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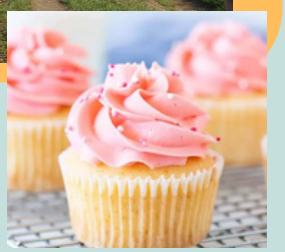
EDUCATE CHALLENGE PREPARE

Year 11 students have been challenging themselves to participate in the **Duke of Edinburgh** bronze expedition. Students have all completed a long, two day hike, with determination, many snacks and a heap of good humour and despite daytime downpours, a few blisters and a wasp sting, they all survived! They also contended with a chilly, wet and very windy night in the tents! They really did show great resilience, this is massive achievement by all. Everyone will have also made memories that will last a lifetime. Thanks go to all the staff involved, for giving up their own time so generously. Students will now continue to work on other skills throughout the coming months, to complete their award.



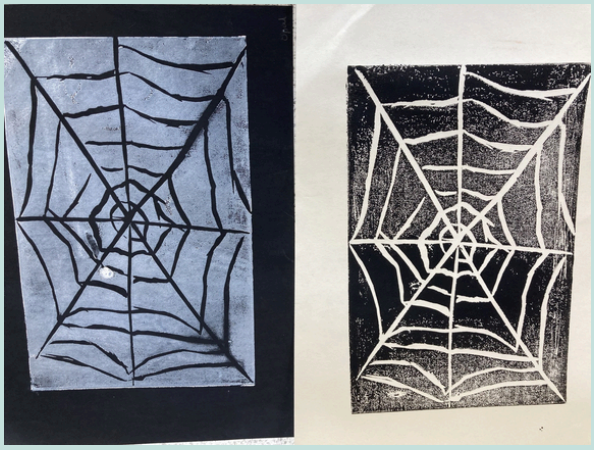






Fundraising for Charities

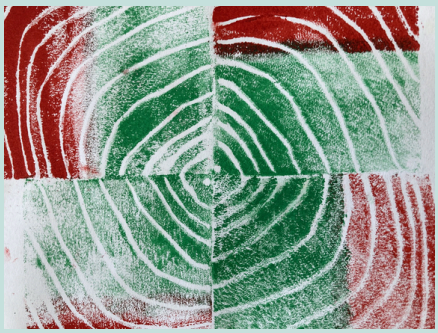
On 25th September our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** was a huge success. Students, staff, and families showed their support by donating and buying a wonderful variety of cakes, biscuits, and sweet treats, including the amazing homemade Pumpkin cake, donated by a *Bake Off* worthy parent. Tastebuds were buzzing with excitement as families and students choose their favourites, with even more cakes being sold and consumed at breaktime. Barely a crumb was left for the seagulls! A big thank you goes to everyone who baked, donated, brewed coffee or helped organise the sale. The grand total raised was **£238.50.** Also this half term students and staff raised **£88.42** on 14th September simply by wearing jeans and making donations for **'Jeans for Genes Day.'**





Lino Legends

Our recent Key stage 4 Lino printing project has showcased the creativity, determination, and artistic talent of our students. Students learned how to design, carve, and print their own unique images using traditional lino printing techniques. They applied enthusiasm and concentration, carefully turning their ideas into impressive works of art. Here are Opal's Spider webs, Harry's circles, Pranav's abstract design, and Alycia's Christmas tree. A special mention goes to Alycia who willingly cleans up at the end of every every art lesson and kindly supports and encourages other students.





'TREE'mendous!

Rogers and Attenborough classes have all planted a conker as a seed and are awaiting the germination of a potential forest.
In the early part of the term students harvested the many delicious apples from our beautiful orchard. There has been a lot of apple crumble made in our kitchen, as well as apple tasting and apples have been freely available for students, staff and visitors. Thank you to Cody and Elijah U for distributing apples, daily, all to classes. Thanks go to many other KS4 students for picking and sorting all the apples. Finally, some students have planted a lovely Acer tree which was kindly donated to the college recently.



Year 10 students and students recently joining us

KS4 students have made an impressive start to the new academic year. They have successfully navigated their way around the building and their new timetables. Almost all students have presented themselves in correct uniform this half term and have taken a real pride in their conduct and work ethic. A fabulous start!

DATES COMING UP

Children in Need
13th November
Target Setting Inset Day
16th November 2026
Christmas Jumper and Christmas buffet Day
9th December 2026
End of term
18th December 2026 @ 1pm