

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14 June 2019

Despite its best efforts, the weather hasn't in any way dampened spirits this week and today we are witnessing an all-round sigh of exhausted relief from the vast majority of our GCSE and A-level students who have just finished their last exams. My heart goes out to those who are still plugging along but there is, at least, now light at the end of the long exam tunnel - you really are so very nearly there, girls, and your turn to kick back and relax is only days away! We wish you all a long and richly deserved summer holiday and may the sun come out soon to sparkle over your many post-exam celebrations!

Elsewhere, we have experienced another reasonably quiet week with the Senior School and Lower Sixth students all undertaking the very important exercise of going through their recent internal exam papers to review and reflect on the experience. Although this has slightly curbed our usual pace of life they have still had bundles of excitement as they start their first round of rehearsals for the House Drama competition scheduled for Monday 24 June. This is led by the Lower Sixth predominantly and will have the theme of Pantomime style famous fairy tales. I gather there are plenty of Cinderellas and Jack in the Beanstalks in the making! If the final product is anywhere near as good as the new House Song competition, it will prove to be another great addition to our House repertoire!

Meanwhile the Junior School and Pre-Prep, free from the pressure of any exams, continue to enjoy an enormous array of fun activities. On Monday, the Year 5s enjoyed a STEM Day learning all about hatching chickens eggs (we now have several young chicks in the Biology Prep Room!) and the Physics of a marble run. Equally, the Year 6s enjoyed a fascinating outing to Matford in the week where





they focused on learning about essential life skills. I know there was also an air of great excitement yesterday when the entire Reception class through to Year 5s welcomed all of the new girls joining in September for their Moving-up Day, a significant moment in their young lives when they see their new classrooms, meet their new teachers and generally sample what life in the year above entails!

Next week, our Junior girls begin their Residential Trip exodus, starting with the Year 6s who head off on their hugely popular Mill on the Brue trip on Monday morning, shortly followed by the Year 5 girls who can look forward to three days of camping at Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor starting on Wednesday. Additionally, we have a large cohort of Upper 5 girls embarking on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition next week so it really is very much back to normal as far as our busy calendar is concerned.

On another note, may I remind you that we are hosting our Summer Open Evening next Tuesday 18 June and we would love to see you there! Our

thanks also to your daughter if she has offered to help on the night - these events simply could not happen without this support and we are ever grateful to our army of volunteers! In the meantime, may I wish you a fabulous weekend and I hope you enjoy this rather pictorial version of the newsletter!

A morning of life-skills for the Year 6s

Year 6 enjoyed their morning of learning key Life Skills at Matford this week.

Ten of our essential services, including the Fire Service, RNLI and the Police, ran events to show the girls how to keep themselves safe; alongside making a firm commitment never to make a hoax call. Apparently, 50% of the 40,000 calls received by the emergency services are either hoax calls, silent calls or inappropriate requests, such as running out of loo paper. These calls mean that actual emergencies can miss out.

The most spectacular part of the morning was watching a fireman pour half a cup of water in a boiling pan of fat. The result was a terrifying explosion of flames, which would destroy a kitchen, were it to happen inside!



Wet weather doesn't faze us!

We might be experiencing unseasonably wet weather at the moment, but this doesn't deter our incredible PE Department who whipped their well-oiled contingency plan into action.

Here we have the Year 5s enjoying indoor tennis in Bradley Hall, the Upper 4s hard at it in their body balance session in the Main School Hall and the Under 14A tennis group making the most of the university's fabulous facilities right here on our doorstep!



Athletics success

Congratulations to all of our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 athletics teams who performed so well in Wednesday's District Interschools Athletics competition. Competing against 10 other schools, the Year 8 (Lower 4) and Year 10 (Lower 5) teams both finished in first place, bringing home a lovely trophy, and the Year 9s (Upper 4) came third in their group. It was a great, fun day with some fabulous team and individual performances!





Enormous medal haul for gymnast, Zoe

Huge congratulations to Zoe in Upper 3 who brought home an amazing five medals from last weekend's 'Spring into Summer' gymnastics competition held in Penzance. Zoe was invited to compete at the event and did her club, the Exeter Gym Club, proud by winning gold in the floor, vault, and overall in her age category. She also won silver for the bars and a bronze for the beam, for which she was also presented an Artistry award.

Of the 54 gymnasts taking part, her incredible performances across the board meant Zoe achieved the highest score overall out of the whole competition comprising gymnasts ranging in age from 7-years old to 13+! Well done, indeed!

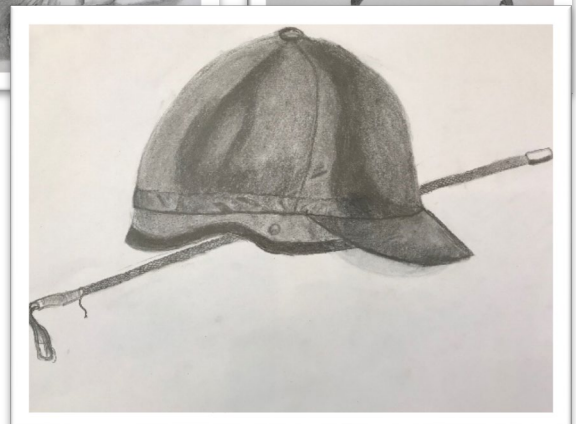
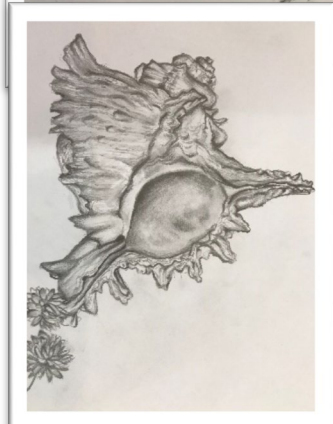
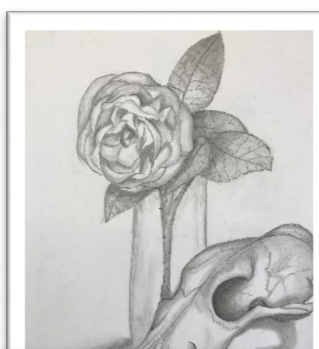
Thank you, Mr Lawrence!

The Music Department bade a sad farewell to Mr Nick Lawrence after an incredible 24 years at The Maynard. He has been an inspiration to his many singing pupils and even taught class music whilst Mrs Austin was on maternity leave. He is a much loved local performer and had a fantastically busy last year supporting performances all over the country in his role as President of the National Operatic and Dramatic Association. Thank you for the music, Mr Lawrence!



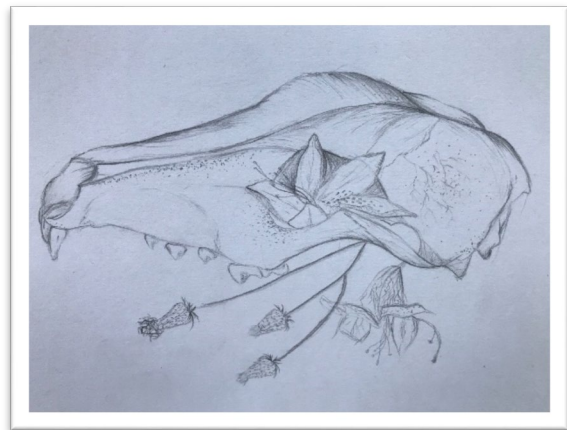
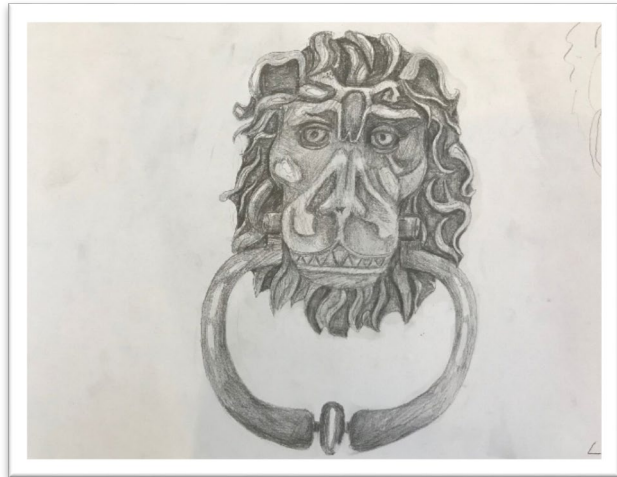
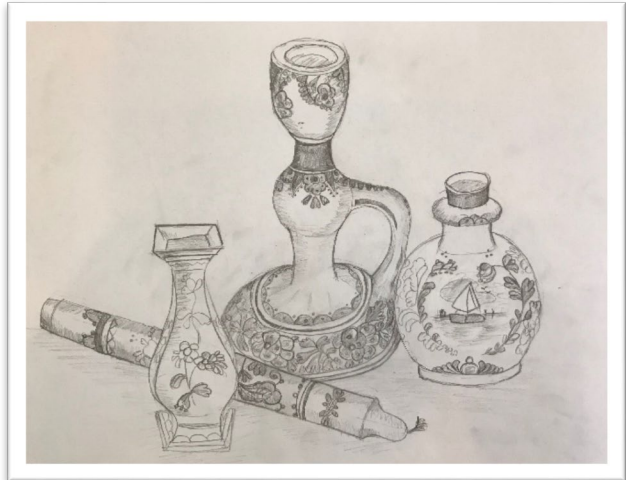
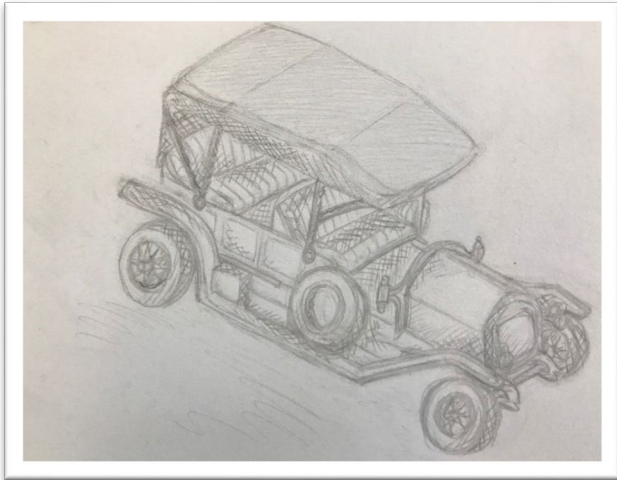
More fantastic art work!

This week, as part of our celebration of the wonderful work in the Art Department, we are thrilled to feature a selection of the Lower 5 art students' observational pencil studies. Enjoy!





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And, finally, Happy Father's Day!



The Reception Class has enjoyed a lovely week preparing for Father's Day and have painstakingly, and very proudly, made these fantastic cards. On which note, may we wish all our fathers a fabulous day on Sunday and a happy weekend to you all!
