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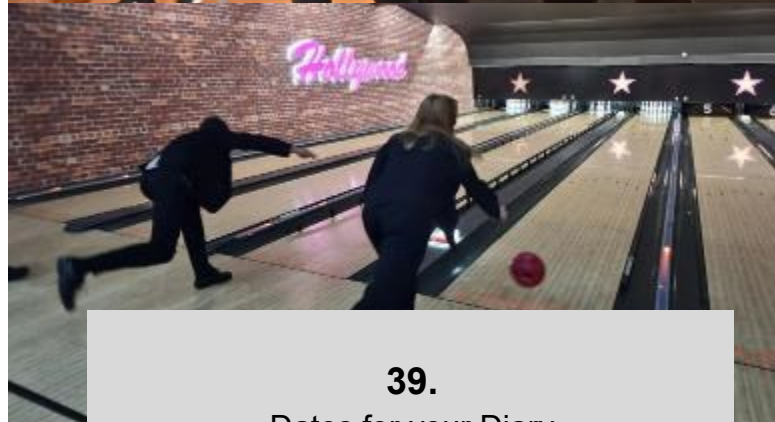
SCIENTIFIC THINKING CHALLENGE : 2 GOLD, 1 SILVER AND 6 BRONZE

At Arrow Vale we believe in doing the ordinary, extraordinarily well to support our students.



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Head of School Message



Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

Each day, our students demonstrate and develop resilience, curiosity, empathy, and confidence. These essential skills not only enrich their personal experiences but also reflect their determination and hard work. Every article in this issue is a result of the collaborative efforts and teamwork between our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students. The professional and trusting relationships we cultivate ignite these opportunities for growth and learning.

It is especially pleasing to witness the evolution of student leadership within our school. Our amazing students have risen to the challenge, embodying the principles of our KASE curriculum—Knowledge, Attributes, Skills, and Experiences. Arrow News proudly celebrates these achievements and showcases the remarkable development our students undergo while attending school.

A heartfelt well done and thank you to all the students who have been brave enough to put themselves out there, embracing a can-do attitude that paves the way for future success. Your courage and commitment are truly inspiring, and we look forward to celebrating many more achievements with you.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and here's to many more enriching experiences ahead!

Matthew Rash
Head of School

This issue of Arrow News uses our SMSC Symbols in the bottom corners of each page to identify the range of opportunities for personal development at Arrow Vale.

Social **Spiritual** **Moral** **Cultural** **CEIAG**

CEIAG - Careers Education Information, Advice & Guidance

Cooking Workshop

Some of our Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed a delicious live cooking and taster session with Aspens Catering Company on 26th April. This is part of Arrow Vale's Learning for Life Personal Development Programme.

Well done everyone who had fun and got involved.

Article by Mrs F Stanley



"I would give 10/10 to everything I tried. I'm usually a bit of a picky eater, but the session was great and loads of fun." **Carter**

"I was quite nervous about trying new foods, but I loved it all. There wasn't anything I didn't like!" **Caleb**





Resident Duck

Just before Easter, a duck decided to move onto the school grounds, to lay her eggs. Unfortunately, she chose the most busiest area in the main quad.

Upon taking professional advice, the area got quickly taped off, to keep her safe, as we were unable to move the duck and eggs until they had hatched.

Amazingly, despite the noise and crowds of students, during the latter part of May, seven little ducklings emerged from their eggs. As can be seen from the photo right, momma duck quickly moved her little ducklings from the school grounds to the local pond at Matchborough Centre.



This event sparked many conversations and learning about eggs and fertilisation, as many of our students found the visitors fascinating to watch and study.



Year 10 GCSE Photography



Students have made excellent progress this year. They have completed their Distortion project and have been working on Image Manipulation, and they are in a really good position ready for wrapping up component 1 at the start of year 11. Their editing skills are developing quickly in the new project, through investigations into artists such as Tommy Ingberg, Alex Hyner and Victoria Seimer. Here are a few examples of some of the creative editing they have been doing recently using their homework photoshoots!

portrait landscape
Nude product
Experimental
Glamour
macro panoramic
Photography
wildlife
architectural
SportsFashion
plant
People

photography





Article by Mrs Crawford

RSC's 56th Annual Chemistry Olympiad



Four of our year 13 chemistry students undertook the gruelling challenge of the Royal Society of Chemistry's Olympiad.

A huge congratulations to Ellie B, Cailen B, Ben L and Tino S. They all did phenomenally well with best in school being Tino who received the Silver award meaning he was in the top 25% of students nationally who took part, which is exceptional.

Article by Mrs S Lal

Sports Leadership Academy

Tri Golf

On Wednesday 22nd May Tri-Golf took place here at Arrow Vale. Due to the weather, the event had to take place in doors, the leaders from year 9 and 10 did a fantastic job ensuring this took place. The students were fantastic, and the event ran smoothly. Staff from visiting schools said how well the students did and how fantastic their leadership skills were. The leaders oversaw scoring, time keeping and tracking of results. The leaders were fantastic in getting the younger pupils involved in the event they were running.

Tennis

On Tuesday 11th June, some of our leaders helped run a tennis event at Redditch Hockey Club. Year 9 and 10 students were in charge of different tennis stations, scoring, timing, and collecting results. The leaders shown great leadership skills to all children to ensure they understood the activity they were doing. The leaders were fantastic in getting the younger pupils involved in the event they were running.

Summer School Games

On Tuesday 2nd July our Sports Leaders represented Arrow Vale at Summer School Games at Bromsgrove School. The leaders had to run different events throughout the day such as Tennis and Tri-Golf. They all completed this successfully and both events ran smoothly. All leaders shown great leadership skills when delivering these events to all younger children. Staff from visiting schools said how well the leaders did and how fantastic their leadership skills were.

Article by Mrs Harris



Awards Evening 2024

On Thursday 16th May, we held our annual Awards Evening to celebrate our student's hard work and achievements. The evening was compared, by our Student Ambassadors, Fizz S. and Isla R. who did an excellent job of keeping the evening flowing. Congratulations and well done to all our award winners, who are listed below:

Curriculum Awards

Art

Phoebe H.. (Year 11)
Emily W..(Year 13)

Photography

Jade B. (Year 11)
Cristian Moore. (Year 13)

Enterprise Awards

Harrison Mann. (Year 11)

Business Awards

Daniele Bruzaite. (Year 13)

3D Design

Alex R.. (Year 11)
Maddie D.. (Year 13)

English Language

Lewis D.(Year 11)
Ethan P. (Year 11)

English Literature

Eryk F. (Year 11)
Kacy R. (Year 13)

Film Studies

Tom L. (Year 11)
Robin Browne (Year 13)

Food & Nutrition

Lily-Ann K. (Year 11)
Lexi R. (Year 13)

Hair & Beauty

Aleesha P. (Year 11)

Health & Social Care

Millie-Mae S. (Year 11)
Maja M. (Year 13)

History

Emily T. (Year 11)
Jaiden Bowekett (Year 13)

Geography

Eryk F. (Year 11)
Natasha P. (Year 13)

Creative IMedia

Jake Urban. (Year 11)

BTEC IT Level 3

Matthew T. (Year 13)

Mathematics

Zara C. (Year 11)
Rachel C., (Year 13)

Further Mathematics

Jack Jarrett. (Year 13)

French

Josh D.. (Year 11)

Spanish

Carly N. (Year 11)
Ellie B. (Year 13)

Drama

Josh D.. (Year 11)
Evie-Jane L. (Year 13)

Music

Jake H. (Year 11)
Claire Gorton. (Year 13)

Core PE

Issabella C. (Year 11)

Sport

Fraser S.. (Year 11)
Harry S. (year 13)

Psychology

Jessica. (Year 13)
Jaiden B., Year 13)

Applied Science Level 3

Kuba K. (Year 13)

Combined Science

Madison C. (Year 11)



Biology

Maria E. (Year 11)
Jessica S. (Year 13)

Chemistry

Avaneesh D. (Year 11)
Daniel O. (Year 13)

Physics

Matthew M. (Year 11)
Tinotenda S. (Year 13)

Outstanding Transition

Achievement

Matthew T. (Year 9)



Achievement & Learning

Award

Avaneesh D.. (Year 11) and Ellie B. (Year 13)

Outstanding Sports Award

Lili Mae P. And Ajay B. (Year 9); Paige W. and Billi-Neil B (Year 10); Thalía K. and Jack W. (Year 11); Macey C-G. and Joshua B.(Sixth Form - Year 13)

Healy Cup

Joanna O. (Year 9); Kris B. (Year 10); Elsa L. (Year 11); Fizz S. (Year 12) and Tinotena S. (Year 13)

Principal's Award

Tashantie T. (Year 13)

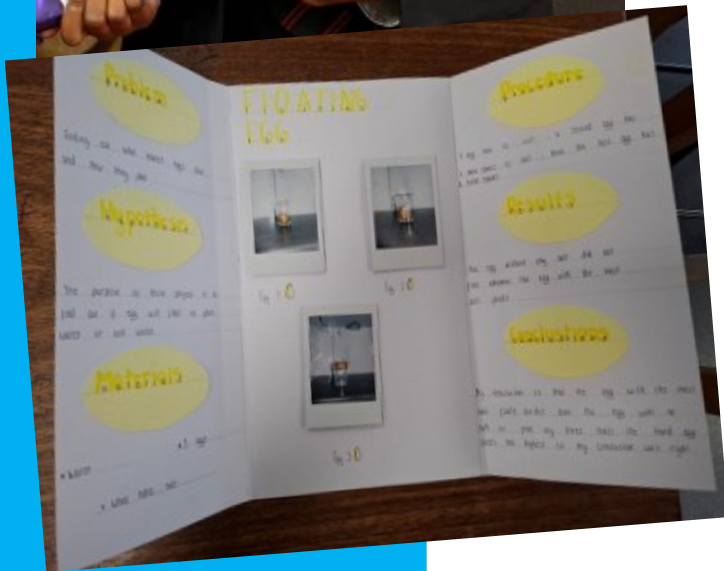


To view all the award winners please go to the news section of our website: [Arrow Vale - Award Winners 2024 \(arrowvaleschool.org.uk\)](https://arrowvaleschool.org.uk/news/arrow-vale-award-winners-2024)

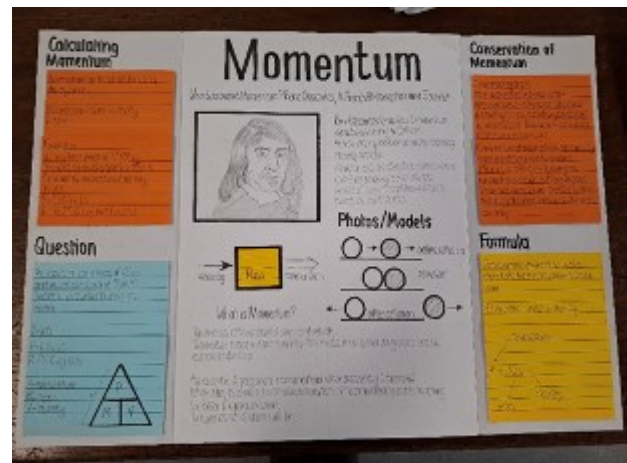
Ogden Trust KS3 Competition

This term a record-breaking number of year 9 students entered the annual Ogden Trust competition run by our legacy Ogden Trust partnership. Out of the tens and tens of entries the stem club picked the top 10 for us to take to partnership's final meeting. It was a tense hour judging all 5 schools' entries and for the first time in Arrow Vale history we won some of the awards! Massive congratulations to Evie V and Tashanae T who came joint third out of all the schools, winning an amazon voucher and chocolates, and Abigail H and Shelby R who won the commendation award and received some chocolate.

Thank you to all of the year 9s that took part and produced amazing posters, the partnership schools were very impressed with your hard work!



FLOATING EGG., Tashanae T. (3rd Place)



Momentum, Evie V. (3rd Place)





School Uniforms Bank are making an appeal for school uniforms. These uniforms will be required for the ever popular Redditch Uniform Bank event on 3rd August at the Kingfisher Shopping Centre. At this event school clothing items will be made available for parents to take away.

You can drop off any donations of uniforms at either:

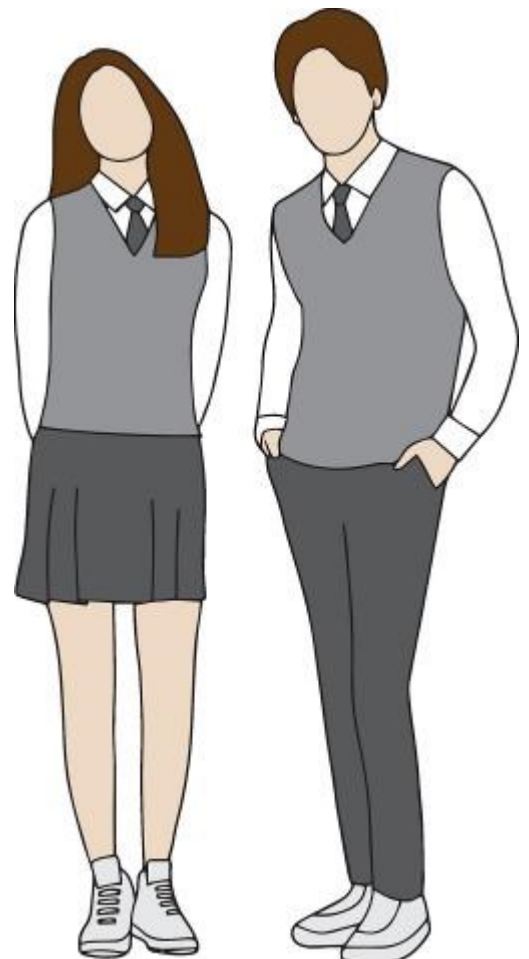
Guest Services at Kingfisher Shopping Centre; or Inspire Winyates Craft Centre.

Branded and non-branded items of school clothing are accepted, as well as PE kits, coats and trainers.

All that is asked is for all donated items be in a clean and suitable condition.

The Uniform Bank service is free of charge and relies on generous donations from the community. It will save money for parents as well saving items from landfill.

Please note this is not run by Arrow Vale and for more details, visit the Redditch Labour Facebook page.



Geography Students Visit London



Yes, another Geography fieldwork!

This time year 12 were able to travel to Stratford Olympic Park in London and Brick Lane on Tuesday 16th July.

The students were keen to visit Stratford after learning about it at GCSE in Urban Issues and Challenges. Stratford Olympic Park hosted the 2012 Olympic Games where 1,000 of people flocked to the area to watch athletes perform on the world stage. However, today it is a fantastic piece of land which hosts West Ham Football club, England Hockey, and British Cycling. It also is a parkland with huge green open spaces, business opportunities and houses for Londoners.

Some students chose to complete their NEA coursework here, looking into areas such as Regeneration, Gentrification and Sustainability. They visited three sites across the day; Here East, a business park; Tessa Jowell Park, a green open space and Cobham Manor, a housing estate. They completed environmental quality surveys, questionnaires, pedestrian counts, tree counts, sketches and much more to gather a wide range of data.

Other students were investigating Stratford as the location has gone under significant change over the last 10 years. The regeneration brought many positives to the area; however, it also causes many people to feel left out, isolated and

unhappy with the change. Students were investigating whether the advantages outweighed the problems in the area.

We jumped on the tube in the afternoon and travelled over to Brick Lane. Brick Lane is an area of high migration, where the Bangladeshi community have completely transformed the area, with bagel shops, Bangladeshi restaurants and clothes shops. It has created a real sense of place for the community. Students investigated whether lived experience is better for the Bangladeshi community or British.

The concept of Migration and Regeneration is an integral part of the world around us, and yet sometimes we don't even notice it. Sometimes we need to stop and think, how does that make us feel?!

Many thanks to the bus drivers; Mrs Dolan and Mrs Mistry for accompanying us on the trip and all the year 12s have had some fantastic experiences over the last few weeks thanks to all your hard work and support.

Article by Mrs Weynberg



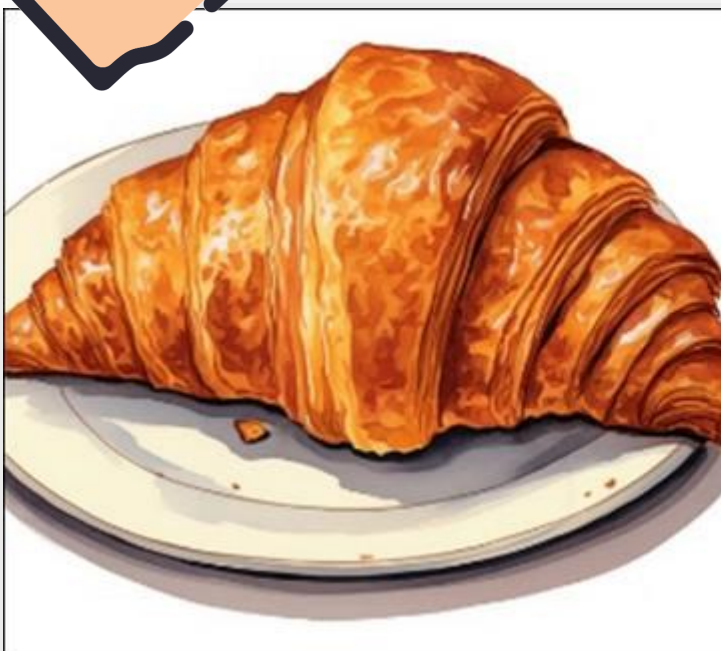
Breakfast Award

Well done on another successful year for our Sports Leaders! We celebrated with a Breakfast Reward on Friday 5th July 2024. Well done to all involved, without you the events wouldn't be able to take place. Well done for being fantastic role models to younger participants.

Well done to:

Isobelle A., Tayah Louise H., Keira G., Daniel S., Francesca G., Jodie H., Paige W., Priscilla B-G., Achie H., Isabella M., Charlotte E., Sophie Y., Ivy-Rose O., Maisie D., Lili-Mae P., Jessica W., Aleena P., Amelia G., Scarlett M., Evie F., Alfie M., Estelle S., Millie B., Madison H., Isla C., Aimee W., Ruby H., Madison C., Evelyn B., Ella P-R., and Teighan M.

Article by Mrs Harris



You are invited to a
BREAKFAST REWARD

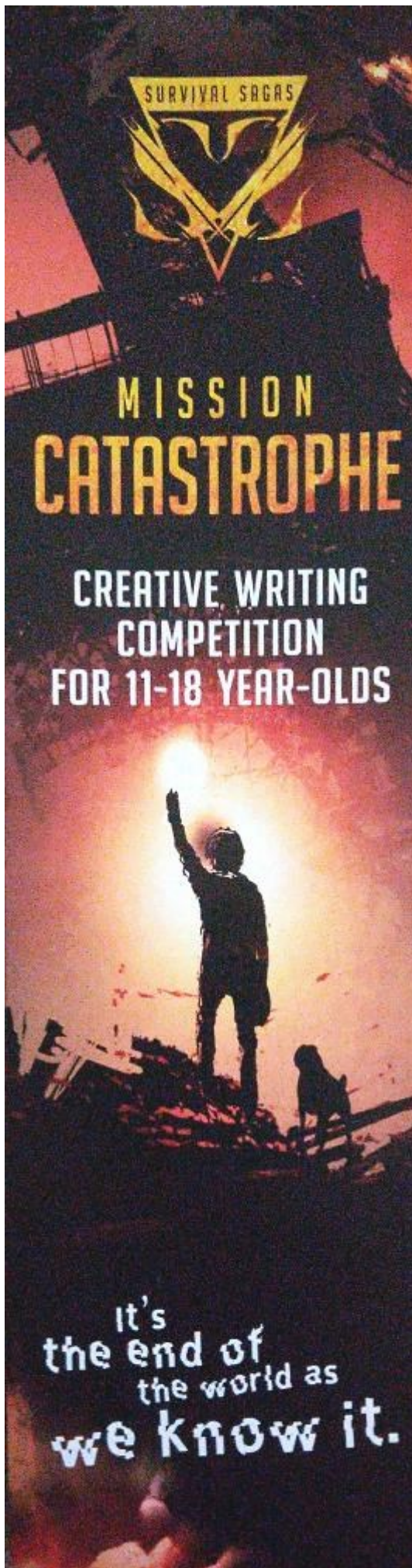
On: Friday 5th July 2024

Time: 8.35 - 9.00am
(Please get registered first)

Venue: OC

CONGRATULATIONS

We look forward to celebrating with you a
successful year as Sport Leaders.



Talent for Writing

Young Writers have always hosted opportunities and I'm honoured to have my work published for a second time. It's let me and so many others improve our work and have our dreams of getting published become a reality. Here is my published entry:

Today, I forgot my safety nets. No I'm not stuck in the ocean or in a zombie apocalypse. I'm just an autistic trans boy who forgot his fidgets at home. Surprised? Yeah, same here. Especially considering how much I need them. I've had teachers and adults, even other kids tell me I'm lying when I tell them that these toys help keep me safe.

I can already feel it. People are talking too much. It's too warm. My blazer's too rough. My shirt's too tight. My breathing's too quick, too loud. I need to stim. Wait... No! Don't crowd around me!

At the time of writing this article for Arrow News I have also entered another competition so wish me luck!

Article by Kris B. (Year 10)





Rounders Tournaments

On Wednesday 12th June, we took 9 students to compete in a Year 9 rounder's tournament against other local schools, Trinity, Tudor Grange, St Augustine's, and Woodrush. Everyone showed great enthusiasm and teamwork during each match. The girls competed against all schools, winning two and losing two. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 9 Team:

Estelle S., Jessica Wi., Taya S., Millie B., Amelia G., Lottie G., Lily-Rose G., Amber E., and Skye R

On Wednesday 19th June, we took 9 students to compete in a Year 10 rounder's tournament against other local schools, Trinity, Tudor Grange, St Augustine's, and Woodrush. Everyone showed great enthusiasm and teamwork during each match. Some year 9 students stepped up and competed against other year 10 students. Well done to everyone involved!

Paige W.,
Jodie H.,
Francesca G.,
Estelle S.,
Amber E.,
Amelia G.,
Taya S.,
Millie B., and
Skye R.,

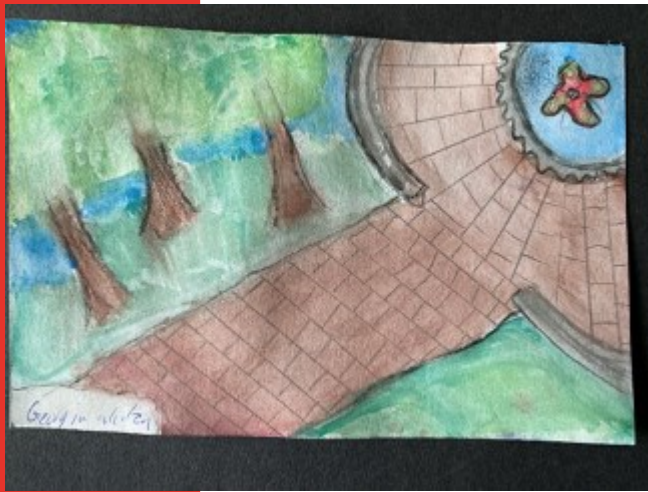
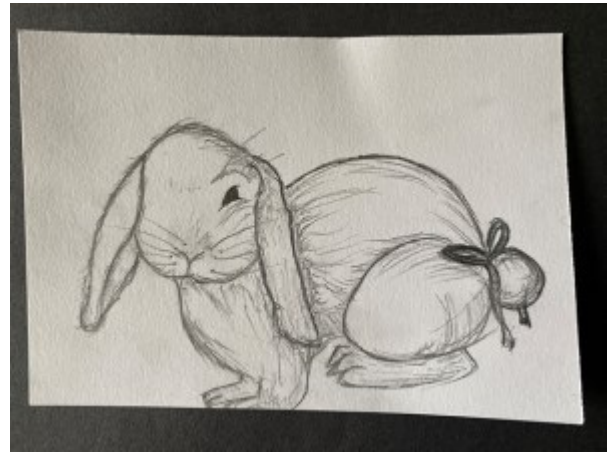
**Article by Mrs
Harris**



Postcard Competition

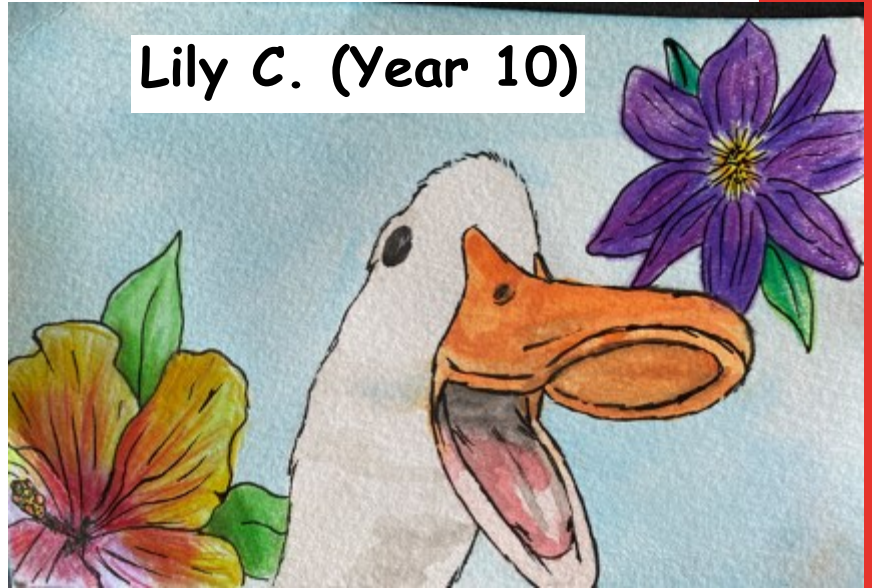


Here are a selection of the entries received for the postcard competition. The staff and student were asked to vote for their favourite two. On the next page are the winning postcards. Well done to all who entered the competition.



And the Winners are...

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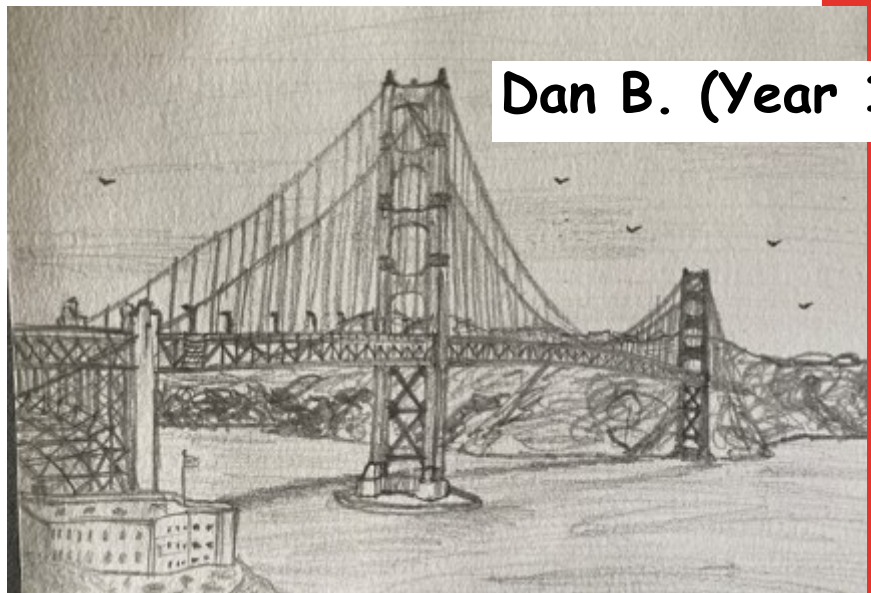
Lily C. (Year 10)



Brooke J. (Year 12)

2ND

3RD



Dan B. (Year 12)

School Games Gold Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award again for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We have had a lot of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, and we are extremely proud of their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce, and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

This is the second year in a row we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award, and we are hoping to continue this in 2024/2025 academic year.

Article by Mrs Harris

Geography Fieldwork



Year 12 went on their third and final Geography fieldwork to Redditch Town Centre on Wednesday 17th of July.

Students spent the morning, gathering data on a variety of factors that impact their local place as part of their Paper 2 Changing places Topic.

They asked people questions about their lived experience in the area; including areas such as, “How long have you lived here?”, “How has Redditch changed to you over time?” “How would you describe Redditch?”. This gave them a good insight into a variety of peoples lives, to be able to compare to their own.



They visited the town centre to complete a “Clone town survey”. Clone towns are highstreets which could look identical anywhere in the country; with large numbers of national shops that lack individual character. Students found that Redditch has a high chance of being a clone town due its high number of high street shops such as WHSmith, Primark and Boots.



Owen H., completed his coursework, which investigated whether Redditch is a clone town? Owen was able to complete a clone town survey, pedestrian count and environmental quality to look at how Redditch’s change in economic status had been affected due to more Highstreet changes.

After a day out in the town, we came back to school, to collect our data, create graphs and conclusions and deepen our understanding of the content we had learned in school over the past year.



Thank you to year 12 who have worked hard over three days of fieldwork, to get their coursework collection done. Be ready to write it up in September!

Article By Mrs Weynberg



Mindu Hornick : A Holocaust Survivor



Arrow Vale Secondary School was honoured to welcome Mindu Hornick, a Holocaust survivor, to speak to our Historians on Friday, 28th June. Her visit provided a unique and impactful learning experience for students, emphasizing the importance of understanding and remembering the Holocaust through firsthand testimony.

Mindu Hornick shared her harrowing experiences as a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau, one of the most notorious Nazi concentration and extermination camps. She recounted her journey from her childhood in Czechoslovakia, through the horrors of the Holocaust, to her eventual liberation and life afterward. Her testimony brought to light the brutal realities of the Holocaust, including the loss of family, the struggle for survival, and the enduring impact of these experiences on her life.

Mindu Hornick's visit is part of Arrow Vale's commitment to Holocaust education, which is an essential component of the school's history curriculum. Learning about the Holocaust is crucial not only for understanding the past but also for recognizing the importance of tolerance and human rights today- by hearing directly from survivors like Mindu, our students gained a deeper, more personal connection to historical events that lessons, textbooks and the internet cannot provide, helping to cultivate a sense of responsibility in students to stand against intolerance and injustice in all forms.

The school remains dedicated to continuing this vital work, ensuring that students not only learn about the past but also understand its relevance to their lives today- which can also be seen in units such as 'Riots & Unrest' in Y9, the 'Cold War' at GCSE and the 'British Empire' at A-Level, all of which have huge modern relevance to understanding modern society. The visit by Mindu Hornick is a testament to the power of education in shaping informed, compassionate, and socially responsible individuals.

Article by Mr Moy



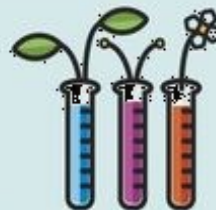
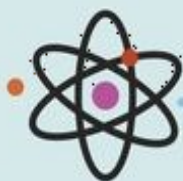
Scientific Thinking Challenge



This term 93 Year 10 students took part in the National Scientific Thinking Challenge which was created by the Universities of Warwick, Southampton, Bristol, Newcastle, Manchester and Oxford to make students think hard scientifically and show how inclusive Science can be. We had an amazing set of results, all 93 students did us proud and we even achieved two golds (top 10% nationally), a silver (top 25% nationally) and 6 bronzes (top 40% nationally). Thousands of students took part across the country so to achieve these results is beyond phenomenal! Well done to all who took part!



- Gold winners – Bartosz K, Izaak C
- Silver Winner – James C
- Bronze winners – Tristan J-H, Archie C, Ching Yu K, Sandra C, Priscila B-G, Jessica B



Article by Mrs Lal



Athletics Competition

Triumph at the Central Region Schools Trust Athletics Competition

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding success of our school's athletes at the recent Central Region Schools Trust Athletics Competition. Our students demonstrated exceptional talent, determination, and sportsmanship, bringing home a remarkable collection of medals.

Leading the victories, we secured an impressive number of gold medals in several events:

- Girls 100m - Rainee
- Girls 800m - Maddie
- Girls 200m - Isla
- Girls Shot Putt - Poppy
- Boys Javelin - Tamas
- Boys High Jump - Jayden

In addition to these gold medals, our team also earned a variety of silver and bronze medals across other events, further highlighting the depth of talent and hard work of our athletes.

These accomplishments contributed to our school placing second overall out of the six schools that attended the competition. This impressive result reflects the dedication and relentless hard work of our students and teachers. We are immensely proud of their achievements and the spirit of excellence they embody. Congratulations to all our athletes for their stellar performances and for bringing glory to our school! Let's continue to support and celebrate their efforts as they strive for even greater heights.

Go team!



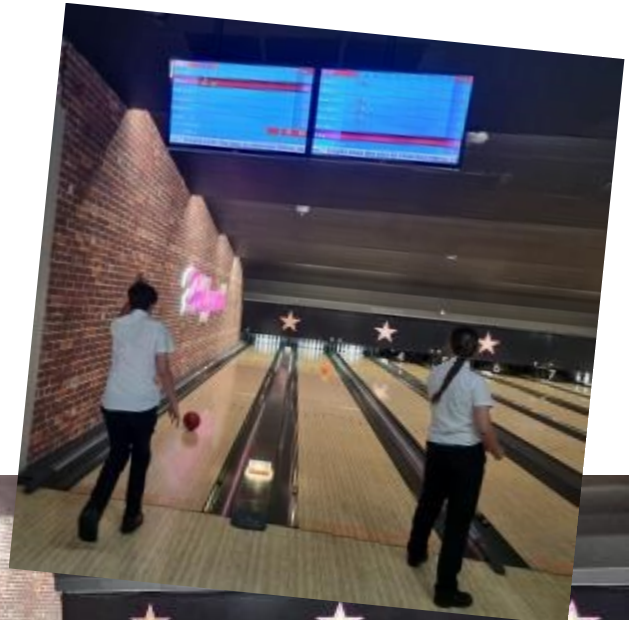
Article by Mr Breeze

Reward Trip



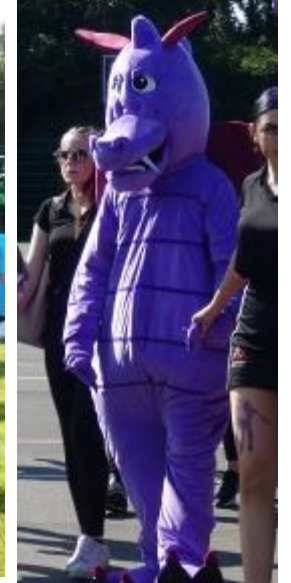
On Monday the 8th of July we took lucky winners to Hollywood bowl for an attendance reward. There were 84 eligible students in year 9 and 98 in year 10. The students were selected using the random wheel and the lucky ones had a great time. There was high levels of competition and a couple of strong performances in year 9 and year 10. Ava S. was the top performing year 9 with Ryan K. coming out on top in year 10.

We are really privileged to have so many students eligible for this trip and hope to continue reward the outstanding achievements of our students at Arrow Vale.



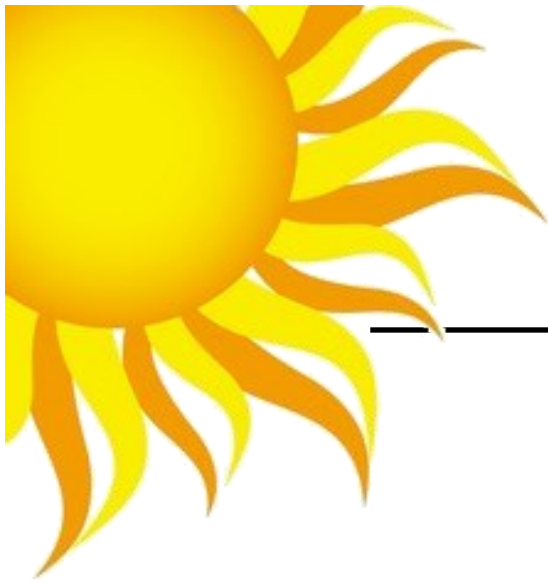
Article by Mr Ballantine

SPORTS FEST 2024





A huge THANK YOU to our super hardworking PE Department for putting on a fantastic day of events!



AV's Summer Show Case

The Performing Arts Department Summer Showcase was a highlight of the term, and featured a range of impressive performances including Dance, Drama and Music.

The event was completely organised by the 6th Form students and was also compared by a Year 12 student. The lights, sound, front of house and refreshments were also run by students, a real testament to their initiative, communication and collaboration skills.

Thank you to all of the students, carers, parents and staff that attended the evening.



Article by Mr Hunt



creative Art Showcase



Year 12 student wins local art competition!

Earlier in the year, I encouraged some of our GCSE and A-level art and photography students to enter the Young Creators 'Capturing Creativity' competition which is organised by Creative Arts Showcase in Bromsgrove. I was thrilled to hear that Brooke Jordan has won first place in the 16-18 year old category which will have had lots of strong entries! Brooke is a talented artist and photographer, and it's lovely to see her work being recognised. There will be an exhibition and awards ceremony in October where her work will be displayed and Brooke will be invited to receive her prize. Well done!

I hope to see even more students entering next year!

The Judge said: "I particularly love the piece with the young woman in a dress. The pinks and greens are quite mystical, like she's captured a real-life fairy!"

Article by Mrs Crawford

Geography Students Visit the Beach

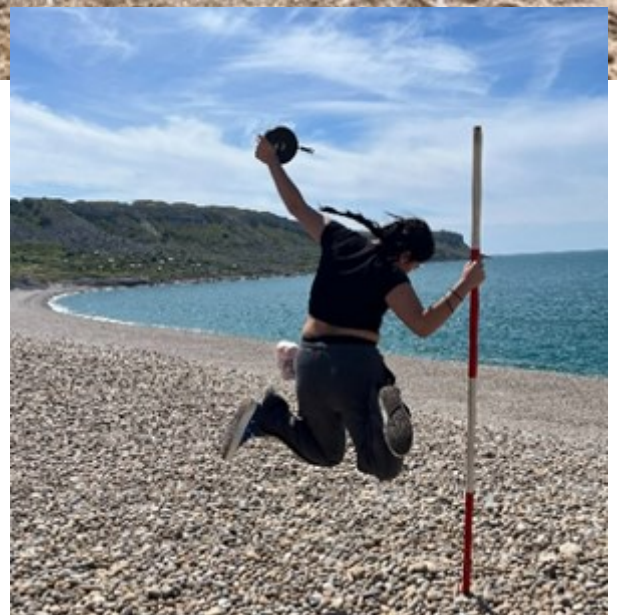


Whilst the students of Arrow Vale slept in their beds on Thursday 11th July 2024, 12 Year 13 students made their way at 6.30am to Chesil Beach, Dorset.

The Year 13 students went to study an area of the famous Jurassic coastline in Dorset. Chesil beach, an 18 miles long beach, is the longest beach in England. This beach is famous because in its role as the longest beach in England, is it able to connect an island to the British Isles, this is a Tombola.

Whilst there in the basking 20^oC heat, Redditch was a cloudy dull 17^oC, we went to understand how the beach was formed, shaped and fed to create the famous landscape. Some students investigated whether the coastal landscapes affected the beach formation, others wanted to see if longshore drift was a factor and some wanted to see how the beach and the sediment size changes along the beach.

We went to three different locations Portland,



Abbotsbury and finally to Hive Beach. At each location the beach changed, whether it was its height, width, the sediment size of the wave type, the beach was different.

After a hard day of investigation, work, ice-cream, sun and sand we made our way back to Arrow Vale and arrived at 8pm.

A lovely day had by all!

Article by Mrs. Mistry

AV Travel to Switzerland

Delving deep into the prevalent culture, sightseeing and realms of physics and scientific discovery, us students and teachers departed towards Geneva Switzerland, home to the Large Hadron Collider, where we embarked on an informative journey to witness the Swiss Plasma Centre, a vicinity to advance understanding of the physics of plasmas and to develop fusion as an energy source and to CERN, where the understanding of the universe could be expanded and advance the boundaries of human knowledge.

Our departure began promptly at 8:30AM as students congregated at Arrow Vale to board the awaiting minibus. As we touched down at Geneva Airport at 3:15PM, our day consisted of sightseeing, unpacking, dining and getting rest at the hotel.

On day 2, we adventured towards the Swiss Plasma Center. At the Centre, we were split into two groups and given tours of the centre. There was a one to one model of the TCV Tokamak that the tour guide and PHD student used to explain to us how they work the machine to allow them carry out their experiments. A TCV Tokamak is a device they use to investigate the shape of plasma by using strong magnetic fields. One of the groups were able to watch a live demonstration of the TCV Tokamak inaction. The whole demonstration only lasted a few seconds but it was extremely interesting to see the plasma be manipulated in the device. After boarding the scenic train ride to and from Lausanne, we observed flamingos when visiting parks and taking in the gorgeous views of Lake Geneva and mountains. When it was all over, we strolled around the streets of Switzerland and had a filling meal at Edelweiss Restaurant for our cheeky cheese fondue.

At CERN, we firstly explored the exhibitions. These included a space section which had a place to design your own star. You could them eject it onto a screen and then watch it go through its life cycle. There was also an area dedicated to the quantum universe. A section of it was called Quantum Karaoke where we could speak or sing into a microphone and then we could certain parts of our voices. There was also a guided tour to explore quantum effects and it looked at quantum entanglement. After we

looked through the exhibitions, we were given a guided tour of some parts of CERN. This included briefly entering France to visit some parts of the Large Hadron Collider. Overall, our trip to CERN was an extremely interesting and unique experience.

Following our final hotel breakfast, a quest for souvenirs for our loved ones began as we were left to explore the plethora of tourist shops, stores, cafes and bakeries. With our packed lunches in hand, we journeyed back via the trolleybus to Geneva Airport, cherishing the memories of our enriching experience. As the final day of our journey drew near, we bid Geneva farewell, feeling satisfied in the knowledge we obtained and the memories we gained.

Article by Anjali C (Year 12)





Arrow Vale would like to thank the Ogden Trust for it's contribution towards the trip to help inspire our students to careers in STEM.





Boys PE News!

Athletics

The country championships were held at Stourport athletics club this Saturday. We had 4 exceptional athletes turn up to represent us. They all did fantastically well with Lewis winning 100m and coming 3rd in 200m and Isla who finished 3rd in 300m. Shout out to Hayden and Billy who did brilliantly in their heats up against some club athletes



AV v Waseley

AV lost 4-3 to Waseley in a very good and well contested game. AV went 2-0 up and were pegged back by 2 fantastic long range Waseley strikes. The game then became a battle of wills and at 3-3 Waseley managed to find a winner which looked to everyone but the linesman as offside. Thanks to Waseley for coming and we look forward to the rematch next year.

The second game in a double header was the basketball game, Waseley bringing a very competitive side and dominating our less experienced basketball team. They came out strong winners but with a rematch arranged for next academic year it'll be AV's time for the comeback.



Y11 X band v Y band

A game organised by the Year 11's themselves as their showpiece to finish their journey at AV. A hugely competitive game full of grit determination and flair which summarised them as a year group. The game finished 3-3 and was decided by penalties. A huge well done to the boys and a massive, good luck from the PE department for the future.



Softball a massive hit in PE

The boys have really taken to softball this past term and have brought into the spirit and competitiveness of the game. There have been some outstanding PE lessons full of tight calls, close decisions and a few dodgy umpiring decisions from our non doers. This has been a glowing success throughout Y9 and Y10.

Y9 v Y10

A charity game organised by Billi Baker to raise funds for the youth centre. This was a brilliant game played in a good competitive nature. Y9 came out 5-3



AV Students Fundraise for Cancer Research



On Saturday 15th June, two Arrow Vale students completed a challenging long distance run to raise money for Cancer Research.

Billi B. (Year 10) and Ajay B. (Year 9) ran a demanding route from Upton upon Severn to Worcester, covering an impressive total of 14 miles. Supported by friends, family, and some staff members, the two boys showed great determination throughout the run, even when things felt tough.

After training incredibly hard and organising fundraisers, Billi and Ajay managed to raise over

£350 for the amazing charity which helped to support some special people close to them. Both boys took great pride in completing their challenge, saying how doing it for their family and others gave them the extra determination.

Well done, both!

Article by Mrs Hinchcliffe



CANCER RESEARCH UK



CRST Key Stage 3 Maths Challenge

40 year 8s and 9s from schools across our trust participated in a team maths challenge at Arrow Vale on 15th July.

Students were chosen for this enrichment opportunity because of their determination and resilience in maths and it was a privilege to see them work as a team with students they had never met before to solve highly challenging problems.

During the day the students also learnt about the history of significant mathematicians and the impact of their work. Congratulations to Team Pythagoras who were the strong winners, and the joint runners up, teams Turing and Pascal, who went head-to-head in a tense tie-breaker round. The enthusiasm in the room was palpable and every student made their school proud.

Article by Mrs Ottey



Geography Students Investigate Regeneration

Year 10 have had exciting days out as part of their Geography fieldwork to investigate various Geographic concepts in two different locations.

On Monday 1st July 10D went to Birmingham to investigate regeneration in 3 different sites. They started at Centenary Square, to look at pedestrian count and ask people questions on the opportunities in the area. They represented the school fantastically asking locals in Centenary Square, questions including “What would you rate the shops?” “Where have you travelled from?” and “Why are you visiting?”. This will give them a good insight into the opportunities that the new library and businesses in the area have provided.

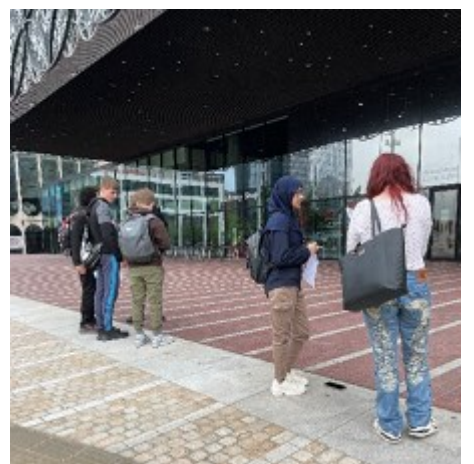
On Wednesday 3rd July 10F made the trip and the weather was really against us; they repeated the same activities, and at New St Station, struggled to get people to talk to them due to the rain; but their enthusiasm had them stood counting people walking past, drawing sketches and completing environmental quality surveys despite the downpour.

Tuesday 9th July saw the turn of 10E with Mrs Mistry and Mr Jennings. As with the other groups they went to Birmingham in the morning; and then travelled to Arrow Valley Lake in the afternoon. They were investigating Biodiversity away from the footpath. Thank you to the science department for loaning their quadrats, we were able to measure away from the footpath and estimate the range of different plants in a 1-meter square area. The plants were not the only thing entertaining the students, with many of them trying to pet the ducks and dodge the swans!

Last, but by no means least, on Monday 15th July; 10G were the final group to complete the trip. Well prepped by Mrs Weynberg they were able to complete their human work in Birmingham successfully, with some beautiful sketches and evaluate the flaws in their research. At Arrow Valley Lake they were able to conclude that Biodiversity did change away from the footpath and agree that coming in summer made a difference to their data.

The year 10 students were fantastic and represented the school brilliantly with some good Geography on show. Thank you to the minibus drivers; dinner ladies; Mrs Dolan; Miss Lune; Miss Clarke; Mr Jennings and Mrs Mistry for supporting each day and providing the students with another fantastic opportunity.

The Geography Department



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Term Dates: Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd and 3rd September	Staff Learning Days (School closed to students)
Wednesday 4th September	Term starts for Years 9 and 12s only
Thursday 5th September	Term Starts for Years 10, 11 and 13
Friday 25th October	Staff Learning Day (School closed to students)
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term Holiday
Friday 22nd November	Staff Learning Date (school closed)
Friday 20th December	Term ends for Christmas



Exam Results Dates

A LEVELS:

Thursday 15th August

GCSE:

Thursday 22nd August

GOOD LUCK
WITH
YOUR EXAM
RESULTS
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**“Reading is a passport
to countless adventures”**










Reading Challenge

This reading challenge is based on the classic snakes and ladders board game.

You roll a dice then go to relevant square.

If you happen to land at the bottom of a ladder square then you go up to that square and complete that challenge but watch out if you land on a square with a snake's head then you have to go down to the square where the tail is and complete that challenge.

Electronic dice: [Full screen Dice! \(online-stopwatch.com\)](http://Full screen Dice! (online-stopwatch.com))

20 Well done for reaching the end now relax and do some more reading!	19 Draw a new front cover of a favourite book	18 Read an article from a newspaper or magazine	17 Read the instructions to a board game	16 
11 Read a book outside	12 	13 	14 Try some baking using and reading a recipe	15 Read Arrow news
10 	9 Read a Poem	8 Try a different genre to what you normally read	7 	6 Read a chapter of a book at the same time every day for a week
1 Start 	2 Write a letter to a author saying how much you enjoyed their book	3 Write a book review	4 Enjoy the outdoors whilst reading	5 

Safeguarding at Arrow Vale



As the academic year comes to an end, and we take time to reflect on the year, which has come with many challenges not just for staff but for students and families alike, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contribution to safeguarding some of our most vulnerable students and families. We would like to thank the families who have worked closely with school and other services in ensuring our vulnerable students are kept safe.

At Arrow Vale we have conducted assemblies with the year groups on the following safeguarding issues:

- ⇒ Diversity: raising the awareness we are all different.
- ⇒ Year 9 had an introduction to Safeguarding at Arrow Vale.
- ⇒ Lockdown Procedures Drill
- ⇒ Student Voice feedback
- ⇒ Domestic Abuse and the impact this has on children & operation encompass.
- ⇒ Sextortion -a financially motivated sexual extortion – a type of online blackmail

Staff have also undergone training in safeguarding and have completed the annual safeguarding refresher training in September, completing Safeguarding Young People Level 2, Keeping Children Safe in Education Part 1 and Annexe B Questionnaires along with briefings on our most disadvantaged students, how we manage visitors to our school, our family support offer, briefing on the use of reasonable force, Sexual Harassment & Sexual Violence (Child-on-Child Abuse), Sextortion and an online safety briefing.

Staying safe in the community is imperative to all our students, and we urge you as parents to remind your children on the dangers of trespassing on railway lines and going into cold water especially at this time of year where the below surface temperature will be dangerous to anyone entering such waters. We remind parents and students that people should only swim in a swimming pool where there is a lifeguard on duty to help you or your child should you get into difficulty. By entering cold water, you put yourself and others lives at risk.

The water may look calm on the surface, but there may still be strong undercurrents that could pull even a strong swimmer under the water. The water may also feel relatively warm on the surface, but just a few feet below can be icy cold even in the hot weather and can very quickly cause severe cramp and hypothermia.






Parents and students, we would urge you to take some time to look at the rail safety video which lasts for only 15 minutes as this could save lives. We have provided the link below.

[Harrison's Story - Switched On!
\(switchedonrailsafety.co.uk\)](https://switchedonrailsafety.co.uk)

Safeguarding Young People

As a school we continue to work closely with external agencies to support the wellbeing of all our student, so you will see to the right hand side a few numbers for families and students to contact if they need any support or help over the holidays.

Finally, from the safeguarding team, we would like to say have a wonderful but safe summer break and we hope to see you all back safe and healthy in September.

	Designated Senior Member of Staff for Safeguarding Children: Mr S Crane, Vice Principal
	Senior Deputy Designated Member of Staff for Safeguarding Children: Mrs D Downes, Senior Deputy Safeguarding Lead
	Single Point of Contact for Extremism and Radicalisation and Deputy Designated Member of Staff for Safeguarding Children: Mrs F Stanley, Vice Principal
	Deputy Designated Member of Staff for Safeguarding Children: Mr N Lington, Assistant Principal
	Deputy Designated Member of Staff for Safeguarding Children: Mr T Bayley, Assistant Principal
	Deputy Designated Member of Staff for Safeguarding Children: Mr A Fortune, Year Team Lead
	Deputy Designated Member of Staff for Safeguarding Children: Mrs L Davies, Director of SEND
	Deputy Designated Member of Staff for Safeguarding Children: Mrs S Curtis, Intervention & Emotional Wellbeing Co-Ordinator

Meet the Safeguarding Team





Police **101** for non-emergency reporting of a crime

Police **999** for emergency reporting of a crime

NSPCC 
Cruelty to children must stop. **FULL STOP.**

Call NSPCC On 0806 800 5000
or email help@nspcc.org.uk

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Free, safe and anonymous
online support for young people



[Arrow Vale - Family Support
\(devwebsite.co.uk\)](https://devwebsite.co.uk)

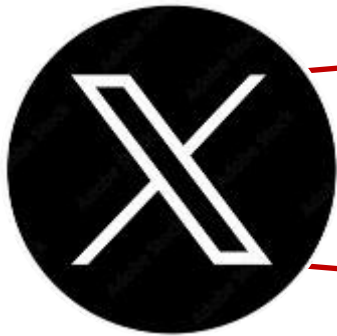
[Cost of Living Support - redditchbc.gov.uk](https://redditchbc.gov.uk)

We love to celebrate our school news, so join the Arrow Vale family on social media!

If your son or daughter has experienced any success out of school, we'd love to hear about it!

If you would like to share any news with us so that we might celebrate it via the school website, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and other publications, please email your 'articles' to (office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk), photographs are also very welcome.

Why not Follow us and keep up to date on all Arrow Vale News!



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