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Friday 22 January 2021



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As you know, attendance to school is absolutely crucial in allowing students to meet their academic potential and develop the social skills to be successful in later life. We continue to expect all our students to attend all lessons and it is great to be able to send out nearly 600 certificates to students who attended every single one of their lessons this week and submitted work of a very high standard.

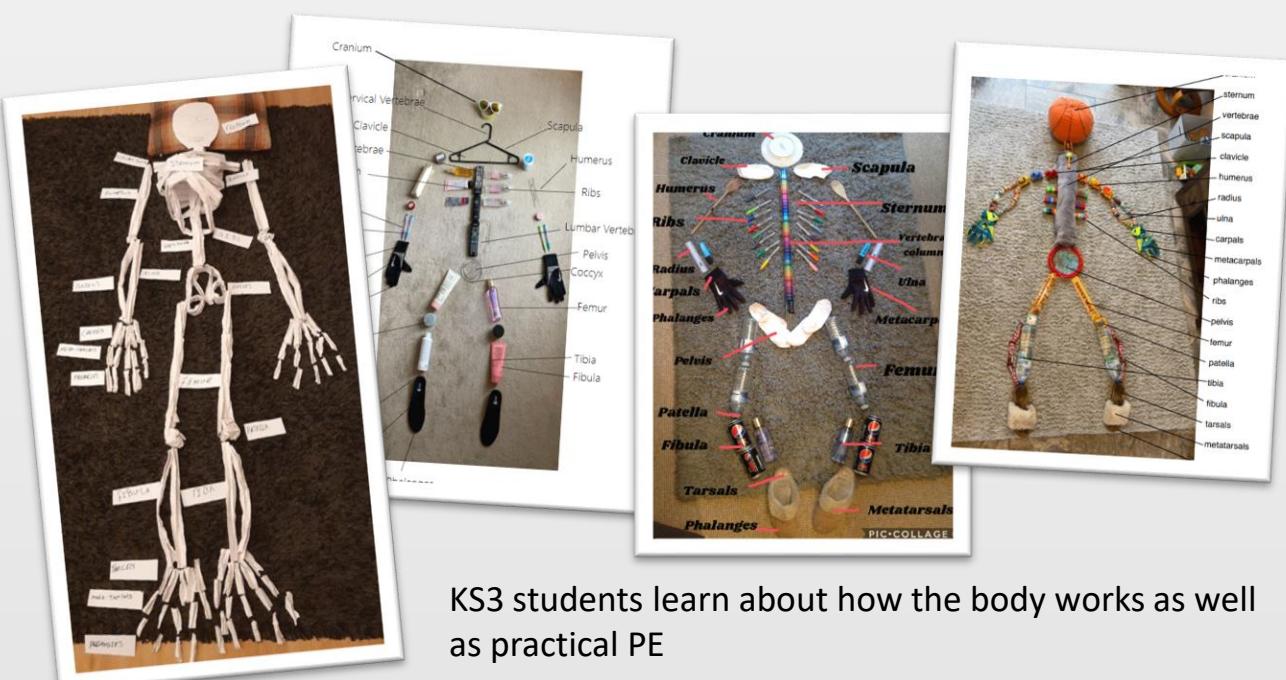
It has been great to drop into lots more lessons this week and see the very creative activities our teachers have devised to keep learning engaging – a memory walk through the home to learn organs of the digestive system was a personal favourite! It is also brilliant to see our students talking to one another and having fun in the various clubs and extracurricular activities on offer – please do encourage your child to take part.

Please do look through the student "[DMA Dispatch](#)" for a timetable of clubs and activities

Next week we are hosting 1:1 meeting with Year 9 students and families to discuss their pathways through KS4 and as we shape our curriculum for next year, we are interested to hear from members of the community interested in training to become a teacher. Please do get in touch with us directly for more information.

Mark Eastwood (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

PHYSICAL



KS3 students learn about how the body works as well as practical PE

Comparing mo farah to usain bolt
By Dar

Mo Farah –
Born 23 March 1983
Height 1.75m

TRAINING

- on average he mo farah does 135 miles and week

DIT
BREAKFAST

- 2 pieces of toast with butter and jam
- Bowl of porridge with a coffee

LUNCH

- Chicken sandwich
- Also a 1 hour nap
- Then a 3 mile run

DINNER

- Salmon or rice with vegetables but sometimes lasagne
- After a race he will a little bit of cheese cake

Usain Bolt

TRAINING

- Concentrate on core-centric
- Spends 90 minutes in the gym every day

DIT
BREAKFAST

- Egg sandwich everyday

LUNCH

- Pasta with rice chicken

DINNER

- Jamaican Dumplings with vegetables and pork and roasted chicken

How FIT and Active are HOLMES @DMA?
Post up your #HealthySelfie and pics/clips of your fitness efforts

Students have been sharing their work on their House Padlet

Well done to the staff at DMA for logging their hours. Healthy body, healthy mind! Congratulations Mr Sayer for topping 2 categories!

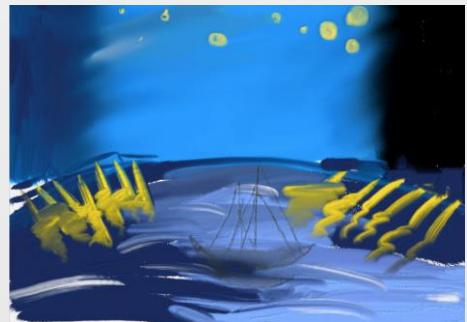
	Total Time	Total Distance	Longest Activity
1	John Sayer	2:36:30	John Sayer
2	Helen Driver	2:11:38	Helen Driver
3	Sandy Cox	2:10:42	Sandy Cox

EDUCATION



Year 8 have learned about the artist, Vincent van Gogh, and his contribution to Art History, creating a digital pastiche in his style using the iPad drawing tools.

Students looked closely at the original artwork and studied the way the artist made the shapes. They then experimented with different brushes and tools to get a paint-like effect, matching the colours to those in the original artworks and using expressive lines to show movement.



Fraser



Harriet



Edith



I think what went well was the skin of the pineapple using different colours made them look different.
What didn't go that well was I went a bit out of lines I struggled to delete on the app.



Kim

Year 7 students, such as Korbyn, experimented with digital art on the iPad, and created their own digital artwork inspired by food.

Year 10, Alfie



Www: I successfully mixed different digital brushes to create unique tones

EBl: the artwork is messy and scribbly



GCSE students were investigating the work of digital artists such as Hockney and Franklin and exploring the benefits of creating art in this format.



Year 11, Abbie-Jo



Students took their own photographs in keeping with their individual theme. They then drew over the photographs either by hand or digitally, using a range of mark-making in the style of the artist Maurizio Anzeri.



Year 11 Eloise

Sewing over a photograph inspired by Maurizio Anzeri



Year 11 Megan

Drawing over a photograph.

Stippling using a white gel pen to enhance the light tones instead of dark



French

Mon caractère mardi 19 janvier

- Comment t'appelles-tu?
- Je m'appelle Mely et je trouve les habitudes avec mes parents, mon grande frère, mon petit frère et ma petite sœur.
- Quelles sont tes qualités?
 - △ Je pense que je suis intelligente, mais aussi un peu timide. Je ne suis pas arrogante. Je suis assez amusante.
- Et quelles sont tes défauts?
 - △ Je suis un peu paresseuse et un peu égoïste.
- Quelles langues parles-tu?
 - △ Je parle anglais et un peu français.
 - Tu passes des heures à faire quoi?
 - △ Je passe des heures à regarder les films et écouter de la musique.
 - Tu parles de quoi avec tes copains?
 - △ On parle de films, de musique et quelquefois, de sport.

Mon chanteur préféré, c'est Mélanie Martinez, car j'aime ses mélodies. L'année dernière, je suis allée à un concert de Against the Current avec ma famille, c'était incroyablement génial. Ma soeur adore 5 seconds of summer, ils est très aimable, cependant, je pense qu'ils ne sont pas bons. Normalement, j'écoutais ma musique sur mon téléphone portable avec mes écouteurs. Quand j'étais plus jeune, je jouais du piano, de la guitare et de l'accordéon mais maintenant, je joue de la batterie. L'année prochain je vais aller un peu musiquer parce que ce serait fabuleuse et aussi tellement chouette.

(Around just over
90 words - I think)

Mi instituto es muy grande y bonito, tiene muchas clases y espacio al aire libre, como un patio y un campo de fútbol. A mi madre le gusta because esta cerca de su trabajo para que pueda dejarre y se vaya. El año pasado estudié dibujo y ciencias; eran buenos porque los profesores eran simpáticos y no conseguí demasiada tarea. Pero este trimestre estudio historia y español, esta bien pero prefiero el español ya que el profesora es muy divertida.

7 mi opinión no me gusta estudio porque
5 estresante y difícil. Estudio ciencias
3 me gusta ciencias porque abunda
estudio educación infantil porque facil
esta educación infantil porque facil
interesante. En mi Insti, hay un
medor, una clase de informática,
nos laboratorios, unas classes, no
hay piscina. Mi Insti es antigua y
ande. El recreo los mis sss y escubo
15, porque importante y interesante
lo antigua porque últi tu uniforme
no uniforme porque creo
que no uniforme porque lo que
deberíamos poder usar lo que
queríamos o permitirnos usar una
vara madera con capucha con
un uniforme

Spanish

Upcoming events & dates for the diary

Upcoming dates	
Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 January	Year 9 "Pathways" parent consultations
Thursday 4 February	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 12 February	Last day before half term
Monday 22 February	Return from half term

Parents' Evenings	
Year 7	Thursday 6 May 2021
Year 8	Thursday 25 March 2021
Year 9	Thursday 26 November 2020
Year 10	Thursday 4 February 2021
Year 11	Thursday 21 January 2021

Term dates		
Term	Starts	Ends
Autumn 1	7/8 September 2020	23 October 2020
Autumn 2	2 November 2020	18 December 2020
Spring 1	4 January 2021	12 February 2021
Spring 2	22 February 2021	26 March 2021
Summer 1	12 April 2021	28 May 2021
Summer 2	7 June 2021	21 July 2021