

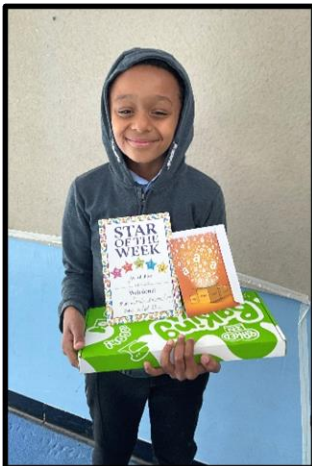


Term 5 Newsletter

As we all get ready to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, let's celebrate the fantastic achievements at our academy this term. This newsletter is dedicated to shining a light on the great work of staff and pupils. A special **shout out** to all our Year 11 pupils sitting exams this year. I'd also like to welcome Mr Nabi who has taken over science teaching while Miss Grant is away.

Ms Morrison

Here at The LEAP, the arrival of Spring brought along new winds, new goals and new heights. We have created the "**Over 20's Club**" – a club for those students who earn over 20 learning points in a day – and it has had a massive positive impact for our students. Everyone has made amazing progress with their learning and we are very proud of each one of them.



On Fridays, we have a raffle with all of the weekly winners and one of them gets a special prize to take home. On the left you can see one of our latest winners.

In our P.E. lessons, we have been taking our pupils on **BMXing** lessons. For some, it has been a chance to challenge themselves and try something for the first time; and for others it has been a chance to showcase their talent and impress both the teaching staff and the instructors! Well done, everyone!

Lastly, we have been looking at **plastic pollution in the ocean** during our English lessons. Our students have learned about the ways in which this particular type of pollution affects marine life, as well as our own lives. They have recently finished writing a letter that will be sent to the Prime Minister to shed light on this issue,



and demand a solution for this problem.





At Brentry this term began with pupils having the opportunity to read and produce a range of non-fiction texts and consider the uses of formal and informal language. The term has also focused on developing a wide range of skills such as proof reading and research whilst also providing time to work towards individual targets and address specific skills gaps. We've also looked at **Shakespeare** and began exploring the plot and characterisation of **Macbeth**. This can be a difficult and often daunting topic for many pupils so our efforts have centred on resetting our student's relationship with Shakespeare by stoking new interest and curiosity.



In Art this term students have done some great work on **buildings** and **structures**, starting with perspective drawing and ending with a **Gaudi** inspired chimney – I have been really impressed with the different shapes and designs that we have managed to produce – they are all so different and showcase what our students are capable of.

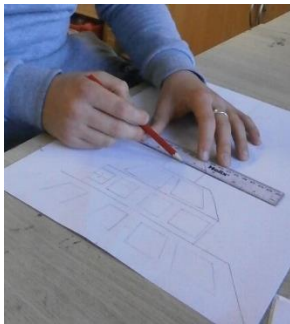
Maths has seen students looking at **2D** and **3D shape** and **measure** which fits in wonderfully with the 3D structures that they have been producing in Art.



St Matthias Academy Fishponds

It has been an exceedingly busy May in school and we are finishing term 5 celebrating a whole bunch of successes.

Congratulations to our Year 11 pupils who are now half way through their GCSEs and have already completed their Entry Level qualifications in Maths, English and Science for this year. The year 11s have arrived for their exams in a positive state of mind, focused and determined to do their best. Well done all!



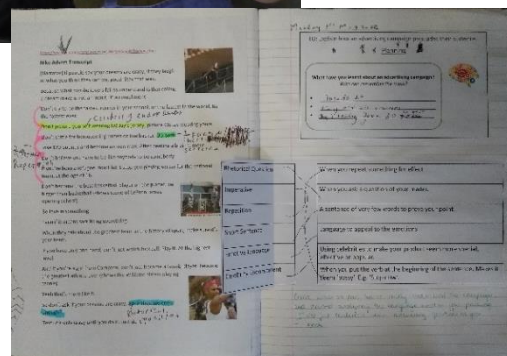
In *Art* this term, pupils have been learning to draw buildings using one-point and two-point perspective. Then they transfer these new skills into 3D drawings of buildings in the style of Antoni Gaudi.



Others have been doing silk screen printing, which involves making templates and forcing the printing ink through a screen onto the paper below. This technique produces excellent, sometimes multi coloured artwork. Though not without messy hands!



In *English*, the pupils that haven't been getting ready for exams, have been learning about Advertising. The ways companies such as Nike market themselves and try to get people to buy their products have been analysed. Lessons looked at the language used and the often-powerful images that go alongside.



Well done to all that have discovered how to read between the lines and see how companies try to encourage people into purchasing their products.