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A message from the Head Teacher



Mr A Seager

Textiles Pupils Visit Professional Artist’s Studio

Dear Parent/Carer,

Easter greetings from everyone at Bloxwich Academy. This year is flying by and we are already in full swing with our forthcoming summer examination series.

Whilst Years 11, 12 and 13 all continue to prepare themselves for these exams, as you can see in the Newsletter, Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been making the most of all the opportunities that have been available at Bloxwich Academy.

Whilst we hope you all have a relaxing Easter break may I point out that the school will be open for Year 11 pupils to attend their revision sessions. These lessons are vital if pupils are to maximise on their potential.

Once again may I thank you for your continued support in helping drive standards higher and higher. Our aim at ‘Being the Best you can be’ can only be achieved by everyone working together.

Have a great Easter break and I look forward to seeing you in term 3.

Mr A Seager
Head Teacher

Pupils had the opportunity to take part in a mixed media textiles workshop with professional textiles artist Jennifer Collier at her studio, Unit Twelve, in Stafford. The aim of the visit was to support research work for the GCSE and A Level Textile Design exam. Pupils were also able to experience how professional textile artists work in studios and see how the work is produced. The studio also had a new exhibition, which was based on a range of different creative disciplines which gave pupils inspiration for the exam and future projects.

The day consisted of pupils developing experimental techniques in the morning session. Then all of the samples produced were collated together and made into a personal sketchbook by each pupil.

In the afternoon pupils had the chance to make a garment in the style of the artist. All of the work produced by pupils has been used as development work for the exam preparation.

As we left the studio Jennifer praised our pupils and said that they were a very pleasant group of girls to work with. Further to that, in an email Jennifer, said: “The pupils of Bloxwich Academy were an utter pleasure to work with in the workshop at my galley, Unit Twelve. They created stunning work and were open to trying new ideas and experimenting with different techniques. They all had very clear ideas of what they wanted to make, which led to many beautiful and varied garments being created. The pupils thrived in seeing working artists’ studios and gallery space, and were very inspired in their work by everything they saw and experienced.”

After the visit, pupils were asked to comment about the experience that they had on the trip. The feedback was very positive from pupils and we are already discussing the next visit.

A big well done must go to all of the pupils that attended the visit and they were a credit to the school. They worked really hard and left the studio with a wide range of samples to assist with their exam preparation.

Miss V Bhatti
Head of Textiles

Pupil Comments

“This visit to the Unit Twelve Gallery to meet Jennifer Collier was really beneficial to me. Not only did we get to experience Jennifer’s workshop we were able to see the work of other textile artists. We gained some information on how she started her career and how she has progressed to this point.

Within the workshop, we made multiple samples using techniques that she had demonstrated to us such as waxing and trapping vintage items. This helped me to realise how versatile different objects could be and that I could use these techniques in my future work.

During the workshop, I had a discussion with Jennifer to ask for any advice on how to start a career within the textiles industry. She helped me by explaining her story of her career, such as starting by completing a degree in Textile Design at University. This helped me to finalise the career path that I will choose because I could see myself working in the textiles industry.’

Bloxwich Secondary Easter Revision Sessions

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See the full timetable on our website.

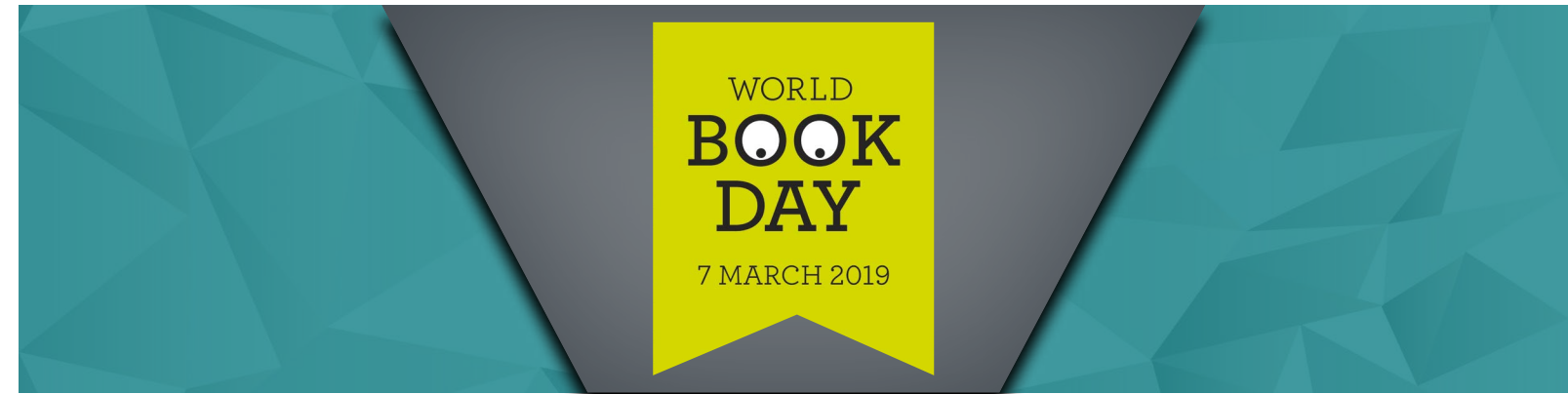
Monday 15 th April	Tuesday 16 th April	Wednesday 17 th April	Wednesday 24 th April	Thursday 25 th April
Psychology Y11 10.00 – 12 C. Pagett	Science Y11 A Band 9.30 – 12.30 S. Martin I. Chamberlain P. Grewal		London Institute of Banking and Finance Y11 C. Emery	Maths Y13 10.00 – 13.00 A. Keyte
Art Y11 9.30 – 14.00 E. Morris	Physics Y13 12.45 – 15.00 S. Martin	History Y11 (Paper 1) 9.30 – 13.30 A. Strachan T. Evers R. Prime		Maths Y11 9.30 – 12.00 U. Simpson L. O’Brien J. Sears B. Bradley L. Billingham
Textiles Y11 08.30 – 15.00 V. Bhatti	Psychology Y13 10.00 – 12.00 C. Pagett	Geography Y11 (Paper 1) 9.30 – 13.30 S. Thomson		
Art Y13 9.30 – 14.00 L. Reid	Sociology Y13 12.30 – 2.30 C. Pagett			
Sociology Y13 10.00 – 14.00 A. Booth	Art Y13 9.30 – 14.00 L. Reid			

M. Blanzas, Year 11

'I really enjoyed the Jennifer Collier trip as it inspired me to add different concepts into my work and experiment with different techniques such as bonding materials, trapping items in teabags and melting plastics.

We were also allowed to take photographs and information packs to help with our exam preparation. The workshop was really beneficial for me as it gave me the opportunity to look into the textiles industry, it also taught me how creative people in this area can aspire to do things that they love and make a successful career out of it.'

M. Jukes, Year 11



On Friday 7th March 2019, Bloxwich Academy celebrated World Book Day. Both staff and pupils took full advantage of dressing up as their favourite fictional character.

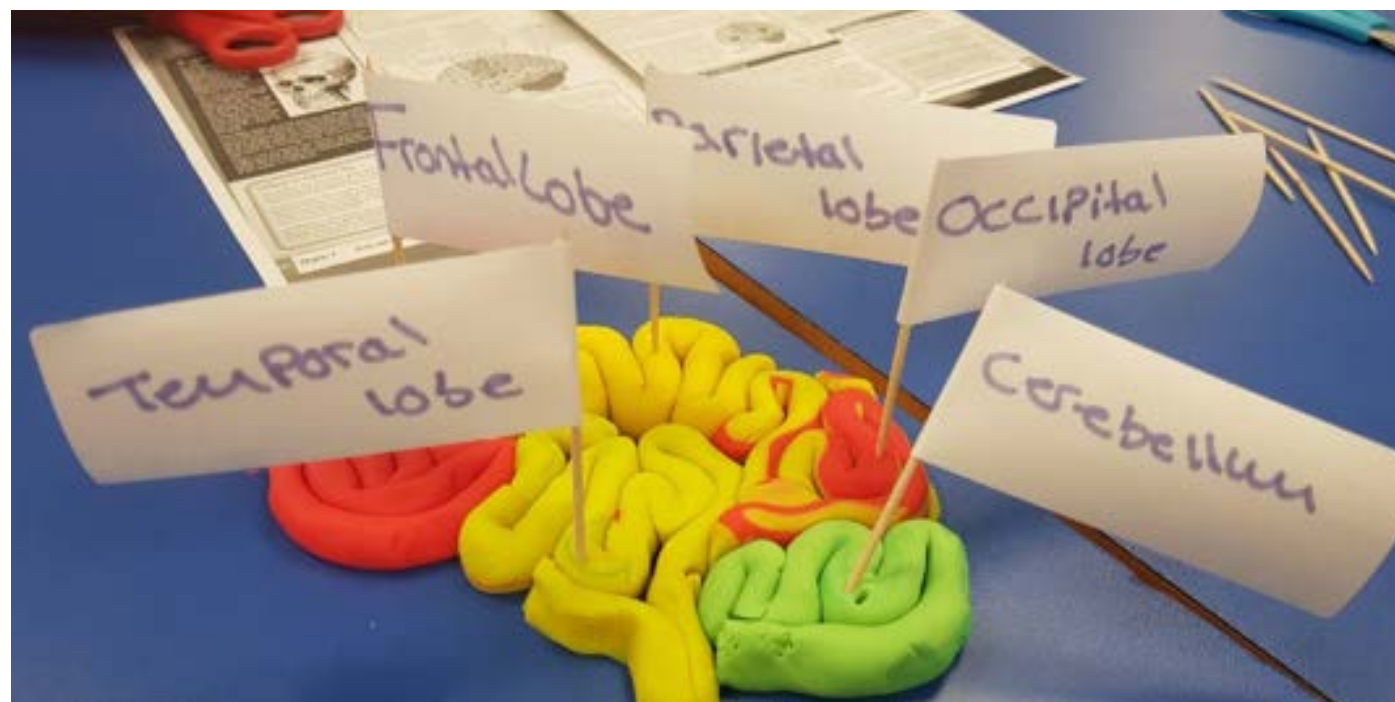
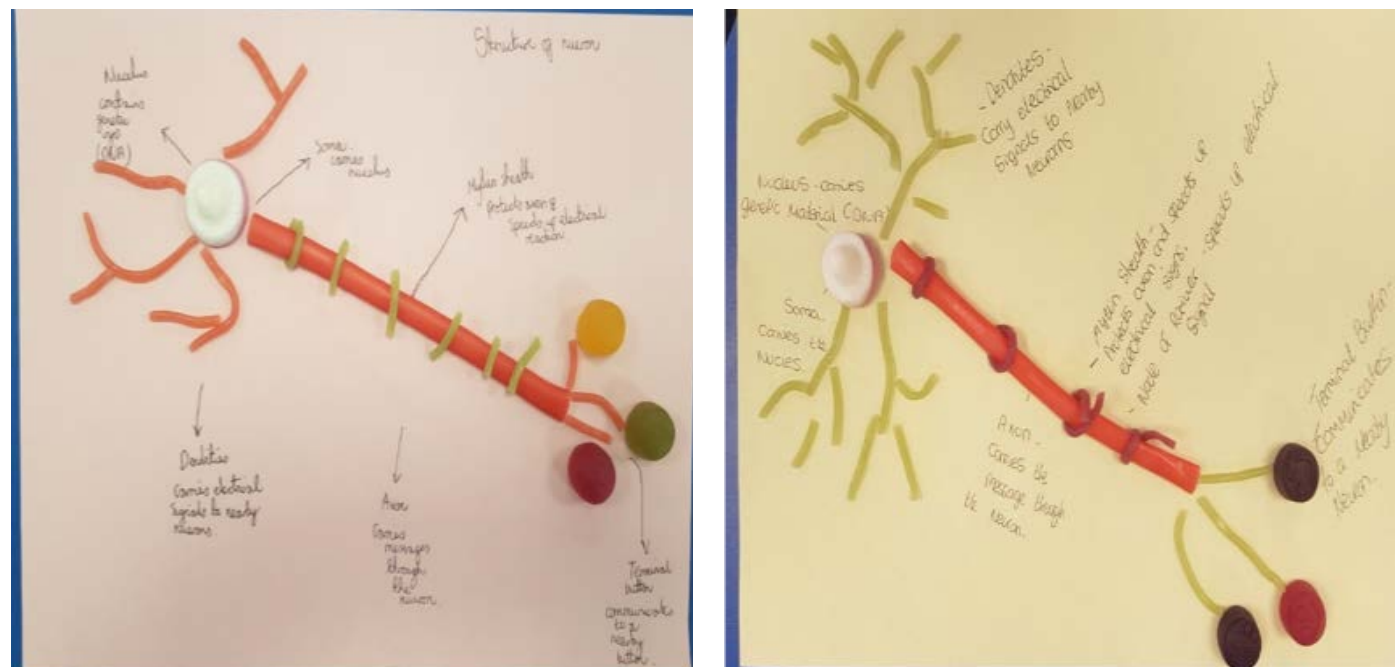
As well as dressing up, there were also lots of exciting activities taking place across the Academy including: guess the title quizzes, World Book Day themed lessons and World Book Day photo booths.



Social Sciences News



Year 11 Psychology pupils have just finished the Brain and Neuropsychology topic! It has been interesting looking at the structure of neurons and what each part of the brain is responsible for. There has been some excellent work produced.



On 13 March 2019, over fifty Year 9 and Year 12 pupils attended The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair. The fair is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK involving inspiring engineers and scientists from some of the UK's biggest companies.

Pupils were able to watch exciting theatre shows, take part in interactive workshops and exhibits, and access careers information from STEM professionals.

Pupil highlights include experiencing a range of RAF job roles via virtual reality, learning about JCB's automated vehicles, and using a huge smoke cannon to demonstrate how far an airborne disease can travel just by coughing!



Performing Arts News

On 19 March 2019, the Performing Arts team took the BTEC Level 3 pupils to watch the live performance of Kinky Boots the Musical at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

They thoroughly enjoyed the high energy numbers and the fantastic concepts used, and a few tears were shed for the talented solo singers who performed.

This experience will be used as part of the research for their Performing Arts unit 2 assessment and was valuable in gaining ideas for our own musical production of 'A Night at the Musicals' in July.



Cricket Team Impress at Indoor Competition

Our indoor cricket team once again entered the Walsall and Wolverhampton schools 8-a-side cricket competition. This year we were drawn against Shirelands and Joseph Leckie school of which we played a round robin competition with the winner progressing through to the semi-finals.

Both games against Joseph Leckie were hard as they had club players that brought experience to their team; unfortunately, they were too strong. C. Awabajo and E. Duah top scored for our team with E. Duah also claiming a well taken wicket.

The first game was against a well organised Shirelands team who batted first and scored 73 in seven overs, we managed a respectable 31 with B. Johnson as the top scorer with 15. The second game against this team was far closer and went down to the last over with us chasing the runs to win.

Both E. Duah and P. Pimento found themselves at the crease at this critical time. We needed 5 runs off the last over and it got a little tenser after their bowler bowled a dot ball. E. Duah managed to get two runs which left P. Pimento on strike. Another dot ball resulted with 3 to win off 2 balls, Pimento hit the ball into the leg side which saw Bloxwich win this encounter between the two teams!

Overall the boys represented Bloxwich Academy with the highest standards and enjoyed the day which was held at Aldersley Stadium.

Mr J Hamnett



House Message STEPHENSON



Miss Stanley

Congratulations to all the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance in Stephenson House for this term:

Year 7 - *Y Ahmed, M Bourne, D Brown, B Evans, J Fletcher, C Hitchcock, L Jarman, C Moriarty, T Morris, K Perry, M Simpson, E Stone, C Taylor, J Tolley, A Webb, L Williams, K Wood*

Year 8 – *K Blanazs, S Boamaong, J Gyan-Baffour, O Hayward, F Killian, J Swindell*

Year 9 – *J Myatt, T Ojolo, H Rashidzada, M Omotuyi*

Year 10 – *C Awobajo, S Boamaong, D Irodotou, N Jukes, L Peach, W Westley*

Year 11 – *J Douglas, S Enosakhare, K Johnson, J Mbozo, L Perkins, E Sproston, D Till, L Willetts*

Well done to all of these pupils, they certainly are all fantastic role models for the rest of Stephenson House and the school. The two Year 7 forms won the attendance for the previous half term and were given a reward of breakfast in the canteen for their high attendance. The rest of the forms are working hard in challenging them for this half term prize.

Stephenson House collected items of food which were donated at the end of February to the food-bank which helps people in our local community.

The following pupils have achieved their Gold commendations from Year 7:

Y Ahmed, T Nealen, C Taylor

We also have a group of pupils who have achieved their Silver Commendation:

C Welsh, M Moseley, W Gittins, J George, O Hayward, F Killian, J Swindal, B Dunn, M Omotuyi, K Wood, L Williams, J Wheat, E Stone, M Simpson, K Perry, D Nicklin, C Moriarty, K Kislowska, C Hudson, C Hitchcock, N Grealish, D Fudali, J Fletcher, P Clarke, J Bryan, D Brown, T Adkins

In Stephenson we have our pupils who study BTEC Performing Arts and they have been working hard on their rehearsals for their performance at the Arena theatre. This is the last assessment Year 11 needs to complete before the external exams start.

Our GCSE pupils will be attending intervention during the holidays to help them in their preparation for their summer exams.

All that is left for me to say is a big thank you to our parents for their continued support in donating cakes, items of food for the food-bank and supporting the various charity events held throughout the term.

Mr Bradley



House Message BRINDLEY

I would like to start off by saying a huge well done to all of Brindley, who have worked fantastically well during this half term and displayed a huge commitment to attending school.

Also, I would like to say how proud I am of all the Year 11 pupils who are working extremely hard to make sure they get the best possible results in the summer. Well done, keep it up and it will all be worth it!

I would like to congratulate the following pupils for all their hard work so far, and for achieving 100% attendance this half term: *L. Austin (Year 7), C. Bouncer (Year 7), P. Bowyer (Year 7), S. Crowther (Year 7), M. Duker (Year 7), C. Emery (Year 7), J. Foster (Year 7), L. Hanley (Year 7), J. Memela (Year 7), C. Moriarty (Year 7), R. Partridge (Year 7), M. Perkins (Year 7), J. Sears (Year 7), G. Storey (Year 7), K. Till (Year 7), L. Wilkes (Year 7), S. Williams (Year 7), K. Adams (Year 8), C. Bailey (Year 8), S. Cavagnini (Year 8), H. Gavin (Year 8), S. Jones (Year 8), S. Masuku (Year 8), E. Robins (Year 8), A. Vaduva (Year 8), C. Willey (Year 8), G. Williams (Year 8), C. Blewitt (Year 9), L. Bowyer (Year 9), J. Griffiths (Year 9), B. Hopkins (Year 9), K. Lawrence (Year 9), T. Mills (Year 9), J. Moseley (Year 9), K. Ojolo (Year 9), J. Wells (Year 9), M. Withers (Year 9), I. Baugh (Year 10), K. Dusza (Year 10), C. Endersby (Year 10), A. Garbett (Year 10), V. Gribuska (Year 10), R. Harper (Year 10), K. Jones (Year 10), S. Joynes (Year 10), M. Nyatanga (Year 10), L. Partridge (Year 10), C. Pickstone (Year 10), S. Price (Year 10), L. Slater (Year 10), S. Keen (Year 11), G. Miller-Kakay (Year 11), E. Swain (Year 11), A. Thomson (Year 11) and N. Willetts-Jones (Year 11).*

Congratulations and keep up all your fabulous work on helping Brindley push attendance forwards.

I would like to congratulate the following pupils for achieving 100% since September:

L. Austin (Year 7), C. Bouncer (Year 7), P. Bowyer (Year 7), J. Memela (Year 7), C. Moriarty (Year 7), M. Perkins (Year 7), S. Williams (Year 7), S. Masuku (Year 8), L. Bowyer (Year 9), T. Mills (Year 9), K. Ojolo (Year 9), J. Wells (Year 9), M. Withers (Year 9), I. Baugh (Year 10), K. Jones (Year 10), M. Nyatanga (Year 10), C. Pickstone (Year 10), S. Price (Year 10), L. Slater (Year 10) and N. Willetts-Jones (Year 11).

This is a fantastic achievement so far and I look forward to presenting you with your gold awards at the end of the year.

I am looking forward to the next half term as we will begin to see more inter-house competitions happening; giving us more chances to gain house points. I want to us to be participating in all these competitions and I look forward to congratulating you on your superb efforts. All in all, this has been a successful half term. We have seen great commitment around school and your efforts aren't going unnoticed.

I would like to wish you all a great break and happy Easter.

House Message TELFORD



Mr Booth

What a busy and long term it has been! I am sure I echo the pupils when I say that I am looking forward to a nice, relaxing break over the Easter holiday.

With final exams fast approaching for both Year 11 and Year 13 I have been impressed with the work ethic that these pupils are showing as of late. From revising in the library during their own time to the vast improvement in performance in mock exams shows that the hard work you are putting in will pay off come the Summer. You are heading into the final stretch, so don't take your foot off the pedal and continue with the hard work you are putting in, it will all be worthwhile in the end!

It has been an extremely busy term with lots of extra-curricular events going on, I would like to congratulate the Year 7 girls football team for their success in the Walsall schools league, performing outstandingly and winning the league. The team are the first Bloxwich Academy side to achieve this which is fantastic news. A special congratulations must go to the members of Telford house who are a part of the girls' football team; M. Withers, I. Duckhouse, M. Lloyd and top scorer C. Benger. Let's have more of the same in the tournaments coming up in rugby, netball and basketball.

Congratulations to the following pupils who are still on 100% attendance from the start of the academic year, a fantastic accomplishment!: *C. Beaumont, S. Bowyer, R. Chudy, R. Cole, R. Elmer, R. Endersby, V. Enosakhare Riet, M. Gu, B. Hitchcock, K. Holt, E. Kones, A. Moorhouse, L. Perkins, E. Petty, M. Rhodes, P. Salan, K. Sia, H. Spellman, R. Wieczorek, L. Willey, L-R. Williams, C. Wilson, Ca. Wilson and M. Withers.*

As you can see it has been an extremely busy term, all that it leaves me to say is well done for another term, enjoy the Easter break and come back refreshed and raring to go.

There is still plenty to play for in terms of house competitions, as well as sports day and other exciting events so make sure we are all ready to be the best that we can be!

Miss Williamson



House Message WATT

As Easter draws closer, it is time to reflect on the hard work and achievements of the pupils in Watt House. It has been a tough term, with assessments and mock exams for Year 11.

Year 11 have started to work towards the finishing line of their GCSEs. They have continued to push beyond their mock exams and start to establish improvements to ensure they can meet and exceed their own expectations at the end of year 11. You have made me very proud with the way you carried yourself through a stressful time. I am sure that this invaluable experience will prepare you for the summer term when you sit your final exams. Keep your heads up, minds strong and use the Easter break to recharge the batteries and identify areas of revision needed.

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls football team for winning the league. A special mention must go the Watt pupils in the team. Well done to A. Carrington, B. Joesbury and N. Fitzgerald.

Well done to 8W1 and 9W1 for being in the top 5 forms for attendance. Let's see if we can make it to the top spot.

Congratulations to the 18 pupils with 100% attendance. Let's try and keep to the 100% attendance to the end of the year. Fantastic effort by you all. Well done!

This half term, Watt pupils have shown that they are committed to their learning and will work to achieve their potential. Congratulations to the 66 pupils achieving their Bronze Commendation award, to the 18 pupils achieving their Silver Commendation awards and to the 3 pupils achieving their Gold Commendation award.

As always I will end with the motto "be the best you can be." Let us work hard, strive for excellence and make Watt House the best it can be! Use the Easter break to recharge your batteries to come back for the summer term refreshed, ready to take on the next challenges ahead.

Art In Nature Collaboration



Several pupils have been exploring nature and have made birdhouses using recycled materials. During Art Club they have been exploring a range of formal elements and created a collaborative final piece. The pupils are: Y. Ahmed (Stephenson), A. Summers (Stephenson), D. Leigh Nicklin (Telford), R. Wiczorek (Telford), S. Williams (Brindley) and R. Meredith (Brindley).

Firstly, pupils were introduced to the work of Jennifer Collier, who also creates objects out of recycled materials. All pupils developed good compositional skills, considered neat presentation skills and developed the ability to make informed, yet independent decisions to develop their own work. They used a range of materials to create the birdhouse.

A Chopra



Year 10 pupils were privileged to participate in a speaking and listening workshop. On Tuesday 9 April, we welcomed an expert public speaker from Speaker's Trust.

Speaker's Trust is a charity with a mission to give every young person the skills and confidence to speak and be heard. Although the workshop will also help the Year 10 pupils with their English Language GCSE. The ability to be able to communicate effectively is key to being successful in all subjects as well as in future job roles. Speaking and listening is also something we use all the time in daily tasks.

The guest speaker trained our pupils on positive body language as well as how to write effective speeches. With all of the tasks, and even games, pupils were also developing their confidence. Some pupils were apprehensive to talk at the start of the day, but the same pupils were later volunteering to deliver their speeches in front of everyone in the hall.

Miss Cresswell, Miss Sherratt and Miss Warren were judges to all the pupils who delivered their speeches. There were some amazing and really emotive speeches. The task of choosing the best six was not an easy job!

All pupils received a certificate for completing the workshop and a massive well done must go to all involved.

An even bigger well done must go to those who have made it through to the next round- Blessing, Bethany, Martyna, Ethan, Antony and Michelle! These pupils will be competing in the summer term against other participating schools with some amazing prizes to be won!

Some further amazing speeches were heard from Daniil, Rhian and Charlotte who received the highly commended certificates from the day.

Once again congratulations to all the pupils involved and we hope that your new speaking and listening skills will help you in all your future endeavours inside and outside of school.



RSC's Romeo and Juliet Live Lesson

On Tuesday 2nd April, 125 pupils from across Year 7, 8 and 9 took part in a live Romeo and Juliet lesson that was streamed from Stratford Upon Avon by The Royal Shakespeare Company.

Pupils got the chance to watch Deputy Artistic Director Erica Whyman, and actors Karen Fishwick (Juliet) and Andrew French (Friar Laurence) explore two key scenes from the play. As well as performing the scenes live, they then explored the language, and the meaning of the play, and how they created their characters.

Pupils took part in a question and answer session, at the end of the lesson with actors Eric, Karen and Andrew.



Red Nose Day Hits Bloxwich Academy

On 15 March, Bloxwich Academy held a Red Nose Day to support Comic Relief, which was organised by the School Council. Throughout the week both staff and pupils bought red noses so they could wear them on the day. The event took place during break time in the dining hall and was a huge success. Events included a penalty shoot-out in the gym, which was run by Mr Adams and Mr Hamnett. Also, we had over one hundred cakes donated by generous pupils and staff, which went down a storm.

We do have to say a big thank you to the members of staff who took it in turns to be in the stocks over break and lunchtimes. Pupils paid 50p to throw cold, wet sponges at them. The Maths department got so excited that staff paid £5 to throw buckets of water at them.

Additionally, we set the pupils a challenge to put their loose change into a bucket so Mr Hall could have a very short haircut. We then had to find a willing member of staff to perform the task following Mr Hall's instructions. Unfortunately, only half his hair was cut at break and we had to wait until lunch for enough money to be raised so he could have the other side cut!

Overall, the day was fantastic. We raised over £300, which deserves a huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported the day's events.

Well done all.

Miss Stanley
School Council

Matrix Dance Show



Pupils performed three different street dances at The Matrix Show held at Etone College this year. Their performance was fantastic and it was lovely to demonstrate performances from all the academies across the trust.

Our Year 7 pupils performed a commercial street dance to 'Body'.



Silly Science Workshops

Bloxwich Academy hosted fantastic Silly Science workshops from the Education Group for Year 7 on 22 March 2019. Year 5 from Jubilee Primary Academy and Woodlands Primary Academy also attended. #ScienceWeek2019



Medic Mavericks

Pupils from a range of year groups experienced some superb hands on experience using medical equipment with Medic Mavericks organised through Aspire to HE. An excellent event which gave a great insight into the world of medicine for our pupils.

Pupils also had the chance to work with some cutting edge sports science equipment with lots of information on careers within the sports science industry. Our pupils were inspired!

