

# Brightside

MAY 2022



Dear all

I would like to thank the staff, students and parents for all of their hard work over this past half-term. As we enter the holidays, I am sure that everyone will welcome the break and it will hopefully allow people to get some well-deserved rest.

I am very proud of how Year 11 have conducted themselves in their examinations so far; I hope that they continue to study hard and wish them every success.

As we enter term 6, hopefully, we can start to enjoy the different opportunities that school life will offer.

The events such as Sports Day, Prom, etc. will mean that students can have some elements of enjoyment outside of the classroom. Also, please remember to join us on Thursday July 14th for our Celebration Evening where all families are welcome to see acts and awards as well as our PTFA bar (tickets will be available after half-term).

In the meantime, I wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing our students back in full uniform on Monday 6th of June.

Take care.

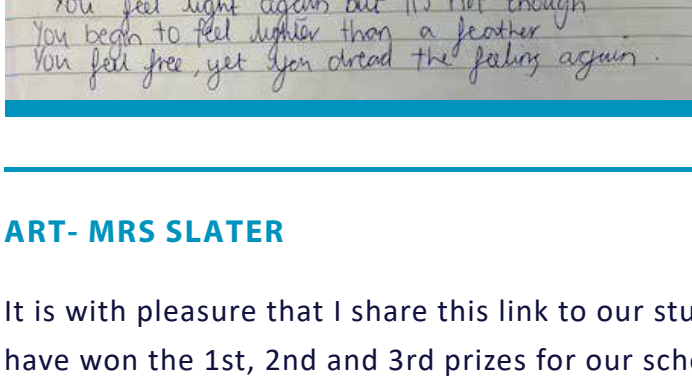
Neil Pritchard

**HEAD TEACHER**

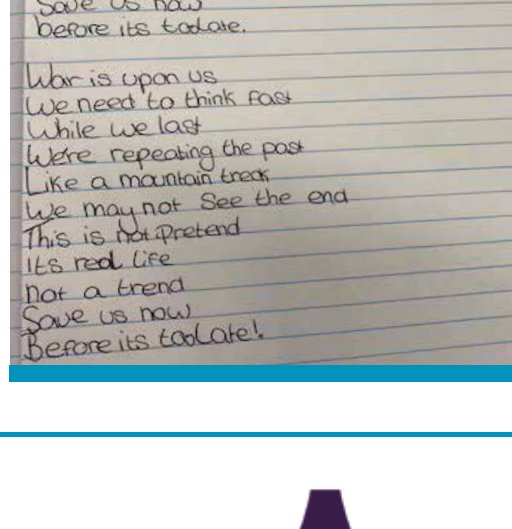
## ENGLISH - MRS WILSON

The Year 9s have been writing some beautiful poetry in class.

Katelyn A



Ruby M



## ART - MRS SLATER

It is with pleasure that I share this link to our students artworks, which have won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for our school/regionally.

[https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/pewsey-vale-school\\_116/](https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/pewsey-vale-school_116/)

Thank you for casting your votes. The students were thrilled to enter and I am pleased we can celebrate their work in this way.

We would like to express gratitude for The Art Society in sponsoring our entry to Art Bytes this year.



THE ARTS SOCIETY

## FOOD TECH- MRS KEY

The Year 10s have been very busy cooking some wonderful looking meals in lessons. Well done all of you.

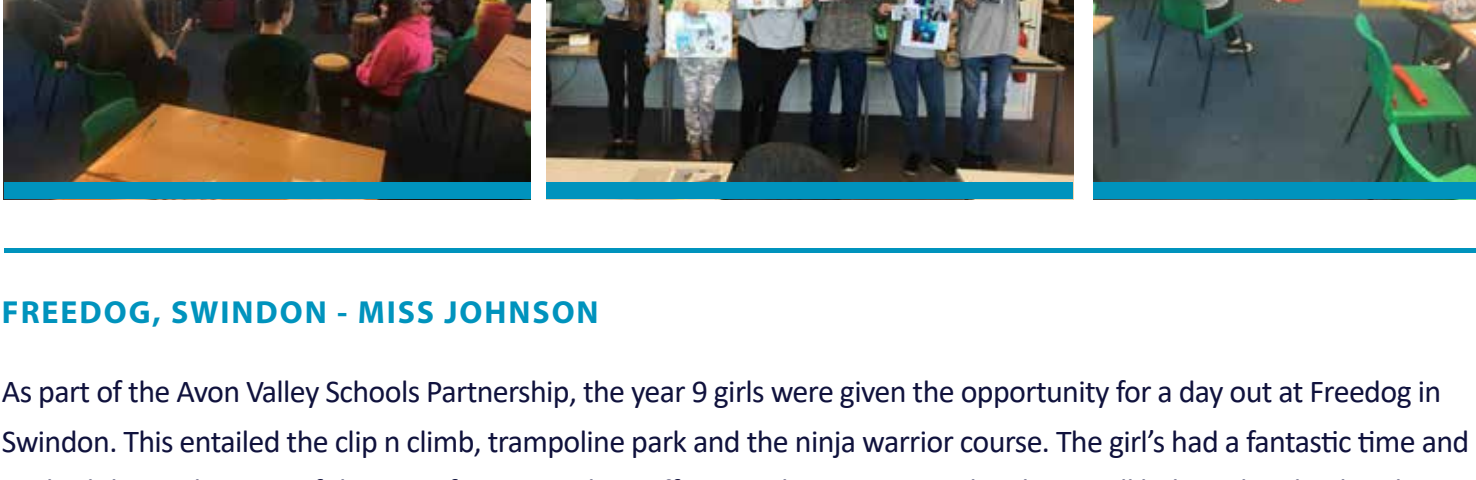


## THRIVING THROUGH VENTURE- MISS LYTHE

A group of Year 10 students took part in the 'Thriving Through Venture' Scheme in affiliation with New College, Swindon. It was a really interesting and enjoyable evening where students experimented with sound and photography.

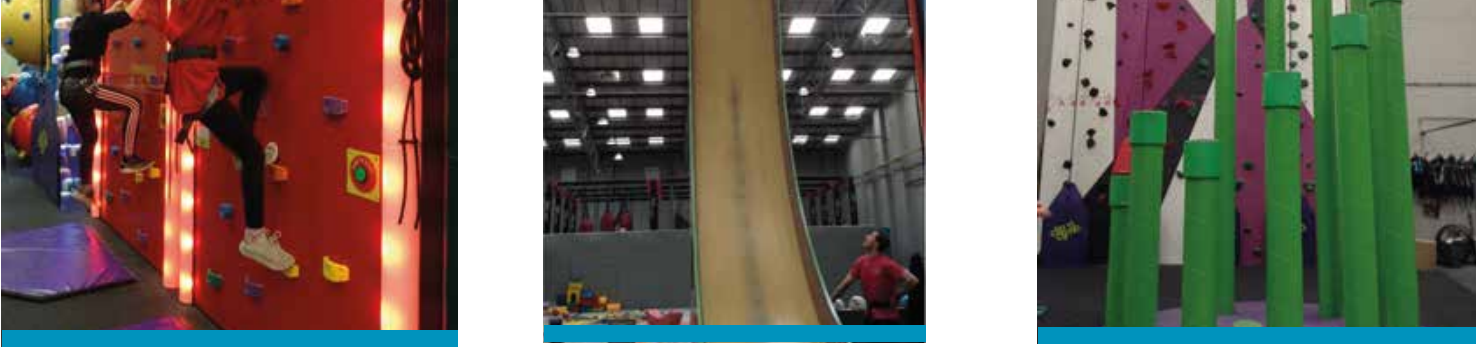
The final session involved the students going to New College in Swindon on Saturday 21st May where they took part in several activities which culminated in them creating a piece of work which represented their identity. To help them with their piece they took part in a drumming circle, used a studio to produce photos and selected images and personal characteristics to describe themselves.

A massive well done to everyone involved.



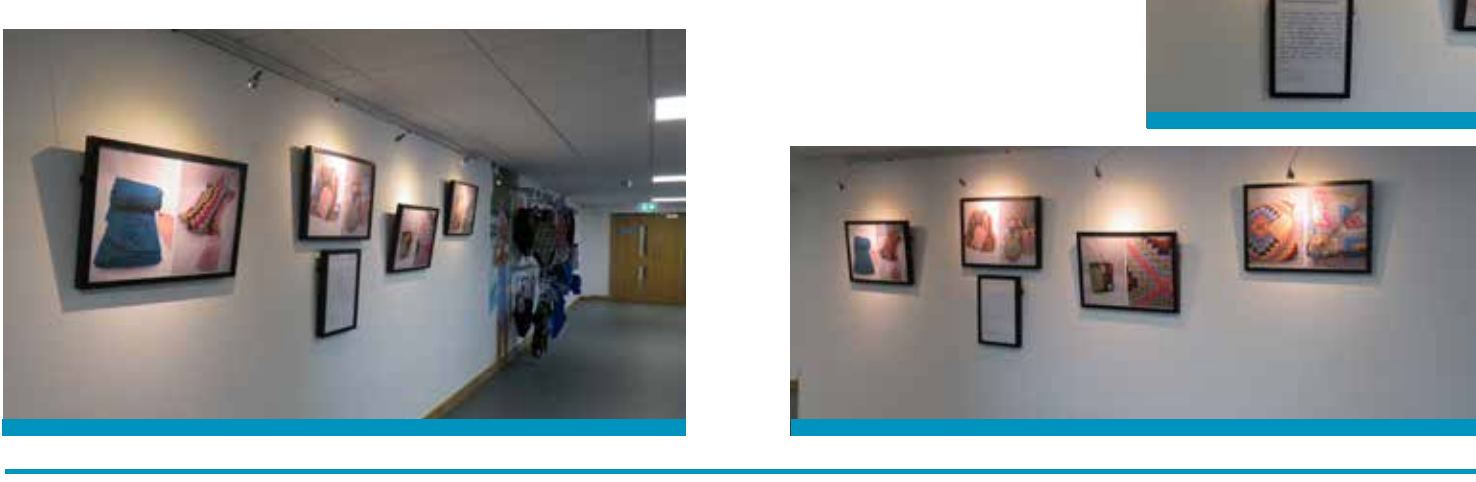
## FREEDOG, SWINDON - MISS JOHNSON

As part of the Avon Valley Schools Partnership, the year 9 girls were given the opportunity for a day out at Freedog in Swindon. This entailed the clip n climb, trampoline park and the ninja warrior course. The girl's had a fantastic time and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. The staff at Freedog commented on how well behaved and polite the group were, Well done!!



## TEXTILES - MRS SLATER

There is an exhibition in the Vale sports centre now showing NH's silver arts award work all about crochet.



## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

GW recently travelled to Liverpool to represent south west Amy cadets with others from Marlborough detachment.

However, she ended up playing for the southeast, her PT instructor commented L/Cpl J showed selfless commitment and great sportsmanship, in assisting another player to enable them to field a team.

They came 4th out of 15 so a good result and time well spent.

Fantastically well done GW!

## ART - MRS SLATER

Below is the lovely timely artwork created by 8:1 during their lesson this week. Well done everyone.



## ART COMPETITION

**A Card for the Queen**

Exhibition at St James' Church  
North Newton

1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Design your personal card using any medium; pencil, ink, crayon, paint or collage on paper or card no larger than A4.

Deliver to Church by 30<sup>th</sup> May or contact Jennifer 01672 851925 or email [jbrisker1@aol.com](mailto:jbrisker1@aol.com).

All cards will be delivered to Her Majesty after the exhibition.

## SCIENCE - MR CARTER

Top Set Year 9 have produced and given top presentations looking into various Energy Resources and their pro's and con's as part of their Fundamental Physics – Energy topic.

**H.E.P**  
Hydroelectric Power

**What is H.E.P??**

H.E.P stands for "Hydroelectric Power". H.E.P is a renewable energy source as it generates power from flowing water, as well as preventing floods. It works by water flowing through a pipe or penstock, then pushing against blades in a turbine generating power. It converts the potential energy stored in water into mechanical energy, also known as kinetic energy. The kinetic energy from this is then fed into electrical grids to be used to power homes and businesses.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's good for the environment</li> <li>It's a renewable energy source</li> <li>It's reliable and efficient</li> <li>It can double as a dam</li> <li>It's safe and flexible</li> <li>It's extremely cheap at US\$0.05/kWh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are site shortages</li> <li>There are limited locations for plants</li> <li>Expensive to build, but not to maintain</li> <li>Output is inconsistent</li> <li>Sediment builds up behind dams</li> <li>They can impact the marine life (fish)</li> </ul>

**Example – Three Gorges Dam, China**

The Three Gorges Dam is located on the Yangtze River by the town of Sandouping, Central China. It's the world's largest power plant by capacity (22,500MW), with a record of producing nearly 127TWh. It also serves as flood control for the towns below. Construction was completed in 2003, costing approximately £26b. It spans 2335m, and is 181m tall. Hydro power makes up over a 17th of China's annual power.

## LIBRARY - MRS SHEPPY

Congratulations to the following students who have scored the most points in their quizzes for Accelerated Reader this month.

Yr7

Scarlett  
Kupa  
Sophie

Y8

Xander  
Caitlin  
Thomas

We have 2 students who have read a million words this year

**The Word Millionaires are**

Xander 1,121,071 words

Nyasha 1,035,554 words

Well done all of you.

## CHESS - MRS SHEPPY

At long last, the Chess Tournament has taken place.

The **Pewsey Vale Grandmaster** for 2021/2022 is **Daniel L** (yr11 Hillary)

who played **William S** (yr9 Cousteau) in the Final .

**Konrad** (yr11 Hillary) beat **Devon** (yr 9 Hillary) in the Semifinal

Great to have the competition running again.



## UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

InvestIn has just launched The Careers Source - free, expert-led careers information to help you build successful futures. It offers a range of highly relevant guidance and advice from top industry professionals. With dozens of blogs and videos to choose from, there is something for everyone including get advice on how to break into medicine or law, how to launch an eco-friendly career or experience a day in the life of a fashion designer. Visit [https://investin.org/-blogs/news?utm\\_source=UK+SCHOOLS+MASTER&utm\\_campaign=1ee1dfa2a1-bankersschoolmar\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_bfcb03bbd-1ee1dfa2a1-137568167&mc\\_cid=1ee1dfa2a1&mc\\_eid=62308b916a](https://investin.org/-blogs/news?utm_source=UK+SCHOOLS+MASTER&utm_campaign=1ee1dfa2a1-bankersschoolmar_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bfcb03bbd-1ee1dfa2a1-137568167&mc_cid=1ee1dfa2a1&mc_eid=62308b916a)

Army Officer: a female perspective. The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is hosting a live webinar and Q&A with serving female officers and Army careers staff on 22nd June at 7pm. The presentation is aimed at women considering joining the British Army as a Regular Officer or Army Reserve Officer and will cover life at Sandhurst and as a Platoon Commander, Sport, Adventurous Training and other opportunities. To register, visit [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_OCH2RMAPR965L\\_t-5vRxxw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OCH2RMAPR965L_t-5vRxxw)

## POST 16 TRANSPORT

Post 16 and Under 16 applications for support with transport to school and college are now open for September 2023. If you think this could apply to you then please visit our website to view the flyer and application forms here -

<https://pewseyvale.org/about/news/post-16-and-under-16-transport-applications/>



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