

Moseley Park School

Key Stage 3

Newsletter



11th Edition - Spring Term -
March 2023





King's Coronation Poetry Competition

'We Have One Chance'

A Poem about the Environment



Sign up here now!

The Mayor, in partnership with Wolverhampton Libraries, invites you to create a poem in the celebration of the King's coronation in May. We know King Charles III is a passionate advocate of the planet. The City Of Wolverhampton would like to celebrate HRH Coronation with a poetry competition to inspire all ages.

Age categories: under 7's, 7-11, 12-15, 16+

Voting opens 7th-10th April

Competition opens: 20th March

Competition closes: 5th April

Finalists are invited to perform their poems to a panel for the overall winner of each category.

All finalists will be invited to tea with the mayor and receive a copy of the published anthology.



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Year 7

Another great term for Year 7, with once again some success stories - one being our football team reaching the final of the Year 7 Cup. The team has been working hard during training and at lunch times to improve and that has paid off on the pitch with their outstanding performances. Best of luck in the final, I am sure it'll be a great game.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Webb who has been part of the Moseley Park community for over 20 years. Helen has taught pretty much everything during her time at Moseley Park and has been a constant support for many of our students, including myself. Mrs Webb taught me dance back in 2003, which came in quite handy during my time at University where dance was a part of my Physical Education course. A huge thank you for your commitment to Moseley Park and the students of the area, we wish you all the very best for the future.



Mr Mincher

Year 8

As we approach the summer term, we are closer to the end of our journey through Key Stage 3. Students have chosen their options and will soon be embarking on a new program of study with new members of staff.

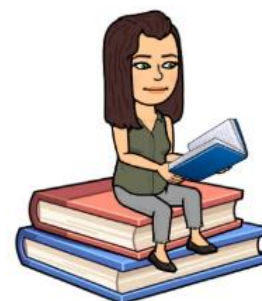
At this time of year, it is traditional to think about new beginnings and fresh starts. I urge students to think about their own journey moving forward.

What kind of start do you want for your GCSE studies?

Will you keep up the good work of previous years or do you need to make some changes to be successful?

Use the new start to wipe the slate clean and be the best version of yourselves, you can be.

Have a great half term and see you all soon.



**Mrs Shinton
and
Mrs Haynes**





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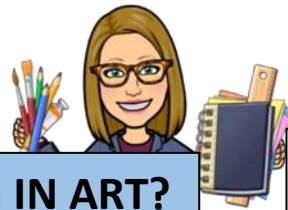
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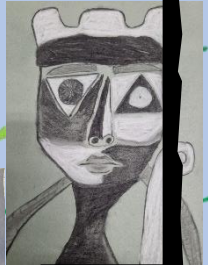
Year 7's have been working on group pieces for their blue planet project. They have created huge mermaid tails, see if you can find them floating around the department.



Sirat Kaur 7BR



Nuvleen Khakha 7MZ



Saskia Tropper 7RE

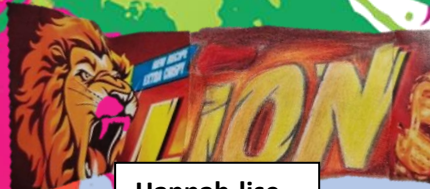


WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN ART?

Year 8's have been exploring confectionary in Art! Check out these students' artwork



Troy James Jr 8RL



Hannah-lise Freeman 8LS



Fearne Warrender 8ON

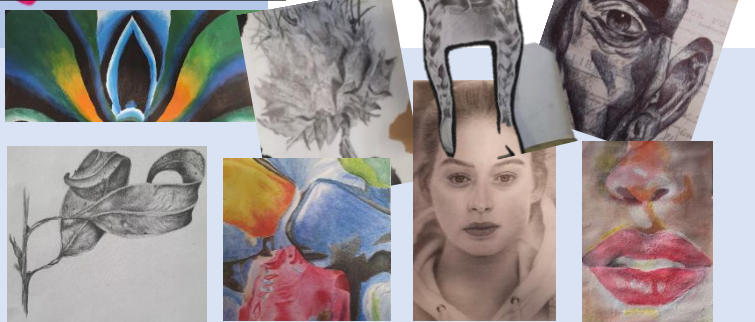


Poppy-May Southall 8PS



What to expect if you have chosen GCSE Art!

We will begin year 9 developing your skills and exploring the formal elements, producing work around the themes or portraiture and natural forms.



Here's some work created by year 9 students!

DRAMA

Year 7 have been exploring **A Midsummer Night's Dream** by **William Shakespeare**.

William Shakespeare is the best-selling author of all time, outselling all the **Harry Potter** books and **RL Stine's Goosebumps** book put together.

That's between **2-4 Billion** copies!



Year 7 have also been learning about how performances can be shown on different types of stage. They have staged their very own performances 'In-The-Round', where the actor is surrounded by audience. This causes some problems that Year 7 had to conquer!



Year 8 have been exploring the mystery of a Teenager who has been acting strangely.

Through Role Play, Teacher in Role, and Conscience Alley found out what has been happening to the Teenager and why they have been acting so bizarre!



Year 7's topic for this half term has been *Belonging Poetry*.

Belonging

Poetry Anthology



Students have considered their own sense of belonging and where they feel happiest. They had a chance to study a range of diverse poems from writers from across the globe and learn about what makes these people belong.



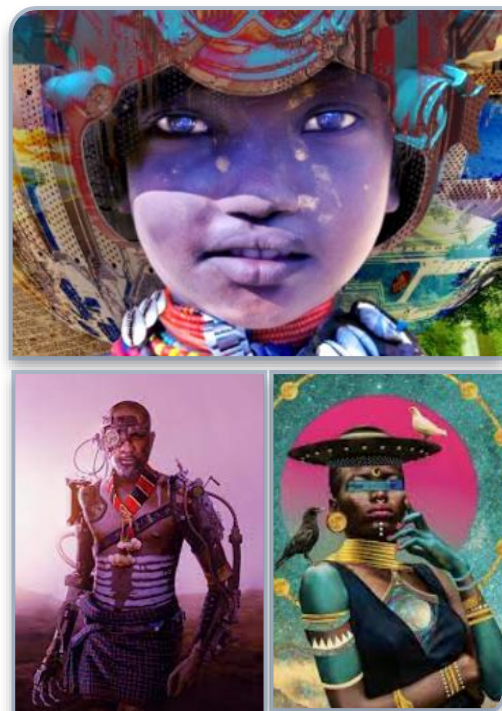
Year 8's exciting half term has been based around Afrofuturism. Whilst learning Language skills,



students have had the opportunity to explore the revolutionary worlds of Black writers and the futures they imagine.

Some students have enjoyed learning about their own heritage and discovering that they are part of a diaspora that they had never thought about before.

With focus on the civil rights movement of yesterday and today, students have had plenty to explore while developing their comprehension skills and learning about how texts are structured.



EXCELLENCE

— ACADEMY —

A Poem by Zenani Phakathi 7MZ

I am a Salem Witch forced from her home

Shoved into a new world, I am all alone

*Everything I have ever known is now a
distant memory*

*I take the form of an ancient man to ward
the evil away from me*

In this body, everything is quite different

Before, I was weak and small

Now, I am powerful, magnificent

An endless greenery I walk through

My life, now in my own hands

The soft ones that once held it

Were killed by women and men

*The bitter taste of fear and hate sit upon my
tongue*

*My towering staff and pointed hat hide all
my grey*

I'll have to travel far and wide

Near and far, this is true

But one thing that must remain

*Is that I am a Salem Witch through and
through!*

Excellence Academy lead on World Book Day 2023

Marley Law-Baker and Amiya Chandard (8RL) have been leading on whole school assemblies in celebration of World Book Day.

They have been promoting reading for pleasure amongst our students by discussing how reading for enjoyment is the most important factor in a student's future success.

They have spoken about how World Book Day hopes to encourage more students to develop a life-long habit of reading for enjoyment and the improved life chances that comes along with this.

Students become First Aid Aware

On Friday 17th February, members of our KS3 Excellence Academy participated in a First Aid Awareness course. Learning first aid is an invaluable life-skill. It helps young people become more risk aware and equips them with skills to keep themselves and others safe if involved in a medical emergency. It could save their life.

Students have developed their knowledge of how to respond to: bleeding, choking, resuscitation and the correct way to use a defibrillator, amongst a number of other aspects of first aid.

Throughout the session, students had the opportunity to practice CPR and resuscitation on human manikins. A big thank you to Mrs Morris for her fantastic support with this event.





PAQUES- Easter in France

French people traditionally eat lamb at Easter, the most traditional dish is a leg of lamb cooked in the oven with Provençal herbs, cumin, garlic and olive oil.



French people nowadays still often eat lamb at Easter but often a variety of cuts and dishes. Since asparagus comes into season around Easter, this is a common starter or side dish.

Certain areas of France also have their own special traditions, for example in Alsace they eat “Lamalas de Pâques”, a cake cooked in the shape of a lamb covered in icing sugar.

So why are eggs a symbol of Easter? Persians, Egyptians and Romans offered decorated eggs to celebrate the start of spring. In the 15th Century, people of Catholic religion weren't allowed to eat eggs during lent so egg stocks were decorated to give or sell at Easter or afterwards.



Children take part in an Easter egg hunt (Chasse aux Oeufs) organized by parents or sometimes clubs. Chocolate and/or decorated eggs, along with all their decorations, are hidden in the garden or park, then children go and hunt for the hidden eggs. The Easter bunny isn't historically a French tradition, but this is becoming a tradition especially in the north of the country, but chocolate shaped like eggs and bells is more common.

Competition

Design an Easter Egg with traditional designs like the ones in France. Draw/ design on paper, the use of ICT is allowed. Hand in by Monday 17th April to E8 to be in with a chance of winning a prize.



Joyeuses Pâques ! Bonnes Pâques ! **Happy Easter!**

GEOGRAPHY

In year 8, pupils have been learning about how countries develop.

Development is all about how countries get richer.

Year 8 now know how to understand if a country is a HIC, LIC or NEE through looking at development indicators!

Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed creating and playing their own development indicator top trumps!



In year 7, pupils have been exploring crime all over the world.

Through completing their CAT test, year 7 pupils have become special experts on crime in London!

Pupils have also learnt about crime that has shaped the country we live in today, through exploring the 2005 London attacks





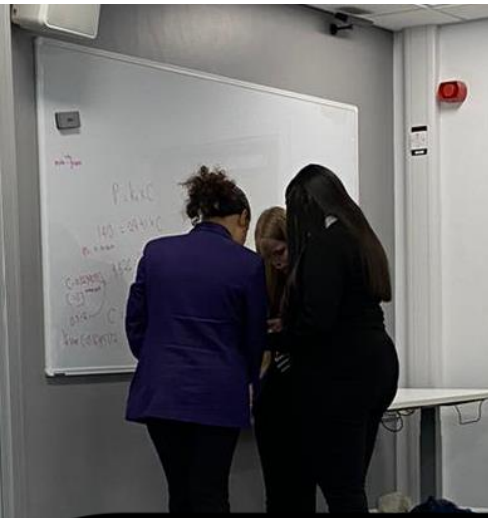
University Trip

This term we took twelve KS4 students to the University of Birmingham.

This trip introduced student to engineering and how everything we see, eat or use has been engineered in some way. Our challenge to you is read the label of the next thing you buy.

What do you notice?

Our aim is to keep running trips like this to inspire all of our students and introduce them to many industries. Could you join us on the next one?

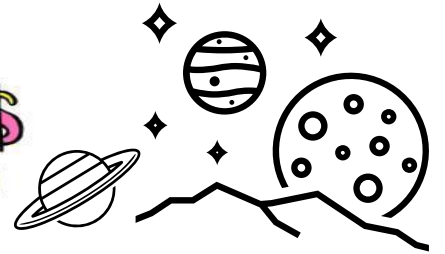
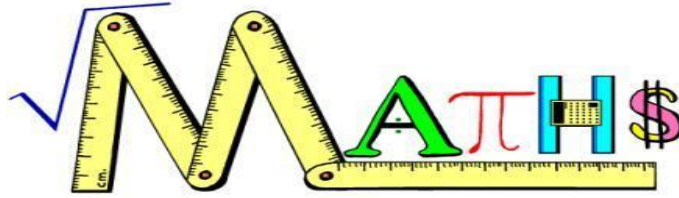


3 fun facts we learnt:

1. The PH of Coca-Cola is 2.5!
2. Henry's Law is used to work out how fizzy drinks are
3. Food labels tell us how food has been engineered

Programming Club KS3
Every Tuesday 3pm - 4pm

Join us for programming club, and learn how to code in Python!

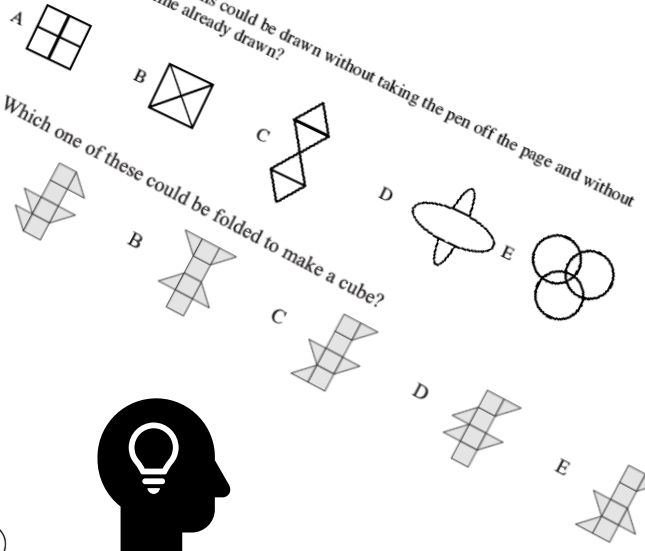


Maths Challenge questions

This term, some Key Stage 3 students have been working on maths challenge questions! Take a look...

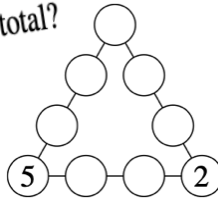


Which of these diagrams could be drawn without taking the pen off the page and without drawing along a line already drawn?



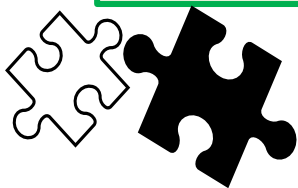
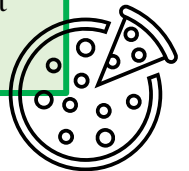
Which one of these could be folded to make a cube?

Sam wants to complete the diagram so that each of the nine circles contains one of the digits from 1 to 9 inclusive and each contains a different digit. Also, the digits in each of the three lines of four circles must have the same total. What is this total?

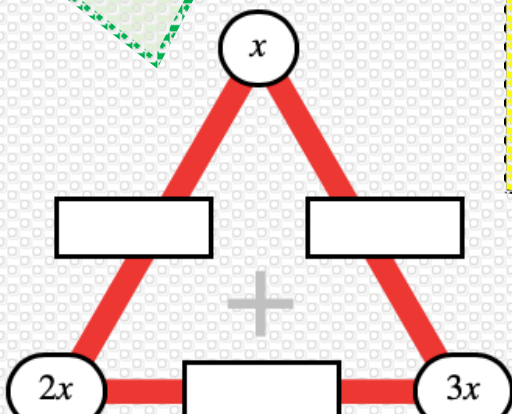


Celebrate Pi Day 2023 with these facts...

- Every year, Pi Day is celebrated on the 14th of March because the American date (3/14) is the same as the first 3 digits of pi!
- Astrophysicist Albert Einstein was conveniently born on pi day (but a long, long time ago)
- Humans have calculated pi to a trillion decimal places – but that does not mean that’s the end of pi!



Find the missing expressions by adding the corners of the puzzle together

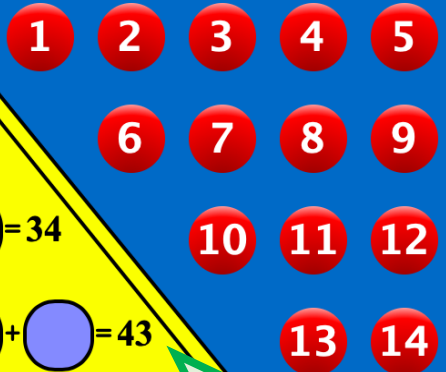


○ + ○ = 17

○ + ○ + ○ = 11

○ + ○ + ○ + ○ = 34

○ + ○ + ○ + ○ + ○ = 43



Arrange the red numbers in the sums to make them correct



MUSIC



Year 7 are learning to create their own music through exploring composition devices used in **films**. They are creating music to match specific video clips that are contrasting in moods, from scary to romantic, they are developing how to create these themes and use suitable techniques to create the intended moods to meet the given briefs. Having studied music notation, terms, instrumentation and keyboard skills last term, they can now apply these skills further as they choose suitable timbres, tempos and multi-track several ideas using garage band software. Who knows they may be the next John Williams! **Pictured right Sofia Mall creating some spooky film music.**



Year 8

This term year 8's are studying **Rock Anthems**, looking at numerous Rock artists, bands and how Rock music has developed, its origins and influences.

Practical skills are focused on guitar and drum skills for this unit where pupils will master the art of reading chords, guitar tablature and play in ensembles as well as solo performances. They will experience playing famous rock bassline, chordal riffs and varied rock pieces.



Pictured right Marcus Bondor, Marley Law Baker, Amiya Chandard Alfie Cheeseman and Latinna Campbell-Levy.



SCIENCE



This half term KS3 students have been exploring reactions in Science where they have undertaken a variety of practical activities.

In year 8 students have been using a range of indicators to identify whether a substance is an acid or alkali, made their own indicators using red cabbage and looked at neutralisation reactions. Here are some photos of the practical work.

In year 7, students have been looking at combustion and decomposition reactions and are currently looking at techniques to separate mixtures like rock salt and ink.

CHALLENGE: Have a go at the acids and alkalis wordsearch below!



S N D I L A K L A E T R R V A
 T O R E C S N R U O S E E N E
 O N C O L O U R R I V R N C A
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WORD LIST

ACID	ALKALI	INDICATOR
SOLUTION	NEUTRAL	REACT
EQUATION	PH	RANGE
CORROSIVE	CAUSTIC	LEMON
CITRIC	VINEGAR	BLEACH
SOUR	WATER	DILUTE
CONCENTRATED	COLOUR	



Students celebrated Children's Mental Health week with a range of different activities from subjects, one of which was how board games can bring togetherness and help with confidence and well-being.



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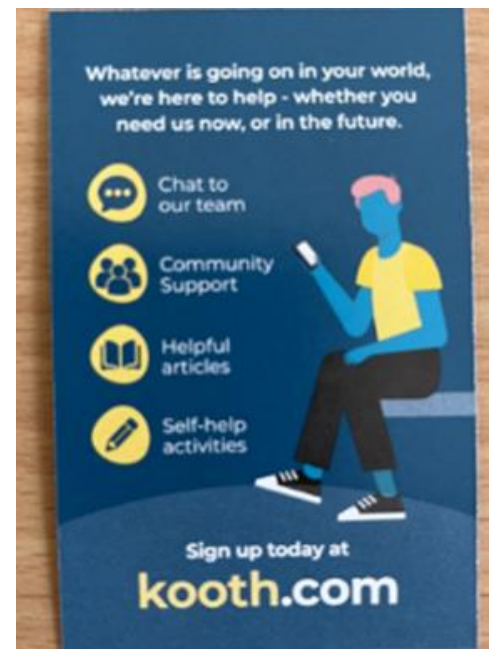


Year 8 students were treated to a live performance of

Collingwood Learning's SMASHED LIVE, which talked about the dangers of alcohol use.



Year 7 now know the laws of the road thanks to our annual Bikeability course. Well done to all year 7 achieving level 1 & 2.



International Women's Day

Students also celebrated International Women's Day, learning how women have changed the world and inspired



Moseley Park's community once again came together to raise money for Comic Relief. Students had an assembly on Empathy, followed by a range of different activities throughout the week from Pana tournaments and sponge to teacher to Bake Sales and raffles.