



Updates for the parents and community of The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form



## Year 5/6 Open Evening - 15th September

The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form hosted over 400 families at this year's Open Evening, all of whom were effusive in their praise of the school, the staff, the students and our welcoming and exciting atmosphere.

We held 2 sittings for the Head Teacher, Mrs Angus' welcome speech and an opportunity to explore the school site with lots of fun activities and interactive demonstrations hosted by our students and teachers.

Parents were keen to tell us what an amazing time they were having exploring the school site and getting involved in the fantastic classroom activities.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended.

## KEY DATES

- 1st Nov - Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 9th Nov - Year 9 Languages Career Morning
- 17th Nov - Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 18th Nov - Mental Health Day
- 22nd Nov - Year 9 Sexual Health Day
- 25th Nov - Inset Day (School closed to all students)
- 29th Nov - Year 10 Sexual Health Day
- 30th Nov - Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 20th Dec - Christmas Concert
- 22nd Dec - 3rd Jan - Christmas Holiday



# Year 9 Language Trip to the University of Nottingham

By Isobel, Lucy, Millie, Millie and Beth



Our trip to the University of Nottingham was very interesting and we learnt so much about where learning languages could take us in the future.

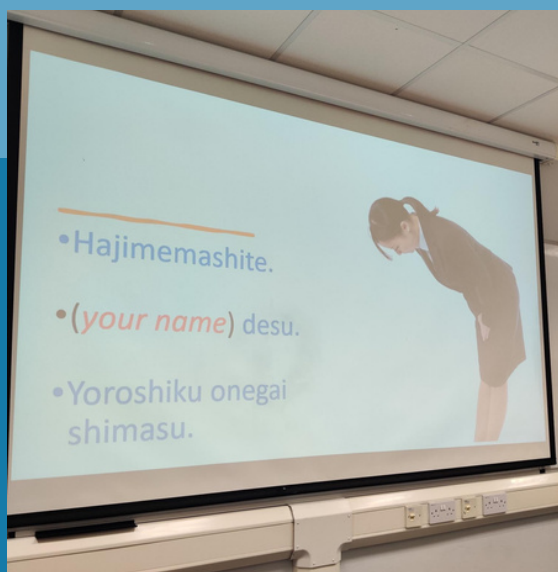
We had a tour of the campus and saw the library, student accommodation (where we could live) and much more.

The staff and student ambassadors were really helpful and told us what they have done with their language skills.

We even learnt about Japanese culture and how to introduce ourselves in Japanese.

Some of the words that we learnt were:

**Konnichiwa, Konbanwa  
and Arigatogozaimasu!**



Finally, we learnt about the year abroad and how you can study or teach in another country during your languages degree.

Overall, we really enjoyed the trip and we are looking forward to going to university to learn languages in the future!





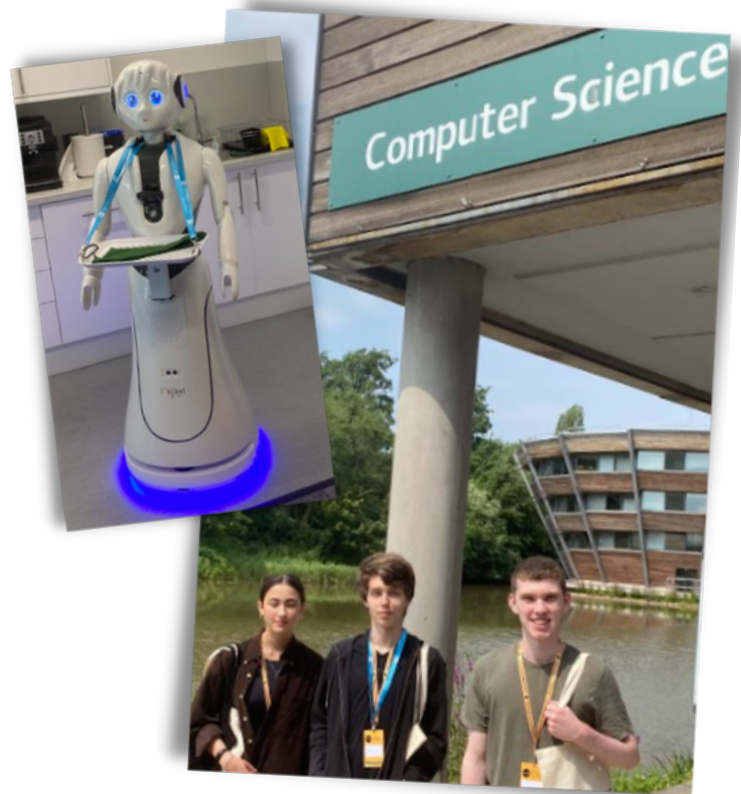
# Issac Computer Science Year 13 A-Level Artificial Intelligence Discovery Day

By Isabelle F & Ethan S Year

On Wednesday 20th July we visited the University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus for the Isaac Computer Science AI Discovery Day.

The event included: talks on the industrial and medicinal applications of AI; seeing first-hand the development and function of robots; a coding workshop on machine learning; and a student ambassador panel Q and A session.

We enjoyed learning about how AI can be used to monitor lorries and use the constantly accumulated data to alert other drivers of potential danger hotspots, although our favourite session included watching how assistance robots are fed data and seeing how some could look in the future - utilising features such as collision detection and pathfinding using lidar.



## European Day of Languages

By Mrs Pabari

During the week beginning 26th of September, we celebrated European Day of Languages with Years 7 and 8.

European Day of Languages is a day which is celebrated every year across Europe and schools celebrate their love of languages and the importance of learning other languages.

Here at South Wolds we delivered special lessons, where students learnt facts and information about languages spoken across the world, Year 7 took part in a poster competition and Mr Reeves and Mrs Kiesswetter held assemblies.

### 20 THINGS

YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT EUROPE'S LANGUAGES



#### THE SILBO LANGUAGE

of La Gomera, Spain, is an ancient whistling language and is still being taught in local schools.

#### MALTESE

is the only European language in the Afro-Asiatic family (which includes Arabic, Hebrew, Berber, and Hausa).

According to a research study, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are: the only important factor is that the first and last letters be at the right place. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

#### EUSKARA,

the Basque language, is believed to be one of the oldest European languages. Its origins are unknown.



Russian was the first language spoken in OUTER SPACE.

LITHUANIAN is very similar to ancient Sanskrit and is the oldest spoken Indo-European language.



It is believed that about 70,000 YEARS AGO a change happened in the human brain that allowed humans to suddenly develop complex language and thoughts about things that are not immediately visible. This led to the ability to develop ideas, plans, beliefs and bigger concepts and being able to express these with language.



More than half of Europe is BILINGUAL

Languages have around 50,000 words or more.

Typically, native speakers know 15,000 to 20,000 word families but individual speakers normally use only a few hundred.

There are about 225 INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

in Europe – roughly 3% of the world's total.



You may know much more Greek than you think! You are certainly familiar with alpha, beta, delta, gamma and perhaps pi and P. In fact mathematics, astronomy, biology, geography, technology, philosophy, not to mention politics, democracy and many more common terms in Europe's languages all have their origins in Greek!



THE MOST DIFFICULT TO PRONOUNCE? The Czech letter F is said to be one of the most difficult letters to pronounce in the world – except if you are Czech!



THE EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR REGIONAL OR MINORITY LANGUAGES of the Council of Europe is the only treaty in the world which aims to protect and promote traditional regional and national minorities' languages.

The mother tongues spoken by most people in Europe are Russian, German, French, English and Turkish, in that order.



One of the main Serbian orthographic rules is "WRITE AS YOU SPEAK AND READ AS IT IS WRITTEN".

This means that even proper names coming into Serbian from another language are transcribed according to their pronunciation: for instance, New York is Njujork, and Gérard Depardieu is Zerar Depardje.



More than 200 FAKE LANGUAGES have been created for literature and cinema (such as Elvish in "Lord of the Rings" and Klingon in "Star Trek").

Recent medical studies have shown that learning a second language MAY delay the onset of DEMENTIA by several years.

#### INDO-GERMANIC LANGUAGES

derive from an ancient language that existed 4000-5000 years ago. Most linguistic ethnologists locate it with human cultures living somewhere in the area of the Caspian Sea. From there it spread to Europe and as far as India.

According to UNESCO, at least

43%

of the estimated 6000 languages spoken in the world are ENDANGERED.

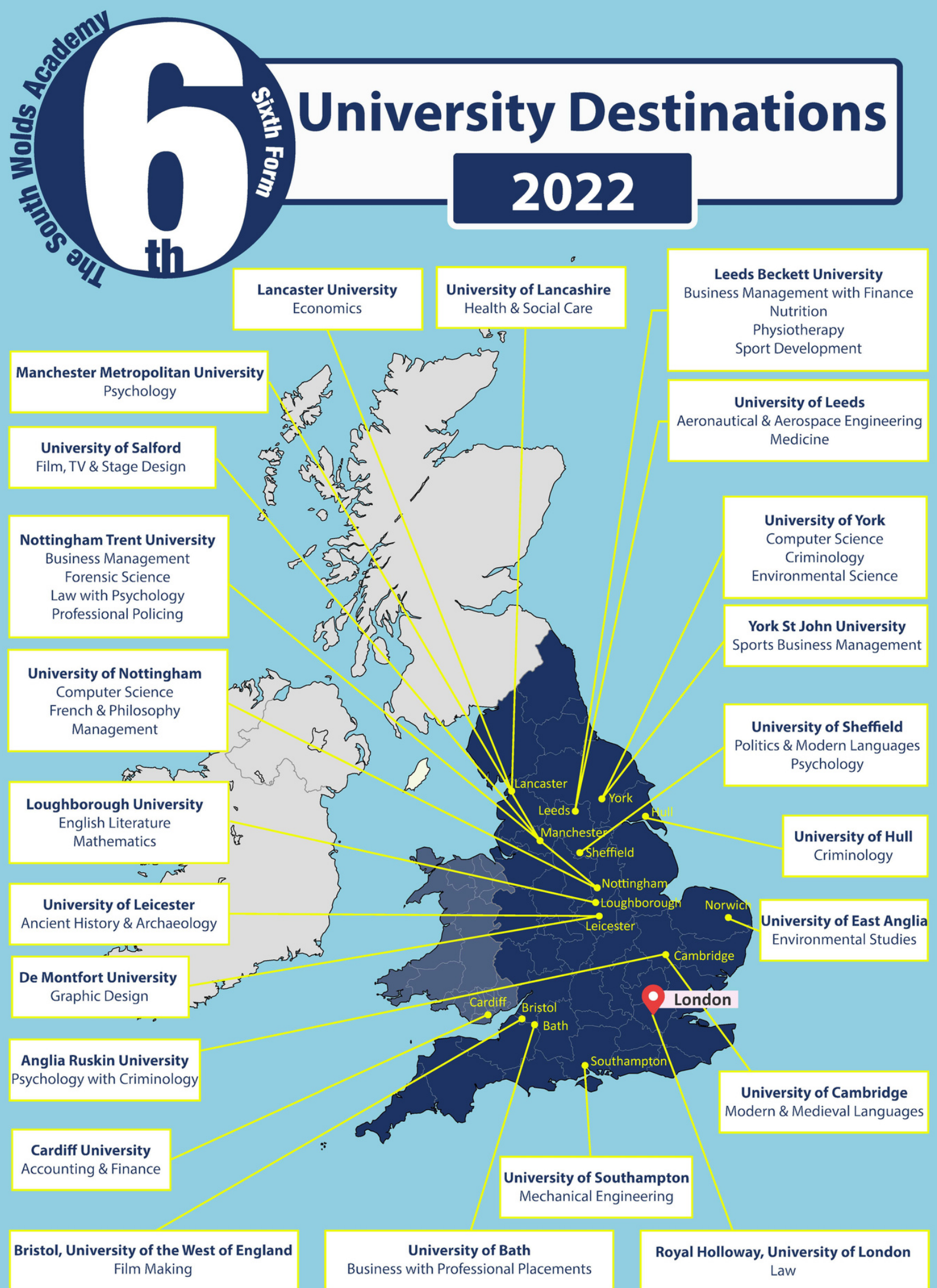


KINSHASA, the capital of the D.R. of the Congo, is the world's second largest French speaking city, after Paris, and before Montreal and Brussels.

20 years European Day of Languages 26 September



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## Extracurricular Timetable - Autumn 2022

DAY	Lunchtime	Lead member of Staff	Facility/Room	After School	Lead member of Staff	Facility/Room
<b>MONDAY</b>				Boys Football Training (Y7-9) Netball Training Boccia/Multi Sports Club Textiles GCSE Catch up Club (A week)	PNL/PLO/HJB PMS/EHA HCF/XJM TBG	Astroturf Netball Courts Gym DT4
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Sixth Form Committee (Sixth Form Students) Diversity Group* Textiles Club* Steel Band Club (Advanced)	TSA ELF TBG CTM	Sixth Form Common Room E3 DT1 MU1 MU4	Badminton British Sign Language Textiles GCSE Catch up Club (B week)	PSP/SPB EJC TBG	Sports Hall H9 DT4
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Homework Club (DT) International Club Steel Pan Club (Beginner) Eco Club**	TSA LKR/HCF CTM HMI	DT4 L1 MU1 H2	Dance Troupe (from 3/10) Girls Football Training Basketball Club (Y7-9) GCSE Art and Photography	PGD PSP/PDR PLO/LKR AKJ/ASJ	Refectory/Hall Astroturf Sports Hall A1/A2
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chess Club Philosophy Film Club Choir	SPS HAL CTM	S4 H5 MU1	Dance Club (Y7-9) Basketball Club (Y10-11) Gardening Club*	PGD/TBG PNL ZCF/XJM	Gym Sports Hall The Bridge
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Crochet and Knitting Club Jazz Band Book Club- Sci-Fi/Fantasy**	IAR CTM HWP	IT1 MU1 H1	Sixth Form Football Sixth Form Netball Sixth Form Basketball	PNL/PSP LLC/LHD PNL/PSP	Astroturf Netball Courts Sports Hall

Duke of Edinburgh Award  
Students in Y9 and above can take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.  
Please contact Mrs Carnell: tcarnell@southwolds.notts.sch.uk

The Bridge is open every lunchtime for PALS.\*



- Clubs are open to all students unless otherwise specified.
- After school clubs run from **3.20pm-4.20pm**.
- Students will need to make their own way home after the club has finished.
- Students will need to wear their **South Wolds PE kit** and **appropriate footwear** for all sports activities.

\* By invite only \*\*Not weekly- as per schedule

# Summer in France

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## *By Rachel and Polly Year 13*

Over the summer, some A level languages students had the opportunity to spend a month in Germany, Spain, or France for work experience on a government-funded trip.

The two of us stayed in a hostel in Lyon with a small group of other students that we got to know in between time at our separate work placements.

Rachel worked at Mini World for three weeks, which is a family attraction. She explained to every customer how the attraction works and answered any questions they had.

Polly worked in a 'Friperie' (vintage clothes shop) where she helped customers find items for themed parties and as a cashier. We both also enjoyed chatting and getting to know our colleagues during our breaks and interacting with customers.

In our last week in Lyon we attended a French language school, where we studied some advanced French grammar and authentic style.

On the last day we presented a small project we had put together. In between our work/school, we had plenty of free time to explore the city. There was a surprising number of free parks, museums, and even concerts that we were able to visit.

Our language skills have improved a lot and we have experienced what it would be like to live and work abroad. We also have made memories for life and some good friends.

Rachel is now looking at studying for a year abroad as part of her degree and Polly wants to study French and Art History, both decisions influenced by the amazing experience we had in Lyon.





# Sports Day Summer 2022

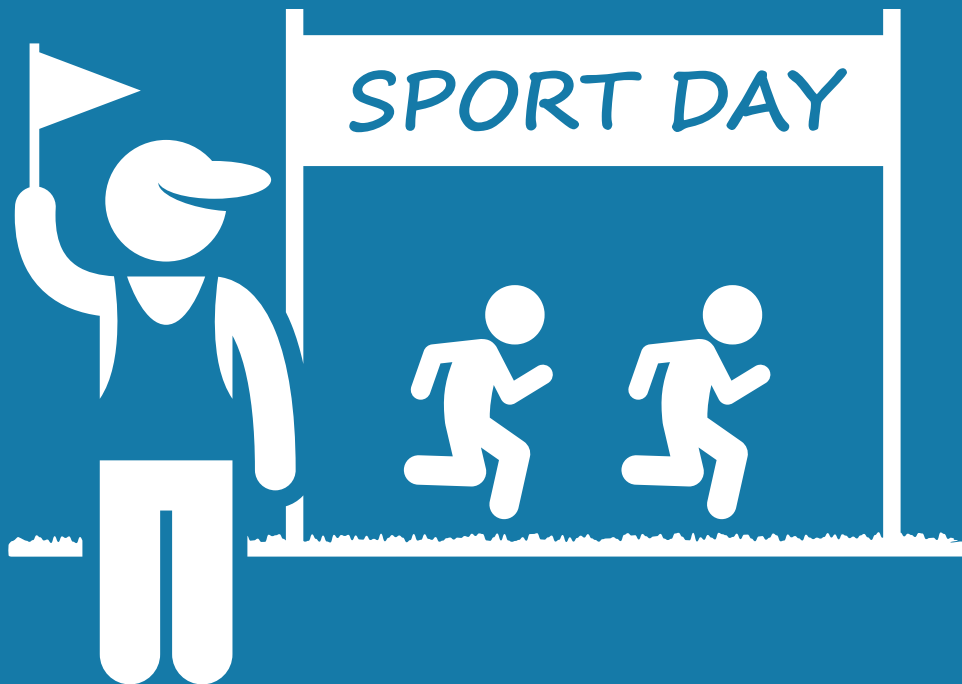
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*By Maria Smith*

What an amazing day!! The sun was shining, (but not too much) and most importantly absolutely no rain!

Students competed in their tutor groups in a number of different activities against the other tutor groups in their year group.

In the morning Year 10 and 11 took part in either Football or Indoor Bowls and either Athletics or Long Ball (commonly known as 'Kick it and Leg it'). In the afternoon they headed off to Platt Lane playing field, to take part in Cricket and Rounders. Year 7 and 8 took part in activities in reverse order, going to Platt Lane in the morning and back at school in the afternoon.



Thank you to everyone who took part in the day. The staff and sixth formers who ran events, the tutors who managed and supported their tutor teams and all the students who took part in the various activities.

Below are the final results for each year group in each of the activities and the overall Sports Day Winners. Particular congratulations go to the students named below each event, who were selected to receive the MVP Award (Most Valuable Performer). These are the students who were considered by the staff and sixth form to have contributed the most to each event in terms of their sporting etiquette, team work, enthusiasm and commitment.

**Year 8**

	ATHLETICS	G FOOTBALL	B FOOTBALL	BOWLS	LONG BALL	CRICKET
	1st H 2nd Y 3rd K 4th R 5th T 6th E	1st Y 2nd H 3rd T 4th E 5th R 6th K	1st R 2nd K 3rd E 4th Y 5th H 6th T	1st Y T 2nd 3rd E 4th H 5th R 6th K	1st E 2nd R 3rd K 4th H 5th Y 6th T	1st K 2nd Y 3rd R 4th H 5th E 6th T
<b>MVP</b>	Ashton and Zilpha	Poppy	Joel	Dina and Ollie	Karam	Baileigh and Luqman

**Year 9**

	ATHLETICS	G FOOTBALL	B FOOTBALL	BOWLS	LONG BALL	ROUNDERS
	1st H 2nd Y 3rd R 4th T 5th E 6th K	1st H 2nd T 3rd E 4th Y 5th R 6th K	1st K 2nd E 3rd H 4th T 5th Y 6th R	1st H 2nd R 3rd T 4th E 5th Y 6th K	1st K 2nd T 3rd E 4th R 5th H 6th Y	1st E 2nd Y 3rd R 4th H 5th K 6th T
<b>MVP</b>	Issy and Warren	Rebecca	Kye	Bailey and Chloe	Michael and Emily	Evie and Charlie

**Year 10**

	ATHLETICS	G FOOTBALL	B FOOTBALL	BOWLS	LONG BALL	CRICKET
	1st E 2nd H 3rd Y R T 4th 5th 6th K	1st Y 2nd H 3rd K R 4th 5th 6th E T	1st R 2nd K 3rd H 4th E 5th Y 6th T	1st K 2nd R 3rd Y 4th T 5th H 6th E	1st E 2nd K H 3rd R 4th Y 5th 6th	1st R 2nd K 3rd T 4th E 5th Y 6th H
<b>MVP</b>	Marissa and Bertie	Niamh	Joe	Anastacia and Jack	Libby and Mitchell	Olivia and Osian

**Year 11**

	ATHLETICS	G FOOTBALL	B FOOTBALL	BOWLS	LONG BALL	ROUNDERS
	1st Y 2nd H 3rd T 4th E 5th K 6th R	1st Y 2nd R 3rd E 4th H 5th T 6th R	1st T 2nd E 3rd H 4th K 5th Y 6th R	1st K 2nd R 3rd T 4th Y 5th E H 6th	1st Y 2nd K 3rd H 4th E 5th 6th	1st Y 2nd E 3rd H 4th K 5th T 6th R
<b>MVP</b>	Lewis and Nyah	Issy	Charlie	Ashleigh and Dylan	Antia and Oliver	Lucy and Billy



# Athletics School Records

By Maria Smith

New for this year, we have started recording Athletics School Records.  
**Congratulations** to all the 'New Record Holders'.



## TRACK EVENTS 2022

	YEAR 8 RECORDS	YEAR 9 RECORDS	YEAR 10 RECORDS	YEAR 11 RECORDS
GIRLS 60M	11.64 SECS Luca	13.2 secs Beulah	11.55 secs Katy	11.66 secs Nyah
GIRLS 100M	14.8 secs Alice	14.22 secs Issy	15.28 secs Lottie	15.31 secs Amber
GIRLS 200M	32.44 secs Poppy	31.20 secs Evie	32.6 secs Elissa	35.54 secs Nyah
GIRLS 400M	1 min 18.74 secs, Sophie	1 min 19.57 secs, Isla	1 min 12.11 secs, Marissa	1 min 18.19 secs, Jasmine
BOYS 60M	10.55 secs Thomas	11.28 secs Joseph	9.93 secs Rowen	10.36 secs Jamie
BOYS 100M	14.56 secs Ashton	13.28 secs Warren	13.96 secs Rowen	10.36 secs Jamie
BOYS 200M	29.98 secs Isaac	29.77 secs Warren	27.30 secs Tom	29.25 secs Brighton
BOYS 400M	1 min 18.66 secs, Cian	1 min 20.11 secs, Charlie	1 min 06.55 secs, Alfie	1 min 06.62 secs, Lewis



# FIELD EVENTS 2022

	YEAR 8 RECORDS	YEAR 9 RECORDS	YEAR 10 RECORDS	YEAR 11 RECORDS
GIRLS STANDING TRIPLE JUMP	1.36m Imogen	2.10m Ella	1.80m Hattie	1.30m Tia
GIRLS LONG JUMP	3.72m Kiki	3.39m Sophia	3.50m Emma	3.64m Nyah
GIRLS SPEED BOUNCE	104 Evie	83 Chloe	119 Marissa	104 Olivia
GIRLS SHOT PUTT	6.40m Beau	8.35m Mollie	7.28m Emma	6.68m Jasmine
BOYS STANDING TRIPLE JUMP	1.70m 8R	2.00m Andrew	2.70m Jack	1.55m Callum
BOYS LONG JUMP	3.43m Airidas	4.08m Roshan	4.60m Alfi	4.43m Brighton
BOYS SPEED BOUNCE	78 Curtis	93 Alfi	117 Bertie	107 Elliott
BOYS SHOT PUTT	8.90m Isaac	8.53m Tom	11.25m Oliver	12.03m Lei





## RELAYS 2022

	YEAR 8 RECORDS	YEAR 9 RECORDS	YEAR 10 RECORDS	YEAR 11 RECORDS
GIRLS	33.12 secs 8H	33.3 secs 9T	32.38 secs 10Y	32.28 secs 11H
BOYS	32.69 secs 8R	29.68 secs 9T	30.68 secs 10E	29.30 secs 11T
MIXED	32.25 secs 8T	30.56 secs 9R	31.00 secs 10H	29.61 secs 11H

## Year 7 Boys Football

By Mr Levack

**WELL  
DONE!**

Well done to the Year 7 Boys Football team who made their South Wolds debut in the South Notts Cup on Tuesday 4th October.

The South Wolds debutants were drawn away from home in the South Notts Cup to Alderman White. The boys put up a good fight in a competitive game, but ultimately came up against a very strong Alderman White side and unfortunately ended up being on the wrong side of the result with the game ending 5-0 to the home side.

Regardless of this, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will no doubt be pleased to get their first cap in South Wolds colours.

Finally a big shout out to Mr Oliver & Mr Polley for organising and taking them to the fixture.

Congratulations on your debut performance boys and thank you for representing the Academy so brilliantly.

# Computer Science Competitions

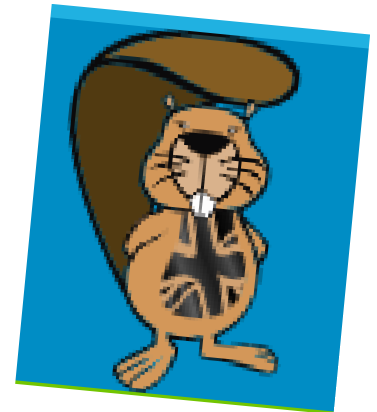
By Mrs Rowe

After October half term students will have the opportunity to take part in the Bebras Computing Challenge.

The challenge introduces students to computational thinking.

It is organized in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing.

Each participant answers questions that focus on computational and logical thinking. It is completed online at school.



Here is a link to some practice questions click [here](https://bebras.uk/index.php?action=user_competitions) or type the following into your browser

[https://bebras.uk/index.php?action=user\\_competitions](https://bebras.uk/index.php?action=user_competitions)

Details of how to take part will be in student notices.



We are also hoping to enter some teams in the NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre) CyberFirst Girls Competition.

The competition is open to teams of 4 students that identify as female in Year 8. Whatever your ability, from beginner to expert, the CyberFirst Girls Competition is an opportunity to learn something new about cyber security.

The content for each category of the competition is consistent with subjects within the Computer Science syllabus from both the National Curriculum.

However, the competition will contain some advanced cyber topics that are not covered in traditional education but will seek to stretch the lateral thinking and additional cyber knowledge of the teams.

More information can be found [here](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/girls-competition) or type the following into your browser [www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/girls-competition](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/girls-competition)

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