



# The Weekly Buzz

10 July 2023

End of Term!

Art by Jessy Y11



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# DATE FOR THE DIARY

More details  
to follow

Last Day of Summer Term  
Friday 7 July  
Half day

First Day of Autumn Term  
Monday 4 Sept  
(Staff inset Thurs 31 Aug)

NHS Nasal Flu - Years 6-11  
Thurs 9 Nov  
PPS Hall

Carol Service - Tues 5 Dec  
St Marylebone Church

Christmas Concert - Mon 11 Dec  
Regent Hall





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## ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

*Rest. Relax. Enjoy:*

*Have a Wonderful  
Summer!*

I WISH ALL OF THE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS AT PORTLAND PLACE A LOVELY AND WELL-DESERVED SUMMER BREAK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MASSIVE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - TOGETHER WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE ONGOING SUCCESS OF OUR PPS FAMILY. MS FLOREA



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**THANK YOU!**

**A huge thank you for all your  
support with Rainbow Friday  
and for the Rainbow Ribbons!  
We have collected an  
incredible £508.00 which will  
be donated to Just Like Us!**

**Mr Lalande**





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## ACTIVITIES WEEK

SUNDAY 2ND-6TH JULY 2023

**Photos in next issue  
of newsletter**

Residentials,  
day trips  
and  
activities

Barcelona Music Tour, London Zoo, BBC,  
Ice Skating, Globe Theatre, National  
Army Museum, Bloomsbury Bowling,  
Stubbers, Thorpe Park, Go Karting,  
British Library, Kayaking and much  
more!



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## VACCINATIONS AT PPS

**AUTUMN TERM  
2023/4**

- **NASAL FLU - YEARS 6-11**
- **HPV - YEAR 8**
- **TEENAGE BOOSTER -YEAR 9**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEXT TERM



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**THE MUSIC & DRAMA  
DEPARTMENTS  
ARE PLEASED TO  
ANNOUNCE NEXT YEAR'S  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
PRODUCTION OF 'JOSEPH  
AND THE AMAZING  
TECHNICOLOR  
DREAMCOAT'**

**JOSEPH  
AND THE  
AMAZING  
TECHNICOLOR  
DREAMCOAT**  
LYRICS BY  
TIM RICE  
MUSIC BY  
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR  
FURTHER DETAILS, REGARDING AUDITIONS, WHICH  
WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT HALF TERM!**



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# News

## PPS Staff Leavers & Joiners



## Staff Leaving

### Ben Soper

Mr Soper has been at PPS for three years as our Year 6 teacher who also contributes to the History and Geography teaching in Years 7 and 8. He is an excellent teacher and Year 6 have always made excellent progress under his guidance. He now has extensive knowledge of the British Museum, the Churchill War Rooms, and the Spider-verse from the many trips he has organised for his students. Mr Soper leave us for the US as he emigrates there with his wife. He leaves PPS and these shores a happy man with his beloved West Ham Utd having finally won a major trophy this year.

### Azhar Islam

Mr Islam joined our Mathematics faculty last year and continued this year to cover Miss Wang's maternity leave. He has been a well-regarded teacher, popular with his students and recognised for his patient and diligent work building their confidence with Maths. Equally, he has been adept at stretching our more able mathematicians. He has contributed to a variety of enrichment activities, including the popular Lego Engineering club. Mr Islam leaves us for Norlington School where he will teach Maths and be Head of Sixth Form.

### Trish Kilby

Since joining the school in 2017, Trish has been an absolute stalwart of our support team working with quiet efficiency on a range of projects. She has been my PA, run the school calendar, maintained all our staff records, covered receptions, and generally brought a wealth of skill and experience to making everything run just that bit more smoothly. Trish now retires, and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

### Lauren O'Donnell

Lauren has a long history with PPS having started here teaching English and then as our Head of English. Due to personal circumstances, she stepped back from a teaching role and brought her outstanding attention to detail, organisational skills and curriculum insight to the role of our Data & Exams Manager. Lauren is now looking for a part time role and a return to teaching and she leaves us now for such a role at Fine Arts College in Hampstead.

## **Gloria Bloomfield**

Gloria has only been with us for two terms as our Librarian. In that time, she has been a wonderful calming presence in our Library, quickly gaining the confidence of students and staff. She has also done a great job in brining our catalogues of physical books and eBooks completely up to date.

I thank all of these staff for their contributions to PPS and wish all the very best for the future.

## **Staff joining**

### **Holly Hare**

Mrs Hare will join our PE faculty next year. Very experienced, she has taught for a long time at a maintained girls' school where she has developed successful specific programmes to encourage girls' continued engagement with sport, as well as coaching high performing netball squads and holding pastoral responsibilities.

### **Farah Khazir**

Miss Khazir will join our Science faculty in September. A Biology specialist, she has previously taught in a variety of maintained and independent schools, including Channing School.

Mr Bradbury



## Awards Shortlist News!

Some good news to finish the school year!

Both the Hybrid School and Day School have been shortlisted in 'The Independent Schools of the Year 2023' Awards, after a record number of nominations we have been shortlisted as:

*Small Independent School of the Year* – Portland Place School

*Independent School of the Year for Student Wellbeing* – Portland Place Hybrid School

Finalists will be announced in September and winners will be notified in October.

Well done to all of you for making Portland Place so special.

Mrs Wantman / Head of Marketing

**INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOLS OF  
THE YEAR 2023**  
*Celebrating excellence in education*  
**SHORTLIST  
ANNOUNCED**







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## CELEBRATION DAY 2023



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Thursday 29 June / 1.45pm  
Regent Hall, 275 Oxford St, W1C 2DJ



Thursday last week saw our annual Celebration Day in Regent's Hall – our reflection on the year past and chance to recognise those students who have excelled in a variety of fields. It was great to see so many different students nominated for awards, and such a range winning the overall awards.

I was pleased to see all the members of our hybrid school attending and being very much part of our community and celebration. They really are going from strength to strength.

Also, for so many of our Year 11 to return as well to celebrate with us before they all jet off to various parts of the world for their summer. We look forward to some excellent results in August and wish all our (now) alumni all the very best for their Sixth Form studies, wherever they may be.

I am grateful to Monsieur Lalande and our new LGBTQ+ group for their presentation coinciding with Pride month. It is important that our students have the opportunities to better understand other members of our community and the challenges they face and I look forward to hearing more from other communities within our Portland Place family next year.

Thank you to all those who performed up on stage (always daunting) through the programme. And particular thanks to Mr Hill and Ms Noyes for planning and running the whole show!

Mr Bradbury





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## Order of Ceremonies

**Headmaster's Welcome & Address**

*Portland Place School Choir  
'Sing' by Lloyd-Webber & Barlow*

**English & Media Faculty Awards presented by Mrs Wolfe-Murray**  
**Prize order: English Language, English Literature, The Well-Read Prize, Media Studies**

**GCSE Media Studies Project - 'You' - Jesse Francis Baum Y11**

**Mathematics & Computer Science Faculty Awards**  
**presented by Mr Tomlinson**  
**Prize order: Computer Science, Mathematics**

**Science Faculty Awards presented by Ms Silcocks**  
**Prize order: KS3 Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics**

**Creative Arts Faculty Awards presented by Ms Dever**  
**Prize order: Art, Design, Drama, Music,**  
**Outstanding Contribution to Drama & Music**

**LAMDA monologue:**  
**'In Portia's Kitchen' from The Merchant of Venice (Shakespeare)**  
**Read by Henry Hirst Y8**

**Humanities Faculty Awards presented by Ms Thorne**  
**Prize Order: Business Studies, Economics, Geography, History**

**Modern Foreign Languages Awards presented by Mr Lalande**  
**Prize order: French, Spanish, Extra-Curricular Languages**





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*LGBT+ Club presentation by Mr Lalande*

*GCSE Ensemble Performance - 'Alive' by Pearl Jam  
Jesse Francis Baum Y11*

The Additional Learning Faculty Awards presented by Mrs Pieri  
Prize order: Learning English as a Second Language, Additional Learning

Sports Faculty Awards presented by Mr Rider  
Prize order:

Lower School Sportsman of the Year & Most Improved  
Lower School Sportswoman of the Year & Most Improved  
Upper School Sportsman of the Year & Most Improved  
Upper School Sportswoman of the Year & Most Improved  
Hybrid School Sportsman & Sportswoman of the Year  
GCSE PE Prize

*Portland Place School Chamber Choir  
'Sweet Dreams' by Lennox & Stewart*

Year 6 Awards presented by Mr Soper  
Prize Order: Richard Walker Prize for Achievement (KS2),  
Katherine Greenwood Prize for Progression (KS2)

Hybrid School Awards presented by Ms Baig  
Prize Order: Lower School, Upper School

*Vocal Solo - 'Rolling in the Deep' by Adkins  
Performed by Ella Ruby Rowlands Y10*

Closing Words by Mr Bradbury





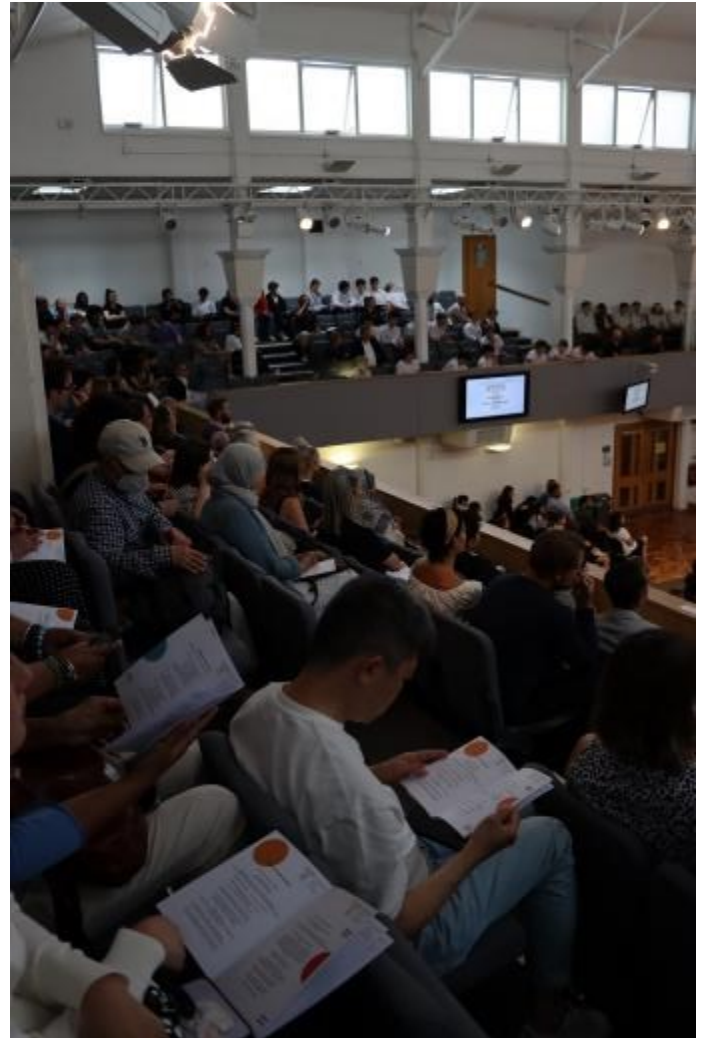
















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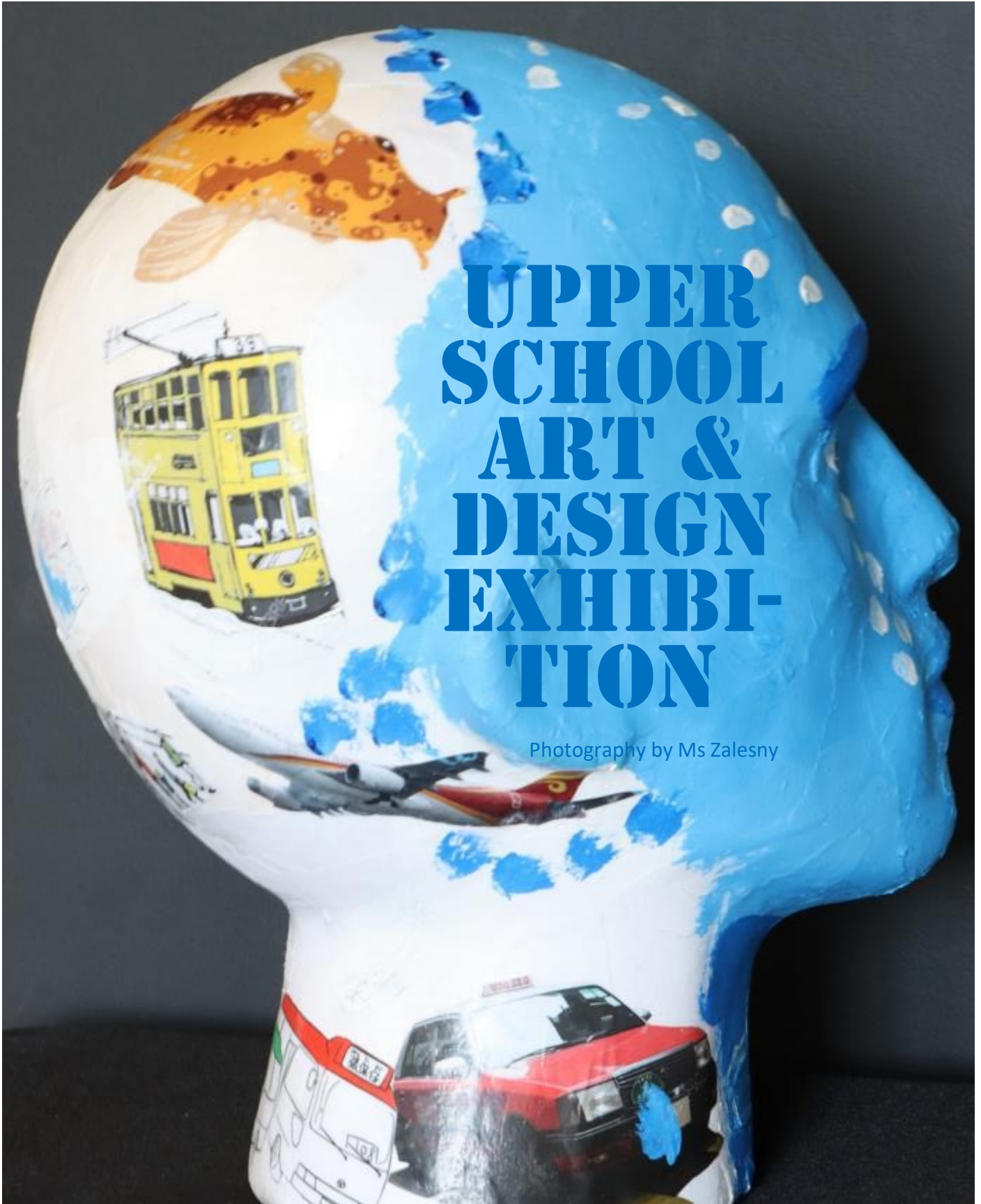


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## UPPER SCHOOL ART & DESIGN EXHIBI- TION

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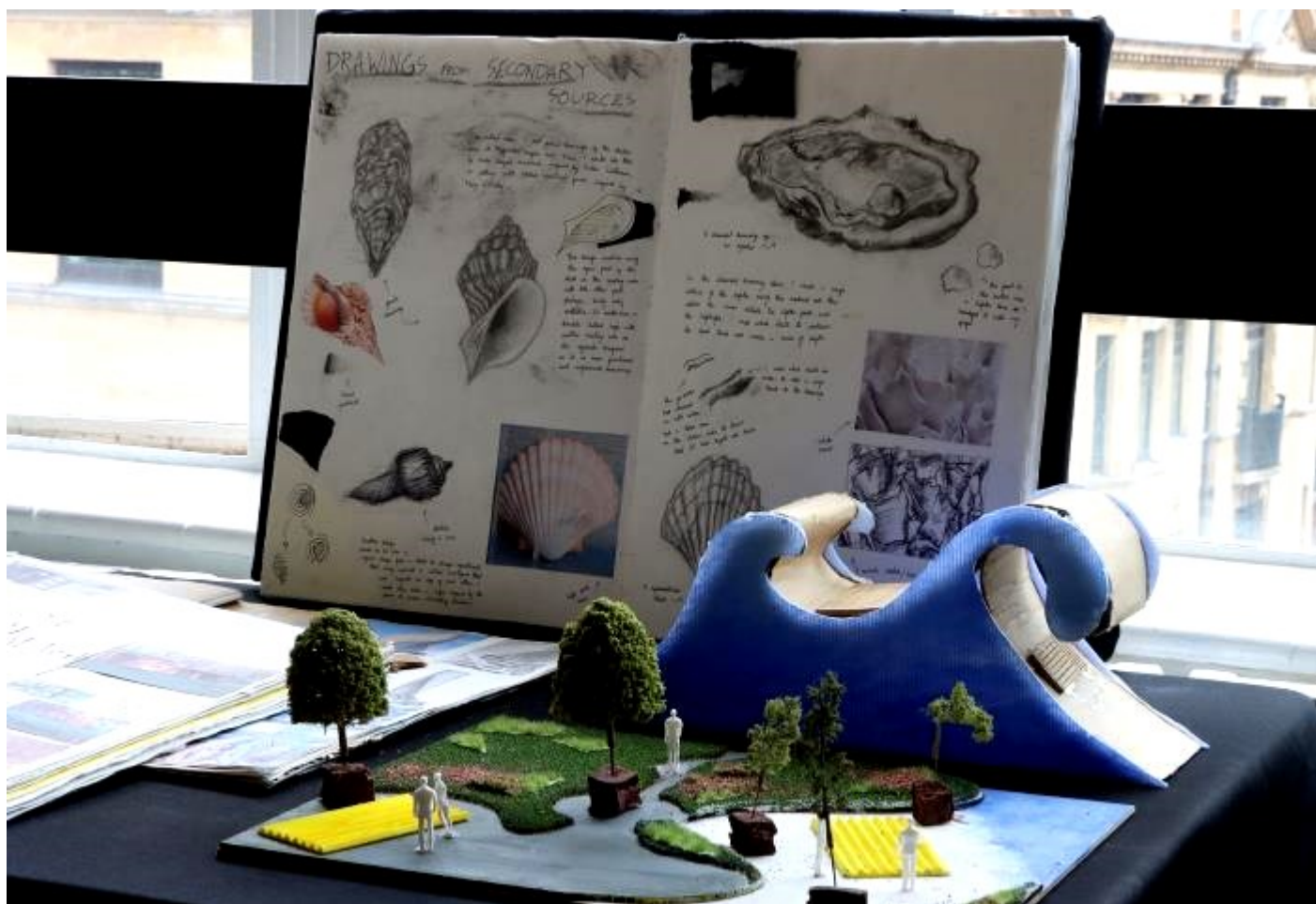
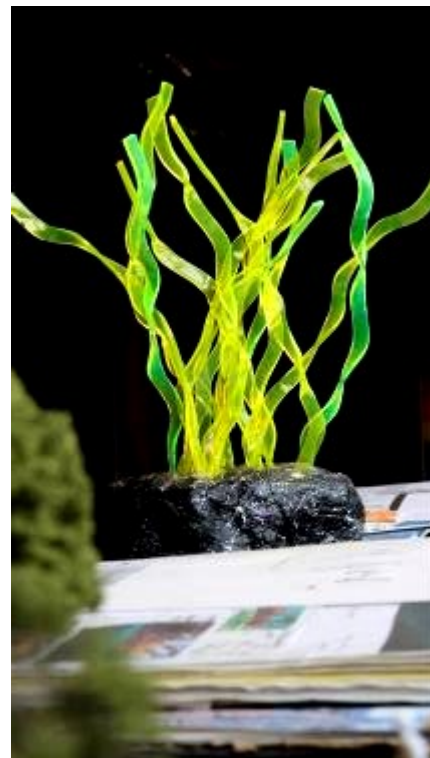






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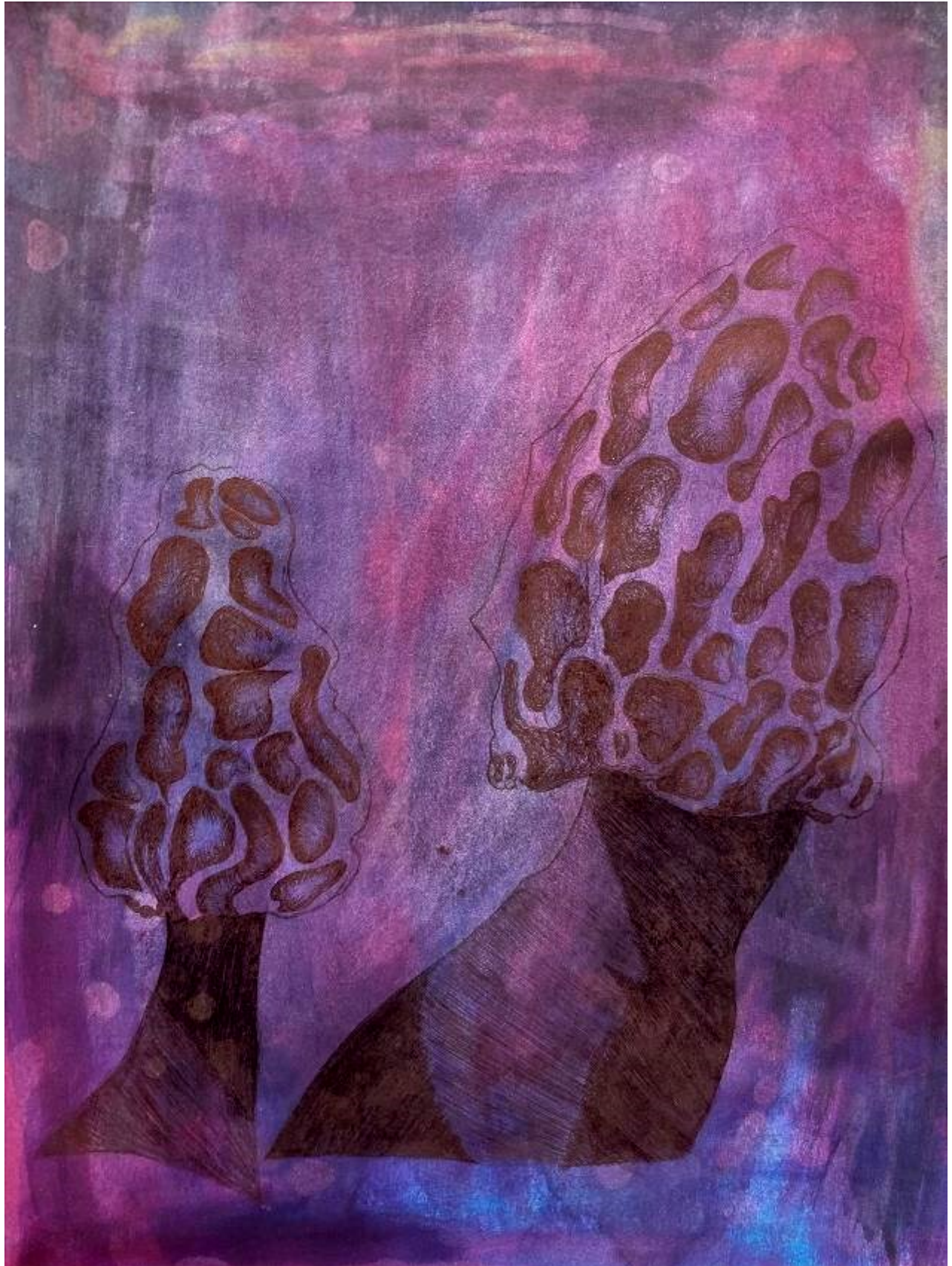
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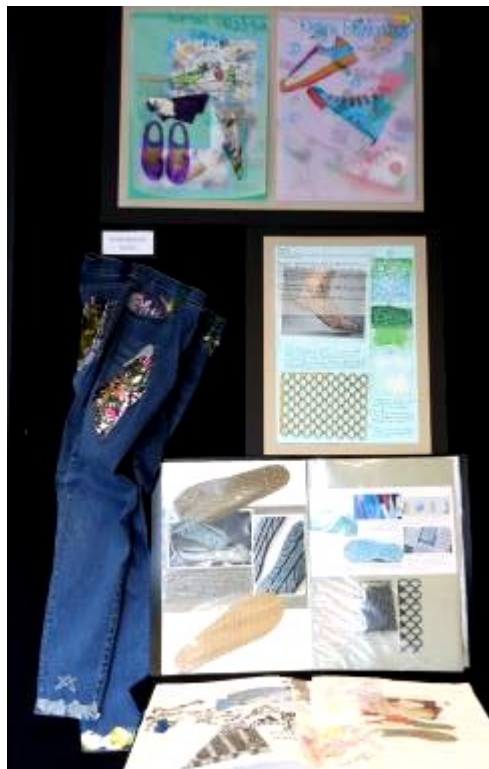






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Last week was most students final paddle on the canal before residential trips, and boy was it a fun one!

The session started with students lining up their kayaks and Tyler and Damian having to high five each kayaker. Not in their kayaks... they had to stand up and step into other kayaks to do this. It started well... until Damian made it to Dominic's kayak and Dominic started to sink... Dominic's kayak ended up going out from under him and he managed to crawl on top of the front of Miss McBain and Miss Kavanaugh's boats!! With the help of our amazing instructor, Rose, he got back into his kayak... only to capsize again. Needless to say, he got a little wet!

Once he was back in, we had a kayak around and Coach Carl gave students the opportunity to earn their first British Canoeing certification in Kayaking. The task was not easy, as students needed to complete a self-rescue. This entailed flipping their kayak, getting out, and getting themselves, their kayak and their paddle back to shore. The opportunity was open to every student - as Coach Carl was very impressed with all the progress made - however, only four students chose to make the attempt. Bibi, Tom, Dominic, and Nathan in year 7 all passed!!! Congratulations!!!

Ms McBain



# Kayaking Enrichment





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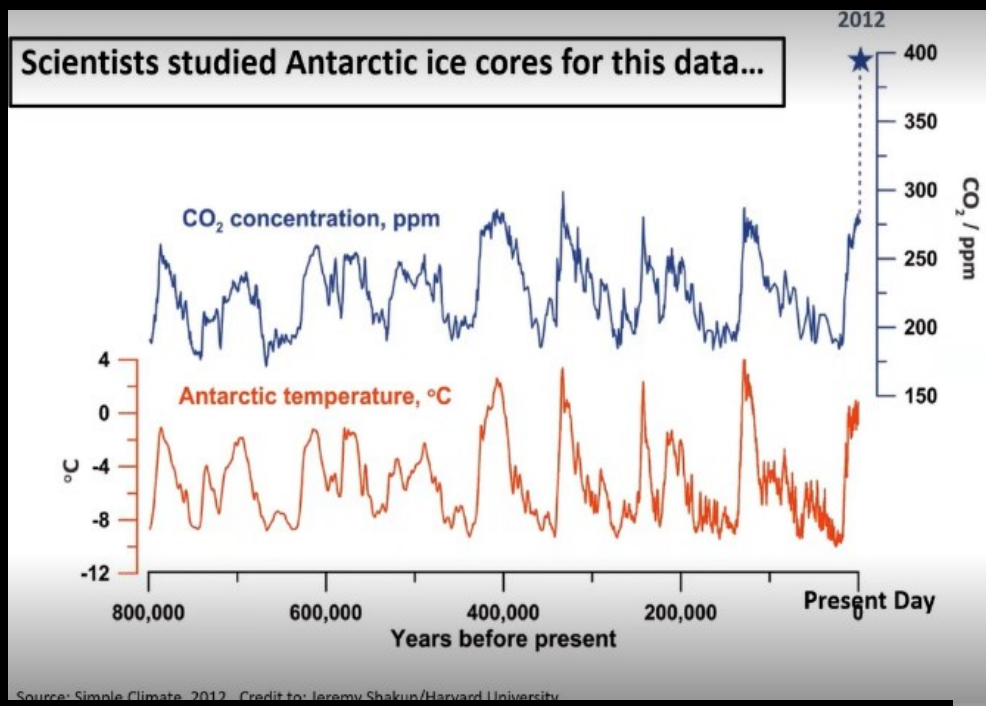


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## Climate Change AWARDS!!!!!!

Climate Change is a fact. The  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration has reached a historical high, causing Antarctic to lose over 1/3 of its size in the past 30 years.



Impacts of climate change include

DROUGHTS

RISING SEA LEVELS

NEW DISEASES

FLOODS

FIRES

UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER CHANGES



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**Despite the dispute** over human impact on climate,  
there is so much we can do to help!

We dump enough waste  
every year to fill a line of  
lorries going around the  
world 24 times

**TRUE**

People drive just over 100  
million motor vehicles in USA  
only

**FALSE**

62% of the world's people  
are breathing polluted air

**FALSE**

15 billion of trees are cut  
every year

**TRUE**

An electronic tablet  
contains around 35 different  
minerals

**TRUE**

A single cow can release up  
to 120kg of the greenhouse  
gas methane each year

**TRUE**

10 million disposable bottles  
are thrown away every day

**FALSE**

20% of meat and dairy and  
30% of fish and seafood is  
wasted

**TRUE**

**Look at PPS students** who  
showed us some ways of dealing with  
the change







## A QUIZ with PRIZES!!!

1. How much waste is made by households?

- A) 5%
- B) 10%**
- C) 30%
- D) 50%

2. 62% of the world's people are breathing polluted air

- A) true
- B) False it is 92% !!!**

3. How many years does it take for coal to form? (A) 1 million

- B) 10 million
- C) 100 million
- D) 300 million**

4. We have the highest rise in CO2 in history.

- A) True**
- B) False

5. The real impact of climate change can be reversed (2 answers):

- A) When each of us starts contributing to saving our planet**
- B) When big economies support developing countries with eco -friendly systems**
- C) If only developing countries implement climate friendly practises
- D) If we see immediate improvement

6. List some of the mentioned ways in which we can save the planet:

- a) AVOID FAST FASHION**
- b) UNPLUG PHONE CHARGERS**
- c) WALK OR BIKE/ REDUCE DRIVING**
- d) WAIT TO UPGRADE YOUR PHONE**
- e) WEAR A JUMPER/HANG YOUR WASHING**
- f) EAT MORE PLANTS + EDUCATE + CAMPAIGN + CAREERS**



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize went to:**  
**Ayub** in Y8 Hybrid  
School  
KS4

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**The remaining Prizes**  
**went to:**

**Rosie, Tom, Rhyia** and  
**Jacob** in KS3

and **Ella, Joel and Nils**  
in KS4

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**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



# News

**60% fabric are synthetic  
derived from fossil fuels**

**Avoid fast  
fashion**



**Over a ¼ of  
household  
energy are  
used for  
heating**

**Eat a plant  
based diet**

**Going for one  
meat-free day per  
week would save  
373kg CO2e per year**



**23% of school children  
travel in cars to school**

**Walk or bike  
instead of  
driving**



**81% of yearly washing  
cycles use tumble dryer**

**Hang dry your  
clothes instead  
of using the  
tumble dryer**



**Unplug  
phone  
chargers**

**On average  
households in  
the UK have  
40 appliances**



**Households spend between  
£50-£86 yearly on standby  
appliances**

**Wear a jumper  
instead of  
turning up  
the heating**



**Only 1% of mobile  
phones is recycled**

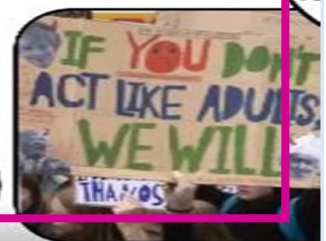
**Wait to  
upgrade your  
phone**



**Carbon footprint  
Bigger than for laptops**

**Get Involved!**

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







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# Sports report



## Langham Win the House Sports Cup!



# Sports report

Defending champions, Langham House, retained the House Sports Cup to cap off their best ever year of house sports. Having led the standings for most of the term, Langham's Sports Day win and some strong performances in this term's final house contests sealed a 17-point victory over 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Wigmore.

Until last year, Langham had never won either the House Cup or Sports Day and were narrowly defeated last year by Langham, although they were able to secure their first House Cup triumph. This year they have swept all before them completing the double for the first time by any house.

The final points were revealed by the Headmaster at Celebration Day, with house captains from Year 9 and 10, Max, Cora, Sacha and Felix coming up to the stage to collect the trophy. Huge congratulations to all members of Langham House for all their fantastic performances throughout the year. House sporting success usually come in waves and the greens seem to be dominant right now, but next term the scores will be reset and all will be to play for!





# Sports report

## Previous Winners

2022 – Langham

2020 & 21 – Cavendish

2019 – Devonshire

## House Cup 2022/23 Final Points

1 <sup>st</sup>	Langham	174
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wigmore	157
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cavendish	154
4 <sup>th</sup>	Devonshire	139

## Sports Competitions Contested this Year

House Fitness Challenge

House Football

House Netball

House Rugby

House Basketball

House Cross Country

House Swimming Gala

House Rounders

House Cricket

House Athletics (sports day)





# Sports report





## Celebration Day 2023

The Regent's Hall was packed out on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June for Celebration Day and this year the PE department awarded more prizes than ever before with the creation of 6 new awards. Prizes for Most Improved Sportsman and woman were created for both the upper and lower school, to reward outstanding progress across the three terms. In addition, a Best Performer award for boys and girls from the Hybrid School was added to the roster.

This year's winners and nominees are listed here and these pupils have worked tremendously hard this year, showing great commitment and attainment in PE lessons, house sports as well as inter-school fixtures and regional representative events.

### Lower School Sportsman of the Year

Nominations: Y6: Roman, Y7: Enzo, Y8: Humphrey, Y9: Max

**Winner: Humphrey**

### Most Improved Lower School Sportsman of the Year

Nominations: Y6: Towa, Y7: Zane, Y8: Nate, Y9: Olly

**Winner: Olly**

### Lower School Sportswoman of the Year

Nominations: Y6: Beatrice, Y7: Lucy, Y8: Mia

**Winner: Lucy**

### Most Improved Lower School Sportswoman of the Year

Nominations: Y6: Rosie, Y7: Madeleine, Y8: Bibi

**Winner: Bibi**





# Sports report

## Upper School Sportsman of the Year

Nominations: Y10: Charlie, Y11: Teddy

**Winner: Teddy**

## Most Improved Upper School Sportsman of the Year

Nominations: Y10: Isaiah, Y11: Rudy

**Winner: Rudy**

## Upper School Sportswoman of the Year

Nominations: Y10: Olivia, Y10: Sasha, Y11: Lana

**Winner: Olivia**

## Most Improved Upper School Sportswoman of the Year

Nominations: Y9: Kadi, Y10: Issy, Y11: Maryam

**Winner: Kadi**

## Hybrid School Sportsman of the Year

Nominations: Y8: Eddie, Y10: Sonny

**Winner: Eddie**

## Hybrid School Sportswoman of the Year

Nominations: Y9: Nicky, Annabelle

**Winner: Annabelle**

**GCSE Prize for Academic and Practical Excellence in PE: Lawton**







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# Diary

**WISHING YOU A  
FUN-FILLED  
SUMMER  
HOLIDAY!**

**SEE YOU IN  
SEPTEMBER!**

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## Enrichment — Second Half of Summer Term

Activity	Staff	Room
Athletics	SRI, LST & JKU	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.40pm
Baking Club	KPA & RLE	Dining Hall & Kitchen
Carnegie Book Club	JWO & GBL	Library
Climbing	AZE & LVW	Offsite. Meet Room 1 at 1.30pm
Digital Drawing	LDE & CHU	Art Studio
Fantastic Beads	CFL	Room 10
Fashion & Styling	FSY	Room 22
Horse Riding	AIS	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.20pm
Kayaking	MMC & JVA	Offsite. Meet Room 10 at 1.30pm
Park Sports	RAL, AJU & CBO	Offsite. Meet Room 1 at 1.50pm
Street Photography	PZA & DFL	Room 24
Tennis	BSO	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Velo Park	TTC, HIS & WBR	Offsite. Meet outside PP at 1pm
Y10 Careers & Post-16	DBL, CBY, MJO, MTH	PP Hall, R33, R34, R35, R36



## Clubs for Summer Term 2023

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
Mon	12:50-13:50	Table Tennis Club	JKU	PP Hall	All
Mon	12:50-13:45	String Ensemble	R H'white	R1	All
Mon	13:15-13:45	Chemistry Revision Club	HSI	Lab 3	10 & 11
Mon	13:15-13:45	Year 9 Science Clinic	RLE	Lab 2	9
Mon	12:50-13:45	Chinese Club	TLA	G33	All
Mon	12:50-13:45	Rock Band	DMC	R2	All
Mon	13:15-13:45	UKMT Maths Challenge	AIS	34	All
Mon	13:15-13:40	Board Games	DFL & ECO	R11	6-9
Mon	16:00-17:00	Karate Club	PE	PP Hall	All
Tues	13:15-13:45	Year 9 Science Clinic	RLE	Lab 2	9
Tues	12:50-13:45	PPS Choir	SHI & CBO	R1	All
Tues	12:50-13:30	Weight Training Club	PE	Changing Rm	All
Tues	13:15-13:45	Physics Revision Club	WBR	Lab 3	10 & 11
Tues	15:50-17:15	Cricket Club	PE	Lords	All
Tues	16:00-17:00	KS4 GCSE Art Club	LDE	Art Studio 1	10 & 11
Tues	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	MJO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All
Wed	12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble	J Morrison	R2	All
Wed	12:50-13:50	Running Club	PE	Regents Park	All
Wed	16:00-17:00	Fencing Club	Fencing coach	PP Hall	All
Thurs	12:50-13:45	Woodwind Ensemble	J Slack	R1	All
Thurs	12:50-13:30	KS3 Drama Club	TNO	Drama Studio	6-9
Thurs	12:50-13:30	Russian Club	PZA	R24	All
Thurs	13:10-13:45	Dance Club	CBY	R11	All
Thurs	12:50-13:50	Beginner French / Spanish	FSY	G33	6 – 9
Thurs	12:50-13:30	Weight Training Club	PE	Boys C/ Rooms	All
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Biology Revision Club	RLE	Science Lab 2	10 & 11
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Coding Club	MMC	33	6-8
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Spanish GCSE Club	CFL	G33	10 & 11
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Y6 Design Club	JVA	B1	6
Thurs	13:15-13:45	LGBT+ Club	TLA	Art Studio 1	All

## Clubs for Summer Term 2023

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
<b>Thurs</b>	16:00-17:00	PPS Chamber Choir	CBO	R1	All by audition
<b>Thurs</b>	16:00-17:00	Art Club	TMO & LDE	Art 1 & 2	All **
<b>Thurs</b>	16:00-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-in Clinic	MJO	B1	10 & 11
<b>Fri</b>	12:50-13:45	Brass Ensemble	W Brown	R2	All
<b>Fri</b>	12:50-13:50	Japanese	Yekta	R24	7 – 9
<b>Fri</b>	13:15-13:45	Science Exam Skills	DBL	Science Lab 1	10 & 11
<b>Fri</b>	13:15-13:45	Music Tour Choir	SHI	PP Hall	Invited
<b>Fri</b>	13:15-13:45	KS4 Maths Club	KPA	Science Lab 1	10 & 11
<b>Fri</b>	13:15-13:45	KS3 Maths Club	AZE	33	6 – 9
<b>Fri</b>	13:15-13:45	French Bilingual Club	TLA	B3	7 – 9
<b>Fri</b>	13:15-13:45	Music Tour Choir	SHI	PPH	Invited

\*\* by invitation only for KS3, Art Scholarship holders must attend

### Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 25 April  
 Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May (school closed)  
 Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8 May (school closed)  
 Half Term Holiday: Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June  
 End of Term: Friday 7 July

### Autumn Term 2023

Staff Inset: Thurs 31 August (closed to students)  
 New Student Induction Day & Staff Inset:  
 Friday 1 September  
 Term Starts: Monday 4 September (all other students)  
 Half Term: Monday 16 October—Friday 27 October  
 End of Term: Friday 15 December



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