

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

The summer term is in full flow!

We are delighted to be opening the school field, enjoying the sunshine and guiding our Year 11s toward their last weeks with us at St Bede's. It has been a really eventful half term already with so much going on across the school. We have had film directors inspiring our students and rally cars arriving on the yard alongside the usual great lessons and exciting plans. We hope you enjoy this blog and as ever, please let me know if you have any stories you would like to share with our school community.

Film director inspires students with 'World Class' day

Sheridan De Myers is a director, producer and writer. Last week, he visited school to speak to our students and work with some of our GCSE drama students. He was really impressed by the drama students and is looking to support their journeys to enter the entertainment industry. Sheridan has worked with directors like Ridley Scott and actors such as Idris Elber. His company, Running Films, is based in London and produces films around the world. It was an amazing experience for the students and we hope to develop our link with Running Films moving forward.





Year 8s create artistic excellence

Our Year 8 students have been focusing on the development of their artistic skills. In the pictures below, they worked on their drawing. This helps to enhance their understanding of shade and texture, alongside the benefits for handwriting and pen/pencil grip. Well done to all involved!



'Rally King' Jack wins again

On Saturday, April 24th Jack (Y9) attended Bill Gwynne School international to take two exams. The first one was for Motorsport UK and included a practical driving exam as well as a written theory exam. He then had another practical and theory exam for the F1000 junior rally championship. Jack passed both with full marks gaining his Racing License.

On Sunday, Jack had to compete in a full day of Auto Tests to be signed off as ready for the race season. Jack was very successful and achieved fastest Junior. He even brought his car to school on Friday to show his fellow students as they left for the weekend. Well done Jack and we love the #teambedes sticker on your car too!



Girls do St Bede's proud in the community

Sophie and Sophie from Y9 have just started their bronze DofE. Their choice of volunteering work is litter picking. They started on Saturday, April 24th. They collected lots and had many of lovely adults stop and chat to them to say well done. They were noticed on the local Aughton Facebook page and were thanked.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/855501414896618/permalink/1164111950702228/?sfnsn=scwspwa>

Service to the community like this is something of which to be really proud. The deeds that often go unnoticed are the ones that really capture our values of 'Love, faith and hope'.



Amber creates mental health card for all students – Amber Wells

The last twelve months have had a big impact on all of us, so it's only natural that it may affect our mental health in different ways. Our teachers decided it would be a good idea for St Bede's students to have information at their fingertips, making it easier to know where to go for wellbeing and academic support.

I was invited to a meeting with Miss Harris. We discussed ideas on the best way to produce a wellbeing menu, to help guide students to the right avenue of support they may be needing.

I was really excited to take on this task! I know how much mental health issues can affect us all at one time or another, and how important it is to get the right help and support.

I had a rough idea of what I wanted to produce, a menu with several sections, each containing a different topic and the support surrounding it, for example: safeguarding, mental wellbeing, academic support etc. I did lots of research to find the most accessible websites and organisations that provide the best support for teenagers. I also wanted to include the appropriate St Bede's staff, so pupils would know who to go to for help and advice within school.

I hope that the wellbeing menu will really help support the students through their academic journey, encouraging them to seek help and guidance when needed. It is really important to look after our mental health and to know that there is always someone or somewhere to turn to for help.



Duke of Edinburgh programme kicks-off

As well as the two Sophies, some of the pupils from St Bede's who are working towards their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award are helping around the grounds of St Anne's church. They have been helping John Abraham with the 'secret garden project'.

Sadly, due to COVID-19, we couldn't hand out their Bronze certificates at an awards night but we asked Father Godric to hand them out after they had finished a volunteering shift.

The pictures show them working hard and getting their Bronze Award certificates. We are so proud of the fine young people they are turning into, showing great enthusiasm, commitment and gaining important life skills.

We currently have 25 young people from St Bede's working on their Bronze Award, 48 pupils from St Bede's working towards their Silver award and 43 former St Bede's pupils working towards their Gold Awards.



Year 8 pupils develop flips and twists

In our magnificent sports hall, students in Y8 have been improving the skills on the springs! The trampolining unit is one that was introduced to allow all students to be involved in an activity which is accessible to everyone. Students have been performing a variety of skills during this unit of work and

have worked hard in developing their routines. Here are Ryan and Ruby practising their somersaults and back landings.



Food for thought

Year 10

Pupils have been demonstrating various practical skills in their lessons, in preparation for Year 11. Here are their creations.



Puppets and Science collide

8N3 have been using Shadow Puppets to help learn the difference between transparent and opaque objects during their recent topic about Light. The students had a great time getting fully involved with this activity. The best learning is always fun!



GRITTY Skills in MFL

Transformational Ability in MFL

CHALLENGE YOUR THINKING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING



If I think I can do it, it will make me more confident.
Think positive.

I know how to use PALMOW as a strategy for the photo card.
Dream BIG. What you wish for can come true.
Have belief in my ability to succeed in MFL.

Embrace the thought that making mistakes helps you to improve.
I can practise the skills using SENECA or QUIZLET to strengthen my understanding.
Think I am successful and I will be successful.

Don't put limits on myself - I can be who I want to be.
Give myself a goal in MFL - what do I want to achieve next time?
I can change how well I do in a test if I think about a plan of action beforehand.

If I think I can't do something, ask for help! It may be something simple that you need to change.
Use language and culture to transform your life and others.

YOUR WORLD in MFL

- **UNDERSTAND THE WORLD AROUND YOU**
- **MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE**



Use language and culture to transform your life and others.
I like to find out about other languages and cultures.
I am curious about language.

I want to be able to speak in different languages when I travel around the world.
I want to show people I care about them by speaking their language.

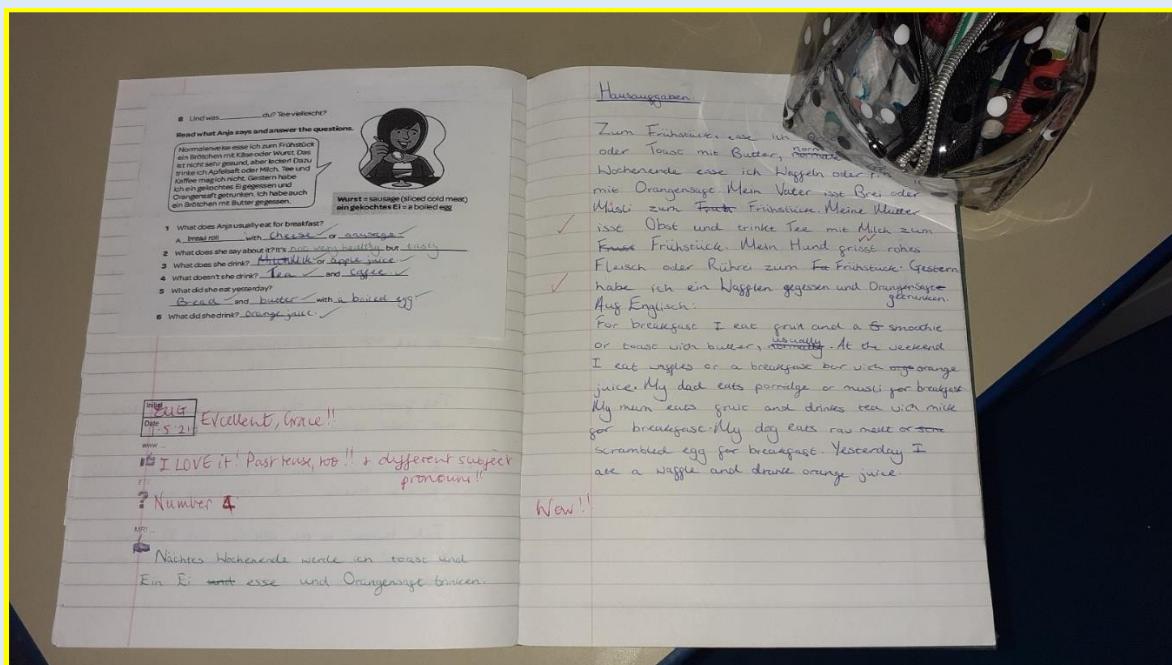
I am interested in finding out more about problems in other countries.
I have been learning about Sustainable Goals in...
I have been communicating with people of my age in France/Germany through the pen pal scheme in school.
I like to watch programmes about the world.
I like to read/find out more about other cultures/traditions.
I want to make the world a better place.

This half term, as well as focusing on Transformational thinking, we have also been touching on aspects of Your World.

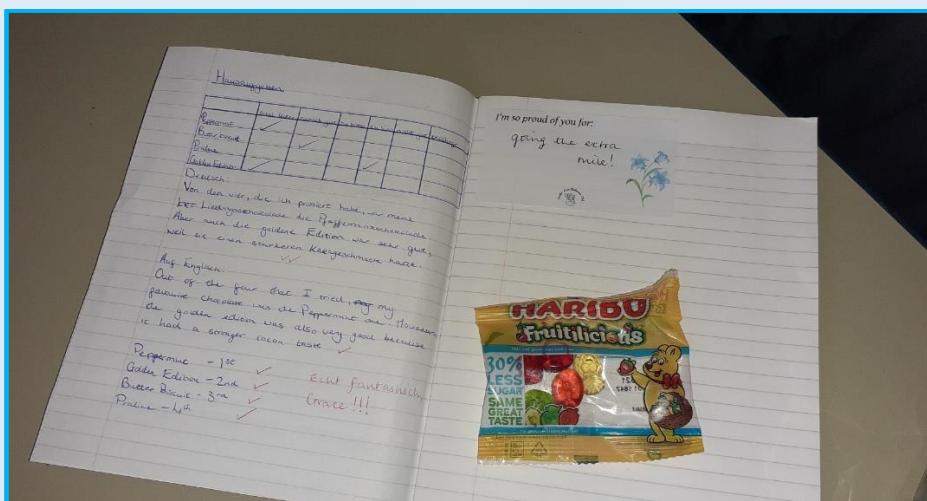
See the photos where year 8 tried out the famous German brand of Ritter chocolate and gave their opinions on 3 flavours!

We explored the magical realm of the world-famous Ritter chocolate factory in Berlin (virtually) and sampled Preiselbeer, Knusper, and Alpenmilch flavours. Can you guess what they are?

Mmmmm lekker!

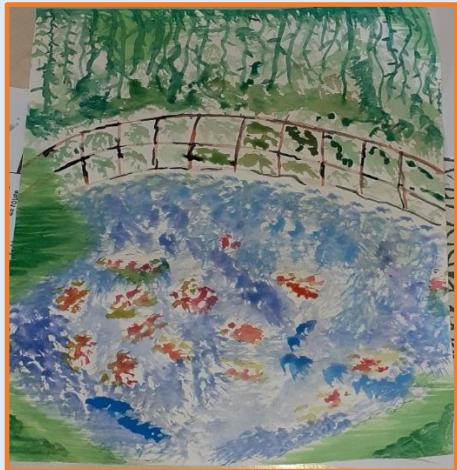
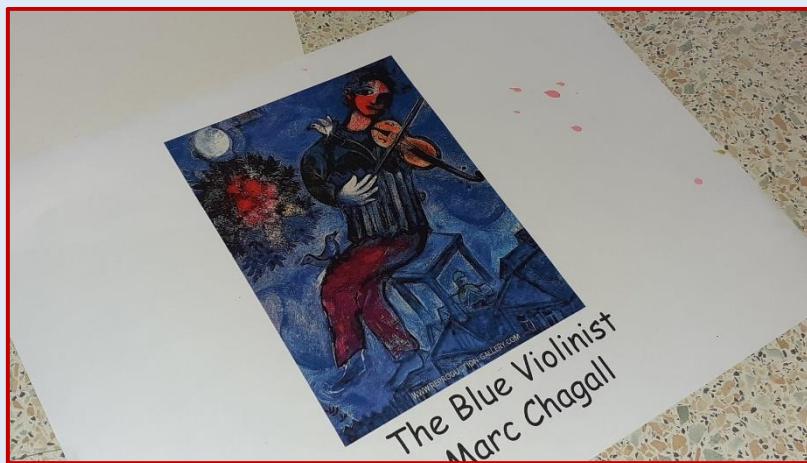


Outstanding homework from Grace Lamont where she writes about what she has for breakfast in German. And below, Grace's own analysis of three NEW flavours of RITTER chocolate that she bought from Lidl at the weekend ! What great efforts.



Check out the paintings by year 9 – following in the footsteps of the French Masters! We highjacked Miss Byrom's art room to recreate some impressionist paintings.







Year 9 also have started to find out more about the beautiful French city of Nantes, and to find why it has such a strong connection to Liverpool.



The learning NEVER stops in MFL!

Language Ambassadors

This term we aim to try and link up with a French or German school overseas to practise our French and German. Also we would really like to celebrate the food and culture of other countries by offering some French or German food in the canteen ! Watch this space !!



Russian Club

Last week, we watched Peppa Pig in Russian – with NO subtitles – to get our ears used to the sound of this beautiful language!



Language Club

Feel free to come and chill with us in N3, N4 or N5 for homework advice, or to play some language games. We are here every lunchtime. You may even get to meet our Language Ambassadors!

Calling ALL linguists

NEW! Seneca Year 9

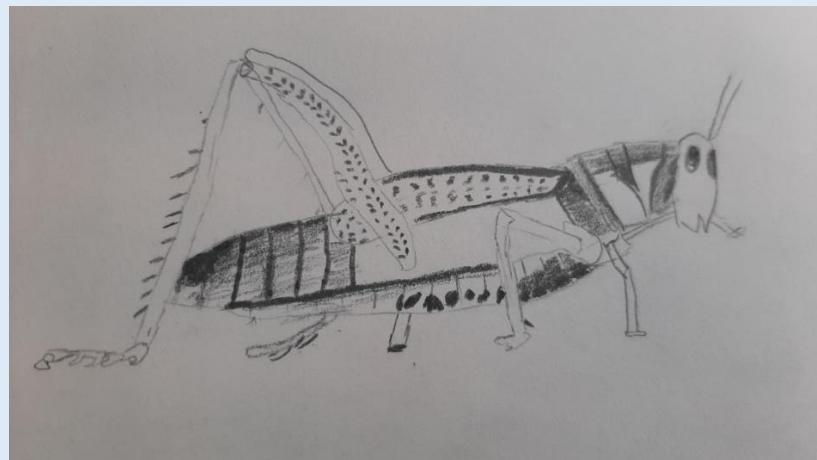
Please join this app if you haven't already! This provides you with the perfect opportunity to revise vocabulary and grammar on EVERYTHING you have ever learned so far in French. Particularly useful for those who are taking French next year. Watch out, too, for assignments from your class teacher.

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Amazing Art

Year 7

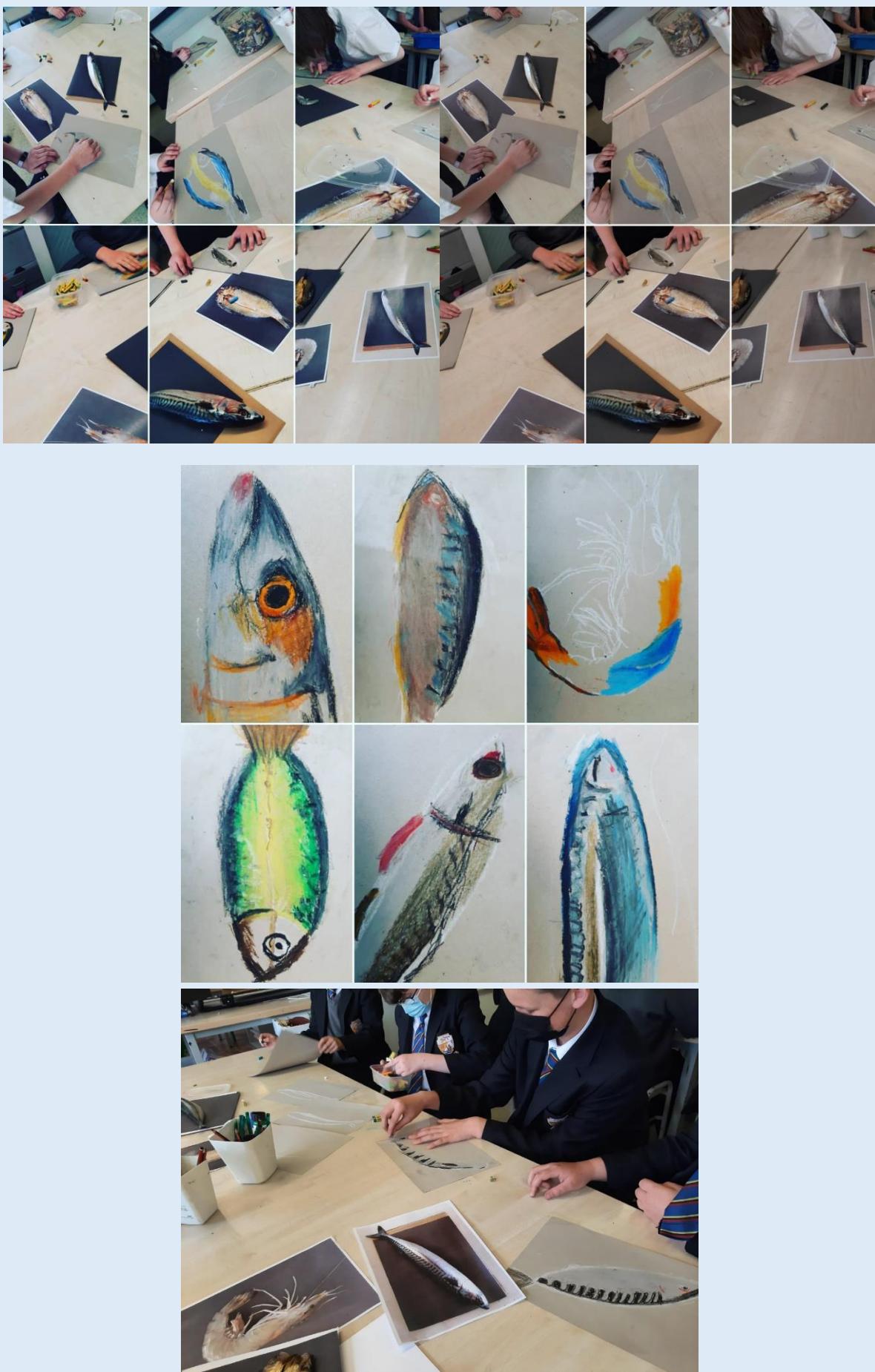
Year 7 have been working on their tonal drawing this week. They have been looking at using tone to make an insect appear more three dimensional. They have demonstrated resilience and determination with these pieces.



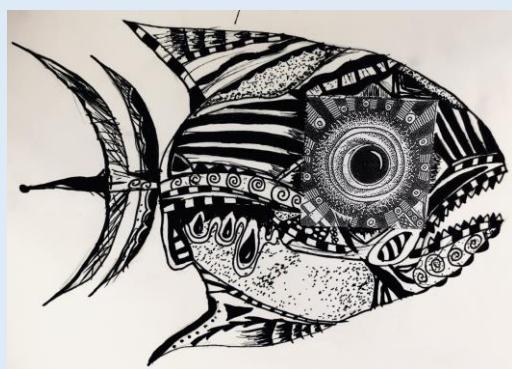
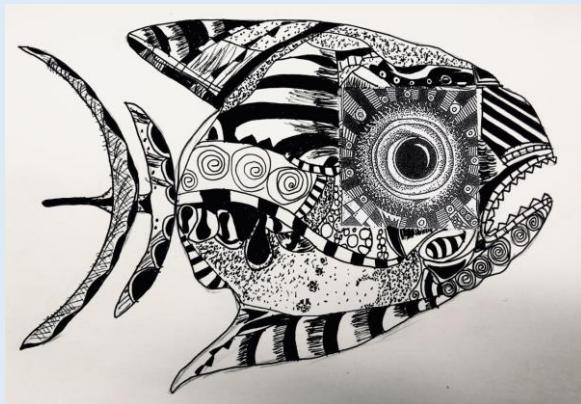
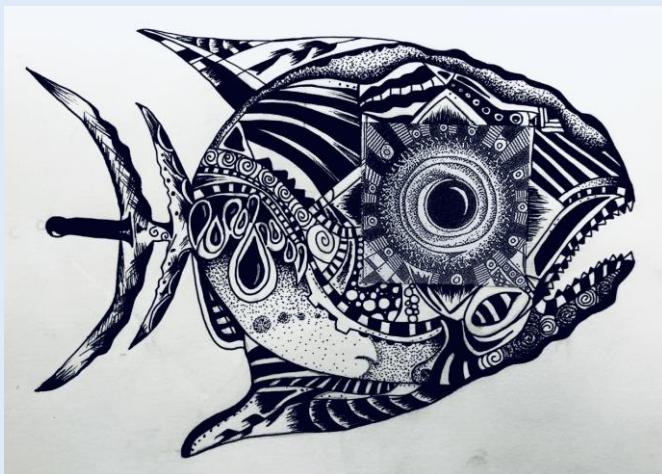
Year 8

Year 8 created these beautiful observational oil pastel studies of fish. Mrs Mitchell brought some fish into school so that the pupils had an opportunity to draw from observation. They really focused on the colours they could see and tried to recreate this effect by blending and mixing their colours. A fantastic lesson and so lovely to see all the pupils engaged and having fun despite the smell.

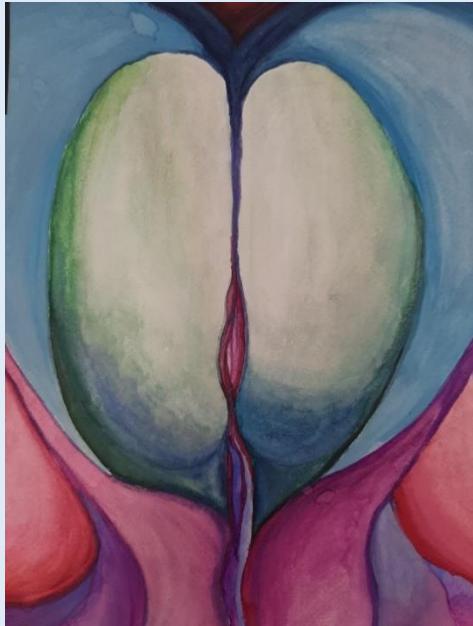


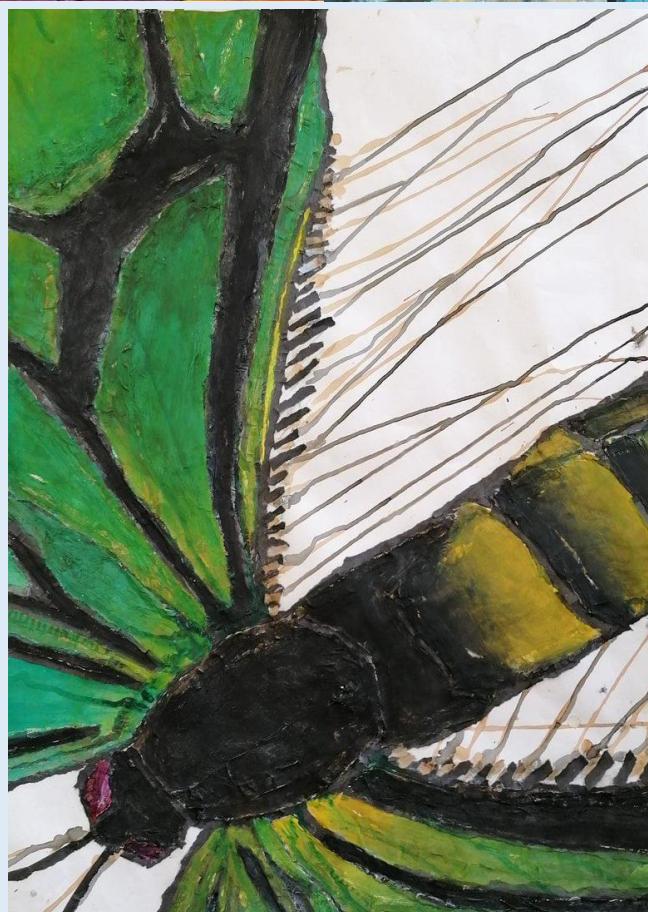


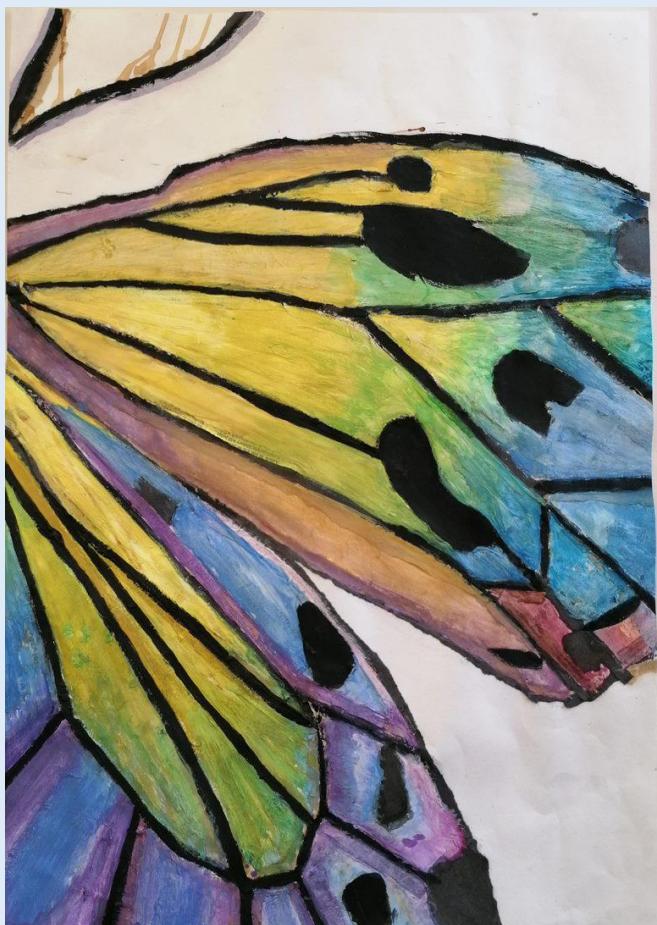
Our year 8s have produced some stunning fine liner pen studies of the artist Jason Scarpace's work. We're amazed by the attention to detail and the mark making techniques used. Well done year 8, keep up the amazing work!

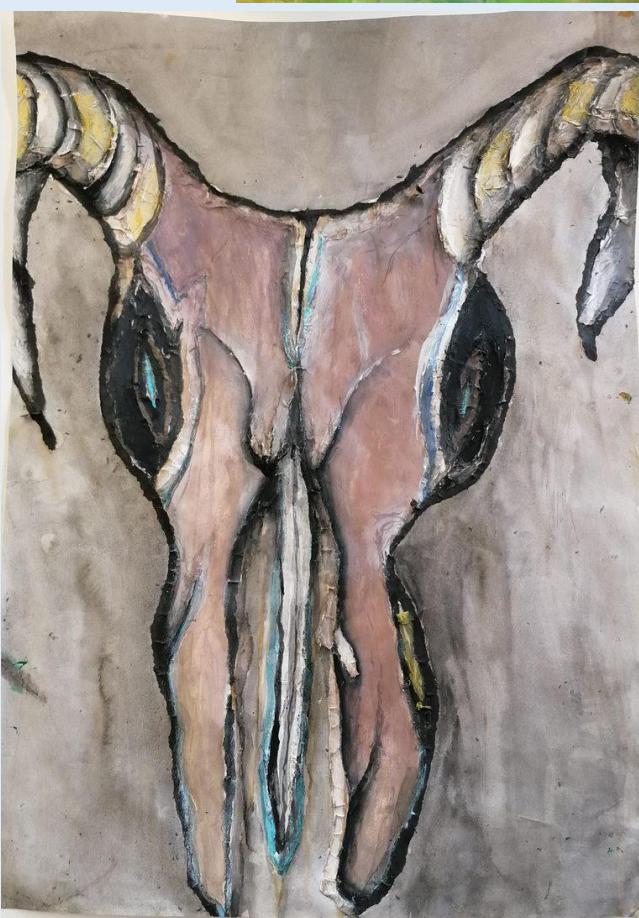
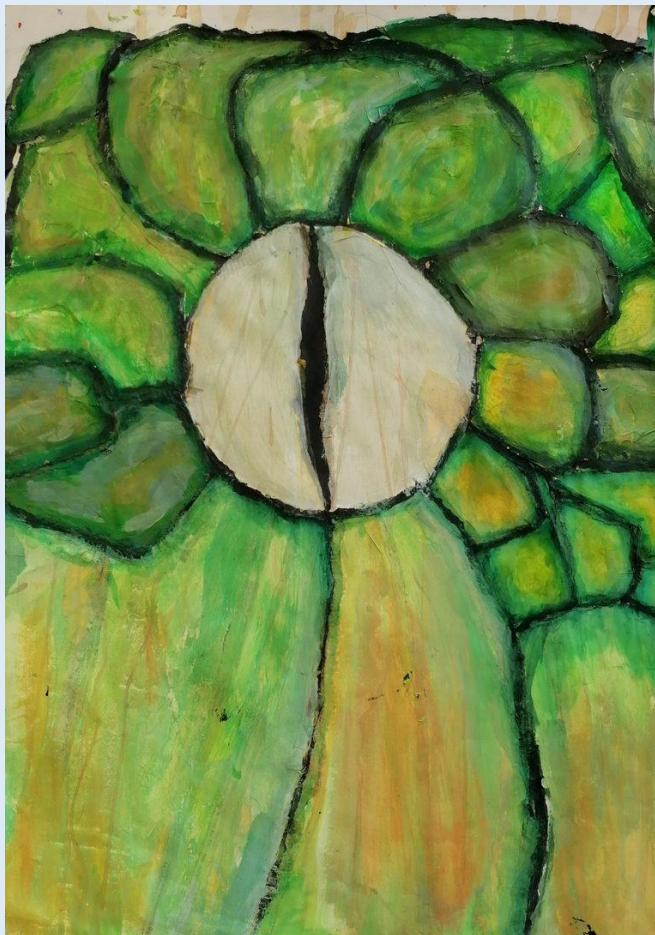


Year 10 are continuing with their Natural forms project. We have been completing the Georgia O'Keeffe watercolour painting, the mixed media composition and even working in Pixlr E to create these colourful manipulated images of their work.











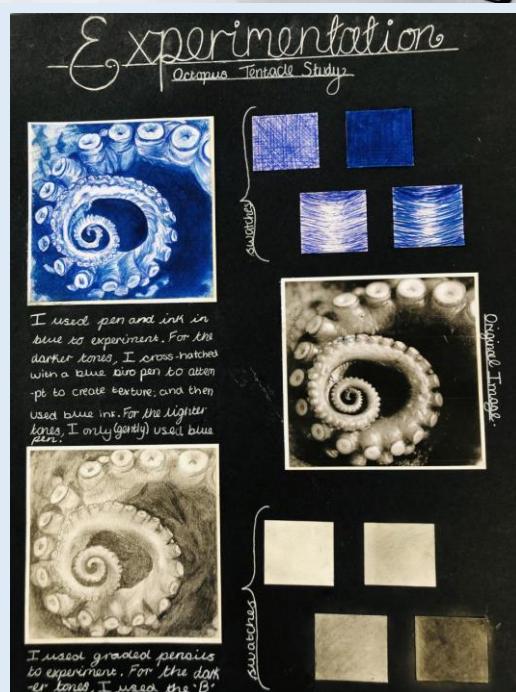
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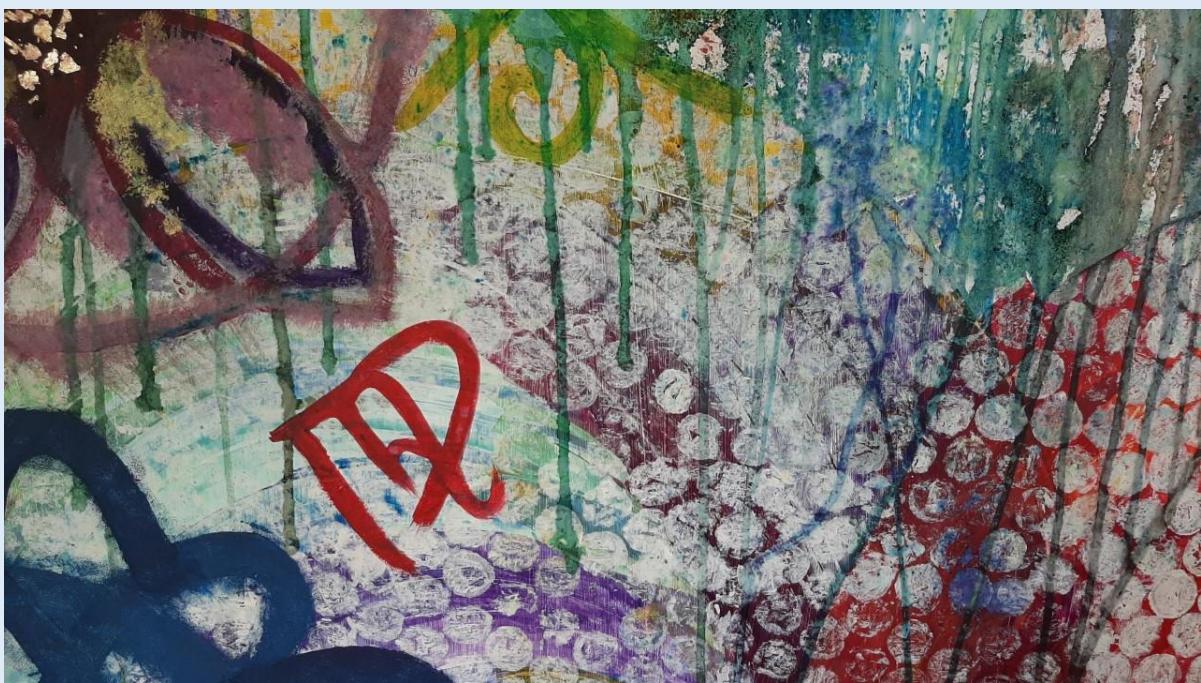
Year 11 are continuing to work hard on their Independent projects. Here are some more examples of inspiring work coming together.

They have been focusing on various different mediums and techniques to produce their final responses. It's lovely to see the work coming together, and the mix of talents and skills used throughout both art rooms. Well done and keep up your hard efforts and brilliant work.



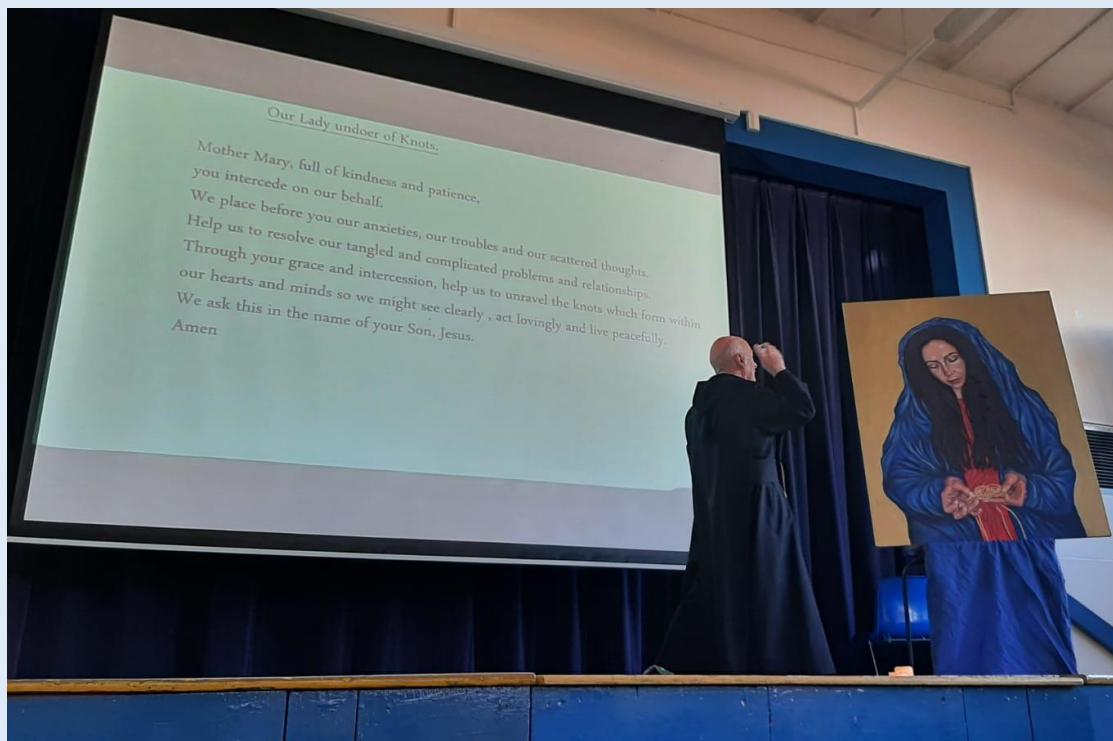






Painting blessed by Father Godric

Father Godric joined us in assembly with Year 10 on Thursday morning to bless Miss Byrom's painting of Mary undoer of Knots.





Benidorm star works with Y10 students

Michelle Butterly, of 'Benidorm' fame, has been working with our Year 10 GCSE Drama group this week as they prepare characters and performances for their devised unit.



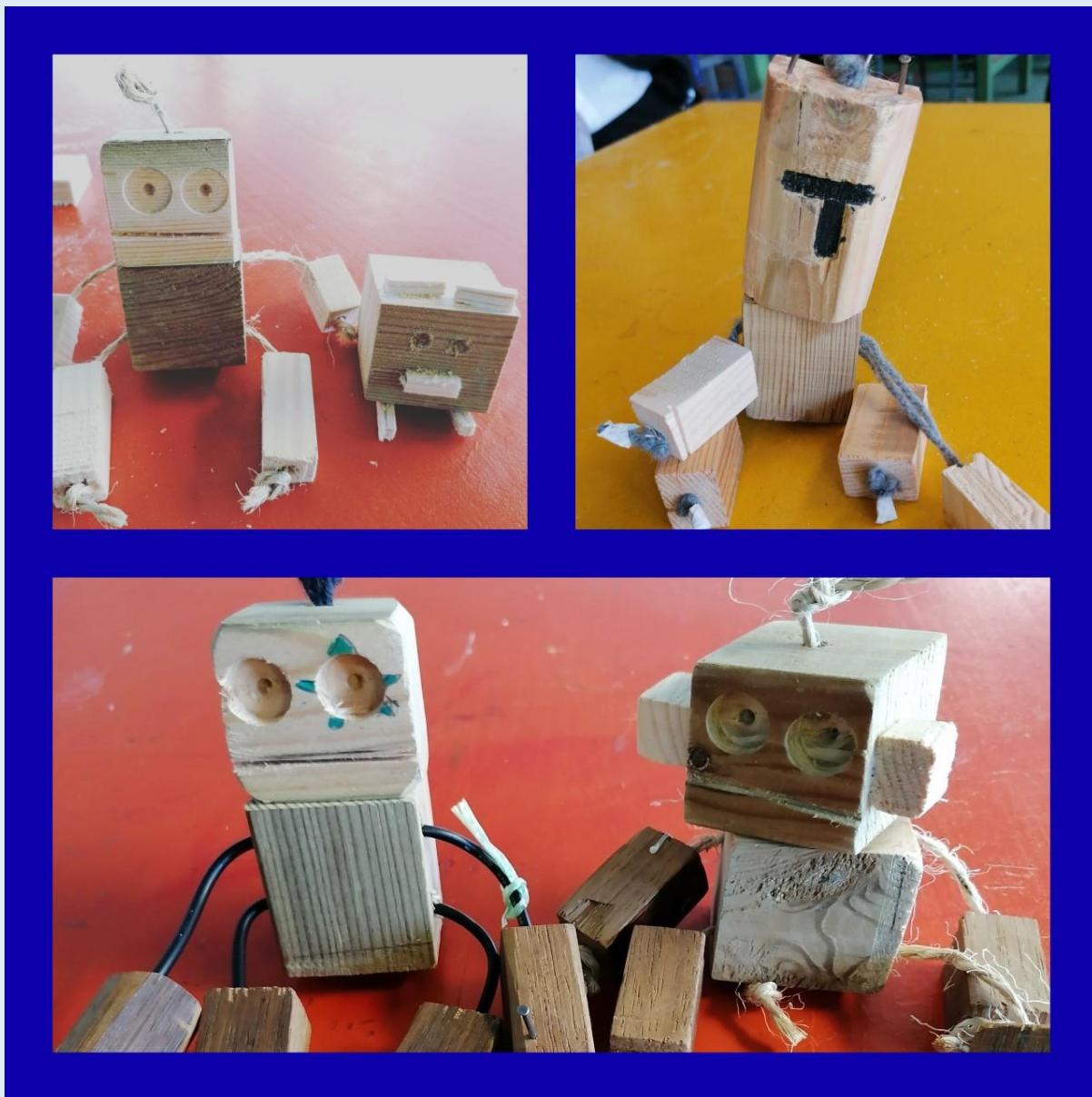
More great produce from our Food & Nutrition course

Jess (Y10) has made some beautiful bread for her F&N assessment. The students have been working so hard and their improvements are clear to see and taste!



Creativity thrives in Key Stage 3

7W1 have been making block bots in their DT lessons with Mr Gibson. Hugh, Dylan, Daniel and Emily have developed their designs a little further, showing great creativity and strong practical skills.



Let us know your news!

If you are involved in any exciting activities or you have stories of St Bede's from years gone by please contact school and we can celebrate this in our fortnightly blog. Also if you have a relative or friend who you would like our school community to pray for let us know via admin@sbchs.co.uk.

God bless,

Mr P Denton, Headteacher