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Friday 26 February 2021

Aside from all the obvious planning around the return to onsite learning for all students, we are also preparing for the next academic year.

We learned this week that for the first time in many years, we will be “full” in the new Year 7 intake for September. We are looking forward to sharing arrangements for transition this year and getting to know the students and families joining the DMA community.

We also finished meeting with prospective students wishing to join Athena Sixth Form College in September – again, numbers are up from both DMA Year 11 students and those from other schools in the area. We are now welcoming students from as far away as Cambridge who have heard about our bespoke provision and supportive ethos.

Extra students means extra classes and we have been busy recruiting new staff ready for September into the Geography, Science, Drama, English, Music and Computing departments. We’re already excited to welcome these colleagues who have a wealth of different experiences they are keen to share in our school.

Our staff training this week focused on equality and diversity. Ms Hyde, our Head of History, led the training as we work towards the “Rainbow Flag Award” to become a more inclusive and open school community.

Our bid to be involved in the Papillion Project was confirmed over half term. From September, we will be supported by this charitable organisation to create an allotment on the DMA site. We will recruit student volunteers over the course of the summer term and we will also be on the look out for volunteers from the community to come in and support us with this fantastic project. Watch this space for more details.

Mark Eastwood

Senior Deputy Headteacher

Library facelift and virtual offer

We are very excited to launch our new digital library for all students this week. Using the Sora app, students can now browse, borrow and reserve titles from a large online library. KS3 students will be able to take part in their regular library lesson, even if they are working remotely, and KS4 students can access a wide range of revision resources and set texts. Books will automatically return after 2 weeks, so no more worries about lost books, and they can also be easily renewed online. In addition to e-books, there is also a wide selection of audiobooks available. Log on and check it out today.

The library refurbishment is nearly complete and this week we unveiled the new murals of Kazuo Ishiguro and Caitlin Moran to really brighten up the space. New seating has been delivered and arranged to create some little reading nooks and a larger space for group work with giant bean bags and comfy benches. Work on the shelves is ongoing but we are constantly adding new titles and making the space more user friendly. We can't wait to welcome students back.



National Careers Week

1-6 March is National Careers Week 2021 and our theme is **Be Ambitious** with an aim to motivate and inspire all students Years 7-13.

The week is launched by our Keynote speaker and Alumni Louise Wardle, Vice-president of international marketing for Subway, the world's largest fast-food chain. Louise has nieces at the school and her son also attended and we are very grateful for her time and support.

During the week, students can enter daily competitions to enter as well as access NCW PSHE lesson, NCW assembly and many tools and resources to help them to **Be Ambitious**. All will be available on year group PSHE Teams and via email.

If you have any great contacts in careers that might inspire our students; friends or relatives who wouldn't mind talking to groups of students, please do get in touch with me at the Academy.

A helpful guide for parents can be found [here](#)

Mrs Lonsdale (Assistant Headteacher in charge of Careers)

Calling all budding bakers!

Have your ears pricked up, has that got your attention?

I know there are lots of you out there who enjoy baking and have the most amazing cooking skills so if that's you listen up! Channel 4 host a TV show called the Junior Bake off, a programme where students aged 9-15 can battle against each other in THE Bake Off Tent aiming to be crowned the UK's best young baker. The actual Channel 4 TV crew are currently looking for enthusiastic, creative young people like you to apply to be in the next series of the show. All you have to do is to pop your details into this website and get practicing - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk (please make sure you have permission from your carer first!).

How exciting would it be to get a DMA student on TV? I know you're more than talented enough to win it, but you have to apply first. Good luck!

If you would like any advice or tips, please do get in touch with us.

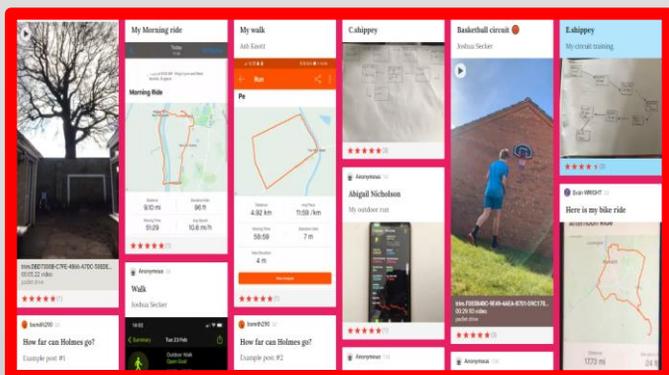
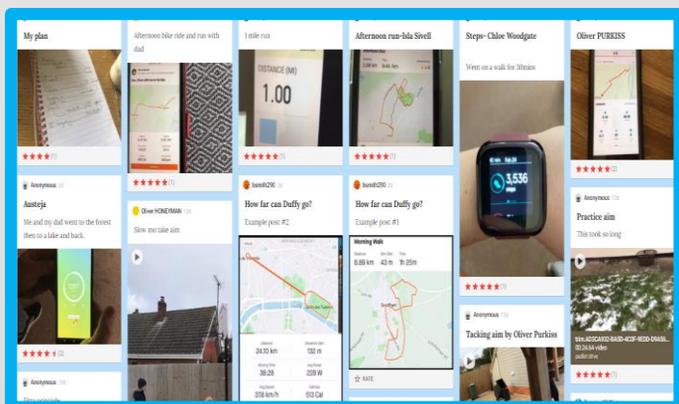
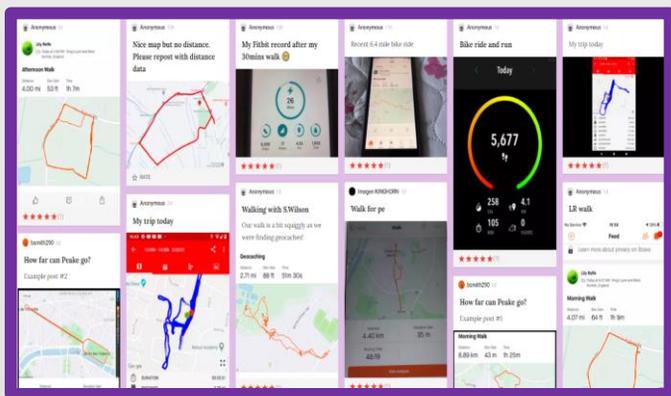
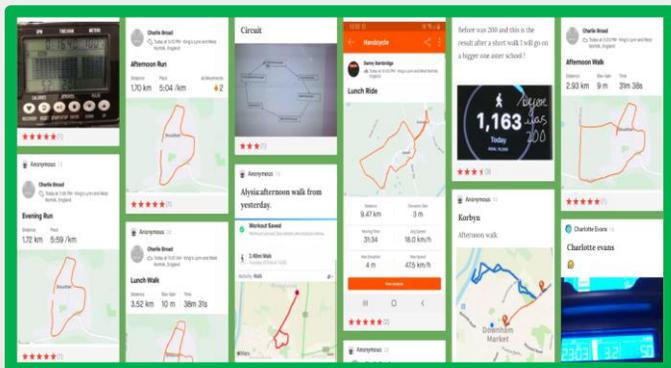
Mrs Wells (Head of Technology)



Sport Exercise

In PE this fortnight, pupils will be getting out and racking up some kilometres to help their House travel the furthest. They will also be using the Principles of Training to progress their Circuits. On top of that, KS3 will be saving the PE Dept in an Escape Room Challenge during their third lesson. Hopefully they'll succeed so we can be back at work on the 8th!

Dyson pupils have totalled up the most distance so far...but all to exercise for! Get out and enjoy the weather over the weekend folks!



TOTAL DISTANCE	
Duffy	30.98 km
Holmes	53.6 km
Dyson	61.55 km
Peake	43.05 km

In their Theory lesson, KS3 pupils have been learning about the Extrinsic Risks of Injury in Sport - providing them with the knowledge to safely exercise. Below are the Quiz Results from the Principles of Training topic. Well done to all, especially Year 9 who bossed it!

Lots of staff at DMA putting in the exercise time. Healthy body, healthy mind. Some new faces appearing on the Leaderboard over half term. Mr Rippon putting in 4 runs. Mrs Cox putting in 3 runs, one of which was a monster 1hr 24mins! Mr Smith had a big half term racking up 276km in the saddle! Hopefully we'll see even more new names appear next time! Keep it up everybody!

Total Time	Total Distance	Longest Activity
 Ben Smith 9:15:36	 Ben Smith 276.6 km	 Sandy Cox 1:24:06
 Sandy Cox 2:38:08	 Sandy Cox 20.2 km	 Ben Smith 1:09:01
 Nicola Buchanan 2:15:21	 Shaun Rippon 12.6 km	 Nicola Buchanan 47:32

Year 7 students were introduced to colour theory by analysing of colour in Kate Brinkworth's work, and creating a colour wheel of their own objects.

ART



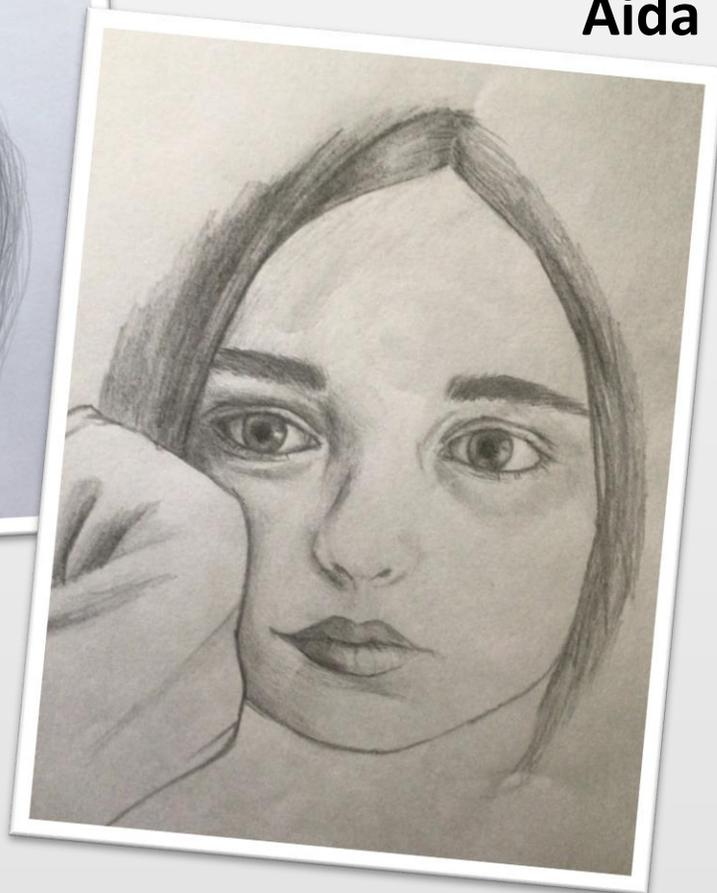
Caitlin

Keira



Joely

Aida



Sophie



Lily

Year 9 students created a symbolic self-portrait, inspired by Frida Kahlo, and based on their research into the artist and her work.



Art

Year 11 students have continued to explore using their own photographs to produce new works of art.



Rebekah

Combining artists' styles to highlight the order and disorder of faith. Drawing and stitching.



Taylah

Mixed media on magazine page, using applied materials, stitching and pen.



Bree

Exploring the idea that there is a bigger picture beyond what we can see due to the problems of hidden emotions and mental health. Pen and stitching on photo.

Art

Upcoming events & dates for the diary

Upcoming dates	
Thursday 25 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 26 March	Last day of spring term
Monday 12 April	First day of summer 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