

# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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## Headteacher's Fortnightly Blog 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

As the final half term of the year progresses, I am delighted with our whole community. Not only for our commitment to virological etiquette but also with attitudes to learning. The pandemic seems to be rearing its head locally again and the safety of our community has to be our focus.

I have conducted assemblies with all students this week to praise our collective efforts but also warn of the increased positive cases in Derby; which has led to school closures in other localities. Our focus has to remain on the guidelines we have put in place which include: -

- Staying at home and getting a PCR test if you have any symptoms
- Wearing face coverings as we all move around the building
- Sanitise hands when moving around the school
- Keep to the left as moving around the school

I am impressed by the excellence and positivity of our students, particularly those students have now qualified for Activity Day 3. A whopping 86% of students. This is a fantastic achievement and rewards the students who have been consistently meeting our 3R expectations throughout the whole year. We all look forward to July 14<sup>th</sup> and students have been busy this week selecting what activity they are going on.

My blog is a testimony to our ongoing excellence and is full of just some of our successes. Well done to all, keep up the great work! I am delighted and proud of the volume of points achieved, well done everyone.

As another 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.

### **Art Success**

Miss Wilshaw wants to say a huge well done to some wonderful Year 8 students. She said 'Please see images of those in year 8 that have won prizes for their efforts in colour blending and creativity. They had to create a fantasy mushroom applying creative colours, ideas and demonstrating colour blending. It was a tough one due to so many amazing outcomes so I have narrowed it down to the top 4.

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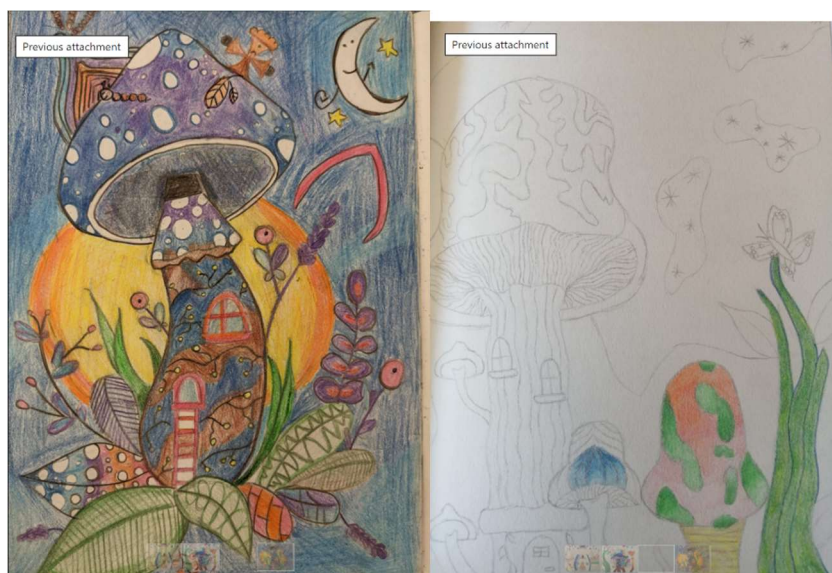
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If you have these pupils in your form, tomorrow can you tell them to come to E03 at the end of the day to claim their prizes...

Emily W  
Jasleen K  
Maylee K  
Ishkaran S'

Well done, your work is amazing!



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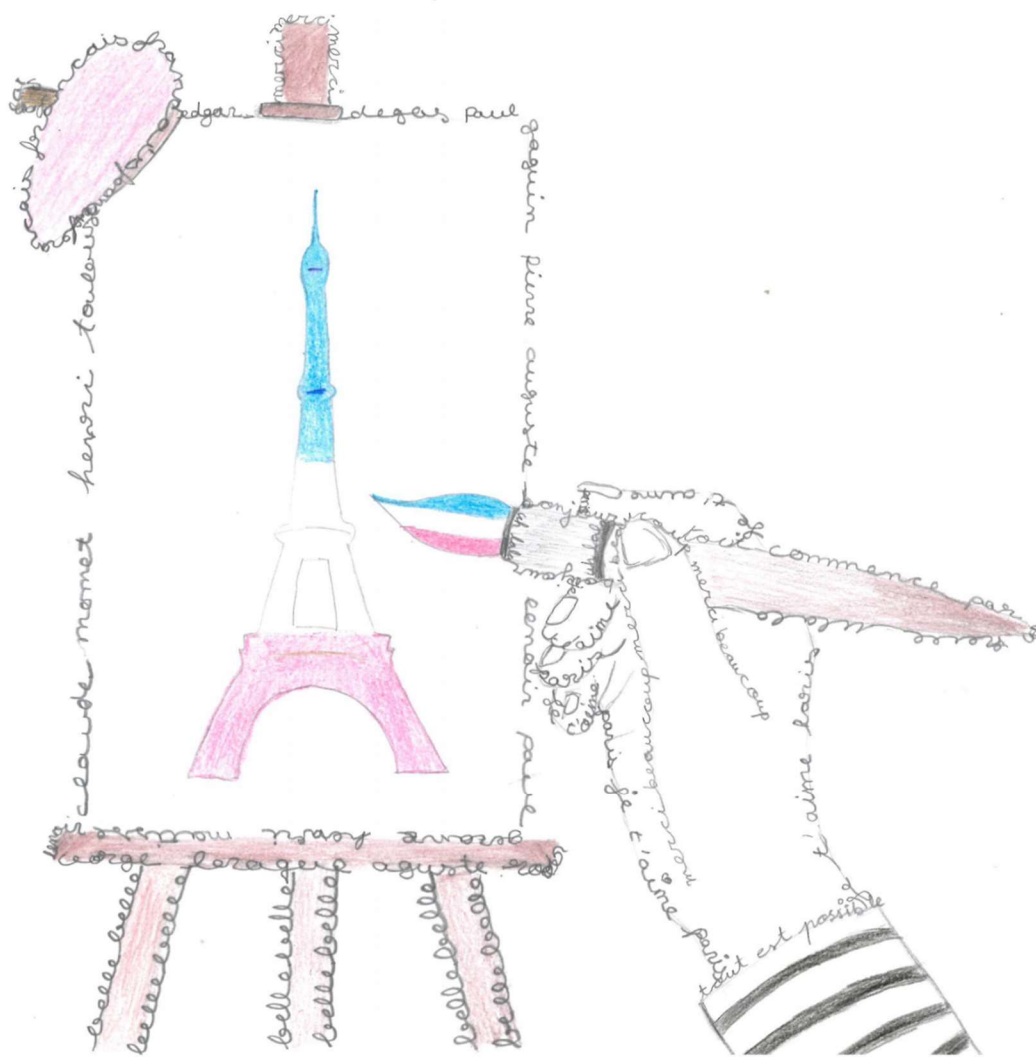


## Languages Success

Mrs Nielson wants to say well done to Alishba S and Imaan B. She said 'Mr Milner asked me to let you know that Alishba S and Imaan B won the Song, Poem and Literature competition for the year 9/10 category from the University of Nottingham Competition. They will be receiving a certificate from the University.

Here is their entry attached  
Thought you would want to see it.'

This is a wonderful achievement. Well done we are so proud of you 😊



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## **Music Success**

This week saw the start of guitar lessons for CODA students. Miss Bell wants to say well done to everyone who took place. She said 'Just some quick feedback about the instrumental lessons that started today.

We had 12 students attend their first guitar or drum lesson today. Mr Chadwick was incredibly impressed by all the students, and I will award them all classcharts points for their excellent conduct.

It was so nice to hear the practice room alive!

Great work everyone.

## **Debating Success**

Well done to our debating team who are Ella D, Lewis S, Michael W, Jack DW. Although they lost their semi final to Littleover, they were very very close to making it through to the final. The scores were that close that it went to a split decision. Well done, we are very proud of you.

## **Reading Success**

Miss McQuilton's star readers of the week are:-

7GS – Summer S, 7RT – Mueez N, 7AO- Kien W, 7SE- Ashleigh M, 7AH- Amaia R, 7LS- Mohamed A, 7EN- Khajiya

8HD- Mehardeep S, 8PW- Emily W, 8CW- Izzy-lou C, 8SH-William M, 8LS- Mohammed I, 8TR- Marian P, 8MG- Rohullah M

9HL- Harman K, 9DB- Agypal S, 9EH-Arshmeet S, 9LR- Gurleen K, 9JA-Sara B, 9EB-Steareen A, 9KW- Phoebe R, 9RR- Viktor K

Mr Smith's - Decosta M, Tyler M, Zara N, Zahra S, Bilal K and Zayaan H

Mr.Meehan – Dylan H 7GS

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Mrs. Zahid – Arian M, Silvie J, Petros T

In addition to those, well done everyone who has been involved in the readathon. Mrs Eames and the pupils raised a total of £231.50. A massive thank you to Miss McQuilton for raising whole school awareness of the event and encouraging pupils to get involved.

We also received a thank you letter from Tony Robinson. 😊

### **Cooking Success**

I would like to say well done to Amber A, who has been cooking lots of dishes at home. We are proud of you Amber, well done and keep up the great work. Looks delicious!



### **Virtual Work Experience Success**

Last week, all of our year 10 students participated in virtual work experience provided by Derbyon. The week was very busy and students had an experienced of selected professions/jobs. There were also projects, tasks and other activities.

Mrs Burdiss from Derbyon said that herself and her colleague were so impressed by our student's projects. The feedback was tremendous. All of our students who took part in their projects should be congratulated!! So proud of them all.

The overall winners, who had a special presentation on Friday afternoon were :-

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Gurditt S  
Oliver G  
Brian N  
Shannon T

Well done you four, simply amazing!!

As a precursor to the VWEX, all year 10 students had a Talk the Talk experience. This was a workshop on oracy and explored how to effectively present in front of others. This is a difficult skill and all students had to present to external visitors and their peers.

Well done to the following students who were nominated as the 'Oracy Champions' in their groups.

Kiera P, Sahilpreet S, Sian G, James K, Olivia A, Sahil S, Jaskiran S, Ellie RB, Danila B, Ella B, Harry B, Joyce A, Dylan H, Faith, Kian S, Rebecca P, Michaela B, Tanisha D, Warren BW, Abi S, Ruby K, Eva M, Monika H, Sebastian B, Jora C

### **Special Mention from me!**

I want to say a huge well done to Kayla C in Year 7. Kayla wrote me a lovely letter this week and asked for her class to be able to hold a goodbye to one of her teachers who is leaving us. Not only was the letter so lovely, it was written beautifully and accurately. Well done Kayla, I am very proud of you.

### **Cadets Success**

I am so proud of our cadets. This week they have been trained on how to use a rifle. One of the most exciting activities you'll get to do in the Combined Cadet Force is shooting. It is the main activity that differentiates the Cadets from other youth organisations. Learning how to shoot will teach you several transferable skills, the most important of which are discipline and safety awareness.

Before CODA Cadets can use any weapons, they must complete a series of lessons on how to use them safely. In the case of the Cadet GP rifle, They must also pass a Weapon Handling test to demonstrate a full understanding of the safe use and maintenance of the rifle.

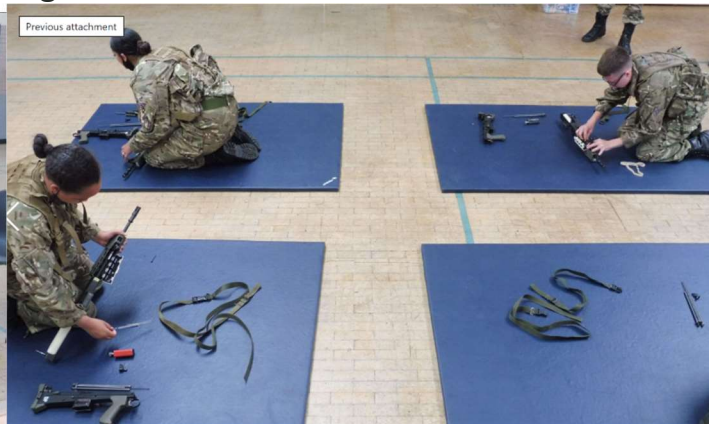
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A big well done to the 21 Cadets (and Staff) who gave up their Saturday and Sunday to take part in weapons training at Sinfin Army Reserve Centre to become qualified on the Cadet GP rifle. They look forward to putting their newly perfected skills soon!

If you are in Year 8 and interested in joining the Cadets, collect an interest letter from the year 8 office or email [cadets@cityofderbyacademy.org](mailto:cadets@cityofderbyacademy.org)



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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 10** – Jaspreet S (408), Honah I (398), Lewis S (388)

**Year 9** – Gurleen K (294), Imogen G (275), Jasmine D (259)

**Year 8** – Leyla R (395), Jasleen K (340), Mehardeep S (332)

**Year 7** – Muneeb A (233), Alina S (220), Lerayah W (215)

## Overall

**First** - Jaspreet S (408)

**Second** - Honah I (398)

**Third** - Leyla R (395)

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

**Year 10** – Lewis S (224), Gurleen K (204), Ella D (199)

**Year 9** – Amanpreet K (324), Minahil Z (294), Zara B (265)

**Year 8** – Hani H (253), William M (241), Millen W (241)

**Year 7** – Luqman Asim R (286), Kien W (230), Sienna S (216)

## Overall

**First** - Amanpreet K (324)

**Second** - Minahil Z (294)

**Third** - Luqman Asim R (286)

The following students will receive 20 points for being amazing and having 100% attendance.





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## 100% ATTENDANCE (YEARS 7-11)

8th March - 1st July 2021

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
A Divjot	B Danis	B Jagjit	A Joyce Acheampongmaa	A Raeanna
B Simran	B Subhan	B Sara	A Aneruin	B Joshveer Singh
B Neve	B Matilda	B Ashton	B Prince	B Sandra
B Urszula	C Izzy-lou	D Paige	D Kylie	B Samuel
B Ishveer	E Kobe	D Charlotte	D Ella	B Jake
B Sara	E Lionella	H Abigayle	D-W Jack	B Paris
B Vanesa	E Ted	H Callum	D Tanisha	B Keisha
B Sebastian	F Hayden	K Gurleen	D Isabell	C Nathan
B Finnian	G G Sukhmandeep	K Harman	F Mackai	C Dusan
D Christopher	G Brayden	K Jaswinder	G Sahil	D Abby
D Jake	G Namneet	K Ramandeep	G Sian	D-M Alex
H Dylan	G Gemma	K Christian	I Emmanuel	D Alexandra
J Amleena Kaur	G Jagveer	M Fletcher	I Nehemie	G Nekeesha
K Arshpreet	H Riley	M Archie	J Silvie	H Natasha
K Harleen	M Manpreet Singh	P Jaskaran	K Gurleen	H Craig
K Sabprit	M Leeyah	R Sajan Singh	K Jaskiren	H Georgia
M Tyler	M Helena	R McKenzie	K Kunal	I Danut
M Rhiannon	M La'Talie	R Phoebe	K Tadisashe Faith	J Priya
M Sandijs	N Jaya	S George	M Jovan	J Pyush
M Wanitta	N Jacob	S Sarthak	P Keira	K Avneet
P Natasha	Q Rio	S Marshall	P Parmjit	K Gagandeep
P Phoebe	R Bhavanjeet	S Agyapal	P Eddie	K Gurleen
P Dainius	R-B Layla	S Jaskirat	R Saher	K Kirandeep
P Hermione	S Riya	S Jograg	R Paige	K Amit

8th March - 28th May 2021

P M Megin	S Jasmeet	S Navdeep	S Giya	K Rohan
R Banipreet	S Charan	S Paramraj	S Leah	L Igor
R Jake	S Ishkaran	S Pawandeep	S Anshika	M Nikola
R Amaia	S Janbaz	T Mia	S Gurditt	M Jugraj Singh
S Mattin	S Lovejot	W Jayden	S Jaskiran	M Sukhmanpreet Kaur
S Harkeerat	S Taranvir	W Dean	S Jaspreet	M Lewis
S Nicola	S Timon	Z Minahil	S Manmol	M Alyssa
S Naina	S Kevin		S Abigail	M Vinjeru
S Yuvraj	T Bethany		T Paramveer	M Lewis
S Jassa	V Mirela			M Freya
S Jasdeep	W Nisa			M Kai
S Jasmine	W-L Maddison			N Balraj
S Maheer	W Millen			P Inder
S Tanpuneet				P Alfie
S Yuvraj				P Samuel
S K Ranyot				P Kyan
S Sienna				P Neena
S Izabela				R Vikrant
T Baldeep				R Kartik
W Isabelle				R Jenson
W Gabriel				S Muskan
Y Aaron				S Khushi
Z Kashaf				S Karina

