

## Headteacher's Message

This week has been packed with exciting activities and achievements across the school. Our Year 12 students have started their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award training, preparing for their practice expedition to the Peak District. Meanwhile, our talented Art and Photography students in Years 10 and 11 have been producing some outstanding work, showcasing their creativity and skill. Our Year 7 students are honing their detective skills in the popular Detective Academy enrichment, and the KS4 Girls' Basketball team has made a fantastic start to the season with a decisive win. Well done to everyone involved! Staff and students

came together to bake cakes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising money to support this important charity. The event, led by our fantastic student leaders, was a huge success, bringing the school community together for a great cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

We're excited to introduce a new platform for communication and attendance tracking: Studybugs. Many of you may already be familiar with Studybugs, as it's widely used in local primary schools. With Studybugs, parents and carers can easily report absences through the app or website, replacing the need to call the school. It also allows for quicker, more efficient communication regarding attendance matters.

You can access Studybugs by creating an account either on the app or through their website. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Hub.

Year 11 trial exams are rapidly approaching. Students should be working hard at home and there is a crucial parents evening on 21st October that will give parents the chance to talk directly to mentors and teachers about how the year has started and what the students need to be doing to ensure success. A quick reminder we also have a Year 13 parents evening calendared for Monday 21st October and a Bridge settling in evening on Monday 7th October.

**Mrs E Martin**

# Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

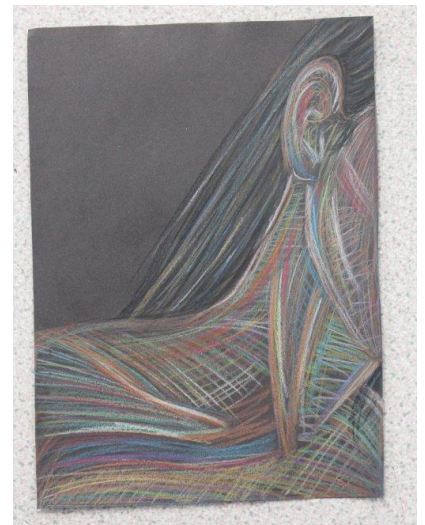
Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh cohort in Year 12 began their training last week for the expedition section of their Award. 10 students refreshed their knowledge of expedition skills as well as planning what will be their practice expedition to the Peak District and beautiful Ladybower reservoir.

We are pleased to be offering our Gold Award in partnership with the AAP Resilient after a successful partnership last year.



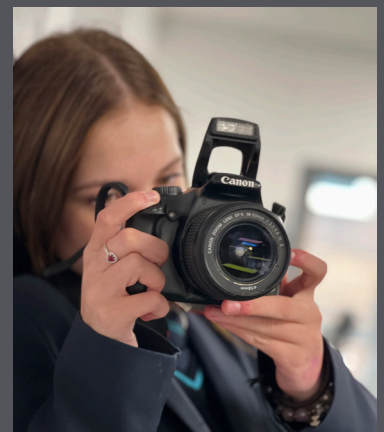
## Amazing Artwork

Year 11 Art and Photography have been working on their Human project with a focus on Fred Hatt. Using black paper and coloured pencils as their media they recorded parts of the human form. **Callum** and **Elena** have created these exceptional pieces for their GCSE coursework portfolio.



our new Art and Photography class in Year 10 have been really impressing Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Stafford with their dedication to the GCSE course. Taught as a dual class, students develop a range of skills in digital media, wet media and dry media.

Exploring the use of the camera to record portraits, Ethan captured this fantastic shot of a fellow student that shows how he is embracing the course and expanding his skills.



For the fourth time running, Detective Academy has opened its doors to its newest Year 7 members who enter in the hopes of putting their inference skills to the test and becoming honorary detectives. As we delve deeper into the mystery created, our young detectives come closer and closer to solving its secret and uncovering their suspect. This enrichment builds off their English and Reading skills (namely inference) allowing them to read between the lines and understand what has been left unsaid and the possible motives behind people's actions.

## Year 11 Student Leadership Team

This week, the Year 11 Student Leadership Team came together for a breakfast meeting. Students interested in leadership roles applied by submitting a letter to the Year 11 Hub team.

We're excited to announce that we now have student leaders in the following positions: Peer Mentors, Tutor Ambassadors, Hub Ambassadors, and the PROM Committee



# Year 11 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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## Year 11 Careers Interviews

As part of our commitment to provide all students with impartial careers information, advice and guidance, this week all year 11 students have had a scheduled, 1:1 careers interview with a Level 6 qualified careers advisor.

Our dedicated Careers and Pathways Lead Miss Matthews has been joined by careers advisors from across the Trust, Mrs Dye and Ms Worwood, to ensure all students have had the time to have meaningful discussion.

During this appointment, advisors have been discussing any concerns students have about this academic year, post 16 education options, post 18 options and career interests. This has also been a great opportunity for students to ask any questions regarding their future choices at a pivotal time in their 7 year journey. All members of staff have remarked on how well prepared students were with many having clear plans for their future and attending with lots of insightful questions.

Students will be receiving a copy of the notes from their appointments in the coming weeks and are reminded if they have any questions or would like a follow up appointment with Miss Matthews, they can book this through the Hub.

A reminder that parents and guardians can also book an appointment with Miss Matthews if they have any questions about their child's options. Please contact her on [careers@barrshill.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:careers@barrshill.coventry.sch.uk)

# KS4 Girls Shine in First Game of Coventry Basketball League!

We are thrilled to announce that our KS4 Girls' Basketball team has had an incredible start to the season in the Coventry Basketball League. In their first game of the year, the girls demonstrated outstanding teamwork and skill, securing a dominant 38-04 victory over Stoke Park. A special mention goes to **Philipa**, who won the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for her remarkable performance. Coming off the bench, **Philipa** made a huge impact on the game, scoring numerous baskets and showcasing incredible dribbling skills. Her precision and control over the ball kept Stoke Park's defence on their toes. **Zuzzanna N**, **Susana S**, and **Faye H** were also instrumental in the win, delivering an outstanding defensive performance. Their ability to read the game and disrupt Stoke Park's offense was key in limiting their scoring opportunities, and their speedy dribbling on the fast break helped the team score many baskets.

Their defensive work helped keep the opposition at bay, contributing significantly to the team's strong defence. Additionally, **Genevieve C**, **Lenora**, and **Georgia L** shone in the rebounding department, pulling down key rebounds that allowed Barr's Hill to maintain possession and control the pace of the game. Their tenacity on the boards provided the team with many second-chance opportunities and prevented Stoke Park from gaining momentum. The match was a true team effort, with the defence allowing only 4 points while the offense dominated, leading Barr's Hill to an impressive win. Also, a special mention goes out to **Halima G** for an excellent performance officiating for the team.

Congratulations to the entire team for their standout performances. We look forward to seeing more exciting games as the season progresses!

Go Barr's Hill!



# OCTOBER

BREAST CANCER

AWARENESS MONTH



In 2024, more than 360,000 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer. But there is hope. Advancements in early detection methods and support continue to increase the chances of survival. When caught in its earliest, localized stages, the 5-year relative survival rate of breast cancer is 99%.

## How can we get involved in Breast Cancer Awareness Month?

Be part of an incredible community by fundraising!

This October, support Y10's fundraising for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Purchase ribbons, cakes and raffle tickets to help make life-saving breast cancer research and life-changing support happen.

### Our Year 10 Fundraising Plan...

Tuesday 1st October - Friday 4th October - Pink ribbon sale, for as little as 50p (whole school)

50p



£1.00



£1.00



Monday 7th October - Friday 11th October - Raffle tickets, 50p (whole school)

Friday 18th October - Bake sale (whole school)

Friday 25th October - Y10 event - Activities and 'wear it pink' (accessories only)

## Year 10 Hub

# Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor at our school and invite you to stand for election or to nominate another parent to do so. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to become more involved in the life of the school. Governors play a significant role in the work of the school and the role, whilst demanding, is very interesting and rewarding. The governing body works in partnership with and in support of the school. It also sets a high standard of expectation and ambition which helps to drive forward the work of the staff and create a brighter future for our students. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and the welfare of the children.

If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact our Chair of Governors - Tony Fitzpatrick who will be delighted to talk to you. He can be contacted via [chairofgovs@barrshill-coventry.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgovs@barrshill-coventry.sch.uk). Should only one expression of interest be received by 4th October 2024, the closing date, the candidate will be duly elected unopposed. In the event of there being one or more nominations a ballot will take place.



## Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



Studybugs 

# Routes into STEM Face-to-face

Routes into STEM is an experience that provides an amazing opportunity to help students understand the different routes to further STEM education and career pathways.

## Who is it for?

Students in Year 9 and 10 / equivalent who are interested in finding out more about STEM careers.



## What is involved?

- A three-day experience at STEM educational providers and STEM companies local to them
- Students will explore STEM careers, participate in interactive workshops, site tours and hear from young professionals

## What are the outcomes?

- Gain first-hand information and experience hands on activities at STEM educational providers and companies to make informed decisions about their future
- Go on campus tours and get thinking about future studies in a mature and informed manner
- Speak with apprentices/graduates about their experiences
- Develop valuable skills such as presentation skills, team-building, and social skills, and see how they can be applied to their CV, Application Form or Personal Statement
- Become a Bronze Industrial Cadet

## Coventry dates & locations

- Tuesday 29 October 2024 -Coventry College CV1 5DG
- Wednesday 30 October 2024 - Coventry University CV1 2HF
- Thursday 31 October 2024 - TBC

## Cost

This course is fully funded. (Normally £190 for all 3 days).

## How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or **scan the QR code**  
Limited places available, do not delay and apply today!



[www.etrust.org.uk](http://www.etrust.org.uk)





## Student Book Review

This week's review has been written by Oliver S from 70

Book: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

Oliver says: Percy Jackson is a half-blood and has to save the Earth from Zeus destroying New York City. He has to retrieve the lightning bolt with the help of his friends. I enjoyed the action as it was exciting.

Rating: 5/5

## Book of the Week

HappyHead by Josh Silver

ZPD: 3.6

Description: When Seb is offered a place on a radical retreat designed to solve the national crisis of teenage unhappiness, he is determined to change how people see him and make his parents proud. But as he finds himself drawn to the enigmatic Finn, Seb starts to question the true nature of the challenges they must undergo.

The deeper into the programme the boys get, the more disturbing the assessments become, until it is clear there may be no escape.

