



## The Weekly Word

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### A note from the Principal

Despite the autumnal weather this week our Drop Down Day was hugely successful, with Year 7 going on their annual trip to Horley for some team building and outdoor education activities. Cherwell Council came and supported the day as did Place2Be and the army. We are so grateful for their support in ensuring another fantastic PSHCEE day. What was lovely was the feedback we got about your children – as ever they were polite, respectful and engaged. This feedback was repeated yesterday after two gruelling days of an internal review from our Trust. We were visited by other senior leaders from the Trust for two days who could not have been more positive about the children they met and spoke with. They wanted me to pass the message on to our parents how smart the children were, how well equipped for learning and how incredibly polite, calm and courteous they found them to be. I have always championed our students – I think they are wonderful and a credit to you as parents – but to hear the same from six different colleagues from across our London and Dorset schools was so lovely. Thank you for all your support in driving this school to become better and better. I am determined that we will become an outstanding school – our community deserves the very best.



Department of Meteorology



## YEAR 12/13 METEOROLOGY TASTER DAY 2019

Offering prospective students the opportunity to participate in a programme of activities to find out how the atmosphere works; make observations; predictions and hear about the exciting career opportunities available following the degree courses on offer. A campus tour will also be included. Of interest to those studying Maths or Physics at A Level considering taking their study to a higher level.

**DATE:** Tuesday 29 October approx. 9.30am-3.30pm ( Half-Term for some)

To register complete the online form at your earliest opportunity :

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### Dates for your Diary:

- **Thursday 17th October - Work Experience Evening for Year 10 parents**



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[Link to calendar](#)

## Eco-School



Three new Year 9 students in Futures have kick-started our 2019 initiative to become an Eco-School. They have wanted to do something about the environment for a while and have started with a drive to collect crisp packets for recycling. They will be the key members of the Futures Eco-School Committee. Meanwhile the Year 10s' project on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle was presented at the Open Evening in Futures Hall this week.

Dr Pickup

## Thorpe Park

Students with excellent or much improved attendance were all rewarded with a fun trip to Thorpe Park earlier this term.



Everyone had a great day going on all the rides in the sunshine!

If you would like to go on an attendance reward trip please ensure you listen out for announcements in assemblies and mentor time.

Excellent attendance is vital if you want to fulfil your potential in all your subjects. We expect every student to aim for 100% attendance and make the most of every opportunity presented to them!

Mr Smith

## Art Department News

Year 8 have started a project based upon Henry Moore sculptures. They have started to draw detailed natural forms to gain ideas for their own sculpture designs. They will shortly design and make their own clay maquettes inspired by the work of Henry Moore.

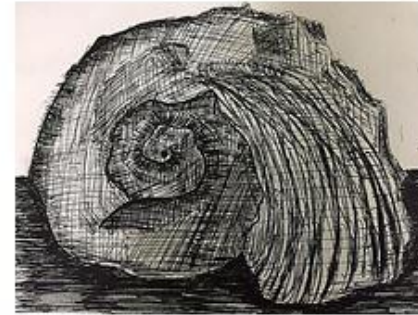
In addition, some students have attended the **Sculpture Club** to make their own large scale Henry Moore inspired sculptures which we plan to display in the school grounds.

All year 8 students are welcome to attend sculpture club on Wednesday 3:15-4:15 in T5.

Miss Brookes    Head of Art



Featured artwork (top left to bottom):  
Leah Robinson, Millie Cheeseman, Lucy Ewart



Featured artwork (top left to bottom):  
Kinga Fornal, Ivett, Tyler Puran

# SCULPTURE

# CLUB



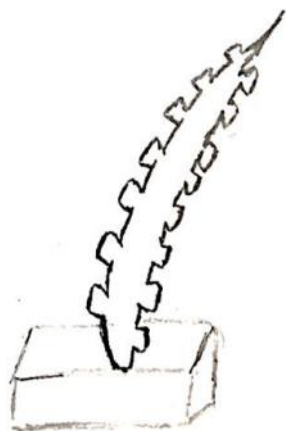
Starts on Next week Wednesday 18/09/19

From 3:15 to 4:15.

Art block T5

Ms Brooks

Welcome  
for  
all  
Year 8!



## Project Management Skills

Rojiv Ali, Project manager at Collins Aerospace, came to talk to Year 12 ATL students about the 21st Century skill of Project Management.

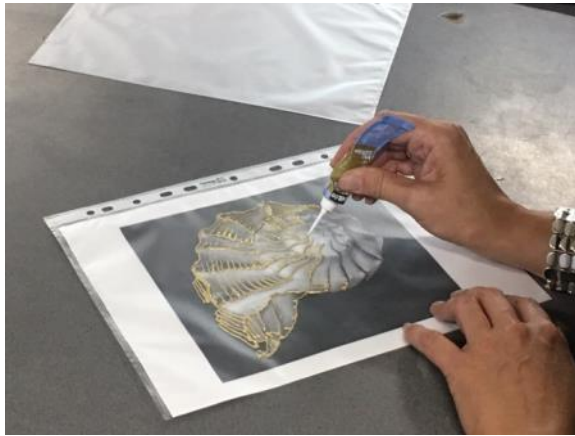
He showed the students his board presentation for a £1.9 Million project and explained how project management can be used in a variety of contexts.

He has set the year 12s the challenge of building a business case for the project of what they will do after leaving school. He will review the best responses and will offer work experience for the most impressive.

Lucy and Mikolaj are two who have been inspired to take up the challenge.



## Open Evening Activities



On Thursday's Open Evening Mrs Martin ran a selection of workshops for prospective students.

They learnt how to create layered transfer paintings using a range of exciting drawing techniques.

The art rooms were an exciting place to be with a whole host of work spanning year 10 , 11 and some key stage 3.



### Futures Stars

At the Open Evening this week Futures pupils shone at explaining the unique projects they do.

Two students particularly stood out due the amount of preparation and work they did before the event and manning their stands all evening.



Cameron has been running the electronics Maker's club for year 7s last year and spent hours checking the wifi connections. Will brought his sheep as part of Core Project planets challenge. Will's husbandry is impressive for his age and he shows excellent entrepreneurial potential!