

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b>
<b>Return to school</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b>
<b>Year 11 Assessments begin week commencing</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Year 13 Assessments begin week commencing</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Year 9 Drama performance at Bedford Modern School</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Children in need</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Staff Training Day (School is closed for pupils)</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a full half term, and I am delighted to be able to send you a newsletter telling you about the activities our pupils have been taking part in.

Our staff and pupils have engaged really well with learning this half term, and senior staff have visited lots of lessons. We have been impressed by the work across all year groups and the enthusiasm of young people. The start of the day is one of my favourite times, with pupils telling me at the gate about what they are learning, their achievements and the progress they are making in a range of areas. I know many of you will ask your child what they have learnt, and how school is going. We love to hear about successes, but also do let us know if you identify any worries we can support with.

Our Enrichment Day focused on skills and experiences that are a key part of our curriculum, outside of lesson time. The area of focus changes through the year, and the skills are mapped for each year group. This time Year 11 worked on interview skills, and the ability to express opinions about a range of topics; Year 10 activities focused on team work and resilience through a range of opportunities; Year 9 took part in a range of subject based enrichment activities, which is the start for them of considering their GCSE choices in the Spring term.

A special message to Year 11. Their mocks begin the week on 7 November. We would advise that all Year 11 should be revising their subjects at home and tutors have been teaching them how to revise. A revision timetable, and a quiet space away from distractions, are good practice. However, it is important that all pupils have a break over the half term, do some exercise and have down time. If you have any concerns about your child either working too hard, or not doing any revision, do let us know so that we can work together.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

Kind regards



Mrs McMorn  
Head of School

## ENRICHMENT DAY – YEAR 9 AND 10



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October saw our first Enrichment and Careers Day of the academic year and it was certainly action packed! During these days, our pupils develop their 'Skills4Success', which are the behaviours and attributes that give a young person the best chance of succeeding in education and through into employment.

Year 9 participated in 3 workshops designed to increase aspiration around option subjects they may select later in the year. These included fantastic activities such as the 'French café' (Food), inflatable planetarium (Science) and making mobiles (Child development).

Here's what our pupils had to say:

"Enrichment day was really enjoyable because we made pancakes in Food and in business we learnt about taxes and how to run a good business." - **Ethan Faulkner**

"Dance was amazing because we got chance to do partner work (and stand on chairs!) to perform Matilda the Musical," - **Lily Marsh and Tayla Botha**

Our Year 10 pupils were able to select from a number of opportunities aimed at broadening life experiences, such as Parkour with a real Ninja Warrior. In the words of one of our Year 10 girls, "It was a good opportunity to see parkour in action in real life, as I've only ever seen it on TV!"

Other sessions included rock band, balloon modelling and First-aid. "I learnt how to save a life", said **Harrison Shaw**. Engagement was high and it was clear that everyone involved spent an enjoyable day trying new things.



## ENRICHMENT DAY – YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS WITH EMPLOYERS

We were really pleased to see the return of our mock interview event for Year 11 pupils after a 3-year hiatus. All Year 11 pupils took part in a mock interview with an employer on Enrichment day, which was only possible due to over 20 employers who gave up lots of their time to support our young people.

Pupils prepared for their mock interviews during their PSHE Careers Education Unit, and received some final interview preparation from the careers team on the day, alongside reflection time afterwards. Employers were encouraged to highlight any star pupils to the careers team at the end of the day. We had a massive 53-star pupils and amazing overall feedback from employers about ALL of our pupils and how mature their approach was to the interview process.

Some quotes from employers included:

“Thank you for a great day yesterday – it was well organised and it was a pleasure to meet all the pupils. They did really well, were engaging, mature and friendly”.

“I was really impressed by how well so many of the pupils projected themselves and answered the questions in such a professional way”

The pupils selected as 'star' pupils on the day were:

<b>Angel Aghanya</b>	<b>Collette Fickling</b>	<b>Keira McConnell</b>	<b>Shayna Robinson</b>
<b>Sofia Anesi</b>	<b>Zavier Gibbs</b>	<b>Rohan McVitie</b>	<b>Brandon Rosson</b>
<b>Karina Bains</b>	<b>Idris Gobindram</b>	<b>Arjun Midder</b>	<b>Jacob Salmasi</b>
<b>Seb Bayliss</b>	<b>Mollie Green</b>	<b>Jasmine Miley</b>	<b>Lily-Ann Saunders</b>
<b>Jayden Bloyce</b>	<b>Cerys Inwood</b>	<b>Mari Nazarova</b>	<b>Caiden Searing</b>
<b>Keeley Botha</b>	<b>Zerkyh Joseph</b>	<b>Natasha Newland</b>	<b>Libby Sinclair</b>
<b>Henry Brown</b>	<b>Aisha Kasim</b>	<b>Alfie Nicholls</b>	<b>Sukman Josan</b>
<b>Abi Corrigan</b>	<b>Kes Leaf</b>	<b>Karina Noel</b>	<b>Haven Sur</b>
<b>Tom Course</b>	<b>Shenali Liyanage</b>	<b>Kadek Oka Riddy</b>	<b>Daood Tahir</b>
<b>Luca Crusco</b>	<b>Clea Lucas</b>	<b>Faith Ottley</b>	<b>Tyler Welch</b>
<b>Ryhanna Cummins</b>	<b>Kaitlin Ludwick</b>	<b>Amelia Parker</b>	<b>Chloe Young</b>
<b>Ciaran Damon</b>	<b>Jack Mace</b>	<b>Emily Perring</b>	
<b>Tom Dundas</b>	<b>Ella Martin</b>	<b>Will Potter</b>	
<b>Millar Ferrebee</b>	<b>Tristan Masterton</b>	<b>Sahasra Pydi</b>	

We would like to thank Mrs Riding, Careers Coordinator for organising such a fantastic activity for our Year 11 pupils, and we look forward to sharing pupils interview feedback with them shortly.



Here is what our pupils had to say:

“I liked my interview. It helped me get out of my comfort zone. My interviewer also gave me some good ideas to include in my future plans.” – **Faye Fields-Davis**

“I enjoyed my interview. I got some professional advice on what I should do Post-16. It helped me better understand what options were available to me.” – **Faye Barrett**

## BBC 100 SHARE YOUR STORY

At the end of last month, the BBC visited school as a part of BBC 100 Share Your Story. This is part of the BBC's centenary celebrations, where the BBC visited around 400 secondary schools across the UK, reaching approximately 400,000 students.

In each session, carefully selected BBC Ambassadors shared their inspirational journey's with pupils, in a bid to inspire them through the power of storytelling. Each session had been developed to support the PSHE curriculum in goal setting and overcoming obstacles. It also benefits the English curriculum through the power of storytelling.

Wootton Upper School had the pleasure of welcoming Subo Suppiah a BBC Business Affairs Executive with Radio and Music and Jimmy Tam a Senior Journalist with the BBC.



## SCHOOL CHARITY OF THE YEAR

The pupils have been voting to nominate a school charity of the year for us to raise money and support. The overwhelming response has been for a variety of cancer charities.

Therefore; the donations raised from the mufti day today will be sent to Cancer Research UK!

## LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Jasmine Zhou in 11JPO is raising money for this half term by having her hair cut and donating it to the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provide real hair wigs, free of charge to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other conditions. If anyone would like to support and donate to the Little Princess Trust, then please visit the link below. [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jasmine-z?utm\\_source=instagram&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=jasmine-z&utm\\_campaign=pfp-instagram&utm\\_term=cd9b17fd803f4e249504402d467d2f1a](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jasmine-z?utm_source=instagram&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=jasmine-z&utm_campaign=pfp-instagram&utm_term=cd9b17fd803f4e249504402d467d2f1a)

For more information on the charity please visit [www.littleprincesses.org.uk](http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk)

## SCIENCE STARS OF THE WEEK

This week's stars are

Year 11 – **Lucy Ahearne**

Year 10 – **Deborah Oguama**

Year 9 – **Ava Castleton**

Well done to you all!



## COUNTY SCHOOLS BEGINNER ROOKIE GOLF

36 young beginner golfers aged from 6 to 14 years old attended the BSGA Rookie beginner event held at Bedfordshire GC's Par 3 Academy course. They were helped by 18 Wootton Upper Sports Leaders during the day to complete a warm up in the driving Range, 9 holes on the Par 3 course and a putting competition. For many this was a learning day as they played with others they didn't know, a new course and playing independently in scoring and club selections.

Youngsters aged from 6 to 14 years old from all over Bedfordshire attended learning much from their experiences and keen to use the vouchers generously donated by Golf Clubs and Club Professionals to visit other courses and play more, or get further tuition. Most players were allocated a starter handicap of 54 for the day and played significantly better than that standard. Best efforts from Bedford based players were: Leah Munday (Bedford Girls) 29 pts, Logan Williams (Brickhill Primary) 32 pts, Toby Devine (The Hills Academy) 28 pts, Hayden Tallentire (Marston Vale Middle) 28 pts (all Years 5 and 6), Eddie Rogers (Castle Newnham) 24 pts, Edward Forster (Bedford Greenacre) 23 pts (both Year 9) Charlie Dean (Goldington Academy) 26 pts (Year 7), Freddie St Leger (Wootton Lower) and Kairam Singh Fhalora (Brickhill Primary), both Year 4, 22 pts.



## ENGLISH STARS

The stars for English are:



Y9: **Lottie Watters** - "Great attitude in every lesson. Reads well and is always willing to share her ideas." - Mr Coleman

Y10: **Callum Jackson** - "Excellent contributions to class reading. Thank you for your hard work this half term." - Mrs Bottomley

Y11: **Sophia Uriarte- Garcia** - "Always tries her best in every lesson. Her insightful analysis is always well thought through and articulated. Thank you for your contributions to class discussion." - Miss Marray