

The Weekly Wrap

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Special points of interest:

- A Wonderful Start to the Year
- New and different procedures
- Microsoft Teams

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A Wonderful Start to the Year

Wow. What a fabulous start to the year. With the long summer days becoming a distant memory, it's hard to believe that the first few weeks of term have already zipped by. I have been delighted at how well the students have adapted to the new ways of working. Staggered starts and break times, different classrooms and one-way systems are just part of the new arrangements that our students have faced. They have also adapted to the new, additional local restrictions and the compulsory use of face masks in their stride. This is particularly true for our new Year 7 students who didn't get to experience the 'normal' face-to-face induction opportunities to get to know the school before the start of term. They have made a great first impression and have really demonstrated great pride in their new school. We very much hope that the nerves of getting lost and finding their way around are well and truly behind them as they embrace all that Park Hall has to offer.

It is also lovely to welcome back so many of our ex-Yr11 students into our Sixth Form, making it the most popular year ever. I am confident they too will embrace the new academic challenge ahead of them. Whatever year group your child is in we will continue to develop the learning practices we developed during 'lockdown' and Microsoft Teams will continue to play a huge part in our work to ensure that learning is not disrupted whatever happens. I strongly encourage all parents and carers to take some time to have a look at what your child is doing to make sure they are engaging with this crucial work.

I am sure that we will continue to face ongoing challenges and possible disruption in the coming months, brought about by the global pandemic we are facing, but the last six months has proved we can weather any storm together. I am uniquely proud of our students, staff and parent/carers. Thank you for your support and dedication in making that happen.

Dr Close,
Associate Headteacher

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Microsoft Teams is our online learning platform for both in lessons and at home. Over the summer, staff have worked hard to set up class groups for each student. Homework will be set this year using Microsoft Teams for each subject and it will also be the main platform for marking and feedback.

If a student is not in school for any reason, they can access lesson resources and materials by logging on to Microsoft Teams and messaging their teacher, or by going to the “files” and “assignments” sections of their class pages.

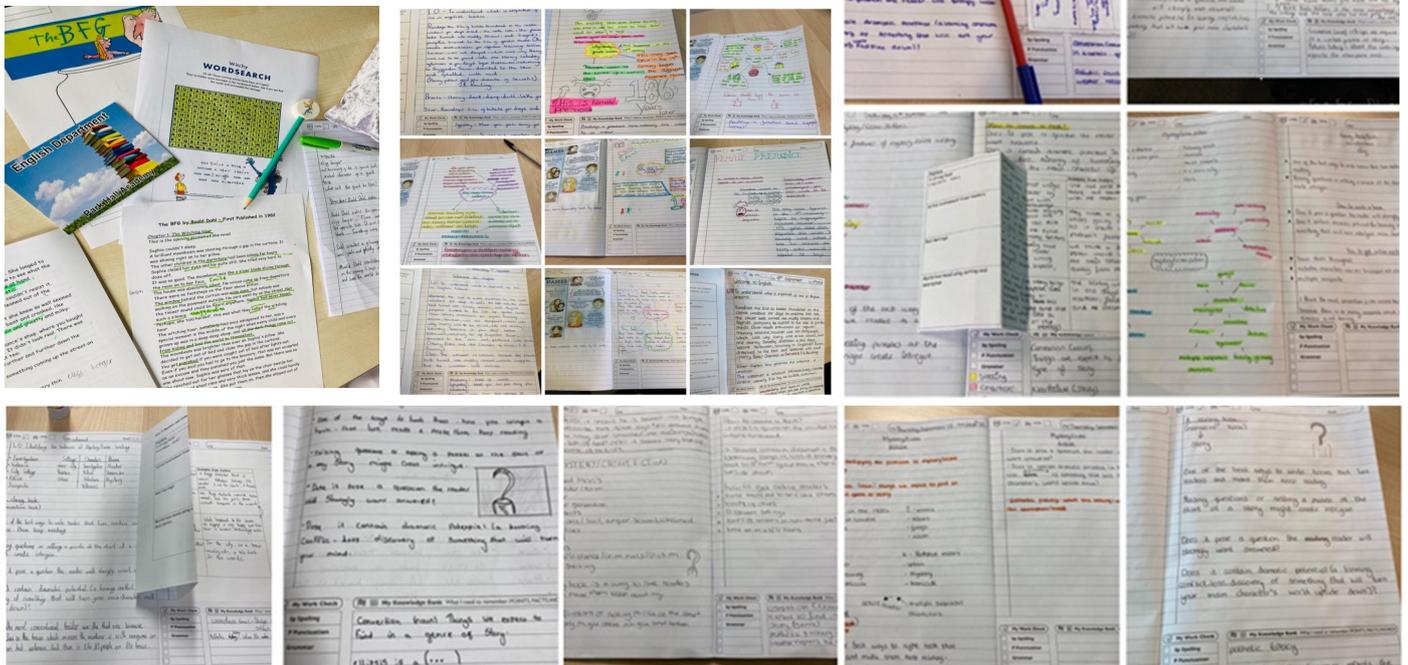
Teams was used very successfully last term with over 6000 hours of live lessons being conducted by staff. Microsoft Teams is available for free on mobile devices and also on PC or laptop. It can be accessed by students entering their Park Hall email address and password.

I am pleased to report that all students have successfully been using the platform since the start of term and I would encourage parents to look through the class pages with their son/daughter and look at the resources that are available and the work that is being set. **Mr Rowland**



Each week, we will recognise our students for the fantastic work that they have done. Take a look through our very own ‘Wall of Fame’...

What a fantastic start in **English** lessons this year. Students have already created such fantastic pieces of work. Here are just a few examples from students books this year.



Miss Keyte wants to recognise **Maths SUPERSTAR** Students in **7SI** for reaching all aspects of **PRIDE**:

- Jim Clough
- Cerys Davies
- Tarra Matthews
- Jack Hyland
- Zain Amin
- Eva Partlett
- Chloe Delaney

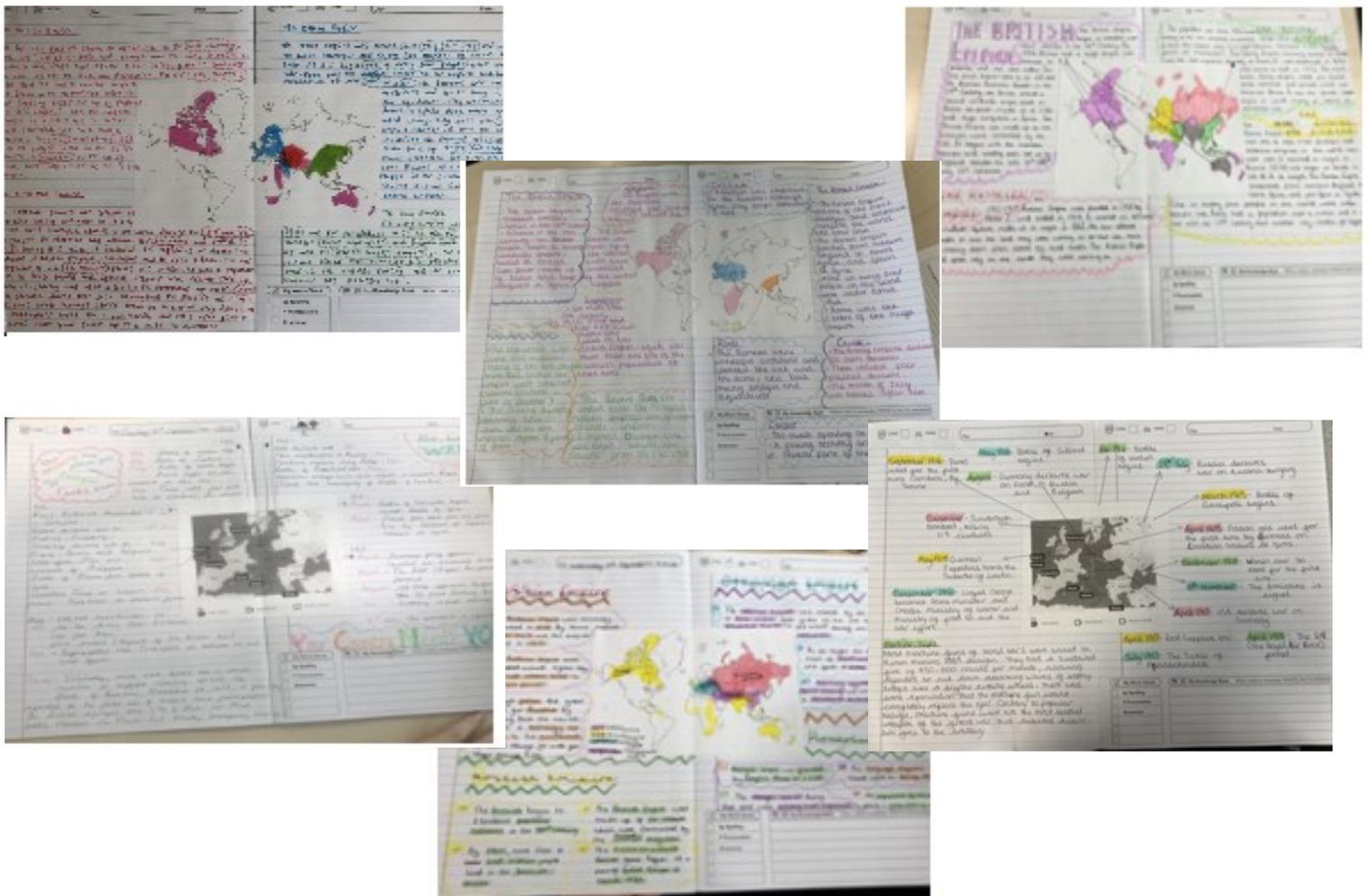
Miss Dodd is impressed with **English** classes **7J2** and **7B2** who have made an amazing start to English this year!

Miss Bartlett is impressed with **Year 11 Child Development** and **Year 11 Health & Social Care**, who have settled well, and have made a positive start to their exam units.

A special mention to **Year 11 NCFE** students have had a fantastic start to the course. They have been focused, hardworking and determined – we know that they are going to do really well.

Mrs Churchill

Years 7, 8 and 9 have had a fantastic start to the year in **History**. In ACI Year 7 will be learning about how the Norman invasion of England in 1066 impacted England, Year 8 are learning about the beginnings of the British Empire, and Year 9 are learning about the First World War and the impact it had on Britain. The pupils have been producing context pages about the period of time they will be learning about. These have been very good indeed, and we are very proud of how the pupils have worked so far. What fantastic examples from **8SI**, **9SI** and **9S2**!





A few messages from Mrs Cullum-Kenyon



A big welcome back to our Year 13 BTEC in Performing Arts students!

This week are back in a practical space being directed by Mrs Cullum-Kenyon in preparation for the up and coming performance of 'Hamlet' on 20th November 2020.

More details to follow...

This week Mrs Cullum-Kenyon would like to thank **8B1** and **8J2** who have been an absolute delight to teach. We have been exploring dance through time and this week was The Charleston. Head of Year Mr Williams popped in on both occasions and said '*It is great to see every single student participate, they all look so happy and are clearly having fun!*'



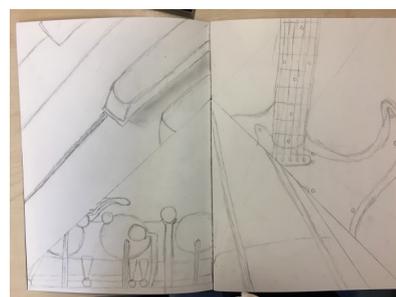
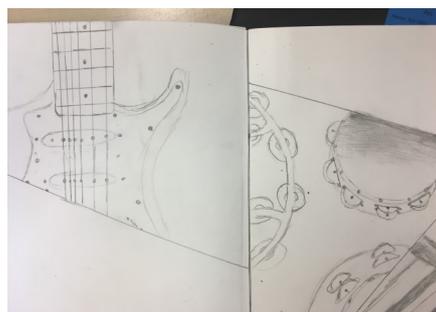
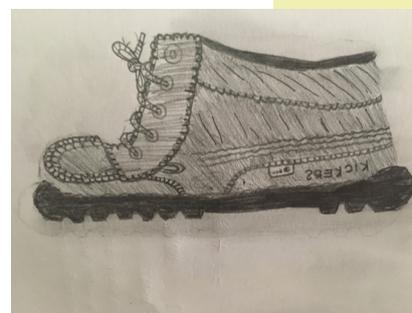
Mrs Thompson would like to recognise **7A1** and **7B1** who have made a positive start to the year with their fantastic 3D Shoe sketches! As well as, **8B1** who have really impressed me with their cubist inspired tonal drawing skills. And finally, **9J2** who have produced some amazing mechanical observational studies.

Miss Dodd would like to mention **7S2** Budding artists: Harrison Brotherson and Leshaye Lee; **8A2** Budding artists Sky Giffin and Jordell Brennan. **Well done!**

It is great to see every single student participate, they all look so happy and are clearly having fun!

Miss Keyte has been especially impressed with **8S1** who have made a fantastic start Drama in showing off their Silent Movie skills! As well as **7S2** who have wowed me in their first lesson at their enthusiasm and prior knowledge in Performing Arts/Drama. Special credit goes to **Year 12 Performing Arts** have worked incredibly hard on their Baseline assessment, creating a piece called 'Aftermath'

Just a selection of some of the fantastic work in Art...



Well done to Harrison Brotherson (7S2), Leshaye Lee (7S2) Jordell Brennan (8A2) and Sky Grriffin (8A2)

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