



KEY STAGE 4 NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

EDUCATE CHALLENGE PREPARE

In English lessons students have recently been reading the poetry of Harry Baker. The poem 'Paper People' has been explored in detail and all classes have created their own life-size paper person and one group has even contacted the poet to share their ideas with him! There has been some excellent work in classrooms. Here are **Ellie, Archie** and a friend making the puppet move. This is also the time for assessment and awards, some students have already shown great progress in their reading skills, some have tackled AQA awards whilst others have sat Entry level or Functional skills tests. Well done to all for such a great effort.



Career Experience Day

Here are some KS4 students thoroughly enjoying seeing the inside of a removal van. Lots more vehicles related to the world of work also came on the day, including a fire engine and a hearse, to name just a few. It was great fun!

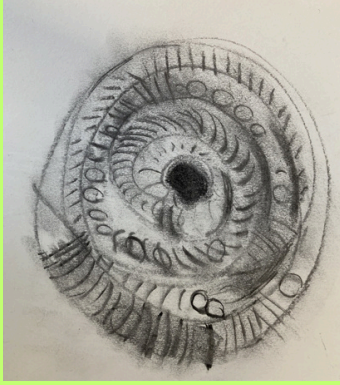


The Pringle Post Challenge

Some KS4 students have been involved in a challenge linked to Royal Mail. They had to carefully wrap a single *Pringle* and send it through the postal system. The results were amazing- for some! A fabulous life skills lesson in packaging and writing. Well done to **Brandon, Rhys, Liam and George.**

Talented Artists

Once again the artwork in KS4 has been astounding. A great number of students have produced art inspired by nature. Students have collected and observed nature closely and shown great skills and perseverance in their work. Here are **Sian's** Japanese blossom tree, **Elijah U's** fossil and **Yusuf's** lion.



Allotment News

Rogers and Attenborough classes and other smaller groups and individuals have been hard at work in the allotment. They have been regularly digging, planting, watering and weeding. Also they have been picking rhubarb for use in the school kitchen with delicious crumble as a result! They have nurtured spring and summer bulbs and are currently caring for seedlings of all kinds.

LIFE SKILLS

As part of their Life Skills project **Rogers** class have been upcycling furniture which they sourced on their Discovery Days out. Here are **Aaron** and **Cody** painting a table.



TRANSITION

KS4 students have played an important role in the transition of year 9 students coming up to college this year. Some students have been most helpful by showing groups of students around and answering their questions. Thank you to **Isaiah, Chase, Faith, Toby, Sophie** and **Lilah**. Thank you also to everyone who has made them feel welcome in the yard at breaktimes too.

DATES COMING UP

The Prom for year 11 and up

5th June 2026

Leaver's Day

19th June 2026

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

June 25-26th June

End of term

16th July 2026 @ 1pm