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# FULFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL—MAY 2023

## Headteacher's Welcome



**Honesty**

**Empathy**

**Ambition**

**Respect**

**Tolerance**

The changing seasons bring around their associated cultural, spiritual, sporting and social events. Christmas in winter, bonfire night in autumn and Wimbledon in the summer. After many years as a teacher I am hard wired to associate May with the start of exams. I am now entering my 35th year of exams! I have seen many thousands of children in the same position as our year 11 and year 13 students. The anticipation, the excitement, the anxiety, worry - and yes, the joy. We each have different reactions to exams. They are of course important: they give access to pathways and a foundation for future learning. What is very evident after so many years is that as important as they are, they are not life defining. What really makes the true difference in peoples lives is the values and attitudes that our young people grow up with; their desire to be the best version of themselves. So as our year 11 and year 13 students continue with their exams I wish them all the very best, thank them for all their hard work and particularly thank them for the fantastic contribution to society they have already made and I know they will continue to make in the future.

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***"Spring is the time of plans and projects."  
-from Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy***

# YEAR 10

Mr P Gatenby



***"...we are immensely proud..."***

What a busy half term for year 10! They started off with the Year 10 exams, had form times on future choices including A levels and college courses, then finished the term with a week of work experience.

Year 10 sat exams in the first week and half after Easter. This is the first set of exams they have sat in full exam conditions and we are immensely proud of how they approached this stressful period. They prepared themselves well, followed the instructions carefully for each exam and are now receiving the results of their labour.

We spent an afternoon celebrating their exam success together with iced lollies and time together in the sunshine on the field. Some great frisbee throwing was seen, people relaxing and a serious game of football was also enjoyed. Thanks to the three photographers who captured some great shots of the afternoon, Natalie, Naomi and Eleanor!



# YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Mr P Gatenby



successful futures

NYBEP education and business in partnership

The final week of term has been an amazing week for our students. The work experience feedback is phenomenal. Here are some of the wonderful comments from employers:

*"Bea is doing  
brilliantly!"*

*"Kai is brilliant – that energy  
and level of curiosity!"*

*"Harriet's been with us this week and she's done really well. She's spent time with a few different departments across the business and has also been on a Teams calls with our colleagues at our hospital in Kent. She's been a pleasure to have around and has shown interest in whatever has been lined up for her. We'll miss having her around next week!"*

*"A joy."*

*"Really very impressed with everything Harry is doing. Fantastic enthusiasm and engagement, bringing some wonderful ideas. Seen and experienced a wide variety of what the company does. Set out with 4 questions about life at the company at the beginning of the week and he is going to do a presentation on them tomorrow."*

Well done to the whole of Year 10 for making it through such a full half-term!

*"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."*

CONFUCIUS



# INSPIRATIONAL Y10 STUDENT



# FULFORD SCHOOL

*realising potential - creating the future*

Dylan Barry, Year 10, recently represented England U16s Ice Hockey team against Scotland in 3 games in Dumfries, Scotland over the weekend of 13th and 14th May 2023. Unfortunately, England lost all three games against only scored 2 goals throughout the 3 games, - but Dylan scored one of these goals!

Dylan was also selected to play at the EIHA Showcase weekend on 6th, 7th and 8th May where he played in the U16 team. This was a mixed team of the best players from across the country. In 2022/23 season Dylan has been playing in both U16 and U18 Kingston Sharks team (Hull), playing against Sheffield, Nottingham, Telford, Whitley Bay and others.



# YEAR 11

Mr S Lacy



***“...their attitude to exams has been exemplary...”***

There has been a real mixture of emotions for Year 11 this half term. Our students have been working so hard in the final stretch up to their final exams. Their attitude to exams has been exemplary and we have had so



many happy and relieved faces after they have left the exam hall as all that hard work is paying off. There has been a definite buzz as students have eagerly awaited their prom tickets and we are all focusing on this great event as a real goal for the post exams period.

Year 11 have been benefitting from some extra revision sessions on the run up to individual exams—thank you to Mrs Baroni for organising these and for all the staff who are delivering them. The students are really grateful and are looking forward to the summer of their lives!



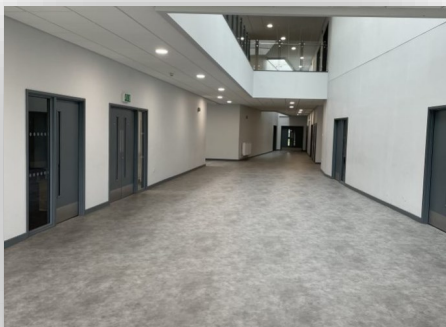


# SPOTLIGHT ON...THE NEW 'KAHLO' BLOCK

This half term, we opened up a new block in our school, named 'Kahlo' block after the incredible and inspirational artist and poet Frida Kahlo. The new 'K' block houses Art, Drama and English classrooms as well as a staff room and fantastic new gender neutral student toilets. Alongside this new block, we have had exciting improvements made to B block with a new lift being fitted and classrooms being improved.



The students' faces have been a picture as they've entered the K block. They have commented on how exciting it is to have a new, state of the art wing in the school. One child said they



felt it was like being in 'High School Musical' which we presume is a compliment!



Huge credit to our builders, Hobson Porter, and to the team at school who have made this all possible. There will be an official opening of the Kahlo block in September to coincide with the 60th anniversary of Fulford School.



# SPOTLIGHT ON...THE NEW 'KAHLO' BLOCK



Issy Millington in Y7 did a stunning drawing of the amazing artist and poet Frida Kahlo during a task to celebrate the naming of the new K-Block.



# MUSIC

Miss Durham



## Spring Concert

On 12th May the music department held the Spring Concert. There was a huge range of fantastic performances featuring soloists, student ensembles, the Choir, Swing Band and Orchestra. The evening ended with all students joining together for the finale of Queen's 'Don't Stop Me Know', featuring solos by Jules Carter and Leo Bussola. Thank you to the wonderful student compères Olivia Jones, Emily Small and Liliana Gleghorn, and to to Elsie Butler and Thomas Sheen for their excellent work running the lighting and sound tech for the night.

*Editor's note: Huge credit to Miss Durham for her fantastic organisation of the event!*



Alexis Denton and Simi Matharu, Y7



Oliver Clarkson, Y10



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Miss Durham



Noah Odell, Y7



Emily Small and Joseph Hailstone, Y9



Thomas Sheen, Y12



Ella Liu, Y7



Leo Bussola, Y8 and Jules Carter, Y7



Aaron Rich, Y11



# DRAMA

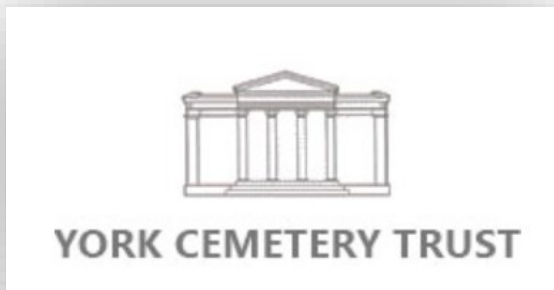
Mrs C Windrum and Miss Greene



## Y9 Drama Enrichment trip to York Cemetery

The Y9 Drama enrichment group really enjoyed their tour of York Cemetery. Students learned some fascinating stories about some of the people buried in the Cemetery from a guided tour with Genealogist David Poole.

The students will use these stories to create pieces of Drama which will be performed on or near the graves as part of a Living History Walk on the 17th June.



## Year 9 and 10 RSC Ambassador Training

Well done to our Year 9 and 10 RSC Ambassadors who completed leadership training with our creative partners from the Royal Shakespeare Company.

They completed work on arts' advocacy and using your voice, considered the key components and characteristics of a good leader and did some planning for next year. They received certificates, notebooks, pens and badges for participating in the training and we look forward to seeing what they achieve in this role.



"All things are ready if our minds be so."

*Henry V*



# COMPUTING

Mr P Dring

On Wed 3rd May 2023 Kieran Wales, Jonathan Broster, Zak Morgan and Sam Hulse won an Innovation Award along with a £1,000 prize for their HydroHeat prototype that uses technology creatively to accelerate sustainable energy transition.

HydroHeat works by using renewable solar energy to power a small data centre located in a community venue such as a swimming pool, school or university. Waste energy from the data centre is then extracted and used to heat the swimming pool, potentially saving leisure centres up to £20,000 per year. The data centres themselves can be used to support local businesses, helping them make the most of cloud computing and AI technology without the data privacy concerns linked to sharing sensitive data with the big international tech companies.

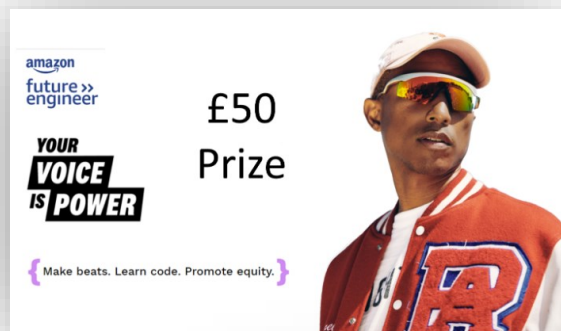
You can find out more about the competition and see videos for each entry here: <https://www.paconsulting.com/culture/pa-in-the-community/raspberry-pi-competition-uk/years-12-13-finalists-2023>



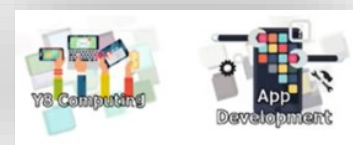
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Thank you and well done to every student who took part in the Your Voice Is Power creative computing and music competition over Easter. Three Fulford students have been awarded a £50 prize for their remixes that promote racial equality and entrepreneurship. We're really proud of every student who uses their tech skills to make the world a better place.



In Game Dev Club this half term we've been creating games that raise awareness of careers in Science Technology, Engineering and Maths for a competition. Well done to everyone who has submitted their entries. Hopefully we can announce a winner in the next newsletter.



Students at STEM club have been working on a competition which has just been opened up to everyone in Y8. If you can think of an idea for how to use technology to help someone who is currently feeling excluded to feel more included then you could win one of the prizes shown here:



All details are on ClassCharts if you're in Y8 as this competition builds on the recent App Development topic that we've been working through in Computing lessons.

We're excited to hear that Fulford School has been shortlisted for an [Education Business Award](#) the ICT Innovation category. We're not too sure who's nominated us (thank you if it was you) but we'd like to publicly thank and honour the brilliant team of technicians who work tirelessly behind the scenes to repair, upgrade, renew and maintain all of the infrastructure that makes our school (and other SYMAT schools) work: thank you.



# POLITICS TRIP

Miss Bowen and Ms Booth

## A level Politics Trip to the Supreme Court and Parliament

### Tuesday 18th April

The History Department organised a trip to the Supreme Court for Year 12 and Year 13 politics students. A fantastic experience for all students and they were impeccably behaved for the entire trip.



The Supreme Court is the final court of appeal in the UK for civil cases, and for criminal cases from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Supreme Court hears cases of the greatest public or constitutional importance affecting the whole population.

Thank you to Miss Bowen and Ms Booth for giving these students an unforgettable and invaluable experience.

**Year 12s** – Alice Abercrombie, Angus Gentry, Holly Jenner, Karen Luo, Ruby Mason, Alfie Massheder, Will Meigh, Liv Morgan, Jonathan Twelves, Harry Wright.

**Year 13s** – Liv Blackburn, Edie Carter, Oliver How, Finn Patchesa, Jamie Smith, Asa Stanley, Molly Watson





# ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Mr T Rigg



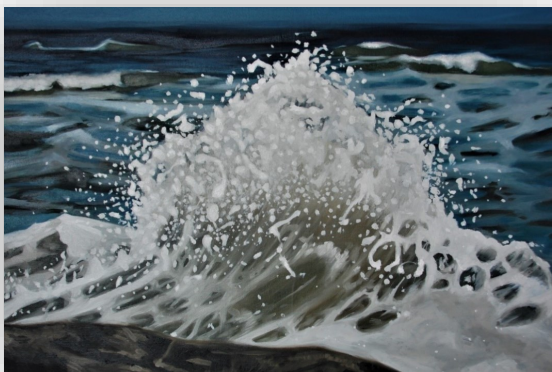
We have seen some stunning A Level Fine Art pieces this half term.



Edie Partridge Y13



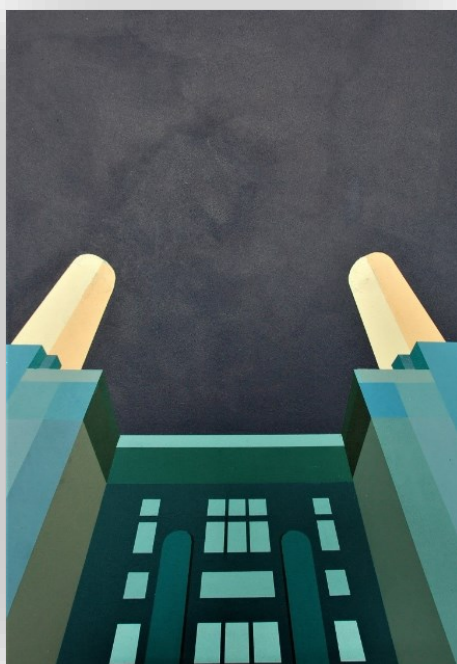
Anna Waterman Y13



Olive Qua Y13



Tom Bailey Y13



Toby Shillabeer Y13



Faith Ajaib Y13

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Y10 Art students worked hard on some photomontage pieces during this half term.





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Y8 did some amazing printmaking this half term—well done!



Max Collinson Y8



Polly Oldfield Y8



Tilly Cotterell Y8



Milly Croasdale Y8



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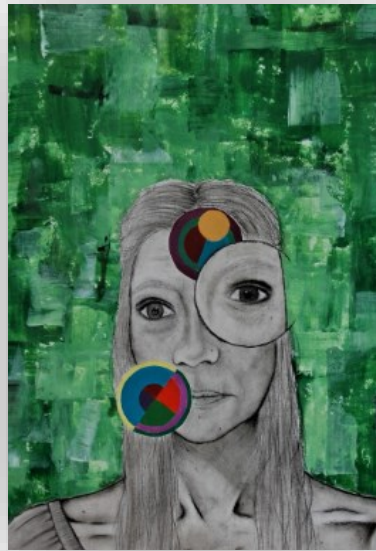
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Year 11 worked really hard to create some stunning GCSE final pieces for their externally set assignments, they will all be on show during the Arts Festival at the end of the year which will be open to be viewed in July.



Alice Shearing Y11



Ava Walton Y11



Ridima Gurung Y11



Edie Turton Y11



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Top left: Ruby Dunnigan Y11

Top right: Lewis Qua Y11

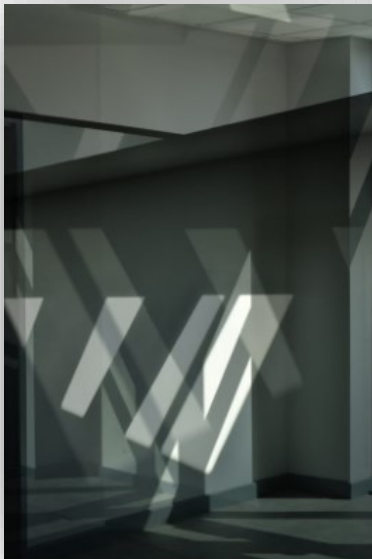
Bottom: Will Kneeshaw Y11

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A-level Photography students have been out and about taking some stunning shots of their surroundings. Some using the dark room, others using gelli printing and digital editing software to manipulate their imagery.



Dan Exton Y12



Scarlett Graham Y12



Dan Butcher Y13



Sally Sanderson Y12