

## GCSE Dance Workshops

Our **Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Dance groups** were excited to take part in workshops hosted by our P.E department with the James Cousins Dance Company on Thursday 18th January. The workshop was based on their production of 'Within Her Eyes' which the students study as part of their GCSE. The dancers that lead the workshop were excellent and the students all enjoyed learning repertoire from the piece and how to perform challenging contact work safely and effectively.



## Evening of Dance

**Thursday 8th February**

**7:00pm - 8:30pm in the School Hall**

Tickets available on ParentPay:

£4.00 for Adults

£3.00 for Students & Concessions

Refreshments will be available on the night (cash only)

Performances from all year groups!





## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST) Tips For Wellness:

### INCLUSION/BELONGING

We all wish to belong and feel valuable. It is about honouring and embracing people; regardless of race, gender, disability, medical, or any other need. Being included can help you develop a sense of belonging, acceptance and self-worth. Feeling like you belong motivates you to participate in school, after school clubs, community groups etc, and fosters a deeper connection.

Helping others to feel included, and forming friendships with people who are different from you, can help others feel connected too, boosting their happiness and overall wellbeing. Being the person that makes others feel included can also make you feel happy and raise your self-esteem.

#### Tips for Inclusion

- Reach out to others. Get to know a new person in your class, or sit next to someone different at lunch.
- Be patient and kind. Listen to others and allow them to express themselves.
- Ask a friend "What makes you unique?". Remember to listen and respect their answer. We are all unique.
- Respect someone for their specific skill set and contribute to shared goals.
- Challenge yourself to learn something new. Read stories about interesting people and role models from different and diverse backgrounds.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!

**[thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)**

**MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.**



# Year 10 Noughts & Crosses Art Exhibition

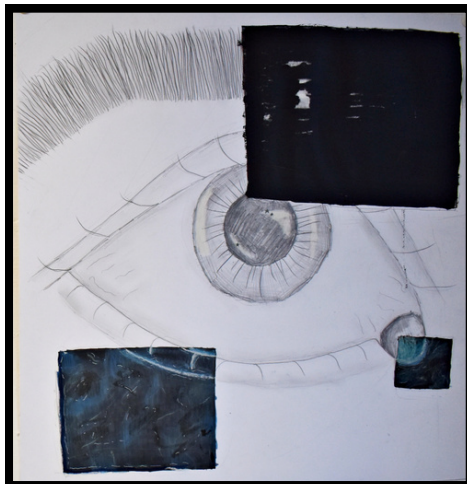
## Friday 22nd December 2023

Our **Year 10 Fine Art** students had their first exhibition which displayed their work from their Noughts and Crosses project. Mrs Favell came to open the exhibition for the second year running and she was struck by the quality and diverse outcomes of the abstract art on display. The work was the culmination of months of preparatory work by our students focusing on being inquisitive, imaginative, collaborative, persistent and disciplined young artists.



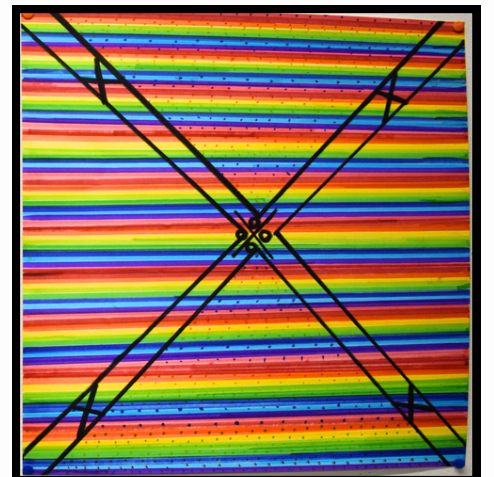
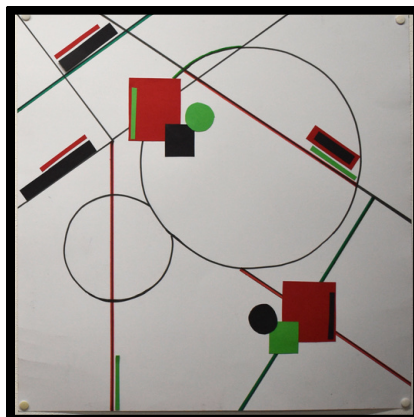
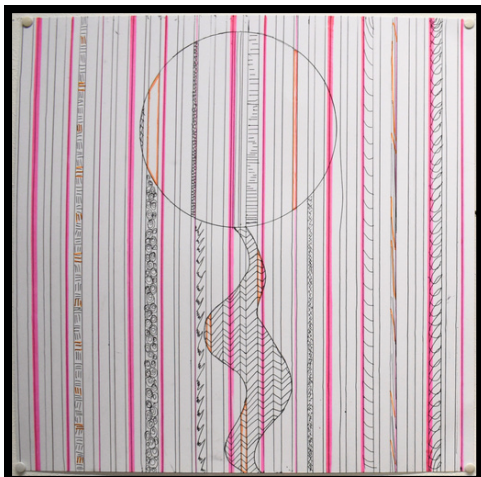
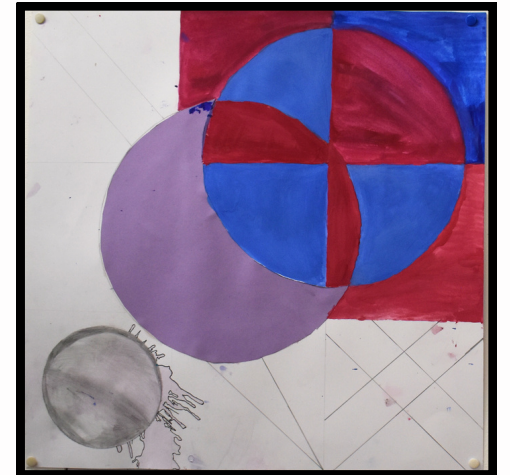
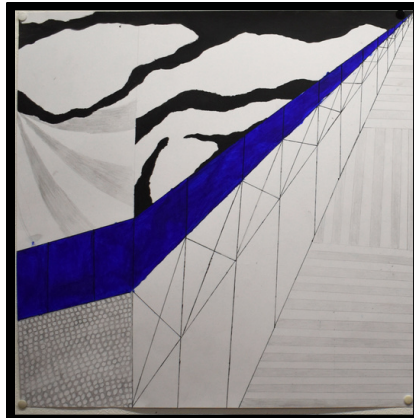
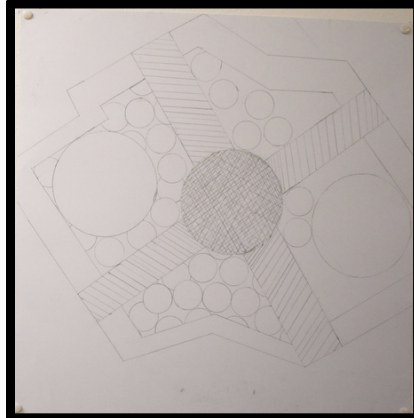
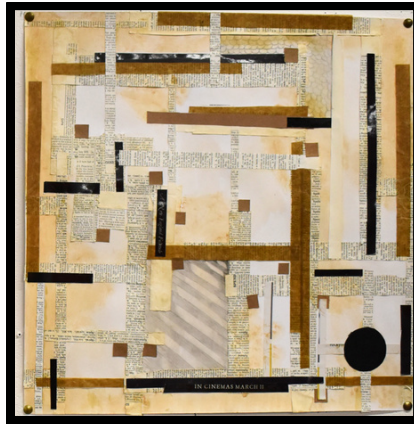


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# Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Presentations

On **Wednesday 17th January** the students from last year's Duke of Edinburgh groups gave their expedition presentations to their peers and staff. The expeditions were a great success, despite some very bad weather staff and students showed great resilience and kept their spirits up throughout their expeditions.



We had a great evening looking at their efforts and hearing their highlights from their expeditions, which included camping and cooking their own meals, encountering local wildlife (a lot of our students had an up close experience of dairy cattle) and being out and about with their friends and peers.

All students had to complete a project during their expedition, to document the events of the weekend.



**The Pigeons Team** chose to sketch parts of the scenery from their route, including abandoned houses, a quarry and a waterfall. **The Waddlers** filmed a murder mystery telling the story of the family from the abandoned manor and **The Six Pack** shared with us a highlights reel of their expedition.

Whilst some students said they will never wear a pair of walking boots again, everyone agreed that they felt a sense of accomplishment and pride for what they had achieved.

For many in the group, Wednesday was the last part of their award, and they are now able to get their certificate, for others there are a few bits left to finish but we are looking forward to congratulating all of the students when they complete their awards.





# Joining our Sixth Form

If you are currently in Year 11 and interested in joining our Sixth Form this September, please see the variety of courses that we offer at A-Level, their entry requirements and our online application form by following this link ➡ [www.tomlinsonhall.com](http://www.tomlinsonhall.com)

Please note applications should be received by **Friday 8th March**. Late applications will be considered but some courses may already be full.

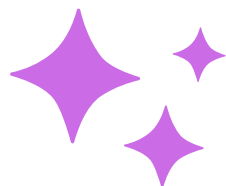
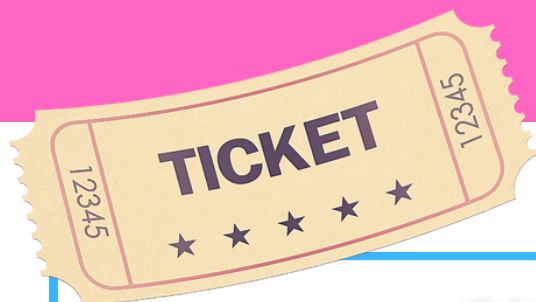


## Year 11 Prom Tickets

Our **Year 11 Prom** will be held at Statfold Barn Railway on Thursday 4th July, arrival from 6:30pm and finish time 11pm.

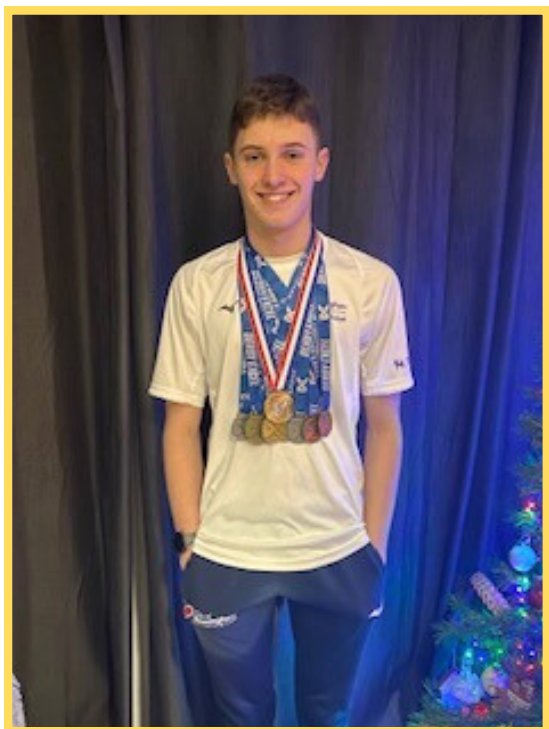
If you have not purchased a ticket yet, here are some details:

The cost per ticket is £35.00 payable by instalments or as one payment. Further details regarding paying by instalments can be accessed via ParentPay.



# PE Success

**Congratulations to Jenson Pickett in Year 10** for swimming in the City of Birmingham squad. He competed in 9 races, coming top 3 with place medals and received an award for top male swimmer!



**On Wednesday 17th January** we hosted U14 and U16 Boys Badminton with George Eliot in our Sports Centre. Both teams looked focused and determined and displayed excellent manners and teamwork. We came out on top winning :

**U16 (Year 11) 8 - 0**

**U14 (Year 9) 7 - 1**

**U14 (Year 7) 8 - 0**

Well done to all of our students who took part in this event:

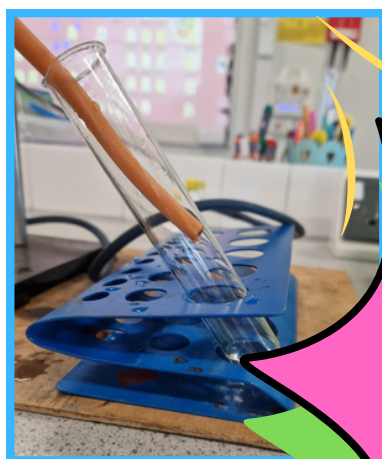
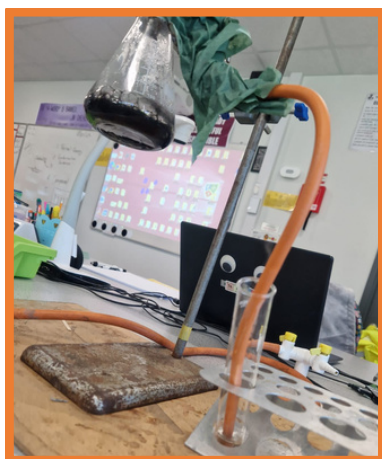
**Year 11 - WY OW, DO, MA**

**Year 9- TM, SP, JB, BC**

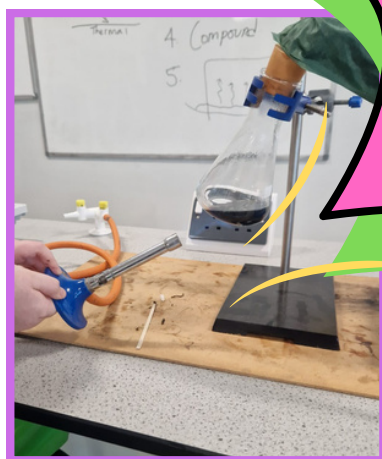
**Year 7- LW, CH, RW, SA-R**

**Well done to GU in Year 12** who competed in the England winter swimming nationals.

## Year 7 Chemistry Class



Mrs Broome's Year 7 Chemistry class (7N) have been learning all about separating different mixtures and one of the techniques which includes this is distillation.



**On Thursday 18th January** 7N successfully completed the distillation of ink by obtaining pure water from inky water.



# Sixth Form Christmas Quiz

The Christmas Quiz was really fun, the Sixth Form ambassadors were involved in making the quiz, and the competition between staff and students gave everyone a real reason to win. The staff did win in the end, but a lot of us think there should be a recount of the score... -Fin.

The Staff vs Sixth From Quiz was a really lovely night. We played a variety of rounds and indulged in some mince pies. The staff, unfortunately, did win but us students still had a great time and we would definitely like to see something like this again.

**10/10 from Demi in Year 13**

## Key Dates

### Thursday 25th January

Theatre Trip for Year 12 and Year 13 to see Metamorphosis

### Thursday 25th January - Friday 2nd February

Year 13 Pre-Public Exams

### Thursday 1st February

Year 9 Parents Evening

### Thursday 8th February

Evening of Dance  
Year 10 GCSE Fine Art Trip

### Friday 9th February

Break up for half-term

### Monday 19th February

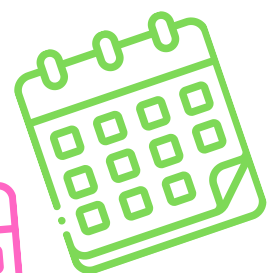
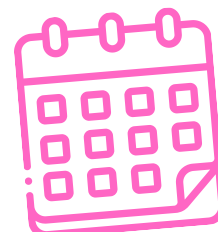
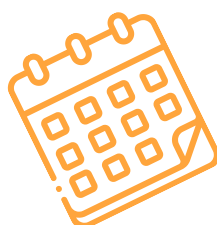
Students return to school

### Thursday 22nd February

KS4 Options Evening

### Monday 26th February - Friday 8th March

Year 11 PPEs Core Subjects  
and Maths Department





# The Polesworth School

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## ENSURING EXCELLENCE

### Teacher of English

Are you looking for your next challenge? Would you like to join a school where relationships are key and contribute to a caring and nurturing environment where young people flourish under the guidance of a dedicated and professional team of staff?

We are seeking to appoint a dedicated Teacher of English to join us in March 2024. As a member of our staff you will be instrumental in the ongoing development of our outstanding standards of education and creating a stimulating and purposeful environment where our pupils can make excellent progress.

#### What we offer:

We have a great deal of experience in the further development of our staff. Our appraisal approach is one of coaching under the banner of 'Growing Great People'. We offer a supportive and welcoming environment with an excellent induction programme. We pride ourselves on our relationships across our school community – 'Staff are proud to work at Polesworth and staff retention is high' (Ofsted, 2023). 'There is a respectful and caring culture across the school' (Ofsted, 2023).

#### What you offer:

The successful candidate will have high expectations, a commitment to raising standards of attainment and up-to-date knowledge of teaching. We are seeking a passionate and driven individual with good communication and organisational skills and a desire to make a difference to the lives of our pupils and their communities.

#### Next Steps

If you have any questions about this opportunity please contact us via e-mail, **n.holland@thepolesworthschool.com**.

The Polesworth School is part of The Community Academies Trust, a multi-academy trust with the express purpose of transforming schools in community Hubs, through applying a holistic view of education.

**Closing date for applications is: 9.00am on Friday 2nd February 2024**

**Interviews will take place shortly thereafter.**

The Trust Child Protection Policies and Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Statement can be found at: <https://www.communityacademiestrust.org/en-GB/trust-information>.

Community Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Community Academies Trust is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offender Act 1974. We expect all staff to share our safeguarding commitments and to undergo appropriate safer recruitment checks, including enhanced DBS checks and a willingness to demonstrate commitment to the standards which flows from Community Academies Trust vision and values.

The role is covered by part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016 and therefore the ability to speak fluent spoken English is an essential requirement for this role.

Community Academies Trust supports Equal Opportunities Employment.

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## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST) Parents/Carer Tips:

### Supporting your child with positive friendships

It can be difficult to see your young person struggling with friendships and to know how to support them.

#### Top tips for speaking with your child about friendships:

- Be available to listen
- Avoid making assumptions or placing blame
- Don't diminish how they are feeling
- Try not to rush to solutions

#### It can be useful to discuss with your child what a positive friendship looks like:

- Being able to be yourself with someone and have fun
- Being able to trust someone and be honest with each other
- Respecting each others boundaries
- Listening to each other and being kind



*A guide to supporting young people with their friendships*

#### It can be helpful to:

Share your own experiences of friendships

Modelling good friendships and positive talk about others

Have conversations about how they can be a good friend

Enable new friendship opportunities