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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoy reading this term's newsletter, it is jam packed with articles and photos showing just what our game-changing students and staff have been up to.

Please visit the Bohunt Wokingham YouTube channel which has a video from myself summarising the term, link [HERE](#).

I hope you, and your families, have a restful break and look forward to seeing our students back on Monday 15th April 2024.

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ART



It has been a busy term for our students in Art and Photography!

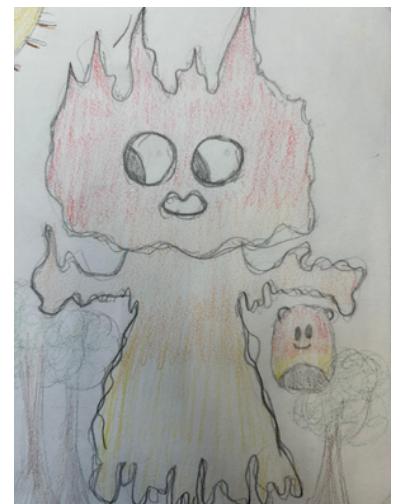
Year 11 Art and Photography students were given their exam papers at the beginning of January and they have been working hard developing ideas towards their final outcomes.

Their exam happens after the Easter holiday and once marking and moderation has taken place, everyone will be invited to celebrate at an exhibition of their work. The department had their first exhibition last year which was a huge success. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the hard work of our art and photography students.

Watch this space for more information.

As a one off lesson in response to World Book Day at the start of March, Year 7s were invited to create their own illustrations to the well known 'nonsense poems' *The Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll and *On the Ning Nang Nong* by Spike Milligan.

These poems invite the reader to use their imaginations and visualise what the strange places and characters described might look like. Here are a few Jabberwocks and mice that go clang!



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BUSINESS STUDIES

Now Christmas is over and we are at the end of the winter period, there is still lots of activity within the Business Department at Bohunt Wokingham. With all three year groups working on different projects and exam preparation, days are full of learning and progress.



Shakes Business Challenge - all groups completed this group project where they designed a new drink that can be the cornerstone of a new business venture. Here are some images from the practical application of the project.

The students all enjoyed creating their masterpieces.



Year 9 have continued the year with the first two topics of our OCR business studies GCSE and they have learnt about the characteristics of entrepreneurs, business ownership structures, stakeholders and business growth.

Now the focus is on topic 2 which covers marketing. This includes learning about the 4 P's (Product, Price, Place and Promotion). They have already completed two assessments and will have a final assessment in June.

Year 10 are now working through the remaining sections of topic 4 - Operations and have completed their first BET assessment. Their next assessment will be held in the second week of the summer term.



Year 11 students are working very hard towards their final examinations. They have now completed their second Business Studies mock paper (OCR GCSE (9-1) Business J204).

The mocks have helped prepare them for Paper 2 which will be held on the 5th of June 2024. This paper covers topics 4, 5 and 6 and emphasises the financial skills and knowledge needed for this topic. All students should now be revising and preparing for their final exams which are not very far away.

We are excited to launch our second project in the summer term - The Thorpe Park Challenge. Students will be required to work collaboratively, along with practising basic business skills and utilising their knowledge to create a new park ride/business idea that can be introduced to the current line up of rides at Thorpe Park.

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COMPUTING

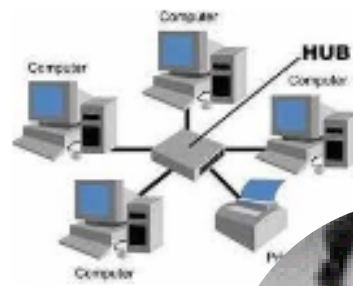


The Year 7 students have been learning about the theory of computing with algorithms and problem solving, breaking down bigger and more difficult tasks into smaller parts to solve them.

Year 8 students (after dipping their toes into Python with Python turtle, drawing shapes by producing small programs) started learning about programming using loops, if statements (choice), and sequence creating their first programs.

In Year 9, the students sat their first BET assessment and improved their knowledge about how networks work and what the individual parts in a network do, e.g. what a switch is and how it works. They have also tried their hands on more advanced programming challenging more than one of them.

Year 10 students have completed their first project and continue improving their knowledge about programming. In addition to that they learned about network communication and the internet. Many are talking about the Internet and everyone has an opinion on what it is but our Year 10 students can now answer that question with confidence and armed with knowledge regarding this topic.



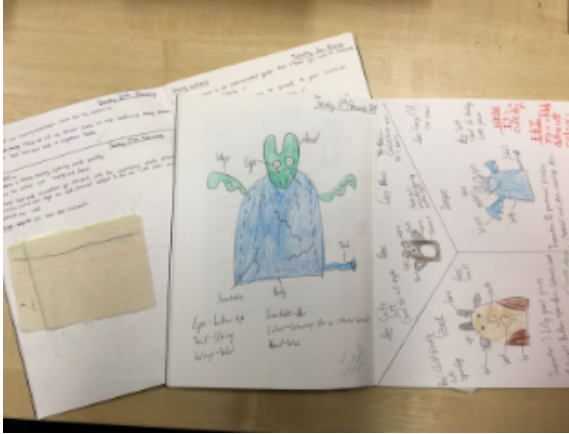
We are very proud of our Year 11 students and all the hard work they have put in. They are very close to the finish line. Having now sat two mocks this has given them a good idea as to how and what the final exam looks like. There might not be that much time left but we are sure will fill that time constructively and with as much preparation as possible for them to succeed in computing.

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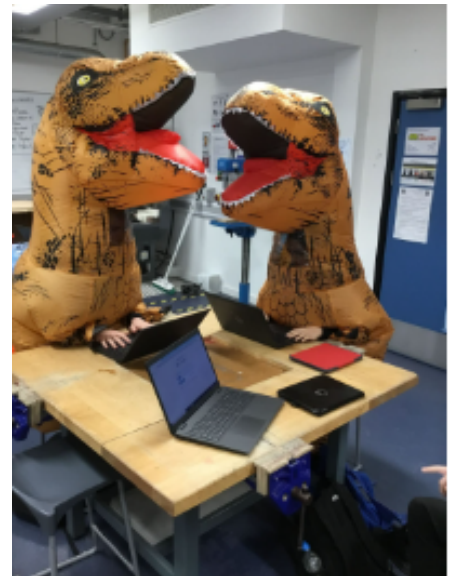
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

We have seen lots of creative work from all year groups in Design and Technology this term.



Some of our Year 7s have swapped saws and sandpaper for needle and thread as they design and make storybook-themed hand puppets for a young audience. We've been very impressed with the resilience students have shown when tackling pattern making and some tricky stitches, whilst learning all about the environmental impact of the fashion and textiles industry.

World Book Day was a blast as we celebrated literacy in D&T, with Year 9 proving that even a dinosaur can learn how to make digital 3D renders as they create 3D printable pieces for their board game project. Way to go, guys!



With just a few weeks left to finish their NEA Coursework, our Year 11 D&T students are hard at work crafting their final products. Desks, fishing tackle boxes, accessible sports equipment, table lamps and more - they've come a long way from research and sketches and we're very excited to see their products take shape!



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DRAMA

Lots of exciting things have been happening in the Drama Department this Spring term!



Year 7 students have been exploring creating atmosphere and mood with our Haunted House and Mystery Plays units. Students explored using technical theatre design into their performances.

They are now exploring the script 'The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty'. The central theme of this is bullying, so students are exploring how to portray sensitive topics effectively.

Year 8 students have explored monologues and duologues which has then led into our current unit which is about melodrama and silent movies. Our Year 8 students have made their own silent movies and are now in the editing stage of their process.

These will be their BET Assessment as well as submissions for the first BET Drama Showcase. Two performances will be chosen to represent Bohunt Wokingham at the Showcase, so watch this space for our winners.



Year 9 students have been exploring texts to assist with their components in Year 11 and they have been developing their characterisation and organisation skills needed for these exams.

Year 10 students are continuing developing their theory work for Blood Brothers. They have explored all theory questions that will be in their written exam and they will now be preparing for their first examined piece after Easter break.



Year 11 students will be performing their Component 3 performances to the examiner on 20th March (break a leg to all the Year 11s!). It's an exciting time as the Year 10 students will be off timetable to support as audience members and to help prepare them for their exam next year.



Our KS4 students have been assisting with leading the KS3 Drama Club as they explore different scenes and characters. They have been developing their performance and confidence skills throughout this term - well done for your work!

Rehearsals are well under way for Grease School Edition. There may be a sneak peek coming soon, so keep your eyes peeled! Thank you to all the cast and production team for their amazing hard work so far!

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ENGLISH



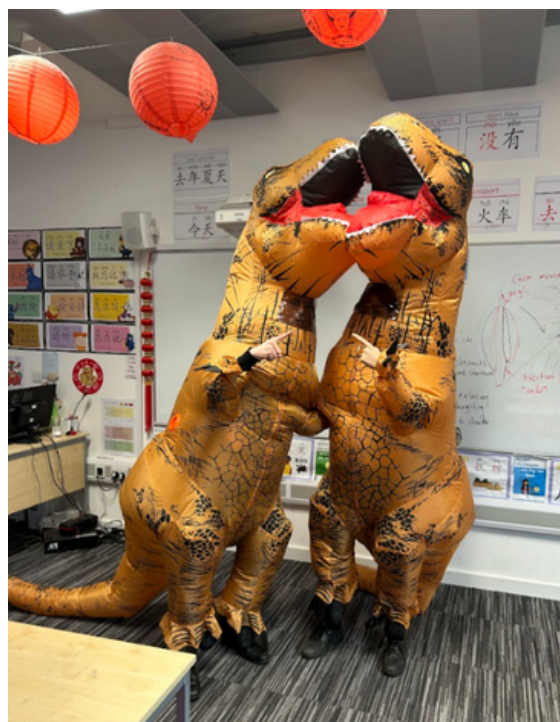
Year 10 Raphael presents on Blue cards in football for his Spoken Language Endorsement.

March has been a busy month for the English Department, as we reflect on the English Literature and Language mocks with our Year 11s and conclude exciting topics with our KS3 students, such as *The Tempest* (Year 7) and *Romeo and Juliet* (Year 9). Year 8 has been learning about language and the media; how to spot fake news and bias in the real world.

Amidst the excitement, Year 10 have been preparing and presenting their Spoken Language Endorsement assessments. For this, they are required to present on a topic of their choice for 5 minutes, interacting with the audience and answering questions. We have had a vast array of scintillating topics, from football to feminism! It is a fantastic opportunity for our young people to talk about something that matters to them, opening up a dialogue about their passions, pride and problems. The Bohunt staff look forward to this time every year and would like to thank this Year 10 cohort for all their hard work during the assessments. Well done!

Not only this, but we have been fortunate enough to benefit from a variety of activities linked to careers, such as a journalism seminar and a *Dungeons and Dragons* creative writing workshop. Miss Stacey also orchestrated a World Book Day bonanza this year, which saw an element of Literacy in every lesson across the school, fancy dress and staff book recommendations stuck around the school.

A huge thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have made this term such an enjoyable one, with many achievements from our wonderful community of students.



Michael Crichton's *Jurassic Park* comes to life in Miss Chen's classroom!

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY

It may seem a while ago - but in December, we took 60 Year 9 students to Bruges Christmas Markets for the day. It was a long day, starting at 04:30 and ending at 23:30, but well worth the trip. We visited the main city Christmas market for some shopping and food, a local chocolate factory, and walked around the light displays at dusk. Students loved the atmosphere, treats, and (obviously!) chocolate on offer in such a beautiful city. All the students were so well behaved, and showed all our ERA values across the continent! Watch this space for next year's Christmas offering to the current Year 8s!



This term, Key Stage 3 have been looking into fakeaways and have had some huge successes with their Zinger burgers, Egg fried rice, and Tikka wraps. The department seems to have redeemed itself following the controversial Love or Hate Banana and Bacon cookies!



Continuing with our theme of Meet the Department, this term we would like to introduce our Food Technician - Kylie McCann!

Q - What is your favourite thing about your job?

Being in lessons with the students. I get to work with a huge amount of amazing students on a daily basis and help them to master cooking skills which will help them now and later on in life. It always amazes me when a student who has made a dish seems surprised that what they have made is edible and actually tastes nice! Being able to cook is a huge life skill not to be underestimated.

Q - What is the worst thing about your job?

Untangling all the apron strings once they have been through the washing machine. They come out of the machine in a large knotted up mound! Luckily for me, Mrs. Swan and Mrs. Sanders are only too happy to help!

Q - What is your favourite dish to cook? And Eat?

One of my favourite dishes is a mixed meat biryani with naan breads and a mushroom bhaji. Everything is made from scratch and takes quite a while to prepare and cook therefore we usually only have a curry at the weekend as our weekdays are quite busy.

Q - Tell us one thing about you that we didn't know!

I enjoy walking and over the past seven years have walked eight full marathons (Thames Tow Path 50k, Shine Night Walk & the Moonwalk). I have raised just over £6000.00 for various charities.

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GEOGRAPHY

The Spring Term so far has been a busy but enjoyable one in the Geography department. Our Year 11s have now completed their final mock exams and have therefore completed the entire curriculum. We now look forward to the release of the Pre-Release Materials for analysis and interpretation over the coming weeks.

Year 10 has now moved on from Urban Issues to looking at natural weather hazards, particularly hurricanes and typhoons. This week, they have had the opportunity to understand the challenges associated with reducing the impacts of these unpredictable events through a roleplay activity where they had to track the route taken by Hurricane Sandy and suggest what the impact would be, acting as advisors to President Obama and making recommendations on where to send the National Guard!



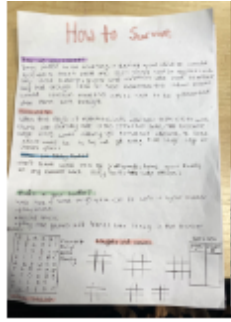
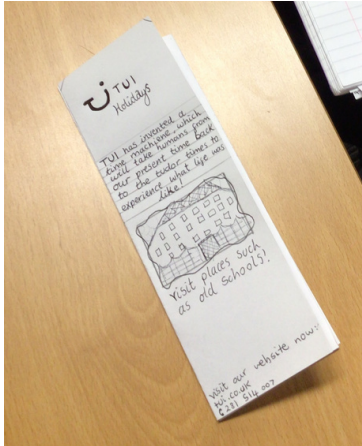
Year 9 is now well underway studying the management of the vital resources to humanity around the world. A recent project involved all students creating food diaries, where they had to identify the source country of the ingredients and then map the journeys they had taken. Certainly an eye opening experience contemplating the thousands of miles some foods have taken to end up on our plates!

Perhaps the most exciting current topic is the Year 8 group, who have started to conduct their first geographical fieldwork here at Bohunt Wokingham. We are testing the hypothesis that "Quad 1 would be the best place for new bins at Bohunt School Wokingham". To do so, they have had to conduct questionnaires, field sketches and environmental quality surveys, to determine where bins could go to help students deal with litter to protect our natural surroundings.

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HISTORY



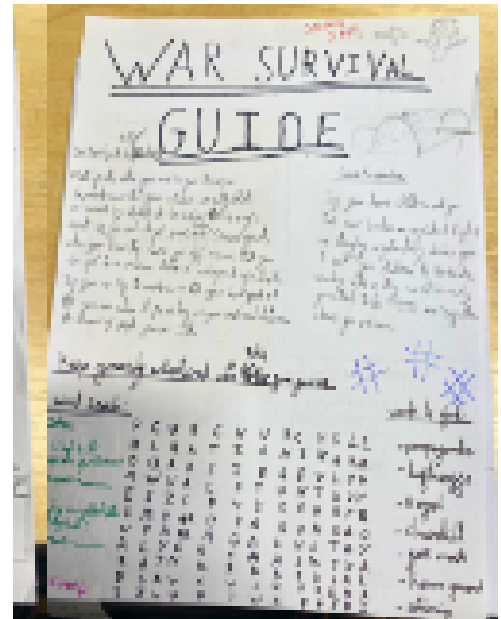
It has been an incredibly busy but successful term in History. Year 7 started the term off completing their first BET assessments which they showed phenomenal resilience in. Over the term they have been exploring the Medieval World looking at the Black Death and the Crusades. They have just moved onto studying Tudors and have had great fun creating information leaflets designing a holiday going back in time to visit the Tudor times.

Year 8's have been continuing to explore the conflicts of the 20th century looking at the first world war and World War Two. Creative homeworks gave students the opportunities to create trench models and more recently complete a homefront project.

Year 9 are coming to the end of their first GCSE topic 'Changes to Health and Medicine'. They showed great focus in their first BET Assessments showing strong exam skills. Over the next few weeks they will be finishing up looking at Patient Care and Public Health before moving on to their new topic of the USA 1929-2000.

Year 10 have been enjoying exploring the Rise of Hitler and the creation of the Nazi party. Lessons have involved using films, sources and group work to bring the topic to life.

Year 11 all finished content on the final paper of their GCSE 'The Elizabethan Era'. Lessons are now focused on reteaching areas of knowledge and skills students have shown less confidence in. We have been pleased with the weekly turn out to Year 11 revision clinic Thursday's after school.



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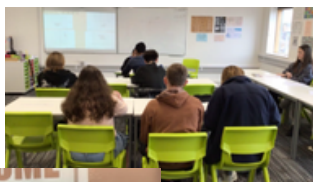
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MATHS

Our department is continuously innovating to provide the best learning experience for our students. We have introduced new curriculum initiatives aimed at fostering problem-solving skills, critical thinking, and mathematical creativity. We understand that learning mathematics can sometimes be challenging.

That is why we offer a range of resources and support services to help students succeed. From extra help sessions to online tutorials, we are here to support students every step of the way on their mathematical journey.

As always, the maths team have demonstrated full collaboration for the World Book Day dress up, with a theme of Disney Princesses this year!



One of the amazing events available to students was the CORE weekend. Teachers and students gave up their weekend for revision, students were prepped and equipped for their February mock exams and went on a carousel of activities and learnt some very key topics across the Maths curriculum. Year 11 have worked incredibly hard and results have been very positive and This will all have such a positive impact upon their GCSE Exams.

This spring, we shine the spotlight on exceptional students who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and contributions to the mathematics community at Bohunt. From trust maths competition, UKMT challenge to academic excellence in the ERA assemblies, their passion for mathematics knows no bounds.

Eight Year 9 students went to TPS to compete in a Trust Maths Challenge event. With 3 other schools in the Bohunt Trust, there was a lot of competition! Wokingham came first and second place with two excellent teams stealing the show with their amazing Mathematical knowledge.

We are thrilled to announce that 49 of our students participated and excelled in the recent UKMT National Maths competition. The students showed excellent resilience by completing a 60 minute paper with 25 multiple choice questions that encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think.

Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and dedication! A special mention to the 15 students who achieved the Bronze certificate, 10 achieved the Silver certificate and 1 achieved a Gold certificate. We also have 4 students who managed to get to the next round of the competition - well done!

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MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



In the evenings and weekend the pupils stayed with their exchange partner's family, practising their French and immersing themselves in the full cultural experience. I am so proud of the positive manner in which they conducted themselves and threw themselves into unknown experiences. This for many was truly game-changing. Some had never been abroad before, many had little French, all came away saying they would absolutely do the whole week again as it had been such a success from all points of view.

What a privilege it was to take 20 of our Bohunt Wokingham pupils from Years 9 and 10 to Istres in the sunny south of France for the week for our first-ever exchange with Le Collège Savary. Day trips included a visit to Marseille where we had booked a tour of 'la Grotte Cosquer' in the 'vieux port', a cave displaying charcoal drawings from 24,000 years ago, the cathedral, from where we had 360° views of the Alps to the Mediterranean, and a visit to the Olympique de Marseille shop. The other days saw trips to Arles, renowned for its many Roman remains still very much intact, including an impressive amphitheatre, Aigues-Mortes, a medieval town surrounded by well-preserved city walls, and the beautiful Nature Reserve of the la Camargue region with its flamingos, white horses and wetlands.



The Spanish Team celebrated one of the most widely read Spanish-speaking writers, Isabel Allende, on World Book Day, relevant too for the following day, International Women's Day. Isabel is a Chilean writer who writes intriguing stories with significant historical events. One of them is about the well-known hero, Zorro, who fights for the ones who cannot do it for themselves.

Students watched a video about Famous Hispanic Women in History who made a positive impact on our life and expanded their existing cultural knowledge of the target language. Learning the language alongside its culture allows students to broaden their understanding of other cultures and develop different perspectives of the world

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MUSIC

We have had another busy term in Music and it has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved in learning an instrument, learning new Music Technology skills and improving their composition skills in lessons.

Year 7 have been working on composition skills, learning how to create music for superheroes and villains. Their creativity has been fantastic to see and we definitely have some budding film composers of the future coming through,



Year 10 have started their first NEA work and are enjoying the creative freedom that this brings, alongside practising their performance skills for upcoming events.

Our Year 11s have been doing themselves proud completing their NEA work alongside their mock exams. We wish them all the best as they come to their final exams and time with us. They have been great role models for the future musicians in the school.

Year 8 have been creating remixes of 'Stranger Things' and 'Blinded by your Grace', working on the roles of both being a musician and also a music producer, using editing skills to create their final work.

Year 9 have been improving their music theory and performance skills before tackling their first set work, with the Music Tech students working on foley effects and creating audio books.



Many of our students are also busy practising and rehearsing for 'Bohunt's Got Talent' on Wednesday 17th April. Tickets are still available and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION



In Outdoor Education this term, our Years 7 and 8 have been enjoying some fire-lighting and shelter building lessons, although the recent particularly wet weather has brought with it a new level of challenge for these activities.

Within PE lessons nearly all of our year 7 and 8 have now been given the opportunity to use the climbing wall as a climber, and as a team supporting the climber. Being able to bring climbing back into the curriculum post-covid for our Key Stage 3 students has proved incredibly popular. Students in Key Stage 4 have also been able to use the climbing wall in their PE lessons, and our Year 11 students produced some outstanding grades for their GCSE climbing moderation. Our popular climbing club is running after school on a Thursday, and students are welcome to sign up by contacting Ms Myers to check availability.

This week we have been laying down plans for paddle boarding sessions that will resume in the summer term, and we are preparing the final details for all of our Game Changers week activities:

Year 7 - Operation Encounter (Marlow)

Year 8 - Adventure Wales (St Davids, Pembrokeshire)

Year 9 - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (Surrey Hills)

Year 10 - nearly 50 Year 10 students will be completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award, with the qualifying expedition taking place in June in the New Forest.

We will also have 21 of our students will be heading out to Thailand to dive for 3 weeks as part of The Big Expedition.

If any of your young people would like to join in with the Game Changer week activities, but have not yet signed up, please can we stress this needs to be done as soon as possible, as our numbers are now being confirmed with activity providers.

Spring is certainly in the air, which means the summer term and all our fantastic outdoor opportunities are nearly ready to fire back up again!

Mrs Whearity had the pleasure to venture out and inspect our Duke of Edinburgh bronze practice route in glorious sunshine. Although the route is still wet and muddy in places, this is going to be a fantastic opportunity for our Year 9 bronze students to get a feel for their expedition in July.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



The U14 girl's rugby team won the rugby tournament. Winning all their games, scoring 19 tries and only conceding 2.



A successful run in the league so far for our U16 boys' basketball team winning 5 of their 7 league games.

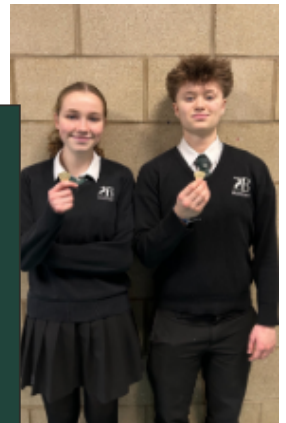


This half term has seen the start of our U12 netball league. Our A team currently on an unbeaten run.



A huge congratulations to our two most recent recipients of the gold sports badge for representing the school in over 150 fixtures. To receive these awards you have to represent the school in the following number of fixtures;

- Bronze – 50 fixtures
- Silver – 100 fixtures



U14 netball team made it through to the last 8 in the Sisters in Sport competition.

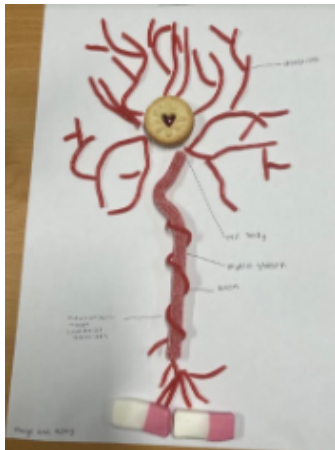
Our U14 boy's football team are through to the semi-finals of the county cup.



This terms BET Cup saw our Year 8 pupils take part in Handball. With our girls team finishing 3rd.

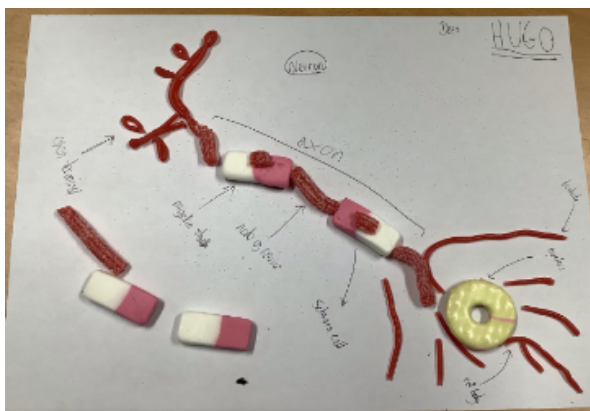


PSYCHOLOGY



It has been an exciting term in Psychology. Lessons have been engaging and challenging as students have continued to try to understand the mind and society.

In Year 9 they have been learning about the biology of the brain. Students used sweets to create diagrams of how neurons work to help develop their understanding of brain development. They also created brain hats.



Year 10 have been developing their essay skills in preparation for their exams next year. They have been exploring Social Influence learning about Zimbardo and theories of authority.

Year 11 have now completed all content. After refreshing and going over research methods Miss Austin has been working hard to reteach content from Year 10. We have been super impressed by the turn out to after school intervention.

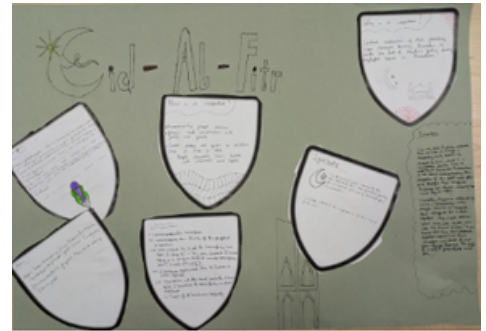


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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

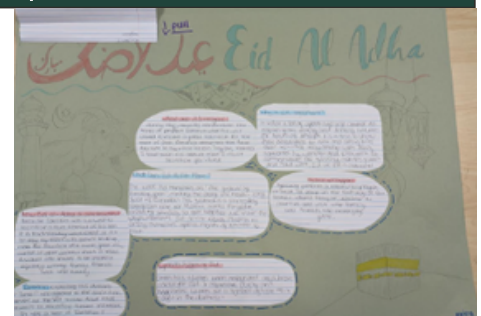
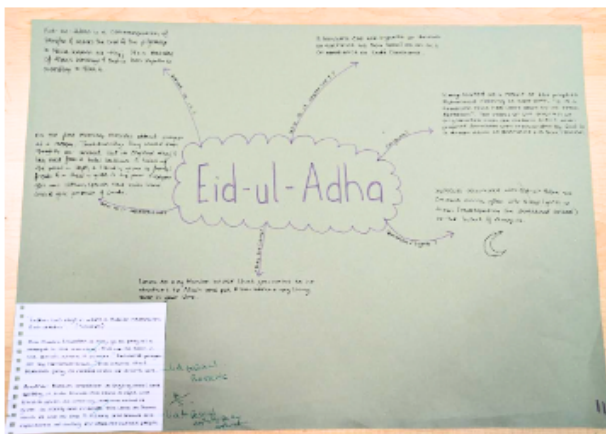
This Term Year 7 have started their Game Changer unit. They have been looking at a wide range of people that have made a difference to the local, national or international community. Whilst investigating people such as Martin Luther King, Greta Thunberg, Pope Francis and Marcus Rashford, pupils have also been practising Oracy. Essential for helping them develop their communication skills.



Year 8 enjoyed getting creative in their RS lessons and supported Interfaith, Culture and Diversity week by making some Hanukkah biscuits and learning about the importance of Kosher foods and how it impacts the daily lives of the Jewish Community. We have since moved on to Media Literacy, a unit that helps students to discuss the importance of verifying the media they are viewing before sharing it with others. They have also had the chance to become reporters and have used the News Values to create their own news stories.

As part of their GCSE Year 9 are currently studying Religion, Peace and Conflict. They have been learning about the causes of War, Terrorism, Protests, Nuclear Weapons and Pacifism. Lessons have given pupils a real opportunity to discuss the different points for and against the different topics and have helped them gain an understanding of the different Christian and Muslim view points.

Year 10 Short Course students have been actively preparing for their actual GCSE exam on the 16th May. Lots have been attending revision regularly on a Thursday with Mrs Duguid where she has an abundance of biscuits for their participation!



Year 10 Full Course: students have been working incredibly hard on completing a unit on Islamic Practices. Discussing the importance of Muslim festivals and how their beliefs impact their day to day life. Above are some excellent examples of their creativity and some fantastic exam practice too.

Well done to our Year 11 students on completing your second mock! Revision is now in full swing after completing their last unit on Religion Crime and Punishment. With lots of activities relating to quotes which they'll need for top marks!

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SCIENCE



This has been a busy term in science! Our Year 11 students have been revising and completing their Mock exams - it has been great to see so many of them making good use of the drop-in clinic sessions that we run every Wednesday and Thursday after school.

Year 10 have been learning about cells and cell transport, chemical analysis, quantitative chemistry, and forces. Year 9 have also studied forces in Physics and have been working hard to master the key ideas of atomic structure and bonding in Chemistry, while in Biology they have been learning about organisation and bioenergetics.

In Key Stage 3, our Year 8 students enjoyed experimenting with electromagnetism before moving on to learn about the structure of our Earth, with some fantastic stop-motion videos made by students in 8Y/Sc2. Year 7 have been learning about the elements and the periodic table and are now learning all about how we inherit characteristics from our parents.

On Thursday 7th March all of our Year 7 students took part in the "Lighthouse Challenge". They worked in groups within their houses to create a model lighthouse using only the equipment provided. Points were awarded for aesthetic appeal, for teamwork, and for creating a fully functioning circuit.

Each team was named after a famous scientist; during the challenge, students also needed to research key facts about their scientist. We were impressed by all our students' creativity, problem-solving skills, and excellent team-work. After some tough judging decisions, the winning house was declared to be Madiba with 327 points, though Nightingale were hot on their heels with 307 points.

British Science Week ran from the 8th to the 17th March with the theme of "Time". In Mrs Gallagher's assemblies students learnt about how we measured time in the past and how scientists measure it now, how Einstein's theory of relativity predicts how time can speed up or slow down, and how scientists (and students themselves) can use the measurement of time in their experimental work.



Mr Thomas' extra science experiments and demonstrations at lunchtimes proved very popular. Students enjoyed making potato clocks, doing the iodine clock experiment, watching methane bubbles explode, and seeing flames dance to music.

Some students completed a Taskmaster-style challenge to make a clock that would time a soft-boiled egg perfectly, and we were impressed by their creativity and problem-solving skills.

Year 7 and 8 students were invited to take part in a Science week poster competition, we are all looking forward to seeing their contributions.

Finally our sustainability team has been very busy this term. At the start of the Spring term, we had a week of climate change and sustainability house assemblies and have been running a presentation on the screen in the canteen this term to promote sustainability.

SEND



This term we have implemented a series of sensory circuit interventions for some of our SEND students. Sensory circuits are structured activities designed to engage and stimulate the senses, promoting focus, regulation, and sensory integration.

A series of fun exercises provide valuable sensory input, aiding in the development of attention, coordination, and emotional regulation.

A number of Year 7 & 8 students have joined us for these sessions during morning tutor time and have found it to be a great way to start their day.



So far we have seen push-up competitions, dance parties and plenty of fun for both students and staff. Once the session is over the students really feel relaxed and ready to learn.

We look forward to expanding this sensory activity to benefit more students over the coming months!

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YEAR 7



This term each Year 7 tutor group were very lucky to have been invited to participate in a team building programme run by Oakwood Activity centre and sponsored by Wellington College. Each tutor group spent a day at the activity centre taking part in a range of activities to promote team building. They got to compete at archery, even some of their tutors had a go! Students had to manoeuvre an obstacle course whereby each team member had to complete a section before they could move on to the next, building their team skills and also problem solving to support each other. They spent time doing the indoor climbing walls with many overcoming their fear of heights to make it to the top of the wall. And finally crate stacking to see which team could climb the highest. Overall a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching day was had by all, even if a little chilly at times!



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YEAR 8



Further to this, on 13th March, our Year 8's attended our Careers Fair with a wide variety of industries and organisations represented. Our students had the opportunity to talk to those present about what they do, what their company does and what type of qualifications, training and experience would prepare them for working within that industry. It was great to see the students getting involved and engaging at the different stalls.

Our Year 8's are currently on the path of choosing their GCSE options and looking at what options are available to them for their futures. It was fantastic to see so many of them at the options evening looking at the variety of subjects available to them.

One of our recent events that they have been able to experience was a fantastic talk by a guest speaker, Natalie Papworth, who showed the students what sort of careers are available to them and gave them guidance on how to achieve these goals. This assembly showed the students how the skills that they currently have, and are developing in school as they progress, can be applied to a range of different careers.



YEAR 9



On Saturday 23rd March 108 of our year 9 students completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practise expedition, accompanied by 24 staff and volunteers.

The students completed a 10.5 mile route around the local area, in what can best be described at challenging conditions underfoot.

The weather didn't disappoint, and typical of a British springtime, we had 4 seasons in one day.

The students were fantastic ambassadors of the school, and upheld the school ethos of Enjoy Respect Achieve throughout the day.

We are very proud of each and every one, well done.



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YEAR 10



This term, Year 10 partook in a trip to Wellington College where they, alongside some Year 9 students, embarked on an enriching journey to participate in the 'Women in Construction' event hosted by Taylor Wimpey. The event aimed to shed light on various career opportunities within the construction industry.

The morning commenced with insightful sessions exploiting diverse roles within construction, emphasising the importance of sustainability in modern building practices. These sessions serve as game-changers, offering unparalleled opportunities for the students to envision their future in the field. Following this, the students enthusiastically engaged in a bridge building competition, showcasing their creativity and teamwork against other participating schools. Excitement filled the air as Bohunt Wokingham emerged victorious, clinching the title for the most attractive bridge - an achievement reflecting their dedication and the high expectations they set for themselves.

This empowering experience not only broadened their horizons but also fostered a deeper appreciation for the possibilities within the realm of construction.



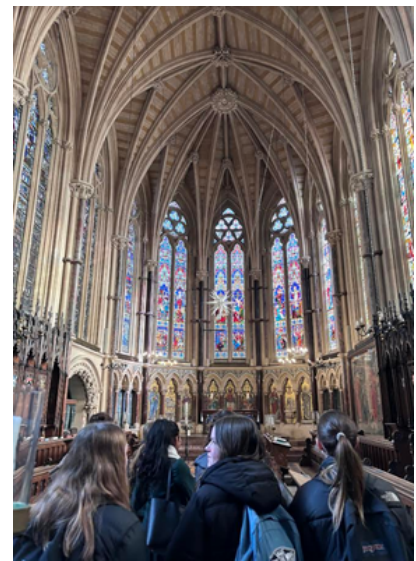
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YEAR 11



Earlier this term a small group of students had the opportunity to attend some Oxford campuses - Somerville then Exeter. Upon arrival, the students were given tours around the sites - including the libraries, the food halls, accommodations and some classes. Throughout the tour, they were informed of the rich history behind Oxford and the specific colleges we were visiting.



At the beginning, students were able to learn about daily Oxford life from the university students; such as the culture, the available societies and clubs, the contents behind some courses and the workload they would include. Students were also given taster sessions of an English and STEM seminar, where people were able to experience, first hand, how people are taught in university and see the dynamic changes between secondary school and higher education.

The events which the Year 11 students experienced throughout the day provided a plethora of useful insight into general university life and an overall positive experience for a reference into the possible future of some of those attending.



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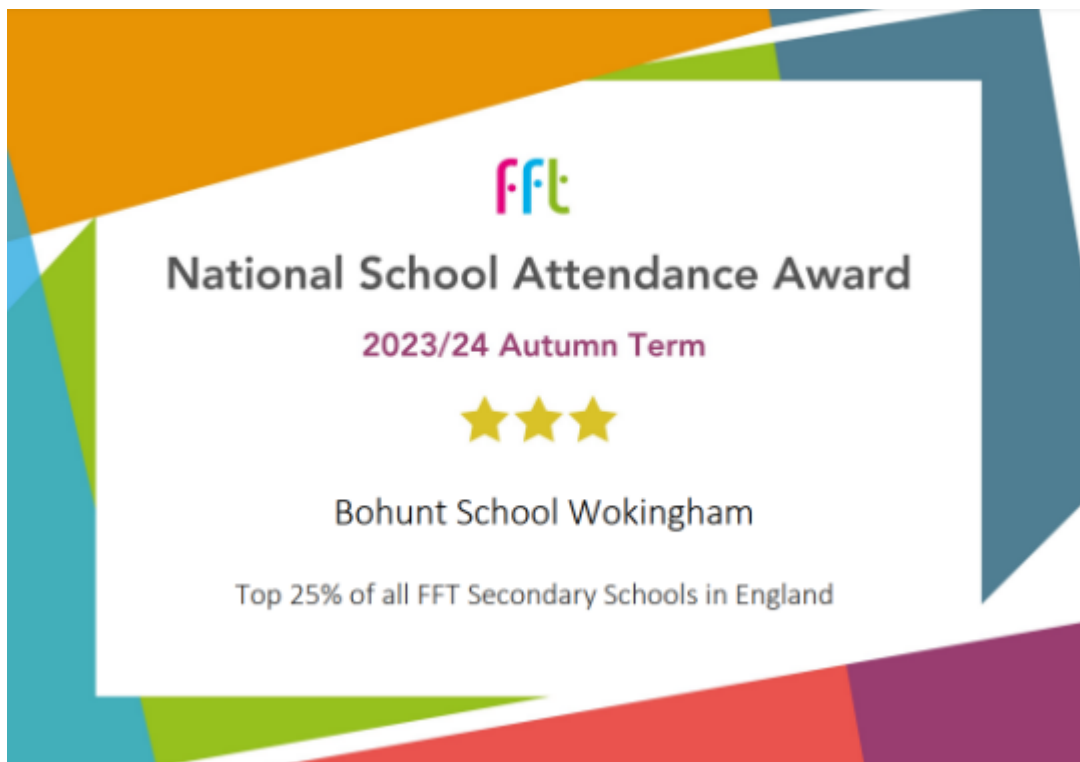
As of 21st March 2024, 666 students across the school have 96% or more attendance for the Spring term. With 266 students having 100% attendance for the whole term. These will be celebrated in the ERA assemblies at the end of term.

Mr A Campbell

Attendance and Welfare Lead

This term saw the school win a National award for attendance for the Autumn term. The school was ranked in the top 25% across all secondary schools in England and received a certificate to show this achievement. The award shows the importance that the school places on attendance and the reward for those students who attend school regularly.

In regards to Year groups, Year 7 led the way with the best attendance for the whole year so far, with Year 8 just behind in the standings.



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CAREERS



A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to making our Careers Fair at Bohunt Wokingham an absolute game-changer! From Beauty Therapists to representatives from Sky TV and even the incredible Police Dog Handlers with their devoted K9 companions, the variety of professionals showcased unparalleled opportunities for our students.



It was truly inspiring to witness our students embracing the event with high expectations and enthusiasm, exploring diverse career paths and expanding their horizons. As we reflect on this unforgettable day, we're already eagerly anticipating next year's event, where we'll continue to empower our students to aim high and seize every opportunity!

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PSHE

This term all students have been focusing on the key theme of Health and Wellbeing; a particular highlight of this term's theme has been when Collingwood Learning Company came in to deliver a 25 minute live theatrical performance, followed by a 35 minute interactive workshop, focusing on underage drinking to our Year 7's and 8's. Collingwood Learning's project 'Smashed' aims to empower our young people and enable them to make positive choices through giving them knowledge that does not shield them from reality.

This supports our aim for PSHE at Bohunt Wokingham, as we want to equip students with the knowledge and skills that educates and informs them about the opportunities and challenges that arise when creating a happy and successful future. This session looked at the social and emotional causes of underage drinking and the impact on young lives; it also explored the social influences and positive decision making regarding alcohol but also where and how to help yourself and others.

Year 7 and 8 students engaged extremely well with the session; be it their impeccable behaviour during the performance or by asking questions during the workshop. Our students demonstrated strong knowledge and understanding of the content that was delivered - overall the session was a big success.



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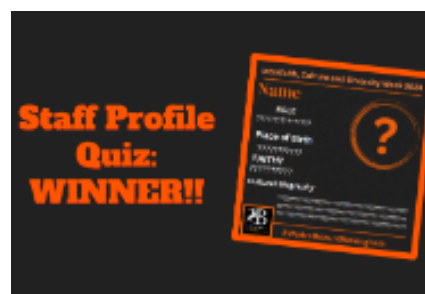
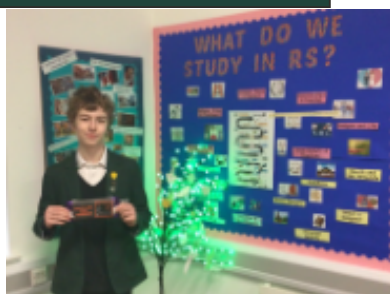
Interfaith & Diversity Week

This term saw Bohunt Wokingham's First Ever Interfaith, Culture and Diversity week. It saw eye opening assemblies showcasing just how Diverse our school community is and if we work together we can make it a successful one.

Year 8's came out of their RS classrooms to make some Hanukkah biscuits to help them better understand the festival and the importance of Kosher food.

Cultural Capital tutor sessions were delivered where every student got the chance to find out about different religious communities. There was a Teacher profile scavenger hunt and quiz, which gave students an opportunity to find out more about the beliefs and Diversity of our staff body.

It was a truly fantastic week and one that we look forward to growing over the coming years. If this is something you would like to get involved in the future please see Mrs Duguid Farrant.



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Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year fell on the 10th February this year. We were lucky to be able to include the whole school in celebrating the Chinese New Year with us. During the Chinese New Year week, we introduced the customs of Chinese people celebrating it and showed students the legendary story about 'Nian'.



Students in their Mandarin classes also had the opportunities to do paper cutting as well as make their very own Chinese New Year card and traditional 'red envelope'. As part of the celebrations we also watched Chinese-style dances performed by some of our students in the Chinese New Year assemblies.



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World Book Day



World Book Day was filled with literary wonders as our students and staff brought their favourite characters to life!

From courageous heroes to mischievous wizards, our school was buzzing with creativity and imagination.

It was truly inspiring to see everyone embodying the spirit of their beloved literary characters.

Thank you to all who participated and made this day magical!



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LAMDA

This term we have been delighted to be able to celebrate the success of our LAMDA students. The LAMDA exams, in speech and drama, were taken on the weekend of 27th/28th January, and produced quite outstanding results.

The students took a range of exams in both “Verse and Prose” and “Solo Acting” from grade 2 right through to grade 8 (Gold medal), combining performances of their pieces with theoretical knowledge. Results were amazing, with 25 students gaining the top grade of Distinction and a further 3 students gaining Merit.



Ms Comber spent time with the students, presenting their certificates and reports, and congratulating them on their success.

Special mention has to go to our Medallists, which are for Grade 6, (Bronze), Grade 7 (Silver) and Grade 8 (Gold). These higher qualifications not only secure a medal, but valuable UCAS points which can be put towards a university entrance application at a later date.



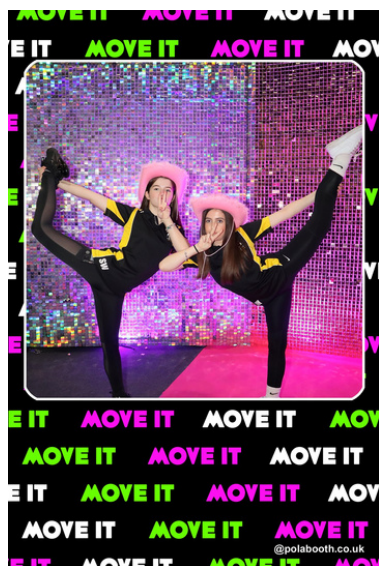
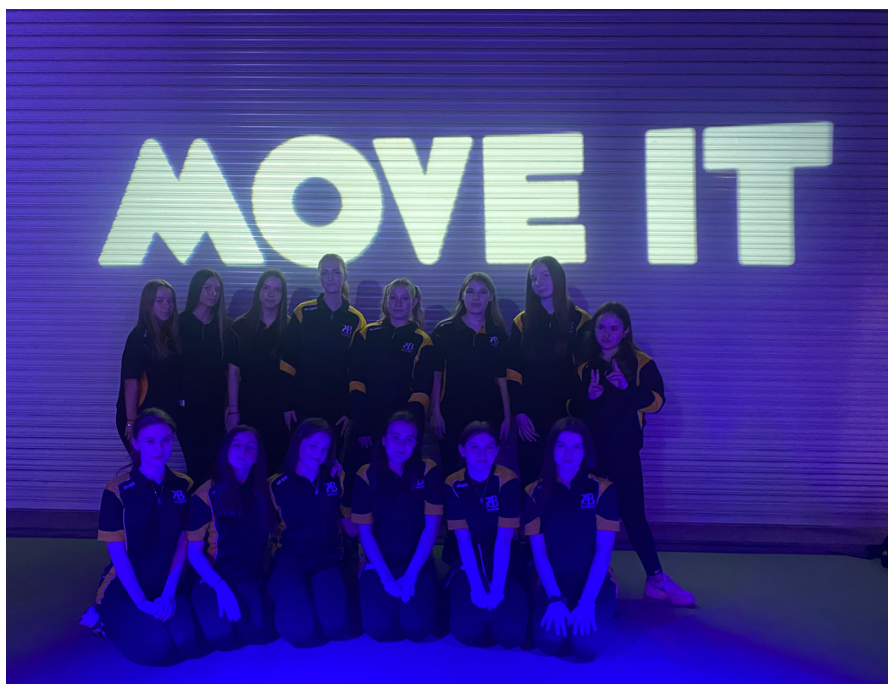
For details on our LAMDA courses contact Mrs Anderson on manderson@bohuntwokingham.com

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Move It

The Year 9 and 10 students had a fantastic day at London ExCel attending MOVE IT. Their day was filled with a wide range of creative performances, career opportunities and dance classes led by professionals. They spent the day exploring different colleges, universities and dance companies to gain a wider insight into the Dance industry. We are very excited for another exhilarating day next year.



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Voice in A Million



Join us on an unforgettable journey as our Year 7 and 8 students showcased their talents at the prestigious OVO Arena, Wembley, for the extraordinary Voice in a Million event. This mass singing extravaganza not only captivated hearts but also contributed to the noble cause of raising funds and awareness for Adoption UK.



Despite the long day, our students shone brightly, embodying the very essence of our school's ethos with their enthusiasm and dedication. Their remarkable performance left an indelible mark, and we eagerly anticipate returning to this inspiring event next year.

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Wellington College



A group of 10 students had the pleasure of accompanying Mr Lair to Wellington College on Monday 25th March. This little posse of historians spent the whole day together at the College attending a series of lectures in different subjects delivered as part of Humanities Day, which gathered several local schools together.

From building neurons with fluffy sticks and studying short/long-term memory in psychology, to attending a philosophy lecture on how journalists load their questions to trip up politicians, the students enthusiastically engaged with the activities delivered. Mr Lair was beaming with pride at the end of the trip. Each and every one of our students represented the school well and, despite a massive food coma following their lunch, the students powered through their afternoon and made time for a quick photoshoot before heading back to Bohunt.



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