



JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Art Exhibition GCSE and A Level

The Expressive Arts faculty welcomed parent, governors and pupils to the school's first Art Exhibition on the 14th June 2018. This was a fantastic event which celebrated the art work created by our GCSE and A level students. The work was outstanding and was a credit to the dedication of our pupils and commitment of our wonderful Art teachers Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Ashman.

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English Faculty News

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As we reflect on the year, the English Faculty feels very proud of the pupils' achievements. There has been lots of fantastic work produced across all year groups. Although we are coming to the end of the school year, pupils remain focused and driven! KS3 pupils have been using their creative writing skills to produce short stories to enter into a Young Writers competition.

Year 10 have been completing their GCSE English Language Individual Researched Presentations. For this non-examination assessment, pupils were required to research and write a persuasive speech on a topic of their choice. Their commitment to crafting these speeches, and the standard of delivery has been outstanding. The topics covered range from Brexit to childhood obesity in Wales; from Women in Sport to Britain's need for a monarchy. Once again, this year group has risen to the challenge and impressed us all with their work ethic and maturity. We look forward to September, knowing that our pupils will have another successful year. Follow the English Faculty on Twitter

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Molly Bulmer Painting for WW1 competition

The History Department encouraged students to enter a Royal British Legion competition this term, to mark the end of the centenary of the First World War. The competition invites young people aged between 9-16 years old to be a part of this historic moment by creating an expression of art, poetry or song that says Thank You to the generation that served, sacrificed and changed our world.

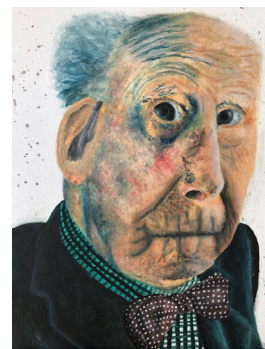
Molly Bulmer in Year 8 has been inspired to produce an outstanding piece of artwork, we have our fingers crossed for her!

If any other students feel inspired by her work and wish to create their own piece of art, poem or song and be entered for the competition themselves, please see Mrs Palmer. The deadline for the competition is 11th September 2018.

Title: Henry Allingham 1896-2009 (age 113)

Henry Allingham was one of the last surviving World War 1 veterans. He joined the war when he was only 14 but his mother begged him not to join. His ill mother passed away a year before he signed up for the army. I wanted to paint him because I think that joining the army after his mother passed away was a brave thing to do. Also having the thought that he could be killed at any time and at only the age of 14 must have been scary. I would certainly be nervous if I had to go and join the army in less than a year's time. I think that Henry Allingham was a very brave and strong man and that is why I was inspired to paint him.

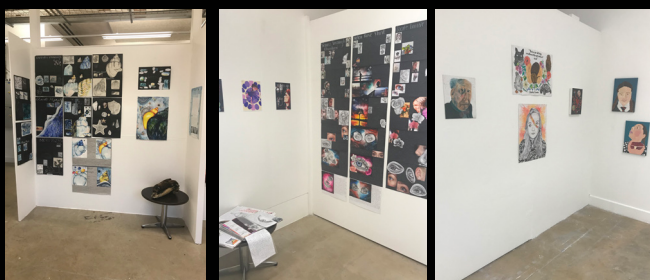
Molly Bulmer



Drama Cross Curricular Event

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The Expressive Arts team were very busy this term creating an exciting cross curricular event based on the wonderful Roald Dahl. The process began with an exciting audition process in which staff were dazzled by the hidden talents of our young performers. Once parts were allocated pupils demonstrated extraordinary dedication rehearsing scenes, learning songs and creating artwork. The performances were held on the 28th and 29th June and were a huge success.



MAT pupils exhibit at Cardiff Met

MAT pupils from years 8-10 Exhibited their work in the Cardiff Met exhibition alongside other schools in the Cardiff and Glamorgan area. The exhibition ran for three days, Wed - Friday for parents, staff and the general public to attend from 20th -22nd June, this was a positive opportunity for our pupils to have their work on show.

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PE Brecon athletics competition

Monday 18th June saw nearly 40 of our pupils participating in the Brecon team athletics competition. Pupils were competing against some strong individuals, including clubs runners and Welsh athletes. An excellent team effort from all pupils saw the u14&u16 girls and the u16 boys finish in the top 8 schools, which won them entry into the 100m relay. Over 26 schools competed in the day and although all of our athletes were a credit to the department and the school, some of the notable achievements include our winning athletes Alana Lea (300m) Anya Lennon (800m) and Rebecca Holley (javelin). Many of our athletes finished in the top 3. Thank you to all the pupils who contributed and represented the school, you were a pleasure to take and an absolute credit to St Martin's.

We have had some very successful sporting fixtures this year especially with our female athletes and boys rugby teams and we hope we can continue to enhance this in the next academic year.

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Mathematics



These students have worked extremely hard throughout this academic year. They have achieved outstanding results sitting their Mathematics examination 18 months early!

They then went on to study for the Numeracy exam alongside the Additional Maths exam. They will now move on to studying A level in year 11.

I am so proud of each and every one of you, well done!

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Year 10 students after the Additional Maths exam. Look at all those smiling faces!



EAS team challenge Day

Four of the top set year 9 class took part in an EAS team challenge day at Lewis Girls' school. They were Lloyd Bounds, Tomos Edwards, Abby Kenrick and Saffron Leaves.

The aim of the event was to raise the profile of mathematics at higher levels within the region and to allow MAT pupils the opportunity to complete work and compete against others in a fun and exciting way.

Our pupils did extremely well and came 3rd place out of 19 schools. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and are hoping to compete in similar competitions next year.

Fantastic effort - Well Done.



STEM Visit to British Airways Interiors

On 6 July, Ms Joyce, accompanied by 15 girls from year 8 and 9, set out for a STEM visit to BA Interiors, Blackwood. The main purpose of the visit was to engage our young girls to consider career paths within traditionally male dominated fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing, and hopefully plant the seed for budding engineers of the future!

Upon arrival, we were introduced to an array of staff from all fields at BA to show the girls the diversified range of opportunities available within the company.. and then they were quickly given their first STEM challenge - balancing approximately 20 nails on the head of one single nail in a block of wood... promptly followed by the second challenge which was to construct a working wind turbine that was capable of raising a plastic cup full of pennies off the ground! Both challenges saw the girls demonstrating immense skills of perseverance; critical thinking; problem-solving and above all team work. When they failed, they pressed on and re-strategised, which was impressive in itself, and was duly noted by the BA staff.

The morning concluded with a tour of the manufacturing areas so the engineering could be seen in its authentic context, and the chance to see that STEM can be fun, as we quality tested life jackets – a very weird feeling as the carbon dioxide cylinder makes them feel very cold against your skin. Pupils even got to deploy an operational escape shoot!! I think I speak for all the girls when I say, thank you very much British Airways Interiors for this amazing experience, and the seed for engineering has been well and truly embedded into many!

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STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Workshops

Can you create a wind turbine to generate enough voltage to light an LED? How much voltage can your wind turbine generate if you adapt it? How far will your solar powered car go? How close will you be to the target?

These were just some of the questions that our Year 8 pupils had to work together to solve on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of June during their STEM workshop. Provided by STEM Cymru, pupils learnt about alternative energy resources through a fully interactive workshop where they made wind turbines and solar powered cars. The workshops focused on team work and problem solving and it was fantastic to see the competitive nature of the teams, working together to beat their classmates.



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SEREN PROJECT

A group of Year 12 students have taken part in the SEREN project over the course this academic year. The project encourages students to apply to top Universities. Students have been on several visits including an overnight stay at Kings College London. Students have attended subject workshops which gave them an insight into what to expect at University.



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Cardiff Metropolitan University Visit

Forty Year 12 students attended a UCAS event at Cardiff Met in March. The majority of Universities were represented and it gave students an opportunity to discuss courses with admissions officers.



PIXL Edge Achievements

This year we successfully launched the PiXL Edge programme within our Key Stage 3 curriculum and we have been incredibly pleased with its impact to date, focusing on student character and enrichment.

We would like to say a massive congratulations to our 15 Year 8 students who were invited to receive certificates at the PiXL Edge Awards Ceremony that was held in City Hall, Cardiff. Molly and Mair also received the special Head of Learning nomination for the outstanding work they have done this year. It was most certainly a difficult task shortlisting only 15 students and we would like to take this opportunity to not only congratulate those who attended the ceremony but everyone who has completed this accreditation!

Well done everyone!



Sophia Clarke

Sophia Clarke 8FS created a story with front cover as part of the communication challenge. This enabled her to complete all PiXL Edge tasks. Her story and front cover were well written too.



Kesley Nisbet

Kesley, 7MfO set himself a goal of achieving 95% attendance by the end of the year to show resilience. Kesley is currently smashing his target and sitting on 99% attendance for the year so far! This is a great example of resilience. Well done Kesley.



Ella Webber

Ella, 8SE is a Girl Guide and a helper in her local Brownie pack. She has taken part in lots of activities which have demonstrated a range of PiXL Edge skills including leadership, organisation and initiative. In addition she has volunteered in a community litter pick, represented the school in presentations and has also completed her bronze life saving award. Ella is a fantastic example of a pupil who is taking advantage of every opportunity to succeed in all aspects of her life. Well done Ella.



Lucy Denton

Lucy, 8FL, set herself an ambitious goal, to become a Digital Leader within the school. She showed perseverance and achieved her target. Now she feels more comfortable leading and helping other students thanks to the increasing confidence in herself. Well done Lucy!



Grace Richards

Grace, 8DJ, saved our transition performance by stepping into a role and learning all the lines in one evening. She then went on to give a dazzling performance in three evening performances. Well done Grace!



Sawyer Hill

Sawyer was the first student in 7DMA to complete all tasks. I am very proud of Sawyer for all the hard work and effort he has put into completing PiXL, from litter picking to rugby tour. He has demonstrated excellent LORIC skills as well as a mature attitude to all his tasks.

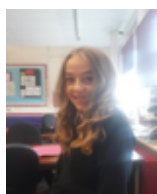


PIXL Edge Achievements continued...



Lois Sullivan

Lois, 7LH participated in an Urdd dance competition and came first, this has gone towards her resilience section for Pixl Edge.



Charlotte Mathieu

Charlotte, 8DJ wrote on her Pixl Edge the below information about Christmas appeal box:

This Christmas, I made 2 shoe boxes for the shoe box appeal to help less fortunate children. I completed this for girls ages 6-11. I found things that may not be any use to me anymore but they would enjoy having. I also took them down to Shoe Zone in Caerphilly with Mr Richards and some more pupils to sort them out and send them off to the required local location.



Ben Price

Well done Ben, 7LJA. I was so impressed to read all about him not only winning his most recent archery competition but he actually went on to teach the class too! A fine example of excellent communication and leadership skills.



Mair Stiling

Mair, 8KN, is a hard working Digital Leader! Mair has worked extremely hard completing her Pixl Edge challenges. She was the first pupil in Year 8 to achieve her Apprentice and Pioneer Level. Mair has been able to lead meetings with our Digital leaders; presented to our full governing body and developed her communication skills and used resilience through performing at the Riverfront theatre as part of the schools production of Romeo and Juliet. She has now begun her path through the Pioneer stage of Pixl Edge. She has recently had further Digital Communities Wales training and can continue to enhance her leadership qualities by upskilling members of our school staff, pupils and our local community. Furthermore, she is currently organising food hampers to be distributed to local food charities in Caerphilly. Well done Mair.



Molly Bulmer

Molly, 8DJ has developed her organisational skills when she worked on our school reception where after only half a day she was offered a full time job. Furthermore, she was part of our organisation team collecting items for our Christmas shoebox appeal and other charitable work throughout this year. Finally, the crown jewel of her Pixl work was when her artwork was displayed and was highly commended in the 21st National Open Art Competition at the OXO tower in London. After hours of hard work perfecting her painting her greatest reward was that a member of the public bought it for £150!"

Mair and Molly were the first two pupils at St Martin's to complete the Apprentice level of Pixl Edge this year.



Network 75

Jarred Pike from Network 75 visited the school and spoke to students in Year 12. Network 75 is run by the University of South Wales and offers paid employment with local companies to students whilst they studying for a degree.

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Cardiff University KidMeet

Our Digital Leadership Team were invited to speak at a KidMeet conference earlier this month at Cardiff University. Our students shared their successful story as digital leads to 15 other schools who were in attendance and discussed ideas with 4 other groups of digital leaders who also presented from across the region. We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work preparing for this event and for being an absolute credit to St. Martin's School throughout the day. They have truly dedicated themselves to this very important role this year and we look forward to the progress they make next year as school leaders.

For those wishing to join our team, applications will reopen in September.

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Sports Day Results

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Year 7	LJA - 187	IG - 162	DMA - 142	LWE - 139	LH - 138	MFO - 121
Year 8	SE/KG - 200	KNA - 177	Joint 3rd - DJ - 153, FL- 153		FS - 94	HJ - 90
Year 9	AW - 173	LD - 146	DM - 129	SR - 110	BG - 101	RH - 90
Year 10	AWI - 162	Joint 2nd - RD - 147, LK - 147		RJ - 114	SL - 109	LP - 100



Are you being served?

5th July saw us all once again coming together to enjoy our annual Sports Day. Whether you were a budding sports person or an active supporter, one thing is for sure, you needed refreshments... and once again Year 10 Business rose to the occasion and accommodated!

Split into two groups the class set about their advertising campaign in preparation to ensure they would be the team that raised most revenue, and ultimately, profit on the day. Lots of marketing factors were considered...the prices that we were able to charge; the name of the shop and slogan; the persistence of the pupils in selling their products, and of course the location would be paramount, as to who could get the most passing trade, and also enable the products to withstand the heat! In the pursuit of triumph, we saw "Guler's Goods" (named after the project manager Emircan Guler!); and "Groovy Goods, confidently led by Tai Mason, go head to head! Several challenges faced them throughout the day, including a "Team v Gazebo" battle as "Guler's Goods" bravely tried to battle off the heat..

But ultimately there could only be one winner, and with a small margin of £20, "Groovy Goods" were triumphant! Well done to both teams though as collectively they raised £610 profit! There are definitely some 'Del Boys' and 'Rodneys' to look out for in the future!

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ADMIRAL 'COMMUNITY CHEST' COMES UP TRUMPS!

Each month Admiral generously offer funding to community projects they deem worthwhile, known as 'Community Chest'. This July, Rachel Matthey - mother of Lily Rogers Year 9 - kindly offered to assist us in our acquisition of additional monies to continue to help us bring our Bee Conservation Project to fruition.

With her help, we had a bid secured to the value of £750, which will most definitely come in handy in acquiring bee suits for all our future junior beekeepers! Cheque below is being presented by Lily (right). Thank you immensely for considering us, and helping us in our venture, it truly is highly appreciated!

Any additional funding from parents to support our eco developments would be very gratefully received.

Animation Day

Matt Beere came in from Chapter Arts to carry out an animation workshop with year 9 and 10. They experimented with stop frame animation, set design and sound to produce group animations. All did fantastic and the quality of work was excellent.

