Meole Matters

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Welcome to the summer edition of our school magazine, Meole Matters.

There's a lot that has been going on since our first edition and we hope this magazine gives you a really good insight into the world that is 'Meole Brace School'.

This term we've been busy supporting Year 11 through their final exams and Year 10 through their mock exams. Both year groups' conduct and attendance has been excellent – whilst Year 10 will know how well they've done at the end of term, Year 11 (and their teachers) will have to wait a little longer! Speaking of Year 11, it was wonderful to see so many of them attend Prom – a great way to round off their secondary education experience.

There is so much going on in school at the moment, that it's sometimes hard to keep up. At the time of writing, 45 Year 9 students have just come back from an excellent weekend at Arthog and school have just welcomed all our new Year 7 students in over two days – what a nice group of children they are (all of them also get the opportunity to attend a 2day summer school prior to starting). We've recently completed equality training for all staff and students and our very own Equality, Diversity and Inclusion steering committee is about to have their inaugural meeting. We've got Spelling Bee, Crest Awards, Sabrina Jazz Band Boat Trip and a France trip coming up. We're also preparing for our first KS3 Celebration Evening (to held on Tuesday 18th July) and of course Sports Day (same day!). Year 10 completed a really successful work experience week before half term and lots of students got involved in the Biology Bake-off (congratulations Poppy with your brain cake). We've also had success in our sporting fixtures and competitions, and we've even managed to squeeze in several 'Students of the Month' Ice-Iolly Fridays and (our now Award-winning) Aspiration Talks.

So all in all, a busy but productive couple of months. Thank you to those parents and carers who were involved in our behaviour review – we are busy refreshing our Meole Brace School values & expectations ready for September and will be in touch with you about how you can best support this. A key part of this will be the introduction of 'Go 4 Schools@, a comprehensive app which will hold all progress, attendance, praise & behaviour information. A reminder also that all students are in the new school uniform in September – grey not black skirts/trousers. If you need support with this then please do get in touch.

I will you all a really good summer and hope parents/carers find the time to get a break as well over this period.

Alan Doust

Headteacher

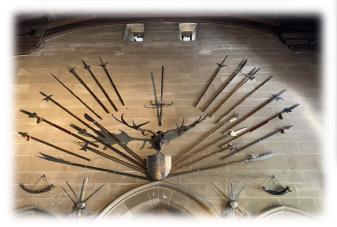
Warwick Castle Visit



After arriving at the castle in the middle of the morning, students took a tour around different parts of the castle including the sit of the original Motte & Bailey. Students walked along the curtain wall of the castle & took the long journey to the top of Guys Tower with its impressive views across the city of Warwick On Wednesday 3rd May almost 100 year 7 students went on a journey in time as they headed to the impressive Warwick Castle. The near thousand-year-old castle was the perfect setting for a trip to discover what Medieval Castles were like.







Other attractions included looking around the impressive state rooms & heading into the Horrible Histories maze



Warwick Castle Visit





The day was enjoyed by all & what the learnt on the trip went onto help the students with their recent topic on castle development. The students conducted themselves brilliantly and were a credit to Meole Brace School. The history department look forward to hosting this trip again next year for our new Year 7 cohort.

Mr Taylor.



Perhaps the most exciting part of the day took place at lunchtime when the students were entertained by an incredible falconry display, which saw some of the largest & most agile birds of prey swoop across the heads of the students. It was a truly magical experience in a magical setting.



Year 8 Self-Portraits



During the Spring Term, year 8 students worked really hard to create a self-portrait, not an easy task by any means.

They began by learning each facial feature through a series of 'before & after' style lessons. Next, we learned about the basic rules of proportion and how to use measurements to locate rough positions for each feature.







By using photographs, students were then able to choose a method by which to draw- many students chose to use a grid method- splitting their image into quarters, as this is a technique they learned in the Autumn Term when drawing their skulls... Whilst others chose simply to measure as they were going along.





Year 8 Self-Portraits







We are so proud of the students hard work and the results speak for themselves. Each of the pupils featured here has been able to capture something about themselves, achieving a real likeness to their original image.

Well done! Miss Billingham

















Meet the SLT Team Members...

Mrs R French

What is your favourite pizza topping? **BBQ Chicken & Sweetcorn** What's your favourite colour? Pink What was your first job? Waitress in a little café, aged 15 Morning person or Night owl? Neither, I love my sleep! Coffee or Tea? Теа What is your favourite film? Mamma Mia- I cry every time I watch it. Who is your favourite superhero? Thor-obviously! What is your favourite thing to do on a rainy day? Snuggle down with my dog under a blanket. What is your favourite Ice Cream flavour? Rum & Raisin What is the one thing your grateful your parents taught you? Everything. What is happiness to you? Spending time with my beautiful daughter How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

Independent, dedicated & tenacious

What is the first thing you do when you get into your office at the start of the day?

Put the kettle on

What do you think is an important life lesson or quote?

"Be like a flower- survive the rain but use it to grow."



Ukraine Garden



During work experience week 2 of our Ukraine students Igor Voloshyn & Dima Zalevadnyi took on a challenge to create a special space in school & wow what an incredible job they have done.

A massive 'Thank you' to the site team for giving them a helping hand where needed, Mr Davie for the trip to B&Q, Mr Doust & Mr Carlyle for the funds, to Marina for her help with the boys' design & to Mr Gardner for the beautiful & poignant symbol of Ukraine which takes pride of place.

Well done Lads!







Mayors Award

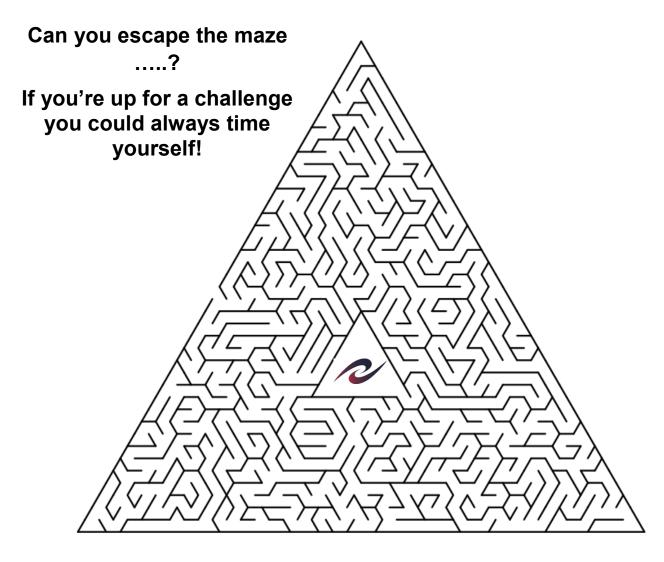


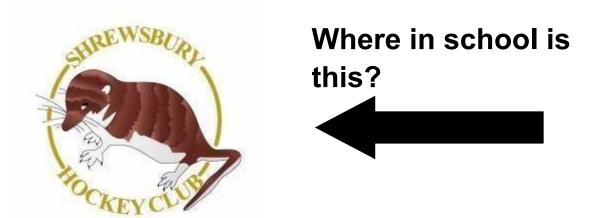
Whilst Ellis Taylor (Year 11) was on the way to school he stopped off in town to buy himself a new pair of trainers with his birthday money. On his way through town he spotted a freezing cold homeless gentleman with hardly anything on & holes in his shoes. Ellis asked the gentleman what size shoe he wore & then proceeded to give him his old trainers instead of just throwing them in the bin. He also brought him food & drink whilst giving him some much needed company & conversation.

"Never judge a book by its cover. I am lucky for what I received for my birthday & I just wanted to pass on a small gesture because it can change or save someone's life"- Ellis Taylor.

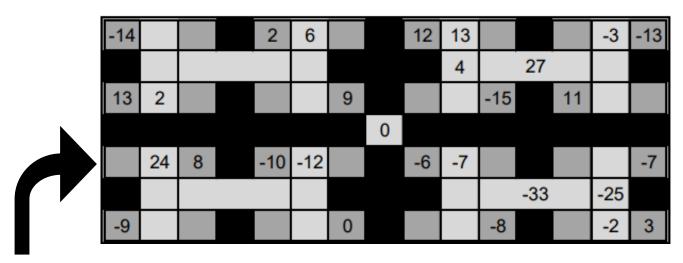
Well Done Ellis, a very well deserved award.







Puzzle Pages



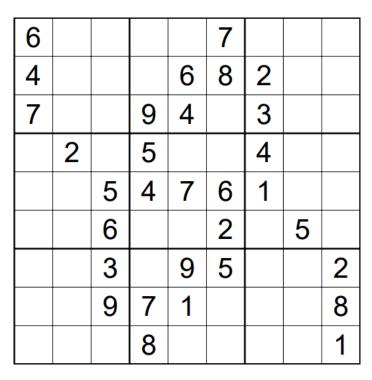
How to Play:

- Fill in the 16 darker grey boxes with the integers 1 to 16 and -1 to -16. (Some of them will already be filled in to get you started). You must use all sixteen possible numbers, so you can use only one of each. It helps if you make a list of all sixteen numbers and then cross them off as you use them.
- The lighter boxes may contain some of the same numbers as the darker grey boxes, but they can contain no repeats amongst themselves.
- Now comes the addition. Numbers that appear in a box between two other boxes must equal the sum of the numbers in the adjacent boxes. This applies vertically as well as horizontally.

SOLVING

To solve the puzzle fill in any additions you know straight off. As you fill in some numbers, new additions will become evident. Once you have done all of the obvious additions, it is time to use your powers of deduction. Try the remaining possibilities for the dark grey squares, considering that you must use one example of each of the numbers 1 to 16 and -1 to -16. There is only one possible solution.

<u>Sudoku</u>



Answers to all the puzzles can be found on the last pages of the magazine.

Puzzle Pages

Meole's Summer Muddle

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Holidays	Outdoors	Friends	BBQ
Sunshine	Camping	Family	
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Warm	Barefoot		

Spanish Trip



The 15th May saw 30 Meole Brace students take to the sky on a four-day trip to Spain where they experienced a real taste of Spanish culture.

During the trip students were given the opportunity to visit two Spanish cities, Malago & Seville. Activities included visiting the city of Malaga where pupils enjoyed some of Malaga's award-winning ice cream, as well as a walking tour where students were able to feast their eyes on some of the incredible architecture the city has to offer. As well as visiting an incredible theme park, and time spent by the pool & at the beach doing different team activities & games.



Spanish Trip

Perhaps the most exciting part of the trip was allowing the students to develop their Spanish skills further by communicating with locals.

This trip was enjoyed by all. The students conducted themselves brilliantly & were a credit to Meole Brace school. The MFL department can't wait to host this trip again next year for more students to enjoy.

Miss Bermudez Mrs Holroyd Mr Kirby









Spanish Trip

Here are just a few things the students had to say about their experience on the Spanish trip:

> "I really enjoyed the Spanish trip, it was the first time I have ever gone abroad, and I enjoyed the trip the whole time we were there– the food, the activities and the places we visited were absolutely amazing and I am so grateful that I had this opportunity"

Hannah Butterworth Y9

"The Spanish trip was great! My favourite part was the free time in the city & getting a hair cut in a Spanish barber shop!" *Jasper Shuttleworth* Y9

"The Spanish trip was amazing & I loved every moment but I wish we stayed longer"

Benjamin Carr Y9

"I really enjoyed this trip because we were able to experience a new culture & learn more of a new language ! I loved participating in all the activities because we were abke to have the freedom to explore & speak to the locals which I thoroughly enjoyed. I would recommend this trip to everyone– really wish I could go back!"

Izzy Lucas-Garner Y10

" I had a great time on the trip! We did many fun activities such as: guided tour of Malaga City and Seville, a beach trip, theme park & lots of free time! We learnt all about the Spanish culture & had a great time trying to communicate with locals. All the teachers were kind and very approachable! I would definitely recommend– you would have a great time!"

Abbey Crundell Y10

"I really enjoyed the Spanish trip. My favourite part of the trip was when we were able to have our free time to explore by ourselves in Malaga & Seville."

Grace Tretton Y9

Meole Sports



A few of our year 7's and their team mates had the most incredible opportunity yesterday at St George's Park. The girls were surprised with the training session with Sarina Weigman who coached them between 3:30-6pm and they also ran into Gareth Soughtgate too! The team and their families have raised over £21,000 for the Card family.

Amazing team of girls– So inspiring!

In the words of Nelson Mandela -

'Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does.'

KS4 Basketball: South Shropshire Basketball KS4 League Winners:

James Love Alfie Lawley Charlie Hetherington Jimmy Richards Henry Targett Ben Griffiths Ben Douch Ollie Upton



Meole Sports



U12 County Cup Winners 2023

M. Mulligan, S. Card, M. Hill, L. Woods, E. Fraser, E. Davies-Gray, E. Thomas, C. Mirceta-Jones, L. Crowe, L. Cork, E. Tipton, G. Lloyd

The year 7 girls put on an amazing performance in the final of the county cup in May. The final score was 6-1. They brought home some shiny gold medals along with the county shield. Highlights of the game were posted on MBS PE Instagram if you want to go & have a look at some top-class goals!!

Congratulations Girls!!

Meole Sports



U13 President's Plate County Champions O. Card, J. Avery, S. Mason, S. Milner, Z. Herbert, J. Lewis, O. Malcher, W. Mort, G. Carson, C. Bowen, A. Herbert, G. Cowan, C. Lawson, C. Howells Missing due to injury– T. Price & G. Antoniazzi

The year 8 boys won the president plate county competition in April, winning 3-1 on penalties after a 2-2 draw in normal time against Mary Webb. 2 incredible freekicks from J. Lewis took us to penalties. C. Bowen then stepped up saving the first two penalties of the shootout.

Congratulations Lads!!



Meet The Meole Brace First Aiders!



Name: Miss Annette Donahue *Department:* First Aid/ Admin

What's something that always makes you smile?

Katie Davies

What was your favourite subject in school?

PE/ English

If you had to pick another career, what would it be?

Pilot

What is your spirit animal?

Eagle

Tell us one interesting fact about yourself:

I Co-piloted a Citation V airplane from Shannon airport & landed it in Perpignan.



Meet The Meole Brace First Aiders!



Name: Mrs Katie Davies *Department:* First Aid

What's something that always makes you happy?

A clean bed- oh & my puppy

What was your favourite subject at school?

Art

If you had to pick another career, what would it be?

Zoologist

What is your spirit animal?

I don't have a spirit animal, but I do believe I have a guardian angel

What's the best book you've read recently?

The Help

Tell us one interesting fact about yourself?

I featured on the television show, Dickinson's Real Deal... & yes, he is as orange in real life.



Year 11, we are so proud of you all!

What a way to end 5 very emotional, exhausting & hard working years at Meole Brace School. As a year group we have been through things which we could never have planned for.. A global epidemic, lock downs & isolations, but you took all of these in our stride. We have watched you all grow from being young children into flourishing young adults. Thank you for being you.

The event started just before 6:30pm with the "Promers" being dropped off by very proud parents (& a dog) in various super modes of transport, from sports cars, a mini to a Monster truck! Everyone looked amazing, so sophisticated & stylish.. Wow!







Behaviour was impeccable throughout the evening and it was a pleasure for us to talk to you all about your time at Meole Brace School, the memories you have & your future plans– you will be missed so much! Year 11 Prom was such a wonderful event for all those who attended, staff, pupils & organisers... the DJ said it was the best Prom he had done in years we just didn't stop dancing (Mrs Pope even hit the floor- Literally!)









You have worked so hard academically, emotionally & socially & you are ready to fly!

A massive thank you to Claire P, Bess E & Rachel F who along with Freddie & Bekah worked tirelessly to make sure this was an event like no other Prom before it!





















Sports Day



Final Sports Day Results

Whole School

	House Totals	
House	Total points	Position
Centaur	883	5
Dragon	983	3
Griffin	1081	1
Phoenix	979	4
Valkyrie	1052	2



Year 7

Year 7 House Totals

House	Total points	Position
Centaur	251	2
Dragon	202	5
Griffin	258	1
Phoenix	215	3
Valkyrie	205	4

Year 8

Year 8 House Totals						
House	Total points	Position				
Centaur	201	4				
Dragon	220	3				
Griffin	292	1				
Phoenix	201	4				
Valkyrie	287	2				



Year 9

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House	Total points	Position				
Centaur	256	3				
Dragon	243	4				
Griffin	243	4				
Phoenix	309	1				
Valkyrie	263	2				

Year 10

Year 10 House Totals							
House	Total points	Position					
Centaur	175	5					
Dragon	318	1					
Griffin	288	3					
Phoenix	254	4					
Valkyrie	297	2					

Sports Day











Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh– Training Expeditions

As is often the case in Britain, a mixed bag of weather for both sets of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. From scorching heat, to torrential downpours, in the last month close to sixty Y10 students spent two days in the beautiful area of the Long Mynd, learning navigation skills & countryside code before camping at school where they cooked a delicious hot meal for themselves on camping stoves & pitched their tents. They plotted their own route cards using grid references & each team then led a section of the walk on the second day. For many of them, that second day was fog, mist & heavy rain: quite an achievement & quite definitely character building– for staff & students!



Undercooked pasta & painful blisters were undoubtedly the lows, but the views & sense of achievement by the end meant an experience to remember for all. They now have had the sufficient training necessary for their qualifying expeditions which will take place in September. For this expedition they will not be accompanied by staff & will be dropped off in teams at a starting point & will have to navigate a three-hour walk using their map skills & route card knowledge to Brow Farm Campsite at Ratlinghope. They will then be observed pitching their tents & cooking their meal before completing a second three-hour walk on day two.

Duke of Edinburgh



A huge 'well done' to all those students who did so well in their training, & we wish them the best for their final assessed expedition. Students who will be moving to Year 10 in September will be able to sign up for the award in October if they fancy the challenge!

Mrs McGarrity & Mr Lawson



Jazz Band



On Monday 10th July Meole Brace Jazz Band braved the drizzly weather & squeezed into a small space on Shrewsbury's Sabrina Boat to perform a concert whilst sailing down the River Severn. The Jazz Band performed brilliantly to a very appreciative audience of family, friends & school staff. The band had a lot of fun playing music with friends & teachers with the scenic countryside in the background & got to relax & enjoy the boat tour afterwards, some of the band even got to steer the boat as we sailed back to Victoria Quay!

Well done to all involved in a brilliant concert in an unusual venue!

International Women in Engineering Day







To celebrate International Women in Engineering Day, Year 9 were treated to some inspirational female guest speakers last Thursday during their lessons.

The students were fortunate enough to hear from Anna, a station Manager in Shropshire Fire & Rescue; Becky who is an engineer for helicopters, airbus & The National Grid; Verity who is a Project Manager for Adkins who specialise in everything from reconstruction to airport runways & CJ who is a Cloud & Coding Engineer.

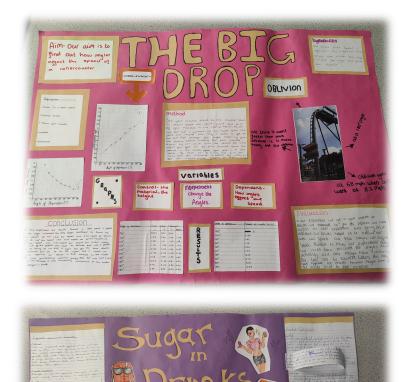
The speakers each talked about their specialist fields, the challenges they have faced & how they have overcome them & suggested routes into careers.

The overriding message to the year group from all of the speakers was to do something you love.

It was very well received & we are truly grateful to Anna, Becky, CJ & Verity for their time & effort for the students of Meole Brace.

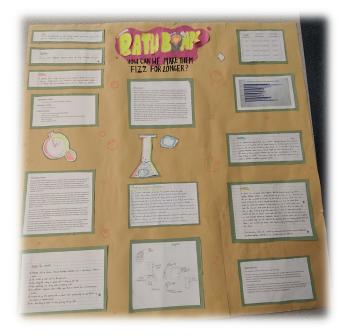
Mrs Richards & Mrs Hurlstone.

CREST Awards

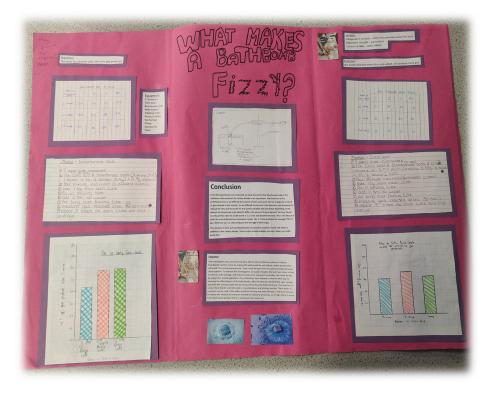


Recently 30 of our Year 9 students were specially selected to take part (be guinea-pigs!) in Meole's first ever CREST award! This was held over two days & was an amazing opportunity for students to work as part of a team to complete a project of their choice; they were asked to pick one of the questions they wanted to answer, had to do various preliminary test to work out the method they were going to use to find out that answer & then they had to report back on their findings using the scientific framework of investigation.

All groups produced some amazing projects & presented them to their peers under the CREST assessment criteria & will now be assessed & awarded a nationally recognised certificate

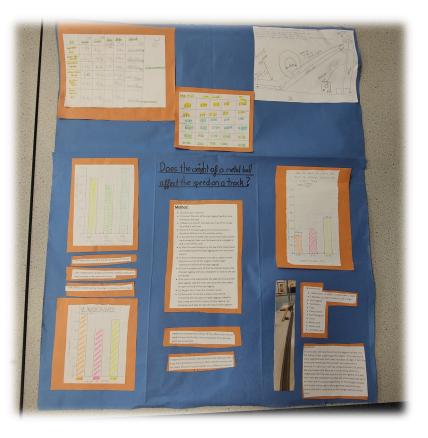


CREST Awards



It was a wonderful two days & was so brilliant to see our students thoroughly engaging independently with science!

These awards are highly by the work place, colleagues & universities & can be used to go towards a Duke of Edinburgh award! We hope the students enjoyed themselves as much as Mrs Pritchard & Miss Bayley did!



KS3 Celebration Evening

It was a wonderful Tuesday evening to see students & families at the Key Stage 3 Celebration Evening. Awards were presented to students for Student of the Month in subjects, chosen from the many Students of the Month through the year, Heads of Houses & Heads of Year also highlighted the achievements of individuals & the Headteacher's Awards went to the students who have shone across many subjects throughout the year & made an enormous contribution to the life of the school.

It was a wonderful evening & hearing the citations about each student's reasons was fantastic.

Year 7 Awards:

Enzo Hutchinson- Art

George Stacey-Dodd– Design & Technology

Rose Bailey- Head of Year Award

Oscar Boughton- English

Evie Lewis- Special Recognition of Effort

Hania Komiatis- Geography

Charlie Todd-Smith- History

Emily James- Head of House Award

Sophie Card– Head of House Award

Robyn Jeffries– Head of House Award

Tosia Wojciechowska- Maths

Irem Aymergen-MFL

Riely Coetzer- PDC

Lilyana Cork- PE

Elijah McAree- Performing Arts

Betsy Hall– RE

Jessica Bailey- Science



KS3 Celebration Evening

Year 8 Awards:

Finn Yapp– Art

Anna Simoes- Design & Technology

Alfie Griffiths- Head of Year Award

Alfie Griffiths– English

Joshua Bellingham– Special Recongnition of

Effort

Joshua Bellingham– Geography

Lucy Butler-History

Lottie Earl- Head of House Award

Bailey Phillips- Maths

Alfie Griffiths- MFL

Reuben Iremonger- PDC

Sam Mason– PE

Bobby Mayho- Performing Arts

Charlie Bishton

Kian Wilcox- Science

Ruby Dawe-Simmill- Headteacher Award





KS3 Celebration Evening

Year 9 Awards:

Elena Perez-Romero- Art

Abigail Maude- Design & Technology

Abigail Maude- Head of Year

Scarlett Jones– English

Joseph Money– Special Recognition of Effort

Lewis Lake- Geography

Ivana Bevins- History

Valerie Egerton– Head of House Award

Charlie-May Smallman- Maths

Toby Whitney-MFL

Izzy Potts- PDC

Hannah Butterworth- PE

Jaira Jiju- Performing Arts

Jack Edwards– RE

Jaira Jiju- Science





Arthog

ARTHOG 2023

Activities included: Surfing Raft building Climbing Gorge Scrambling Beach walks





The annual MBS Arthog trip was **EPIC**! Just under 50 students attended the residential weekend. We arrived at 5.30pm on Friday evening, where we headed straight for tea. We then got our kit/ equipment sorted for the weekend before heading down to the beach for a walk. On our second day the groups either did climbing and raft building or surfing and gorge scrambling followed by an evening on the beach! On Sunday the groups switched activities. Fun was had by ALL! The students were absolutely **AMAZING** and a true credit to themselves and MBS!

Next year's trip has already been booked so next year's year 9 students keep a look out for letters in September!

Year 10 Art

Year 10 GCSE ART & DESIGN

Ian Murphy Mixed Media Workshops

14th & 15th June 2023

This year our talented year 10 Art students have experienced a two-day workshop with Artist in Education Ian Murphy.

The workshops were fast paced and introduced students to a range of drawing techniques and processes.

Our students worked incredibly hard and developed new levels of skill and confidence and produced some outstanding art work.

An excellent two days, great work year 10.









Bike Donation



If anyone has a spare or old bike that they no longer want or need please contact Simon Davie: davie.s@meole.co.uk

Staffing Changes

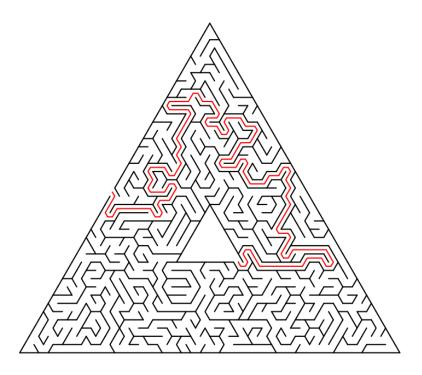
We would like to welcome the following staff to Meole Brace School, who will be joining the school after Summer:

David Kelly– Head of Chemistry Rhianne Jacques– Maths Teacher James Baker– Maths Teacher John Taylor– Head of Geography Robert Court– Science Teacher Jessica Davis– English Teacher Emma Thornbury- (PE Maternity Cover) Paul Leeming– PE Teacher Peter Rees- Cover Supervisor/ Geography Victoria Island– Cover Supervisor Charlotte Markey– Pastoral Admin David Russell– Geography Teacher Bradley Lewin– Teaching Assistant Kelly-Ann Godbold– Lab Technician

We would like to say "Goodbye & thank you" to the following staff who are leaving us at the end of the Summer Term:

Andy Grime– Head of Geography Gary Evans– English Teacher Rhiannon Ketteringham– Maths Teacher Eleanor Lunn– Geography Teacher Hazel Starnes– Head of Chemistry Ann Dalgarno– Teaching Assistant Miriam Leake– Cover Supervisor

Answers to the Puzzles



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Answers to the Puzzles

Meole's Summer Muddle



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Summertime	Backgarden	Sunglasses	Hot
Refreshing	Icecreams	Sunshine	Lazy
Holidays	Outdoors	Friends	BBQ
Sunshine	Camping	Family	
Нарру	Beachdays	Picnic	
Warm	Barefoot		