



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25 July 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our final edition of the Five Acres High School newsletter for 2023. Thank you for your support and commitment to helping the students at this school have a better chance of personal and academic success.

During an academic year a lot is expected of the students that attend Five Acres High School. We have been blown away by their achievements this year. To give you an idea of just a small part of what happens in a thriving school over the course of a year, here are some figures: 2 million Sparx questions answered, 160,000 hours of reading, 140,000 equipment checks, 88,000 meals served, 40,000 class lessons taught by experts,

25,000 individual assessments/exams sat, 20,000 tokens given (in just 2 terms), 12,800 books read, 3900 treats for Year 11 students, 2000 postcards of recognition sent, 1200 Character Education badges earned, 1000 places on visits and trips, 360 students representing the school at sporting fixtures, 300 trophies awarded through Celebrations Evenings and 150-plus sporting fixtures.

Whilst this is just a fraction of what happens, I hope that through the reading of our newsletter over the last year that we have given you a flavour of the many brilliant possibilities on offer to young people.

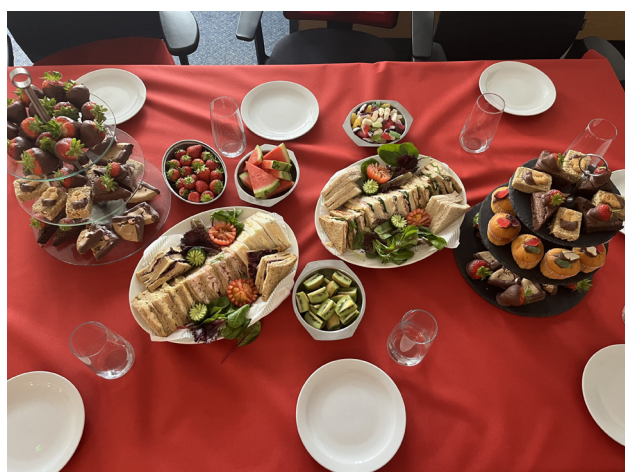
Please enjoy reading about the



final couple of weeks that have included many of our celebrations. I look forward to sharing more about our school in the coming year and wish you all a fantastic and hopefully sunny summer break. I wish all of the staff a very welcome and deserved rest.

GOLDEN TICKET CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to all the students whose hard work and commitment to the school's values was recognised by members of the Senior Leadership Team this term and invited to attend an afternoon tea with Mr Phelps.



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SPORTS AWARDS

To celebrate our year in sport, on Tuesday 18 July we hosted our Sports Awards presentation evening. Over 40 students were nominated for an award, such as Most Valuable Player for each sport, Most Improved, Team of the Year and our Sports Personalities of the Year.

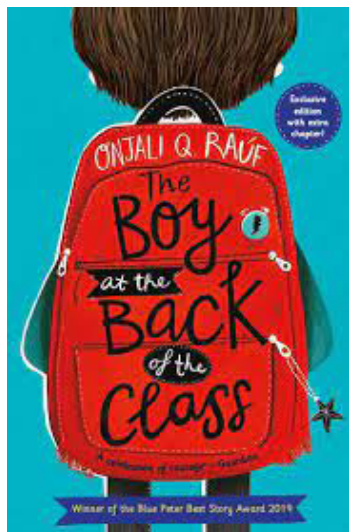
A great evening with Ella in Year 9 and Aiden in Year 8 winners of the Sports Personality of the Year - they have encompassed the school's values within sport this year, always doing their best, being leaders on and off the field and stepping in at the last minute when needed.

Other notable awards went to the U14 Rugby Sevens team for their efforts going unbeaten at the Sibford Sevens festival and our U12 Girls Football team for their successes in the ESFA Cup, District tournaments and Greenshaw Festivals. We look forward to seeing who comes out on top at next years Sports Awards and cannot wait to get the 23/24 Five Acres Sports Season started in September!



READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Our Reading Programme
Lead, Miss Phelps shares her picks
for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.



The Boy at the Back of the Class
by Onjali Q. Raúf

A story of friendship, hope and the importance of kindness, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is a story full of heart and humour, told from a unique perspective.

When a new boy joins their

class, a group of children try to befriend him. They soon learn that Ahmet is a refugee and has been separated from his family. None of the grown-ups seem to be able to help him, so the friends come up with a daring plan, embarking on an extraordinary adventure.



Wide Sargasso Sea
by Jean Rhys

Her grand attempt to tell what she felt was the story of Jane Eyre's 'madwoman in the attic', Bertha Rochester, Jean Rhys's *Wide Sar-*

gasso Sea is edited with an introduction and notes by Angela Smith in Penguin Classics.

Born into the oppressive, colonialist society of 1930s Jamaica, white Creole heiress Antoinette Cosway meets a young Englishman who is drawn to her innocent beauty and sensuality. After their marriage, however, disturbing rumours begin to circulate which poison her husband against her. Caught between his demands and her own precarious sense of belonging, Antoinette is inexorably driven towards madness, and her husband into the arms of another novel's heroine. This classic study of betrayal, a seminal work of postcolonial literature, is Jean Rhys's brief, beautiful masterpiece.

If you have been inspired by Miss Phelps' choices, you can buy books and support the school through our partnership with Rossiter Books - <https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/fiveacres>

SUMMER LANGUAGE SKILLS

Looking for activities to do this summer? We suggest that our students continue to practice their languages skills during the summer holidays. Download a free version of Duolingo and continue to practice Spanish and French during the summer.



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SPORTS DAY

We have had two fantastic Sports Days this year. We had some rescheduling to do as the weather tripped us up but we managed to get all of our events completed. On day 1 we had summer team sports where every student in the school took part (other than injured students). We then had to wait a week before capping off with the Athletics team events. In the morning we had the field events with the 1500m and in the afternoon we had all of the track events. The afternoon of day 2 is where all of the school are out together. We had great support from parents and it was a really fun afternoon, a lot of our students look forward to this afternoon so it is always nice when it is completed successfully. We had a total of 10 records broken this year which was awesome. Our overall winners were Kestrels, which helped them on their way to winning the overall House competition giving them the prize of the inflatables on the last day! A full list of winners will be available on the school website shortly.





HAWKS	4	5	8
PEREGRINES	4	7	9
OWLS	5	1	1
KESTRELS	5	2	6

NEW SPORTS DAY RECORD HOLDERS

Josh Y7 Boys 300m - 50.09s
 Aiden Y8 Boys 300m - 46.03s
 Jack Y9 Boys 300m - 43.83s
 Grace Y9 Girls 300m - 50.71s
 Jack Y9 Boys Long Jump - 4.87m
 Ella Y9 Girls 1500m - 6mins 20s
 Theo Y9 Boys High Jump - 1.45m
 Alan Y9 Boys High Jump - 1.35m
 Anastasia Y9 Girls High Jump - 1.30m
 Jamie Y10 Boys Discus - 25.56m

ACADEMIES & SOCIETIES TIMETABLE

Monday Lunchtime

Year 7-10 MFL Conversation Club
Year 7-11 Chess Club
Year 9 Book Society
(Week A)

Monday After school

Year 7-10 School Production
rehearsals
Y7-10 Girls Football

Tuesday Lunchtime

Year 7 & 8 Book Society (Week A)
Year 7-9 Eco Club

Tuesday After school

Year 7-10 Acapella
Year 7 & 8 Junior Rock Band
Art Academy
U13 and U15 Girls Handball
Y7-11 Rowing

Community Engagement
Programme

Wednesday Lunchtime

Y7-11 Crochet Society
Student Leadership Team
Magistrates Mock Trial
Further Maths

Wednesday After school

Y9-11 Senior Rock Band
STEM Society
Y7 Boys Football
Y9-10 Boys Football
Y7 & 8 Girls Netball
Golf

Thursday Lunchtime

Y7-11 Band Skills
Y7-11 Pride Club
Y7-10 Poetry by Heart (Week A)

Y10 Book Society (Week B)
Y11 Book Society (Week A)
Y7-11 Equestrian Society
Science Magazine Society

Thursday After school

School Production
Rehearsals
Y8 Boys Football
Yoga
Y9-10 Girls Netball
Chess Tournament
Social Skills

Friday Lunchtime

Y11 Massolit/
Homework Support

Friday After school

Y7-11 Lego Club
Gardening Club

YEAR 7 GRAND ORACY FINAL

Congratulations to the 23 Year 7 students that took part in the Grand Oracy Final, on Monday. Speeches were on a range of topics from climate change to stereotypes in sport, vaping to corruption in football. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their oracy skills. A huge thank you to Mr Williamson for being our compere and Mr Delahoy, Lead for English for Greenshaw Learning Trust, for agreeing to act as judge. Not only was Mr Delahoy blown away by the talent on show but also thrilled to see such an engaged and respectful audience.

All of the students competing have now attained their silver oracy badge, certificate and 20 house points. The students in the top three were:

3rd place- Henry
2nd place- Amelia
1st place- Poppy

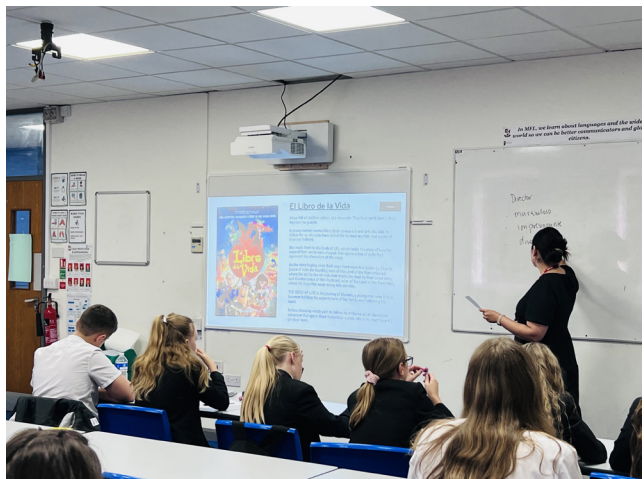
Poppy is now our Oracy Champion, and Miss Anderson is looking forward to working with her over the next academic year.



MFL FILM EVENT

On Thursday 20 July 60 Key Stage 3 pupils watched a French and Spanish film in the language that they are learning. Students studying French watched *Les Choristes*, a film set in the Fond de l'Étang boarding school for troubled boys located in the French countryside. In 1949 Monsieur Clement, an assistant teacher, comes to the school for “difficult” boys. The school is run by a hard minded principal, the motto of the school being “Action - ReAction”. Monsieur Clement tries to reach his boys and build trust and true order through music. Five Acres High School students enjoyed the characters of Pierre and Pepinot the most, and liked the ending of the film.

Students studying Spanish watched *El Libro de la Vida*, a film about the famous legends and myths of Mexican folklore. As the story begins, we are introduced to two gods - La Muerte, ruler of the Land of the Remembered, where the spirits live on with their memories kept by their loved ones; and Xibalba, ruler of the Land of the Forgotten, where the forgotten souls decay into oblivion. *El Libro de la Vida* tells the journey of Manolo, a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart. Our students particularly enjoyed learning about El Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) and how it is celebrated in South and Central America. Hopefully this experience has inspired them to watch more foreign films and learn more about other countries and cultures.



FISH HEROES COOKERY CLUB

Last week the Fish In School Heroes cookery club had the opportunity to learn how to prepare squid served with a marinara sauce. After a few squeamish minutes, students got stuck in removing the beak, backbone, ink sack and membrane before cleaning, coating and frying to make calamari



KEY STAGE 3 ART AWARD

As part of our successful art exhibition, we launched the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 'Artist of the Year' Award to celebrate the amazing artists we have at this school. The range of artwork and ability was celebrated on the night and each visitor had the opportunity to select a piece of work that they thought showed great artistry. We are ever so pleased to announce that our Key Stage 3 Artist of the Year is Poppy (Year 7). Apart from the prestige of this award, Poppy was also gifted an art pack from the Art Department to allow her to develop her artistic skills independently with a variety of materials. An absolutely beautiful painting of our local landscape - well done Poppy!



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LANGUAGES EXPERIENCE

Year 10 student Emma, shares her experience of being part of a language exchange programme: "I love the time spent in Spain and the chance that I have to learn about another culture, as well as the opportunity to enhance my language skills. I think going on a language exchange is an incredible experience that should be considered by all".

For more information visit Lingoo.com, where you can find different options to complete a language exchange. Some of their options are:

Language exchange – two families offer hospitality to each other; either as a family group, just the children or adults; this language swap is a totally modern approach to the traditional French, Spanish or German exchange.

Live and learn with your teacher – you, your child or small family group, stay in the home of a teacher to learn a language formally. Stay with a host family – you, your child or small family group, stay with a host family for an authentic language immersion holiday.

Conversation training – your family gains day-to-day access to a native speaker when you host a Language Au Pair in your home for intensive, language and conversation practice.



CREST AWARDS

Pictured are Lola, Jess and Olivia, with their science project reports ready for submission to the National CREST Awards. The Year 9 students have been working on their project all year with the help of Miss Tyler and Mrs Williams in the Science Team. CREST is a nationally recognised award and also counts towards our character education scheme. In September, the girls will start their Silver CREST projects whilst the new Year 9 students will embark on their Bronze award.



KEY DATES

Tuesday 25 July

End of Summer Term

Monday 4 and

Tuesday 5 September

INSET Days

Wednesday 6 September

Students return to school

Tuesday 3 October

New Y7 and Y11

school photos

STAR STUDENTS

Madison (10RSH) on gaining a black belt in karate and giving up her time to teach others her sport - Determination

Jessica (10RSH) on working hard to develop and embed her karate skills and gaining new belts this year and entering competitions - Confidence

Ellie (10RSH) on achieving Head Student by writing a great letter of application and wowing the interview panel with her presentation - Ambition

Tia (10RSH) on being a great all rounder: sporting, performance, Borneo, Character Education Lead, Deputy Head Student leader - Respect

Rosie (10RSH) on achieving so much with her school performances and drum playing this year - Creativity

George (10RSH) on pushing his own boundaries to become a Character Education lead - Determination

Sarah (10RSH) on working hard to plan and prepare for the DofE challenge - Determination

Michael (10BRS) - Constant helper to the rest of the tutor from holding doors open to handing out books, anything he can do to help things run smoothly, he does.

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GARDENING CLUB DONATIONS

Thank you to Berry Hill Circuits who donated £500 to the school's Gardening Club. The money was used to buy a garden shed plus a large selection of tools. Pictured receiving the donation are Lee Osborne, Mr Phelps and Mrs Powell and Mrs White-Smith who lead the Gardening Club. Many thanks also to Newhouse Building Supplies and MKM Newent for their help in maximising the amount of equipment they could buy with the money.



CHARITY SUPPORT

A huge well done to Year 7 student Darcie who along with her team, Walking Warriors, has raised £1300 for Cancer Research UK. She raised the money from supermarket collections and taking part in a 24-hour relay event which involved themed laps and team games.

Darcie is a great role model for others and her achievements have been recognised through the school's Character Education offer, by achieving her Gold Respect badge for service.



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Bea (pictured) and Ruby have been selected for the U14 Gloucestershire Girls Team for next season. As a school we get the chance to put these students forward and both were successful (Ruby in reserves) after two trials - the first was 70 girls and the second was 90 girls at trials. Bea was offered places on a number of teams, but has chosen to take up the offer from Swindon Town on its ETC squad.



SPARX AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Ellie, Tio and Amelia who were recognised for their achievements on our Maths Homework platform, Sparx. The students were presented with their certificates and calculator prizes this week.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Huge congratulations to the first five students who achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this year! We are looking forward to awarding many more after the summer break.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION WORKSHOPS



On Thursday 20 July, Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend workshops on diversity, equity and inclusion lead by professional speaker, Peter Radford

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