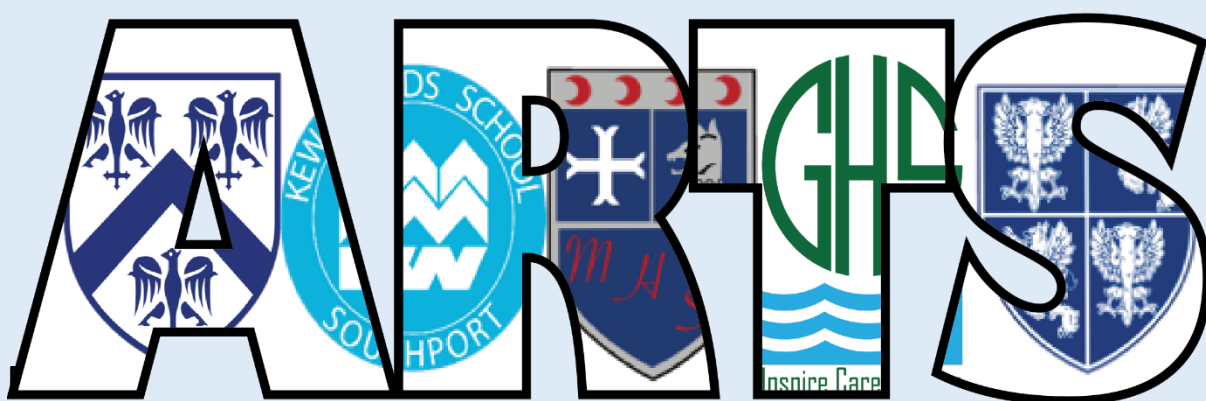


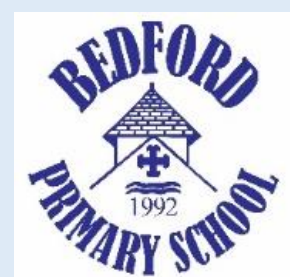
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Welcome to Bedford Primary School!

At Bedford we are delighted to have joined the Southport Learning Trust and are keen to be part of the 'Arts' community. Here is an outline of our current curriculum offer, but we are always improving it and adding more experiences.



Music



At Bedford we currently use the Charanga music scheme throughout school and music is taught weekly. During these lessons children have the opportunity to develop their singing, listening, appraising, composing and performing skills. These lessons are enhanced in Year 5 and 6 through the use of additional resources such as the 'Sunday Afternoon' composing project. All children learn to play the glockenspiels and Year 4-6 also learn to play the recorder, supported by a specialist teacher from the SKY Music Hub. In addition to weekly lessons, children also have a 30 min whole school singing session once a week.

Art

At Bedford we are committed to giving children the skills to explore, communicate and express themselves and develop ideas and feelings through a wide range of different media. Children have the opportunity to work with pencil, paint, charcoal, clay and mixed media. Throughout their time at Bedford children study a variety of artists and learn about their history, style and impact on the world.





We have recently introduced Art sketchbooks, where children record their thoughts and ideas during each lesson. These have proved to be very popular with the children and they love looking back on their learning.

Extra Curricular

Our school choir is offered to all KS2 children and they do regular performances in assembly, for parents and the local community, with rehearsals taking place each week. We also run a weekly Art club which the children love!

Artsmark Silver Status

We are proud to have recently been awarded our silver Arts Mark! We are passionate about offering our children high quality 'Art' experiences and this was one focus of our Arts Mark accreditation. We looked closely at what was available to us and have linked experiences to our Arts curriculum. We now have strong links with Liverpool Cathedral, a member of the RLPO and a local artist, who all come into school to do projects, and have linked art / cultural trips to areas of the curriculum. We are so lucky to live in an area with so much art, music and culture that we feel it is vital our children are exposed to as much of this as possible, and this is an area we will continue to develop.

Enhancements

At Bedford we are always looking for opportunities to enhance our basic curriculum offer. We welcome visits from external arts / music groups and take part in outreach projects whenever possible. Through projects such as these we now have 1 chorister and 2 probationers at Liverpool Cathedral. There is so much going on at Bedford – we are looking forward to telling you all about our Arts journey in the next newsletter.

... and to Meols Cop High School!

Here are some Meols Cop Arts Highlights:

Dance



Meols Cop Dance Festival: It was delightful to welcome pupils from Linaker Primary, Kew Woods, Churchtown and Norwood Primary to school, and as ever, pupils and our MCHS dancers put on an incredible show. The dance festival provided a brilliant opportunity for students to showcase their skills, hard work and determination for both performance and choreography. Since October, each primary school has been working closely with our incredible Year 9 Dance Leaders to prepare a piece for the show. Our Dance Leaders' aim has been to engage, prepare and motivate younger students to enjoy and explore dance.



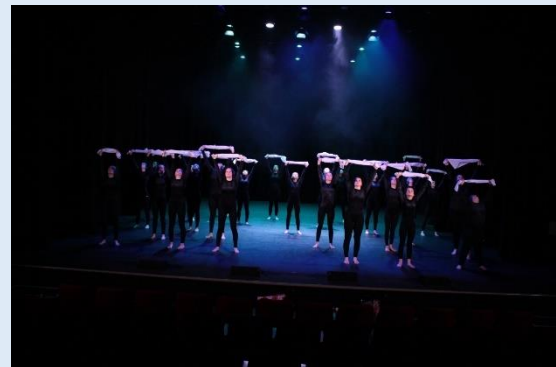
Dance Workshop with Runshaw College: Thank you to the students from Runshaw College who visited school to perform and lead a workshop for our YEAR 10 GCSE Dance students, giving them a taster of some of the work they have covered this year. The focus of the workshop was based on 'GEN Z' focusing on the new generation, their limitations, and aspirations. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to work with Runshaw and experience post 16 expectations of standards in Dance.

Matthew Bourne Sleeping Beauty Trip: Year 10 GCSE Dancers recently had the opportunity to see Matthew Bourne's 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Liverpool Empire. This was a fantastic experience for the students to see alternative choreography work, the extravagant and magical costumes and set, which will really heighten their love and appreciation of Dance. As part of the GCSE, students need to critically analyse professional Dance works, looking into the aspects of production that supports the audience's understanding of choreography and this was a great opportunity for students to practice these skills.



Wally Cain Dance Festival 2023: Meols Cop have used the stimulus 'stories of our past and vision of our future' to relate to the journey of growing up, going from a child to an adult; with the stories of our past representing the need for acceptance and fear of being left out. With the vision of our future displaying the journey of learning to accept our unique qualities and love ourselves without fearing rejection. The piece tries to highlight three main pastoral themes that are present in today's society: self-esteem, body image and anxiety. This is shown through many different hand gestures around the body, contracted shapes and constant changes of directions and levels. In contrast students use many extended arm gestures, jump sequences and linear pathways to display the build in confidence and maturity, to show the journey of overcoming these battles. Students have explored three specific motifs, that each year group has developed to portray their interpretation. Each year group focused on

different relationships and choreographic devices to develop these motifs to present this idea of growing up and accepting their individuality. The dance ends with a big ensemble of all dancers accumulating together, to show a united front of empowerment; removing their t-shirts- full of negative comments, to symbolise they are removing the negative past and focusing on the positive future.



James Cousins Workshop: Thank you to James Cousins Company for coming into school to work with our students. The workshop focused on enhancing their duet skills and personal space. James is a professional choreographer, so it was a privilege to have him and his company in school with us!

Shows

Rising Stars Show: We were delighted to hold the second annual Rising Stars Performing Arts show in May. Students put on an incredible event, with fantastic Music and Dance performances. It was a truly amazing show and well done to all who took part.



Eurovision Festival: In celebration of the Eurovision Song Contest coming to Liverpool, a group of Performing Arts students took part in a Eurovision Festival, hosted by the City of Liverpool College. Schools from across Liverpool took part in the event, with performances from the MCHS student choir, solo performances, and the Dance troop. Students spent weeks

rehearsing and wrote their own songs for the event. It was a wonderful evening celebrating Eurovision and the students did the school proud!



High School Musical 2024: Auditions will be taking place on Tuesday 27th June for MCHS High School Musical which will be showcased January 2024! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to perform in Southport Little Theatre again, following the successful sell out show of Matilda Jr this year.



Exams

A big shout out to all our students who have successfully passed a variety of externally graded exams this term such as Musical Theatre Grade 4 or 6, ABRSM Grade 3 Flute and Grade 1 Violin! We are immensely proud of your achievements!

Competitions

Young Fashion Designer Competition: The Meols Cop Design Team led by Miss Morgan have been working hard on their entries for the Young Fashion Designer UK Award over the last term. Our entries were submitted last week, and whilst we were not successfully shortlisted, Miss Morgan is very pleased with the work that students produced. Well done all on your incredible drawings!

BIRKDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Since Christmas, the Creative Department has been busy again providing our boys with lots of opportunities both in and outside of the classroom. The Drama Department has organised a few theatre visits. A mixture of students saw 'Teechers' at The Atkinson Southport and Year 11 Drama students were taken to the Liverpool Empire to watch 'An Inspector Calls' in readiness for the live review aspect of their exam. The Paper Birds Theatre Company visited our Year 9 and 10 students to work on devising pieces. This was a fantastic experience for all involved. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.



A group of Year 9 students had the opportunity to get involved in workshops on the backstage side of theatre life at the Everyman Theatre with the prospect of forming the school lighting and sound engineer crew.



Meanwhile Year 10 Drama students are busy preparing for their Drama practical exam.....break a leg boys!

The Music Department is in full rehearsal mode for a number of events. The Jazz Band is preparing for a performance at Farnborough Primary school and we are looking forward to a group of Year 7 and 8 students to perform on the steel pans as entrance music for the Year 11 Prom.



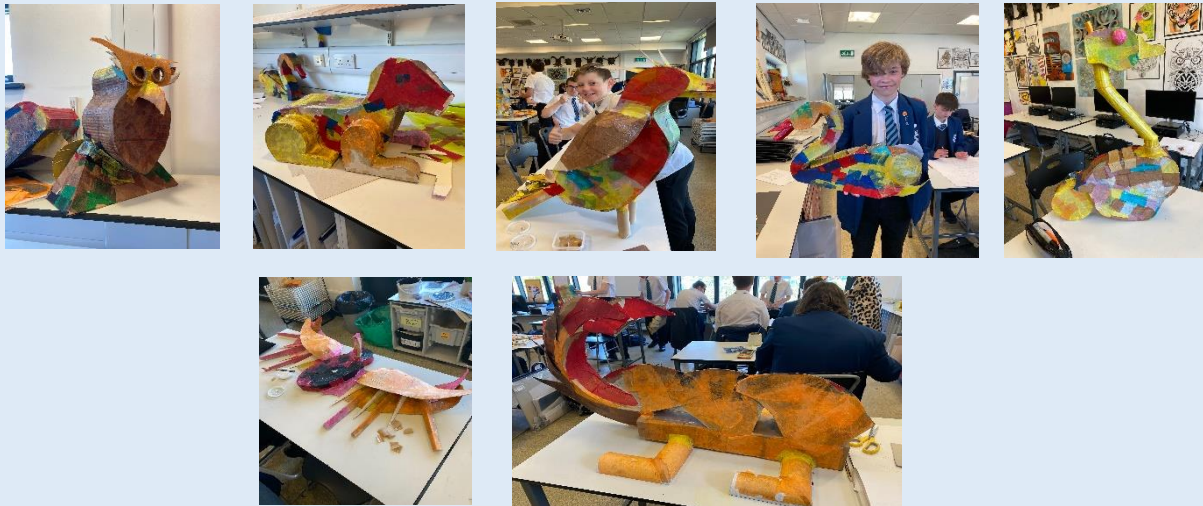
Our Summer showcase event, another opportunity for students to exhibit their talents as solo and group performers in both Music and Drama, is in the planning stages. This will be an exciting opportunity for our various Music and Drama clubs to display what they have been practising all year.

Year 10 BTEC students are completing a module on Musical Products. This has required them to create their own compositions and remix songs.

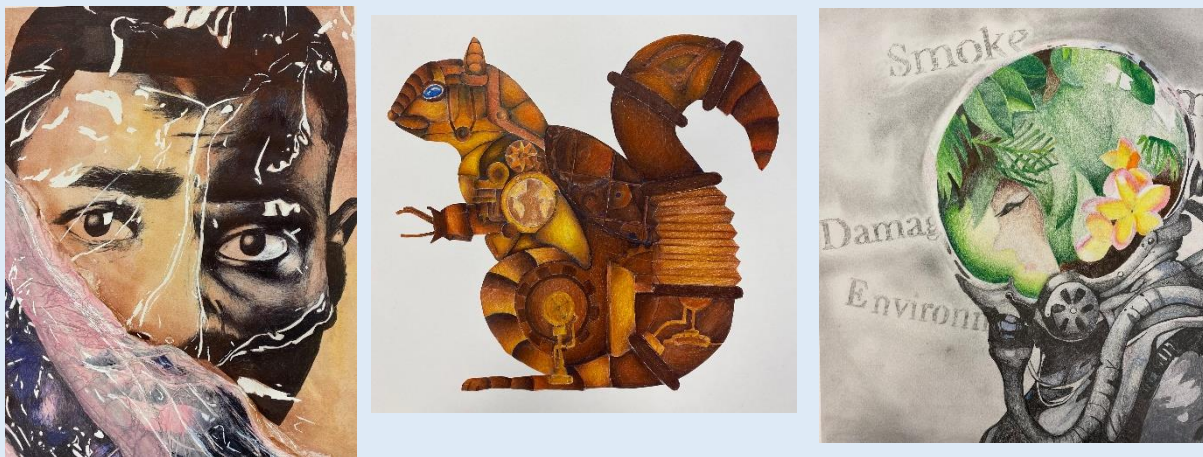
In Art Year 8 students have been working on a three-dimensional mask-making project. This is a project the boys thoroughly enjoy, the art department goes through countless cereal boxes to make them, but the outcome is certainly worthwhile. Below are a few finished examples.



Meanwhile in upper school Mrs Sinclair's Year 10 classes are creating our very own Birkdale Zoo. The GCSE students are turning their Steampunk animal designs into three-dimensional structures, again using various types of cardboard. They are currently in the construction phase, and I hope to share with you in future the final products, but for now, this is how some of them look at present.



Year 11 have now fully completed their course. Their portfolios and exam pieces have been marked and all the marks sent off to the exam board. We continue to keep our fingers crossed for them!



All our Creative boys have been a pleasure to work with over the past 2 years and we wish them well for their futures once they leave Birkdale for pastures new.

GREENBANK HIGH SCHOOL



Snoopy the Musical took place in March and featured a cast of 36 talented performers, supported by seven very capable students in the Backstage Crew. The show was vibrant, comical, and full of energy and audiences really enjoyed the colourful characters and lively song and dance numbers. The cast also performed a special matinee performance for 270 Year 5 pupils from local primaries. They commented afterwards on the 'professional standard' and said that 'the girls in the cast were a credit to the school.' Well done to everyone involved!



The Art Department were delighted with the entries to our competition to make a Coronation Crown. Well done to Layla our very regal overall winner and Daisy Y7 and Esme Y8 who were joint second in line to the throne!

Mr Jackson and Mr Melia would like to say 'Congratulations' to all our GCSE Fine Art, Photography and Graphics students for completing their course. They have produced some fantastic work over the last three years, and we wish them all well for the future.



At Creative Space we have been joining in the Eurovision celebrations by designing our own Soloveiko Songbirds. Many of our pupils participated in the wonderful arts trail that took place in Liverpool, so it was lovely to create our own nightingales at.

We are currently making jelly fish from recycled tissue papers. This project was inspired by Charlie our Year 11 helper who has been leading activities at Creative Space for her Arts Award Gold. Well done!



Year 9 and 10 GCSE Dance pupils had the fantastic opportunity to watch the PPP Dance student choreographies at Runshaw College in a practical day workshop. Everybody arrived back at Greenbank highly motivated and full of energy!



Congratulations to all Greenbank Dancers on their wonderful performances at the school's Summer Dance Show and thank you to all the schools contributing to the Wally Cain Festival!





Year 9 actresses, dancers and musicians enjoyed a taster day at LIPA on June 14th comprising of a tour of the facilities and practical workshops led by LIPA Graduate students. Mrs Edwards, our careers advisor, was impressed with how easily our students could use their disciplinary knowledge in the practical activities. Students arrived back at school full of new ideas and creative energy! Thank you to Mrs Edwards and all accompanying staff.

Greenbank High School's musical ensembles have been working hard to serve you one last delight this academic year at our Summer Concert on July 6th at 7pm. Please join us for music of all varieties and who knows, there maybe some treats waiting afterwards!

Naturally, all our musicians are doubly excited as Greenbank High School Music Departments will be off on Music residential in January 2024 to the Conway Centre in Anglesey. We cannot wait.

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GREENBANK HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

KEW WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL

In May, Year 4 enjoyed a 'Wishes on the Wind' workshop delivered by visiting artist, Claire Weetman. The pupils made observational drawings from nature and transformed them into print. Key stage 2 enjoyed Ukulele and table drumming lessons and performed at the Kew Proms. Year 3 took part in a heritage art project with students from Edge Hill University. Following a forest schools' session in Ruff Woods the children collected ideas from nature and took them back to the art room to create pieces of artwork. Some painted pebbles and some made clay tiles imprinting things collected from the woods.





Throughout the Autumn and Spring terms 5 Year 9 Dance Leaders from Meols Cop High School came to Kew Woods and taught weekly sessions at an extracurricular club to prepare our performers for Meols Cop Dance Festival. The evening festival showcased talent from 4 local primary schools as well as Meols Cop Dancers from a variety of year groups.

MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

The Art Department helped to mark Children's Mental Health Week by displaying posters inspired by the artist Andy Leek and his 'Notes to Strangers' project. The aim is for the project to help people through inspiring words interrupting their everyday lives, possibly at a time when they need those words the most.



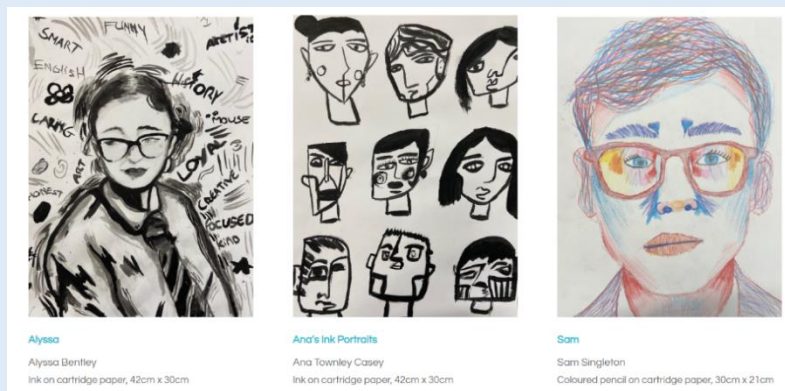
The Art Department has also been working closely with the Friends of Maghull and District community group. On 23rd February we were proud to unveil our latest pieces of work, mosaics created out of bottle tops. The work is now on permanent display in Maghull town center. We are very excited about our next project, our lambanana!



We are excited to share with you our latest mural. Alongside Year 12 art students we have been busy painting book characters on the walls of the LRC to inspire our students' love of learning. We used pupil voice to decide on the design, asking students about their favourite books. The department wholeheartedly supported World Book Day with a range of exciting activities. We created a temporary installation of book pages, the permanent mural in the LRC, and dressed as our favourite book characters. Alongside this yearlong our curriculum includes a wealth of enriching texts to complement students' visual studies. We are already looking forward to making our ideas come alive next year!



The Art Department continues to source experiences to enrich the lives of our students and to close the gap between the world of education and world of work. This term we have been promoting the vote for two competitions, Dot Art and Art Bytes. The winner will have their work exhibited in the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool.



"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make".

With this quote in mind students in KS3/4 volunteered their time in art clubs to create these wonderful Easter cards for residents of Parkhaven Trust. Our aim is for Art to bring happiness to as many people as possible and were delighted to hear how well received the cards were.



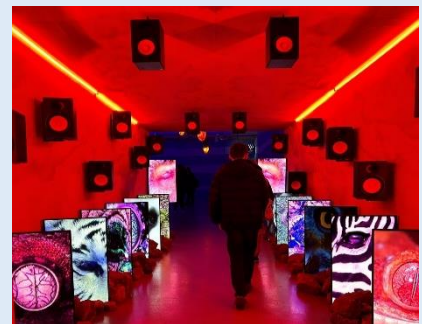
Here you can see our collaboration with Liverpool College to create these songbirds, which are currently on display in John Lewis, Liverpool, to celebrate the Eurovision Song Contest. The KS3 students created the work in art clubs at both lunchtime and after school.



A group of Year 9 students have created work for the 'Never Such Innocence' international competition. The organisers aim to raise awareness of the impact that war can have on children. Students engaged in some really interesting discussions around what war takes away from us.



Our Year 12 students visited the Tate Liverpool to see the Turner Prize 2023. The students were enthralled by the artwork and the forms of presentation that had been used to present the work in a range of innovative ways. The trip focused upon students aiming high and thinking big when presenting their own work. The quote of the day goes to Jasmine with 'I've seen a real-life Picasso'!



The last term has been a busy one for the Performing Arts faculty at Maghull High. In November we had our first large scale musical since the pandemic, *Mary Poppins*, playing to sold out audiences across two evening performances in the schools Howe Theatre. The cast featured students from across all key stages, from some of our most experienced performers to those taking part in their first large scale performance. The cast also had the opportunity to perform to hundreds of Year 5 students from some of our local and feeder primary schools in a series of matinees..hopefully giving those in attendance the theatre bug! Many thanks go to all the staff who supported the whole process, and huge congratulations to those students involved.



This term in the Performing Arts Departments students have been completing coursework in Year 11 Drama, Dance and Music. A massive well done to all the students who have put in hours of hard work to complete some high-quality performances across all subjects.

In Drama, our auditioned Spotlight Academy has been working closely with our feeder primary schools to create a piece of Theatre in Education linked to topics studied at KS2. We are hoping that our students will be able to tour their devised piece around our primary schools in the summer term.

Our Spotlight Dance academy students had the honour of performing at the Youth Sports Trust Conference on Thursday 1st March. Following an application submitted by Mrs Brogden, the event team were that impressed that they were invited to open the whole conference on the morning of the event. Students have also been provided with coach travel and overnight accommodation funded by the Youth Sports Trust.

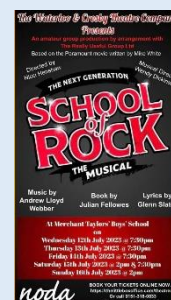


This year, the conference had the theme of Mental Health and Wellbeing and is focusing on the importance of sport and dance in supporting young people's mental health. The students performed to over 800 delegates from a variety of different areas of sport, including Dr Alex George (Mental Health Ambassador) and Jill Scott MBE (England Football Player).



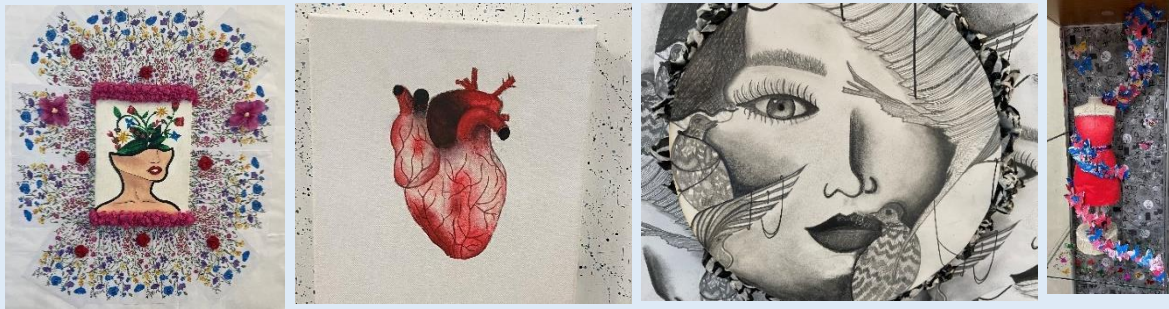
The Faculty is also gearing up for a Summer Showcase, taking place on Tuesday 11th July. This evening, which will take place in the school's Howe Theatre, will feature performances across Music, Dance and Drama, and it promises to be an event not to be missed. Our Dance Company are also working towards their performance at Wally Cain dance festival, taking place in the Atkinson on July 15th.

At the end of the school year, Mr Dutch and Mrs Middleman will be taking 30 of our students on a residential trip to London. Over the course of these two days students will take part in a backstage tour of the National Theatre, as well as getting to see West End Performances of *Wicked* and *Matilda*. Lastly, we have a number of students who are taking part in a range of upcoming musical theatre productions outside of school. We wish the best of luck to students taking part in *School of Rock* in July and *The Addams Family* in August – break a leg!

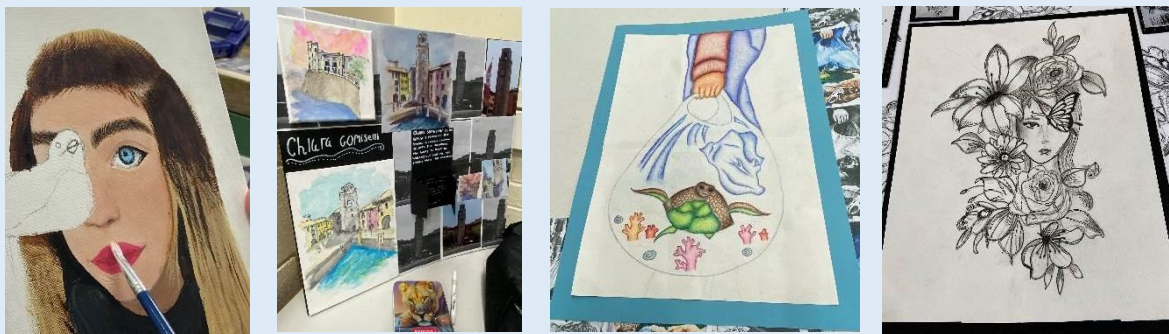


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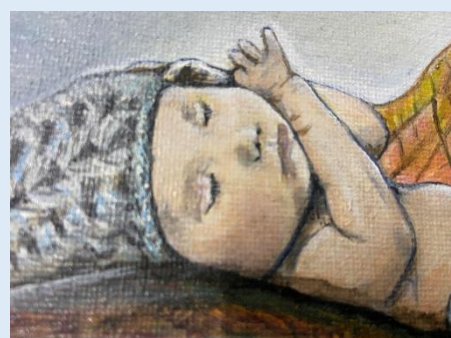
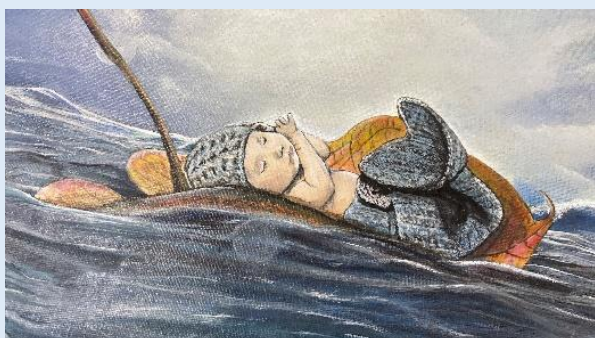
Year 11 artists worked really hard last term on their Mock exam, producing lots of different amazing ideas around the theme 'Colours in Nature'.



Exam preparation on various briefs set by the examination board has now started and we look forward to seeing all the hard work pay off for Year 11.



In Year 10 Art the focus has been on learning how to blend and mix acrylic paints producing abstract paintings whilst experimenting. Ayse Kasab deserves a special mention for her beautiful painting showing a baby floating on a leaf.

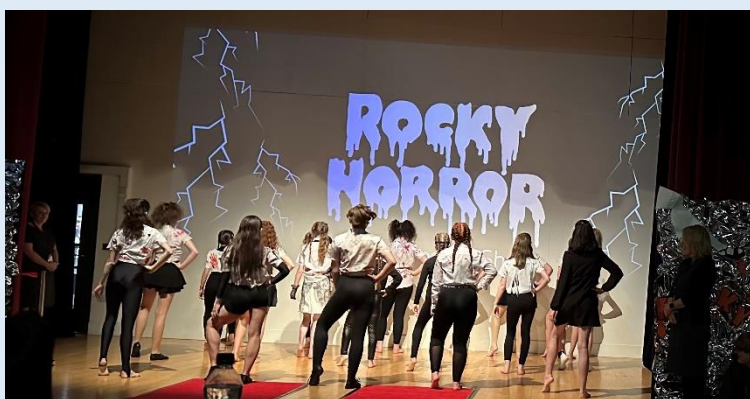


Work has also been completed on developing blending skills with pencil crayons. The detail in the images below really showcases the progress made.

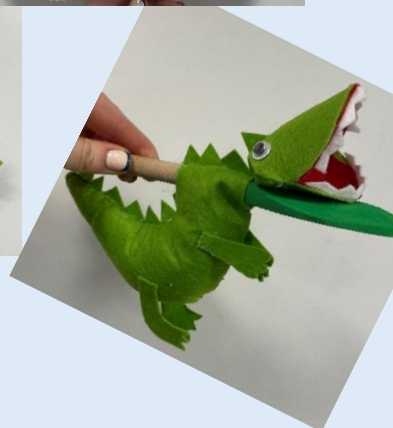


Stanley High School Dance students performed at Southport College this term for the college's annual Hair and Beauty Showcase, which was themed around 'The Rocky Horror Show'. To the delight of the audience, we opened with a very energetic 'Time Warp'. Our students then enjoyed watching the college's fashion show in which hair, makeup and nail design skills were showcased. – what an amazing opportunity to gain insight into further education. Year 9 student Bella Brooks, closed the showcase with a "Carrie" inspired dance to 'Scars To Your Beautiful' which was very moving and powerful! A massive well done to all our students - you were amazing and a credit to the school! Our focus now shifts to the Wally Cain Dance festival.





In Drama Year 7 have been completing a spoon puppet assessment. Here are some of the amazing approaches students have taken to this project. Miss Taylor is super proud of the students and their performances!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

06/07/23	Sounds like Summer	Greenbank High School	7pm
11/07/23	Summer Showcase	Maghull High School	6pm
17/07/23	SLTO Orchestra Day	Greenbank High School	all day
18/07/2023	Arts Award Moderation	Greenbank High School	9.30am

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Congratulations to Bedford Primary and Greenbank High School who have been awarded Artsmark Silver and Gold this term!

ARTS AWARD



Congratulations to **Greenbank High School** on the reappointment as
Trinity College London Arts Award Champion Centre!

In other Arts Award News Greenbank High School Year 7 students took part in an Arts Award Discover Day on June 26th as part of Greenbank's enrichment programme. Identifying various Art forms, taking part, researching as well as sharing and evaluating were in the centre of a day filled with activities such as Rapping, making collages, writing musical code, decorating biscuits and many more! A great day was had by all.



ARTS ARE ALL AROUND – A4

Many of our performers in the Trust will be starring in 'The Addams Family: The Musical' at Southport Little Theatre from 23rd-26th August. This promises to be a fantastic show and is being directed by two of our Drama teachers, Greenbank's Miss Bloom and Mr Plunkett, musically directed by Maghull's Head of Music Mr. Dutch, and choreographed by ex-Greenbank pupil Chloe Morris! So, it really is a Southport Learning Trust affair! Well done to all those who were successful at auditions and got a role in the production: Emily B, Emilie A, Susie B, Megan B, Carys G, Fleur W, Daisy C-W, Charlie G, Emma B and Amelie H from Greenbank; Liv W, Maddie S, Ellis H and Emily G from Maghull; Kai-Enna M and Nathan P from Meols Cop; and Sawyer D from Birkdale. There are also a number of former SLT pupils involved who have now moved onto sixth form colleges.

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perseverance, resilience, and self-awareness. Above all, we want our young actors to make new friends, build confidence and have fun performing! We will build towards performances as well as teaching a vast range of skills through our weekly term-time workshops. Ignite Youth Theatre is for young people aged 10-14 and takes place on Wednesdays from 6pm-7.30pm at The Temperance Institute on London Street in Southport (opposite the side entrance of Southport station).

Email: dramaignite@gmail.com for more details

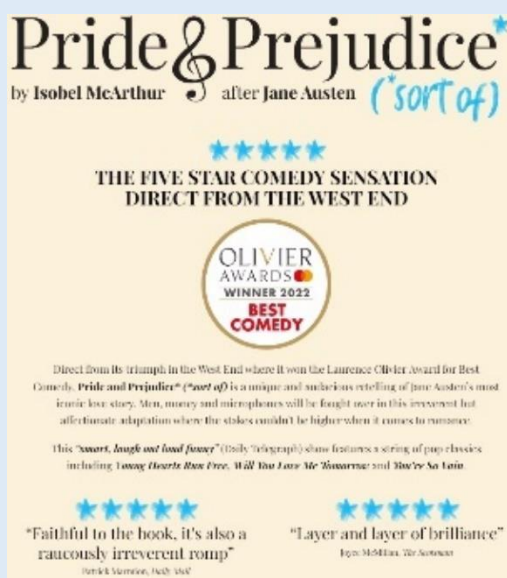


ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Leah Jamieson



Miss Bloom (Head of Drama at Greenbank High School) went to see Greenbank Alumna Leah Jamieson in the tour of *Pride and Prejudice (Sort Of)* in Blackpool this term. Leah was very involved in the Performing Arts as a student at Greenbank and has since done incredibly well. She got an actor/musicianship degree from the acclaimed Rose Bruford College, and this tour of *Pride and Prejudice (Sort Of)* was her first professional job - a five women show. Leah understudied her role when it was on in the West End and is now touring in the main cast - amazing! Greenbank is incredibly proud of the shining example you have become for our students Leah!



Holly Minto



Many moons ago there was a small, but loud little one sat in Room 11, right next to the door. When Mrs Palmer early one morning asked 7D whether there was anybody who would like to have some taster lessons on a Brass instrument, she jumped up excitedly. That's how Holly was then introduced to the Trumpet by Mr Palmer. The first concert followed swiftly – a rendition of 'What makes you beautiful' by One Direction along to a backing track. Things have quite obviously evolved from there as nowadays, after

finishing her degree at LIPA, one can find Holly touring the world with her band Crawlers. Their debut EP including the single 'Come over again' found fame on TikTok which led to a record deal, gigs at numerous U.K. Festivals like Download and Glastonbury, and the opportunity to open My Chemical Romance's Warrington concert in May 2022. Mr & Mrs Palmer think it is 'well cool' when one can listen to their former GCSE musician sing from their car radio because one could purchase their music from iTunes. We are immensely proud of you Holly! See you at your next gig.





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