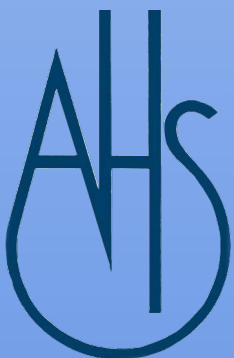


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Summer School



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Summer School

AHS was delighted to host our first ever Summer School for our new Year 7 students in the final week of August. The week included a fantastic mix of activities, from sports and creative arts to baking, exploring and active numeracy, literacy and science experiments. The students did brilliantly, got really involved and it was lovely to see their confidence grow throughout the week. Thank you to 7A for their comments below:

"Summer School was a very fun experience. It made me settle as we did not have induction day. I started knowing people and made a lot of friends. Summer School made me feel I am part of AHS"

Inaaya Haroon

"One of my favourite things about summer school was meeting new people that would be there when we started school".

Dinaya Gunaratne.

"I was able to meet teachers and make friends and I enjoyed the science investigations." **Padmasri Murali-Lakshmi-Shalini.**

"I got to do amazing team building activities. Summer School helped me know my way around the school" **Nethki Wickramaratne.**

"I really enjoyed summer camp because I got to participate in fun activities while doing fun activities!" **Ife Adekanmbe.**

"I loved Summer School. It helped me to make friends and get to know people before term started. I liked how we did so many different activities." **Elsa Rivers**

"I really loved playing kinball which helped me with sports and school" **Natasha Ajiboye**

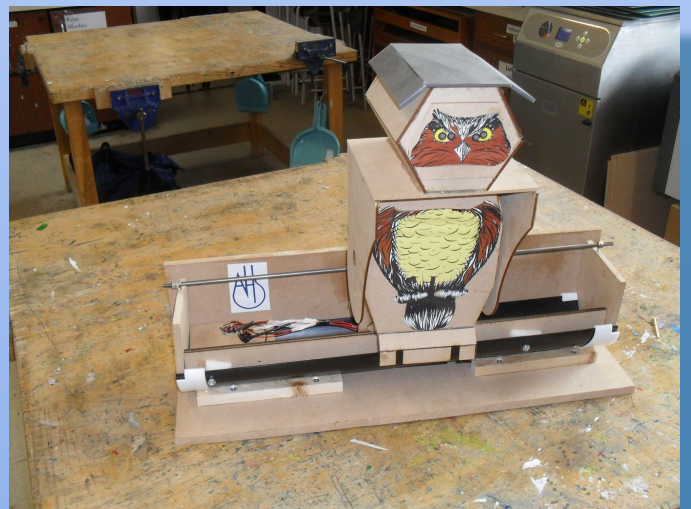
Congratulations to ...

Gold Crest Award for Sixth Form Students

Last year, a team of six Year 12 students entered the EDT Gold competition, where we designed a bird deterrent. We worked alongside mentors from the company Leonardo and Mr Potkin. Our brief was to design a bird deterrent that will scare birds away from office buildings without emitting loud noises. When a bird sings, the microphones on the deterrent will pick up the signal, and then a bandpass filter cleans the input data. This stream of data is inputted into the Raspberry Pi (a type of computer), which will then set off a mechanism of flashing lights to scare the bird.

Despite the COVID restrictions, we worked together as a team and managed to create a prototype. Each of us has received a Gold CREST award for the project.

Maiurie Rasakulasuriar



National League Championship

Congratulations to Amelie Brooks in 10S and AHS alumni Isabelle Marshall who helped Halton Ladies Tennis Team win the National League Championship in September. It was a great result for the club and the first time they have won the title having been finalists in 2019.



Congratulations to ...

Planetary International Competition

Students from across Year 8 entered a competition run by Planetary International. The aim of the competition was to produce art or written work to highlight the climate challenge we are now facing. I am delighted to say that many of the entrants were shortlisted and will be displayed at the upcoming Climate Conference to be held in Glasgow in early November (COP26). Their work will be on show in both the green and blue zones which means it will be visible to the public and world leaders.

The school was gifted a wonderful book called Wilding by Isabella Tree. It will be a valuable addition to the library. **Mrs Burt & Miss Denham**



Planetary International
Competition



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Congratulations to ...

Merits & Academy Awards

Well done to the students below who have achieved the most amount of merits (KS3/4) or academy awards (KS5) in their form this ½ term!

7A - Nakshatra Sundaramoorthy
7C - Yaashana Suresh
7H - Nikitha Yella
7M - Mokshita Dammala
7S - Vivienne Lim
7W - Emma Mohammadi Nejad
8A - Ling Goh
8C - Rose Pillai, Katherine Hyde
8H - Jenny Ashton
8M - Amelia Heafield
8S - Fareedah Hanidu
8W - Ruby Ungi, Noor Hussain, Megan Booth
9A - Scarlett Mitchell, Beth Anker
9C - Nathalie Young
9H - Nidhi Billa
9M - Creda Fletcher
9S - Maggie Goddard
9W - Libby Short
10A - Megan McKeown & Aarushi Yadava
10C - Alice Grapes
10H - Hannah Whitely
10M - Selena Li
10S - Amrutha Sathiyadas
10W - Ninduya Muruganantham
11A - Aanya Gaur
11C - Jamila Kanchwala
11H - Anouk Wood
11M - Poorvaja Murali
11S - Claudia Adjei
11W - Daisy Moore

12A - Isobel Juniper, Ella Spencer
12B - Neve Whiffing
12C - Lara Hickman
12D - Molly Grist, Imogen Bithell.
Davidzo Makaya
12E - Megan Rutland
12F - Elizabeth Volokh, Abigail Pelling
12G - Amelia Palmer
12H - Evie Barnes
12J - Hannah Garnham
12K - Cenyujia Wang
13A - Vanessa Andrews
13B - Aboli Joshi
13C - Amy George
13D - Eilidh Drummond
13E - Prasadhee Hathi
13F - Megan Gill, Emma Sainsbury
13G - Antonine Seed
13H - Maiurie Rasakulasuriar, Cara Tinson
13J - Jess Duodu
13K - Natalia Maciak, Lily King, Asraa Bhollazayi



AHS Equestrian

AHS Equestrian Team

Maddie and Harriet had a very successful event representing AHS at the National Schools 2021 Dressage, Show Jumping and Combined Training Qualifiers at Bury Farm. Maddie won the 80/85cm show jumping round and Harriet won the 70/75cm combined training this month and both qualified for the National Championships. Congratulations!

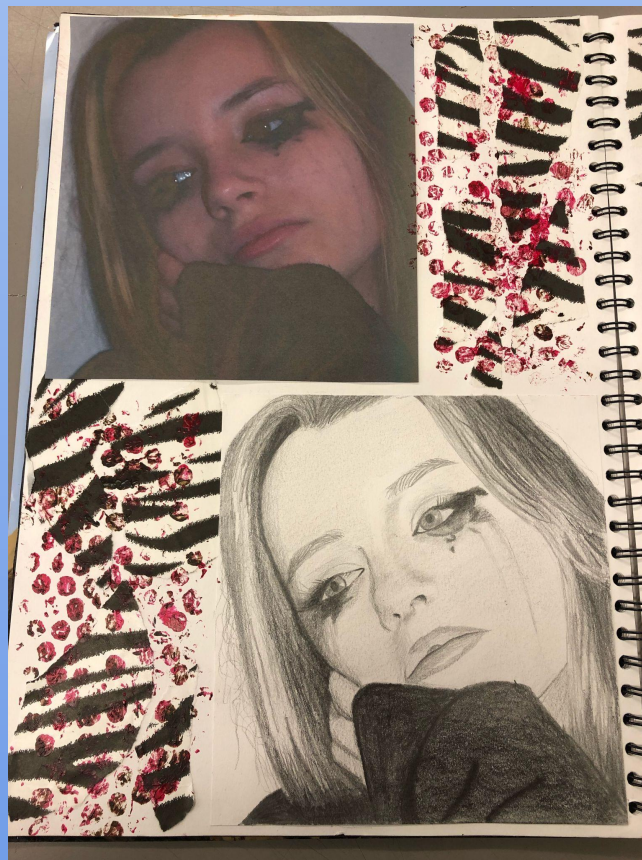
Towards the end of September, Harriet will be representing the school at Berkshire College and Helena will be taking part in the School Equestrian Games Championships. We wish them both success and look forward to hearing how they get on.

Helena Van Hüllen: On Sunday 26 September I had the opportunity to compete in the School Equestrian Games Eventing Championships at Calmsden. I qualified earlier in the year at Elmwood in 100cm. It was a lovely experience and I achieved a PB in the dressage on my horse - 25.75%.



Art

Choosing A Level Art was a very easy decision for me to make. I simply couldn't imagine the idea of not having a creative outlet! Having completed my first half term of A Level Art, I can wholeheartedly say that I made the right choice! The part I enjoy most about it is the freedom to explore our own themes in more depth. There is a larger sense of independence in A Level compared to GCSE, with the Art teachers pushing us to make artistic decisions in order to excel. Another thing I have noticed over the course so far is the range of media we explore and experiment with, which is really exciting and eye opening! For example, working on photo editing and most recently an oil painting workshop with the renowned artist Adebunji Alade which I thoroughly enjoyed and valued. Not only are we offered more opportunities, we are also given more time to investigate and create our artwork in Art drop-ins and our free periods. I use Art as my escape and down time from my other subjects, which I feel has been an amazing way of balancing the new stresses of Sixth Form! Don't just take my word for it, let the incredible pieces of artwork from our Year 12 students speak for themselves! **Sophie McNally**



From Ruby Bird's sketchbook

DofE

DofE Out and About in the Chilterns this half-term

If you were out in the local countryside around Ellesborough or Waddesdon in September, you will have spotted AHS students in walking boots and wearing rucksacks navigating their way around. We held a catch up expedition on 18/19 September for any Bronze Award participants from last year who had missed out on their expedition due to Covid last term, and then held our usual Silver training walk for our current Y11s the following weekend to equip them with the extra map and compass skills they will need when they hit the more challenging terrain of the Cotswolds and the Peak District in July. We were pretty lucky with the weather on both weekends, although our Bronze students did get to test out their waterproofs on the Sunday. One group also showed great community spirit and eco-activism by voluntarily conducting a litter pick while they were walking on the Saturday. A big thank you to staff for volunteering their time and to parents for ferrying their daughters to start and end points on both weekends, and a well done to all the students involved.

Miss Sheppard



My First Drama Lessons

My first lessons in Drama were not as I had expected them to be. They were engaging, interesting and fun! It's an open space where you can voice your opinions freely without fear of being judged.

We talked about several topics that relate to drama such as non-verbal communication, freeze frames and teamwork, and took part in many activities. Although I've enjoyed every single lesson, my favourite so far has been where we looked at non-verbal communication and the different ways people communicate; we learnt how various aspects like your body posture and tone of voice can judge and determine how what you are saying comes across. To add on, we took turns in pairs to say different sentences in different tones with different body language. When I was in isolation, I couldn't take part in the class but was still given a chance to learn all about teamwork by making a mind map with all the skills we would be using and how we could efficiently solve difficult situations.

Overall, from my perspective, Drama lessons have been very lively. Unlike other classes like Maths and English, there aren't really any strict rules or any correct answers and opinions. All we are told to do is to respect everyone's own ideas and work to the absolute best of our ability. It has been extremely fun so far and I am excited for the Drama lessons to come and the different topics and opportunities we will be covering. **Sarah Del Roy 7H**



Green Park

Green Park Transition Trips with Year 7

On Tuesday 5 October Year 7 went to Greenpark. It was very fun but wet. The activities we did were team games, orienteering and Jacob's Ladder. When we got there we got split into groups and did different activities. My first activity was orienteering; it was very muddy but fun. We had to find clues and find missing letters on the clues. After we had a little break. Then my group did the Jacob's Ladder. The path that went to the activity was very muddy. Jacob's ladder was very challenging for some but it was easy for others; as we climbed, the gap in between got bigger. Then we had lunch which was very yummy and warm as we ate inside. Our last activity was team games and it was about working together. When we worked together we succeeded and it was not hard at all. **Inaaya 7A**

Something I really enjoyed about Green Park was that it was a new experience for me, contrasting from primary school as well! I got to meet some new people and made closer friends. Overall I really enjoyed the trip and the activities were very fun too!

- **Hadassah 7A**



Hockey

U16s Match Report

The U16s travelled to Stowe for our first hockey tournament of the season. We had a glorious win, 2 draws & 3 losses to some very strong and skilful teams. In a match against Marlow, we were a few goals down, Sophie secured us a short corner and an injection to Erin resulted in a surprisingly tidy goal from Hattie! Playing Beaconsfield High, our goalie, Lucy, was sensational with her diving all over the D in order to keep them down to a 0-0 draw. Our other Lucie (not to mention Leonie & Mady) also prevented many goals with some brilliant tackles when the rest of the team had run themselves ragged! Erin T made some great interceptions and passed the ball to Erin M, dominating the left side. Sophie & Olivia W did some excellent pair work in order to take the ball up the wing. In the Borley's match especially, Tamsin had some excellent runs up the pitch leading up front. Gutted we couldn't score with all our efforts in their D - credit to their GK! After our spirits were lifted by a lunch break, we were faced with Royal Latin and Anna scored a goal within the first minute! We played consistently well and then Chloe finished the match with a lovely second goal. Well done to Olivia L who learnt some last minute skills and stepped up in our hit-outs! Hannah & Holly kept everyone entertained on the coach journey and almost scored a fair few times up front. When we were exhausted in the match vs Stowe, Sinchana put in some fantastic tackles and drove the ball up the wing and it's fair to say the rest of the mids were extremely grateful. Considering we are a relatively new squad we did ourselves proud, were lucky with the weather and had a fab time. Thanks to Liv L and Mady who are not original hockey players but gifted sports women and assets to our team. A massive thank you to Miss Lancaster and Mrs Bradley for putting up with us for an entire day and giving up their time to take us. Overall, we came 5th out of 7 teams. **Hattie Foden-Ellis**



Hockey

Our hockey tournament got off to a good start with 3 1-1 draws to get us underway. Everyone played great, especially as it was our first tournament. We had a long break for lunch and then after that won the last 4 games. So we were unbeatable!! We had a strong defence with people also taking turns in goal. We all really enjoyed it and I was amazed at how good everyone was, especially as some people were new to hockey. Midfielders were also great, doing some really good tackles and knocking it down to the attackers. Sofia was our top scorer for our team. We can't wait till the next tournament.

Ava Ralls 7A



Kop Hill Climb Soapbox



On Saturday 25 September, nine students from AHS competed in the famous Kop Hill Climb Soapbox. A collaboration with their local Co Op store resulted in some excellent fundraising, building on the positive community links. With the resulting generous financial contribution, the students were able to successfully build their competing vehicle. The skills and confidence gained by the students from this experience meant that although they didn't win this time, they are already planning for next year! **Mr Cook**

MedSociety

This year MedSoc has supported 35 aspiring Medics, Dentists and Vets. A structured programme of talks has prepared them for university applications, admissions tests and interviews. Past pupils, healthcare professionals, assessment advisors and AHS staff have shared their expertise to ensure students are confident and well-prepared for the challenging selection process and future career. With applications now complete, students have turned their thoughts to interview preparation and have appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with members of AGS MedSoc in recent weeks. Many thanks to all those involved, particularly The Ambassadors, AHS students and our guest speakers.

Mrs Ellis

MFL

Just before the summer holidays, The MFL Department entered 17 students for the inaugural Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators. The competition received over 1000 entries from schools across the country and a team of translators from across the UK, along with Oxford undergraduates, worked together to judge the competition. We were delighted to have winning students in all three languages:

French Level 4 - Isla Lloyd Evans (then Y11)

Spanish Level 3 - Maryam Seraj (then Y11)

German Level 3 - Elizabeth Maher (then Y9)

Isla did particularly well, as her translation was up against entries from Y12 and Y13 students, and she has been invited to participate in an online translation workshop run by the University of Oxford. Unsurprisingly, Isla is currently studying both French and German for A Level!

We also entered 16 students for the Stephen Spender Youth Translation Prize, where they had to translate a poem from a language of their choosing into English. Our entries showcased the languages taught in school (French, German and Spanish), but also featured some of the many languages spoken at home by our students, including Polish, Urdu, Tamil, Hindi and Telugu.

Many congratulations to Zoey Chung (then Y10), whose translation of a Chinese poem was Highly Commended in the "16 years and under" category.

This year, we will be participating in the UK Linguistics Olympiad for the first time and joining forces with the English Department for a special Jane Eyre-themed translation and writing competition. We would love to have more entrants than ever this year, so look out for details on how to enter!

Mrs Medley

MFL



Anthea Bell and Stephen Spender winners

