

Photo taken by Zoham in Year 7

Headteacher's Message



We are very proud of all our students and their amazing achievements.

This week a special well done should go to Amir in Year 13 who after a very rigorous application and interview process received an offer to study Maths at Cambridge University. Likewise, Imama who now has an offer for Medicine at Oxford. 2 other students Raheema and Fharidah are holding offers for Medicine. Incredible achievements for the most competitive courses and destinations. They should be very proud!

Well done to Year 11 students who are working hard to prepare for their real exams in Business and Health and Social Care next week. In addition, the whole year group have their final set of trial exams starting on Tuesday 7th February with their real exams starting in just

10 school weeks' time. A crucial time for them.

Amazing student experiences continued this week as we saw the Echo Project perform in a prestigious production in the central concourse of Birmingham New Street Station, and Year 9 students enjoying Tapas whilst practicing their Spanish in a restaurant. Meanwhile the school chess tournament continues with some tense matches played at a very high standard and our debate teams prepare for their first competitive outing.

As you may have seen in the media over recent days, members of the National Education Union (NEU) are due to take industrial action across the country in relation to the national pay agreement and how it is funded by government, rather than any local issue. Given the expected impact on staffing levels in school, the plan for Wednesday 1st February is outlined below. I will review this and communicate with you again before the later strike dates.

Wednesday 1st February

Year 11 & 13 students will be in school as normal for their lessons. All other years will not be in school. (Hub teams will email parents with some suggested learning activities that students could undertake at home).

A very small number of highly vulnerable students from across all year groups will be invited into school for the day. We will contact parents of these students directly.

All students eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from main reception between 12:20pm and 1pm. If your child is eligible and would like a packed lunch, please let us know by filling in this simple online form: bit.ly/3Raf4dr

In addition to the above our planned Showcase Day on 8th February will be cancelled so that students can be in school all day having normal lessons

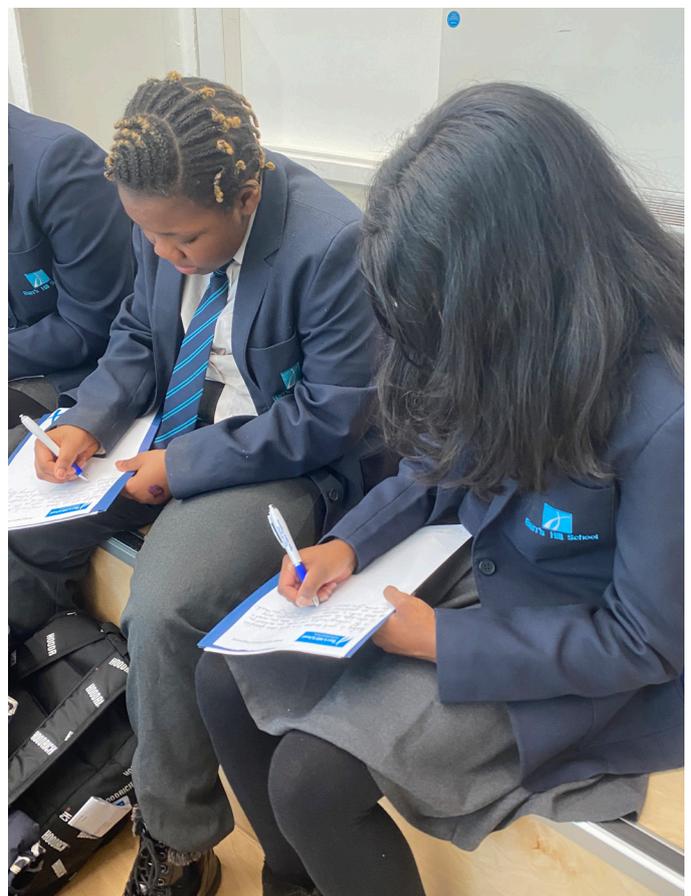
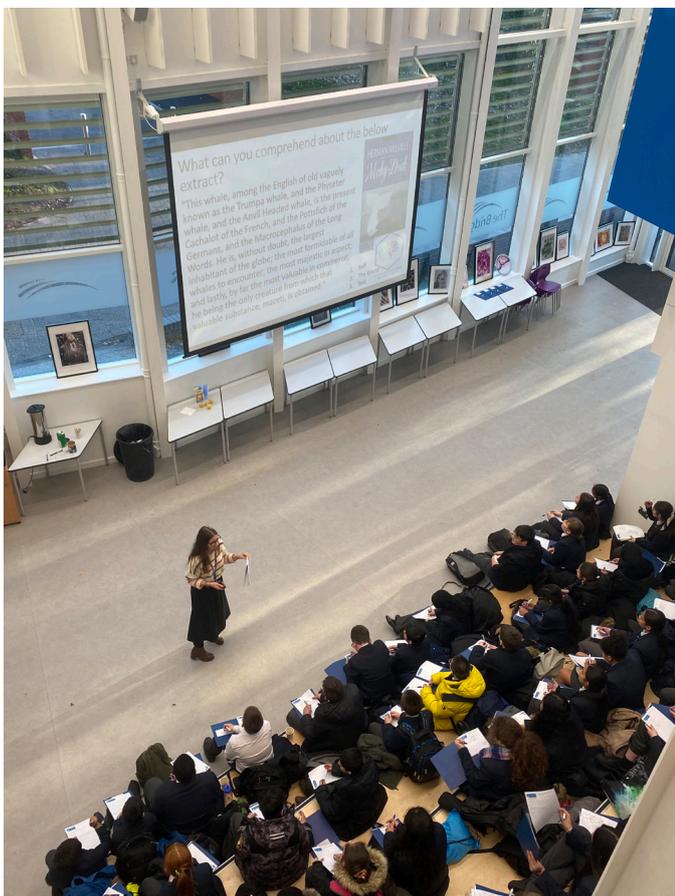
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Bridge Higher Attainer Programme

Our Bridge Higher Attainer Programme students had their second lecture on Friday, with Miss Burman delivering on the topic of 'Exploring reading conventions and its impact on social communication and understanding'.

Our students learnt about the effective use of language and communication, how reading widely and often can increase brain strength and can open doors to a greater understanding of the world and of self.

The series of lectures will develop our Higher Attaining Bridge student's inquisitiveness for a wider range of topics, giving them university level knowledge.



Watercolour Washes

Year 9 have been exploring watercolour washes and insects in the style of the artist Abby Diamond. In order to try to get them to be more explorative with the use of line we used Indian inks and sticks from outside to draw with! An excellent lesson exploring new media and techniques.



Art and Photography

Year 10 GCSE art and photography have been exploring techniques involved with toy photography. Linking the idea of an art piece of photograph telling the viewer a story, students selected miniature people, Lego characters or toy animals and had to create a narrative. Using techniques like forced perspective and focus, the creative images were fantastic!! Here are just a few examples...



U18 Warwickshire County Cricket

One of our talented Sixth Form students, Henry Thomas successfully made it through selection for the Under 18 Warwickshire County Cricket squad. This is an incredible achievement as only two players were selected this year from many talented young people. The selection process for the squad this year was a slightly different process from the previous years with a two-step process. To begin with, players were asked to record themselves batting and bowling in the nets. From there in November 2022, a list of shortlisted players were asked to participate in a live trial at the Edgbaston Indoor Cricket Centre which lasted over 4 weeks. After a month of great analysis of the players the selection for the winter programme was made.

We look forward to tracking Henry's progress and future success.



Year 7 Netball

On Thursday evening the Year 7 Netball team ventured across the city to Caludon Castle to play their very first netball match of the season. The team were super excited to get on the court and showcase the skills they have been fine tuning in training. The first quarter got under way and both teams made a shaky start with the first match nerves getting the better of them. The first quarter finished 3-1 to Caludon but the team were determined to not let the match end in defeat and with the first quarter out of the way the team started the second quarter much stronger. In the second quarter the defence had hardly any work to do as the attack managed to keep possession of the ball for nearly the whole quarter with goals being scored by Juan & Justyna to level at the half way point. The team knew it was all to play for and started the third quarter as strong as they did the second, as the team started to get into the flow of things more goals started to go in and the attack continued to pin the ball in the final third. The third quarter finished 5-3 to Barr's Hill and it was all to play for in the final quarter of the game. Caludon were reluctant to lose the game and came back, with the score at 6-5 to Caludon with minutes to go, Barr's hill decided they weren't going to give up and managed to pin the ball in the attacking third with the final goal being scored by Justyna who sealed a well deserved draw for the Barr's Hill Netball team. Player of the match was nominated as Gen and a huge well done to the whole team for working hard to secure a draw in their very first Netball game at Barr's Hill.

Books and Games Donations

Highly Sprung are serious about Play and that's why we're hosting one of the UK's first Play Days here in Radford on Saturday 18th February 10am - 5pm at Daimler Powerhouse, Sandy Lane Business Park, CV1 4DQ. There will be food from around the world, live music, games, families working together on playful challenges, exchanging board games and so much more. This is where we need your help! We are asking for donations of good quality books and board games for the exchange. We are offering a space for people to play, talk and swap their old items and take away something exciting! Some families may not have anything to bring, so we are calling on the wonderful students of Barr's Hill for donations, to make sure everyone has a chance to experience some pre-loved book and game joy. Please give any donations of preloved books, board games or jigsaws to Mrs Stafford in the new Bridge heart space by Friday 10th February.

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This week in Science Club:

Year 7 investigated car crashes

Year 8 made robot toothbrushes

Year 9 & 10 made catapults

Marie Curie-osity Academy started to plan their CREST Award

Donation Station

Do you have any preloved books?

Do you have any preloved board games or jigsaws?

We are working in partnership with Highly Sprung to host a 'Community Playday'.

We are looking for donations of games, books and jigsaws to be given to Mrs Stafford in the Bridge Heartspace by Friday 10th February



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ROTARY YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

Task:

Take up to 3 photographs based upon the theme, 'Beauty of Architecture'.

Competition age groups:

Intermediate
11-13 year olds
(year 7-9)

Senior
14-17 year olds
(yr 10-13)



School and
Rotary Club
prizes

SCHOOL PRIZES

1ST PRIZE IN EACH AGE GROUP
£10 VOUCHER OF YOUR CHOICE AND FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH

2ND & 3RD PRIZE
£5 VOUCHER OF YOUR CHOICE

ROTARY CLUB PRIZE

£50

All entries receive a certificate

Closing date: Friday 10th February 2023

**Entries to Mrs. Stafford in ART or via email
Stafford.a1@barrshill.coventry.sch.uk**

The photos can be colour or black and white and can be either printed or emailed to Mrs Stafford.

Mobile Phones, digital or traditional cameras may be used to take a photo.

In addition, each entrant should provide a brief sentence of what each photograph represents in relation to the theme.

Further Information and application forms can be requested via email from Mrs. Stafford

Student Book Review

This week's review has been written by Ayesha G from 9E

Book: *Girl with the Blue Coat*

Ayesha says: Hanekke is living in WW2. She sells illegal black-market goods as a small act of rebellion. One of her regular customers Mrs Bas is asking her for a rather unusual request- a Jewish girl who they smuggled. Now Hanekke must journey to find her and reveal the truth. It was quite riveting but the pace kept changing, making it hard to follow.

Rating: 5/5

Book of the Week

When Secrets Set Sail by Sita Brahmachari

ZPD: 5.5

Description: Usha is devastated when her grandmother Kali Ma passes away. Then straight-talking Imtiaz arrives- her new adoptive sister- and the two girls clash instantly. They both feel lost. That is until Kali Ma's ghost appears..with a task for them.

