

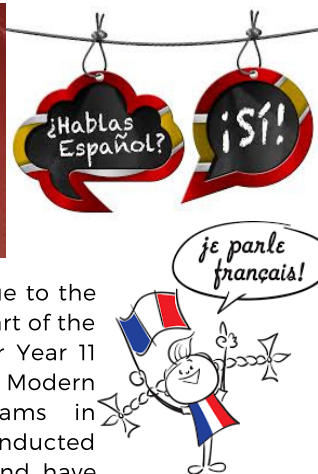


WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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FIRST FORMAL EXAMS IN TWO YEARS SEE OUR YEAR 11 STUDENTS TAKING SPANISH & FRENCH SPEAKING TESTS



Following two years of upheaval due to the pandemic, this week we saw the start of the summer exam series for 2022. Our Year 11 students have been taking their Modern Foreign Language speaking exams in Spanish and French. Students conducted themselves perfectly throughout and have impressed everyone with how they have taken these first exams in their stride. Well done Year 11 and good luck!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SPEAKING ENDORSEMENTS COMPLETED TOO



Year 11 have spent the last couple of weeks delivering their Spoken Language Endorsement presentations for their GCSE English language course. Each presentation had a focus on a theme, character or contextual knowledge from one of the studied GCSE English literature texts. With a wealth of material delivered in the sessions, students were consolidating their knowledge on their literature texts, as well as developing their communication skills. Presenting to a class of students can be incredibly daunting and Year 11 have done themselves proud.



WELCOME

We are keen to be able to expand the offer of pre-loved uniform to more students and I would encourage any students who have good quality school or PE uniform that they no longer require to donate it to the school.

Donations can be handed in at reception. Our team of Year 9 volunteers will be carrying out an audit of the items we have before a launch of the brand new 'Pre-loved Uniform Shop' (PLUS) before half term.

Mrs Johnson

#PRIDERESPECTKINDNESS

RENOVATION PLANS AROUND SCHOOL FOR MORE ECO GARDENS



Places we are planning to renovate this year

This year we are planning to expand our garden to different sites about the school in the hope that this will bring the benefits of nature in an educational setting even closer to the classroom. We plan to turn the space, that has now been fenced off, by the office into a beautiful area for students, staff and visitors as they arrive on our school premises. We are also planning to make the space by the N block into an extension of our garden. If you have any ideas for what we could do please contact Mrs Cotterill. We hope that by extending our garden the environment will benefit as well as the wellbeing of students.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE GROUP SUCCESS



Our young enterprise group attended their final presentation on Thursday at the New Vic Theatre. They stood center stage in front of 80 other students and teachers from across Staffordshire and Shropshire and presented their company. They did a fantastic job, not just on Thursday but throughout the entire programme, their teamwork and drive has been inspiring to watch and they have walked away with not only one award, but two! One for their resilience and one for the sustainability of their product. Well done to the team and well done to 'Dutchess of Denim', you have made the business and computing department very proud.

'DID YOU KNOW..?' YOU CAN CHECK OUT THESE FACTS ON FROG?

Did you know ...?

Who loves Saturday? It's the first day of the weekend, a day to enjoy with family and friends, a day for hobbies and interests, perhaps even a day for getting up late, Saturday is special.

It's also linguistically special. The names for the other six days of the week come from Old English, the language spoken in England from sometime in the seventh century until about 1100 AD. This Germanic language is the broad foundation that Modern English was built on, and occasionally it leaves us hints about the culture of the Anglo-Saxons. That's the case with the days of the week.

However, Saturday is named in honour of Saturn, the Roman god of agriculture. The ancient Greek equivalent is Cronus – the one who ate his children!

The remains of Saturn's temple in Rome.

Each of the days of our week are named in honour of a god or object deemed worthy of veneration by the Anglo-Saxons. The sun and moon each get their due in Sunday (from the Old English *sunnodæg*, or literally "sun's day") and Monday ("moon's day"). The remaining five days of the week are named after gods: Tuesday was named for the Germanic god of war, *Tiu*; Wednesday was named for *Woden*, the supreme creator among the Norse gods; Thursday was named for *Thor*, the Norse god who makes thunder with his mighty hammer (if you're a Marvel fan you might even know that the hammer is called *Mjolnir*); Friday was named for Frigg, the Norse goddess of marital love and the hearth; and Saturday was named for Saturn—who was not a Norse god.

It's not as though there wasn't a Norse god of agriculture to name that last day of the week after—so why use a Roman god? England was occupied by Roman forces from 55 BC until 410 AD, and this contact with Rome left more behind than just walls and archaeological ruins. There are a number of words in Old English that show how strong the Roman influence was on the language and culture, and *saturday* (Saturday) is one.

Most word lovers know that English likes to scoop up words from other languages it encounters, but the strange case of Saturday proves that this isn't new behaviour—English has been borrowing from other languages since the very beginning.

Want to find out more about the Norse gods? Use the links below:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/feb/04/thor-odin-norse-gods-avids-iceland-temple-vikings-danish>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WbGE32ZqY>

Now you know

Mrs Townsend has created a new "Did you know ...?" feature full of interesting facts on FROG. Students can access this weekly via the "News" tab on their homepage. Go and have a look!

LATEST ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Our latest online safety newsletter is now available on <https://www.bb-hs.co.uk/.../Secondary-Online-Safety...> for your perusal.



WATER RESOURCE FACTS FOR GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS COURTESY OF SEVERN TRENT



Year 10 GCSE geography students had the pleasure of having Severn Trent visit them to speak to them about water resources in the UK. Lucy from Severn Trent Water spoke about a number of interesting topics involving water and the role Severn Trent Water have within the area. She spoke in depth about the availability of water, how it is scarce in developing countries and the impact of water pollution within the UK. A great topic of conversation was the wide range of items that often find their way into water systems and what impact that has upon the environment. Overall, a really enjoyable presentation filled with facts and information that the year 10 students took away with them.

DRAMATIC SCENES WITH YEAR 13



Year 13 drama students are working on their scenes from *Antigone* by Sophocles which will be their final performance piece for the BTEC course. Good luck to them all.