacole	6 minutes 13 seconds
Trevon Larbi	7ELL	Equiano	16 minutes 6 seconds

Students were awarded 100 points per a entry with an additional 1000 points for the top 3.

Duleep Singh – 1200 points, Equiano – 1100 points, Seacole – 1100 points and Turing – 100 points.

The Chase



Miss Eckles and Year 10 students had a great time with our house event, The Chase. There were some tough questions, but the Year 10s did really well in facing these and were not chased away! House points were awarded accordingly – Winton 700 points, Turing 600 points, Fry 200 points, Seacole 100 points and Equiano 100 points. A special well done and congratulations to Turing and Winton Houses who both managed to beat the staff chaser!

Winter Treasure Hunt



Students in Year 7 and Year 8 were given a challenge by Miss Davis to complete the Winter Treasure Hunt. Students had to go around the school site and find the 14 snowflakes with a hidden letter on each. Students had to then work out what the secret festive message was. The secret message was **FROSTY THE SNOWMAN**. All students who have entered with correct entries will be placed into a draw to win a festive themed prize. All students will receive House points for their entries. Tune in next month to find out who the winner was! Good luck to all who entered!





House News Continued...

Awaiting Results for...

World Cup Penalty Shoot Out/Sensory Football

Rubix Cube Competition

House Point Table Update

There has been lots of movement in the House points so far this academic year, as our students have taken part in activities and gained lots of achievements points. The current winning house is Equiano!

Congratulations to Miss Pearson and Equiano House!

House Points Table December 2022	
The winning house is ...	
	
Equiano 35,116 points	
	2 nd place – Turing 34,268 points
	3 rd place – Duleep Singh 30,070 points
	4 th place – Winton 28,549 points
	5 th place – Seacole 26,624 points
	6 th place – Fry 25,592 points

What is Coming Up

We have lots of exciting House events coming up at the start of term in January. Look out for the following...

Winter Photography competition – all year groups

Chopstick Challenge – Year 11

Paper Aeroplane Competition – Year 8 and 9

Balloon Race – Year 7

End of Year Message

Well done and thank you to all students who have participated in lots of House events this term!

Keep an eye out for more exciting events in 2023!

We hope you have a fantastic winter break!

Miss Davis



Careers Café...

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

Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listings

Explore 320+ Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies in the November edition of the Higher and Degree listing 22/23.

Discover vacancy details from over 60 employers, including:

- Vacancy locations
- Salary information
- Direct application links

Download the Higher and Degree listing in PDF format or find out more about the listing, who it is for and how to best use it [here](#).

Higher and Degree Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships

The Higher and Degree Listing is a **bi-annual publication**, with the next release planned for February 2023!

Some of the employers included are:



Careers challenge for December: Find out about a job you didn't know existed

Find out about a job you've never even heard of. This could give you some new inspiration if you're finding it hard to pick a career path that really appeals to you, or you may just stumble upon the perfect job for you! There are profiles you can look at on the Success at School website – [marine biologist](#), [nanosystems engineer](#) and [anthropologist](#) to name but a few.

Careers Café Continued...

Finding out about unconventional and aspirational careers



Teachers, leaders, and parents may be interested in a series of five podcasts that aim to give an authentic insight into unconventional careers, with successful young people sharing how they got started, the skills they use, and the challenges they face.

Episodes include:

Episode #1 - How I Became A Youtuber with Jack "WorkTheSpace" Peachman

Episode #2 - The Skills You Need to Start a Career in Politics with Dominic Jones

Episode #3- Serving a Community as an Instagram Influencer with Laura "f.laura_and_fauna" Payne

[Unconventional & Aspirational Careers Podcast | Jake Richings Inspirationalist](#)

WorldSkills Career Spotlight episodes

WorldSkills free [Spotlight on Careers](#) episodes are informative viewing for any young person weighing up their subject or career options.

All episodes are completely free to watch, and anyone can register - including teachers, students, and parents.

During each instalment:

- They talk to young role models who have taken up roles in a specific industry
- Each episode includes expert advice from employers and education providers, who discuss job roles and the best route into the industry via college or work experience, examining T-Levels, HTQs and apprenticeship options, where appropriate.
- Episode 1 - Catering and Hospitality
Features Celebrity Maître d'hôtel Fred Sirieix and Chef Tom Kerridge, who explain what the sector means to them and why they chose it as a career.

Plumpton College Upcoming Events

Plumpton College's next Open Event is happening on Saturday 21st January, between 9am-12pm. A great opportunity for prospective students and their families to visit Plumpton College. See the facilities first hand, speak to course tutors, and discover the exciting career prospects available in the land and environment sector.

[Register here.](#)

Careers Café Continued...



They also have a Year 10 Taster Day taking place in the February half term, on Monday 13th February. This event is for Year 10 students thinking of applying for one of their land and environment based courses, beginning in September 2024.

A fantastic chance to get a flavour of what it is like to be a student at Plumpton College for the day. Students will be able to sign up to two taster sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, offering them the opportunity to learn more about the courses that interest them, meet course tutors and other prospective students interested in the same courses as them.

Registrations are now open with limited spaces available!

Register now.

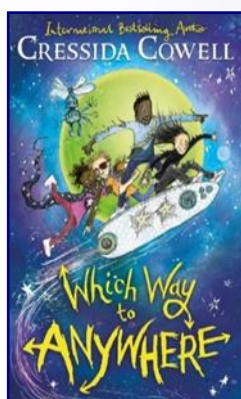
Mrs Andrews



Read On!

Holiday Reading

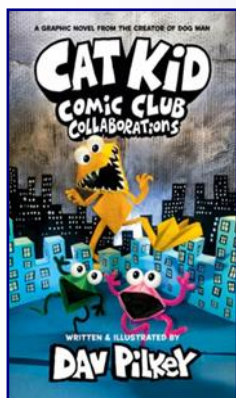
With the holiday season fast approaching, this is one of the busiest times in publishing, with titles competing to make the bestseller list and then to make the coveted number one spot. As books/book tokens are popular gift items, I thought I would share some of the titles that I know students are looking forward to reading. I have also included the link to the “Fantastic Fiction” website which gives some biographical information about the authors and the series order of their books.



Which Way to Anywhere by Cressida Cowell

Published in September, this title is a stand-alone novel from the author of the popular “How to Train Your Dragon” and “The Wizards of Once” series. This fantasy story about a magical family has all the usual Cowell hallmarks; strong narrative voice, imaginative use of language and a central character to root for. I do hope that this will be the start of a new series for Cowell fans to enjoy.

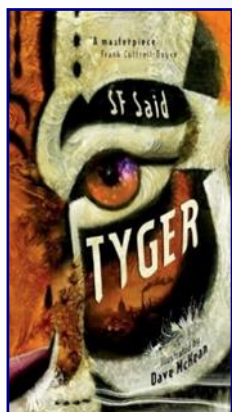
<https://www.fantasticfiction.com/c/cressida-cowell/>



Cat Kid Comic Club: Collaborations by Dav Pilkey

Book four in the spin-off series from the creator of the “Dogman” stories was published at the end of November. Pilkey fans will delight in this latest adventure which sees the Comic Club characters having to try to work together. Fans will not be disappointed with the clever combination of art mediums; including origami, photos, and watercolours.

<https://www.fantasticfiction.com/p/dav-pilkey/>



Tyger by S.F. Said

As a huge fan of this author’s work, this was the title that I was most looking forward to reading as his last book was published in 2013! This will be my holiday read but the reviews are very positive and I think this will make the perfect story for students making the crossover from junior to teen fiction. Set in an alternative London where the British Empire is still in place and segregation is the norm, the two central characters join forces with the mysterious creature Tyger to make social changes.

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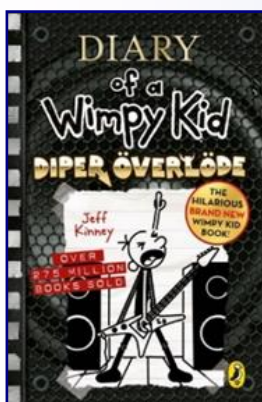
Topping the Charts!

The run-up to the winter holidays always makes the book seller charts an interesting read, when buying books as gifts reaches a peak. With new titles entering the charts, older titles re-entering, and with celebrity authors in the mix too, it is difficult to predict who will gain the top spot!



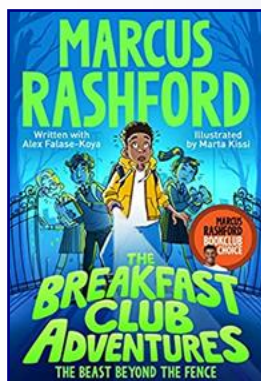
Guinness World Records 2023

Students of all ages always enjoy reading the latest Guinness World Records (GWR) in the library and it seems that it is more popular than ever as it has topped the UK Official Top 50 charts for the second week, at the time of writing this article. Over 35,995 copies had been sold as at the end of November and it knocked Colleen Hoover off the number one spot. The GWR has not taken the coveted top spot since 2014. Will it make the Christmas number one spot?



Diper Överlöde by Jeff Kinney

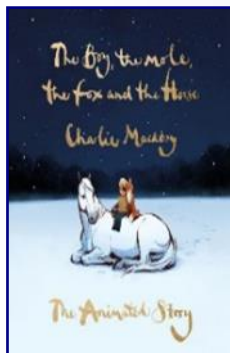
Published in October, book seventeen in the “Diary of the Wimpy Kid” series has spent weeks in the Children’s Best Sellers charts but it faces some stiff competition. Greg joins his brother’s band, Löded Diper on the road to fame and fortune. The popularity of the series never seems to wane as I always receive reservation requests from students prior to publication! The book also has a high Accelerated Reader book level of 6.3 so our Year 7 and Year 8 students can quiz on the book too.



The Beast Beyond the Fence by Marcus Rashford & Alex Falase-Koya

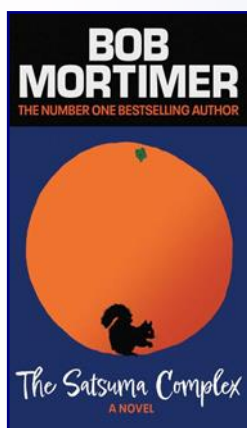
I am sure that this title has popped back into the top twenty charts with Rashford’s inclusion in the England squad for the World Cup as this book was originally published in May. This is a mystery story which features The Breakfast Club Investigators who invite twelve-year-old Marcus to join their club to try and get to the bottom of the weird events happening in their town. Year 7 and Year 8 students can quiz on this book as it is a level 4.5. A second book in the series is due to be published in the spring of next year and I am sure there will be more titles to follow.

Read On Continued....



The Boy, The Mole, The Fox, and The Horse: The Animated Story by Charlie Macksey

The original edition of this book was published in 2019 and became a publishing sensation over lockdown, selling over a million copies, and took the bestselling book crown in 2020. This edition ties in with the animated short film adaptation that makes up the BBC One Christmas schedule. Mackey's beautiful illustrations have been given the full colour treatment in this adaptation. It may not make the number one spot before the holidays but I am sure sales will be boosted once the film has been aired.



The Satsuma Complex by Bob Mortimer

Following on from his successful memoir, comedian Bob Mortimer has written his first Adult Fiction title, and this is currently topping the Waterstones bestseller charts. This is the funny story of thirty-year-old legal assistant Gary who lives his unremarkable life in London. His life is turned upside down when the woman he falls for suddenly disappears and the only clue Gary has to track her down is the title of the book she was reading; "The Satsuma Complex".

The SLA 2022 Information Book Awards



If you are looking for some non-fiction gift recommendations, I would suggest you check out the titles that have won this year's SLA Information Book Awards. The Awards have been running for twelve years and aim to "emphasise the importance of non-fiction by highlighting and celebrating the high standard of children's information books." There is also the "Children's Choice" award for each category, in addition to the adult judging panel. The awards are divided into three different age categories.

The full list of winners can be found by clicking the link below:

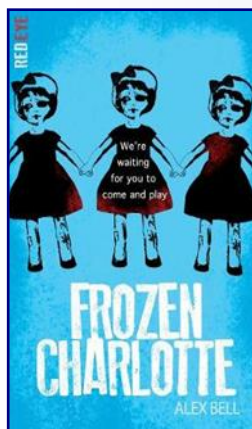
<https://www.sla.org.uk/article/hannah-groves/winners-announced-for-sla-2022-information-book-award>

Read On Continued....

Guest Reviewer

Our guest reviewer this month is Amy, Mrs Gray's daughter. Amy is a Year 12 student who has written an excellent review of the book 'Frozen Charlotte' by Alex Bell. This book is part of the 'Red Eye' series, written by different authors and I have shared below the link to the 'Fantastic Fiction' website page that lists the full series details.

<https://www.fantasticfiction.com/series/red-eye/>



Frozen Charlotte by Alex Bell

When her best friend dies under mysterious circumstances, Sophie sets off to stay with her cousins and uncle on the remote Isle of Skye in their converted old schoolhouse. It's been years since she last saw them – brooding Cameron with his scarred hand, Piper, who seems too perfect to be real, and peculiar little Lilius with her fear of bones. Still, Sophie never expected the strange new rules the family now lives by: make no mention of Cameron's accident; never leave the front gate unlocked; and above all, don't speak of the girl who's no longer there, the girl with the dolls and the girl who may change the family's life forever.

What do I think about the book?

I really enjoyed the novel 'Frozen Charlotte' as it introduced me to the sub-genre teen horror. It was an enjoyable read with a gripping plot. The balance between an easy yet chilling teen horror book can be hard to achieve as there is a fine line between the two genres. However, I think Bell has succeeded in bringing both to blend well. This book was the gateway to my love of classic horror (and horror in general) as I realised I like scary stories and perhaps you may too...

Who would enjoy this book?

I think that anyone who loves good thrillers, plot twists and scary themes would really like 'Frozen Charlotte'. It's suitable for Year 7 to Year 11 as it has a very versatile writing style and plot that all age groups can enjoy with ease. With 342 pages in total, it may seem like a big read, however the vocabulary used ensures that it stays interesting and not boring. Plus, what an achievement! After reading 'Frozen Charlotte' you may want to check out the 'Red Eye' series as it has a lot of books that mirror the style and level of horror of 'Frozen Charlotte.'

WARNING! If you're easily scared perhaps search the library or ask the staff for some other recommendations as this may be frightening to some readers.

Happy holiday reading!

Mrs Thornton BA (Hons) MCLIP
School Librarian

Accelerated Reader...



RENAISSANCE
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Millionaire Readers

Well done and congratulations to Nadeeshan Thewaraj 8RPO and Hajra Shafait 7EKI, who both achieved millionaire reader this month. Excellent reading from you both!



Reading Ambassadors Books of the month

The Year 9 reading ambassadors have been fantastic at selecting books throughout the year as their recommended Book of the Month. Below are all the books that have been chosen throughout 2022. All students and staff have the opportunity to vote for their favourite title via Sachel:one, there's still time to cast your vote!

The Hazelwick Book of the Year 2022 Which book has your vote?



Accelerated Reader Continued...



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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 7I/rgIb are:

Aamir Sawraj - 7RKR
Lucas Connell - 7LSC
Harry Cantrell - 8REC
Emily Kadan - 8RDV

Congratulations to you all!



New Book titles

With Christmas fast approaching, books make great gifts, especially if it's an Accelerated Reader title! There are so many great titles for the students to read on the Accelerated Reader programme, with quizzes for new books being added all the time. If your child has a book at home and wants to know if it is an Accelerated Reader title, it can be checked through the AR book find website. www.arbookfind.co.uk



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

Have a very Happy holiday!



Mrs E Gray

Accelerated Reader Mentor

Year 10 Talented Athletes...



On Tuesday 15th November, the new cohort of Year 10 talented athletes participated in a Nutrition workshop. Kate and Fran from 'Performance Canteen' work with elite, teenage performers, to advise and help the young athletes to understand what it is to fuel their bodies for their sports.

Our Year 10s participate in a range of activities including; Football, Swimming, Judo, Cricket, Rowing and Athletics. During the workshop, the students prepared and then ate egg omelette wraps. We also got to use a very handy gadget called a 'crimpit'. I really hope the students start to act on advice given and experiment with lots of fillings for their wraps.

Well done to you all.

Mrs McHugh



Sport...

The U14s girls' basketball team beat Thomas Bennett Community College 25-10.

It was their first game and they put in a great performance.

Mr Bagnall

Karolina Szulc 9IHO, Vaidanshi Razdan 9IHO, Tanashe Samudzi 9SCO, Mafalda Barros Vieira 9IHO, Kiera Bhella 9STU, Daniela Glavan 9IHO, Zenab Bah 9KBO, Domiria Yanquoi 9SRO, Maia Heberd 8MLO, Millie-Rose Healy 8HRE



This year we have been invited to participate in the 'Chance to Shine' project by the Sussex Cricket foundation. This includes a number of opportunities for girls to get involved in cricket as players and leaders. Our first event was a triangular indoor 8 a side cricket tournament with Sackville School and Downlands Community College.

The students were an absolute pleasure to coach. From singing 'the wheels on the bus...' on the way to the fixture to some excellent performances with the bat and ball, the whole afternoon was fantastic. The girls demonstrated teamwork, determination, courage and skill against mainly Year 11 opponents.

There were stand out performances from Callie Goodbourn and Inayah Hassan but everyone played their part. With no trophy or winning team, enjoyment and learning were the main aims. However, we did win some games which always helps! I do hope that this group of girls and others take the opportunity to get involved further. Some already do and I know that Three Bridges Cricket Club and Ifield Cricket Club are keen for more to join their ranks in the Spring.

Mr O'Brien

Megan Howe - 10MVN
Inayah Hassan - 9KBO
Holly Winton - 9STU
Lakshayaa Lakshmikanthan - 10EMO
Cali Goodbourn - 8RGR
Vaidanshi Razdan - 9IHO
Mafalda Barros Vieira - 9IHO
Molly Brown - 9AVG
Megan Taylor - 9AVG
Emily Hamshaw - 9IHO



Sport Continued...

Year 9/10/11 Basketball

The Year 10/11 Boys and Girls basketball teams played Ifield Community College in their first district pool game at home.

Girls won 43-23

Boys won 24-12

The next game will see them play away against The Holy Trinity School.

Mr O'Brien



Year 7 Basketball

Every Friday for 6 weeks we have been taking a dedicated group of students to The Holy Trinity School for the district basketball competition.

Along the way we have had some very pleasing results but have also enjoyed watching the students develop their skill, understanding and love of the game. This is a great introduction to the game and provides useful contacts for students who are thinking about taking up the sport with Storm Basketball.

We have a fantastic group this year and the boys have gone on to win the competition. The girls have also made great strides with a number of them taking up the sport on a more regular basis. Mr Ndazi who also coaches for Storm has dedicated a lot of his time and energy in getting the teams organised with great results.

The Spring term will see the start of the Junior NBA competition which will provide a much tougher test for our students. Well done to everyone who contributed to this success.

Mr O'Brien



Sport Continued...

Year 7 Boys Football

The Year 7 football team have gone through the Autumn term unbeaten. The three most recent performances were as follows:

Drew with Oriel High School 2-2
Goal scorers: Alfie and Ethan

Beat Thomas Bennett Community College 7-0
Goal scorers: Tray, Maddox, Ethan x2, Seb x2 and Jj

Beat Ifield Community College 6-0
Goal scorers: Maddox x2, Jj, Blu, Seb and Ethan)

We were due to complete the District league with a match against The Holy Trinity School. Unfortunately, this was postponed due to the weather conditions. The boys have also progressed into the third round of the County Cup competition. Thanks to the parents/carers for their support and patience.

It's great to see so many of you at the matches.

Pictured are:

Lathir Savage, Blu Moore, Leo Roberts, Declan Addy, Ethan Mitchell, Trayvon Larbi, Kade Fullarton, Jaiden Bhimjiani, Alfie Biggle, Alfie Lawrence, Maddox Dunning, Sebastian Dealhoy, Jj Boxell.



Spotlight on Safeguarding...

For your information this month, via the Newsletter, we are raising awareness of the issue of mental health and building resilience among teenagers.

Public Health England have stated that while some children face significant challenges in their lives such as neglect and maltreatment, it is crucial that children and young people are resilient in the face of ordinary everyday pressures such as family disruption and academic stress.

When young children transition to secondary school and move into their teenage years it can be a difficult time. From exam stress and going through puberty to meeting deadlines and relationship problems, there are a number of challenges that can test their resilience. The key is the ability for teenagers to be able to “bounce back” when they are faced with challenges and set backs. The website *Raising Children* states that resilience can be developed through a range of personal attributes which parents/carers can help their children with.

These include: **Self respect** - Your child believes that they matter and should be treated respectfully by others; **Self compassion** - It's important for resilience because it helps teenagers deal more positively with failures, mistakes, setbacks – e.g. if they are not picked for a sports team, they can say I will keep trying and hopefully get picked next time; **Social skills** - Includes skills for making and keeping friends, sorting out conflict, and working well in teams or groups. Getting involved in local youth groups, sports teams or clubs at school will give them more chances to develop connections and a sense of belonging; **Positive thinking habits** – being realistic, thinking rationally and looking on the bright side. A parent/carer could ask their child on a scale of 1-10, how bad is it really? One poor exam result does not mean everything is bad for them; **Skills for getting things done** - Important skills in this area are goal-setting, planning, being organised and self-disciplined, being prepared to work hard and being resourceful. Parents/carers can help by getting involved, perhaps write down goals with them and create a plan together.



At Hazelwick School, a recent student survey showed that mental health is a concern for a number of our students. To support students we have members of staff who are Mental Health Champions and their role is to promote positive mental health and help build resilience within our students. This includes running a range of activities, including games clubs and gardening, plus they deliver assemblies on topics such as how to cope with anxiety. We have mental health first aiders and two school counsellors that students can be referred to in school and, in addition to this, mental health topics encouraging resilience amongst students are delivered through the PSHE curriculum for our students.

Where to get further information and support:

- **BBC Radio Sussex – Podcast on resilience**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p077gj5j>
- **YoungMinds – Top tips for parents/carers**
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/20djlktz/top-ten-tips-for-parents.pdf>
- **Raising Children**
[Resilience in pre-teens and teenagers.](#)

Student News...

Anna in Year 9 successfully competed in the Southeast Regional Elite Trampolining competition and placed 7th.

Anna completed a new voluntary routine for the first time with a full rudi and double back.

Well done, Anna!

Heads of Year 9



Pound Hill Junior School Artists past and present...

An exhibition is being held at the Crawley Museum from the 28th November for one month.

The exhibition will celebrate the artwork of those schools who participated in the Community Art Project of the Mural on the Bridge in 2019 – plus pictures for the ongoing display along the subway at Three Bridges Station.

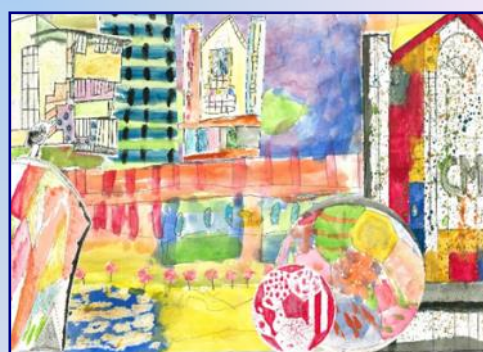
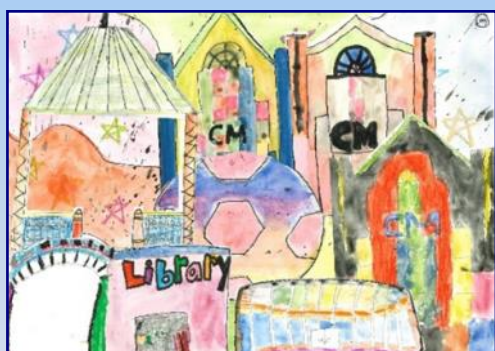
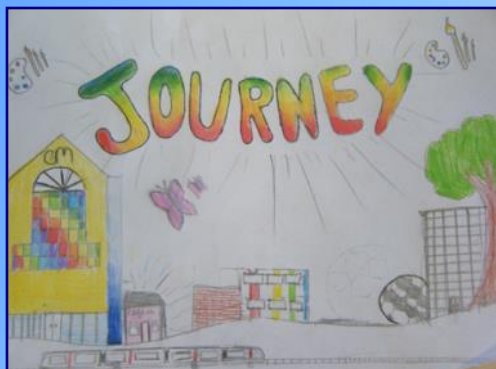
The children who contributed would now be in Years 7 - 10. The Art on display is from the workshop at Pound Hill Junior School to help design the mural on Three Bridges Station Railway Bridge and The Train Journeys Summer project which was completed by the Year 6 children in Summer 2020.

<https://crawleymuseums.org/exhibitions/>

Crawley Museum is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10.30am to 4pm.



Student News Continued...



The Artist





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/carers to access a range of data and information about their son/daughter. Once logged in, parents/carers 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

Study Hub - Lunchtime

Room 1
Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Monday to Thursday 1.25pm 1.55pm
Computers and printer available
Support available from staff
Bring your lunch
Booking is not necessary
Contact Mrs Stewart for more details:
rstewart1@hazelwick.org.uk

After School

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

Year 8 - Monday to Thursday in the LRC Computer Rooms 102-105 - 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Year 9 - Monday to Thursday in the LRC Computer Rooms 102-105 - 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Year 10 - Monday to Thursday in the LRC Computer Rooms 102-105 - 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Year 11 - Monday to Thursday in the LRC Computer Rooms 102-105 - 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Students can revise or complete homework on computers with support available from a Learning Support Assistant.

Booking is not necessary though students need to arrive by 3.15pm. For further details, please ring Mrs Checkland on the school number (extension 2268).

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