

# The Weekly Buzz

19 October 2020

**The Haunted House  
& much more**





# Headmaster's letter



We've made it to half term and pleasingly have stayed fully open throughout. That is no mean achievement and very much based on the way students, staff and parents have understood and respected the restrictions we are having to work with at this time. I thank you all and look forward to this continuing through the next half term.

This two week holiday is traditionally a time for trips away. Obviously we are much more limited in where we can go at the moment, both in and out of England (and I am having to say that instead of the UK these days as well). The government advice is not to travel overseas but I know many of you have families abroad and this may your first chance to visit in quite a long time. I know you will have been mindful of which countries have air bridges to England but we also know that can change at short notice. If you do find yourselves in the position of quarantining on return please let school know as soon as possible.

It has been announced that London moves to Tier 2 of the latest pandemic restrictions this weekend. It is very possible that could be Tier 3 by the time we return in November, or that we find ourselves in a "circuit-breaker" lockdown; the latter may mean a temporary school closure – the current NI lockdown has closed schools for two weeks. We hope it does not happen here but if so, as with the earlier national lockdown, we will move our regular timetable online. All students have been reminded to take home their iPad and anything else they may need to work from home should we find ourselves in that position.



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# Headmaster's letter

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So once again we are preparing for the worst and hoping for the best. Whatever happens, I know we can meet these challenges as a community, as we have done before.

Wherever the next two weeks takes you, I hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bradbury', with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

David Bradbury



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# Noticeboard

## WEEK 1

### Monday

**Soup of the Day (Vegan)**

**Main Meat Free:**  
Beef Chilli with Tacos

**Meat Free:**  
Veg Chilli with Tacos

**To Go With:**  
Mashed Potato  
Rice  
Sweetcorn

**Dessert:**  
Flapjack

## Lunch MENU

### Tuesday

**Soup of the Day (Vegan)**

**Main:**  
Thai Green Curry

**Meat Free:**  
Veg Thai Curry

**To Go With:**  
Cauliflower  
Rice  
Peas

**Dessert:**  
Chocolate Cake

### THURSDAY

**Soup of the Day (Vegan)**

**Main:**  
Butter Chicken

**Meat Free:**  
Veg Curry

**To Go With:**  
Rice  
Bean  
Courgette

**Dessert:**  
Pineapple Cake

### Wednesday

**Soup of the Day (Vegan)**

**Main:**  
Roasted Gammon

**Meat Free:**  
Quorn Roast

**To Go With:**  
Roasted Carrot  
Roasted Potato  
Swede

**Dessert:**  
Banoffee cheese cake

### Every Day

Salad Bar  
Fresh Fruit  
Yoghurt

### Friday

**Soup of the Day (Vegan)**

**Main:**  
Fish

**Meat Free:**  
Veggie Finger

**To Go With:**  
Oven Baked Fries  
Crushed Peas  
Baked Beans

**Dessert:**  
Shortbread

our awards!



Gluten-free options available on each day



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## YEAR 11 SCIENCE REVISION SESSIONS



**Wednesday - Physics**

**Thursday - Chemistry**

**Friday - Biology**

**All sessions will run from**

**1:10-1:45pm/H1**



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Dear Parents,

Our school musical this year is **WIZARD OF OZ!** We are very much looking forward to working on this production.

Due to the ever changing COVID restrictions we have Plan A, B and C to action depending on government restrictions at the time of the performance. We have hired JW3 in the first week of March and we will do all we can to ensure the students have an opportunity to perform there this year. It was a huge disappointment when *High School Musical* was cancelled last year and we are working hard to avoid similar disappointment this time around.

Portland Place Music logo (musical note) and PPS Drama logo (scales).

**WIZARD OF OZ**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
November**

**4pm**

**AUDITIONS**

Silhouettes of the Wicked Witch, Dorothy, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion.



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Auditions are open to all students in the school and they will take place the first week back after half term. Students must attend *both* parts of the audition:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

More information about production and the rehearsal process will be shared with the students on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Rehearsals will take place every Tuesday and Wednesday after school (4.00pm - 5.30pm), it is important that students consider their workload and other clubs before auditioning. Not all students will be required to attend every rehearsal but students must attend if called for rehearsal.**

Any questions, please email [david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:david.chivers@portland-place.co.uk)

Thank you,

Mr Chivers



# Noticeboard

## Literacy at PPS

### Reading: Parents' Toolkit

**At PPS** all students are encouraged to read for pleasure.

Students in Years 7-8 participate in **Book Buzz programme** and are invited to read and discuss new exciting books and to take part in quizzes to encourage reading for pleasure.

In addition, all students in Years 7-10 have a **timetabled Library lesson**, as part of their English lesson entitlement. We are eager to nurture a community of staff and students who are rooted in reading.

SEN students participate in our **Morning Reading Provision** five days a week; some of them are using dyslexia- friendly books.

Everyone is encouraged to use **e-learning platform**, using their personal school login and the password: portlandplace. This platform additionally allows editing the background, spacing and font type of the e-books.

**We would ask you to encourage your children to establish and maintain a regular pattern of wider reading.**

#### Reading ideas:

- **Paired Reading**

This is a way to support readers. You both read the book out loud together, with the student setting the pace. If s/he feels able to read a little on her/his own, s/he can give a signal such as a knock on the table or a gentle nudge. If s/he stumbles over a word, you tell the student what it is and carry on reading until the signal is given again. This helps the reader grow in confidence.



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- **Using reading prompts**

Reading prompts are strategies that students learn to use in order to help them read and make sense of words that are challenging or unfamiliar. For successful readers, these prompts become second nature and an integral part of their reading skills toolkit.

Less successful readers need encouragement to use reading prompts whenever they read. By reinforcing the importance of the reading prompts, we can help readers to feel more confident and ultimately more independent when accessing a text.

**Reading prompts:**

- Sounding out words (using the sounds the letters make in that word)
- Finding smaller words inside longer ones (es-cape)
- Using the rest of the sentence to help with a difficult word (to find the meaning)
- Using other clues on the page to help them read accurately (including graphics and pictures)
- Re-reading the preceding words when stuck (this might mean a word or two, or part of a paragraph)
- Breaking down longer words (cha-rac-ter)
- Knowing that sometimes it doesn't matter (if the unknown word does not hinder understanding, you can move on and deal with it another time).



# Extra Languages 2020-2021

<b>RUSSIAN</b>	<b>JAPANESE</b>	<b>ARABIC</b>	<b>CHINESE Mandarin</b>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	
<i>Lunch time Room 24</i>	<i>After school Room 36</i>	<i>After school Room 36</i>	<i>Starting week of 9 Nov. Date and time TBC</i>
<i>Ms Zalesny</i>	<i>Ms Eren</i>	<i>Mrs Elshlmani</i>	
Harrison B-T Y6	Gabriel A Y8	Rafer M Y7	Avi W Y7
Mia L Y6	Arjun L Y9	Kadi B Y7	Rachel W Y8
Iasmin M Y6	Jenny Z Y8	Gene A-T Y9	Samara A-M Y8
Humphrey B Y6	Emily Z Y8	Rhiya H Y7	Mia L Y6
Sasha C Y8	Huxley N Y8		Harrison B-T Y6
Lloyd D Y9	Harry P Y9		Miguel P-P Y8
	Avi W Y7		Irene P- P Y10
	Rachel W Y8		Humphrey B Y6
	Albert T Y8		Miyu A Y9
	Irene P- P Y10		Zaid Al-Q Y6
	Zaid Al-Q Y6		Basma Al- Y6
	Samara M Y8		German R Y8
	Sam Os Y8		Martin R Y7

**Arabic** classes start on Weds 4th November after school (Room 36).  
**Mandarin** starts w/c 9th November, date and time confirmed soon.



## Post 16 Options

Belinda Carvalho, librarian, has now taken on the role of Post- 16 Progression Advisor. Please direct any queries on Sixth form colleges and further options to her on [belinda.carvalho@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:belinda.carvalho@portland-place.co.uk) and she will be happy to help.

Colleges and schools are currently holding virtual open evenings and smaller in person visits, so please contact any institutions your child might be interested in directly to arrange this.

### Upcoming Open Events

Registration is now open for the virtual events below which are taking place in the coming half-term.

**DLD College** Thursday 15th October



**DLD COLLEGE LONDON: VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING**  
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 6.30PM BST

For everyone interested in studying A Levels, BTEC, GCSEs or International Foundation Programmes at DLD College London. This event will include presentations from school leaders followed by a question & answer session and round up on admissions and scholarships.

**REGISTER NOW**

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**Ashbourne College** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

<https://www.ashbournecollege.co.uk/london-college-events/ashbourne-college-open-evening/>

**Kensington Park School**

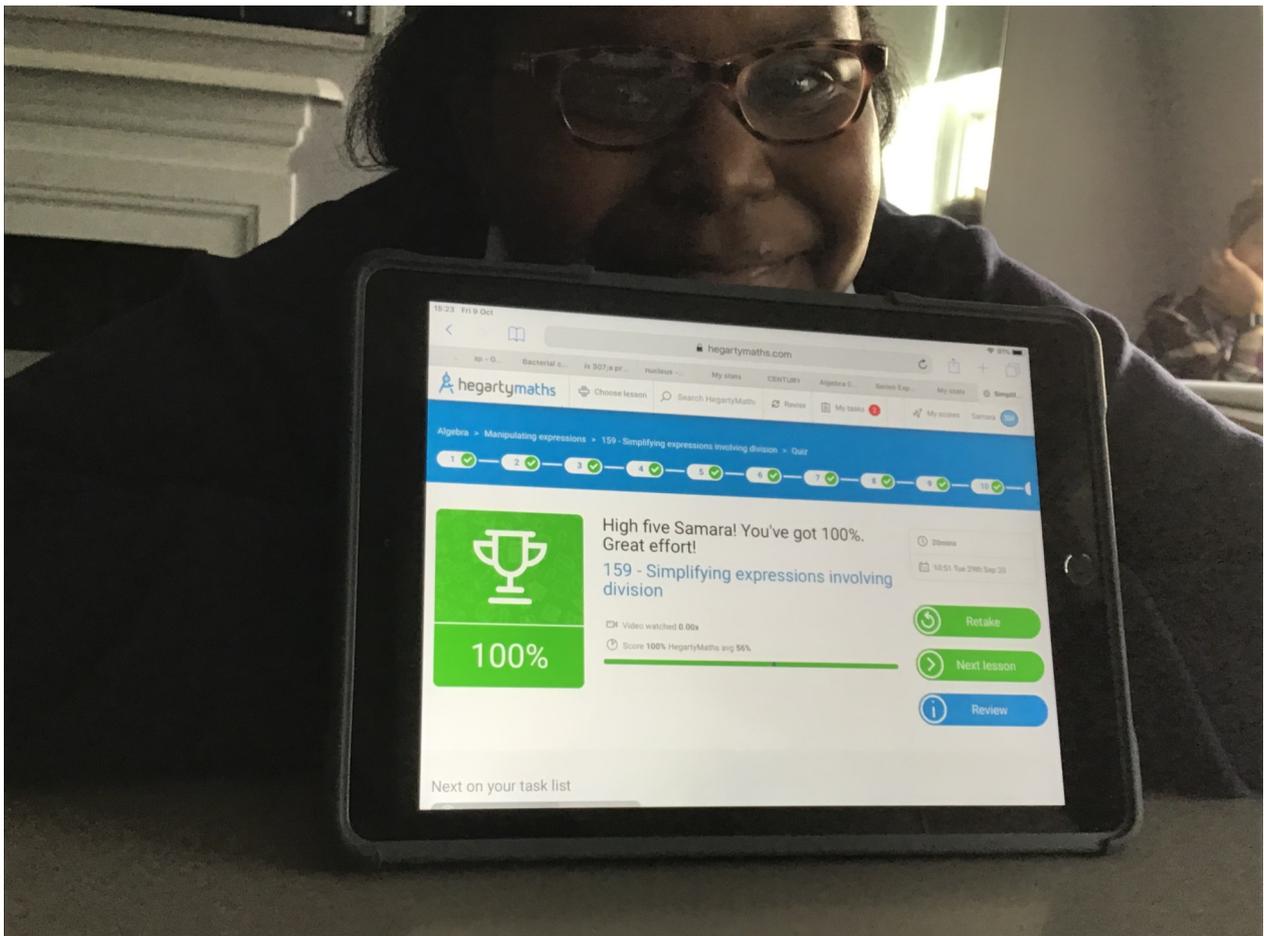
Sixth Form (Years 12 - 13): Thursday 15 October 2020 & Wednesday 18 November 2020

<https://www.kps.co.uk/>

## Maths

Our Year 8 students have been working hard this week on revising for tests on Number and Algebra. Here is Samara Mayers of Year 8 who joined us in September, proudly displaying her excellent **100% score** on a task on Simplifying Expressions.

Great job! Well done, Samara 👍📱



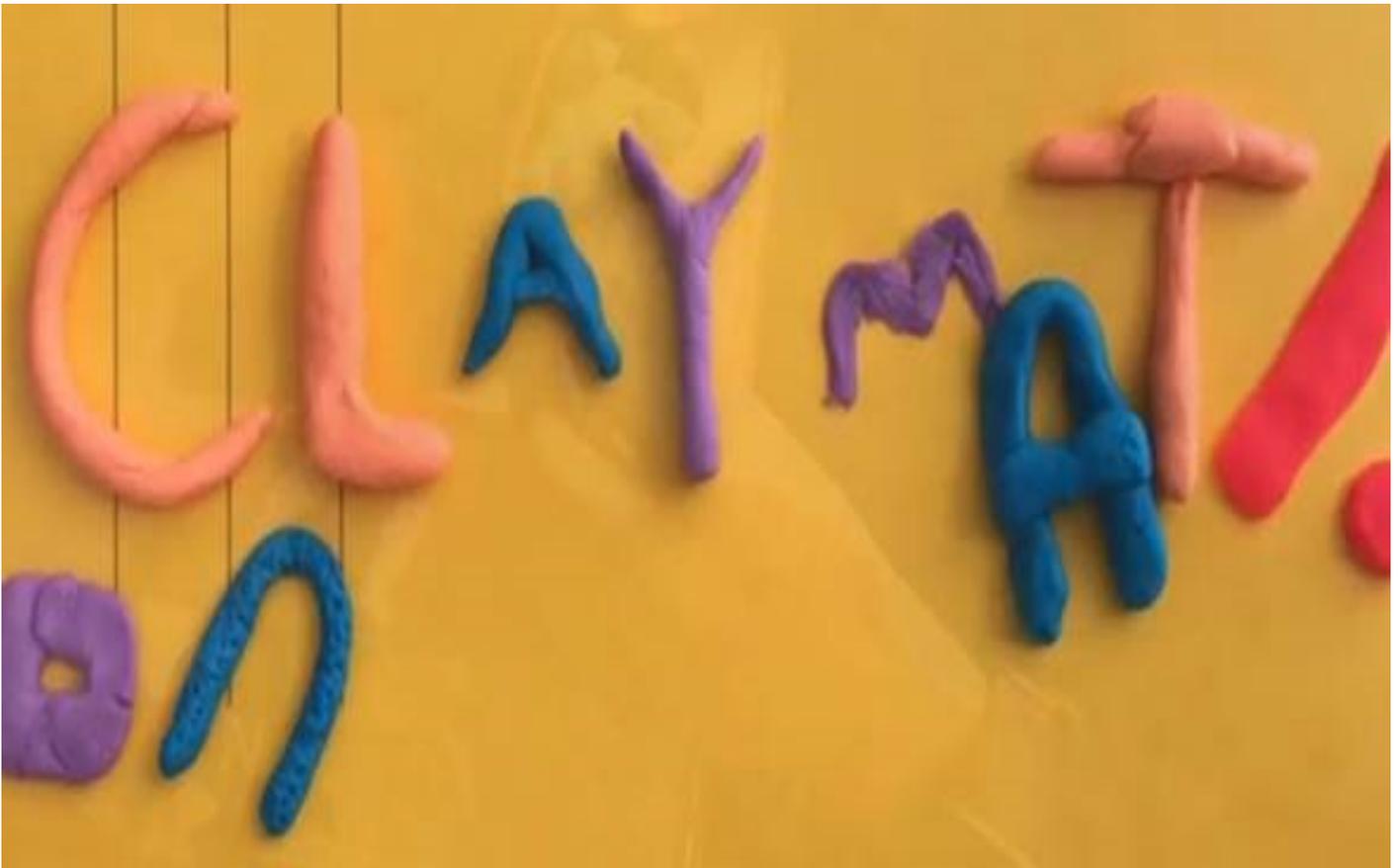
## Art

Lovely piece by Dylan Young (Year 11) as part of his GCSE coursework.



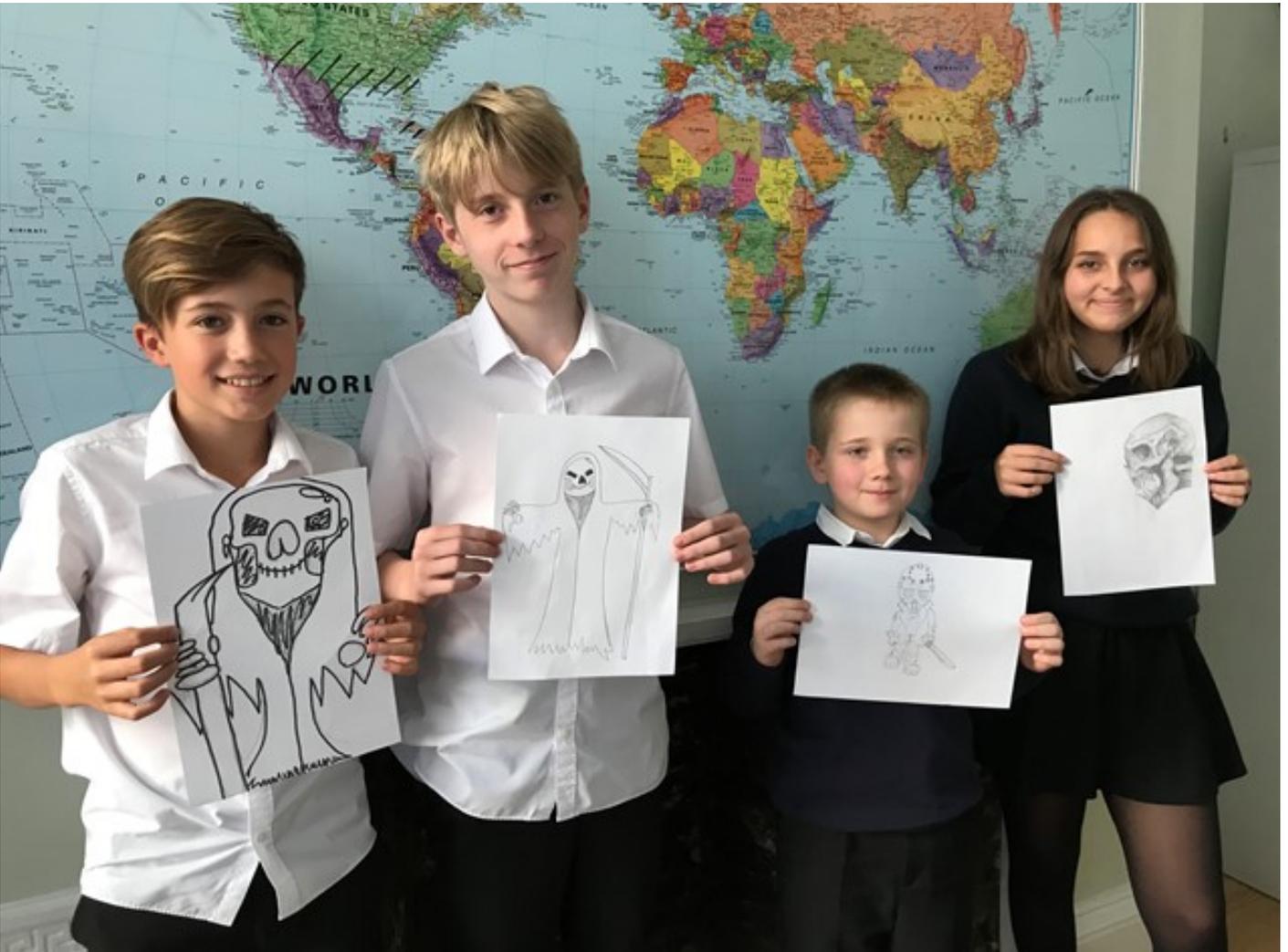
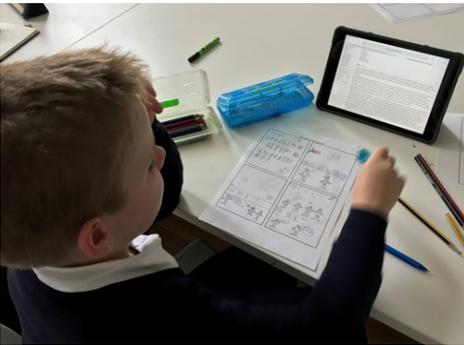
## Claymation

<https://portlandplace.fireflycloud.net/learning-support-1/remote-learning-2/year-9/character-description>



## Comic Club

This week's theme was 'Corpse Tale'

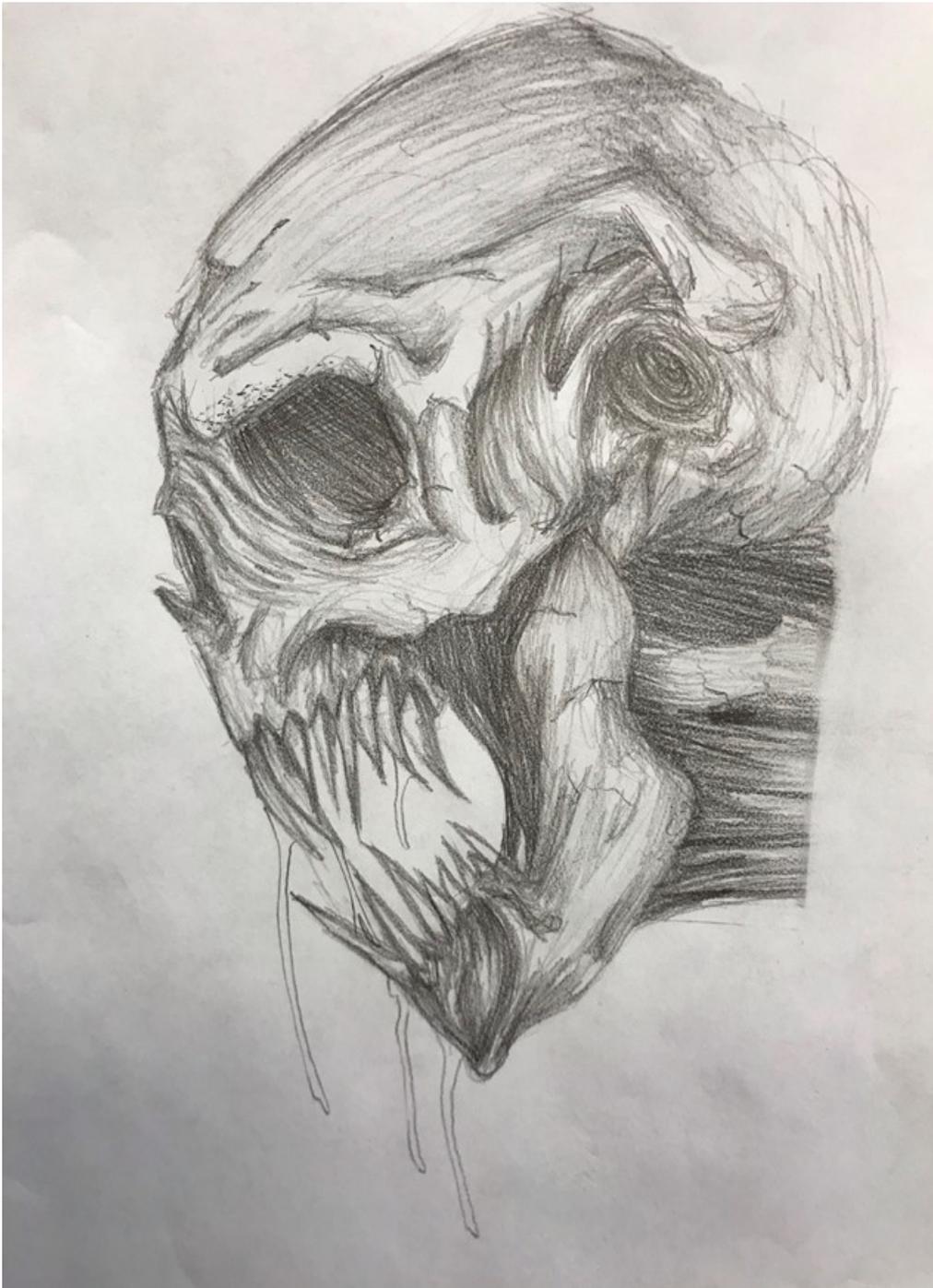




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## Comic Club



Sketched skull by Isabella Trautman, Year 9

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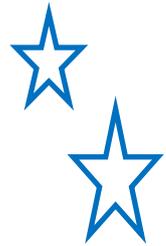
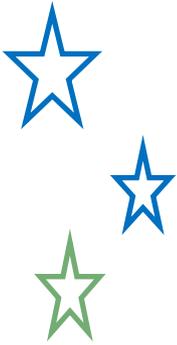


Black blurry skull by Albert Thompson, Year 8.



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**Biology  
Week**

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Well done to Kadi (yr7) for winning the Biology Art Attack Competition!*





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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**To the winners of our**  
**Biology Week Quiz**



## Haunted House 2020

On Thursday evening, Portland Place School was transformed into a haunted house. There were grave-stones of current staff members, giant spiders causing havoc with their webs and some clever creepy photography images lining the corridors. This spooky venue was the setting for our first Year 6/7 event of the year.

The students created monologues about Lord and Lady Darkwood and the many possible stories about their past. They shared their work in fancy dress in a decorated library, music room, dance studio and school hall...even Mr Bradbury made an appearance!



As some of you know, this work is usually showcased in front of a live audience. This year we had a film crew piecing the work together. We will be sharing the recording with parents and students once the editing is complete.

Thank you to all the staff that made this event so successful. It was lovely to see many excited students having fun and doing what children do best at Halloween; for a couple of hours on Thursday night everything felt normal again!

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

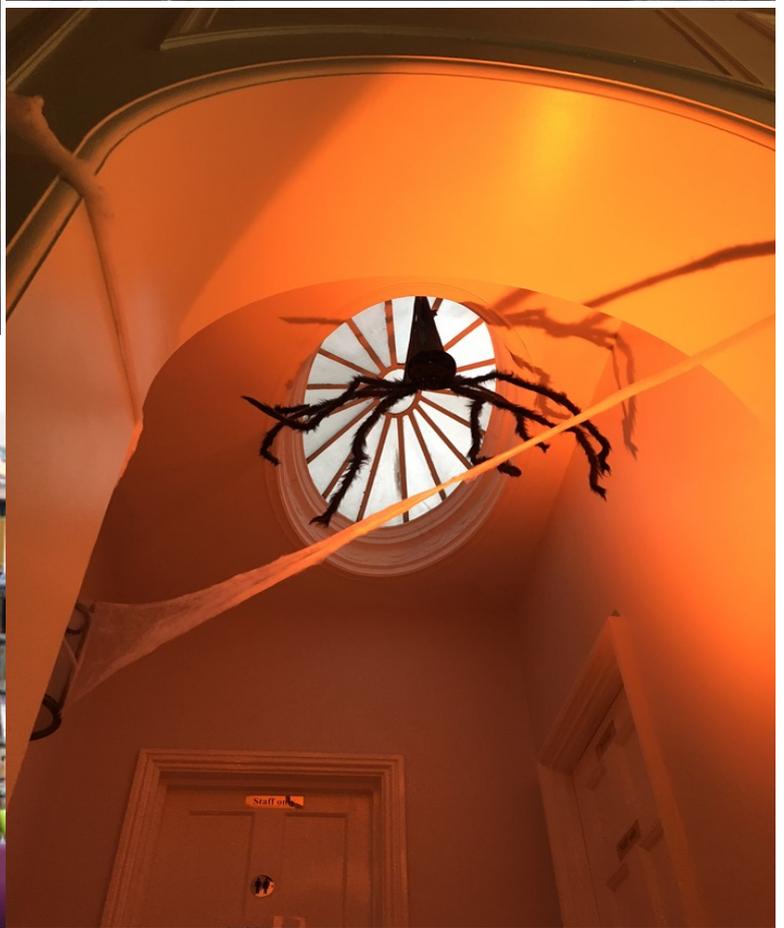
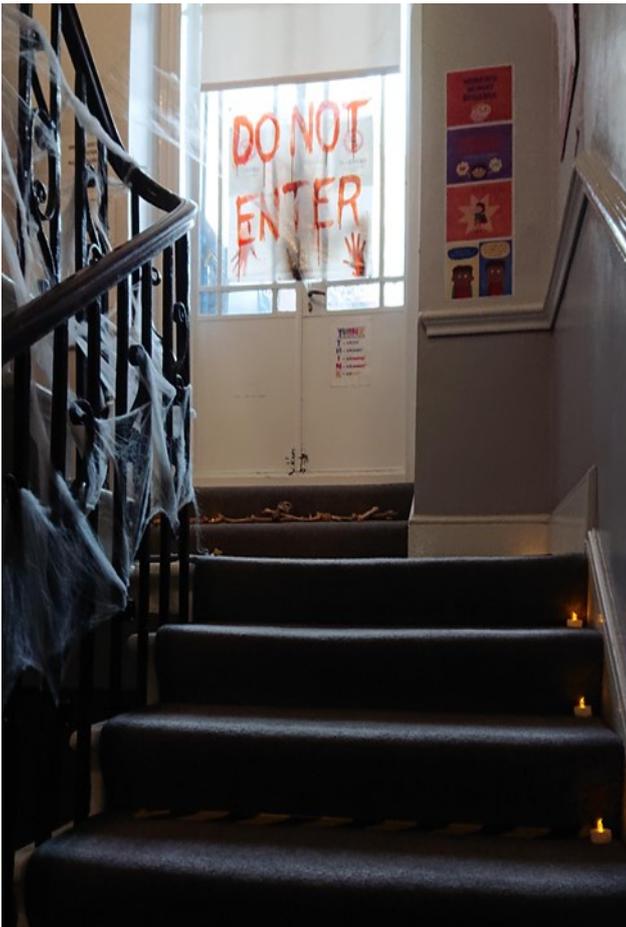
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## English as an Additional Language

This week is about my fantastic **Year 6 students: Daniil, Mia, Susan and Fritz**. Every single week they impress me with their creativity, enthusiasm and hard work and they make me feel very lucky to be their teacher.

In today's lesson we discussed the importance of **values** and each of them had to write a paragraph about one of their values. Below is their great work:

**Mia:** "Family is really important to me! Everyone in my family is really nice and kind. I love them! Sometimes we go to the park and have a picnic, sometimes we watch a movie. I'm very lucky to have them and I want to say a big thank you to my mum and dad."

**Susan:** "Love is essential to me because if you are loved you can be very happy. You can love your friends, parents and even your teachers. I feel it is important to give and receive love. Curiosity is another great value. If you are curious, things and develop your scientist, librarian or anything



you can keep learning new knowledge. You can be a singer, else if you practise curiosity."

**Fritzi:** "Family is the most important thing to me because all my family members help me every day. They encourage me, cook delicious food for me and buy me lovely things. I am blessed to have them in my life. My brothers always help me with my homework and my mum always books great trips for the weekend. My dad is a great chef, and he cooks fantastic food for us."

**Daniil:** "Healthy eating is very important to me and I feel that sushi is healthy because it contains rice, salmon, avocado and sometimes eggs. Last time I ate sushi was just a week ago. My favourite sushi restaurant is Wasabi."

Thank you and have a restful half term! Miss Florea



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## Covid-Safe Chess



## Photography Enrichment

The final week for the first Photography Enrichment group saw the 10 students don their smiles and 'can-do' attitudes as we hit the streets for some urban photography. Armed with only their smartphones and natural wit, the students were given the task of capturing their local urban environment in a new and exciting way, to give the rest of Portland Place refreshing and unusual viewpoints. The outcomes are bold, humorous, and uniquely 'Portland Place'.

These students have had an incredible six weeks, learning a lot about the subject and working with each other in various settings. We hope you enjoy viewing these moments as much as they enjoyed capturing them.

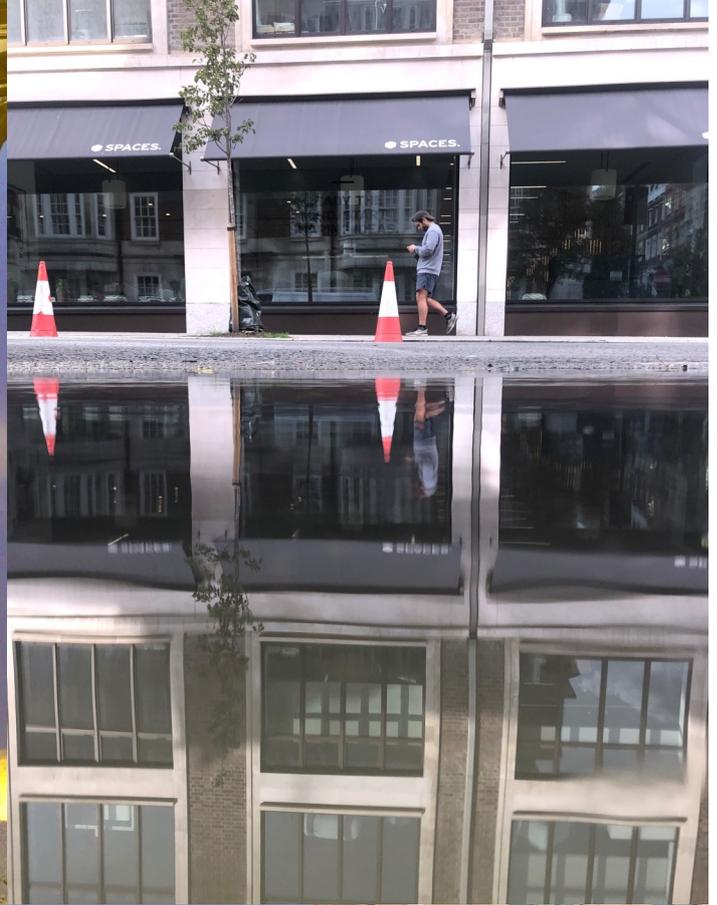
Well done to the following students for their participation: Josh Hallam, Joey Turner-Etridge, Marnie Wilkins, Bosco Buonaguidi, Jake Cossey, Arthur Hales, Cassius Swales, Josh Cooper, Sumayyah Mahmoud, and Lana Tuite.





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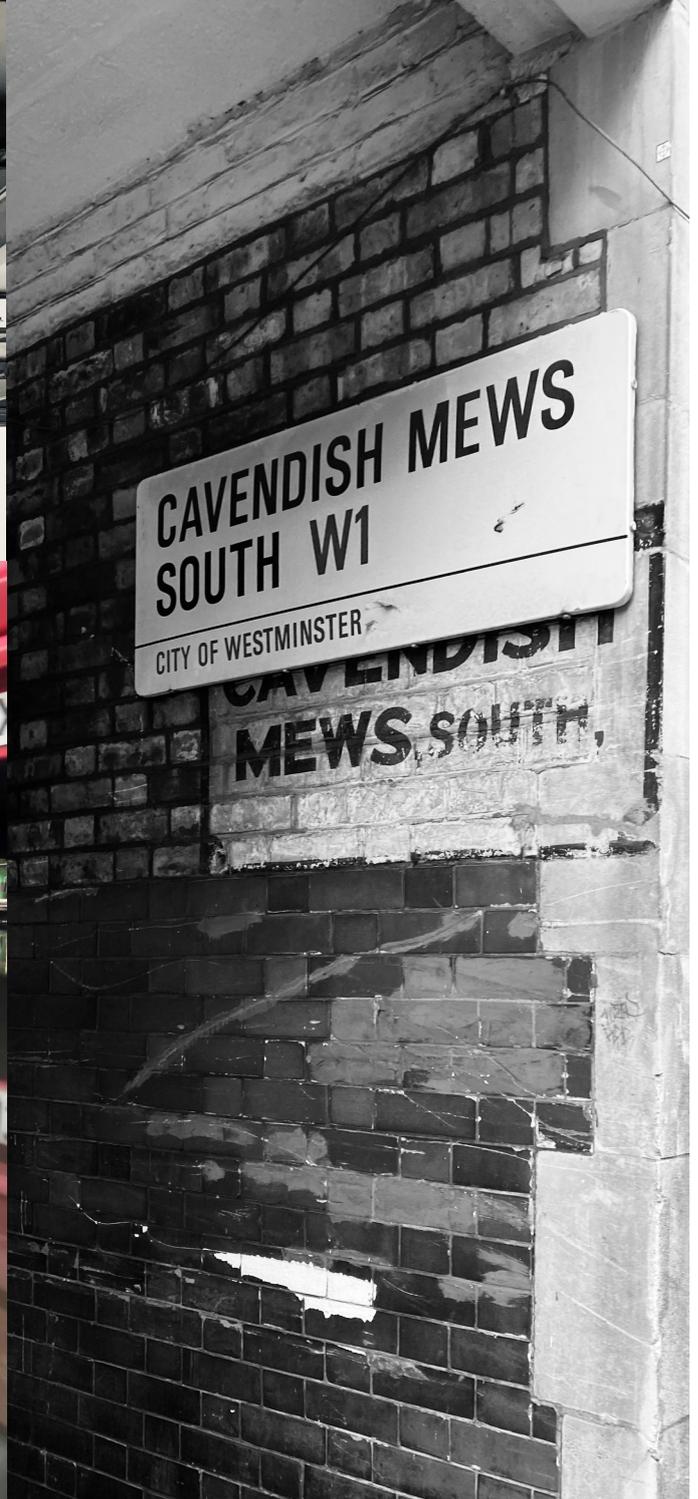
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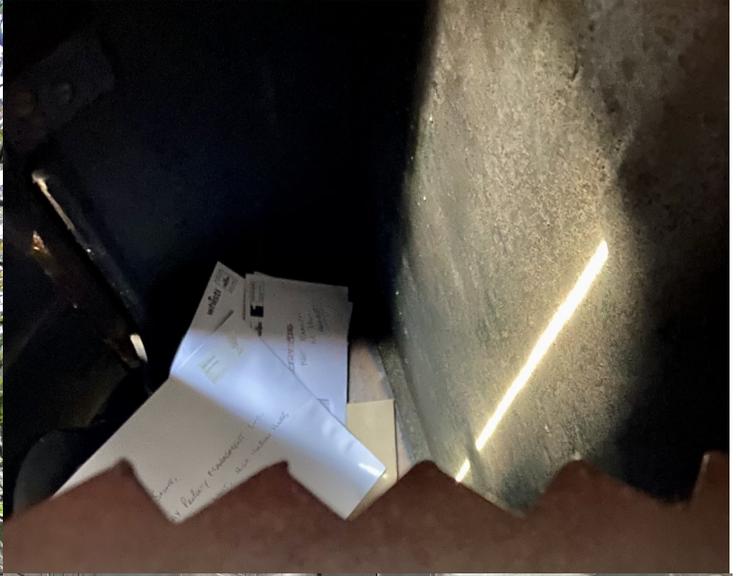
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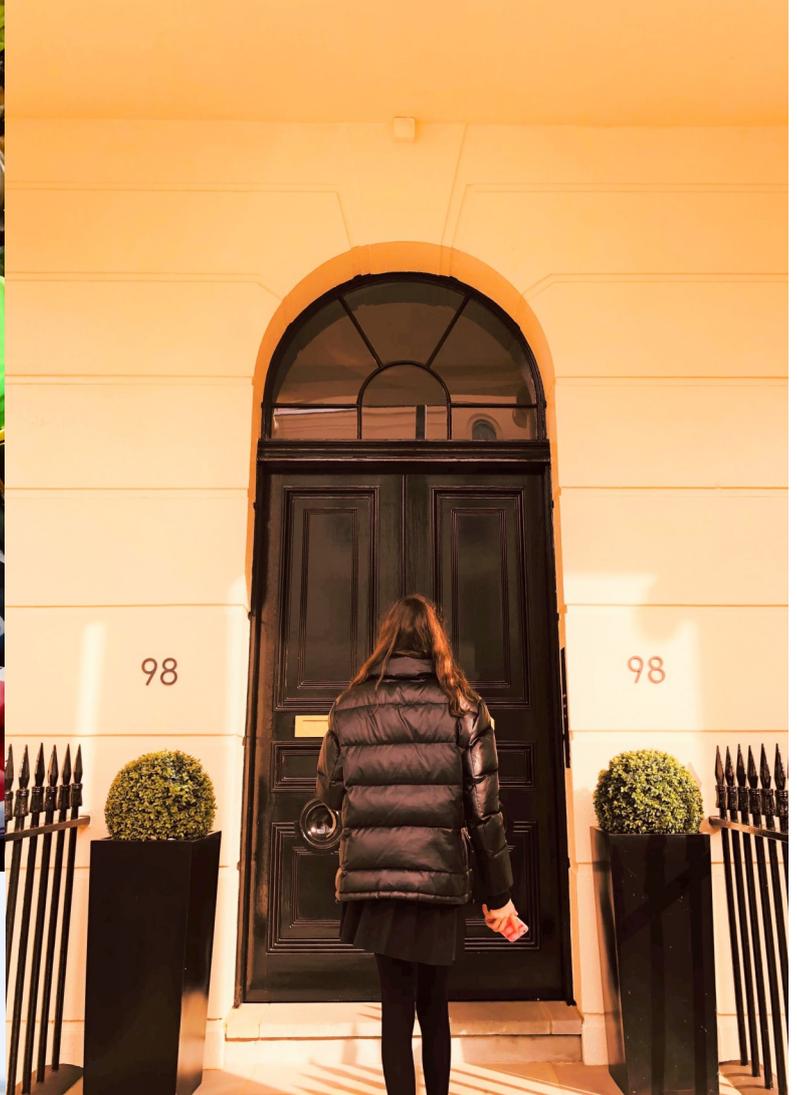
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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to the winners of the  
**Dyslexia Awareness Week Quiz!**

**Leo Newberry Y9**

**Sam Ingram Y11**

**Max Dawson Y7**



The winners each receive a  
£20 voucher!



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# Sports report

## Senior House Football



**1<sup>st</sup> Devonshire**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Cavendish**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Langham**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wigmore**

### Game Results

**Cavendish 2 v 0 Langham (Jake Cossey, Vasilis Koutrakos)**

**Devonshire 2 v 0 Wigmore (Elliot Greenfield x2)**

**Cavendish 1 v 0 Wigmore (Adam Khan)**

**Devonshire 1 v 0 Langham (Elliot Greenfield)**

**Cavendish 0 v 1 Devonshire (Josh Tucker)**

**Langham 3 v 1 Wigmore (Dylan Young x3, Oscar Bolgar)**

## Senior House Football

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October the senior school boys made their way to Regents Park for their first house sports tournament of the year – the ever popular house football tournament!

It was a fantastic morning, every match was well fought, highly entertaining and played in a good spirit. There were highlight reel goals, strong tackles and some silky skills on display!

Well done to Devonshire who won the tournament with a 100% winning record, they were pushed close by Cavendish but a **Josh Tucker** last minute winning goal was the difference in the final round of the tournament. Special mentions go to **Jake Cossey** who scored an excellent goal for Cavendish and **Dylan Young** for his well taken hattrick in the final round for Langham. Player of the tournament goes to **Elliot Greenfield** who was joint top scorer with 3 goals (despite being a defensive player) and led his team to a tournament win.





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## Senior House Football



Josh Tucker in Y10 scored the winning goal in the final game to clinch the tournament for Devonshire



## Junior House Football



1<sup>st</sup> Langham

2<sup>nd</sup> Cavendish

3<sup>rd</sup> Wigmore

4<sup>th</sup> Devonshire

On a cold autumn afternoon, Regents Park was given a show to remember when the Junior House Football pulled up. After a closely fought Senior House Football and the Year 9's waiting to play on Friday this was the first opportunity for some of the younger students in the school to show off their talents and skills that they had learnt throughout the half term at PPS.

With the weather holding off at the start of the round robin tournament it was own goals that took centre stage with 3 being scored in the first two games where defences, although strong, were unable to stop any deflections and poor clearances to be leaked in.

Devonshire, in the first game battled out a close loss against Wigmore with **Sonny Shelton** standing out for the blues and **Lucas Parker** making some strong solo breaks. It was unfortunate that two own goals in the second half allowed Wigmore to gain a 2-1 victory.

## Junior House Football

With Cavendish drawing their first game they were on fire in the next two, scoring SEVEN fantastic goals which included a stunning header from **Martin Ris**, some brilliant solo attempts by **Maxim Mydlar** and **Leo Bennett** playing the holding man up-front scoring a couple of goals himself. Throughout the tournament, the goals were flying in left, right and centre with **Danny Maclean** scoring 5 goals, as well as scoring a magnificent penalty. The whole tournament was a goal fest, with some fabulous solo runs and some fancy footwork from the likes of **Humphrey Boland**, **Rafer Moge** and others showing the PE staff that the Year 6 and 7s could handle their own with the bigger and stronger Year 8s.



Although the attacking was prolific, some defenders stood out with **Igor Petsev** becoming a force to be reckoned with in goal and **Harrison Brudenell-Turpie** throwing his body at anything that was coming towards him. **Joel Gaya** also showed some excellent clearing skills when all had looked to be lost.

A fantastic afternoon of football saw a two-way tie for the lead end in the first ever SUDDEN DEATH penalty shootout between Langham and Cavendish. With one penalty taker each, it was a stunning top corner strike from **Danny Maclean** that won Langham the trophy.



No rain could put a dampener on  
Langham's afternoon

## CLUBS

### Monday

12:50—13:40	Y6-11 Table Tennis Club, PPS Hall
12:50—13:40	Y6-8 Drama Club, Drama Studio
12:50—13:40	Y6-8 Book Club
12:50—13:40	Y11 GCSE Art Club, Ms Osborne, HH12 (invite only)
13:15—13:45	KS3 Science Journal & Book Club, H1

### Tuesday

12:50—13:35	Senior Weights Club (Y9-11), PPS Changing Rooms
12:50—13:45	PPS Music Tour Choir, Mr Hill /Ms Boyle, GPS 4th F
12:50—13:45	GCSE French, R24
13:00—13:45	Cyber Discovery (age 13+), Mr Whiteside, G34
13:15—13:45	KS3 STEM Club, H1
15:45—16:45	Japanese Club, Ms Eren, R36
15:45—16:45	Y11 GCSE Design Club, Ms Birtles, B1
15:50—17:00	Football Club (Y6-11), meet @PPS Changing Rooms
15:50—17:00	Art Club, Ms Dever, H11

### Wednesday

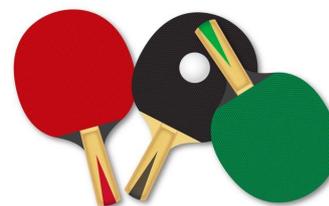
12:50—13:45	PPS Choir, Mr Hill/Ms Boyle, GPS 4th Floor
12:50—13:40	Y6-11 Fitness Training Club (HIIT/Circuit), Rm 11
12:50—13:40	GCSE Computer Science (Y11), G34
12:55—13:40	Maths Puzzles, G41
13:00—13:45	Russian Club, Ms Zalesny, R24
13:10—13:45	Y11 Science Revision (Physics), H1
15:45—16:30	KS3 Maths Club (Y6-9), R24
15:45—16:30	GCSE Statistics & Additional Maths, G33
16:00—17:00	Fencing, GPS Hall1, meet PPS changing rooms 15:45

### Thursday

12:50—13:40	Y6-11 Dance Club, Rm 11
12:50—13:40	Y8-11 Creative Writing
13:10—13:45	Y11 Science Revision (Chemistry), H1
15:45—16:30	KS4 Maths Club (Y10-11), G33
15:45—16:45	KS2/3 Design Technology Club, Mr Bradford, B1
15:50—17:00	Art Club, Ms Dever & Ms Osborne, H10 & H11
16:00—17:00	Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, R1

### Friday

12:50—13:50	GCSE Art Club, Miss Dever, H11
12:50—13:40	Y6-11 Table Tennis Club, PPS Hall
12:50—13:40	Digital Theatre & Club, Drama Studio
12:55—13:40	UKMT Maths Challenge practice, G41
13:10—13:45	Y11 Science Revision (Biology), H1



## PPS TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2020

<b>Term starts</b>	<b>Monday 7 September</b>
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 19 Oct – Fri 30 Oct (two weeks)</i>
<b>End of term</b>	<b>Friday 11 December</b>

### Spring Term 2020

<b>Term starts</b>	<b>Monday 4 January</b>
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 15 Feb – Fri 19 Feb</i>
<b>End of term</b>	<b>Thursday 1 April</b>

### Summer Term 2021

<b>Term starts</b>	<b>Thursday 22 April</b>
<i>Bank holiday</i>	<i>Mon 3 May (school closed)</i>
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 31 May – Fri 4 June</i>
<b>End of term</b>	<b>Friday 9 July</b>



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*Thank you for reading*