



THE WORKS

Easter Greetings



CATHY PORTER SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

This year's Easter service is about seeing in the dark. The Easter story in the Gospels is filled with people who felt that hope was hard to find, whenever they saw a glimpse it was seemingly taken from them. Yet for Christians around the world, even in the darkest circumstances it is a story in which we discover that the light of hope cannot be extinguished. Hope wins. And by faith the disciples then, and since see a light in the darkness that can never be overwhelmed. Jesus the light of the world, our certain hope. This Easter is a timely reminder to stop and look for hope, look for light in the darkness and hold onto it.



NEWS

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SIENNA



We are delighted to learn that Sienna in Year 12 successfully applied to participate in a virtual event hosted by the prestigious investment banking group Goldman Sachs. Sienna made her application during one of our Post 18 research tutor sessions in school. She spent time with interns and was able to meet an investment banker who gave useful advice on getting a career in investment banking. Sienna said,

"I found this all really helpful as it gave me an insight into what I want to do in the future and meeting people in the industry was really useful as they gave us loads of advice on how to be successful"

EASTER FUN IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



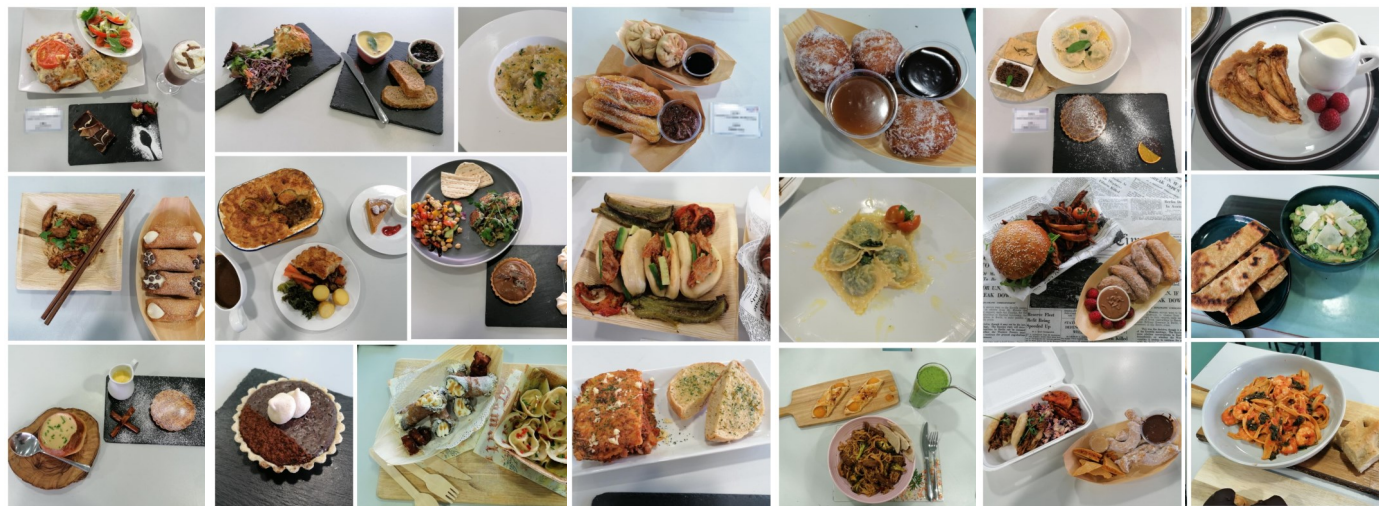
Issi and her Junior School friends have been busy making little Easter chicks and baskets filled with goodies to take home and enjoy. Lucky them!!

To raise awareness of the Brain Tumour Research "Wear a Hat Day", on Friday 26th March, the children were invited to wear hats into school and to donate towards this charity. The children were given wristbands, balloons, stickers and metal pin badges to sell. They have raised the magnificent sum of £101, which will be sent to the Brain Tumour Research charity. Well done to all the Junior School Children.



TALENTED YEAR 11 FOOD & NUTRITION STUDENTS

Big congratulations to all year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students for producing a range of outstanding dishes this term. This has shown resilience and dedication and we couldn't be prouder! See their amazing outcomes below:



YEAR 7 & 8 GEOGRAPHERS CONSIDER THE WORLD'S CHALLENGES

Excerpts from Freya and Rebecca's excellent work on the challenges of a youthful population in Gambia and the patanal ecosystem in South America. Well done on your inciteful and thought provoking research and writing.

Freya, Year 7

"Many issues are created by Gambia's youthful population, including the lack of money and resources which are required to send children to school, feed them sufficiently, and provide them with healthcare. Another problem is that significantly enlarged families can lead to over-crowded conditions, with some people having to share a room with up to 9 others. However, it is not just people who are impacted by the ever-growing population – the environment is too. In Gambia, as many can't afford electricity for their homes, trees are an extremely popular option instead. They are cut down before being used for food preparation and to create warmth. The more people who need food and heat, the more trees will be killed. It is predicted that within the next 50 years, the entirety of Gambia's forests could be gone."



Rebecca, Year 8

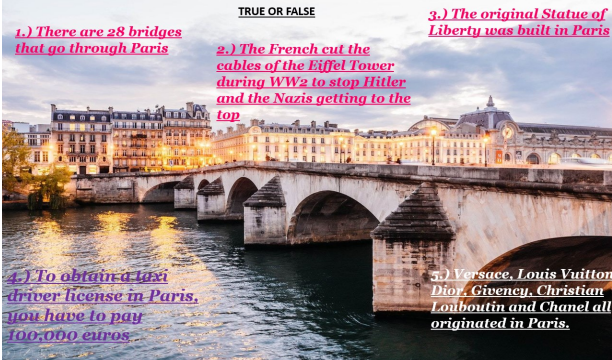


"Due to land use changes and loss, flora and fauna are losing their habitats and being put under threat. Larger predators that could have survived are losing their prey and source of food and due to global warming and unpredictable weather, plants are unable to survive in those conditions. Global warming has caused more natural disasters, such as fires that have wreaked havoc on the habitats of animals and in 2020, a quarter of the Pantanal burned which is an area three times bigger than London"

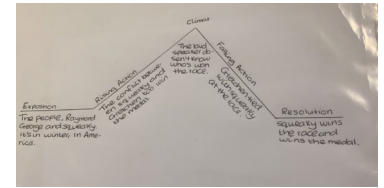
YEAR 9 SPANISH

YEAR 8 ENGLISH

Year 9 French students learning about Paris



An extract below from Amelie and Tamsin's diagram, right on the structure of "Raymond's Run".



Exposition: Squeaky looks after her older brother, who the author describes as 'not perfect'. People make fun of them. Squeaky is a small, skinny, weak little girl – although she is the fastest runner in her town. She runs faster than her dad.

Resolution: Squeaky has won the race and she wanted to become a famous runner. She also thinks about retiring as a successful runner and for her and her ex-best friend to be friends again and to train her brother to be a sports champion and a runner just like her.

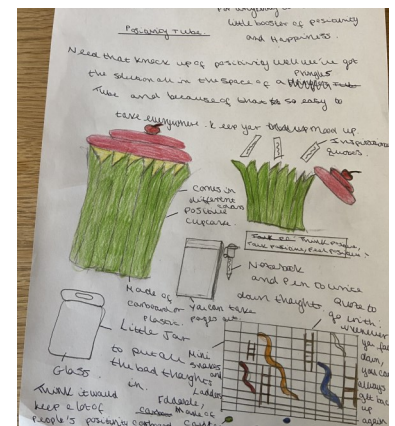
CREATIVITY IN DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



Max, Year 12 Street Furniture



Josh, Year 11 CAD Work



Positivity in a Tin

DOCTOR SAM BARNES SUPPORTS OUR NHS FRONT LINE



We are happy to share with you the experience of one of our former students. Sam Barnes, who left the Sixth Form in 2013, and is now Doctor Sam Barnes. Sam graduated from Medical school in 2019 and has been a Doctor working at Leicester General hospital since then. Sam has been very successful and was working in treating Parkinson's Disease, as well as being a teaching Fellow at the University of Leicester.

For the past several weeks, Sam has redeployed and been working on the front line, constantly kitted out in PPE to treat Covid-19 patients in intensive care. As if we weren't already proud of Sam, he has taken time out of his schedule this morning, to deliver a Teams Presentation for our Year 12 students considering a future career in Medicine. Sam is just as friendly and just as modest as he always has been!

KEY EVENTS

KEY DATES:

Friday 23rd April 2021:
Spring/Easter Concert, 7pm, School YouTube Channel

Thursday 29th April 2021:
Year 10 parents evening, 4.00pm-6.30pm

EASTER HOLIDAY

Friday 2nd April to Friday 16h April
Students return to school
Monday 19th April

WELCOME TO VICKY OUR NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

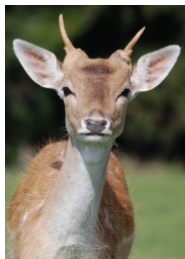


Hello, my name is Vicky Wicks. I am really pleased to be able to introduce myself as the new parent governor for the Minster School. With three children at the school in Years 13, 10 and 8, I feel I am well placed to offer support and guidance to Mr Chaloner and his team. I have extensive experience of governance having been a governor and chair of committee at Bleasby Primary School and I am also a secondary school teacher (in my normal job!). My passion lies in education, having taught in a wide variety of schools over the last 25 years.

I currently teach Economics at Nottingham High School where I am also heavily involved in the management of the Sixth Form. I can't wait to get stuck in to governor's life at the Minster School and look forward to the many visits to the school that I hope I will eventually be able to make.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

'Unlocking Nature's Secrets' Inspired by the Leaves of Southwell project, you are invited to enter our photography competition and share your own special lockdown discoveries. All ages welcome! Please visit the website for full details: <https://www.southwellminster.org/photo-competition/>



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