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## AMAT News

Arden Multi Academy Trust is delighted to have welcomed Henley-in-Arden School to the Trust as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

This is a new and exciting partnership for the Trust which will allow another level of collaboration between staff and students.

We would also like to congratulate the staff, students and governors of Lode Heath School who, following a recent Ofsted inspection, have maintained their 'Good' rating.

We are delighted for the school and are thrilled their work has been recognised.



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## Spring is in the air

The Spring term at Arden is always busy with Parents' Consultations and Year 9 Options. The course of these has again reiterated the fantastic relationships that exist between our staff and you as a parent body. We have now had all of our Parents' Consultations for this year and are delighted to record a 92% average attendance. This is absolutely fantastic and really underlines the team approach and partnership ethos that we try so hard to promote and cultivate. Thank you for your commitment to supporting your children to do their best in all aspects of their school life.

With a well-deserved rest on the horizon we would like you to reiterate the messages shared in school this week about awareness in our local community. The good weather always brings an increased amount of time spent outdoors by our students which we whole heartedly encourage. Our message to

students this week has been about ensuring that they are mindful of looking after our local community and using the open spaces and parks in a way that is safe and considerate to all residents; a message that the overwhelming majority of our students subscribe to in all that they do.

For our Year 11 and 13 students Easter provides a very important opportunity to continue the revision process; I would again direct parents of students in these year groups to the SENECA revision tool that we have recently written to you about. We do of course encourage students in these year groups to maintain balance and ensure that they do also find time to relax and have a break from the studying.

We wish all of you a pleasant, safe and enjoyable Easter break.

## SSAT Outcomes Award

We are thrilled to announce that Arden has won an SSAT Educational Outcomes award for being in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment in 2018.

Educational Outcomes is a unique, powerful database for analytics and comparison at KS2, KS4 and KS5. It combines three official DfE and Ofsted sources into one to provide key contextual and performance data on every state-funded school in the country.

The award is a reflection of the incredible hard work that is done by students and staff every year to create the best possible opportunities for the students and to achieve the highest



possible outcomes. We are absolutely delighted that we have once again been given this award.

Well done to all staff, students and parents for their share in this award! It really is a team effort and we would like to thank everyone for their part in the exam results that were achieved last year.

Here's looking forward to another award next year!

Arden is part of Arden Multi Academy Trust: Chief Executive Officer, Mr M Murphy and Executive Headteacher, Mr D Burgess

**Arden values:** Determination : Excellence : Courage : Inspiration : Friendship : Equality : Respect

## Year 7 trip to the Black Country Museum

Recently Year 7 have been on a trip to the Black Country Museum to learn about the Industrial Revolution. We saw a blacksmith in action, traditionally making chains (with sparks flying everywhere). There was Sidebotham's Trap Works (built in 1913), a building which had been donated and moved to the museum where we saw many animal traps and even saw a dingo trap being used. We went to a toll house where the residents collected a toll from people who took carts through the gate. We also visited a school where a teacher gave us a lesson as if we were really in that time. She was very strict (even more than our teachers). We also went into the mines where we were allowed torches and hard hats (unlike the miners before us). We learnt that they used canaries to

detect if there was any toxic gas that could kill the miners, they also used pit horses to pull heavy tubs of coal in the mine. It was really hard on the horses because they only picked large and heavy coal rocks for the tubs and the horses sometimes saved the miners from floods in the mine if they had become friends. Overall the trip was an amazing experience and an insight into how hard it really was in the Industrial Revolution.

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## Young Enterprise

Our two Young Enterprise teams (Spire and Nebula) will be taking part in the Solihull and Greater Birmingham area finals of the Young Enterprise Company Programme of the Year awards 2019 in May.

They will be required to present their company report and give a presentation in front of a panel of judges, as well as having their company trade stand judged.

We wish them the very best of luck and look forward to hearing how they get on.



## Explore Webinar



# EXPLORE

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, a group of 20 Year 9 and 10 students took part in a live webinar event, run by the University of Oxford, as part of their 'Explore' Programme.

Explore is designed to help young people to expand their ability for deep thinking, by tackling 'big questions'. Such questions do not necessarily have a clear answer, but require application of knowledge and understanding and the development of broader and deeper thinking. This is reflected in school by our 'Take It Further' (TIF) strategy, designed to stretch and challenge all of our students in their lessons.

Following the Explore event, we were delighted to hear that the question that we submitted to the webinar had been selected as one of the top three received from all participants around the country, securing us some prizes. Well done to our big thinking team! Our question was 'Will computers ever be sentient?' What do you think?

For more information about Explore, have a look at : <https://explore.org/>



# World Book Day

## The Body Under the Library!

The game was afoot in the English Department for Arden World Book Day. Pupils had the opportunity to exercise their little grey cells and solve the attempted murder of Mr White! The curious incident of the body under the library tested our budding Holmes' powers of deduction as they followed the clues and collected the witness statements from the staff in the English Department. Which of the seemingly benign teachers had viciously pushed Mr White down the stairs to protect their secret identity as international jewel thief, the "Scarlet Rose"?

Enthusiastically rising to the challenge, many pupils followed the clues of the torn letter, the red rose, the sound of high heels and the flash of blonde hair, to quickly narrow down the list of suspects. After eliminating the impossible, our eager investigators

realised that whatever remained, however improbable, must have been the truth. They flocked to the English Office to arrest the suspect and claim their reward. The solution was, of course, elementary. The nefarious "Scarlet Rose" had not realised that so many pupils would discover her secret and reveal that she was, in fact, Mrs Hale!

Congratulations to all who solved the mystery and made our Arden World Book such a lively and enjoyable day.

N.B. No teachers were harmed in the making of this mystery!

Miss George



# Mathematical Discovery

Mr Richards' Year 8 Maths class have made a discovery which has been published in an online mathematical encyclopaedia! The students were working on converting fractions to decimals and identifying recurring decimals, and were given an additional task of trying to create a list/sequence of numbers that either tells you how many decimal places are in decimal version or how many digits are in the repeated portion of a recurring decimal.

Following the task Mr Richards searched the Online Encyclopaedia of Integer Sequences to check the results the students had come up with, only to discover that the sequence did not appear; the class had made a new discovery! Mr Richards contacted the publication and the class' work has now been credited. How fantastic!

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1/6 is 0.166666... This is a recurring decimal with a period of 1 (the initial
does not recur) so a(6) = 1
1/7 is 0.142857142857... This is a recurring decimal, with a period of 6 (14
so a(7) = 6
PPOD (Python)
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# Culture Club Talent Show

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March I had the pleasure of witnessing some amazing talent in those students that attend culture club. Students practised their talent for two weeks and then performed to our fantastic judges from the DT department - thanks to Miss Hayward, Miss Guest and Mr Eades. We also had appearances from Mr Pillinger and Mr Hooper who said "It was awesome and achievement points and house points must be awarded to all students involved"

Daniel Batson kicked off our talent show as a very enthusiastic compare that made all judges and contestants feel welcome and comfortable. Thank you to Daniel for being confident, having great projection and entertaining throughout. The show could not have gone on without you!

Our contestants were; duo Bennie Grimley and Eessa Gulzar performing the song 'Happier', Bennie doing an amazing performance on the drums using his 'light up' sticks and Eessa singing the lyrics. Danyal Rahman showed off his brilliant football skills whilst Claudia Williams had great flexibility in her gymnastics performance. To finish, we had Jamie Hopkins demonstrating some incredible circus skills on



his diabolo, to music!

All students did fantastically but we could only have one winner - the judges' words for the winner were "mesmerising, confident, excellent skill, great control and a great loop"... their chosen winner was JAMIE HOPKINS! Well done to all the students who took part, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to see them doing something they are passionate about.

Miss Hyett

## LifeSkills Award

We were delighted to find out that we have been awarded a special award from LifeSkills in association with Barclays. The award is a reflection of the work that is done in our PSHE and Arden Values programmes.

A LifeSkills spokesperson said: 'I'm delighted to present you with the LifeSkills Award on behalf of Arden School. It is fantastic to see how your institution has been using LifeSkills to prepare young people with the employability skills they need for the world of work.'

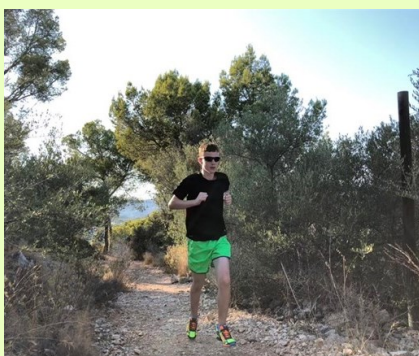
We are thrilled that our work has been recognised in this way.



## Student Fundraising

A number of students have been embarking upon fundraising activities over the past term. Here is a summary of what has been happening.

Year 10 student Ollie Bailey has been completing a Lent challenge each year for the past three years. This year Ollie has pledged to give up his phone and chocolate. As well as this



Ollie Bailey on his fundraising mission

he has been running 8km, and doing 50 burpees and 50 pull ups every week. Ollie has so far raised over £300 for Make-A-Wish UK which grants magical wishes to enrich the lives of children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions.

## Library News

Arden Library has enjoyed another wonderful half term of reading. This term included our Detective fiction-themed World Book Day and our new roving reporter, Holly Watkins, has written an in-depth article about the day.

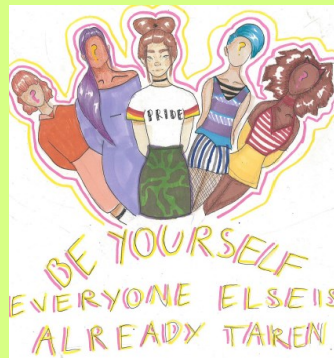
This term the library has also seen our first House Competition on the theme of Pride and the winners of 5 House Points each are as follows:

Year 7 - Maryam Rees (Nightingale)

Year 8 - Lottie Fitter (Parks)

Year 9 [Overall Winner] - Lily Ellis (Nightingale)

Here is Lily's super winning design, chosen by Arden's LGBT student group:



Congratulations also to the winners of this term's Accelerated Reader prizes, which was a bookmark and an early lunch pass, as well as a reading goody bag for the prize draw which included a new book, a poster, stickers, badges and more!

The winners are:

Year 7 (Most Books Read) - Muneera Hasani (9 Books), Scarlett Fowler (10 Books)

Year 7 (Most Points) - Moez Khaliq (85.4 Points), Josh Lerat (93.8 Points)

Year 7 (Most Effort) - Kawoon Bik

Prize Draw - Ellie Minto

Year 8 (Most Books Read) - Ben Mochan (10 Books), Millie Wilson (8 Books)

Year 8 (Most Points) - Laura Boles (103.3 Points), Stephanie Edelsten (66.6 Points)

Year 8 (Most Effort) - Melissa Fears

Prize Draw - Kiren Thatal

Hope everyone has a lovely Easter - Keep reading!

**Arden Library is now on twitter:**  
**@ArdenLibrary**

What an amazing personal achievement. Well done Ollie!

Year 13 student Tom Parkin has been busy fundraising to raise money to fund his gap year teaching secondary school students in the Solomon Islands (in the Pacific!) through the charity Project Trust.

As part of his fundraising Tom hosted a wine tasting evening, with support from Laithwaites Wines, at Arden last month. Tom would like to say a huge thank you to all parents, staff and students who helped and contributed.

As a result of the event Tom made £1355 for the charity, which is about a sixth of the £6200 total he needs. This fantastic achievement would not have been possible without the support shown on the evening.

We will update you on Tom's progress later in the year.

## Exam Support

As we start to move towards exam season, *Young Minds* (an organisation aimed at supporting the emotional health of young people) have issued advice for parents about supporting their children.

There are a series of very useful tips available on the Young Minds website which are aimed at helping parents to offer the right sort of support to their young people during what can be an emotionally challenging time. There is also advice for how to manage results day and links to further support.

The link to the website can be found [here](#).

## South Africa Fundraising

This year's Sixth Form South Africa team have been hard at work fundraising for their legacy project. Every year a group of students spend time working at Schitsdrift school and raise money before the trip in order to leave a legacy gift to the school.

There are a number of events coming up (see images) and the students would appreciate any support which can be offered.

As well as the upcoming Table Top Sale and Quiz night the students have been selling drinks and snacks at Knowle Parish Church in a make-shift café for the local community.

Tickets for the quiz night can be obtained from Rachel Lamerton: 01564773383 / 07527333599

### TABLE TOP SALE

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 10:00 – 1:00 PM

Arden Academy, Station Road,  
Knowle

In Aid of the Arden Academy South Africa Project 2019



General Admission is 70p on the day

If you would like to reserve a table to sell your unwanted items please ring 07716 166609 for a booking form.  
Prices: £8 for a table (£5 for additional space to place a seller provided clothes rail)



## Solihull Library Services and Revision

We have received a communication from Solihull Library Service which we would like to share with you in advance of the examination season.

*'Across Solihull Libraries we are now preparing for student study leave and the increased use of our IT, free wifi and study space facilities within our libraries.*

*Library staff know these facilities are very popular and that they play an important role with our aim of helping to improve student outcomes, a valued part of our core offer.*

*To this end Solihull Libraries want to ensure that every student is able to make the most of the facilities and able to use their study time effectively to get the best results possible.*

*We have limited space, especially for plugging in electronic devices, and, with many schools and colleges across the area using our libraries, we'd be grateful if you would help us by making sure that students are aware they are most welcome to use library facilities, but that they do need to show consideration to staff and other library users.*

*We would be grateful if you would make your students aware that they must:*

- be conscious that they are representing their school and be considerate of others using the same community space.*
- be conscious that study spaces may not be available due to the high demand, particularly if students want to work together*

- work quietly/in silence when using any designated quiet/silent study areas.*
- be respectful to staff who are there to help them.*
- be respectful and not disruptive towards other people.*
- ensure that they use laptops and tablets safely with no trailing cables and only using designated power sockets and study spaces.*
- understand that they may not be able to access a power supply while in the library and that devices should be charged in advance*
- switch mobile phones to silent and not make/receive calls in study areas.*
- not eat/drink in study areas or anywhere in the library (although bottled water is permitted).*
- keep feet off chairs and sofas and not move or mark any furniture.*
- make sure bags and valuables are not left unattended as the library cannot be held responsible for any loss that might arise.'*

We hope that our students will respect these guidelines in order to demonstrate the values which we expect and ensure that they are true ambassadors of Arden within our community. If there are any questions about library use please contact the Solihull Library Service.

One of the strands of ArdenAIM is 'Excellence Students'. Tying in with the Arden Values, this aims to highlight and celebrate some of the astounding achievements made by Arden students, in a range of different activities, outside of school.

We are very proud that a number of our students have received recognition for their outstanding talents in the arts and in sport at local, national and international levels. They are truly inspirational role models.

Every month, we shall be shining the spotlight on one of our Excellence Students to find out exactly just what it takes to excel in their field and to achieve such success.

## Natasha Cannell (Year 10)

*Natasha is a hugely talented synchronised swimmer. She performs and competes as part of 'Chicago', with 9 other girls, aged between 13 and 15 years. She has an impressive track record of success in competition, winning a gold medal in the Midland Championship last years. In July, she will compete in the National Championships, which are taking place in the London Aquatic Centre, part of the Olympic Park.*

### **Synchronised swimming is quite an unusual sport.**

#### **How did you get into it?**

I had the opportunity to do little bits of synchronised swimming as part of my swimming lessons. I realised that I was quite good at it and really enjoyed it, so I did some research into local clubs and found the City of Birmingham Synchro Club. I joined the club when I was in Year 5 and it has grown from there.

#### **How often do you have to train?**

I train on Tuesdays after school, from 5.45pm until 8.30pm and then on Monday or Friday before school, from 5.45am until 7am. I also train every Sunday from 4pm until 6pm. It's a really big commitment, as it involves a lot of travelling to different pools, including Stechford Leisure centre, Wyndley Leisure Centre in Sutton Coldfield and the Aston Doug Ellis Leisure Centre. My sister (Olivia in Year 8) is also a synchronised swimmer, so we owe our parents a lot, as they give up a huge amount of their time to get us both to and from training; it's as much of a commitment for them as it is for us.

#### **Is there anything else you have to do to be good at the sport?**

As well as in-pool training, I have a stretch and weights programme that I have to follow. I have to do a session on Tuesday nights before my pool training and then have to do daily training at home. Although there

are no diet restrictions, I have to make sure that I eat healthily, so that I can be as fit as possible for the sport.



#### **Who is your inspiration?**

Phoebe Bradley-Smith. She was a City of Birmingham swimmer, who competed with Team GB in the European Championships. She was so successful because of her commitment to her training, always trying to achieve perfection in her performances. She always put in hours of practice to secure the most polished performance possible.

#### **What is your ambition?**

In the short term I want to be able to continue competing successfully, even though I am moving up soon to the next age category (15-18). In the future, I would love to represent Team GB in International competition, by getting through national trials. The ultimate dream would be to compete in the Olympics.

#### **What is your motto?**

Work towards your dream.

#### **Are you inspired to find out more about synchronised swimming? If so, have a look at these:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/get-inspired/23165064>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/47535851>

<https://www.birminghamsynchro.com/>

Earlier this term we were approached by a very keen student who wanted to contribute to the school newsletter. In keeping with our AIM strategy, and demonstrating the essence of the Arden Values, we were delighted to take up this offer.

We are very pleased to share the first article from our student roving reporter: Holly Watkins, who has given us her take on the Arden World Book Day events.

## Mystery Sweeps Arden Academy

For World Book Day at Arden Academy, the theme was Detective Fiction, which led to lots of great activities throughout the school. The English department and Librarian certainly got in to it, with an escape room and an attempted murder!

The first excitement of the day was in form time. Our form tutors announced that an attempted murder of one of the English department teachers-Mr White- had happened at 12:00 the day before. It was then up to the pupils to discover who the murderer was. The tutors gave them as much information as possible, including statements from all the English department workers and evidence found by the police.

The next thing to look forward to was the escape room in the library. It ran all day. You went in, were told some clues and had to figure out:

- Who the murderer was
- What the murder weapon was
- What happened

Miss E.Guy from year 7 said "The escape room was great, I loved that there were lots of clues and twists and turns, but I would have liked some more time!"

The pupils also had a story read to them throughout the day. It was split into 6 parts, one for every period (including form.) Sometimes the pupils would be asked to read that lesson's segment of the story, as Miss H. Watkins was. She said "I had the opportunity to read the 2<sup>nd</sup> part in history." The book was about a detective who is approached by a young woman who wishes for him to investigate the murder of her brother, Humpty Dumpty. The story takes many turns. It was perfect for this year's World Book Day theme. Miss B. Sibbing told us "I enjoyed the story. I liked how it incorporated characters from nursery rhymes and old story books we used to read."

The final excitement was in the library. A play was put on called "Much Ado About Murder." We managed to talk to some of the excellent performers. Miss Holly Webster was the director. She said she was "really proud of my cast, it



The English Team and Librarian, Miss O'Brien

took 10 months to put together. The play was based on a web series we edited." Miss Erin Power, who played the part of the co-murderer, said it was nerve racking but enjoyed it once she got into it. The cast was made up of: Miss Maddie Jennings who played the part of Agatha Christie-the murderer, Bella Heselden-Hamer was Enid Blyton-murdered by poison, Miss Lily Ellis was Mary Shelley and the heroine was Charlotte Bronte, played by Evie Moss. They did a fantastic job.

Overall World Book Day was a huge success. Miss O'Brien-the librarian-said "there was a lovely buzz and excitement about reading." Many English teachers dressed up - Mrs George was dressed as Miss Marple and Mr Lenton was Sherlock Holmes! Teachers and pupils alike really had a great time on World Book Day at Arden Academy.

By Holly Watkins 7L



The Escape Room setting

# Sports News

For all the latest news about all things sports related don't forget to follow the Arden PE Department on Twitter

 @ArdenPE

## Cross-Country

There has been more success for Arden students this term. We came away with four gold medals and one silver medal from the first event, with every runner coming home in the top 15 in their races!

This was then followed by the Albutt Relays in which there were gold medals for: Year 7 girls, Year 7 boys, Year 8/9 girls, Year 8/9 boys and Year 10/11 boys. In addition there was a silver medal for our seniors and a bronze for our second Year 7 girls team.

What superb results for all the competitors. Very well done to all involved.



## Rugby - Year 10 Cup Semi-Final

Following a period of building excitement, including a trip to Twickenham to watch England vs Italy for some of the boys, the day of the Natwest National Vase Semi Final match arrived. Many Parents and Staff had made the journey to Allianz Park to support the team in what turned out to be very tricky conditions.



Here is the official match report:

*'Samuel Whitbread took an early lead through a Nathan Lichtfield penalty, but were under pressure soon after when Arden Academy showed their superb counter attacking and offloading ability as William Sands surged clear of the defence from deep in his own half before popping up for Harry Jones to score, giving Arden a 5-3 lead.*

*From there though Samuel Whitbread largely took control. Their line speed in defence causing Arden real problems as they simply could not get the ball through the hands fast enough.*

*When Arden did, they were a real threat out wide, with superb pace and ingenuity. However more often than not the Samuel Whitbread defence was just too pressurising. So it proved in the 19<sup>th</sup> minute as they put real pressure on Arden in their own 22 before turning the ball over and surging across the line through number 8 Oakley Patmore for an 8-5 lead.*

*With just a few minutes left in the half 8-5 was to become 13-5 as Samuel Whitbread embarked on a spell either side of half time that would come to define the game.*

*Off a midfield scrum they broke left to score in the left hand corner to take the score to 13-5 at the break, and then within minutes of the restart they were at it again through loosehead Ben Yates.*

*Minutes later another followed, and*

*suddenly 8-5 with five minutes left to half time had become 23-5 ten minutes after half time. As we so often see in these key knockout games, such spells are often the difference between success and failure.*

*Credit to Arden Academy though, they were not going to give in, and that counter attacking threat was not going anywhere. Twice they threatened, and then with a little under ten minutes to go they surged over through tighthead Tom Moseley.*

*Rumblings of a comeback were circulating, but this superb Samuel Whitbread outfit were not about to let that happen, sealing the game with a fifth try of the morning as they ran in on the right hand touchline.*

*It left the final score at 28-12, and sent them to Twickenham on the 21<sup>st</sup> March for the U15 Vase. Two teams in the finals is truly an outstanding achievement, a sign of quality of play, coaching and spirit throughout the school, and in both games Samuel Whitbread have certainly shown plenty of spirit.*

*So too did Arden Academy though, the quality at their disposal was clear, and against all but the best defences they would cause huge problems. Unfortunately for them, at Allianz Park they came up against one of the very best.'*



Although the boys were disappointed with the final result, every one at Arden is incredibly proud of what they have achieved this season and hope they can reflect on their success in the manner in which it deserves. Roll on next season!



## Gymnastics

This term saw three of our Gym teams competing at the Milano National Finals in Stoke on Trent. The Under 13 Girls team made up of Robyn Lloyd, Mia Conduit and Anna Coulstock performed really well against some outstanding teams from all over the UK, but unfortunately didn't place. The Under 13 Mixed team consisting of Adam Batts, Katie Minal and Holly Woolmoore had the best vaulting results they have ever had at a competition and Arden came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. With this competition you also compete for your region, and along with another school in the West Midlands, our combined our scores meant the West Midlands won!

The following day our Boys team, made up of Corey Allen, Matt Bambrook and Ben Seago competed and again produced some amazing scores in their



individual routines and vaults; they then smashed their group routine meaning that Arden came 1<sup>st</sup> and these boys are now **national champions!!**



## Table Tennis

There was double success for the U13 and U16 Table Tennis teams in the finals of the CSW (Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire) championships.

The U13 team did very well and despite losing the semi-final to the eventual winners, Lawrence Sheriff school, won a deserved bronze medal in the play off game. This is only the 3<sup>rd</sup> medal the school has won.

Meanwhile, the U16 team did even better reaching the final for the first time ever for an Arden team of four and came away with a silver medal. They had qualified for the final after a sudden death play off against Alcester Grammar School. These medals are equally well deserved and it was a great team performance.



The teams with their medals

## Year 7 Football

The Year 7 team have had an incredible season which ended with them becoming Solihull Cup winners.

The final saw an excellent performance against Park Hall. After a tight 1-0 semi-final win against Alderbrook the team were expecting a close game but Arden simply blew away the opposition with some great play and finishing. The game had started brightly for Arden and Harry Johnson opened the scoring after just 5 minutes. A second followed from a long range shot by James Campbell and Reiss Khela scored the third.

There was no response from Park Hall and Arden pressed home their superiority with another goal from Harry after a flick-on from Reiss. Finally, Sam Boffey scored with a fine finish and they led 5-0 before half-time. The second half was more of the same quality with keeper Luke Mullins making a couple of good stops. In defence, Dan Scott marshalled Dan Benson and Josh Lerat whilst Matt Hawkins and Max Ennis also played well. Tom Bowden and Man of the Match Luke McCourt controlled midfield. The final score was 5-0.

The team have only conceded 1 goal on the way to winning the cup this season and go into Year 8 and 11 aside with confidence. Well done to all of the squad - coach Cannadine (and everyone at Arden) is very proud of you all.



## Sixth Form Football

The Sixth Form team have had a really good season. They progressed to the the Solihull Cup semi-final where they beat Park Hall in a superb 9-0.

The goals came from: Joe Pemberton (4), Eoin Russell (2), Gabe Henderson, Josh Craven and Amine Lamarti.

The team go on to play Coleshill in the final after Easter.

## Rugby

There have been some mixed results for our Rugby teams this term.

In the first set of matches against King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys, there was a 6-5 win for the Year 8 team and defeats for the Year 7 and Year 9 teams.

The Year 8 team then played Coventry Academy in a match which they won.

Finally the Year 9s played in a Rugby Sevens tournament where they came away as tournament winners.

As the season comes to an end we would like to say well done to all the boys who have played in Rugby teams this year.

## Swimming

Nearly forty students from across Year 7-9 took part in a Swimming Gala at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre earlier this month.

All of the students performed brilliantly with a stand out performance from the Year 8 boys who won their age group!

Well done to all of the students who took part.

In other Swimming news, congratulations to sisters Natasha and Olivia Cannell who recently took part in a Swimathon.

Natasha's team swam 5km - 200 lengths between them, whilst Olivia swam 2.5km-100 lengths solo! What an achievement.



## School Games

Year 7 recently represented Arden at the CSW School Games, ably supported by our Sports Leaders. The boys gained a gold medal after finishing in first place and the girls came second and achieved a silver medal. Well done to all students who took part.



## Netball

The Year 7 netball team did absolutely amazingly in their recent tournament. They won their group in the first round and got through to the semi-final.

In the semi-final they lost to Solihull School, but they all played so well and should be very proud of themselves.

It was also a successful experience for our Year 8 team in their tournament. After a great evening of Netball the girls progressed to the final where they eventually lost to Solihull School.

Very well done to all of the girls involved.



## Cross-Country - Individual Success

We have recently been informed of some impressive individual success in Cross-Country for two of our students.

Firstly, Abigail Wheelhouse (Year 10) has been selected to represent the West Midlands Schools AA in the All England Schools Cross Country Championships (ESAA) which is a fantastic achievement.

Secondly, Daniel Scott (Year 7) competed in, and won, the National Year 7 Schools County Cross Country Championships at Prestwold Hall in Leicestershire last month, which were run in conjunction with the National Primary & Leicestershire County Schools Cross Country Championships.

Here, the West Midlands Schools Cross Country Team Manager shares his account of the race: 'After a cagey start to the race Daniel settled nicely into the top 10, and then slowly worked his way

*through the field. Then with about 800-1000 metres left of the race he made his break for the line, and pulled away, breasting the tape to win in 9m03secs, 9 secs ahead of 2nd place. An absolutely amazing achievement. Daniel was a credit to himself, your school and also to West Midlands Schools athletics.'*



Daniel receiving his trophy / medal from England international Gemma Steel.

## Solihull Roll of Honour

Six Arden students were recently admitted to the Solihull Roll of Honour at an awards ceremony. Roll of honour is awarded to anyone who performs at county level or above in a sports federation activity and is normally awarded in either year 10 or 11.

The awards were presented by the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Mrs Flo Nash.

The students gain an awarded number on the roll of honour that has been running since 1997 and now has 633 members.

The students who received awards are:

- Corey Allen – London Legacy Award for outstanding pupil leadership
- Scott Johns – Tommy Godwin Award for outstanding achievement in an Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth sport not covered by our Associations or the School Games
- Ethan Walton – Rugby
- Milly Evans – Badminton
- Hannah Rigby – Cricket
- Poppy Pryor – Football

A huge congratulations to all of the students.



Scott Johns picks up his award

## PTFA News

The History department would like to extend their thanks to the PTFA for their support in purchasing eight Visualisers for use in lessons. Visualisers are a type of camera which projects images and can be used to demonstrate and model outstanding work. The department have already been using the devices with great excitement!

We would also like to say an enormous thank you to Chairperson Daisy Timms and supporting committee members Heidi, Fran, Gillian and Tracey who have all stepped down from the committee this month. They have been a huge support to the school in all of the fundraising they have done over the years.

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th May at 7:45pm. New members are very welcome to come along and join the team to support the fundraising efforts.

Or, you can support the PTFA by joining the Big Cash Draw. It's only £12 for the year - check it out on Parentpay!



One of the new Visualisers

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# Staff News

Congratulations go to Miss Duffy-Turner upon the birth of her baby son Alexander last month. We have also welcomed two new staff members recently; Mr Lang will be covering Mrs Hill's maternity in the Media and Drama departments, and Mr Thompson has also joined our lunchtime team. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Anton and Mrs Hawthorn back from maternity leave.

Finally, Mrs Heard will be leaving Arden at Easter. She has been a huge part of the PE department for nearly 20 years and we would like to thank her for her contributions, especially to the Gymnastics success, over the years. All the staff and students wish her the very best for the future.

# Change to the times of the day

As the GCSE and A Level exams start soon, in order to minimise the disruption/distraction of the noise of morning break, please note that the times of the morning lessons will be amended to the following.

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 8.40am – 9.05am | <b>Registration</b> |
| 9.05am-10.05am  | Period 1            |
| 10.05am-11.05am | Period 2            |
| 11.05am-11.25am | <b>Break</b>        |
| 11.25am-12.25pm | Period 3            |

This will take effect from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 until the end of the school year.

## Important dates for May

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| <b>Friday 12 – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>                  | Easter Break   |
| <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>                              | Students return to school  |
| <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>                             | Years 7 & 8 UKMT Maths Challenge   |
| <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> | Year 11 Language Oral Exams  |
| <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>                               | Sports Gala Awards Evening (7.00pm)  |
| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>                                 | Year 8 HPV Vaccinations  |
| <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                 | May Day Bank Holiday (students do not attend school)                           |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | Year 11 Parent meeting for proposed Year 11 Biology Trip (6:00pm, School Hall) |
| <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>                              | Year 10 Parent meeting for History Trip to Belgium (6:00pm, School Hall)       |
| <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>                               | All welcome - Upper Music School Concert (7.00pm)                              |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | Year 9 Loudmouth Presentation (am)   |
| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | Year 11 Celebration Day  |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> | GCSE & A Level Examination Period  |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>          | Year 8 Examination Week  |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | Year 9 HPV Vaccinations  |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May-Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>        | Year 10 History visit to Belgium   |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>              | Year 7 Examination Week  |
| <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>                              | Year 10 Progress Coaching (all other students start at 9:05am)                 |
| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | Charity Day – non-uniform day  |
| <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>  | <b>Half Term</b>   |