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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another week full of active learning, new skills being tried and some great opportunities for students to share the work they are proud of.

Student Photographs

Whole school student photographs took place today and will be available to view next week. Look out for proofs coming home if your child was photographed.

Performing Arts

Thank you so much to Mrs Knight, Mrs Barber and our own Ms McDonagh who have donated instruments to Performing Arts. They are already in use! 🎵



Football Academy Car Park - Collected students

Please can parents/carers wait for their child in the hatched area by the fence. It is harder for staff to easily spot the relevant adult if you are standing by your car as the view can be obscured, but more importantly it is encouraging students to walk through the car park to meet you, whilst cars are moving.

Please can we also remind you to use the path provided and cross directly to your car, rather than walking through the car park.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

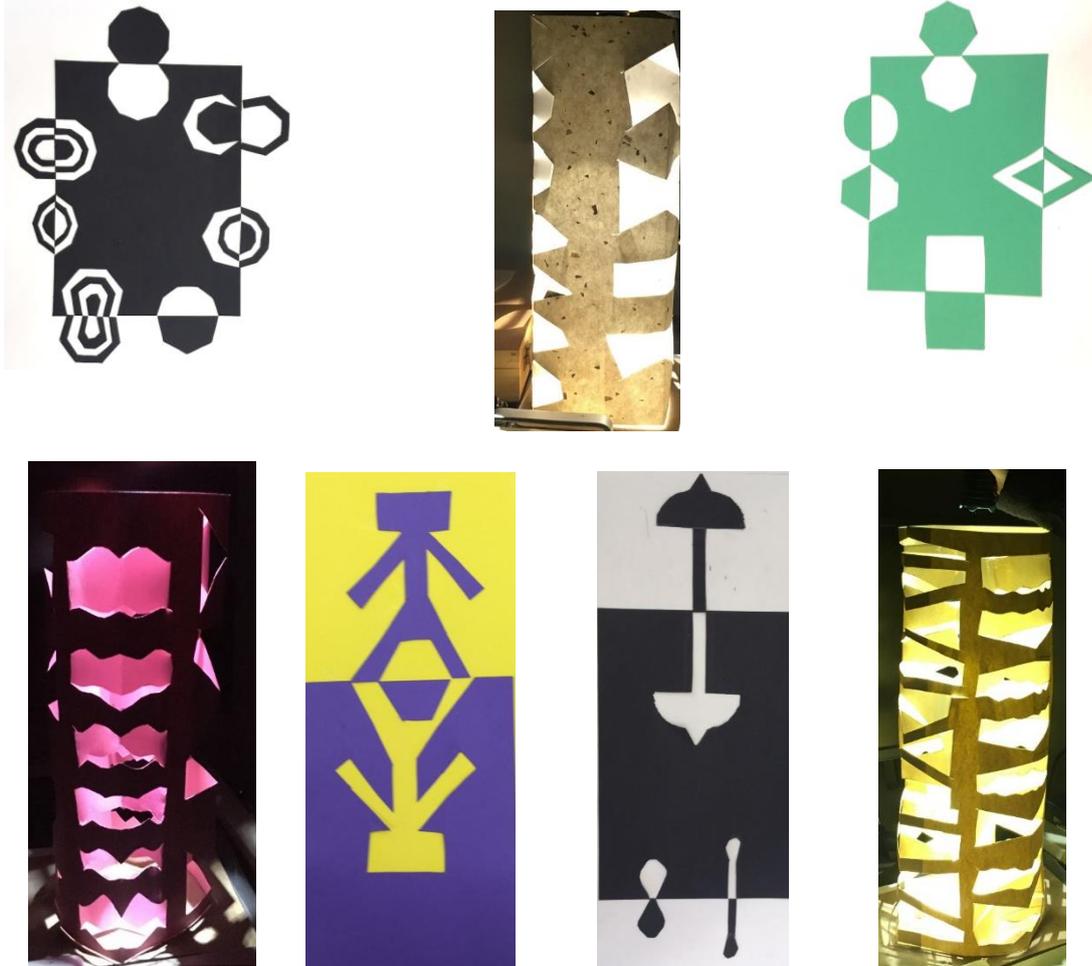
Year 10 learning new skills

Here are some pictures of the year 10s in their forest school lesson. Featuring students working together to find and move giant logs to use in the fire area. Slack line teamwork and even accomplishing slack lining solo. A real skill!!



Year 10 Taster sessions in Art

Year 10 have been enjoying their taster sessions in Art, ready to make their choices as part of their 'options'. Here we can see them exploring positive and negative space through 'Notan' artwork and sculptures. Single, double and triple-cuts were used, along with adding light to explore the potential of our artwork – lampshades!



The rearranged Awards Afternoon and Evening

A reminder of our revised plans to hold Prizes and Awards on Thursday 6th October. As previously explained the basic plan of the day will be as follows.

Normal lessons until 10:30am

10:30am -11:00am rehearsal for Year 8,9,10

12:00pm - 12:40pm Packed lunch for all in Year areas

12:40pm - Year 7 Trip to Library

12:40pm - Drop down afternoon for Year 11s (helping with lower school Prizes and Awards.

1:20pm - 3:00pm - Years 8,9,10 Prizes and Awards afternoon

3:10pm - Taxis for all but Year 11

4:30pm - 6:00pm Year 11 and Year 12 (Last years' Year 11) Prizes and Awards evening.

Please complete and return the reply slip so that we know whether you will be attending. Unfortunately due to space we can only accommodate two seats for parents/carers.

KS4 Information Evening

We will be holding an Information Evening for Y10 and Y11 students and families on 13th October. Further information about this will come directly from Miss Heller.

Open Mornings

We will be opening the school up for prospective students during the first week of October. We are expecting a number of current Y5 and Y6 families to attend, but are also open to students of other year groups who will be joining us.

An open event will be held later in the year for all families of our current students, with more details to follow closer to the time.

EHCP Annual Review Day

Following the success of this day last year and listening to feedback received, we will be holding the EHCP annual review day on November 10th.

Please put this date in your diaries. Further information will follow in the newsletter next week.

Term dates

We are heading towards October half term, which begins on the 19th October. Students return to school on the 31st October.

All term dates for the coming year can be found on the school website.

Wishing you a relaxing, safe and very enjoyable long weekend.

Yours sincerely



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