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Headteacher's Blog Week Commencing 11th January 2021

Happy New Year to you all. In my first blog of the year, I hope that you all managed to enjoy Christmas as much as you could and that you are staying safe.

I am disappointed not be welcoming all students back into CODA for face-to-face education, but we must all follow the guidance so we can overcome the devastating effects of the coronavirus.

Since term began, I have been inundated with good news story after good news story. Staff at CODA have been delighted with the quality of work that is being completed and they look forward to returning to a normal timetable next week. Even if it is on Microsoft Teams!

My first blog of 2021 is a long one as there have been so many individuals that have made their teacher proud. Well done everyone.

As a reminder, any student who gets a mention in my blog, gets awarded 20 additional Classcharts points and there are also 50 points available for attending each 'live' lesson.

CODA Community Success

I would like to say how proud the whole CODA community are with Amrit A. Amrit left CODA two years ago after being Head Student and achieving grade 9's in his GCSEs. I have been informed that Amrit has been offered a place at Oxford University. This is an incredible achievement. Well done Amrit, we are all so so proud of you.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who have been supporting the lateral flow testing in school. This week has gone really well and we look forward to starting with students next week. 😊

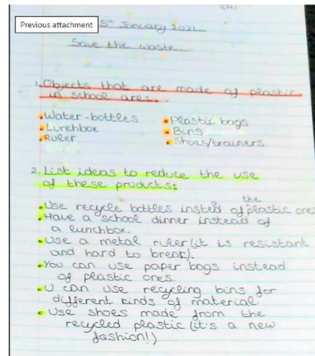
Maths Success

Mr Howell wants to say well done to Jasmine S. He said 'Hi Jasmine, This is excellent work on 3d Nets and you even spelt some tricky words like 'tetrahedron' correctly 👍 Super work well done 😊'

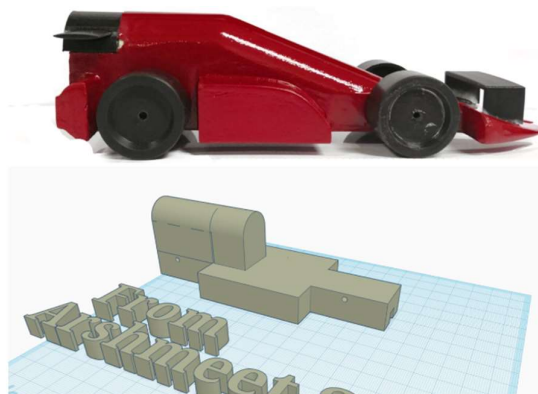
Technology Success

Mr Scales wants to say well done to his Year 8 class. He said 'Hi both. I only uploaded the year 8 work yesterday and have quite a number of replies both on teams and by email. Just thought I would share this one as Jasleen has done over and above what was asked on the remote work. Class points will be awarded!'

Well done all and Jasleen.



Mr Green wants to say a huge well done to Arshmeet S. Mr Green said 'In year 9 we make CO2 cars to launch down a track. Arshmeet modelled the 'no-go' zone chassis brilliantly from a working drawing in TinkerCAD after the demonstration in the live lesson. Notice the details of the axle holes, and rebate for the safety cable. Well done!' As you can see, it is a fab piece of work. Well done Arshmeet.



Mrs Holden also wants to say a huge well done to the following students. Mrs Holden said "I'd like to nominate Oliver N, Shannon T and Harkeeret H for a mention in the Headteachers blog. They have both quickly risen to the challenge of remote learning this week, fully engaging with the theory tasks set. In addition, they have also been demonstrating and building on their practical skills in the kitchen. Well done both!' I agree, great work!

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Ms Gallagher wants to say a big well done to Nikola M in Year 11. Ms Gallagher said 'I'd like to nominate Nikola M in year 11 for a blog mention please. I'm really proud of how she is engaging with remote learning, she attended a 'cookalong live' session this afternoon with students from other schools around the country. Nikola earned an extra 50 Classcharts points by taking part and hopefully got the chance to explore skills she'll be able to use in her practical cooking assessment.' Well done Nikola we are all proud of you.

Cooking with Mr. Dix

SECONDARY COOKALONG LIVE!

FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY @ 3.30PM
VIA INSTAGRAM LIVE

This event is free* and suitable for secondary school age students

WE ARE MAKING BAKED GNOCCHI WITH A TOMATO SAUCE

Note that ingredients (*which are not free) are on the booking page. Students will get a full recipe, joining information and participation certificate emailed.
For any queries: cookalongwithmrdix@gmail.com

FREE!
To sign up click the booking link

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Miss Stead wants to say a huge well done to Edward E (Year 8). Miss Stead said 'Edward has been producing exceptional work. You can clearly tell he has entered into the spirit of remote learning and live interactions.

This weeks task of Numeracy in Design and Technology was quite challenging and lengthy. Consisting of Venn diagrams for product analysis, converting measurements, tessellation of different shapes and drawing to scale from orthographic drawings. He completed the work in a timely manner to a great standard. Some of these concepts were new to the students, so I was very impressed.' Well done Edward we are very proud of you!

Year 8 Success

Mr Bult wanted to send a general well done to his Year 8s. Not only for their work to date but also for their engagement in last weeks assembly. Well done everyone.

PE Monthly Challenge

Ms Kohut, our new Head of PE has asked me to share the new monthly PE Challenge for all. She said 'A PE monthly challenge for staff and students. I think it is important to have other things to focus on during this time and I thought it could be an extra bit of fun for some hopefully.' So please give it ago.



Jan 2021

CODA Staff and Student Monthly PE Challenge

This month's challenge is.....

to walk, jog or run 5K

Record your evidence and email to nkohut@cityofderbyacademy.org where you will be added to the 'Achievers' spreadsheet

Those who are successful will be rewarded with an Achievement badge to proudly display around school.



Students will also

receive class chart points.

Remember.....





Geography Successes

Mr Barker would like to thank the many dedicated pupils who have been accessing geography over the last week. Special praise for the following pupils:

Lily B for helping her classmates in 7A-Go2 to access the lesson on Thursday and **Lerayah W** and **Zara N** for their valuable interactions and enthusiasm during the lesson.

A big thank you to **Marek M** in 10X-Go1 for being the first Year 10 geography pupil to join the meeting and then message other pupils on his phone, encouraging them to join the meeting, too.

Mrs Redding would like nominate the following students for the weekly blog in recognition of their amazing contributions and participation in their learning. They have embraced this new style of working and have been so mature, independent and truly amazing!

Jasmine D 9LR: For brightening my day with her enthusiasm and kindness!

Deanna S 7A Gg3: For her enthusiasm and participation during our lives Teams event today.

Jasmine S 7B Gg2: For her wonderful ideas and participation during our live Teams event today and for the care taken to produce some amazing work after the session.

Mateusz O 7B Gg1: For his super-speedy answers during the live session! All delivered with great enthusiasm for leaning...

Jasleen K8A Gg1: For her wonderful work, so very detailed and even the green pen marking here...brilliant!!

Riya S 8A Gg1: For her presentation of wonderful facts on volcanoes and earthquakes...very precise, great geographical skills!

Lewis M 11X Gg: For his excellent work, which was sent through to me super-speedy as always!!

Mrs McKerron would like to congratulate:

Year 7 - **Abdul R** (contribution) and **Luqman R** (good and quick work!)

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Year 10 - **Lewis S, Michael W, Rashmeet K, Gurleen K, Jasmin S** (excellent work and contributions)

Modern Foreign Languages Success

Mr Milner wants to say well done to a number of students. He said 'This week's Foreign Languages lockdown learning legends have produced some fantastic work- from preparing for exams to looking at the Berlin Wall & the Eiffel Tower and loads in between.....

Mr. Milner and the MFL teachers would like to say a big 'well done' to the following pupils....

Year 7- Harmanie D, Sandijs M

Year 8- Hayden F (please see below), Manraj H, Leyla R

Year 10- Leah E, Harkeeret H, Gurleen K, Faith K, Ibi M

Year 11- All of the pupils who attended the 1st French online session- brilliant effort and attendance and Inder P, Freya M, Prabhjeet S,

This is a piece of artwork, which Hayden F. designed for the Berlin Wall. He has used the words 'Freiheit' (freedom) and 'Frieden' (peace) and I think his artwork captures those terms perfectly. Great effort, Hayden!' Well done all, we are so proud of you!



In addition Mr Milner said 'Plenty for the blog again. Please see below. I want to include the wonderful, attached picture, because I'm sure you'll agree that Tornie S has made a brilliant effort with her German buns'. The recipe for Tornie's German buns are on the last page if anyone wants to have a go.

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This week's MFL working from home Heroes

Wow, we've had loads of great work this week.

Mrs. Nielsen says 'gut gemacht' (well done) to Haydn F in year 8 for the second week running!

Mr. Day says 'excellent' to Zara N (Y7) and Ruby D (Y8) for their lovely work about characteristics and Paris.

Mrs. Sagoo says 'fantastique' to Arshpreet K (Y7) for her lovely notes.

Mr. Milner would like to say 'Das ist fantastisch' to Alanna C (Y7) for her German recordings, Alfie M (Y7) for his work on characteristics, Prabhjeet S (Y11) for her ongoing commitment to improvement and Tornie S (Y8) for her fantastic cookery skills.

Classes who have tried really hard- the Y7 German session, Y10 German and Y11 French and German classes. Loads more classes to mention next time. Well done!

English Success

Miss Mallen wants to say well done to her Year 11 group and Millen in Year 8. She said 'Fantastic Live Lesson for Year 11 Set One this week. It was great to be able to give you such positive feedback about your writing assessments. Can't wait for next week! And, Millen in 8BEN1 (8PW) has done a great job with all of the English lessons this week. He is my star of the week and I'm very proud of him.' Well done to you all we are all very proud.

Miss Duke wants to say well done to Ella D. Miss Duke said 'I am just wondering if you could mention Ella D in the next head teacher's blog? I am amazed by the dedication and hard work she puts in English in lessons/remotely. She has completed tasks to an exemplary standard since lockdown and responds to feedback in order to develop further.' Well done Ella!

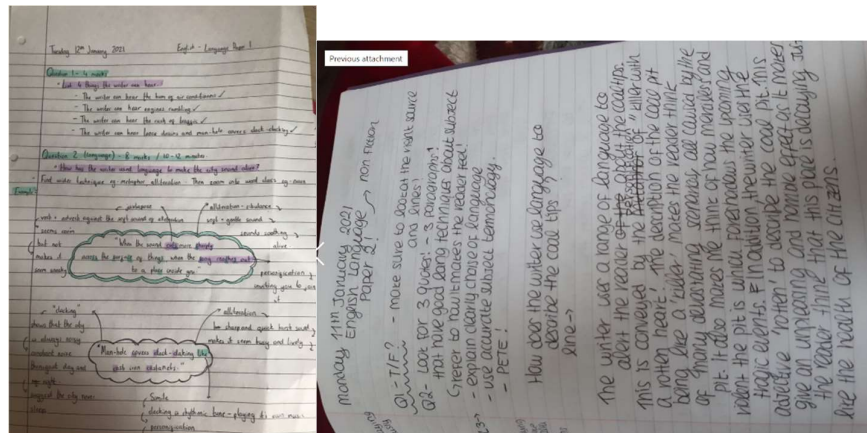
Miss Duke also wants to say well done to Muskan S. Miss Duke said 'he is working so hard at the moment and has been sending through practice essays nearly every day that she has been

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completing during lockdown. I am so impressed with her motivation and hard work. I have attached a picture of just one of the pieces of work she has done!'. Well done girls we are very proud of you.



Mrs Cunningham wants to recognise and reward Prince B in Year 110. Mrs Cunningham said 'He has done all the work set since the start of term and is now asking for more! He is my star student of the week.' Well done Prince.

Science Success

Mrs Ryan would like to say well done to Nathan C for his ongoing help with IT. Mrs Ryan said 'can give a shout out to Nathan Colley for being my IT Guru and totally saving my online lesson. It was very much appreciated.' Well done Nathan.

Music Success

Mrs Willatt wants to say well done to Jamie R and Alix C. Mrs Willatt said 'Could you please mention Jamie R and Alix C who have attended all online music sessions and have done really well joining in with the online activities.' Well done, we are very proud of you both!

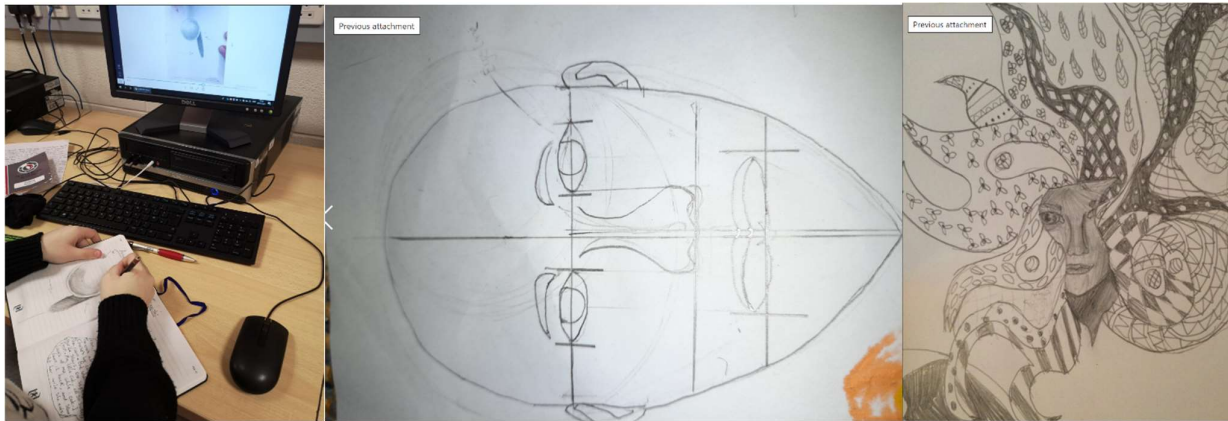
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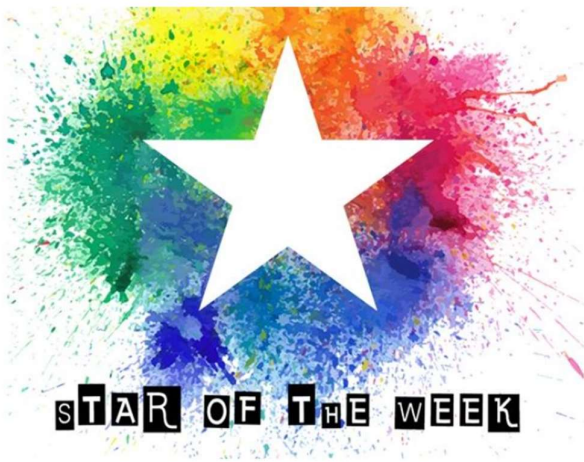
Art Success

Miss Wilshaw would like to say well done to the following students for their Art excellence. Miss Wilshaw said 'Some images for your blog of students completing remote learning Art work. Well done to the students below. Well done to Pheobe W (Year 7), Mahmood M (Year 8), Gemma G (Year 8)



Health and Social Care Success

Mrs Dacus wants to say well done to her stars of the week. She said...



Year 10 H&SC Stars of the Week - Parneet K and Simran H

Year 11 H&SC Stars of the Week - Moesha D and Julietta G

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Class Charts Top Scorers

Last week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -

Year 11 – Amritpal S (571), Amit K (540), Ervin M (495)

Year 10 – Leah E (440), Lily A (318), Faith K (315)

Year 9 – Arshmeet S (463), Navdeep S (447), Jaswinder K (443), Keira Y (443)

Year 8 – Konika B (476), Quratulain T (473), Millen W (452)

Year 7 – Sandjis M (357), Maheer S (339), Mohammed H (332)

Overall

First - Amritpal S (571)
Second - Amit K (540)
Third - Ervin M (495)

This week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -

Year 11 – Paris B (400), Anmolpreet S (320), Milly S (318)

Year 10 – Gurleen K (278), Leah E (270), Jovan M (255), Michael W (255)

Year 9 – Imogen G (431), Arshmeet S (429), Ashton B (350), Tyler D (350)

Year 8 – Elijah N (413), Tornie S (413), Aishat M (382)

Year 7 – Ebaney R (385), Allana C (350), Summer S (325)

Overall

First - Imogen G (431)
Second - Arshmeet S (429)
Third - Elijah N (413), Tornie S (413)



German Bun Recipe – Tornie S

Sorry I am only replying now but I actually do have the recipe for my German germknodel, Ingredients:

500g strong bread flour
1 tsp sea salt
3 tbsp caster sugar
30g fresh/dried yeast
250-300ml whole milk
35g unsalted Butter,melted
2 medium free-range eggs, beaten
10 tbsp of plum jam
Poppy seeds and icing sugar to serve (I used chia seeds)

Method:

Mix the flour with the salt and sugar in a large bowl. Mix the yeast with 2 tbsp of milk and leave it for a few minutes until it starts to froth. Add this and the rest of the milk, the 35g melted butter and the eggs to the flour. Mix to form a soft dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and knead vigorously for 10 minutes. Put the dough back in the bowl and cover with a clean tea towel. Leave to rise somewhere warm for an hour or so until doubled in size. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Knock back the dough, then divide into 10 equal pieces. Flatten each piece out on the work surface, then dollop a spoonful of the plum jam into the centre. Bring the dough around the jam and seal well by pinching the edges together with your fingers. Put the parcels on the greased baking sheet, cover with the tea towel and leave to prove for 30-60 minutes or until doubled in size. Then gently steam the dumplings. I then put mine in the oven for 5 mins as I prefer a harder texture. Then serve with a dollop of jam on top, poppy or chia seeds and any sauce of your preference.