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# WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S?

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## The summer holidays are here!

This time is so busy so please enjoy this blog and the final one! Please check out our Twitter feed (@stbedes1957) to see all the winning teams. We have so much more going on that I hope you enjoy reading about it all in this latest blog.

## Housekeeping notice

In order to keep the contact information that we hold for you up to date, if you change your details throughout the year (e.g., move address or change your 'phone number etc), please email these changes to [admin@sbchs.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbchs.co.uk) so that we can update our records.

## Oscar and Jimmy complete amazing race

Oscar and Jimmy completed their 10k run on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are so proud of this brilliant effort for a great cause. Oscar's Mum told me, 'So far, they have raised over £2500, we still have donations coming in, so I think I will leave the Go Fund Me page open for another week or so. I will then get the boys to present the funds to Ormskirk hospital. The hospital have a giant cheque they can use and will take photographs too. I would like to thank yourself and all the staff who have donated and shown support, whether it's fundraising themselves or just showing the boys encouragement.'



## Jack has a Scottish success!

Jack Birch (Year 10) competed over two days in the McRea Rally Challenge at Knock Hill Race Circuit, Scotland. Jack raced over 5 stages on day 1 and consistently performed well. At the end of day 1, Jack was sitting in 3rd place. Day 2 saw another 5 stages of rallying to complete and Jack and his car continued to push on and battle for a podium finish. When entering the last stage Jack was still in 3rd place, but he continued to cut seconds from his time which paid off and Jack moved up a place securing 2nd place and his first podium finish. An excellent weekend of racing and a very proud moment for all the JB Rallying crew.



## Summer Science School takes off!

Year 9 had a busy week last week when Mr Oakley took 45 pupils to The Summer Science School at West Lancs College. They had a great day learning about different careers and further study within STEAM subjects. They were able to participate in a crime scene analysis and questioning of witnesses to establish who committed a murder. They learnt about different medical related careers, how United Utilities supply us with fresh water and how OpenReach keep our internet access active. Hannah McCann & Ana O'Connell even won some prizes! Ms Farrelly then took a further 30 pupils to a tour of the Psychology and Biology labs at Edge Hill University led by their very own Dr Mawtus. Pupils took part in lectures and workshops about memory, thinking skills and creativity. They were even able to view and have a go of the newly installed electron scanning microscope!



St Bede's is awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.



## The Environment Group Celebrating the news of the Green Flag Award

### **Message from the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award**

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at St Bede's Catholic High School have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

It's wonderful that you have appointed such a large Eco-Committee with the support of 10 adults, this shows your school's excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause. Going forward we would love to see your pupils being responsible for completing meeting minutes, this helps them develop new skills and take ownership of the Eco-Schools programme. The fact that your environmental review provided the basis for your school development plan is fantastic and that it was shared with the wider

school community. We're really impressed at how you've linked environmental issues to such a wide variety of curriculum areas. This approach looks at the big issue of climate change in a holistic way, which is the best approach to understanding and appreciating the enormity of the issue. Great work!

Everyone involved in Eco-Schools at your school should take immense pride from the parental quote provided. It's a great demonstration that you are going the extra mile to enable young people's passion for environmentalism and by doing so you are also enriching their school life!

The Headmasters Blog was great to see and a great way to inspire, inform and involve others. We love that your pupils have taken their great work beyond the school gates and into their homes and local community. This is a very challenging aspect of the Eco-Schools programme, so your Eco-Committee should be very proud of their successes in this area! I hope you and your Eco-Committee take great pride in your achievements, when listed it's almost astonishing how many there are - everyone involved should be incredibly proud of the changes they have made!

Your Eco-Code sets out clear tangible and accessible calls to action for your whole school to get behind, well done! You have provided a wealth of information on the work you have completed. We loved the group statements. It's clear that your pupils are passionate about global issues and making the necessary changes required. Overall, this has been an excellent application to review. It's been incredibly heartening and inspiring to see how fully your pupils have engaged with the programme and the work that they've done has simply been astonishing - so creative, wide-spread and embedded in curriculum studies. Congratulations on achieving Eco-Schools Green Flag Award!



## Sports Day is Huge Success

Sports Day took place on Tuesday 12th July- our first one since the pandemic began in March 2020. It was a real pleasure to run the event given the disruption over the last couple of years. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the course of the day. For many of our students, it was their first ever St Bede's Sports Day. What a great way to sign off a fantastic year of sport!





## A Thank You Afternoon Tea in the Laudato Si Garden

Mrs Ali Guy and Jacinta cooked up an excellent afternoon tea as a thank you to the Ormskirk School Pastors. This was a gesture of appreciation for all their support this year. There were delicious sandwiches, cakes, tea and other refreshments on offer, all consumed in the tranquillity of our newly established sensory garden. Mr Denton and Mrs Woods were there to sample the food and thank the pastors on behalf of our school community.



Dave Mutch presented Mr Denton with a leaving gift from the school pastors.



## Year 7s Inspiring Art Club

Year 7 art club meet up on a Monday lunchtimes. In that time, they have created abstract clay tiles using relief and sgraffito. Once these tiles had been fired, they painted them black as a background and have started to add colour using colouring pencils. We love the effect.



## Year 10 are in Business!

Year 10 completed a week's worth of Business and Enterprise activities. There was lots of fun and lots of learning! Hopefully, they are now all ready for their college applications and course discussions next year!



## Reading everywhere at St Bede's

### Reading Champions IV

Our final Reading Champions of the year have been selected for their excellent punctuality and attendance to the morning reading sessions with Miss Ferries, Miss Adams, the Year 10 and 11 volunteers, and our School Pastors.

**Grace Ashcroft, Millie Phillips, and Sophia Stobbs** (all from Miss McDowall's form) have been recognised with certificates and £10 Amazon vouchers. Well done and keep up the reading over the summer holidays!

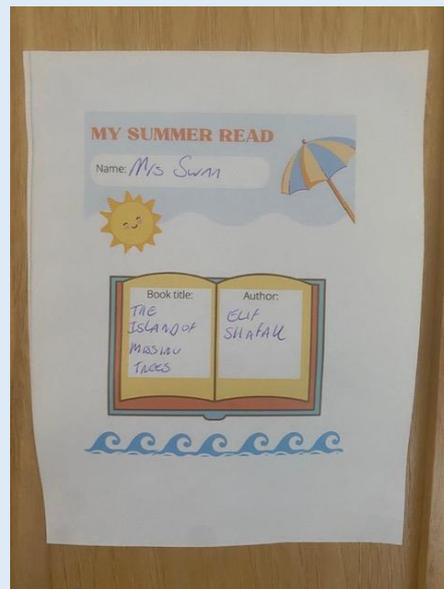
Did you know that reading for just 15 minutes a day is enough to see accelerated reading gains? Anything above 15 minutes per day is a bonus which will advance reading ages even more.

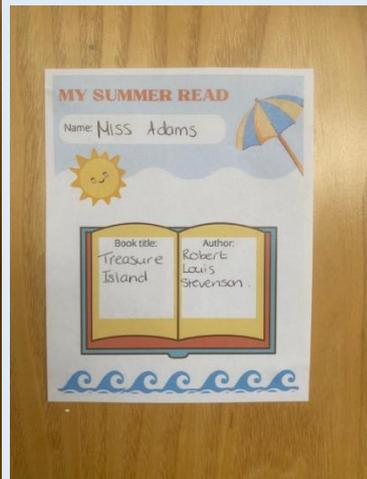
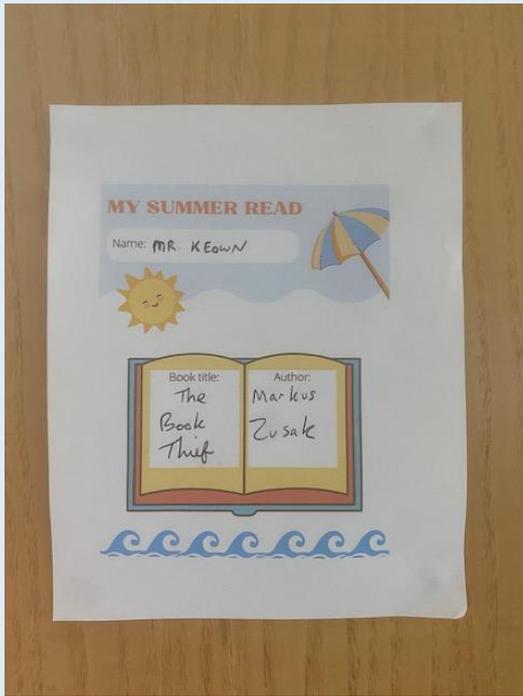


## Teachers' Summer Reads

Teachers have been sharing what they plan to read over the summer holidays on these signs on their classroom doors.

What do you plan to read this summer? Please send us pictures of you reading on holiday to be featured in a display!





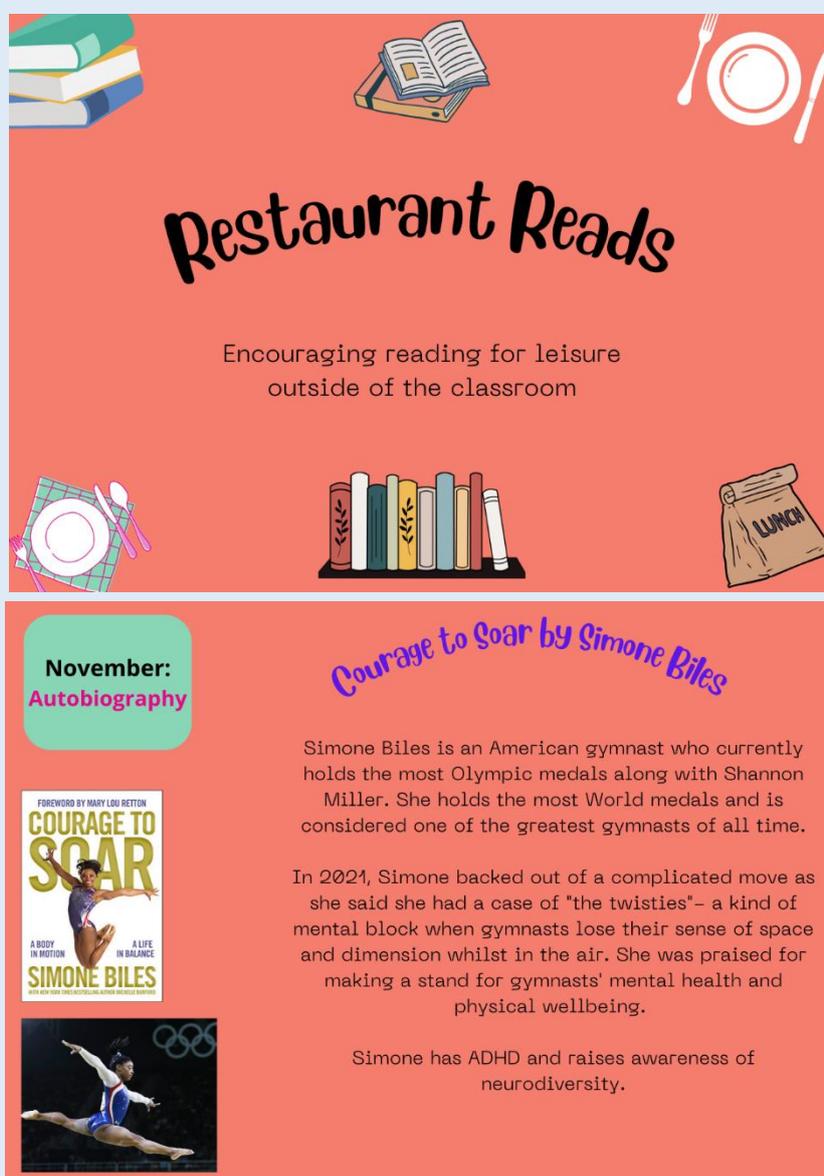
## Restaurant Reads- launching September 2022

We are excited to reveal a new reading initiative for the next school year which will run in the dinner hall every Friday lunchtime.

Students will enter the dinner hall to find laminated extracts from a wide variety of literature to read as they eat. The projector will have a slide featuring pictures of the author and the book's front cover, along with a plot synopsis and information on the author to spark their interests and encourage them to read them. There may just be thematic song playlists each week too!

Each month will focus on a different genre including gothic horror, love stories, autobiographies and more. It is an exciting new project which will foster an interest in reading, introducing students to literature they may not have come across before.

Our selection of authors is richly diverse with a mixture of classic and contemporary literature.



The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a light orange background. At the top, there are three icons: a stack of books, an open book, and a plate with a fork and knife. In the center, the text 'Restaurant Reads' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below this, in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, is the text 'Encouraging reading for leisure outside of the classroom'. At the bottom, there are three more icons: a plate with a fork and knife, a row of books, and a brown paper lunch bag with the word 'LUNCH' written on it.

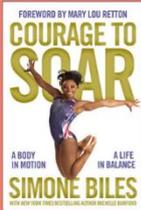
**November:**  
Autobiography

*Courage to Soar by Simone Biles*

Simone Biles is an American gymnast who currently holds the most Olympic medals along with Shannon Miller. She holds the most World medals and is considered one of the greatest gymnasts of all time.

In 2021, Simone backed out of a complicated move as she said she had a case of "the twisties"- a kind of mental block when gymnasts lose their sense of space and dimension whilst in the air. She was praised for making a stand for gymnasts' mental health and physical wellbeing.

Simone has ADHD and raises awareness of neurodiversity.




## Bark and Read: Merlin Returns!

Merlin, our therapy dog, came back to visit us this Friday to work with some of our pupils and encourage reading in his relaxing company!

Merlin is a trained therapy animal whose placid temperament makes children feel secure and happy to open up in conversation and to link reading with him as an enjoyable pastime.



## England v Austria, Opening match, Women's Euros 2022

When we arrived at Old Trafford the atmosphere was amazing! We walked around the ground and then got to the Stretford End (where we were sitting). After making our way through the turnstile, the

excitement began to build up even more. Old Trafford was booming! We approached our seats and watched the crowd grow as we moved closer to kick-off.

Just before kick-off, an incredible opening ceremony began. Fireworks and smoke filled the pitch and the performers danced and created a great welcome for the Euros 2022. The players then came out of the tunnel- what a moment!

The crowd roared with excitement and soon the whistle blew and the game was underway. 15 minutes and 51 seconds in and Beth Mead scored a cracking goal, and the crowd went wild. It was checked by VAR and it stood! England 1 - 0 Austria!

68,000 people had filled Old Trafford, what an astonishing amount- an official new record! England had a couple more chances, but the final score was 1 - 0.

As a school we had experienced such a special night of excitement and overall enjoyment.

Personally, I can't wait to see where women's football will be in the future and will continue to follow and support it as it grows bigger and bigger.

Written by Harriet Maher.

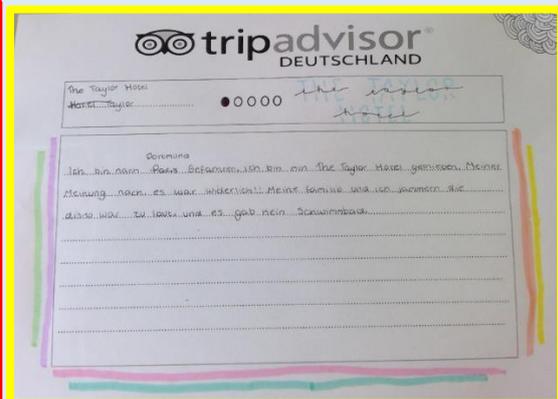
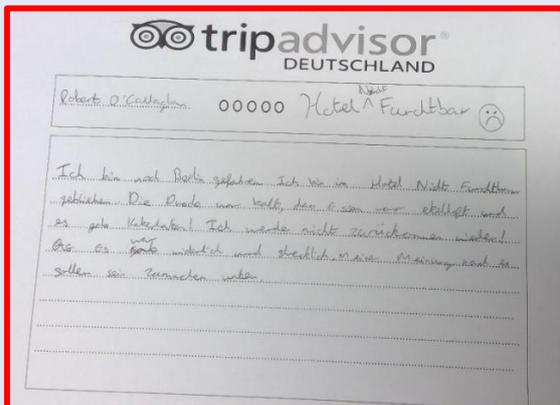
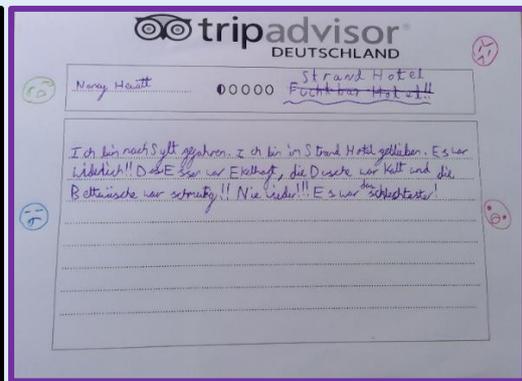
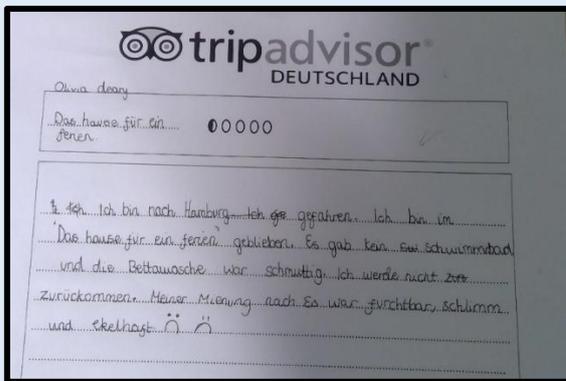


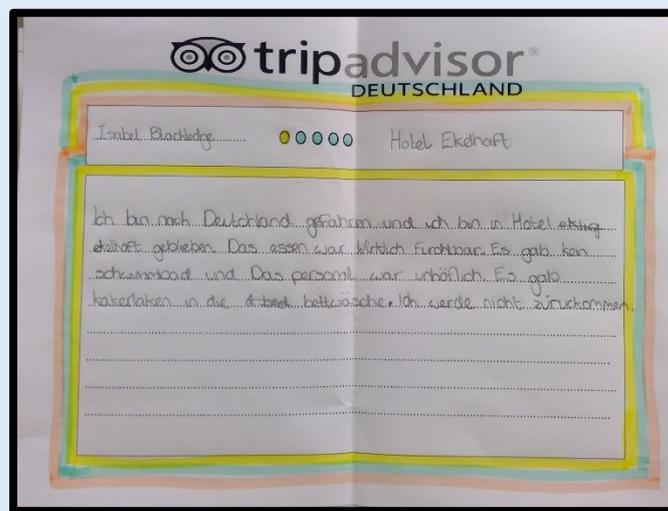
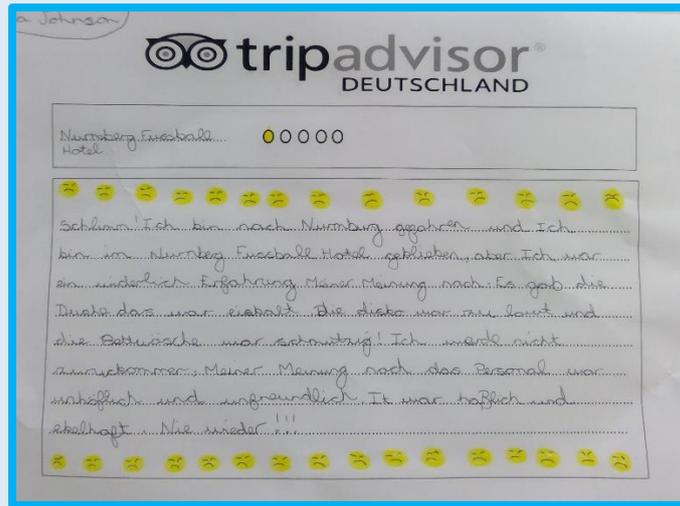


## MFL News

### Year 7 German

We have been learning how to use the past tense to talk about things that have gone wrong on holiday. Pupils got to write negative TripAdvisor Reviews about awful hotel experiences, and a couple of them did their review in the form of a dramatic sketch!





## La Joconde

Part of the Year 8 unit of study about Paris involved pupils trying to work out who had stolen the Mona Lisa from the Louvre; they had to write an alibi then interrogate each other. Following on from that, pupils got to have a go at recreating their OWN Mona Lisa painting, and we also spent some time finding out more about the life and work of the great Leonardo da Vinci. In French, the Mona Lisa is referred to as La Joconde.



## Youthbridge Award – WINNER !!

We would like to say a massive congratulations to **Padraig Lawell** who has been selected as our Youthbridge German Award WINNER by the British German Association. Pod created an incredibly impressive research project, completely in German all about Jürgen Klopp. He must certainly have impressed the judges as he WON! He has won a certificate, an Eye Witness Guide to Germany book and £40 in cash! Sehr gut gemacht! 😊



Tour  
France 2022



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This year's tour started on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July in Copenhagen with over 200 riders.

Our school competition is also well underway. Pupils have picked a cyclist out of our draw, and if that cyclist wins a stage, they get a prize. Camara Varey in year 8 has won twice already as her cyclist Wout Van Aert has sprinted home to win two stages! Check out our MFL Instagram page every night for



updates - @stbedesormskirkmfl

At the end of the tour, the top 3 overall winners will be announced in Paris. If you picked one of these three, you will win a £5 amazon voucher and you will receive it in September!

The 2022 Women's World Tour calendar will host the most talked about event of the year with the return of La Course de France held from July 24 to July 31.



Merci / danke and au revoir / auf wiedersehen !

We want to say a big thank you to Mrs Harris and Mr Denton for all the support and love they have shown for the MFL department over the years. We will really miss them both and hope that they continue to push themselves in their language learning: Mrs Harris in French and Mr Denton in Italian.

Here are two of our favourite pictures from your MFL adventures:



Finally, after our first full school year back after lock downs, the MFL department would like to wish everyone a happy, relaxing and fun summer. If you are abroad, be GRITTY (YOUR WORLD) and embrace the culture of the country you are in. Even better if you have a go at speaking their language!

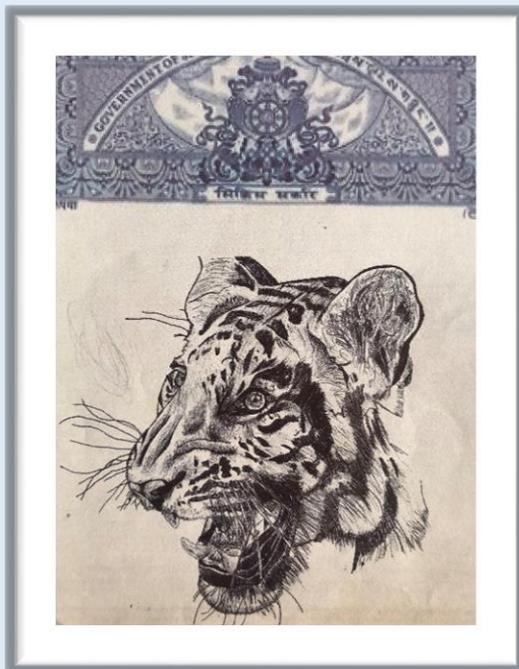


## Amazing Art

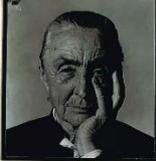
### Sketchbook work

After a long year, we are really proud to show off the beautiful sketchbook work produced by our hard-working students. Well done all.





*georgia o'keeffe*



Georgia O'Keeffe or Georgia Totto O'Keeffe was an American modernist artist. She was world renowned for her paintings of enlarged flowers. She was also known for her paintings of New York skyscrapers and New Mexico landscapes. New Mexico is also her place of death, 6<sup>th</sup> March 1986, at the age of 98.



Some of Georgia's most famous paintings were: Oriental Poppies, Ram's Head White Hollyhock and Little Hills, Jimson Weed White Flower, Sky Above Clouds IV, Summer Days, Blue and Green music, Red Canna and Radiator building - Night, New York.

In 1972 due to macular degeneration, Georgia lost central vision and so, she began making pots because it had become difficult for her to paint sky above clouds, for instance was painted with assistance.

Georgia O'Keeffe holds the record for the highest price painting sold by a woman, in 2014 one of her flower painting, (Jimson weed/white flower) sold for \$44.4 million. She was one of the Most significant artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Georgia created more than 2000 in her career, 200 of them paintings being flowers. She loved to draw nature from the back seat of a Model-A Ford. She also quit painting 3 times in her career.



My personal opinion on Georgia O'Keeffe is that her work and career was very unique and outstanding. She was a pioneer. Her work zooms in more on the simpler part of art and the wide variety of colours that would make her work stand out over others. The range of natural forms she would compose





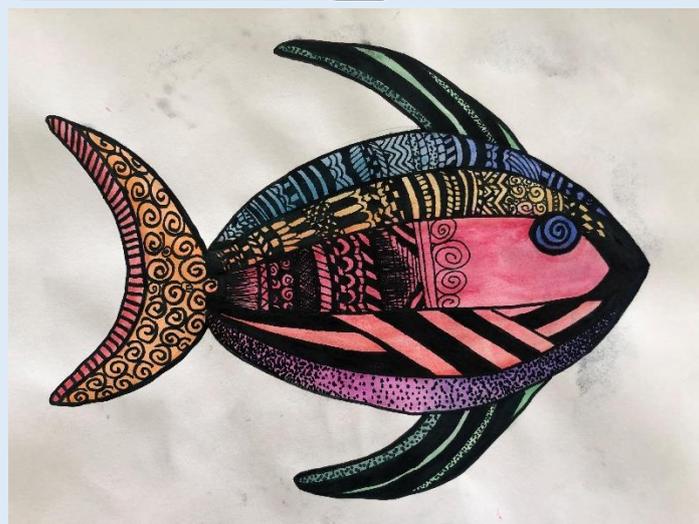
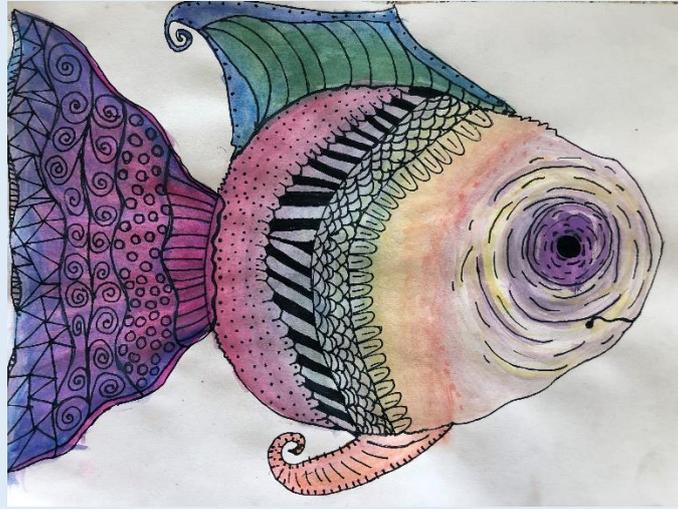




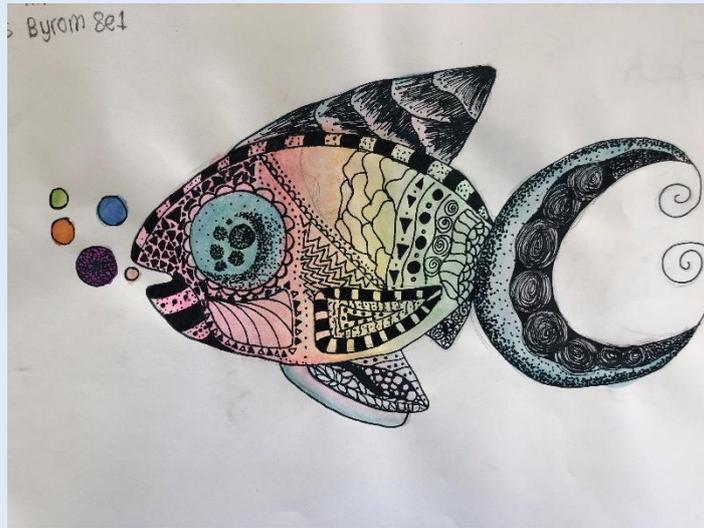


Year 8

Year 8 have finished the year producing beautiful watercolour fishes adding pen patterns inside, inspired by Jason Scarpace. Well done year 8, they are beautiful!



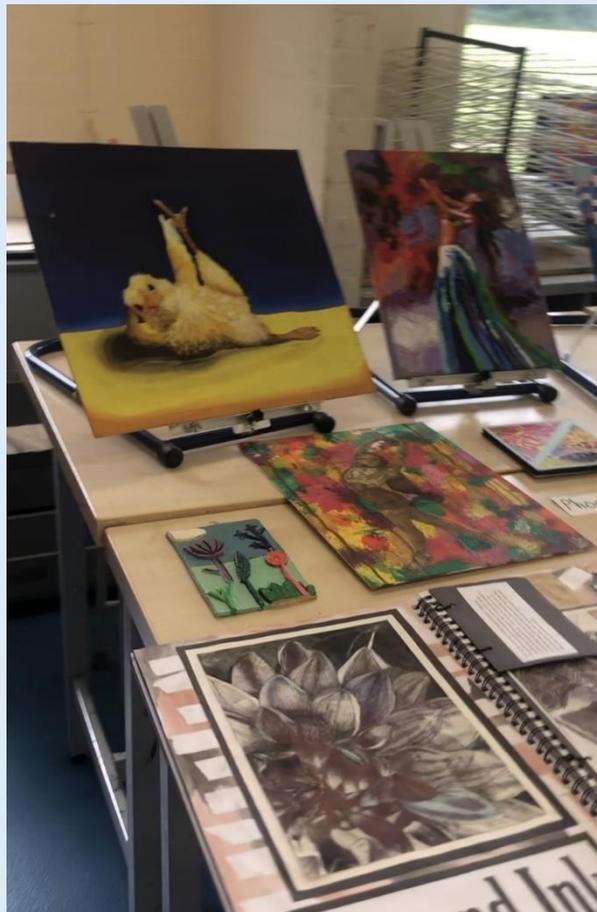


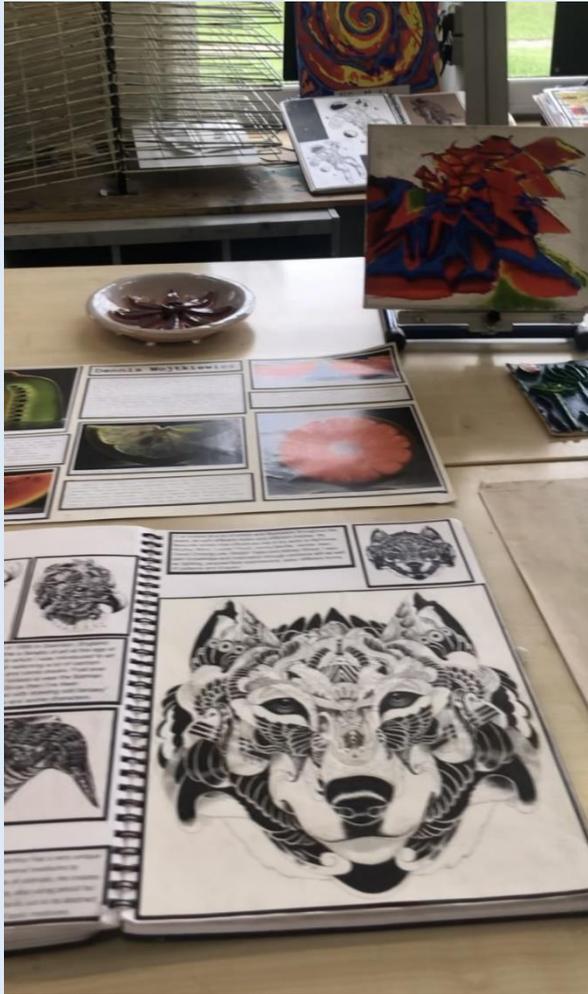


## Art exhibition

This week we had our annual art exhibition to celebrate the current year 11's work. A massive thank you to Mrs Morris for organising this exhibition, setting it up and making it an amazing show. Thank you to all the staff, pupils and families who came to visit; it was a wonderful evening, showcasing brilliant work.









## Thank you

Finally, just a thank you from me to all the parents who have offered the stories of your child's and others' great successes outside of school. We are so proud to work at a school with such strong parental support. I hope that you can see that your children are surrounded with our values of love, faith and hope in school. Our staff go above and beyond to support them spiritually, academically and personally in order to offer the wonderful education which is rich and varied.

I wish you all the very best this summer and beyond.

God bless, Mr Denton