

Brightside

MAY 2025

Hello everyone,

This is just a quick message to say that I hope you are all well and that our students get to enjoy a good half-term break and get some time with their family.

Although this has been a short term, the amount of things that we have covered both in and out of the classroom has been vast. It is great to see that the large majority of our students are engaged in their learning and making great progress.

I am very proud to see how the Year 11 students have been in the exams. Hopefully, the hard work that some students have invested in over the past years will pay dividend in their results. Next term, they will have their 'Leavers' Day' and Prom. Year 10 now need to prepare for their end of year exams which will begin next month.

The school will also be celebrating students' successes in Years 7 – 10 with our ACE event, which will be held in July. Parents and carers of students who are receiving an award will be invited to attend.

We continue to align with the other Acorn Trust secondary schools and will be launching some new systems in September. However, I am aware that as we move from SIMS over to Arbor, some of the information you as parents can access needs improving; we are liaising with Arbor to address this.

Next term, we will continue to drive things forward and I look forward to seeing everyone back with us on Monday 2nd June.

Take care,

Neil Pritchard

HEAD TEACHER

REWARDS - MR CLAPTON

As we approach the end of the academic year, we're thrilled to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students through our rewards system. Across the school, pupils have shown real commitment, enthusiasm and positivity — and it's clear from the reward points they've earned!

A high number of students have already reached the 100-point milestone, earning themselves a certificate of achievement and a sweet treat to take home. Even more impressively, a growing group have hit 350 points, unlocking the next level: a donut of their choice.

We're especially proud of the many students who have gone above and beyond to reach 650 points, earning a well-deserved free chips and nuggets meal on a Friday — this is an outstanding accomplishment that reflects their hard work, excellent behaviour, and contribution to school life.

It's been wonderful to see how motivated the students are to earn points and be recognised for the positive things they are doing in and out of lessons. The rewards system has truly taken off beyond our expectations, with a noticeable impact on behaviour and engagement. Staff have seen a real shift — with students choosing to contribute positively and consistently across the school day.

Currently, Year 7 and Year 9 are leading the way with 49,126 and 46,515 points respectively. Overall, an incredible 184,984 reward points have been given out this academic year — a testament to the effort, dedication, and attitude of our pupils.

We're also delighted to give a special mention to our current top three leaders:

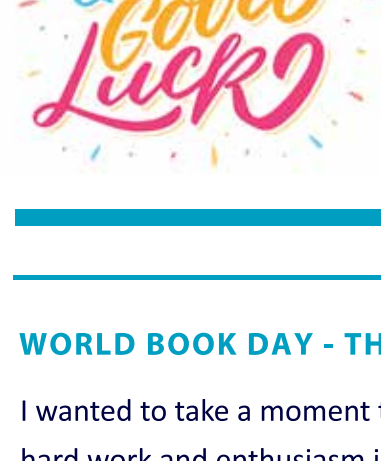
- Jasmine G (Year 10) – 1,374 points
- Kupa C (Year 10) – 1,200 points
- Leon D (Year 10) – 1,185 points

A huge congratulations to these students — and to everyone working hard to be recognised.

We're incredibly proud of what you're achieving!



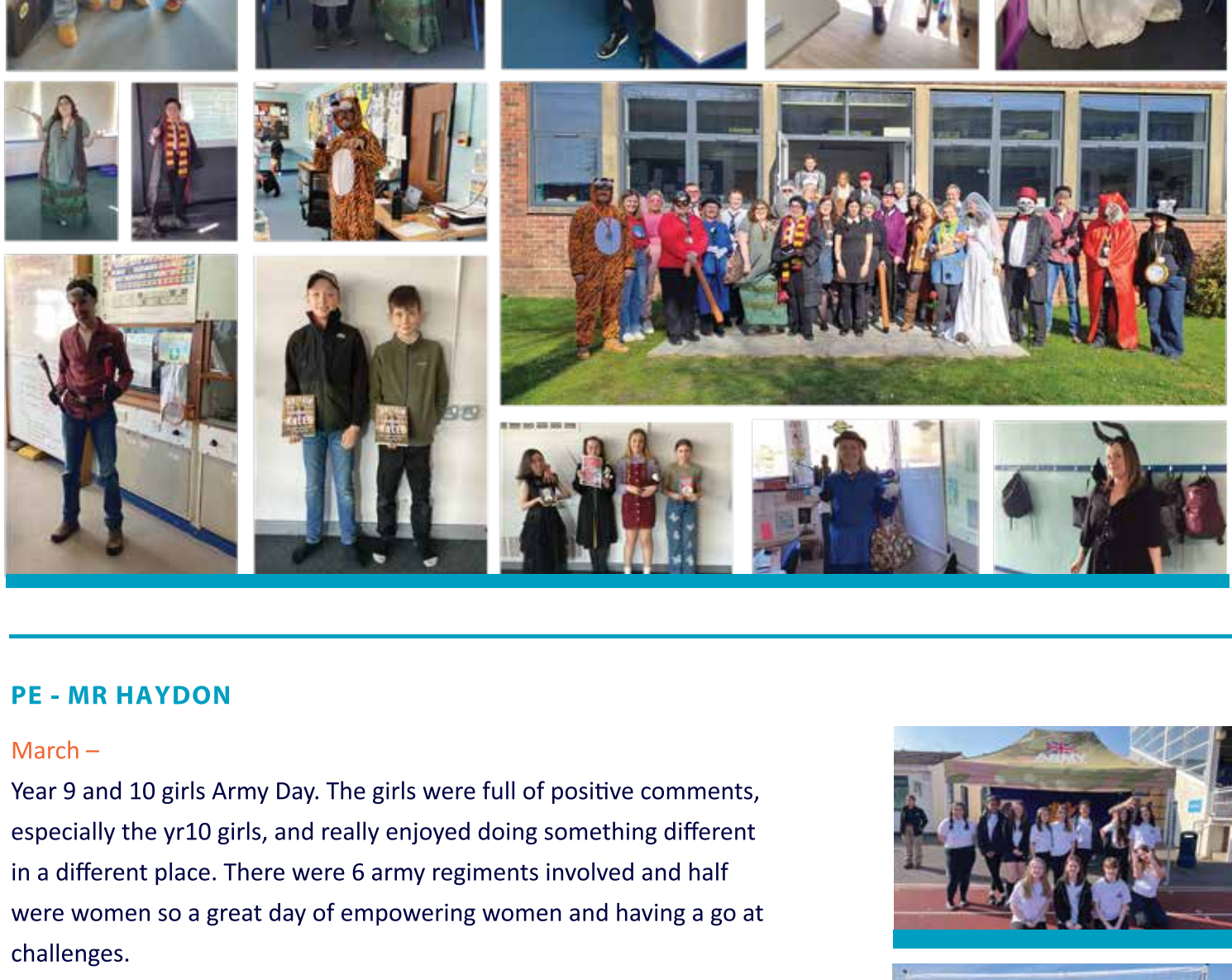
YEAR 11 - MISS LYTHER



It has been a privilege to tutor 11HDL since their arrival in Year 7 all the way through up until their departure from PVS. 5 Years seems a long time but it has gone in a flash with many memories made along the way. This is to say a big thank you to all my tutees for being so supportive, hardworking, diligent and fun loving — it has been a joy to lead you through your Pewsey Vale journey. I wish you and all the other Year 11 students all my very best wishes for your future whatever it may bring. I hope you travel as much as you can, expand your horizons and see the world we have studied in action (send me a postcard when you do). Wishing you success, positivity, good health and happiness in all that you do.

WORLD BOOK DAY - THE ENGLISH DEPT.

I wanted to take a moment to express my thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and enthusiasm in making this year's World Book Day such a success. Your excitement and creativity shone through in every detail and it's clear that everyone's passion for reading and fostering a love of books had a significant impact on our community. Thank you once again for your commitment and enthusiasm — I heard a student in Year 8 say 'Today has been the most fun day ever' as she left at the end of the day. I consider that a success!



PE - MR HAYDON

March –

Year 9 and 10 girls Army Day. The girls were full of positive comments, especially the yr10 girls, and really enjoyed doing something different in a different place. There were 6 army regiments involved and half were women so a great day of empowering women and having a go at challenges.



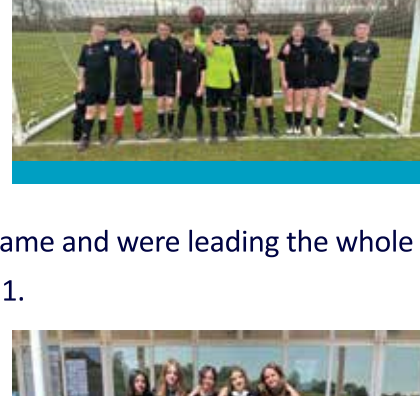
March –

Success for Pewsey girls football team, as they beat two Stonehenge teams and a Wellington Academy team!!!



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First year 7/8 girls football team for the school and they had their first match game against Avon Valley College. It was an unfortunate loss, however the girls played very well, and congratulations to Isla L for coaches player!



March –

Our Year 11 GCSE PE girls attended Marlborough college to record their GCSE Athletics footage. This was a fantastic day shared with Kingdown School, and all the pupils worked extremely well together.



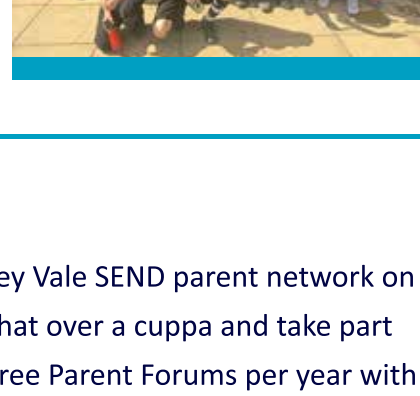
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We took the year 7s football team to the next round of the Cup and we came away with a well deserved win of 2-1 !!! Congratulations to Grace and Aydon who got Players of the match!!!



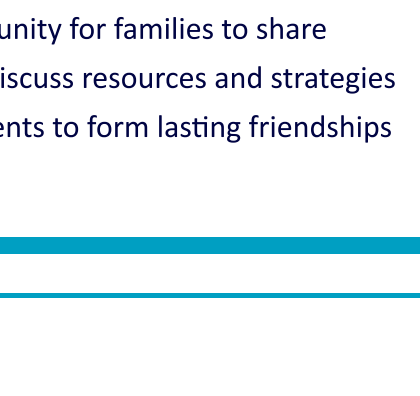
March –

We took Year 9 Netball team for a rematch against St John's. We played a fantastic game and were leading the whole way. It wasn't until the last 10 seconds of the match that St John's took the win 12-11. Congratulations to Isla who got player of the Match!!



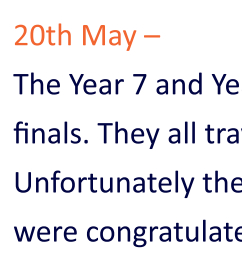
School Games – 9th May

11 of our amazing sports leaders helped at the Y2-4 athletics festival at Marlborough College. Helping with measuring throwing and jumping, as well as timekeeping, race marshalling and race starting. A super non-stop event and the leaders were brilliant!



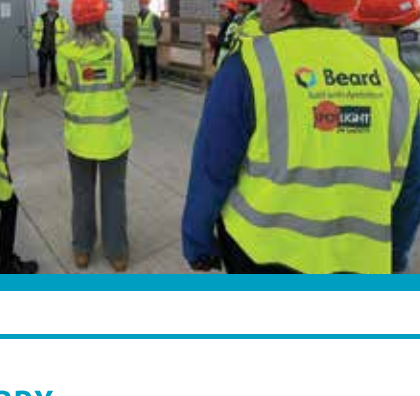
20th May –

The Year 7 and Year 8 football teams both made the county football finals. They all travelled to Chippenham to play their matches. Unfortunately they both lost their matches, however the Year 8 team were congratulated on their sportsmanship and were given the accolade of Wiltshire Ambassadors. - Well done Team!



Other Sports News –

Huge congratulations to Emerald who is now the u15 long jump champion jumping 4.87m at the recent Berkshire championships in Bracknell, this is a fantastic achievement.

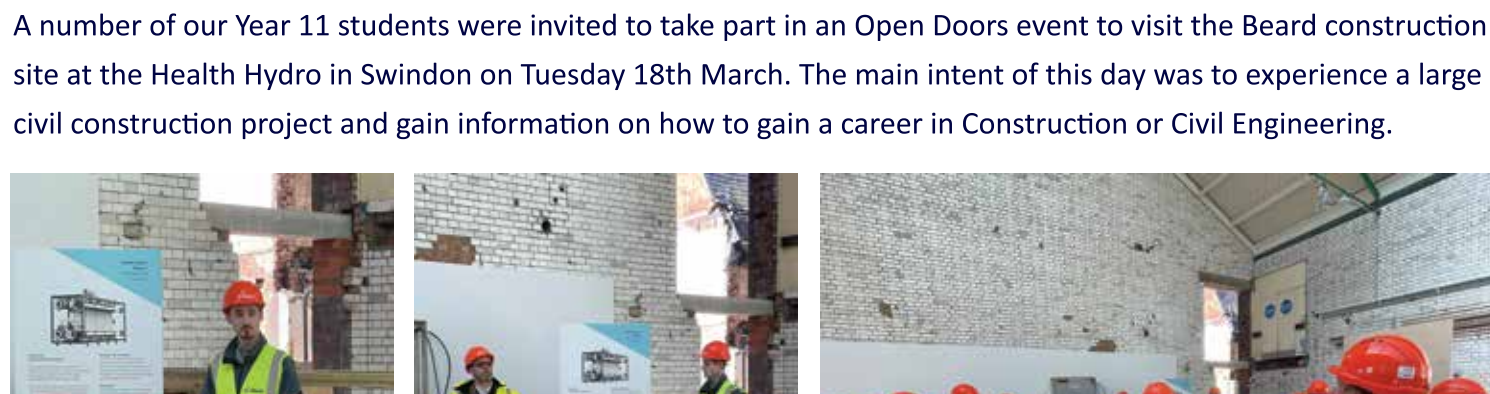


SEND - EASTER PARENT FORUM - MISS SCOTT

It was lovely to see parents of some of our SEND students attend our Easter Pewsey Vale SEND parent network on Thursday 13th March. The evening was an opportunity for parents to meet and chat over a cuppa and take part in an Easter Quiz, the winning team were presented with Easter eggs. We hold three Parent Forums per year with the aim to foster a sense of community, support and fun! The forum is an opportunity for families to share experiences, discuss challenges and successes in parenting children with SEND. Discuss resources and strategies that have been helpful for families, and most importantly connect with other parents to form lasting friendships and support networks. You never know, your story might inspire someone else.

CAREERS - MR ROBINSON

A number of our Year 11 students were invited to take part in an Open Doors event to visit the Beard construction site at the Health Hydro in Swindon on Tuesday 18th March. The main intent of this day was to experience a large civil construction project and gain information on how to gain a career in Construction or Civil Engineering.



LIBRARY - MRS SHEPPY

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

Yr7

Isobel
Arielle
Isla B
Abbie H

Yr8

Flo
Walter
Isabelle
Cameron

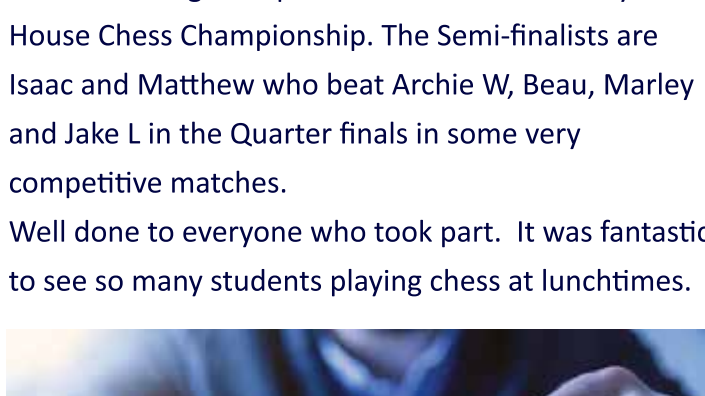
Well done all of you.

CHESS - MRS SHEPPY

Well done to Jay D (8 Earhart) who beat Leland T (11 Cousteau) in the recent final of the House Chess Competition.

46 students signed up to enter the 2025 Pewsey Vale House Chess Championship. The Semi-finalists are Isaac and Matthew who beat Archie W, Beau, Marley and Jake L in the Quarter finals in some very competitive matches.

Well done to everyone who took part. It was fantastic to see so many students playing chess at lunchtimes.



GEOGRAPHY - MISS LYTHER

Another term of learning comes to an end in the geography department. It has been a joy to see students learning so well and achieving in all aspects of the classroom environment. Completed topics are:

Year 7 – The UK

Year 8 – Crime

Year 9 – Population

KS4 students have worked very hard with Year 10 students fully settled into the course and taking the subject in their stride. I wish the Year 11 geographers every success with their continued revision throughout the holidays and look forward to them sitting the remainder of their exams with confidence.

YEAR 11 PHOTOS

The deadline for ordering your Year 11 photos is coming up. Please ensure you have placed your order by Friday 6th June in order for the delivery to come into school before your child leaves.

To view and order these please go to their website www.orderphotos.co.uk and use the relevant proof card id from the list below.

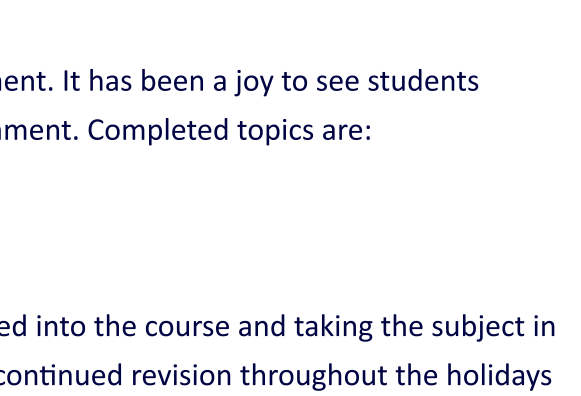
If you have any queries please contact them on 01202 692433.

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ATTENDANCE - MISS DEAN

I hope you are all looking forward to a well deserved half term break and will return to us on Monday the 2nd June well rested and ready to finish the academic year. We have an exciting and busy term coming up and want to encourage all students to be in school every day. For the first two weeks of term we will be running an **Attendance Focus Fortnight** whereby any students who have 100% attendance in these weeks will be eligible to be entered into a prize draw. We will also be looking at the tutor group with the best attendance and they will collectively be recognised for their efforts.

I look forward to seeing all of our students after the break.

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