

# Bredon Hill Academy

*Learning Together for Success*



**Spring Term 2022**

## ***A message from the Headteacher...***

Welcome to our Spring Term 2022 Newsletter. We hope that this will provide you with an overview of all that has happened this term. There's been lots of learning, high attendance at extra-curricular clubs and some great achievements. It is wonderful to see happy children enjoying school life.

We are very excited about our two new classrooms, which are being built on to the end of our maths' block. The build is well underway and should be ready for September 2022. Our heating system is also being renovated.

Mr Kim Taylor, our Premises Manager, is retiring at Easter. He joined BHA in 2000 and has been a fantastic support throughout his time here. He has played a key role in maintaining the school buildings over the years and has done so much more too. We will miss him and wish him and Liz good luck in their new home and new life. Thank you, Mr Taylor.

If you would like regular BHA updates, please follow us on Twitter or Facebook - @BredonHAcademy. The My Child At School (MCAS) app or website provides details of your child's achievements and reports, whilst our school website also provides additional information. You can check your child's learning next term by accessing our curriculum maps [here](#).

Once again, thank you for your on-going support; it helps make BHA the special place it is.

We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

*Debbie West*

## ***Key Dates***

Start of Summer Term	Monday 25th April 2022 (Green Week)
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2022
SATs Week (Year 6)	Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May 2022
Hill Walk (Year 6)	Friday 13th May 2022
Half Term	Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June 2022

## ***Celebrating BHA's Values***

It's been great to see Bredon's community spirit in action once again this term. Collectively, we've raised £815.49 for Comic Relief through a non-uniform day. We've also been helping local charity Teams4U Evesham and the Ashton-under-Hill guides in collecting items to provide much needed essentials for Ukrainian refugees.

Meanwhile, over 270 pupils have been rewarded for being 'Zero Heroes' with a cookie and hot chocolate celebration. A fantastically high number of pupils, who have gone through the spring term without receiving any sanctions. This marks an increase of over twenty pupils on last term. Next term offers a clean slate and we look forward to even greater numbers maintaining our high expectations of conduct. We will also reward those who manage a whole year without receiving a single sanction with an extra special treat!

The outcome of our World Book Day competition has been announced – well done to: Aimie L, Ava M and James F who were the winners in their respective year groups and will receive a £10 Amazon voucher. The quality of the entries was very impressive and the following pupils will take home a book each as runners-up: Jenny C, Luca S, Sophie P, George F, Charlotte P, Elsa G and Taegan R.

Pupils have been searching high and low across the school buildings as part of our Easter egg hunt this week. We've seen the term out with an inter-form Easter-themed quiz, which was very positively received and further awards were handed out during our end of term assembly, including our coveted Pupil of The Term awards, as well as those for Zero Heroes and our planner awards. Congratulations to all our award winners.

Also, many congratulations go to:

- Arthur M in 8H, who is continuing to make incredible progress in taekwondo. He recently became the Light-weight British Champion in the 13-17 age category at a competition in London;
- Ava M in 7A for appearing in theatre production 'Matilda' at Number 8 in Pershore;
- Scarlett E in 7A and Kipp S in 6C for representing Worcestershire in the National Cross Country Finals, held in Leicestershire, at the end of March;
- Aron G in 8C, who has created his own website and blog, filled with his own thoughts on technology, exploration and scientific discovery.







## ***Focus on Enrichment***

Our pupils have experienced another great term of Enrichment lessons in years 7 and 8, where we focus on delivering experiences linked to our school motto of 'Learning Together for Success' and that seek to go beyond the National Curriculum. Mrs Matthews, our Head of Year 6 and Careers Lead, has introduced the Warburton's Innovation Team Challenge to develop team work and critical thinking skills— pupils have responded really positively to this project.

Meanwhile, Mrs Dorrell has continued to introduce pupils to a range of cultural festivals and celebrations that are time-relevant to the sessions. These include events more familiar to us, such as St Patrick's Day, but also significant experiences that pupils might not have been aware of, such as the Japanese Festival of Hanami.

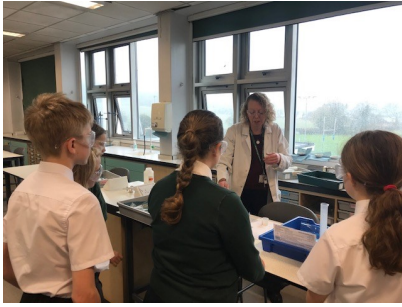
Miss Lloyd's Photography sessions have continued to challenge our pupils. The changing of the seasons across our school site has provided an excellent opportunity for some cleverly-crafted shots, capturing pupils' understanding of a range of photographic techniques in an imaginative fashion.

Our beautiful gardens and school grounds have also helped Miss Bankes and Mr Pearce develop pupils' awareness of local nature and the importance of monitoring and recording species and habitats.





## Focus on Science

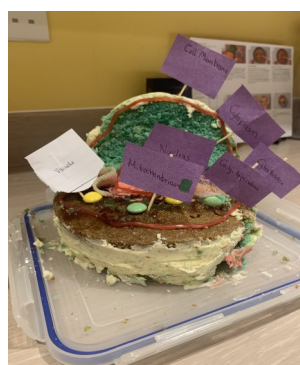
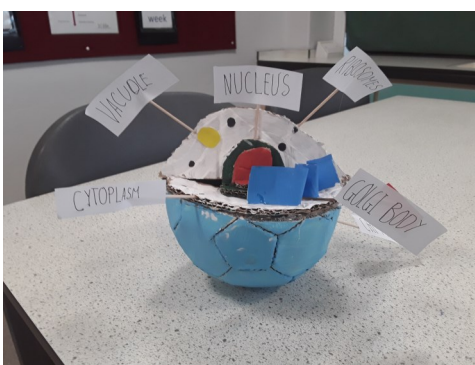
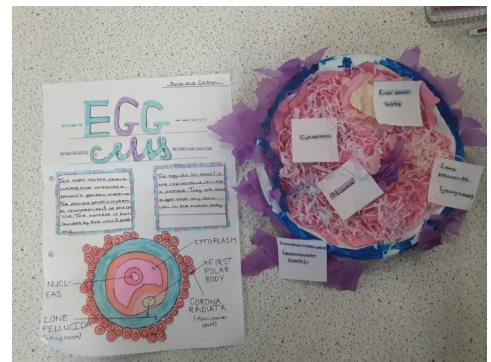
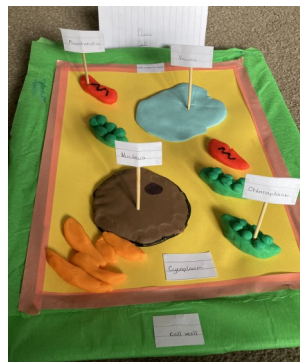
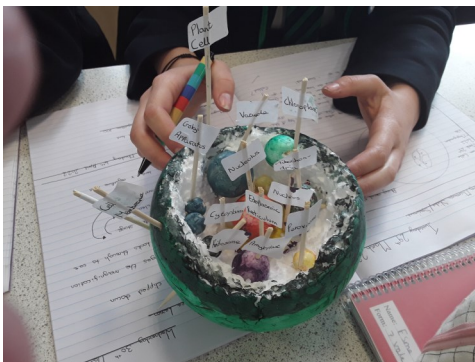


STEM club continues to be a popular extra-curricular opportunity during Friday lunchtimes for all year groups. Each week, pupils have had the opportunity to attempt different experiments or activities, including: bubble snakes; attempting to make hand warmers; looking at the effects of caffeine on reaction times; and considering whether taste is based on the information from our taste buds alone or if we are able to trick our senses.

We celebrated Science Week between 11th - 20th March with a love of all things STEM. There was a whole school assembly, which launched a STEM poster-based competition and all year assemblies had a STEM focus. Furthermore, there was the opportunity for all pupils to tune into the Royal Institute's 'Energy Live' experience within a science lesson.



Meanwhile, Mrs Huntly's year 7 group has demonstrated some fantastic independent learning skills to recreate model cells, using materials of their own choice. A selection of the wide range of creative ideas are shown below. Well done to all pupils: the quality of the home learning was absolutely exemplary.





## Focus on English

This term has been a lively and vivacious one. Our pupils' learning has gone from strength to strength in English.

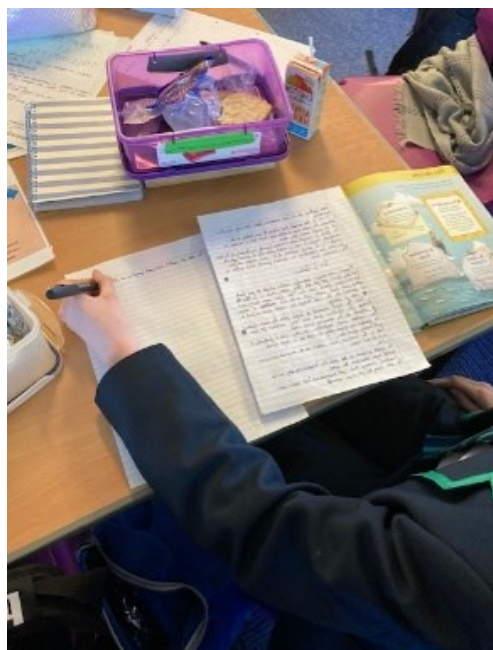


The year six English groups have immersed themselves in Dylan Thomas' 'A Child's Christmas In Wales' and a range of ghost stories. Pupils have continued to develop their retrieval, comprehension, summary, questioning and inferring skills whilst reading the texts. They have all developed their writing skills by completing their own memoirs and are currently writing their own ghost stories. Many are using the school as a setting and have used visits to our fabulous school gardens for inspiration. In particular, pupils developed vocabulary

choices, sentence structures and have been exploring the effect punctuation choices have. All year six students have been provided with a CGP book to aid their revision of KS2 learning. At present, Year 6 are also using the PiXL Unlock App to consolidate vocabulary knowledge. The year six cohort also behaved superbly during the March practice SATs experience and applied themselves diligently. Well done, Year Six.



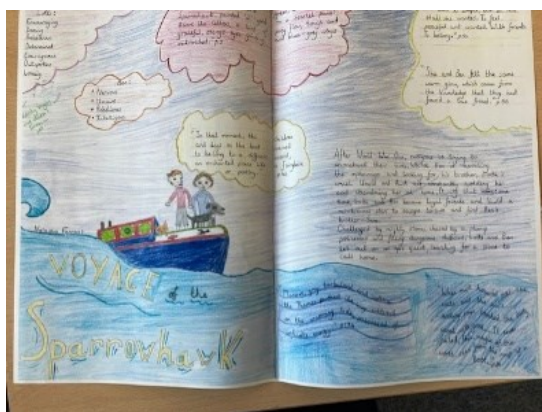
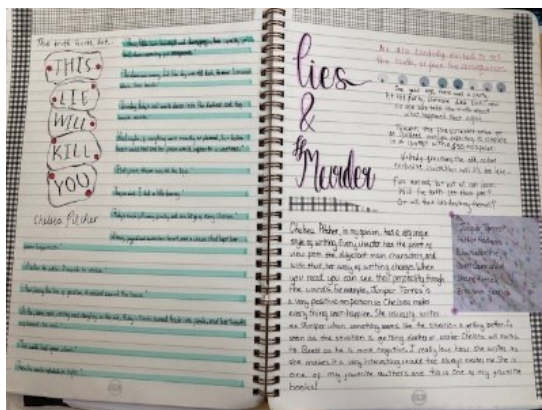
Year Seven continue to explore the concepts of heroism and villainy. Chaucer's 'The Knight's Tale' has been explored and dissected as a text coming from the English canon of literature. The year group have continued to question: how do pupils use quotations to support their opinions whilst exploring how writers construct continuous texts? They have been studying how Chaucer's characters come across to a modern reader. They have had many varied thoughts and they have conveyed these through their



written responses. We have enjoyed reading their carefully crafted tales too. They are now learning how poets employ heroes and villains in the poetic form.

Year Eight learning continues to be based around the concept of 'conflict' in English. They have all been given the opportunity to learn about Aristotle's 'Art of Rhetoric' and were inspired by modern voices such as Emma Watson, Greta Thunberg and the Obamas. The speeches that Year 8 then crafted and delivered on a variety of personally selected topics were engaging, mature and emotional. The cohort are now studying a range of modern novels which all focus around conflict and how different characters manage these experiences. It is inspiring to see the pupils thoughtfully responding to these texts.



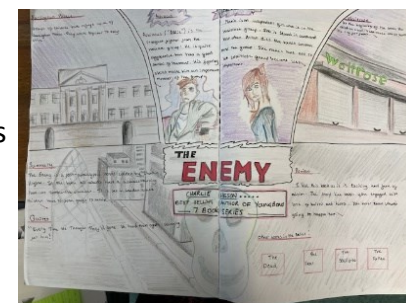
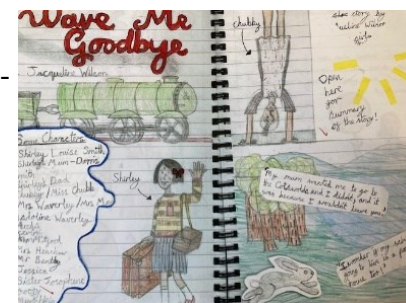
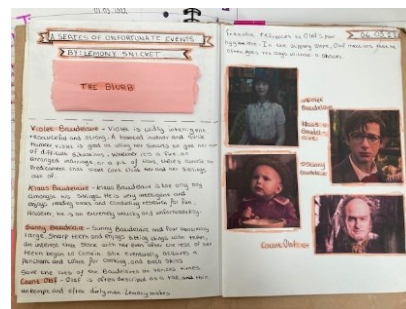


The whole school took part in our World Book Day competition and we have enjoyed judging the entries. This gave pupils and teachers the opportunity to respond to reading personally and creatively and with pleasure. It was lovely to see the wide range of texts our pupils engage with independently, from classics to contemporary fiction and covering a wide range of genres.

We wish we could showcase all of them. We hope students enjoyed choosing their books with their WBD vouchers and hopefully have found a new favourite to explore.

We wish you all a restful break and we are looking forward to our Summer learning.

The English Department



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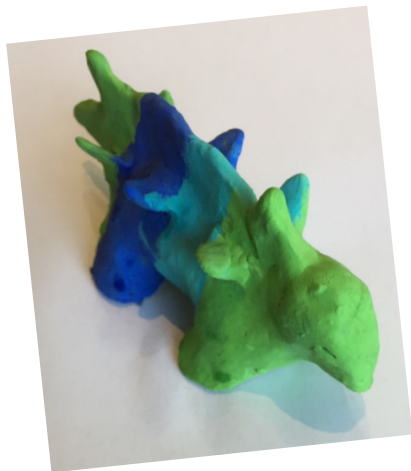
Ava M in 7A, who has produced this absolutely stunning piece of artwork, which is now proudly on display on the ground floor of the school building. Ava completed the work in her own time, using a range of techniques and encompassing the school's motto, 'Learning Together For Success'. So many pupils and visitors have commented on how brilliant it is as they pass and we absolutely love it!



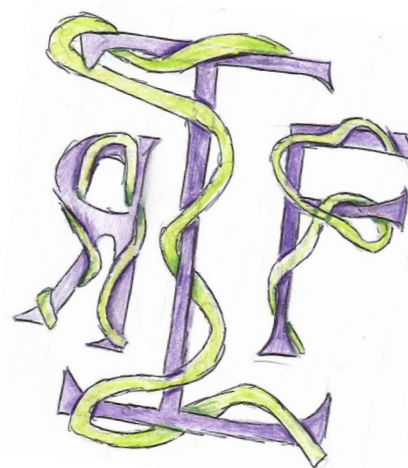
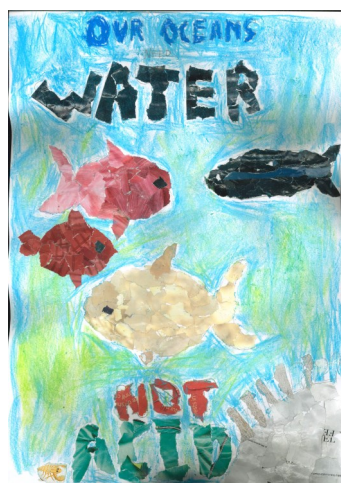


## Focus on Art

Within the Art Department this term, pupils have been busy developing their creative talents. Across Year 6, we have been making ceramic dinosaurs, printing images from Greek Myths and dipping into patterns from around the world: Maori, Native American, Ancient Egyptian and Islamic.



Across Year 7, we have been creating paper sculptures based on African masks, creating eco-collage posters, experimenting with the Celtic Art style and monograms and also developing our understanding of figure through local landscape paintings.



Meanwhile, in year 8 we have been making fish sculptures from willow, paintings in response to the season, animal kingdom portraits and developing book illustration work. Some lovely creativity—well done!



## Focus on Mathematics

In February, a group of 10 Year 8s were invited to take part in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge organised by the UK Mathematics Trust, part of the University of Leeds.

The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice activity, which is completed online. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The main aim of the challenge is to make participants think whilst having fun.

Congratulations to those who took part—in particular Harrison L, who was awarded a silver certificate and Liam H, who was awarded a bronze certificate. All other entrants were awarded a certificate of participation.

In addition to this, Harrison progressed to the next round of the challenge, the 'Grey Kangaroo'. He took part in this round in April and was awarded a certificate of qualification for his efforts: well done, Harrison!



The Junior Mathematical Challenge takes place after Easter and a group consisting of 60 Year 8s and 10 Year 7s have been invited to take part in this. We look forward to sharing further successes with you next term.



Year 6 have continued to further their consolidation and confidence with their times tables. Following a hard-fought battle over the half-term holiday, 6 Avon were victorious in the TTRockstars competition!

The overall top scorers in the year group were:

- Amelia A (6 Vale)
- Wilson T (6 Avon)
- Robbie B (6 Avon)
- Sophia S-C (6 Hill)
- Olivia K (6 Brook)

Congratulations to all of you on your hard work. The next tournament will be taking place over Easter—you have got to be in it to win it!



## Focus on Music

Wow, what a concert! BHA pupils were involved in a fantastic concert alongside seven other local schools to play a new piece of music "Music from the Abbey" - a series of smaller pieces telling the history of Evesham Abbey and held at The Henrician at Prince Henry's High School. For all our performers it was the first time they have performed in public as part of a larger ensemble and some of our musicians have only been learning their instrument for a short period of time. All worked very hard in rehearsals at lunchtime and with their instrumental teacher, and then in a final rehearsal with the other schools. The evening ended with a standing ovation and a request for an encore! This has been an amazing opportunity to be a part of and one that will stay with the pupils, too.

Subject Lead for Music Mrs Pilling is very proud of our pupils' achievements. A big 'well done' to Rhys B and Amber X in 6 Vale, Amelia A in 7 Tower, Patrick K in 8 Castle and Chloe H and Ellie B in 8 Hill.



## House Point Update

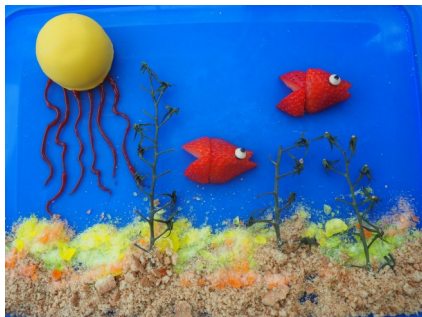
Our pupils have continued to shine across all areas of school life, picking up a wealth of house points for their efforts, achievements and participation. The overall House totals up to the end of March are shown below, with Vale extending their lead this term. Can they maintain a whole academic year ahead of the other Houses? Make sure you keep up to date with your child's achievements through the My Child At School platform.

Avon	Brook	Castle	Hill	Tower	Vale
2953	2986	2965	3340	3176	3675



## ***Focus on Food Preparation and Nutrition***

Mrs Parkinson has had a fantastic response from pupils for her Tunnock's Teacake Challenge. This year the theme has been 'The Natural World'. We love the imagination, creativity and flair of our entrants. A selection of some of our pupils' ideas are shown below. We will announce our in-school winners after the Easter holidays.





## Focus on Physical Education

It's been an incredibly busy term in PE, with great participation and achievements across lessons, inter-house competitions and through the number of pupils who have represented the school at local, regional and national events.



In football, our girls have become the U-13 County Cup Champions. On a fantastic run of form, their teamwork and confidence saw them comfortably beat all opponents and resulted in a 5-2 victory in the cup final, held at South Bromsgrove High School against Parkside Middle School. Huge congratulations to all members of the team—a fantastic achievement!

Year 7 and 8 Inter-House Football was played out in a friendly, yet competitive manner over the course of the term. Congratulations to 7 Tower and 8 Vale, who were worthy winners of their respective year groups. The games were played out in all weathers and the pupils adapted well to the conditions they faced on the pitch.

Year 8	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	GD
Vale	5	4	0	1	13	+12
Hill	5	3	1	1	10	+8
Brook	5	3	2	0	9	-5
Avon	5	2	2	1	7	+9
Tower	5	1	3	1	4	0
Castle	5	0	5	0	0	-23

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Tower	5	3	0	2	11	+8
Castle	5	3	2	0	9	+5
Vale	5	2	1	2	8	0
Hill	5	1	2	2	5	0
Avon	5	1	3	1	4	-5
Brook	5	1	3	1	4	-6





In netball, the BHA A team finished runners up in the District Netball Tournament, which was held at Pershore High School. The B team finished in 6th place. After successes against schools in one-off games across the year, this was a great opportunity for our pupils to experience competing in a full competition and develop their stamina by competing in several games in quick succession.



Meanwhile, it was a pleasure to welcome tennis coach Andy Crowther from Evesham Rowing Club into some of our PE lessons. This offered our pupils the chance to pick up some new skills ahead of the summer season of the PE curriculum at BHA. We will look forward to seeing the girls put these skills into action next term.

Congratulations also go to Heidi P, Amber J, Archie Q, Esme G, Sean C, Scarlett E, Kipp S, Maja D and Hebe G, who all performed well in the District Cross-country. Their individual performances meant they went on to represent South Worcestershire in the Worcestershire School Games, held at Wolverley School, after being amongst the top six competitors in their events. Kipp and Scarlett progressed even further, representing Worcestershire at the National Finals.



BHA also had great success in the Panthlon Games, held at The DeMontford School. Our Year 6 team finished fourth, whilst our Year 7 team finished winners. All of our participants thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere and competition itself, which saw them compete across a wide range of disciplines. A big 'well done' to Zach A, Wilson S,

Harry D, Tomboy S, Emma E and Freya J in year 6, along with Harrison F, Oliver L, Jack B, Abi G, Lucy B, Phoebe M and Sophia B in year 7.





## Focus on Extra-Curricular

Attendance remains incredibly high across the wide range of extra-curricular activities we offer at BHA. The start of a new term marks a new opportunity for our pupils to try something different!

Monday		
Field Athletics	Years 7 & 8	Mr Sheridan (Field)
Rounders	Year 6 - girls	Mrs Speake (Field)
Library	All years	Mrs Oakley and Team
Singing Club	Invitation Only	Mrs Pilling (Music Room)
Minecraft Club	Year 6	Mr Bishop (Computer Room)
Chess Club	Year 8	Mrs Campbell (Room 11)
Bredon Bears Carnegie Reading Group	All years	Mrs Bartlett (Room 3) – Blue weeks only
Gardening Club	Year 6	Miss Banks (Friendship Garden)

Tuesday		
Ultimate Frisbee	Years 7 & 8	Mr Sheridan (Field)
Cricket	Year 8	Mr Haines (Field)
Rounders	Year 7 – girls	Mrs Speake (Field)
Art	Year 6	Mr MacDonald (Art Room) – Green weeks only
Portfolio Club	Invitation Only	Mr MacDonald (Art Room) – Blue weeks only
Library	All years	Mrs Oakley and Team
Band Practice	Invitation Only	Mrs Pilling (Music Room)
Minecraft Club	Year 7/8	Mr Bishop (Computer Room)
Lego Club	Year 6	Miss Lloyd (Room 12)
Agents Of Kindness	Invitation Only	Mrs Sidney (Room 7)
Gardening Club	Year 7	Miss Banks (Friendship Garden)

Wednesday		
Track Athletics	All years	Mr Sheridan (Field)
Tennis	Year 6	Mrs Speake (Courts)
Cricket	Year 7	Mr Haines (Field)
Library	All years	Mrs Oakley and Team
Gaming Club	Year 6	Mr Bishop (Computing Room)
Turing Tumbles Club	Year 7	Mrs Merrick (Room 12)
STEM Club	All years	Mrs Griffin, Mr Bailey and Mrs Huntly (Science Labs)
Bird-Watching Club	Year 6	Mrs Smith (Meet in the garden)
Film Club	Year 6	Mrs Jessop (Room 3) – Green weeks only
History Book Club	Years 7 & 8	Mr Pearce (Room 2) – a place to read fiction and non-fiction texts linked to History and share ideas.
French Club	All years	Mme Amzallag (Room 6) – games/films and support on rotation
Gardening Club	Year 8	Miss Banks (Friendship Garden)
Music Homework Help	All years	Mrs Pilling (Music Room)

Thursday		
Cricket	Year 6	Mr Haines (Field)
Rounders	Year 8 – girls	Mrs Speake (Courts)
Art Club	Year 8	Mr MacDonald (Art Room) – Blue weeks only
Library	All years	Mrs Oakley and Team
Drop-In Music Practice	All years	Mrs Pilling (Music Room)
Craft Club	Invitation only	Mrs Campbell (Room 11)
Craft Club	Year 7	Mrs Dorrell (T1)
Creative Writing	All years	Mrs Bartlett (Room 3) – Green weeks only
Maths Clinic	All years	A perfect opportunity to get help with maths home learning or catch up missed work. (Room 10/12)
Gaming Club	Years 7 & 8	Mr Bishop (Computing Room)
Gardening Club	Year 6	Miss Bankes (Friendship Garden) Eco-Action Team Only

Friday		
Ultimate Frisbee	Year 6	Mr Sheridan (Field)
Tennis	Years 7 & 8	Mrs Speake (Courts)
Art Club	Year 7	Mr MacDonald (Art Room) – Green weeks only
Craft Club	Year 8	Mrs Dorrell (T1)
Library	All years	Mrs Oakley and Team
Cooking Skills Club	Invitation only	Mrs Parkinson (T2)
Chess Club	Year 6	Mrs Oakley (Room 11)
Gardening Club	Year 7	Miss Bankes (Friendship Garden) Eco-Action Team Only

## ***Our New Build***

We're looking forward to September, when our maths block will be extended to house two further classrooms. Work is well under way and the pupils love checking in on the progress the builders are making. The classrooms will be a much-welcome upgrade on the mobile classrooms that the school have had for a number of years.

