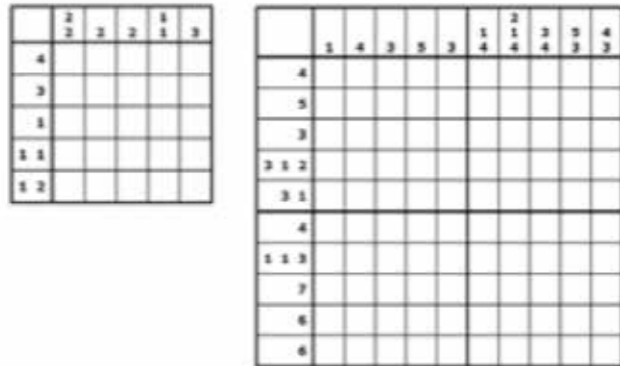


INVIGILATORS

We are recruiting exam invigilators. If you know of anyone who might like to join the team please refer them to our website for details. We welcome anyone who would like to do this part time, the hourly rate is £8.78. The first round of exams will be on the fortnight from 19th November. Please email agreenslade@thetauntonacademy.com for more information.

Ms Kaye

Some more logical problem solving for you from Mr Gillingham.



Logical Problem Solving Puzzles

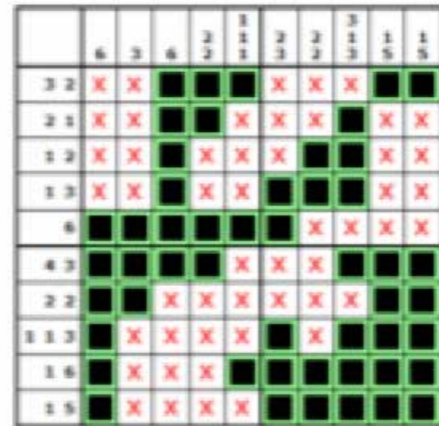
Nonograms

Rules: Find all of the black/shaded in squares.

Each square will be black/shaded in or contain an X.

Beside each row/column are listed the lengths of the runs, in order, of the black/shaded in squares for that row/column

Example



More amazing volcanoes from Year 8!



GALAXY THIEF

KS3 students recently enjoyed listening to the band Galaxy Thief. They performed several songs and delivered a valuable message on cyber bullying and mental welfare. Everyone had a great time listening to the music, whilst receiving some great information.

Mr Evemy



YEAR 3 FESTIVAL

We had 270 Year 3s for our festival. It was run by our Year 9 leaders, who were fabulous in very hot conditions. They were shattered at the end and understandably so, but they honestly did such a great job and had to take on a significant amount of responsibility in organising and leading the young children. Tyler and Ben were highlighted by primary staff for their caring manner and just going above and beyond. Jason also did a great job, welcoming schools at they arrived.

Mrs Ardren



CHESS CLUB

Our Chess Club is now registered with Chess in Schools and we hope to attract external tutors and enter school-to-school competitions this year. New players are welcome! Chess in Schools and Communities is a UK charity whose mission is to improve children's educational outcomes and social development by introducing them to the game of chess: www.chessinschools.co.uk



Mr Kerr

WHOSE MOGGY OR DOGGY?

In a joint competition organised through the English department and the LRC, photos are going up around the school of some of our staff's pets - inviting students to guess who they belong to. There are some clues in the photos - can you work out whose they are?!



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

I hope you have all had a very relaxing half term break, which seemed late this year, especially after most of the country seemed to have their break a week earlier than us! As always, we packed a lot into our first half term. After our successful Ofsted visit, we had two open mornings for prospective parents/carers, which were really well attended and I had some wonderfully positive feedback. We currently have over 700 students in our ever popular and growing school and in all likelihood it looks like we may be almost full in Year 7 next year. The Year 9s had a fantastic trip to Paris in the penultimate week and the Year 11s had a visit from the careers roadshow bus which was very informative.

Meanwhile, a video compiled for a history lesson went viral and had 18,000 views and photos of our staff's pets started to appear around the school - some of them apparently reading books! Please see further down the newsletter for more on this and your chance to spot who belongs to whom.

This half term is full of even more exciting opportunities for all students. I am really proud of them for seizing these, getting involved and achieving beyond expectations. I am also particularly grateful to parents for their support, especially with respect to ensuring excellent attendance and significantly improved attitudes to home learning.

Mrs J Veal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:



Year 7: Holly and Daniel for making a great start



Year 8: Auguste and Liam for a positive start and excellent attitude.



Year 9: Vadim for being an excellent support to new student. Charlotte for having an excellent start to the year.



Year 8: Abby for supportive attitude to others and Harvey for excellent behaviour and attendance.



Year 7: Alfie and Libby for making an excellent start to the year.



Year 9: Kira for her hard work and Charlie for his effort and engagement in lessons



Year 7: Alexander and Elliot for an excellent attitude to learning and receiving a high number of achievement points already this term.



Year 8: Millie for attitude and progress. Ryan for good citizenship.



Year 9: Angel for being a lovely student who works hard in all lessons. Andy for engaging and participating excellently in all lessons.



Year 7: Evie and Oscar for making a fabulous start to Year 7, positive attitude to learning, high number of achievement points and 100% attendance.



Year 8: George for excellent attitude and commitment to school and learning. Victoria for making an excellent start to a new school and positive contribution.



Year 9: Cullen for working hard, achieving and progressing in every lesson. Poppy for being an exemplary student in all lessons



Year 7: Courtney and Regan for a fabulous start to Year 7, working hard, receiving a high number of achievement points and 100% attendance.



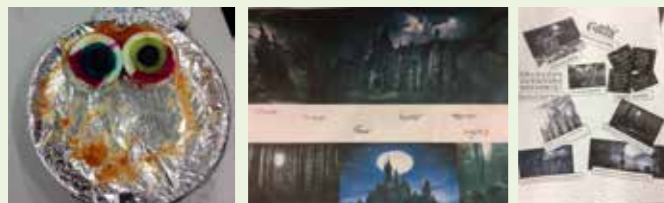
Year 8: William for 100% commitment. Chloe for amazing geography and volcano homework. Tiana for an excellent work in all her subject.

ENGLISH NEWS

Year 9 has been getting ready for Halloween by going all gothic in English! Great efforts by Robert, Jake, Ellie and Kira.

Gone

As I slowly but longingly walked up the creepy, cold stairs that were shadowed over by the innumerable, abandoned smashed mansion. I was cautious of everything around me. As I reached the top of the crooked stairs, I overheard something in the distance. Startled by this noise, I hid behind the old brick wall that circled the abandoned mansion.



"There it was standing before me. A great big mansion surrounded by forest for miles. Forgotten graves scattered the over grow yard. The crumbling steps would crack if one's foot would land upon them. The once colourful and vibrant trees were now dead like a corpse that had been left for years to decay. The mansion was tall and wide; when you are up close to a house that big it shows how small you really are as a human."

Jake

"I slowly placed my hand on the handle. A huge gust of wind blew me unsteadily, leaving me unbalanced. Leaves whirled around my feet. My gut told me that this isn't a good idea and to turn back now, but being so stubborn I didn't listen and confidently walked in and slamming the door behind me. But I had totally forgotten the broken handle and it tumbled down the steps. 'Guess I'm not leaving the house now then' I chuckled to myself."

Kira



Discovering the power of English.

Using toys to inspire our creative writing.

This is how we roll when we're reading at the academy. Doesn't matter how, where or when - just as long as it happens.



MATHS NEWS

This term the Year 11 maths after school revision is for one hour each Thursday, all are welcome. We will be covering the following topics:

NJO (Higher) Pythagoras (including 3D) and trigonometry.
FOR (Crossover) algebra including simultaneous equations, solving equations and quadratic graphs.

LTA (Foundation) constructions and gradients of a line.

Maths home learning schedule for 2018/19:

Year 11: Mondays

Year 10: Fridays

Year 9: Thursdays

Year 8: Fridays

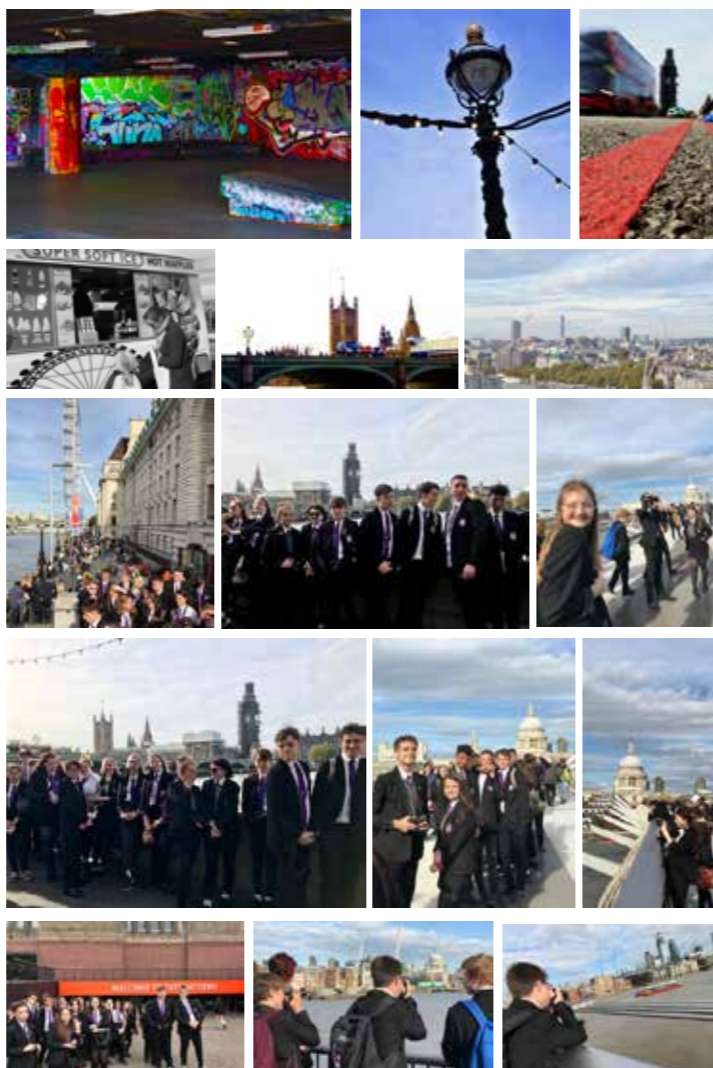
Year 7: Thursdays

The majority is via Hegarty Maths, but if students have issues accessing a computer there are facilities in school Monday to Wednesday lunchtimes and Monday and Thursday after school to do this.

Mr Jones

London Visit

Our London visit last week involved an art and photography shoot on the Embankment and Tate Modern. These are some of the fantastic results.



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC) NEWS

We are hosting a young writers' club on a Tuesday lunchtime with Mrs King and myself, where we have been working on stories and poems on lost items and shopping lists. On Friday lunchtime at book club we are presently reading Coraline by Neil Gaiman, soon to be followed by The Magician's Nephew by C S Lewis.

Mrs Council

CAREERS

Year 11 attended the careers conference at the Somerset county ground in Taunton, where there were a number of colleges, universities and career companies for students to ask questions as well as lots of free information booklets to take away with them. The following week they had a visit from the Next Steps South West roadshow bus, where the students had the opportunity to find out more information about colleges, universities and career options.

Ms Dixon



GOOD VIBES

Please support our youth club at Wellsprings. We run most Fridays (depending on events) from 6pm - 8pm for the cost of £2. We cover a wide range of physical activities or even just a safe place to have a chat with friends. Open to all local children aged 10 - 17 years.

Paul Lang, Assistant Manager, Wellsprings Leisure Centre.

CALLING QUIZZERS

We would like to invite you to the Taunton Academy School Quiz Night in the school hall, in aid of the Year 11 Prom. It will be a great opportunity for you to meet a number of our staff, students and other parents, whilst raising money and having some fun. Entry costs are just £2.50 per adult, £1.50 per child and is open to all, so bring along your friends and make up a team (limited to 10 people per team). Equally don't worry about coming on your own as we can always help you create a team on the night. Please pay for tickets via Parent Mail and then email tdixon@thetauntonacademy.com with your details. During the evening there will be soft drinks and snacks available for a small cost and in addition we will hold a raffle!

Ms Dixon

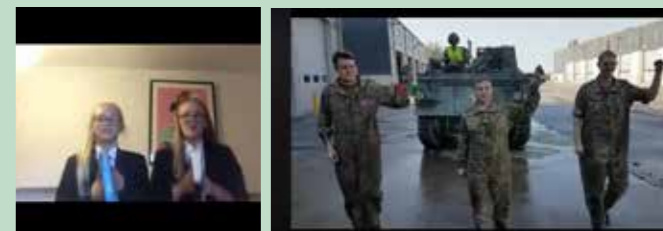
PARIS TRIP

Some photos from Year 9's trip to Paris. Thank you to all the staff and students involved in making this a successful and enjoyable trip.



VIRAL BABY SHARK

Mr Collinge set an optional homework to perform the Baby Shark to the theme of Guy Fawkes. He had some creative responses, which can be seen on our Facebook page. Special thanks goes to Harry who managed to persuade his dad to perform the song in Estonia while on active duty with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REMES). The resulting video went viral, at the last count it has had 18,000 views!



HOCKEY



The Year 9 hockey team played Bishop Fox's School on their astro and drew 3-3. It was a wonderful display of teamwork and team spirit. Defenders Katie, Sadie and Emily tackled brilliantly throughout the game and cleared the ball well. Players of the match were awarded to Dani and Emily for their determined commitment to win the ball throughout the game. A special mention for Maisie who scored two goals. A fantastic team effort. Well done girls.

Ms Bird