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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Welcome to the Testwood School Review for Spring 2023. This edition is packed with features and articles spotlighting the events of the recent months. Our students have engaged eagerly with the wide range of opportunities within school. I am sure you will join me in being really proud of the smashing students at Testwood and all of their endeavours, but it is always lovely to thank the teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to ensure all of the activities are well delivered and safely planned.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our readers, parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles, who keep the children safe and make sure they get to school on time every day. On behalf of all the staff and trustees, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Your sons and daughters have worked very hard during the Spring term and the teachers and support staff are really pleased with their efforts.

NEW INTRODUCTIONS



I am delighted to have been appointed the next Headteacher of Testwood School. I have been at Testwood for the past six years and it is easily my favourite of the schools I have worked in during my career. When Mrs Pitman told me that she was thinking of retiring I knew that I wanted to be the next Headteacher. Testwood is an excellent school with a rich history but what I appreciate are the students and the school's close links with, and support from, the community it serves. A significant number of our students have at least one parent who came to Testwood, and some are even fourth generation Testwood. That is really special.

The education and development of young people is a partnership between families, the school and the community and this partnership is strong at Testwood. It is an honour and a privilege to be able to lead such a school with its wonderful students and its dedicated staff. I am relishing the opportunity but also a bit daunted as I have big shoes to fill.

ENGLISH

We have had a really busy and exciting term in English. Year 7 have been exceptionally busy crafting Gothic stories, exploring the conventions of the Gothic Genre and being inspired by the likes of Bram Stoker and Edgar Alan Poe. Year 8 delved into the world of Shakespeare's Outsiders, considering how Shakespeare creates such exciting and controversial characters.

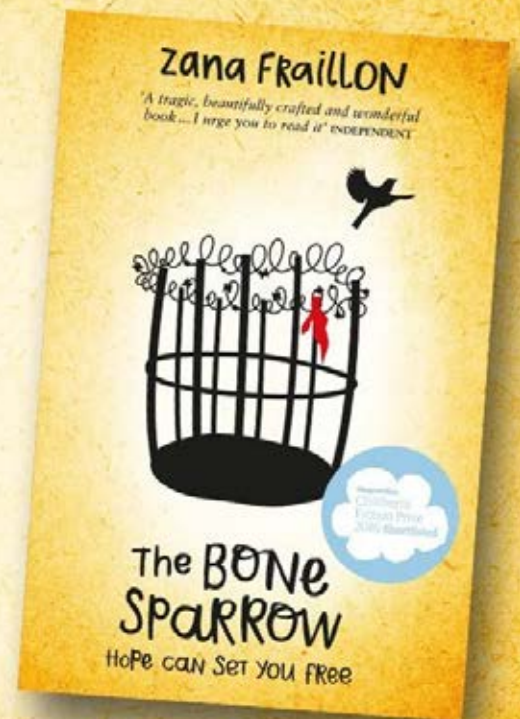
At Key Stage 4, Year 9 also took themselves back to the Elizabethan era, starting one of their GCSE texts 'Romeo & Juliet' looking specifically at the performance aspects of key scenes; we had some great male students reading the character of Juliet, something that would have been done at The Globe! Year 10 had a go at sitting their first GCSE English Literature exam... it was a tough one! Exploring the play 'An Inspector Calls', conflict poetry and unseen poetry, they gave it such a great go. Year 11 have really got stuck into revision this term after their mock results last month. They are working exceptionally hard and we couldn't be prouder!

We are starting an English Book Club! Every half term, we will choose a story that is suitable for all ages and we would love you to read it! This term, we have selected The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon. It is superb and fascinating. We have a copy in the library and please see Miss Housham if you would like to borrow it. Once you have finished the novel, we would love to hear what you think.

Please log into your house class on Google Classroom where you will find a book review. Please complete it and submit it. Once we receive it, you will get points for your house. All reviews will be put on display too. Happy Reading Testwood!

***'You will make a difference.
And to the rest of us, so that
we may learn how.'***

The BONE SPARROW Zana Fraillon

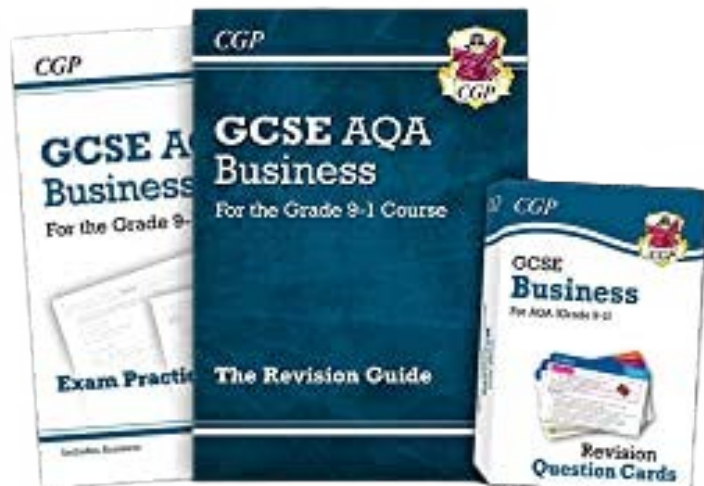


BUSINESS STUDIES

Year 10 and 11 have been continuing with the OCR national, Enterprise and Marketing coursework. Year 10 have been designing and marketing bags for a fictitious company called 'Baslow Bags', whereas Year 11 have been practicing pitches in a 'Dragon's Den' style presentation.

Year 9 have been getting used to the new AQA GCSE Business course. They have been looking at aspects of marketing and have been encouraged to look at the different types of price, product and promotion when they go out in their everyday lives. Some stand out students include, Skye Clay, Beth Chester, Oliver Johnson, Phoebe Gouldbourne and Amelia Gillet. A special mention to Harry Willoughby who is exceptionally good at working out market share, market size and market growth.

"If an opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." Milton Berle



'BRING IT ON'



On Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th February Testwood School was transformed into 'Truman' and 'Jackson' high schools for our annual musical performance 'Bring It On!'

The amazing cast, lead by Carly as 'Campbell', SJ as 'Danielle' and Olivia as 'Bridget', wowed the audience across the three nights with their singing, dancing and acting, while other students also took leadership roles backstage and manning the sound desk.

With light, sound and set provided by Chris Lund from ETS Productions, a fantastic time was had by all.



COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ICT



Year 7 have looked at Computer Systems, investigating key hardware components integral to the computers operations. They have also looked into vital system software, such as the operating system. This all combines to explore general purpose computer systems. Some super Year 7 Computer Scientists include, Meghan Hyne, Maxwell Thorpe and Robert Hayter.

Year 8 have looked into the world of Artificial Intelligence and how it can impact on our daily lives. They have deep dived into Machine Learning, building a model that could classify different images after being provided with training data. Year 8 have also been studying ethical, legal, environmental and cultural issues that surround Computer Science, learning about how this affects the broader world. Some stand out Computer Scientists include, Anthony Stephens, Abi Potter, Jack Bunyan, Josh Vail and Noah Holden.

Year 9 have looked at data representation to understand how computers represent sound, images, text and numbers. Some brilliant Year 9 Computer Scientists include, Becky Baldwin and Chipego Mutisya. Year 10 are approaching the last few topics in the curriculum, at which point we will revisit key content. We have recently been looking at Python Programming and advancing our programming skills. Some stand out students include, Miella McErlean, Patrick Scott, Jeho Otoo and Tommy Middleton.

The Year 11 are ramping up their revision ready for their GCSE exams with ongoing lunchtime and afterschool sessions, helping them to develop and hone their Computer Science skills. Some super Year 11 Computer Scientists are, Maisie Henry and George Cole, who have both shown real ambition to succeed.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



On 12th January 2023, the year 9 Health & Social Care students received a visit from Bluebird Care. Students had the opportunity to learn about career options in Health & Social Care, and to see some practical demonstrations about how to provide first aid.

Students learned how to perform CPR and how to assist someone who is choking. They also took part in a quiz to show their knowledge of health & social care, which got very competitive! The students conducted themselves superbly throughout the morning and were a credit to the school.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY





Our Key Stage 3 students have been busy in the kitchen this term perfecting their culinary skills. They have cooked and baked a range of dishes including; pasta bake, muffins, fruit crumble, pizza, scones, carrot cake, egetable frittatas, ratatouille and savoury rice.

ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL STEM TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday 8th March, Testwood entered two teams of students into a Technology and Stem tournament organised by the Rotary Club. Our students were set the task to design and build a coin sorter to be used by a charity of their choice. They had to put together a portfolio showing design ideas, concepts and a construction plan. The students then had to make their chosen design out of provided materials using a range of hand and battery operated tools. Our students were excellent, showing great examples of teamwork and creativity as well as demonstrating some impressive practical skills. Well done to all the students who took part!



'A recipe has no soul. You as a cook, must bring soul to the recipe.'

PE AND SPORT

This term saw the return of Year 7 rugby and with it a team of super keen boys. The season started off with a thumping win over local rivals Hounslow followed by some very closely fought contests against Applemore, New Forest Academy, Noadswood and Priestlands. The boys represented the school perfectly, showing sportsmanship and respect to all involved as well as playing some very impressive rugby. I am very excited to see how this team develops. Well done to all the boys who have represented the school at rugby!

The Year 11 boys are currently competing in the Southampton Schools Football Association (SSFA) Cup, successfully qualifying for the quarter final. They have shown some phenomenal resilience and passion to continue their momentum throughout their cup fixtures – long may it continue. Well done boys!

"The only place that 'success' comes before 'work' is in the dictionary."



HIGH ATTAINERS



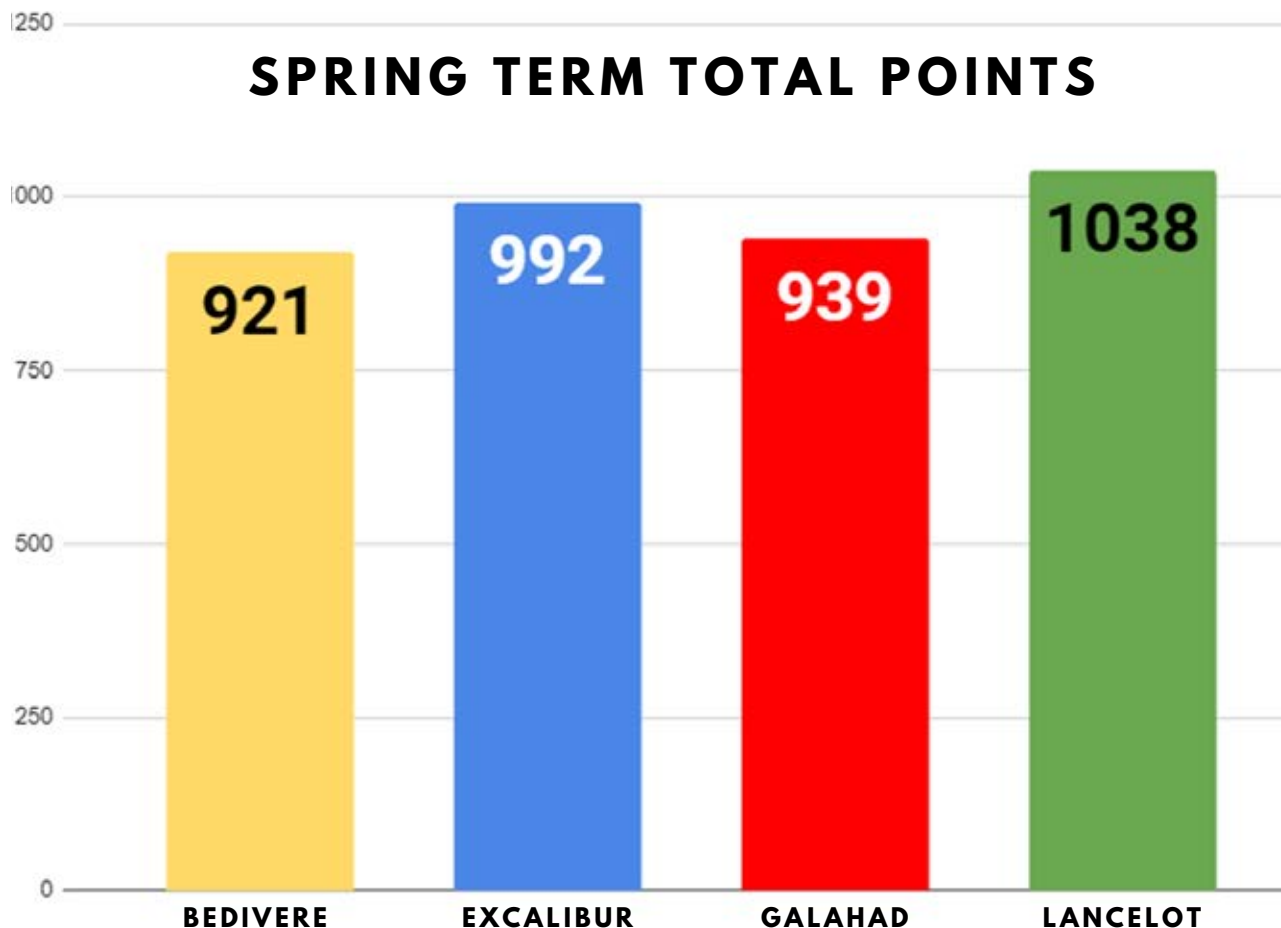
We have had a very busy term with our High Attaining students! Our Year 9 Inspire group have been working on an enrichment project about Viking culture and language and have started exploring how technology is used in the music industry. We were successfully rewarded a grant for a team building trip to Moors Valley Country Park, which we are looking forward to in the summer term.

Our new group of Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in a workshop with former student Charlotte Evans, who gave us a really interesting talk about British Sign Language. Charlotte kindly taught us all some basic signs as well as how to finger sign and we are looking forward to learning more.

We were visited by the RT Hon Dr Vince Cable, former leader of the Liberal Democrat party and Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills. He gave us a really interesting talk about his political career and ideology. He has met and worked with some amazing people and we were intrigued to learn about his experiences.

A group of our Year 8 students participated in a Net Zero STEM competition organised by Fareham College. They were tasked with identifying an environmental issue in the local area and had to come up with a solution to solve it. Wanting to tackle the issue of litter in Totton, they designed and built a prototype 'funky bin' and then pitched this to a panel of experts at the College.

HOUSE COMPETITION



This term has seen many students taking part in a range of house events, which is absolutely amazing. These events have included a 'Superstars' event, touch typing, 'Healthcare Heroes' and a creative writing competition. If you still want to take part, there are a couple of events that are ongoing until after the Easter holidays. See Google Classroom for information on how to enter the Textiles and Photography competitions.

Last term, we introduced 'House Heroes'. These are students who individually earn over 20 points in one term. These 'heroes' make a huge difference to the overall scores, so well done!

'HOUSE HEROES'

	Points Scored	Competitions Entered
Bedivere		
Tyler Coffin	120	5
Joe Perkins	22	1

Galahad	Points Scored	Competitions Entered
Sophie Field	40	2
Meghan Hyne	28	4
Hazel Waters	22	2
Peter Waters	22	2

Excalibur	Points Scored	Competitions Entered
Grace Davage	130	5
Poppy Leeson	58	4
Lilly Somerville	28	4
Aimee Smith	26	3
Harry Burgess	24	2
Helen Sanger	22	1
Felicity Neill	22	1

Lancelot	Points Scored	Competitions Entered
Hannah Lailey	76	3
Marco Ruocco	50	1
Ethan Smith	24	2
Trudy Otoo	24	2
Sophie Angel	24	2
Lily Jarvis	20	1
Brae White	20	1

Summer Term House Events

Summer 1

Fine Art: Open Fine Arts competition. Open to all year groups, students can submit any artwork, in any media and on any subject. It will hopefully give them a chance to show their creativity and celebrate their individuality.

Maths: Code Breaking

PE: Quadathlon

Summer 2

PE: Sports Week

Computing: Typing Speed Competition. Students will try to type out a piece of text with the greatest number of words per minute.

Ethics: NATRE Spirited Arts competition

English: Poetry competition (theme TBC)

Remember...

Every time you enter a competition you earn 2 points!!

Winner- 50 points
Special Recognition- 20 points

You have got to be in it, to win it!

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



Gracie Osman attended the National Individual Athletics Championships in February at the Sheffield Institute of Sport. This was a chance for Gracie to compete against elite young athletes across the UK in long jump. It was such an exciting competition, as Gracie was third going into the last round of jumps. She was outjumped early in the last round, which meant she had dropped down to fourth and out of the medals. But, she responded with her best jump of the day with 5.29m and regaining third place and a bronze medal!



The final event of the winter season was the National Pentathlon and a trip back up to Sheffield. On a day of high emotions, Gracie produced some of her best runs, jumps and throws of her short career to date with personal best's (pb's) in the 60m hurdles, shot put and 800m. With her high jump and long jump both very close to pb's, it led to a huge points tally of 3170, which broke her Winchester club's indoor record that had stood for 17 years! Gracie came away with a silver medal and memories that will last a lifetime.

Hopefully, this sets Gracie up for the 2023 outdoor season with her main aims of attending the English Schools Championships for Long Jump and the English Schools Pentathlon, where a top four finish in the pentathlon would see her represent England in November.

Ella Mears has been representing Hampshire in netball since July 2022 whilst also playing in the Hampshire League with her club team 'Dreams'. She plays both centre and wing attack where she has been able to transform games with some fantastic tackling, passing and swift movements, helping her team finish second in the league.

In September 2023, she took part in the Surrey Storm Aspire Programme trials and successfully received a place in the team and in the Development Aspire Academy. She trains with them weekly and plays tournaments across the country with other Surrey Storm Aspire teams.

She has been place on the development pathway and hopes to trial for the Surrey Storm's team once her knee injury has recovered.

'Success is a journey, not a destination.'





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