



Spring Term 2

School Newsletter - Term Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we reflect on the last term, we're proud to share the exciting learning, achievements, and experiences our students have been part of across various subjects.

English: Exploring the Past through Persuasion

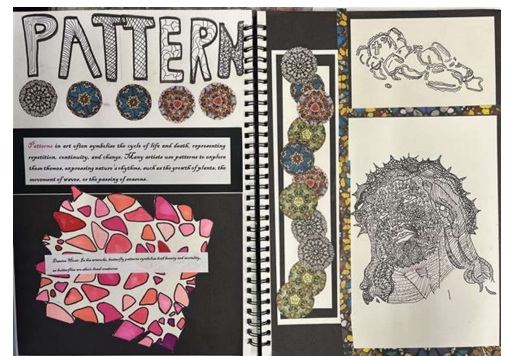
Last term, students delved into Non-Fiction Reading and Writing, exploring the theme of Victorian childhood experiences. This unit culminated in students planning and delivering persuasive speeches advocating for children's rights. They employed a range of language and structural devices, including emotive language and anaphora, to powerful effect.

Science: Discovery and Curiosity

In Science, students explored scientific concepts through hands-on investigations into separating mixtures using distillation, chromatography, and filtration. They also studied the human digestive system and biodiversity. Science Week was a particular highlight—students witnessed science in action, from weather experiments to the science behind baking! It has been wonderful to see their scientific curiosity flourish.

Art: From Monet to Wonderland

Lastly, for Art, students developed their understanding of Impressionism and landscape art by recreating pieces from Claude Monet's *London Series*, focusing on light, atmosphere, and environment in modernist painting. They also honed one-point perspective





techniques, emphasising depth and structural accuracy. Inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*, students applied principles of atmospheric perspective and colour theory to create imaginative and vibrant scenes.

Staff Updates

We are delighted to welcome **Samuel Croyle** as our new Deputy Head Teacher.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to **Camille Harding**, our new Assistant Head Teacher.

With these changes in place, **Anthony Le** has now taken on the role of STEM Lead and Teacher and **James Dobbin** the role of Literacy and English Lead.

Looking Ahead: Careers Guidance

This term, our Year 9, 10, and 11 students will take part in individual career interviews with our Careers Advisor. These sessions aim to help students consider their goals and next steps after school as they begin to shape their future.

Our Careers Lead, Nicholas Grover, has also arranged Trash to Treasure through our Skills Builder partnership. This is a set of challenges that allow students to express their own ideas, work together as a team, and show teamwork and leadership skills.

The King's Trust - Achieve Programme

We've proudly signed up to The King's Trust **Achieve Programme**, preparing students for the world of work. The King's Trust is committed to supporting young people aged 11-30 in accessing jobs, education, and training. Last year alone, the Trust helped over 70,000 young people, with 3 in 4 progressing into positive outcomes. The programme is a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain real-world skills and insights.



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Celebrating Success: Student Rewards

To recognise and reward our students' hard work and exemplary behaviour, we organised a special rewards



shopping trip. In addition, our top ten students earned a bonus field trip to go **Go Karting**—a fun-filled way to celebrate their dedication and achievements this term.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another term full of learning, growth, and memorable moments.

IMPORTANT DATES



Bank Holiday: 5th May

Half-Term: 26th - 30th May

Inset Day: 27th June

Art Exhibition, Graduation, and BBQ: 18th July

Rewards Shopping: 22nd July

End of Summer Term: 23rd July



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