



# Thriftwood College Key Stage 4

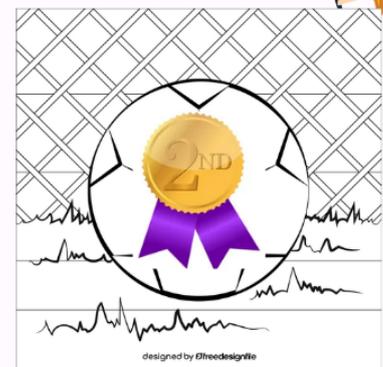
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## LITTER PICKING in SOUTHEND

Rogers class have been litter picking as part of their life skills work. They have discussed what volunteering means as opposed to paid work and why this is beneficial to all concerned. It is a great opportunity to put their work skills into practice by learning to be part of team, working with rigour and attention and being able to communicate effectively with each other. All of these skills are transferrable into paid work when the time comes.

In the meantime, the population of Southend can enjoy a litter free seafront. An excellent job was done by the whole class: Aaron, Cody Ryan, Archie, Dolly, Senuli, Orla, Lewis, Lejla and Ethan.

They are very proud of themselves!



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### The Thriftwood College Football Team

The team enjoyed a stunning win at a tournament held at Market Field school. The level of play was truly awesome, with a final score of 7-2. The players showed great resilience and sportsmanship in all their matches. It was a long day with many ups and downs but they still found the energy to celebrate with a good old sing-a-long, which they repeated for us all in assembly. It was a great event where Thriftwood Students represented the college extremely well.

Well done to: Aiden P, Chase B, Bailey M, Vinny A, Ikee G, Reuben A, Ethan S, Caeden J, Lilah B, Reuben P, Rashan W, Joshua S, Isaiah A, George F and Tyler M.

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The KS4 volunteering group this half term have been magnificent. Every week the group go to support an elderly lady with a very large garden to maintain. She and the staff have been very impressed with AidenP, Alfie, Faith, Harrison, Jess, Michaela, Paige, Joshua, Sian, Sophia and Yusuf, who have boundless energy and enthusiasm and have tackled some tricky jobs for her. She is very grateful and rewards the group with some delicious home baked treats! Most importantly the students are learning the skills needed to volunteer over a period of time and to see for themselves the impact they are making.



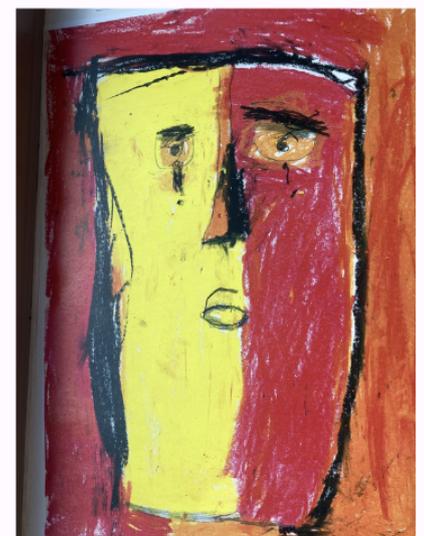
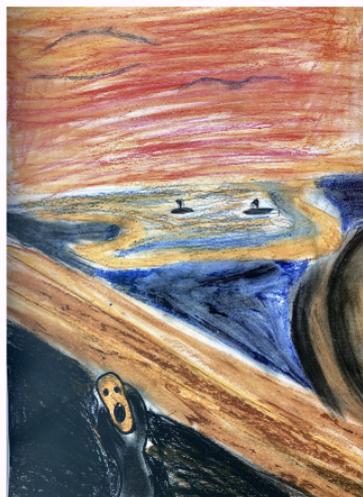
## KS4 Art lessons

The students are working on showing emotions through art and have looked at work by famous artists and recreated their own versions, using pastels. Here is some work by Elijah O, Taylor, Megan and Chase



## Uniform

There is a requirement to wear uniform in KS4, which is clearly explained on the college website. This is an expectation of all KS4 students. This develops the ability to follow instructions and comply to a dress code, a valuable skill for the workplace.



## Dates coming up

- Half term 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> February
- Inset day 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Open Mic Night 20<sup>th</sup> March
- End of term 27<sup>th</sup> March 3:00pm
- Leaver's day 19<sup>th</sup> June

