



TBOWA News

Michaelmas 2024

Message from the Principal



We find ourselves at the end of another very successful term and year. Students have taken part with great enthusiasm the traditional Christmas celebrations. This has included our hugely popular Christmas turkey roll, stuffing, cranberry sauce and fries followed by chocolate cake. All students enjoyed this Christmas meal with their friends and tutors, accompanied by festive tunes and quizzes.

It was a real pleasure to visit our local church, St Francis, for a traditional carol service, accompanied by our student choir, and a wonderful display of magic skills by Reuben in Year 8.

Students have fund raised for the Christmas jumper celebration. The proceeds will go to the Salvation Army and helps to ensure homeless people in Bournemouth enjoy a traditional meal on Christmas day. What a delight to know that we can support in this way.

I am happy to report that year 7 have now well and truly settled into life at the academy and have familiarised themselves with our Bishop Way. This culminated in our annual Snow Ball held on Monday 16 December, while other year groups enjoyed a movie night.

A polite reminder about student mobile phones. They must not be seen or heard at any time or place, while students are on the academy's premises. If parents do need to contact their child, please do this through the main reception. Students who do not observe the mobile phone rules will have their phone confiscated and placed in the safe for a week.

Great academic results continue to be achieved by our examination groups with our students exceeding national progress measures. This confirms that our curriculum is challenging and implemented effectively.

In January, we start the countdown for Year 11 and Year 13 towards their final exams. Students have successfully navigated the mock exam season, and will now prepare for the real thing. I would encourage students to enjoy time with family and friends over the holiday before returning to the demands of the exam season.

As ever, I am hugely grateful to the staff at The Bishop, who are relentless in their support of our students in ensuring they have every opportunity to live life to the full. I am sure you will join me in wishing all the staff have a happy and restful Christmas.

Students return on Tuesday 7th January 2025, at 8.25 am. February half term dates are 17th-21st February. Please see our website for other key dates.

Wishing parents and families a safe and happy Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers,

Paul Mc

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Year 7

Year 7 have had a fantastic start to this Academic year.

Many have joined 10:10 extra-curricular clubs after school across the arts, sport and academic subjects and have a great time developing even more skills and talents. Well done to the many sports teams we have in the year group who have had some outstanding results. They all took part in the 'Hard Spell' last week, congratulation to Jessica F for being a champion individual speller and Matei and Carmen for being the champion team spellers!

It would be great to know of any achievements your child has outside of school so we can celebrate their successes with the rest of the year group.

The Christmas festivities in the last week of term have been a great opportunity to share in and get to know your child even better, starting with the Christmas service at St Francis Church where Lenas, bravely, did an excellent biblical reading in front of the whole year group and the school choir with a number of Year 7's included, leading us all in Christmas carols; and then onto the Snow ball, Christmas lunch and quiz.

I am still getting to know each and every student in the year group, but I am very proud already of the students they are.

Keep up the good work Year 7!

"The future depends on what you do today" – Mahatma Gandhi



Head of Year 8, Mr White

Well done to Year 8 for returning back to the academy with the same positivity from Year 7.

It has been a busy term for the students in lessons and with many extracurricular events including a variety of after school clubs, 'Hardspell' and the annual Cross Country.

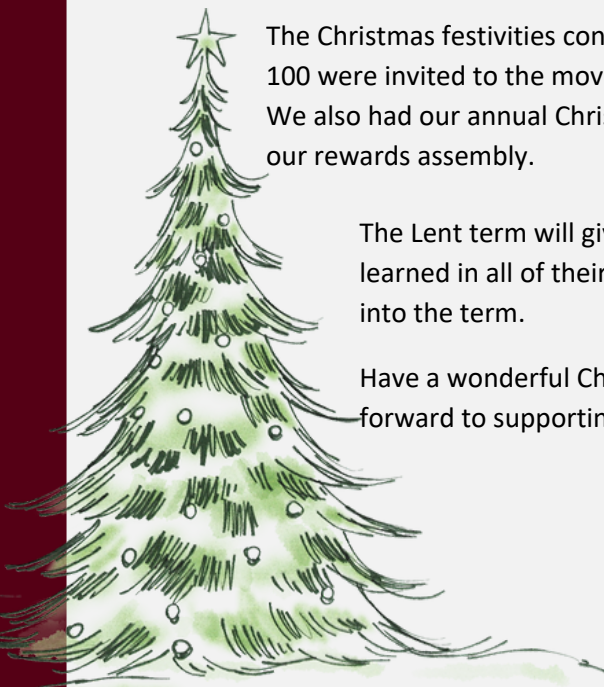
It was fantastic to see the students take part in the Carol service at St Francis Church on Monday 16th December. Students spent the time reflecting on the year that has passed, as well as singing some well-known carols with the choir.

The Christmas festivities continued as students who scored well in the Bishop 100 were invited to the movie afternoon —one of our fantastic reward events. We also had our annual Christmas meal as a year group, then finished up with our rewards assembly.

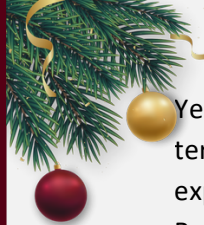
The Lent term will give students the chance to show off what they have learned in all of their subjects, with the January assessments mid way into the term.

Have a wonderful Christmas and well-deserved rest and I am looking forward to supporting the year group again moving into the new year.

Year 8



Year 9



Year 9 have had a wonderful start to this Academic year. This has been an important term for them with the options pathway process launched. Students have experienced lessons in possible new subjects on offer for them in Year 10 including Business Studies, Sports Science, Health & Social Care, Travel & Tourism and Child Development. The students worked hard in these lessons, asking teachers important questions that might impact which subjects they would like to take.

The next steps in the options process continue in the new year – with parents evening on 16th January, and Options evening on 30th January. Attendance at these events is vital to ensure that both students and parents have all information to make informed choices for Year 10.

Well done to the many sports teams we have in the year group who have had some outstanding results. These teams include boys and girls football, netball and futsal. It is great to see so many students taking part in 10:10 extra-curricular clubs across the arts, sport and academic subjects. It is also great to hear students achievements outside of school – well done:

- Iyas for winning gold at a national karate tournament qualifying him for an upcoming European tournament
- Kelisha for passing grade 2 on piano

I am still getting to know each and every student in the year group, but I am very proud already of the students they are. The Christmas festivities in the last week of term have been a great opportunity to share in a Christmas lunch, quiz and service.

Keep up the good work Year 9!

“Do your future self a favour and work hard today”



Head of Year 10, Mr Tiley

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to their first term as GCSE students. I am very proud of how the students have responded to their first introduction to a greater level of personalised education following their subject requests in the summer term. The students have shown genuine interest and desire to be successful in these subjects.

The students have engaged in core subject examinations and gained knowledge of their current academic grade. The importance of these exams for the students is how they plan to respond to gaps in knowledge identified in these exams so that they can be supported towards mastery and leave with great outcomes.

The key to that sits in the following factors: high attendance, consistently good punctuality, good attitude to learning, completion of all homework and attendance to extra-curricular sessions. Our students are capable individuals that deserve to have doors open to them when considering their options after GCSE's so that they can live life to the full.

Many students have given up their personal time to help at the Academy Open Evening, Year 7 mentor and Year 11 parents evenings to ensure these events run smoothly. All students involved have done the year group proud.

Knife and Firearms Presentation

Year 10 took part in a Knife and Firearms Assembly with Dorset Police as part of Operation Sceptre. This looks to tackle knife and weapon crime in Dorset. Students heard about the law and the impact on people's lives regarding firearms and offensive weapons.

Work Experience

The Year have been planning forward to their Work Experience placements for the Week commencing June 2nd 2025. Many of our students are excited having gained placements in their desired profession with local and national companies. Our dates clash with another school locally, so being prepared early is vital to gaining the most suitable placements.

Year 10

Year 11

Spanish

Head of Year 11, Miss Faramus

Year 11 have demonstrated remarkable dedication and resilience during Michaelmas, especially with their recent mock exams. Their hard work and focus have paid off, with many achieving outstanding results that reflect their potential. Attendance at the 10:10 intervention sessions has also been exceptional, showing the students' commitment to their studies and future success.

Looking ahead, we are excited to offer some of our students an inspiring opportunity to visit New College, Oxford University, where they will gain a first-hand glimpse into life at one of the world's leading academic institutions. It's shaping up to be a truly memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved!

On a final note, I'm pleased to announce that the criteria for this year's prom has now been finalised. We will soon share full details, so students can ensure they're on track to enjoy this much anticipated celebration.

Keep up the fantastic work, Year 11— you are making us proud!



Head of MFL, Mrs Dodge

Year 11 November mocks are over. Phew! But now it is time to get 'even more serious', to quote Miss Dodge, as in the next mock session in February there is a speaking mock as well. Class work has helped understand what is needed to do our best but coming to John 10:10 on Thursdays after school for speaking practice really helps with doing those roleplays and photocards.

In Year 10 we are working hard for the new Spanish GCSE exam. The first assessment is over (all good we hope for everyone!) and we have started a unit on travel and tourism for theme 3 'The World around us' including learning about the Spanish region of Andalucía. In class, teachers have been impressed with the Spanish reading aloud (needed for the new speaking exam) so the phonics work in Years 7,8 and 9 is now paying off.

In Year 9, as part of a unit on jobs, we have looked at the importance of languages in the world of work. We had a session on National Linguists Day in M2.4 / M2.5 seeing how Linguistics is the science of language and how it is used in many jobs. In M2.6, some students joined a live GCHQ webinar, to practise some codebreaking and intelligence activities to get a feel about what it is like to work as a Language Analyst.

In Year 8, we have been on holiday (but not literally!) learning to talk in the past tense about holidays. We have also performed roleplays in class ordering food in a restaurant and buying a train ticket in Atocha station in Madrid.

In Year 7, we have been describing family members, friends and pets practising how adjectives need to agree in Spanish. In the culture lessons on the Spanish Royal Family, the future Queen of Spain, Leonor, was the favourite.

With a Christmas themed lesson in the last week, we are all looking forward to knowing more about Christmas celebrations and traditions from around the Spanish speaking world.

Feliz Navidad a todos! Merry Christmas to all!

FELIZ NAVIDAD

Hard Spell Literacy Competitions

Year 7

13th December

Congratulations to Stoian and Carmen from mentor group 8-6, who became the new Year 7 'Hard Spell' Team Champions.

Our Year 7 Independent Champion Speller is Jessica from 7-3, who pipped Carmen and Estelle (7-1) to the winning post in the 'Last Speller Standing' round.

Competitors impressed the audience with their spelling skills, bravery and tenaciousness!

The following students should also be proud of their effort and spelling skill:

Nimotallah (7-1), Mia (7-2), Lexi (7-2), Ali (7-3), Oscar (7-4), Joshua (7-4), Leah Rose (7-5), Poppy (7-5), Basil (7-7) and Oscar (7-7).

A big thanks to the Judges: Ethen (7-2), Evie (7-3), Layla (7-5), Rosie (7-5), Giovanna (7-5), Kye (7-6) and Deacon (7-7).



Year 8

9th December

We were all impressed by the fantastic spelling performance in the M2 'Hard Spell' Team Championship by Beth, Elena and Effie from 8-4. Closely followed by Euan and Isabelle from 8-6.

Other worthy semi-finalists were Arthur (8-8), Joshua (8-8), Peter (8-1) and Adam (8-1).

Heats participants included: Charles (8-2), Jared (8-2), Ryan (8-5) and Mahir (8-7).

Year 8 Judges were Ted (8-7), Alex (8-4), Reuben (8-4) and Harry (8-4).

A brilliant collaborative effort from all participating students!



Years 12 and 13

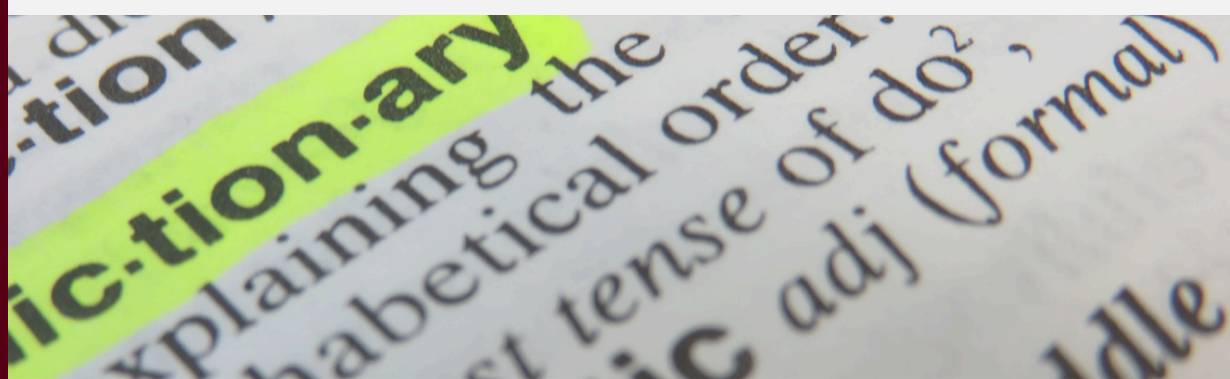
11th December

The Sixth Form 'Hard Spell' kept the audience in suspense-the whole way through.

13-2 beat off tough opposition to become 'TEAM CHAMPIONS', with notable performances from Ted and the rest of his team: Noah, Bijay and Ali.

Runner up in the TEAM competition was the terrific 12.1, led by Leighton - they only just missed out on being victorious. Isabel, Alma, Zele and Mia made up a formidable team of spellers.

Well done to the finalists of the 'Last Speller Standing' independent competition. 'Spelling Star' Gangkar - dazzled us with her spelling prowess and runner up Champion - Noah completely impressed us!



In late September, 15 students attended the annual Eco-conference at Winchester College in a joint Geography and Science visit. This is a prestigious event attracting schools from across the region to use facilities at the College. The day opened with an introductory speech from Bianca Carr the founder of the Final Straw, a charity raising awareness of the levels of pollution in our seas and waterways. She spoke of the importance of clean water and the responsibility of water companies and the government to reduce the levels of sewage and waste entering the sea and rivers.

Our students also attended a lecture about coastal change and what the impact could be of sea level changes along the South Coast where they were invited to speak about their findings and how our actions could be adapted in order to harm the environment less. They were also challenged to an escape room style task where they had to work out clues regarding the impact of crayfish in the chalk stream which flows through the college which culminated in working alongside the stream. Finally there was a decision making task about the impact of deforestation on the global climate where students had to consider their use of products and how this impacted on the natural world. It was a very thought provoking day which supported both the Geography and Science curriculums.



British Interactive Media Association

Thirty students in Year 9 participated in the annual British Interactive Media Association (BIMA) digital day in November. This pitched them against each other and also other schools to develop a digital marketing strategy working alongside representatives from Cold Banana a local marketing company. Students were given a brief to develop a marketing strategy for Burberry or the Wildlife Trust. Working in smaller teams they had to research and develop a strategy to get their message out to a target audience. This was a great opportunity for our students to work alongside experts in their field and also to consider some of the challenges people need to overcome to have their message heard. Whilst we didn't win any of the national prizes students had an excellent experience to reflect upon.

We will be holding another digital day in 2025!



Throughout the Michaelmas term students in KS3 have been working on developing their fundamental art skills.

Year 7 students have been creating work based on the formal elements (line, shape, form, tone, texture, pattern, and colour). Students have learnt how to apply these elements when creating artwork. They have produced a wide variety of outcomes which show accuracy, detail, and the understanding of Colour Theory.

Year 8 students have been creating artwork that encourages thinking outside of the box. Students have learnt about Abstract Art and how some artists take influence from music to pieces. They are currently working on their final outcomes to show the beauty of combining music with art.

Year 9 have learnt how to accurately draw a portrait, focusing on proportions and the use of tone. They have then distorted their own portraits using other styles of art and experimented with Lino, paper cuts oil pastels. Students have worked hard this term to produce work which explores many different materials.

Hospitality and Catering

Year 11 students have been working hard in this term towards their final practical dishes for their coursework. It is always a challenging time to produce 2 dishes within a 3-hour time frame, but all students successfully prepared, cooked and presented their outcomes. Well done Year 11.



On Wednesday 20th November, a select group of students from Years 7-10 gave their first performance as the new TBOWA choir. Our excellent musicians performed at Bournemouth Pavilion as part of the annual Bournemouth Schools' Music Association Christmas Concert, singing a range of songs, from traditional carols to upbeat modern works. Students got to enjoy rehearsing with professional singing coaches, had the opportunity to work with other Bournemouth schools, and represented TBOWA flawlessly through a tiring but rewarding day of rehearsals. The choir will be expanding during the Lent term – if you would like to join, please sign up on SchoolCloud or see Mr Short in music.



Six: Teen Edition

Rehearsals are going very well for our next annual school production of "Six: Teen Edition." All students involved range from Year 7 through to Year 11 – with each one taking part in scenes full of singing and dancing.

We have our resident student director Eloise (Year 9) teaching the cast choreography each week, with Mr Short working on vocals. In the new year, we begin to work on the finer details of the production where it starts to come to life!

Tickets will be on sale before the February half term – make sure you buy these quickly, as we sell out every year. This is not a show to be missed!



Extra Curricular Update

We are very proud of our wide variety of PE clubs and extra-curricular activities students participate in at TBOWA. Many of the students in the Academy have attended this term and have been developing their sports skills. We have been lucky to have coaches from Bournemouth University for the second year in a row leading some clubs and provide high quality coaching as part of the Active Dorset increasing participation initiative.

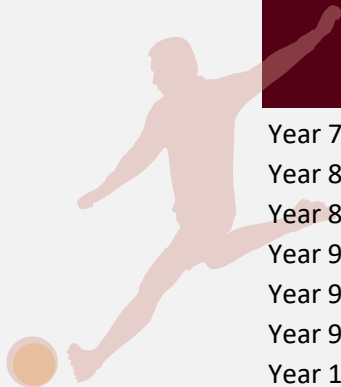
The boys and girls football teams have been working hard with Mr Copp, Mr Evans, Mr White, Mr Tiley and have taken part in County Cup and friendly fixtures this term. In January their Town league begins and we wish all of the team's good luck!

Teams who have qualified through to the quarter finals of the county cup include:

Year 9 Boys v Sir John Colfox Academy – 3-2 win

Year 8 Girls v Emmanuel – 3-2 win

PE



Football Fixtures

Year 7 Boys v Poole High – loss

Year 8 Boys v Grange – win

Year 8 Boys v Ringwood – loss

Year 9 Boys v Grange – win

Year 9 Boys v Winton – win

Year 9 Boys B team v Winton – loss

Year 10 Boys v Poole Grammar – loss

Year 7 Girls v Glenmoor – win

Year 7 Girls v Parkstone – loss

Year 8/9 Girls v Oak – win



Netball Fixtures

The netball teams have also been training hard with Miss Stoddard and have had some matches this term already:

Year 8 v Glenmoor – loss

Year 9 v Glenmoor – loss

Year 10 v Glenmoor – win

Year 7 v Talbot Heath – loss

Year 8 v Talbot Heath – loss

Year 9 v Talbot Heath – loss

Year 10 v Talbot Heath – win



Basketball Fixtures

Mr Morgan has been leading the Basketball Club with more fixtures for the KS3 and KS4 teams this year:

KS3 v Oak - loss

KS4 v Oak – win

KS4 v Leaf – win

KS4 v Winton – win

Rugby, Badminton

Our Rugby club, led by Mr Evans, has continued to grow this year with fixtures for the Year 11 boys and the Rugby 7's competitions due in the New Year. Students in badminton have been working with Tabby, a Bournemouth University coach, and Mr Copp and Miss Stoddard are working with the handball players to develop their skills and game play in a friendly but competitive environment.

Trampolining, Futsal

Trampolining club has been ever popular, with Mrs Copp teaching somersaults this year to students. We have also competed in U13 and U15 boys and girls futsal tournaments this term, with both the boys and girls U15 (Y9 and 10) students making the finals.

Sports Leaders Award

In addition to the Sports clubs, we have also been developing our students' leadership and teamwork skills with the Sports Leaders Award. Students in Year 10 can take part in this and the group are now planning and practicing the sessions they will deliver to each other as part of their assessment.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) Duke of Edinburgh students are also making progress to completing their skills, physical and volunteering sections, and in January will be preparing for their expeditions which take place in the summer term.



U13 Boys and Girls Futsal teams

As always, we would like to thank our students for their commitment, dedication and strong work ethic in every session or match! We look forward to seeing them, and many more students, in the New Year.

Head of PE, Mrs Copp

Students from Years 7-11 recently took part in the TBOWA Cross Country event. The race included a 2.1km course from TBOWA field, through Strouden Woods to Strouden Park and back again. Students braved the cold and the rain to complete the course with some new course records being made! Students were directed around the route by our 6th form sport student marshals and were led by PE staff who set a fast pace for the students. At the end of the race, students were presented with a well-earned hot chocolate, and they compared their times and accomplishments.

Well done to the top 5 boys and girls in each year group. See top times in minutes below.

Boys:

Hayden (Y7) – 9.31

Josh (Y8) – 9.50

Harry (Y9) – 9.22

Pietro (Y10) – 8.51

Steven (Y11) – 8.45

Girls:

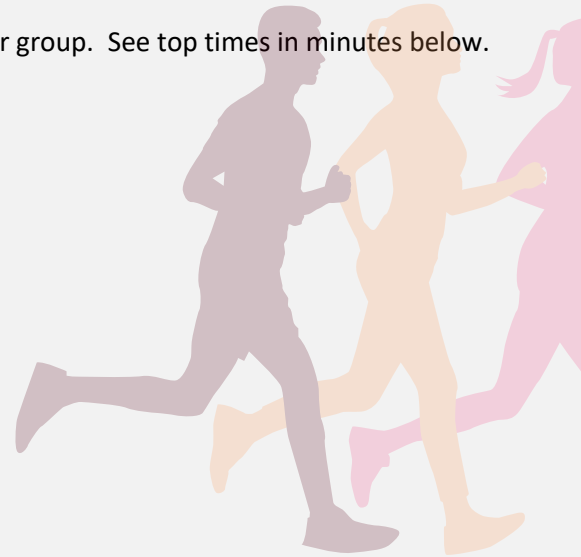
Mia (Y7) – 11.39

Queenie (Y8) – 9.37

Isabella (Y9) – 12.48

Layla (Y10) – 11.30

Sophie (Y11) – 12.05



The top 6 students from Y7, 8/9 and 10/11 will be invited to run at the County Cross Country Championships in January 2025 at Kings Park. Good luck to all students involved!

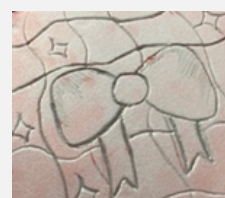
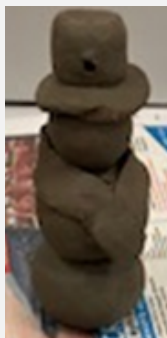


Student Ambassadors

In Art club we have been developing new skills and learning different processes for the last term. Students have been trialling using Modroc to make a range of bowls with their own designs, showing amazing outcomes. We have looked at block printing with polystyrene and ink to make a series of prints using colours of their choice. Also, developing and making clay decorations using a range of making methods from slab building to coils. Next week they will be painting the clay to add decoration and colour to make a finished product. They have exploring and built on their art knowledge, developing their own ideas through a variety of media. They have enjoyed getting messy and being creative throughout.

Art Club Review by Primrose-May and Layla Year 7

During our first few weeks at art club, we made Modroc bowls and really enjoyed painting them. A few weeks later we did printing, where we carved into polystyrene and printed it multiple times onto paper. It was fun. At the moment we are making clay Christmas ornaments and decorations. Me and Layla are making candy canes, we really love art club. This club is really fun because of the variety of skills we get to learn. This has really helped us improve.



Art Club Review by Leliia, Year 8

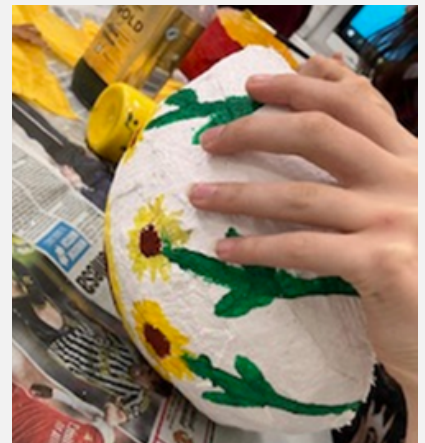
Greetings! Time in the art club is amazing!

I met lots of nice people in the club last year, and this year will be just as wonderful. We've done a wide variety of art forms, from drawing to sculpting and sewing. Sometimes it was challenging; however, the end results were usually stunning!

Last year, we worked on many different projects. During Christmas time, we made pom-poms! It took some effort, but I ended up forming a close-knit group of friends. Near the end of the year, we tried paper mâché — I decided to make a leopard shark, which turned out massive.

This year, we started with Modroc bowls. I chose to create a watermelon design for mine, and I'm really pleased with the final result.

Overall, I truly enjoy spending time in the art club. You get to create amazing things, all for just £10!



Year 7

In M1, Year 7 students explored the significance of Religious Studies and worldviews, studying the Bible's role in Christianity. They learned about key concepts like the Creation Story, The Fall, the Ten Commandments, and the story of David and Bathsheba, focusing on sin, redemption, and the beliefs about the Messiah. They also explored why Christians believe Jesus is the "Last Adam." We thank PACE and their volunteers for enriching this learning by sharing their beliefs about Jesus and answering students' questions.

Year 8

In M1, Year 8 students studied the key beliefs and practices of Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism), learning about Brahman, the Trimurti, Hindu texts, and worship practices. They explored how virtues like honesty and non-violence guide Hindus toward moksha. In M2, they examined the spread of Christianity after Jesus' death, focusing on St. Paul's missionary work, early Christian persecution, and the rise of Christianity within the Roman Empire.

Year 9

This term, Year 9 students have been learning about different aspects of Judaism, such as the Abrahamic covenant, how Shabbat is celebrated, and the festival of Sukkot. It's been interesting to learn about how Judaism began and some of the customs, like why Jewish people build a Sukkah to celebrate Sukkot.

My favourite part of the lessons was learning about the mitzvot, especially the Jewish food laws, such as the separation of meat and dairy. I found it fascinating to understand why these rules are so important in Jewish life.

I think it's important to learn about these topics because it helps us understand why people believe and do things differently. It's important to appreciate other cultures and beliefs.

- Ethan – RS Subject Ambassador

Year 10

This term, Year 10 students have explored challenging topics in Religious Education. In M1, they studied Christianity and the nature of God, delving into the concept of the Trinity—God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and its impact on worship and daily life. They examined different interpretations of Creation and Humanity, alongside the life of Jesus, discussing his divinity and humanity, and the significance of his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension in offering hope for salvation. Students also grappled with the Problem of Evil, exploring why suffering exists and how Christians respond.

In M2, the focus shifted to Christian Ethics. Students considered how faith influences decisions in family life and relationships, discussing the importance of marriage in Christianity and its connection to love, commitment, and family. They explored teachings on sexual relationships, respect, fidelity, and the sanctity of marriage.

The role of families in nurturing faith was also explored, as well as the support provided by local parishes. Ethical dilemmas such as family planning, divorce, remarriage, and gender equality were discussed. Students examined Situation Ethics, learning how love should guide moral decisions, even in complex issues like contraception or abortion.