



The Weekly Word

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A note from the Principal

The last week of term has been incredibly busy and the students have been engaging in a lot of positive activities. For those of you who came to St Mary's Church on Tuesday night I am sure you will agree that it was an amazing evening of celebration. We have such talented students here and thank you to the staff who supported them to deliver such a range of music, dance and drama over the evening. We are now looking forward to the show next year and, having seen some of the rehearsals taking place, it is going to be fantastic. Year 11 students have been stunning all term and have worked incredibly hard with many increasing their current grades by 2 or more since September across a range of subjects. I have suggested to them that they have a real rest over Christmas so that they are ready for the rigours of their last full term with us.



I wish you all a happy festive period and look forward to working with you in 2019.

[Link to calendar](#)

Expressive Arts Performance - Amazing!

Thanks to all who were involved with or came to watch the celebration concert on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to showcase what the department and students have been working on for the past few weeks. The students did the school proud at St Mary's, displaying model behaviour during rehearsals and approaching their performances with energy and enthusiasm. All in all a very successful evening!



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Comments on social media

“An amazing night. Well done to all involved, it really was a pleasure to watch.”

“Well done to all the students and staff involved.”

Cross-curricular day!

A group of year 8 boys tackled the difficult text of Frankenstein...with a twist! Instead of just studying in English, students were treated to real learning experiences. Henry, Sam, Callum, Kinza, Jayden, Braiden,



Mackenzie and Aaron actually lived like Doctor Frankenstein for the day. Cutting and slicing hearts and eyes; Miss Randall discussed with students the process Dr Frankenstein went through in creating his

Monster! Mr Bent educated them on the history around grave robbers and took students on a world tour of the destinations the Monster tried escaping to. Finally students pulled their ideas together to produce a piece of writing on the creation of the Monster, as if they were Doctor Frankenstein. They sat and listened to thunder and rain, drawing on their experiences of the day – most pupils grades improved by either one or two levels! Truly, a monstrous effort!

Mr Parker.

Art and Design Department



During the last week of term, GCSE Art students have been working hard to meet their coursework deadline. They have been inspired by a variety of themes which they have chosen for themselves. At GCSE level, students can choose their own artists to inspire them. I have been very impressed with the individuality of their work as well as their high skill levels. I look forward to seeing the work completed shortly.



Featured artwork from left to right:

Karina, Binyan, and Marshall .



Year 7 Community Project

A very big, huge thank you to all those who contributed to our year 7 community project. We successfully delivered lots of food and toiletries to the Food Bank in Banbury which we visited during one of our lessons. We also took boxes of donated toys to Tibbetts in Banbury who are putting together Christmas boxes for families in the town.

We also baked biscuits to be given to families who visit the food bank at Christmas.

Shinade year 7.



A short story by one of our students

A White Christmas!

It was a winter morning when a little girl called Angel woke up. Angel was 10 years old and she was very excited for Christmas. Angel looked out of her window and she discovered that it was snowing! She jumped and screamed with excitement Angel had been waiting all year for it to snow and finally her dream came true. She put her wellies, scarf, hat and gloves on and she ran outside. She ran around in circles and left footprints in the snow wherever she went. She lay down on the snow and stretched her legs and arms out so that she could make an angel! Her mum Bethany called her inside to eat some breakfast. In Angel's kitchen she had an advent calendar. There was two days left until Christmas and also her birthday! Angel went to her room and got dressed. Her mum shouted from the stairs and said 'Your cousins are coming.' Then Angel cleaned her room and got out her dolls. Her cousins had arrived and they went out to play in the pure white, soft snow. They were running around until suddenly Angel's cousin Gabriella fell and hurt her ankle. Angle ran in and called her mum. That day Gabriella had broken her ankle but she was fine after.

Angel had fallen asleep very late on the night before her birthday. It was 10:00am when she woke up and it was her birthday and even better it was Christmas! Angel excitedly looked out of the window but then she got very sad because it wasn't snowing anymore.

By Sania Year 7

Year 9 and 10 notices

Year 9 Parents Evening on
17th January at 4pm till
6.30pm in the Buttery.

All work experience forms
for year 10 must be in for
8th February for the school
to validate your placement.

Reminder!

The spring term begins on Monday 7th January 2019 and all students will be welcomed back into school at the normal time of 8.40 a.m. ready to move to mentor time by 8.45 a.m. As usual we will be looking for everyone to be fully equipped and wearing full uniform for the new term.

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Year 9 Guided Choice Information

Guided Choices Flowchart

