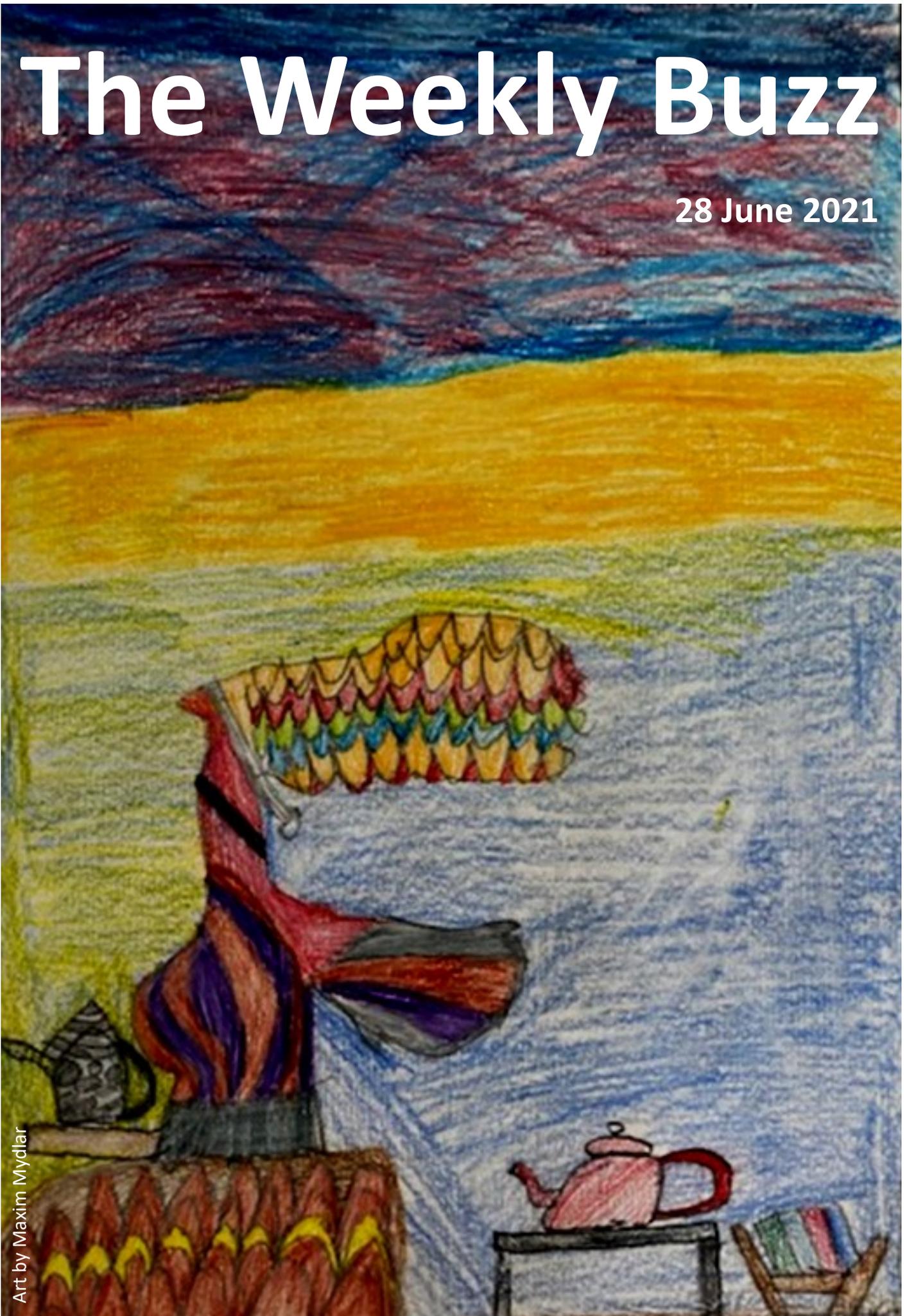


# The Weekly Buzz

28 June 2021



Art by Maxim Mydlar



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# Noticeboard

## Lunch Menu

*Lunch*  
MENU

**Monday**

**Soup of the Day**  
**Main:**  
Beef Lasagne  
**Meat Free:**  
Veg Lasagne  
**To Go With:**  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Butternut  
Garlic Bread  
**Dessert:**  
Flapjack

**Tuesday**

**Soup of the Day**  
**Main:**  
Sweet and Sour Chicken  
**Meat Free:**  
Cauliflower cheese pasta bake  
**To Go With:**  
Noodles  
Green Beans  
Sticky Aubergine  
**Dessert:**  
Beetroot Cake

**THURSDAY**

**Soup of the Day**  
**Main:**  
Lamb Stew  
**Meat Free:**  
Vegan Stew  
**To Go With:**  
Rice  
Sweetcorn  
Peppers  
Courgette  
**Dessert:**  
Apple  
Crumble

**Wednesday**

**Soup of the Day**  
**Main:**  
Gammon

**Meat Free:**  
Quorn Roast

**To Go With:**  
Potato  
Carrot  
Cauliflower

**Dessert:**  
Ice-cream

**Friday**

**Soup of the Day**  
**Main:**  
Fish Cake  
**Meat Free:**  
Veg Nugget  
**To Go With:**  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Baked Beans  
Garden Peas  
**Dessert:**  
Jelly

*our awards!*

**Every Day**

Salad Bar

Fresh Fruit

Yoghurt

Gluten-free options available on each day



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Dear Parents

Please can you remind your child to return all textbooks to school before **Thursday 8th July.**

Thank you for your support.





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## Summer 'Book Read' Recommendations

This week we would like to recommend 'BookTrust'.

'BookTrust' transforms lives by getting children and families reading.

It is the UK's largest children's reading charity that helps to develop a love of reading.

Find out how to:

- ✓ Find your next book!
- ✓ Enjoy fun resources for all the Family!
- ✓ Win a competition!



### Find your next book

Use the Bookfinder to find the perfect book for you, your family and friends.



### Impact and research

BookTrust supports children and families to experience the joy of reading and its associated benefits. Find out more about the impact of our programmes and activities.

**BookTrust**  
Lifetime  
Achievement  
Award

### Lifetime Achievement Award

The BookTrust Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a children's writer or illustrator whose body of work merits recognition for a lifetime's achievement in children's literature.

Step 1: Choose an age/stage

12+

Step 2: Choose a type of book



Best new books



Action and adventure



Around the world



Classics



Comic and graphic novel



Disability



Feelings and wellbeing



Funny



Historical



Looking after our planet



Love and relationships



Non-fiction



Politics and human rights



Scary



Sci-fi and fantasy



Sport



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>





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## SEN: Develop a Love of Reading

Barrington  Stoke



Every child can be a reader

*'It can be daunting and stressful when reading is a challenge, and there can be many reasons why a child might struggle'*

'Barrington Stoke' believes that every child can be a reader, and their super-readable books are expertly designed to help dyslexic and reluctant readers unlock a life-long love of books.

### With Barrington Stoke:

- ❖ Break down barriers to reading
- ❖ Get free samples of their books
- ❖ Get unique design for reluctant or dyslexic readers
- ❖ Get home-schooling help for lockdown
- ❖ Get involved!

• Short, sharp, unpatronising content matched to the age of the reader not their reading level



**Barrington Stoke  
Homeschooling Help  
for Lockdown**

• Heavier paper with a gentle tint helps reduce visual stresses

• Award-winning illustrators help bring the stories to life and aid comprehension

• Expertly edited to ensure unnecessary words don't hinder comprehension while the text will still challenge the reader

• Unique, dyslexia-friendly font specially created to make reading

• Award-winning authors ensure well-written texts with plenty to engage and discuss

### SAMPLES FOR READERS AGED 13+

Reading  
Age 6

Reading  
Age 6.5

Reading  
Age 7

Reading  
Age 8

Reading  
Age 8+



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



# THEATRE INTENSIVES

The BRIT School presents 'A Play in a Week'  
in partnership with Alpha Plus Group  
at DLD College

An exciting opportunity for students to work with  
industry theatre professionals from The BRIT School  
**Monday 19th July to Friday 23rd July 2021**

- Our five-day intensive has been designed specifically to give students the opportunity to improve their techniques in delivery, interpretation and relationships whilst collaborating with others and participating in company rehearsals culminating in a performance opportunity.
- The course is suitable for anyone wanting to develop their theatre performance skills, and especially those who might be considering full-time training, those studying GCSE or A-level Drama or simply for those who enjoy theatre.
- Attendees will work with industry specialist teachers from the renowned BRIT School.

Bookings now open for students aged 14-18 at £800.  
For more information and to register please contact:  
[enquiries@alphaplusgroup.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@alphaplusgroup.co.uk)



## Post-16 News

Last week we had a visit from **DLD College** as part of our *Post-16 Enrichment Programme* for Year 10. The students completed some further education related activities and learned about life at DLD. There was a surprise in store and we took part in a video call from a guest speaker! Nic, Felix and Teddy presenting to Year 10 and as a part of the challenge set by @DLD, design your dream college. Thank you so much to Mr Flack, the DLD team and film industry guest speaker, Robert Sloan, for coming in to speak to us last week.





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## Library



While *The Girl Who Speaks Bear* by Sophie Anderson has been popular with our students recently, the winning Carnegie book this year was *Look Both Ways* by American author Jason Reynolds. Reynolds has written several books for young people such as *Long Way Down* which is also available to borrow from our school library.

### Reminder

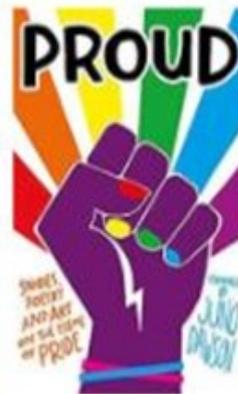
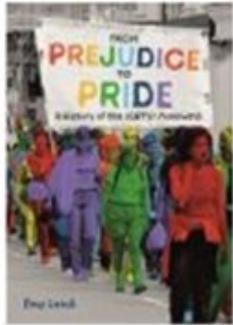
Please return any overdue library books before the summer holidays. Let Mrs Carvalho know if you want to take a book out for the summer, the date can be extended for you.



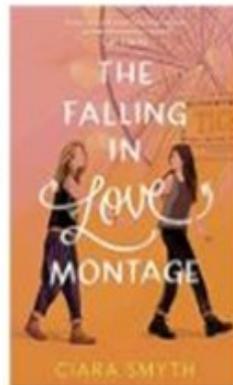
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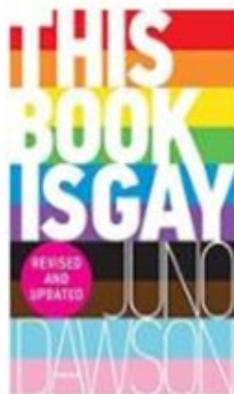
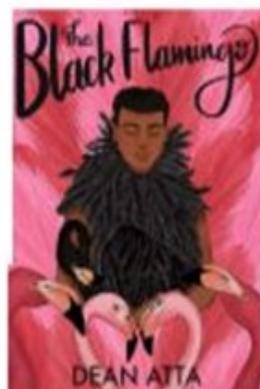
## In June, we celebrate PRIDE



June is **Gay Pride** month and we have so many interesting fiction titles focusing on LGBT teens and some non-fiction to learn about the LGBT rights movement.



Books are on display in the library and available to borrow now.



READ ABOUT IT IN THE LIBRARY



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# Art

Having studied work by Picasso, Georgie Cox used some of his techniques to explore Nina Simone.





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## Art

Y9—T-Rex inspired by Keith Haring.

Violet Brodie





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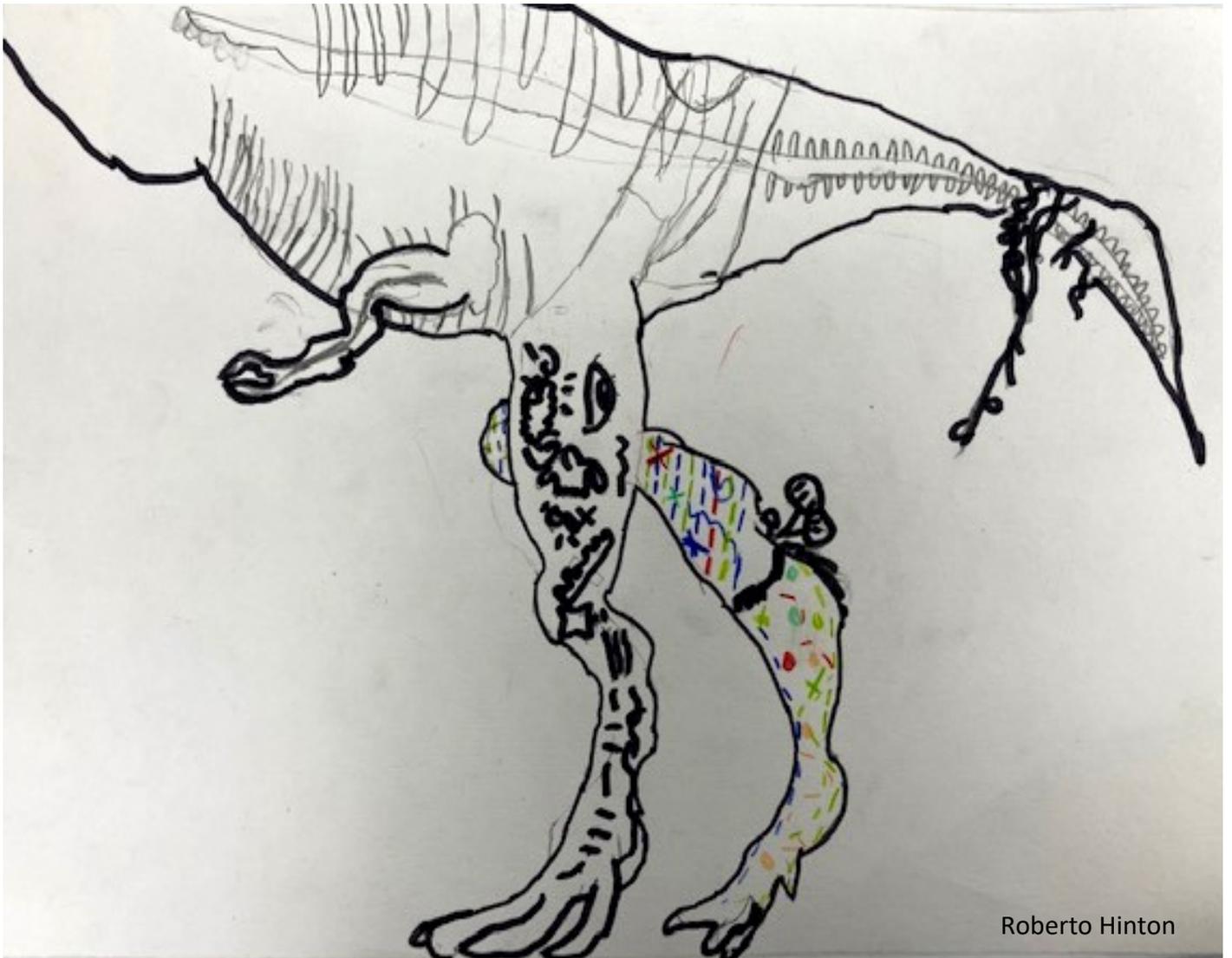


Muhammad Javaid



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Roberto Hinton



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PPS Drama

Portland Place Music

# THE WIZARD OF OZ

**Performance postponed until autumn, details to follow**

...performance.  
...made available to watch  
...website between 6th - 10th July.

[www.portland-place.co.uk/creative-arts-events](http://www.portland-place.co.uk/creative-arts-events)





## Touch-type Read & Spell

The KS2 and KS3 students who attend the **Touch-typing Club** made the most of their time this term. Many of them attend **regularly**, they are **punctual**, **responsible**, and incredibly **friendly** to each other.



It is truly uplifting to see them coming in every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, taking a **laptop**, a set of **headphones** and logging independently into the TTRS program, enjoying themselves mastering the skill of touch-typing.

**Well done** to all of you who take this course seriously and hope you can spend some time during your summer holidays practising your skills to impress us all in September. Get those fingers ready for **a touch-typing competition** next academic year!



Great  
😊 Job!

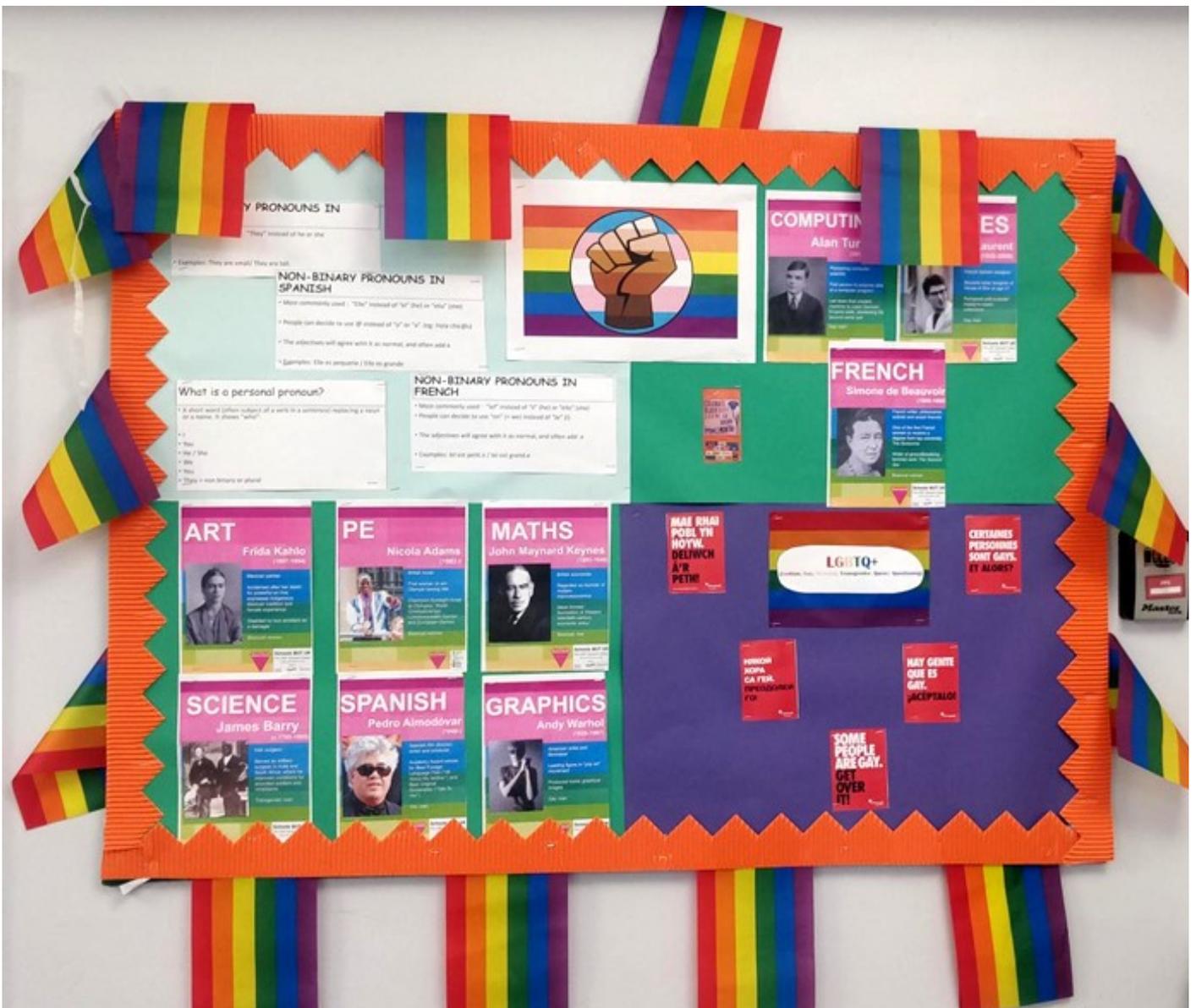


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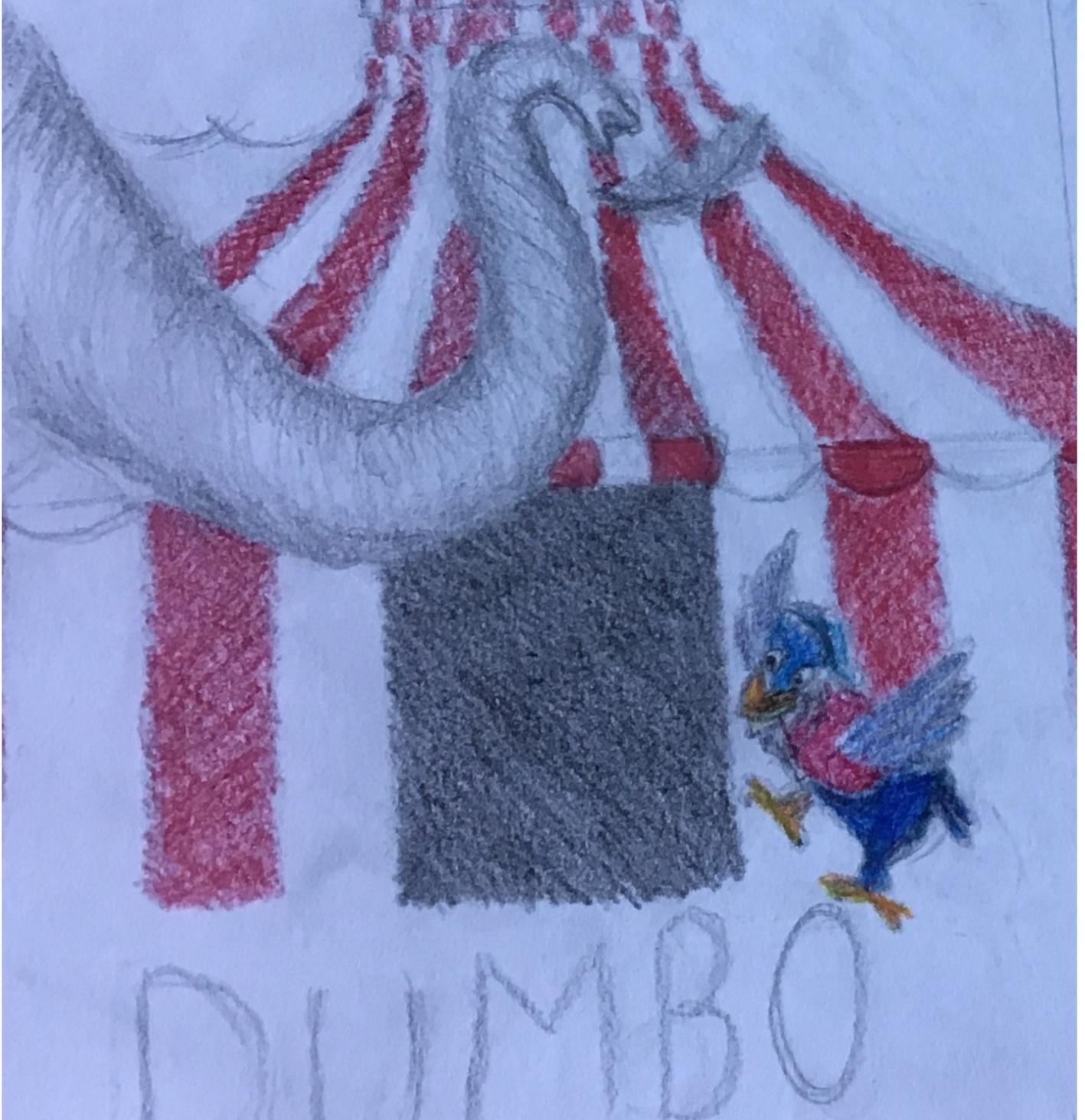
An LGBTQ+ display, including some famous people who have contributed to science, art, sports, languages. It also explains the non-binary personal pronouns used in English, French, Spanish.



**Smart Teachers**

# Movie Poster Competition

Entries by Isabella Calvert Bull and William Downing



SAM  
SMITH

FRED  
CAROLE

QUEENIE  
JONES

SHANE  
WOOD



**SEE YOU!**

10 MAY 21

## PIP

We had the pleasure to welcome Claire and Shardonnay from **PIP, Pursuing Independent Paths**, a charity for children and teenagers with learning disabilities which prepares them to become independent adults. Shardonnay, one of the student representatives explained to our Y6 and Y7 what it was like to live, learn and socialise when you have autism and she taught our students a few signs in **Makaton**, a mixture of sign and oral language that is used in PIP to help communication between staff and students. The students learnt how to say 'Hello', 'Good morning', 'Please' and 'Thank you'.

For more info: <https://piponline.org.uk>





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Rafer and Jake signing 'Good morning'



Rory and Beckett signing 'Thank you'

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**Enrichment**

## LONDON ZOO ENRICHMENT:

This week we have learnt about what it is like to work in the ZOO, what ZOOs do, and we participated in a few workshops. The three areas of work are: conservation, research and reintroduction. We also saw some African animals... Have a look at our photos and enjoy!

*Ms Athwal-Singh and Ms Coates*



16/6/21:

### CONSERVATION:

There are many threats to wildlife:

- **Climate change**
- **Air pollution**
- **Water pollution**
- **Deforestation**
- **Illegal hunting**

ZOOs protect endangered species, like this Asiatic Lion.

The animals get professional care: from feeding, through healthcare, to welfare.



**Reintroduction**

"An attempt to establish a species in an area which was once part of its historical range."

**Breeding + Reintroduction**

ZOOS help to breed and reintroduce endangered species back to wilderness...

**Reintroduction: Hazel dormouse**

- Keepers and vets work to reduce risk of disease
- Health check and microchipped prior to release
- Soft release initially

**Research**

ZOOS carry research to help to investigate the causes of extinction and the ways of reintroduction...

**Research: Mountain chicken**

Amphibian lung disease  
*Chytridiomycosis*

In the field:

- Population surveys
- Collection of samples



**During the workshops we looked at:**



**Various interactive tools to communicate with the animals in the wilderness**



**Various animals' blood cell samples**



**During the workshops we looked at:**

**pH needed for the environment of various jellyfish types**



**Props and real-size models of various animals**



**We also saw:**



**Warthogs**



**Giraffes**



**African Wild Dogs**



## LONDON ZOO ENRICHMENT:

This week we have learnt about the climate change and its impact on animals.

ZLS staff investigate climate change and research the causes of the damage. Have a look at our photos!

*Ms Coates*

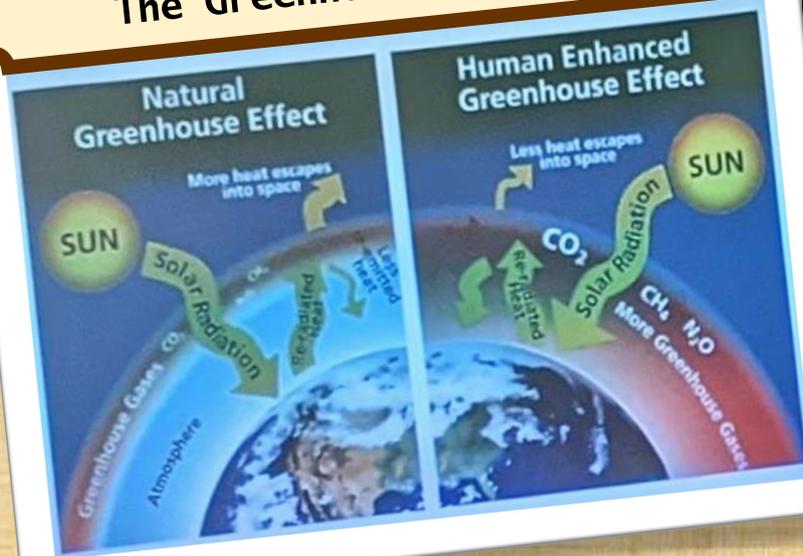
23/6/21:

### Consequences of climate change:

- Droughts
- Rising sea levels
- Floods
- Extreme weather events
- Land degradation
- Deforestation

All this has impact on ecosystems and causes a loss in wildlife and diversity.

### The Greenhouse Effect:



### Impacts of climate change on animals:



**The impact of the climate change on animals- Activities:**

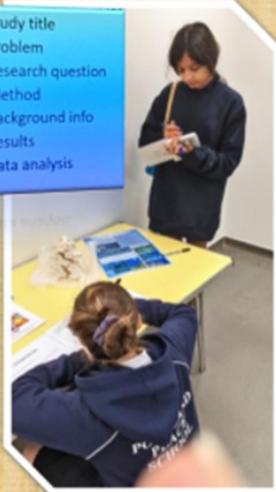
**Coral reefs**

**PROBLEM**

Periods of high temperatures cause coral to become 'bleached'



- Study title
- Problem
- Research question
- Method
- Background info
- Results
- Data analysis



The higher the sea temperature, the more of the 'bleaching'.



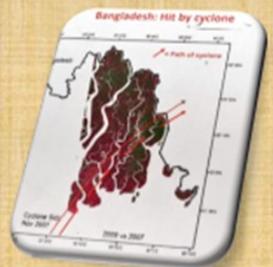
**Mangroves and Tigers**

**PROBLEM**

The mangrove forest in the Sundarbans is at threat from erosion, rising sea levels and storm surges



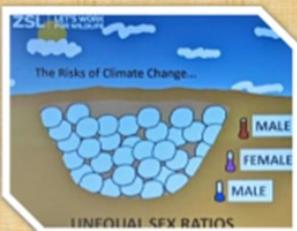
Extreme weather changes cause the mangrove habitat to decrease.



**PROBLEM**  
Introduced viruses have caused declines in UK frog species



**Common Frogs**



Higher temperatures caused a rapid spread of the virus.



**Our notes and analysis**

**African Hunting Dogs**

**PROBLEM**

The present day range of African hunting dogs has reduced to just 7% of its former distribution



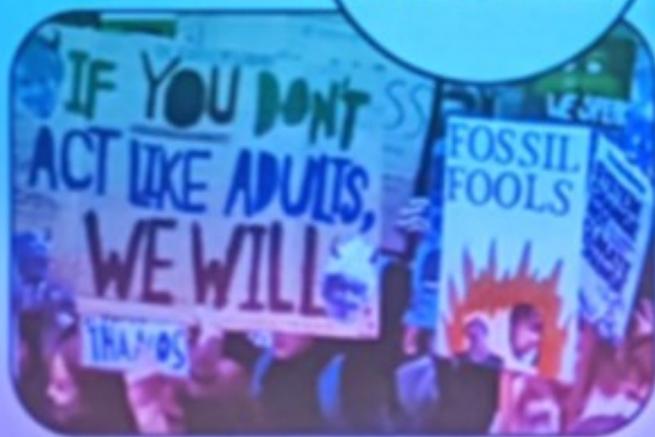
Climate change caused shorter hunting periods. As a result, the species has been depopulated.



ZSL | LET'S WORK FOR WILDLIFE

Get Involved!

- Educate yourself
- Tell others
- Individual actions
- Group actions
- Campaigns



What will YOU do to help to stop climate change?

I will...

Use a reusable bottle instead of buying single use plastic bottles

Ask for tap water in a instead of getting a plastic bottle

Recycle any plastic bottles I use

#OneLess



See you next  
week!





## Savouring Success

Last week I was very fortunate to take part in an online training session about the importance of resilience. One of the things I have enjoyed the most was learning how to give my students the opportunity to savour their own success and celebrate their accomplishments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students I have worked with this year for demonstrating great resilience and maintaining a positive attitude despite the challenging current situation.

I am extremely proud of you!

Miss Florea



## Year 8—House Ultimate Frisbee

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June PPS Year 8 competed in their first ever ultimate frisbee house tournament. It was a fantastic morning with perfect conditions and year 8 put on a number of entertaining matches. It was a closely fought contest which went down to the wire! In the opening round of matches Cavendish drew 1-1 with Devonshire and Wigmore and Langham also drew 1-1. In round 2 Cavendish took their first win of the day, taking a 2-1 victory against Wigmore. Devonshire also beat Langham 1-0 with a point scored at the death! In the final round it was all to play for with every house still in the running to win the tournament.

In game 1 Langham recorded a dominant 3-1 victory over Cavendish which was hard for them to take as they would have been tournament winners had they won the game. In game 2 Wigmore turned on the style and put in an impressive performance to beat Devonshire 3-0. After all games were complete every team had won a game, lost a game and drawn a game – meaning they were all on the same points and the tournament would be decided by points difference! When all calculations were complete the final results were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wigmore
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Langham
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cavendish
4 <sup>th</sup>	Devonshire

### Scorers for the day included:

Luke Ahrens	3pts
Miles Sellens-Flack	2pts
Albert Thompson	2pts
Felix Osgerby	1pt
Sonny Shelton	1pt
Ethan Smither	1pt
Maxim Mydlar	1pt
Leo Bennet	1pt
Isaiah Boon-Grey	1pt
Samara Mayers	1pt
Jude Boudry-Ruzgar	1pt





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# Sports report



## Tag Rugby Enrichment

With the final term, kicking off it was a new group of students who took up the option to of Tag Rugby with Mr Steward on Regents Park for their Enrichment.

From students in Year 6 up to Year 9, there was a great comradery where the links between each year was had. Looking at the different techniques that are essential for the game, the students were lucky to have the sun shining down on them for the first week.



Looking at the different age range of the students it was great to see that they were happy to push themselves to the limit to make sure that they were progressing within the sport. With some help from the students who had already done a half term of Tag Rugby, the skill set of each team was progressing very quickly. It go even better when some more of the Year 9 students joined in within week two, increasing the pace and the numbers to make an enthralling game at the end of each session.



# Sports report

There have been moments to remember with some of the younger students side stepping some of the older ones, some ludicrous dummies have been thrown during the games and Mr Steward has been left standing there as some of the Year 9 students pass the ball round him and break down the side-line with speed. It is a delight to see the students enjoying the sport as well as improving on their skills.



This has been a fantastic Enrichment for me as a teacher with some of the younger students showing the elder exactly what they can bring to the table. For me as a teacher being able to see the progress in all of the students is exactly the reason why I wanted Tag Rugby to be involved. The students are more than happy to mix it with each other and the laughter is constant throughout the sessions.

## Enrichment

Activity	Room	Staff
Boxing	Offsite	Mr Kubric
Fencing	GPS Hall	Mr Rider
Carpentry	B1	Mr Ruddy
Ceramics	B3	Miss Birtles/Miss Linton
Coaching	R34, R35, R36, PP Hall	Miss Boyce/Miss Florea/ Miss Nicholas
Cross Stitch	H1	Miss Robinson
Drawing & Painting	H10	Miss Dever
Fencing	R11	Mr Rider
Horse Riding	Offsite	Miss Boyce
Lego Design	PP Hall	Mr Tasic
London Zoo	Offsite	Miss Coates
Samba Drumming	R2	Mr Morrison/Mr Hill
Take a Hike	Offsite	Miss O'Leary
Touch Rugby	Offsite	Mr Steward
Wizard of Oz	Drama Studio	Miss Boyle/Miss Judd/ Mr Chivers/Mr Hill

## CLUBS

### Monday

12:50-13:40	Table Tennis, PPS Hall
13:00-13:50	Art Club for Y10 girls, Miss Dever, HH10

### Tuesday

12:50-13:40	Weight Training, PPS boys changing rooms
12:50-13:40	Arabic Club, Ms Elshelmani, G41
12:50-13:45	PPS Choir, Mr S Hill & Miss Boyle, GPS Hall
15:45-17:00	Cricket Club, Lords indoor cricket academy
15:45-16:30	Japanese Club, Ms Eren, R36

### Wednesday

12:50-13:40	Fitness Club, Dance Studio
12:50 –13:40	Russian Club, Ms Zalesny, R24
12:50— 13:45	Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
12:55— 13:40	Maths Help & Puzzles, Mr D Hill, G41
15:45— 16:30	KS3 Maths Support, Mr D Hill & Mr Ruddy, R24
15:50-17:00	Football Club, Regents Park Hybrid Pitch
15:50— 17:00	Fencing Club, Mr Jenda, GPS Hall

### Thursday

12:50-13:40	Dance Club, Dance Studio
12:50— 13:40	Chinese Mandarin, Ms Huang, G41
16:00— 17:00	Chamber Choir, Miss Boyle, Room 1

### Friday

12:50— 13:50	GCSE Art Club, Miss Dever, HH10
12:50— 13:40	Table Tennis, PPS Hall



## PPS TERM DATES

### Spring Term 2021

<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>

### Autumn Term 2021

<b>Term starts</b>	<b>Monday 6 September</b>
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 18 Oct – Fri 29 Oct</i>
<b>End of term</b>	<b>Friday 17 December</b>



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