



It was a pleasure to see good engagement in the first part of the Years 7 and 8 Parents' Evening last night. We look forward to communicating with others on Tuesday 23 November.

If you would like help booking an appointment please contact the Academy.

Year 6 tackled their Mock SATS with great maturity. As previously mentioned, we will hold a "How to help your child for SATS" evening in January, keep an eye out for the date that will be shared in our next newsletter.

Look at what Year 8 have been getting up to in Art!

Mrs B Thielen
Head of Middle School

Year 8 Art



Year 8 started with making experimental texture tiles out of clay.

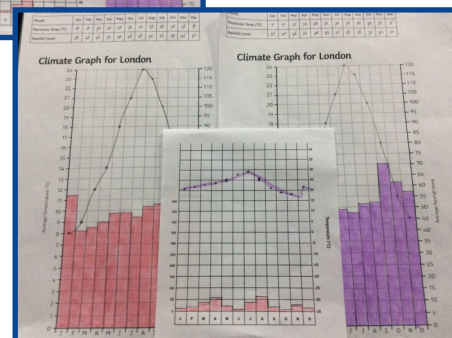
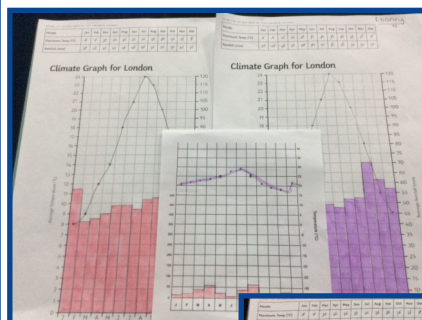
They then moved on to making monsters using those textures and learning about joining techniques.



Geography

In Geography Year 8 have been learning how to make climate graphs. From the quality of the work I am sure we have some budding climate scientists of the future in our Academy.

Work shown by Eboney and Amy.



Years 5 and 6

Year 6 SATS

Well done to Year 6 for doing their mock SATs this week. They were incredibly resilient, worked very hard and we are really proud of them.

Anti bullying week

This week has been anti bullying week. We launched the week with odd sock day and an assembly based around 'One kind word' from the anti bullying alliance. For more information on this, please visit the following website: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>

The students have been thinking about what it means to be kind and how to spread kindness with a 'ripple of kindness'.

In the learning

This week, Year 6 have continued to learn about ancient Egypt and have been looking at timelines to increase their understanding of chronology.

In Year 5 they have been continuing to learn about the Romans by focusing on the story of Boudicca. The students created some fantastic freeze frames to demonstrate the story and the feelings of the characters.



Christmas Concert and Parties

As one of our Christmas festivities, we will be having our Christmas Carol Concerts on the following dates: Years 5 and 6 – Thursday 16 November at 3.15- 4.15pm We will also be planning our Christmas parties for each year and the dates for these will follow soon.

Christmas Disco

We are so excited to be holding our Christmas disco this year on Thursday 9th December. The time for Years 5 and 6 is 7.00pm—8.00pm.

Christmas Dinner

We will be having Christmas Dinner this year on Wednesday 8 December and to get into the festive spirit we would love to see our students wearing their Christmas Jumpers!

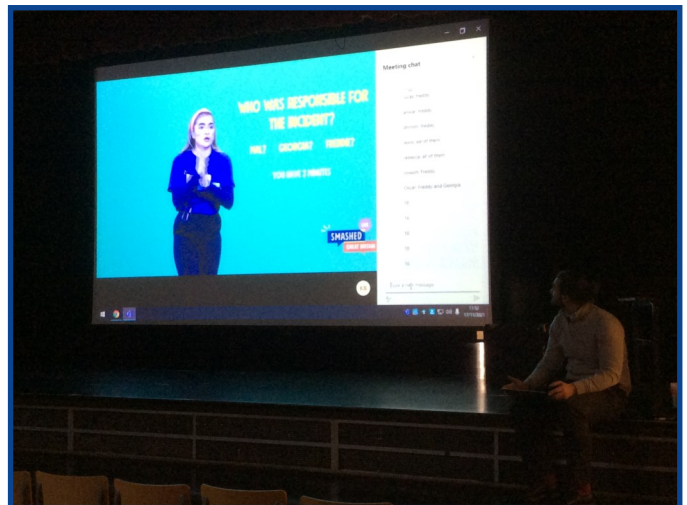
Christmas Market

We are very excited to announce that the Friends of Kings Oak will be hosting a Christmas Fair on Sunday 28 November at 11.00am – 3.00pm. If you have any donations that we are able to use for the Tombola, please can you bring them to the school office. We hope that you will be able to join us!

PSHE

As part of their PSHE study this term, Years 7 and 8 watched the theatre performance of SMASHED live streamed from Yorkshire into the Hexagon. This highly acclaimed production aims to raise awareness of alcohol issues and young people.

The company put on an engaging and challenging performance which the students in Years 7 and 8 responded well to, participating fully in the question and answer session at the end. Well done to Years 7 and 8 and thank you to Smashed Theatre. Hopefully our younger students now feel more informed and confident around this important topic.



Year 7 English

Huge congratulations to Year 7 for completing their double round of assessments in English. A reading analysis and a short story were completed, and there were some very high marks!

Students had to use their skills of inference and analysis to write about the creation of character, using textual evidence, in Roald Dahl's *The Landlady*. Then they had to use their writing skills to create an engaging short story. Here are a couple of examples of good writing; the yellow highlighted parts are things I really liked, because of vocabulary, sentencing or style.

Especially well done to Katie, Lila and Aaron, who got the highest combined marks overall in the whole year group. Amazingly, Grace got full marks on one of the assessments – 36 out of 36, so a special mention for her.

Fantastic job everyone!

Ms Jacobson

Will teachers still be human in 50 years?



Students in Year 7 have been using their oracy skills to debate whether we will still have human teachers in 50 years. In fact, they have been discussing the statement, "In 50 years, education as we know it will be obsolete."

Louie said, "I agree with this statement because I think technology will have advanced enough for us to experience school virtually, from home." Lila added, "I also think that if we connected through a VR headset, it would allow us to connect with others in our age group and an AI teacher, without having to brave the bad weather."

Issy disagreed, saying, "Although I agree that technology will have advanced, I still think we will be together in the same building."

Grace stated, "I see Louie's and Lila's points, but I feel that if we are using VR headsets, the AI teacher won't be able to read your emotions, or work out how to correct your mistakes."

We know Japan has been experimenting with robot teachers for the last 12-15 years – so watch this space!

Rachael sprinted desperately towards the old, run-down barn. She was going to miss surgery. She skidded through the dirt and into the small entrance. Almost immediately, the shutter closed behind her. That was close. Surrounding her

Once, I made a mistake. A mistake that could have cost a life. I wish I listened to my mom. I wish I was more careful. I wish I made a faired more attention. *great repetition!*

A boy, who looked 15, maybe 16 was walking down the street, alone. Scared. He spotted a man, and crept closer to him ready to pickpocket him. As he drew closer, the man seemed to get taller, maybe larger as well. The boy shuddered. He was in for the strike.

Year 7

Tutor group 7.5 (CSW) have been applying to join the KOA Eco schools committee and have been making pledges to send to the COP26 Forest of Pledges. Their ideas and enthusiasm to challenge climate change is impressive.

Dylan W, Ollie B, Callum H, Courtney B, Isla B and Lashay T.



Year 7 Homework Club

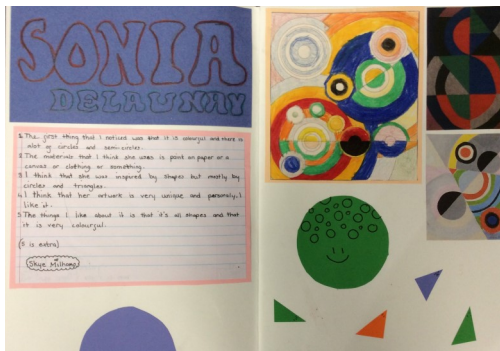
Homework club is on Wednesday, 13:10-13:40 in C13 with Mr Nathan and Ms Carter (SEN support).

Year 7 Art



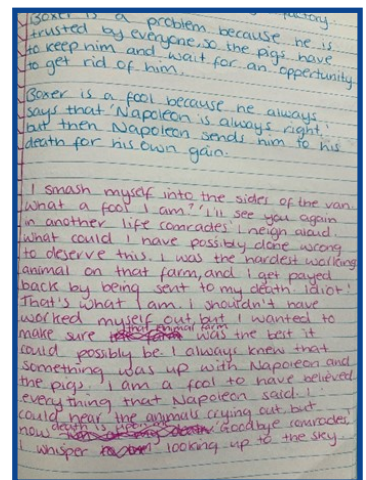
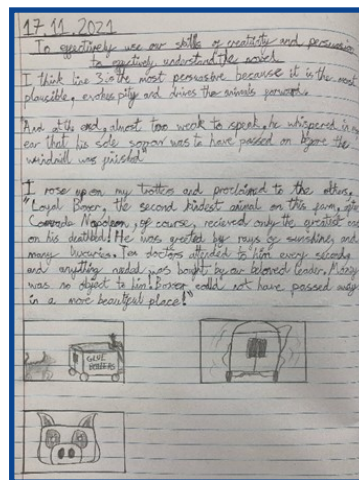
Year 7 have been working on colour theory.

They have also been researching the artist Sonia Delaunay.

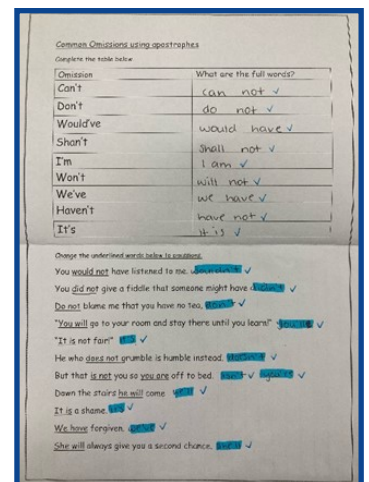


Year 8

In the time of Donald Trump, Boris Johnson, sleaze and fake news, Year 8 are cutting through all of it as they read the novel which exposes it all: George Orwell's masterpiece 'Animal Farm'. Year 8 have understood that power corrupts and that having absolute power corrupts absolutely. They have explored how to write as powerful and manipulative characters using their voices to twist the truth and present it differently. Equally they have also taken on the character of Boxer, the best and truest of animals who sadly is defeated by lies, manipulation and greed. Please see the examples enclosed.



Year 8 have honed their creative voices, their skills of persuasion and their skills of analysis in two demanding assessments and produced work of a strong standard with a few getting close to the top grades. Alongside this they have been working on spelling, punctuation and grammar building on the skills developed in their Year 6 SATS as we move forward towards Year 9 and their GCSE journey.



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