

# The Bi-Weekly Wrap

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- Review of Hamlet
- The next Million Club Student
- Pen Pals in France

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# The Show Must Go On

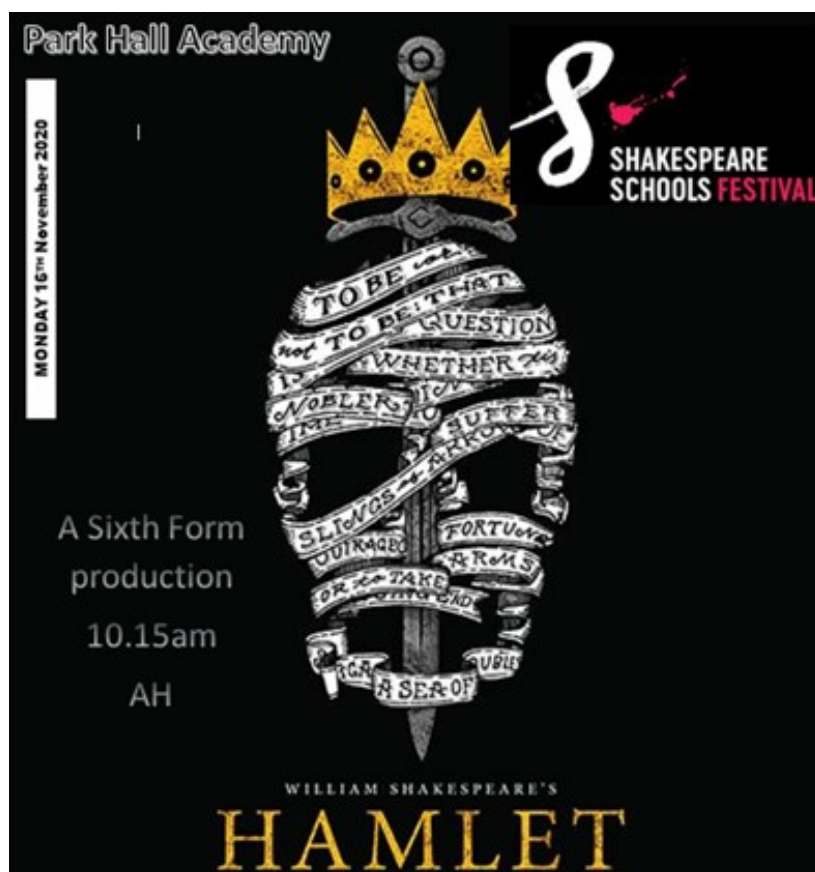
## Park Hall Delivers a 5 Star Performance

In the last edition of the Bi-Weekly Wrap, you would have seen the fantastic work of our Sixth Form Performing Arts Students, who despite the odds of the restrictions in place, managed to perform for the Shakespeare Schools Festival.

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## “THE REST IS SILENCE”

### PARK HALL ACADEMY DELIVERS FIVE STAR PERFORMANCE

Hamlet

Park Hall Academy

20th November 2020

appraised by Jessica Moffat



I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Park Hall Academy for your exceptional production of Hamlet as part of the 2020 Shakespeare Schools Festival, One Night of Shakespeare. Against all odds you have shown the world that theatre can be created in the darkest of times, demonstrating the best of yourselves. It was a wonderful performance, and I'd like to highlight a few aspects that really stood out.

I loved the opening of this performance which was intense, full of drama and confidently delivered by the talented cast.

The performers condensed the story into a short, well-choreographed movement sequence that depicted the drama, conflict and death in this play. They highlighted key moments in the play that introduced the characters to the audience. It was a clever way to foreshadow their fate and build suspense for the audience right from the outset.

Movement sequences were scattered throughout this performance and proved that this cast are imaginative, and creative storytellers. In these moments the cast brought their characters to life through their body language and facial expressions, depicting the intense emotions and fraught relationships of the characters perfectly. They made bold decisions and performed with confidence and poise.

I loved the contemporary music that provided the soundtrack to this play. The use of song gave a really fresh take on this old tale and brought the themes and story into the twenty first century.

Every actor performed to a very high standard, and handled the complex emotions of these characters with real professionalism. I was completely absorbed and intrigued by these characters throughout. The cast had an excellent grasp of Shakespeare's language and their thorough understanding of the play completely shone through in their full performances.

This was a brave, bold and daring adaptation of Hamlet told by professional and fearless cast.

I am in awe of your boundless creativity, talent and determination.

This was the year for experimentation and you rose to the challenge of performing Shakespeare for the camera with bravery, resilience and ingenuity. This demonstrates a great deal of maturity as actors, and innovation as theatre makers. I know you will look back on 2020 with a great deal of pride at what you have achieved especially in light of the challenges you have faced. You all deserve a round of applause and standing ovation!

“This was a brave, bold and daring Hamlet”



**E**ach week, we will recognise our students for the fantastic work that they have done. Take a look through our very own 'Wall of Fame'...



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**rs Wakefield** would like to say a **BIG** well done to **Year 11**, who have had an amazing start to their Mock Exams. With it being

## ACCELERATED READER

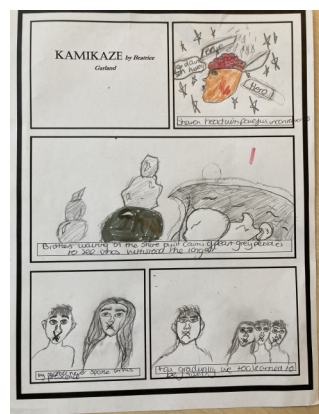
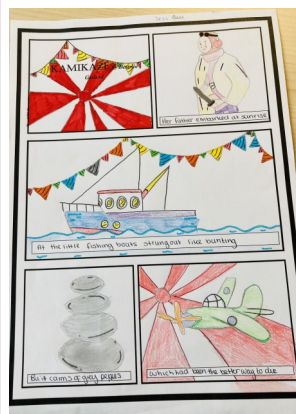
### The MILLIONAIRES Club

Some fantastic news - we have another Year 7 student joining the Millionaires Club! A huge well done to **Jayden Hussain** from 7B1, who will be joining Joshua Harrison and Maddie Standley who have read **1 MILLION WORDS** on Accelerated Reader!

Absolutely Fantastic Jayden! Well done.

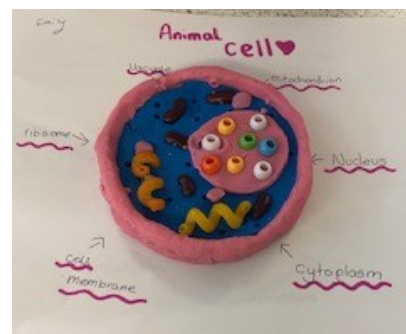


What fantastic storyboards from **9B1's Jess Bell, Keeley Harrison and Jacob Brown**. So Proud! **Mrs Kirkbride**



A special mention to **Sarah Watson** who won the **Get Caught Reading** in Lockdown Prize. Sarah won a Kindle for this fab picture of her reading. Well done Sarah!





## Models in Science

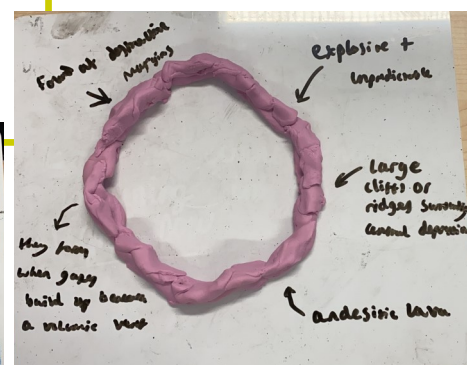
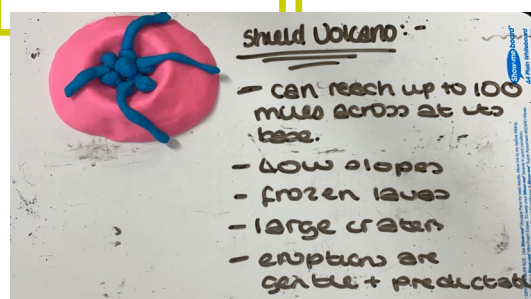
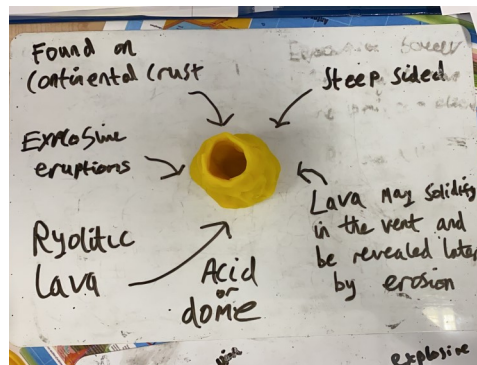
Here are just **some** of the amazing models Year 7 and Year 8 have been creating. We have not picked the winners out yet, but Miss Kendall wanted to shout out the following students:

### Year 7

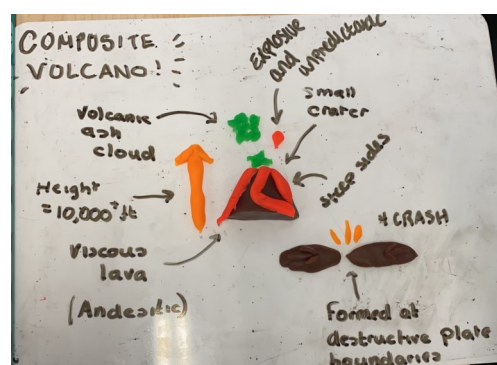
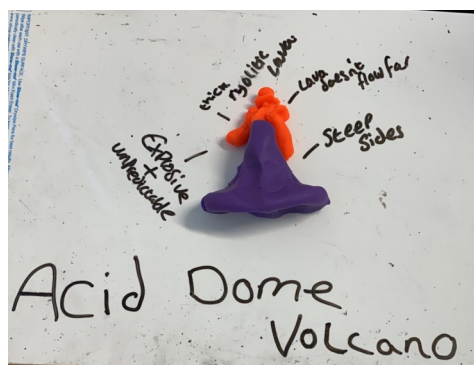
Olivia Arnold  
Alfie Briscoe  
Aston Campbell  
Ella Caldicott  
Emily Crighton-Bell  
Keon Hamilton  
Jack Kerteston  
Connie Langley  
Lauren Marriott  
Rosie Moore  
Seth Nadin-Tozer

### Year 8

Adam Ahmed  
Georgia Dee  
Kacie-Anais Moore  
Georgia Pike  
Jumaimah Sadiq  
Aaliyah Sherman  
Tara Thompson



**Mr Hughes** is super happy with the models of the different types of volcano from the **Year 12 Geographers**.





Year 9 have been studying a thematic unit on Identity, in which they started to look at some of the poems from the **AQA Power and Conflict Poetry** cluster.

9J1 were asked to produce a collage based on their own identity, as well as producing a poem on the theme of identity, after reading Maya Angelou's poem 'And Still I Rise'. They have made a fantastic start to the unit.

*I might not meet society's beauty standards, but my beauty is effortless within,  
Told to change the way I look, too skinny, too fat, too thin  
Underappreciated for who I am, not just a female, not just a black female  
but a young woman with a story.  
My culture is celebrated when it is in all its glory, but no one cares to hear  
the history.  
Chains of stereotypes try to break me. Keep me where they think I should  
be  
But I refuse.  
As I break free, they all question "Who is she?"  
I am not the picture or vision they thought they could make me.  
I am my hopes and dreams.  
Whether that is me alone or with a team.  
Born from a family of strong queens, many people offended or intimidated  
by our femininity.  
They will try to label me, keep me in a box  
But I refuse.  
No matter what, I will rise to the top.  
Born in Britain, but my roots travel back to Jamaica.  
This a poem which briefly tells millions of people's story.  
This just the start for me and who knows what my future may be...  
All I know that this is just a part of my identity.*

### Tiana Ashwood, 9J1 Identity Poem

### Dylan Faultess-Hodgson



### Rachel Wallbank

Golden rays of sunlight beamed through the murky window as I lent my elbow upon the ledge, which had years of mould plastered over it like canvas. I looked out the window expecting to find lush vegetation densely packed on the ground below, flowers of bright colours stretching from ear to ear; I couldn't of been more wrong. The bare branches spiked into the sky - no sign of life to be found anywhere. Darkness claimed the stretch of land before me, what was right in front of you could barely be seen. There were only small sounds of rustling branches and the howl of the wind.

CLACK! CLACK! CLACK! The castle should be empty but echoing down the concrete walls were footstep bouncing across the cobblestone floor. Each step rings out like a church bell on a quiet Sunday morning. That's when I saw him, the Count himself.

He was nothing like the story-book vampire: pale, with overgrown canines and a dishevelled mane. From the moment I saw him I was automatically drawn to his eyes. Empty. They were full of darkness, anger and pain. They say a person's eyes can say a lot about a person but this man's eyes hid a story. Though, it was of them behind a cold exterior. It was as if they were dead inside, emotionless. My heart full of trepidation I finally plucked up the courage to let my eyes wonder over the man - if you could even call him that. Standing before me this man had a thin face yet was handsomely handsome. His bone structure was symmetrical, cheekbones high and prominent, facial hair trailed down his jawline, which was sharper than a knife. Framing his face like a halo. The contrast between his silky black hair messily arranged on his forehead and his pale skin was undeniable. It reminded me of the moon in the night sky. Blood that would of trickled over his face and clung to his overgrown yellow fingernails. The tuxedo that clung to his perfectly toned body brought

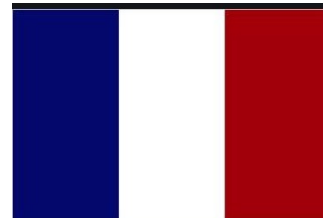
something out of him a self respecting pride and confidence that had been wishing to surface for so long. Seconds felt like an eternity ago with a blink of an eye he was gone.

In Unit One Year 9 were studying Detective/Mystery Fiction.

This is an example of Lacey-May Harris' (9J1) descriptive writing. This was awarded a grade 6 by the English Department.



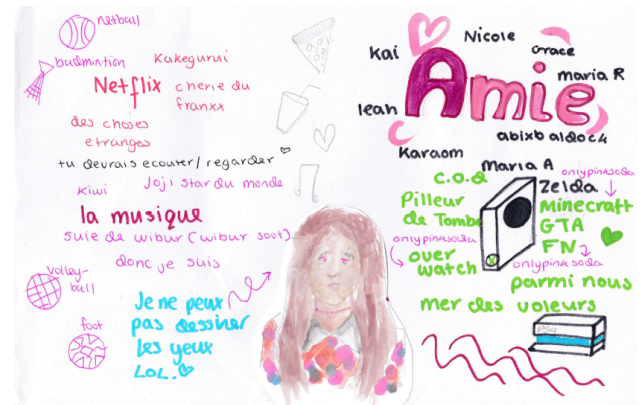
# French Pen Pals



8a1 French and Year 10 French are writing to a French school in Gérardmer near

Year 8 have sent them 'French' Christmas cards and I have received an email from the teacher in France that she has posted her year 8 class's letters back and we should receive them soon.

8A1 are so excited about this and keep asking when they're going to receive the French school's letters.



Year 10 are writing pen-pal letters to their equivalents in France. With our Year 10 writing in French and the French students write in English. It is quite sweet, but they also can see each other's level and errors in the language.

BONJOUR CLÉO!

Je m'appelle Nathan. Je suis 14 ans. J'aime Xbox et survie jeu. J'ai deux tortue marine et deux gerbille. Père a un Marin et aquarium et aquarium. Aussi j'aime un chien. J'ai brun cheveux. Je suis dans les animé. J'aime WWII et pays histoire. Je étudie Science et Français et histoire.

BONJOUR

Je m'appelle Amie et j'ai 14 ans, mon anniversaire est le 8 avril 2005. J'ai deux sœurs aînées (d'un père différent) et une sœur cadette. J'ai aussi une petite sœur de mon père et de ma belle-mère. J'adore Disney et Harry Potter. Mon animal préféré est un chien. J'ai adoré votre lettre et j'espère avoir de vos nouvelles bientôt. Je sais que cette lettre a l'air petite mais c'est parce que j'ai une petite écriture manuscrite. J'ai presque oublié que j'adore aussi les films de high school musical. Au revoir!

BONJOUR!

J'aime jouer à des jeux en ligne avec mes amis. Aussi, j'adore jouer au football avec mes famille et mes amis le weekend. Mon rêve est d'obtenir un bon emploi et d'aller en vacances fantastiques avec mes amis.

J'aime jouer du sport dans mon temps libre et sortir avec mes famille. Surtout les vacances!!

Bonjour !

Je m'appelle Millie, j'ai quatorze ans. J'habite à Birmingham et j'adore à l'anglais et je vais à l'école à Park Hall Academy. Je suis assez drôle et sympa. J'ai deux chiens et deux sœurs et un frère. J'adore manger le nandos, mcdonalds. J'adore aussi du shopping et passer du temps avec mes amis. Je voudrais vraiment voyager à New York. J'adore le film 'The Hunger Games' et c'est très très bon. J'adore 'Apex' sur Netflix, c'est le meilleur jeu.

J'ai de longs cheveux blonds et je m'appelle Millie. Tu bientôt ? - Millie

ma chien Birmingham moi

French Dylan D-L

Bonjour. Je m'appelle Dylan. J'ai quatorze ans. J'ai les yeux bleus et les cheveux bruns. Je mesure six pieds. J'ai un frère, mon père et un frère. Mon passe-temps principal est de jouer aux jeux vidéo car je les trouve passionnants et je peux parler à mes amis. J'ai un ordinateur sur lequel je joue à des jeux et j'ai plusieurs jeux avec un clavier et une souris. Chacun pour le cas on l'on se casse. J'ai aussi six moniteurs car cela m'aide à jouer et me permet de faire plusieurs choses à la fois. Certains de mes autres passe-temps incluent regarder la sport comme le football, regarder la télé pour regarder les séries, lire, etc. Une fois, j'essaie de faire du sport et en essayant.

Bonjour

Je m'appelle Rachel. J'ai quatorze ans et mon anniversaire le 4 novembre. Ma série préférée est 'Kakegurui' sur Netflix. J'aime jouer 'Among Us' avec mes amis. Je passe beaucoup de temps sur TikTok. J'ai eu un lapin. J'adore danser surtout le freestyle. Je suis tranquille et timide au début.

Au revoir Rachel

Bonjour,

J'appelle Maria. Je suis 14 ans. mon anniversaire est 11 mars. J'ai deux frères. Shoaib et Zanoib. Shoaib est 13 ans et il anniversaire est 13 septembre. Zanoib est 7 ans et il anniversaire est 16 décembre. J'ai une chat. Elle n'a pas de nom. J'aime regarder Netflix et Disney+. J'aime écouter James Arthur, one direction et musique Bollywood. Ma chanson préférée est 'Train Wreck' par James Arthur et Rizzle Kicks. Mes amis sont très drôle et parfois stupide. Mon rêve est devenir astronome.

Au revoir Maria!

Bonjour,

J'appelle Ali. Je suis 15 ans. J'habite dans Birmingham. Mon anniversaire est 15 septembre. J'ai un frère, il s'appelle James, et un frère, elle s'appelle Emily. J'ai aussi un chat, elle s'appelle Aurora. J'aime à regarder Disney plus et écoute à musique. Ma chanson préférée est 'Samet to you'. Mes amis sont aussi très drôle et parfois stupide. Je deteste fish et crevette. Mon rêve est de voyager et être joueur. Merci de m'écrire.

Au revoir.

Bonjour Togh

Je m'appelle David. J'ai quatorze ans aussi. Mon anniversaire est 11 mars et mon chat est 'Bibi'. J'ai un frère, qui s'appelle Tim. J'habite en Birmingham. Je suis intelligent, poli, sympa mais je suis énergetique et bruyant. Mon loisir est de jouer aux jeux vidéo sur l'ordinateur. Mon jeu préféré est 'Dota 2' et 'Star Wars: Squadrons' parce que c'est fantastique et amusant. Mon école est très bonne. Je suis très intéressé par la photographie. Sur un 50 m, j'ai beaucoup à apprendre. Mais que si on a 11 ans, c'est peut-être un peu tôt pour commencer. Aide de mes amis, c'est peut-être un peu tôt.

Au revoir, David!

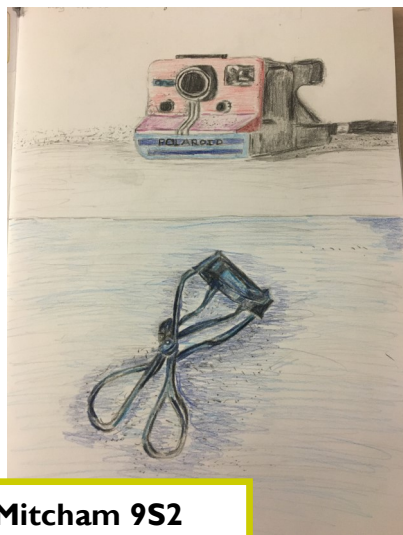
Bonjour, je m'appelle Jayce et je vis de Birmingham, en Angleterre, qui est la deuxième plus grande ville d'Angleterre. Maintenant, je vais parler de mes hobbies et de ce que j'aime. J'aime ma playlist, c'est juste ma vie et j'adore la FIFA. C'est mon jeu préféré, je suis aussi une équipe de football basée à Birmingham appelée Aston Villa qui est l'une des plus grandes équipes d'Angleterre et je deteste grand elle perd. J'ai un petit frère qui a 12 ans, j'ai 14 ans et j'ai les cheveux bruns, large mais courts. Cela a été incroyable de vous rencontrer. Nicolas et j'espère vous parler bientôt et aussi, je suis né le 14 janvier.

Bien à vous, Jayce





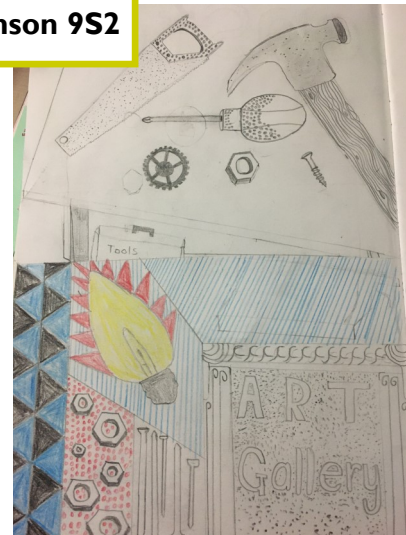
Miss Dodd is extremely impressed with some of the fantastic Art from



Holly Mitcham 9S2



Rowan McShane-Hicking 7B2



Charlotte Johnson 9S2



## Christmas Door

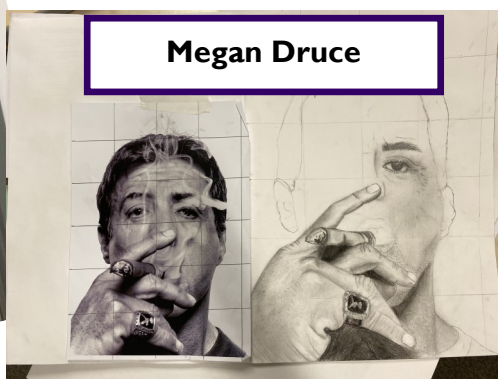
### COMPETITION

This year, we are following the great success of the last years' decorate your classroom door, Christmas style.

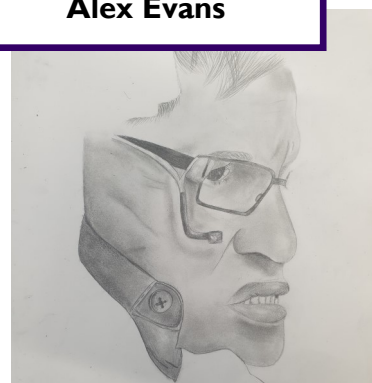
Look out for the winning door and runners up next week



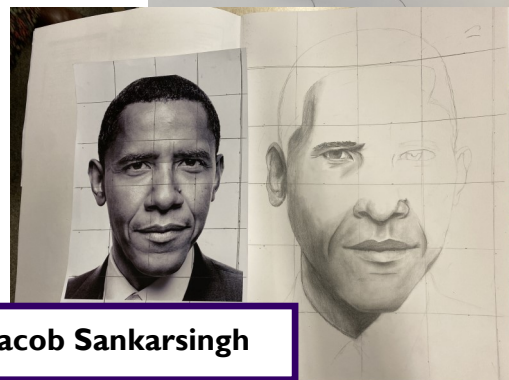
Megan Druce



Alex Evans



Look at this amazing work from our **Year 10 Artists**. They have hand-drawn images of key figures in society. Our future Artists!



Jacob Sankarsingh





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