

Brightside

MAY 2024



Dear parents and carers,

As we finish the penultimate term, I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work and support that the staff, families and students have put in over these past six weeks. It has been an exceptionally busy yet productive time, as you will see from this newsletter. It has also been incredibly busy for our students, especially the Year 11s, who are now truly immersed in their exams; I hope that they continue to do well.

We have been busy with staff recruitment and I am pleased to report that we are already fully staffed for September; in fact we have employed additional teachers so that we can offer more support during next year. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Stoddart for his hard work and dedication over this year and wish him the very best in his relocation to Cardiff. I would also like to recognise the incredible job that Mr Draper has done over this term, taking over the Food Technology classes and allowing our students to make some incredible dishes. Next term, Mr Bye will be joining us as our new Food Technology teacher.

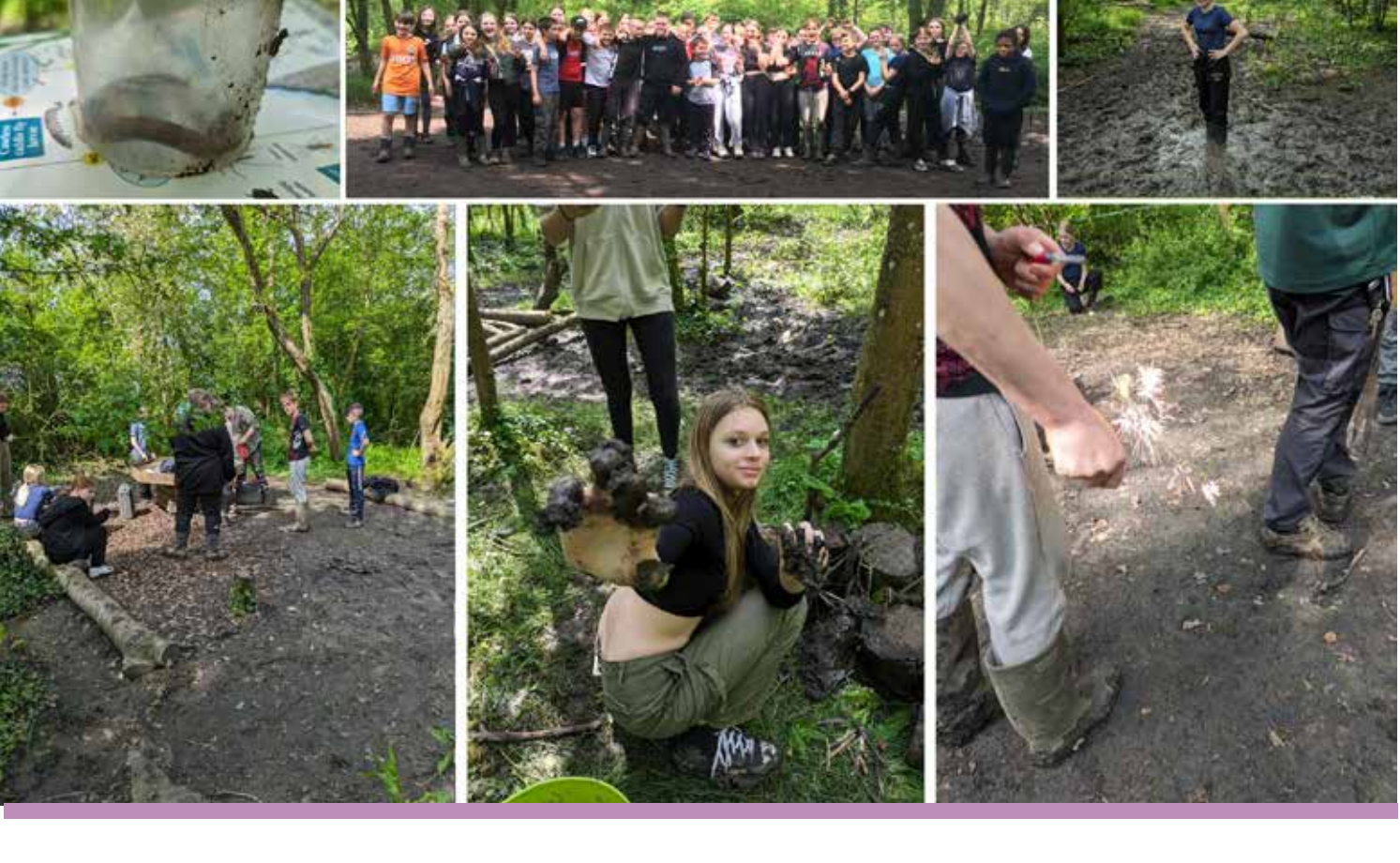
Finally, I am very pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Haydon, who will be joining us from September when Mr Linnegar retires; more on this next term.

So, enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back Monday 3rd June in full uniform.
Neil Pritchard

HEAD TEACHER

GEOGRAPHY - MISS LYTHER

On Friday 10th May the Year 7s went to the Cotswold Forest School. The students enjoyed fuel foraging, fire starting, bug hotel building and tree ID. The weather helped lift everyone's spirits and it was great to be in the outdoors. Well done and thank you to all those involved.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS

On Thursday 9th May our Year 11 students had their last official day in school before going on study leave. This was an opportunity for them to say goodbye to staff and get their shirts signed. They were given their leavers hoodies and prom tickets during an afternoon bbq on the school field.

The students then organised a football match between the year 11 and year 10 students. They bought a trophy to present to the winning team. This was such a lovely event, with Mr Pritchard and much of the lower school cheering on from the touchline; the year 10 students are already looking forward to the time when they will get their opportunity to play against the year below them in May 2025. This is such a lovely legacy, which we hope will carry on for many years to come.



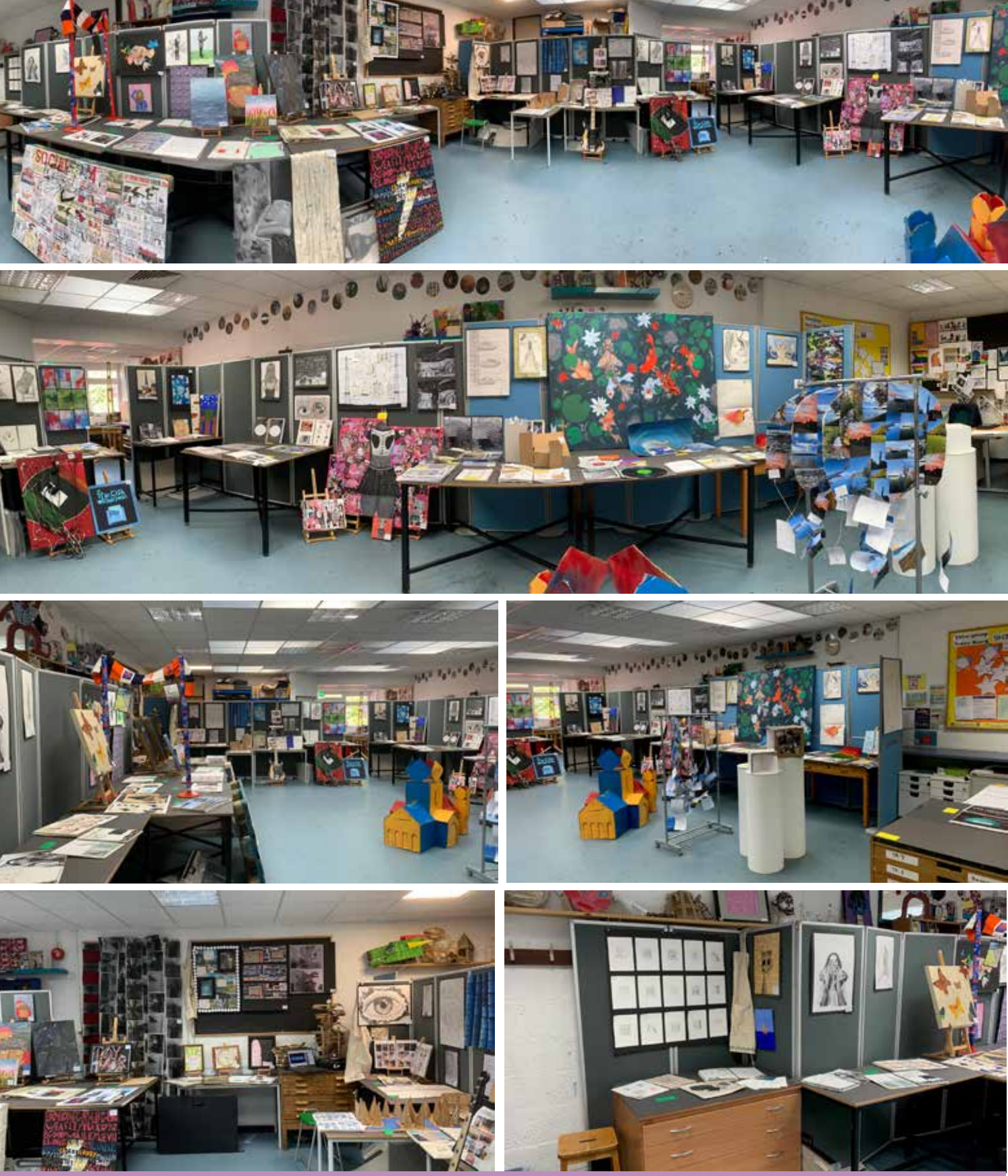
FOOD - MR DRAPER

The Year 8 students have been enjoying pizza making in their food lessons over the past few weeks. These creations have looked, smelled and tasted amazing. Well done all of the budding chefs out there.



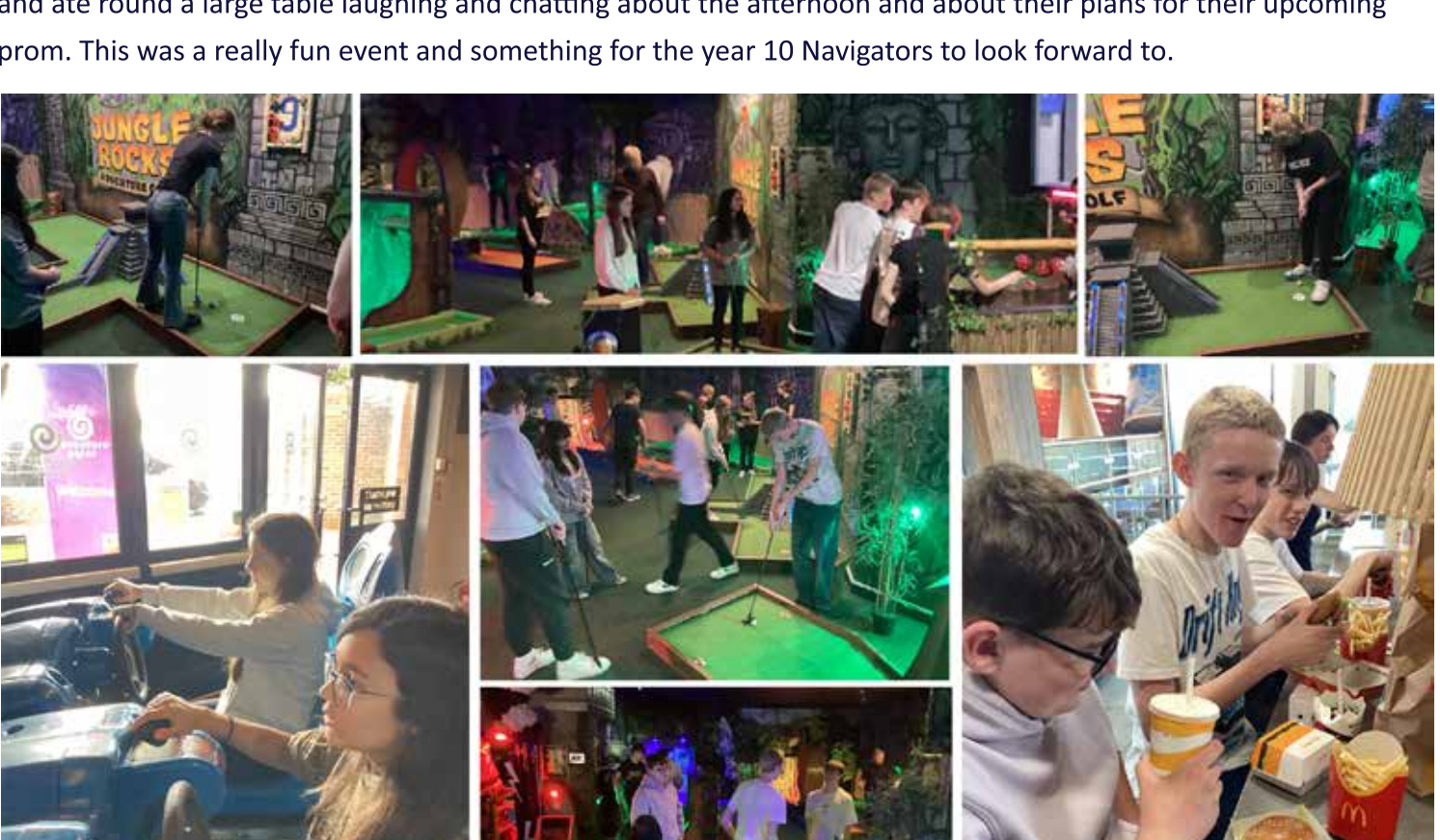
GCSE ARTWORK - MR JONES

The Year 11 artwork completed for the 10 hour Art GCSE has now been moderated. This work is now on display in the Tech Block. There is a wonderfully diverse range of medium on show and their talent and imagination really shines through. Well done all of you, hopefully all your hard work will be reflected in your final grades in August.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP - MRS YOUNGS

The Student Leadership were very kindly given a small budget to run an activity/trip to thank the Year 11 Student Leaders for all their hard work this year. On Tuesday 7th May Mr Robinson and myself took 11 of the Senior Student Leadership Team to Swindon Laser-quest for a fun afternoon of games and laughter (Eben even managed to get on the worldwide Laser-quest leader board). They were then taken to McDonalds on the way home and ate round a large table laughing and chatting about the afternoon and about their plans for their upcoming prom. This was a really fun event and something for the year 10 Navigators to look forward to.

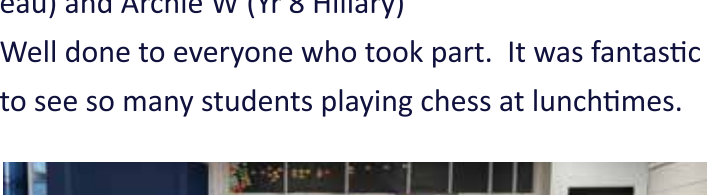


CHESS TOURNAMENT - MRS SHEPPY

The Annual Chess Tournament has been taking place over the last 3 months in the library. All competitors were able to play 2 matches before the knockout rounds.

The **Pewsey Vale Grandmaster for 2024 is Archie M** (Yr 11 Earhart) who played Kymani (Y10 Cousteau) in the Final. The Semi-finalists were Eben (Yr 11 Cousteau) and Archie W (Yr 8 Hillary)

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



LIBRARY - MRS SHEPPY

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

Yr7

- Ellie R
- Florence F
- Isabella R

Y8

- Janey F
- Scarlett H
- Clodion P