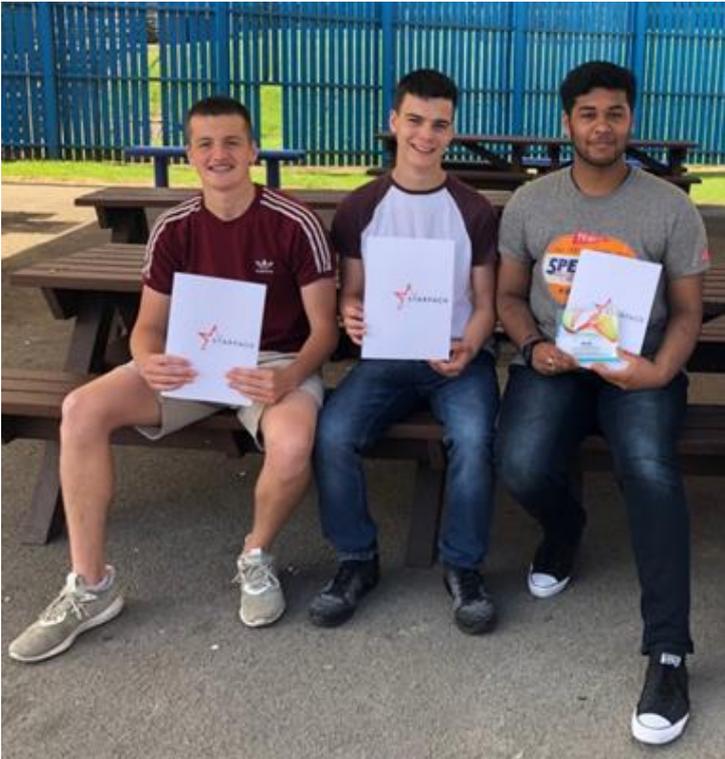




### Year 12 Starpack Packaging Awards Success!



The Starpack Awards is a national competition open to students to support the teaching of the materials, minerals and mining related topics and to raise awareness of and promote careers in the fields of materials, minerals and mining engineering.

Packaging is an industry that is around us every day but one that we take little notice of. Look around you - in the supermarket, in your home, in your school - every item has arrived in a package and outer packaging used for transportation.

Students in Year 12 Product Design entered this competition completing design ideas and a prototype model for the brief "Alternative Advent". We are proud of the work completed by all students in the class, but would like to specifically congratulate one student who won two awards for Best Portfolio and the Silver Award for his 'Tamil Kitchen Advent Calendar' and another who received the honour of "highly commended" for his 'Screwfix Advent Calendar'

Full information about the design briefs and winners can be found on the Starpack website:

<https://www.iom3.org/starpack/schools-starpack-awards>

Ms Aston, Art, Design and Technology Performance Leader & Year 12 Performance Leader



#### Highly Commended

The South Wolds Academy & Sixth Form / Year 12

Unique and interesting concept. Nice attempt at some costing.

#### Silver and Best Portfolio

The South Wolds Academy & Sixth Form / Year 12

Nice novel and complex shape. An interesting take on carton design. Interesting idea for product contents.



### Art, Design and Technology show at West Bridgford Library.

During the month of June The ADT Faculty held an exhibition of students work at the West Bridgford Library. The exhibition was a celebration of the tremendous pool of talent that we have here at the Academy. It featured GCSE and A level work from students within Fine Art, Photography, Art Textiles, Graphic Communication and Product Design. We are very proud of the achievements of our students and were thrilled to be able to share this with the wider community.

The visitor book that was left at exhibition had some very complimentary comments written in it, which was really lovely to read. We know our students are amazing and it's nice to see that others share the same opinion.

Mrs Brewer, Lead Teacher of Food and Textiles



# A Note From The Head Teacher

And in the blink of an eye, here we are at the end of the summer term! My goodness what a term it has been, such a busy but enjoyable time for everyone with highlights including: Year 11 and 13 completing their examinations and celebrating in style at their respective proms; sports day, meeting the new Year 7s over the two Intake days, the summer concert, the dance festival, the concert in aid of dementia, keys skills days for Year 10, the Art, Design and Technology week, Year 12 Futures Day and the promotion of the new timetable, to name but a few!



At the end of the year we say goodbye to staff who are leaving us: Mr Errington is moving to a school nearer to home, Mrs Stanley moves on to be Director of Science for the Nova Trust, Ms Brimblecombe is joining Hollygirt School as Head of French and Mrs Hendy-Ibbs is relocating with her family. Also we say goodbye to Ms Hayter and Ms Gray from Learning Support, who are both off to embark on teacher training, and last but by no means least, Mrs McIntosh our Senior Reprographics Technician who is also relocating. We wish them all the very best for the next chapter ahead!

I am immensely proud of the staff and students at South Wolds, who have worked incredibly hard this year. Thank you all for your continued support for our school, the partnership we share is very important and makes us the school we are. Have a wonderful summer break and we'll see you all in September, ready for another fabulous year.

Mrs Angus, Head Teacher



# Next Generation Design Workshop Success

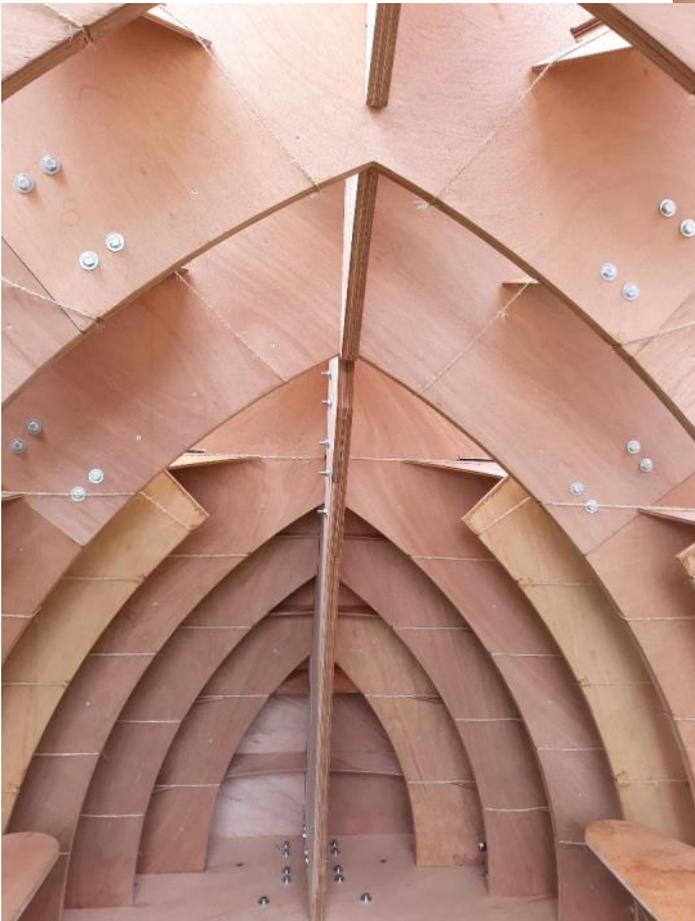
Our very talented Year 10 student Oliver has had an architectural design built and installed as part of the Nottingham Beach in the Market Square.

In July 2018, Oliver volunteered to join students from across the East Midlands for a workshop called Next Generation Design Workshop at Nottingham Trent University to work with the Scalerule, alongside the Nottingham based Arup and Leonard design firms. The two day workshop were a mix of short talks from professionals about architecture and engineering, and design workshops to allow the students to put what they've learnt into action.

In small teams they designed a pavilion to meet a real brief for a structure in the heart of Nottingham, with a given set of materials; creating concept sketches and models, detailed drawings and explaining how they'd build it.

At the end of the weekend the teams presented their designs to a panel of friendly architects and engineers from academia and industry. Oliver and his competitors were described as engaged and demonstrating some great ideas full of creativity, producing some fantastic pavilion designs to get the judges thinking.

Mrs Hayden, Sociology and Personal Development Performance Leader, T & L Coach



## Art, Design & Technology Week 2019

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June was the start of our third ADT Week! The week involved a range of activities to promote Art, Design & Technology including ADT related tutor time activities for all year groups, a 'design a mural competition' a Year 8 trip to Cadbury's World and some 'Bring your parent to school lessons'.

Ms Aston, Art, Design and Technology Performance Leader & Year 12 Performance Leader



## PE News

### Futsal Success

Congratulations to the U13 girls Futsal Team. They were semi finalists at the Nottinghamshire Schools Futsal Tournament run by and held at the University of Nottingham. The girls faced some tough opposition but showed great determination and teamwork as well as playing some skillful football. Well done girls!

Ms Smith, PE Performance Leader



### Sports Day

On the 27th June the whole school took part in the annual Sports Day. Students took part in three sports activities and played against each of the other tutor groups in the Year Group either at school (football and athletics) or at Platt lane (cricket or rounders). Certificates have been awarded to the most valuable players in each activity as below:

The overall Inter Tutor group Sports Winners were: 7Y and 8H

The overall Sports Day winners were: 9T and 10H.

Well Done to everyone who took part and performed so well over the day.

Miss Mattless, PE

### Sports Projects

We are committed at South Wolds to providing support and opportunities for all students to achieve their best. We also recognise that in order to do this, students may on occasion need some extra help. Each year we run a number of projects, using sport to raise achievement. This term there have been two projects running.

'Goals for Life' involved Year 7 students and was designed to give the opportunity to learn new skills through sports and activities lead by coaches from Notts County Football Club. The focus was to progress learning and develop new qualities such as teamwork and leadership. Sessions also addressed how to deal with a number of issues facing young people such as frustration, resolving conflicts, building confidence and working under pressure. There was also discussions on how the things learned could be transferred back into school and studies.

'Watersports' was a programme of water based activities at The National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont. Year 10 students took part in kayaking, raft building and an adventure activity course. Each of the activities was designed to develop confidence and self esteem as well as to encourage the development of teamwork and leadership skills.

All the students involved in both projects were totally committed to their respective programmes and thoroughly enjoyed their experiences. Well done to everyone who took part in a Sports Project this year. I hope you have found the work you have done has a positive effect on you, and you are able to use your experience to help you in the future.

Ms Smith, PE Performance Leader

## Year 9 Languages & Business trip to the University of Nottingham

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June six Year 9 students all of whom have chosen to do two languages at GCSE competed in a Business and Languages Champions event at the University of Nottingham.

The theme was Tokyo 2020 looking forward to the next Olympics. We were up against 11 other teams from other Nottinghamshire schools.

We had to work in French to create an airline slogan and livery, design a free gift and order materials in French, staying within a limited budget. Our team came second overall which was a great achievement given the quality of all those there two of us also won individual awards.

One student said "It was a good experience for practising independence because there was little help from adults. It was also interesting presenting in a foreign language to a panel of judges"

Mr Roberts. MFL





# External Examination Results Summer 2019

(revised 02/07/19)

## Collection of Results

**Thursday 15th August—GCE and Extended Project**  
**Thursday 22nd August—GCSE and ELC**

All results will be available for collection from 8.30 am until 10.00 am in the Refectory on the day they are published. After 10.00 am on the relevant day, **results will not be available for collection until the start of term in September.**

If you are unable to collect your results in person, and wish to receive them before September, you must:-

- hand an A5 envelope, with your name and address written on it, to Michèle in the Exams Office before Wednesday 17th July so that your results can be posted to you on results day;
- write a note giving a named person (such as one of your parents) permission to collect the results envelope on your behalf. The person collecting the results must have proof of identity with them. In the absence of either a note of permission or proof of identity, your results will not be given out.

Please note results are not allowed to be given out over the telephone or by email.

### Queries

From Wednesday 14th August until the start of term in September, urgent exams queries should be sent to [exams@southwolds.notts.sch.uk](mailto:exams@southwolds.notts.sch.uk). If you are from another school and wish to apply to our Sixth Form, please also use this email address.

### Post-Results Services

Included with result slips will be details of the Reviews of Results and Access to Scripts services offered by exam boards. All forms are available from Reception on results days. After this copies will be available on the South Wolds website. Completed forms must be posted into the Post Box in Main Reception in advance of the published deadlines in order that requests may be processed.

### Certificates

Certificates must be collected and signed for after 29th November. Certificates may be collected by a nominated individual, provided they have written authorisation to do so. Certificates will be retained for two years.

## Year 7 and 8 French trip

I was so excited to go to France. It was also my first time on a ferry which was very weird! We went on the coach from Keyworth to Dover then took the ferry to Calais where we got back on the coach again to the château.

The Château du Broutels had really beautiful buildings and the staff welcomed us and showed us around. We unpacked our things and were all glad to get something to eat.

Over the five days we took part in challenging activities, visited exciting places and had a chance to practice our French with actual French people. We took part in the following activities: archery, kayaking, canoeing, bseiling, climbing, an obstacle course and Fencing. My favourite activity was kayaking even though we were sharing the lake with a rescued crocodile!

We visited: a snail farm (I didn't try the snails but lots of people did - some of the group even liked them!), a chocolate factory, a goat farm and the local market. I really enjoyed going around the market because we went around the stalls and into a patisserie.

We practised our French when we bought things from the market - with a bit of gesturing to help!

By the end of the week we were all very tired and were glad to come home even though we had a great time.

I would recommend the trip to France - we really enjoyed it.

Tegan, Year 7



## Year 8 Cadbury's World Trip

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Miss Aston, Mrs Brewer and Mrs Capewell embarked on an exciting trip to Cadbury's World in Bourneville, Birmingham with 45 very excited Year 8 students! We left school at 9am and travelled by coach to Cadbury's World. Upon arrival, we were all given two bars of Dairy Milk (classic and Oreo flavours) as our warm up for the day ahead!

We got to experience a walk-through tour of the history of cocoa and chocolate production and then special talks and films on the history of Cadbury's and how the company grew into the internationally recognised brand that it is today!

After the history lesson we got to experience some hands-on chocolate making activities such as writing in chocolate, got to taste our own pots of molten chocolate with toppings of our choice and got to see some chocolate moulds and how it is moulded on a production line!

After this we got to do a mini ride through a very pretty chocolate cartoon world and took a magic lift down to watch a 4D chocolate film, which was like being on a roller coaster! The students were particularly excited by this and the playground area which they ran around in during the lunch break that followed!

After lunch we had a really interesting workshop about Cadbury's packaging design and product development, where students were shown a range of Cadbury's products and how they have evolved over the years, along with the packaging. Students were then encouraged to think of their own new chocolate product and how they would brand this for Cadbury's!

Our last critical activity before coming home, was a quick stop at the Cadbury's shop to buy some bargain chocolate products! I'm extremely happy to report that staff and students had a fantastic day at Cadbury's World and we didn't suffer any negative effects associated with over-consumption of chocolate products!

Thank you to the Year 8 students who were a pleasure to spend the day with! We loved it so much we may do it all over again with the new Year 8 next year! Watch this space!

Ms Aston, Art, Design and Technology Performance Leader & Year 12 Performance Leader



## Brackenhurst University Careers Trip

We visited the NTU Brackenhurst University campus for a taster day to experience the different animal, equine and science courses they run.

We had a fun day out of school there which was full of interesting activities. Personally my favourite part of the day was when we were allowed to walk around the animal section. There were 40 different species including goats, snakes, cats, lizards and rabbits.

At the start of the day we were met by an equine lecturer who introduced us to a rescue horse. We were able to watch her doing vaults while also learning all about horses and their biology. It was very interesting

Year 11 student



## Design & Technology - Bring your parent to school



On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June we invited parents, carers or grandparents of students in Key Stage 3 the opportunity to attend a Design and Technology lesson of their choice as part of Art, Design and Technology Week!

We wanted to show parents that D&T is about solving problems, working together and learning new skills which are all transferrable and extremely relevant to almost any career you can think of pursuing!

The workshops on offer were: Product Design (making a laser cut USB light) and Art Textiles (screen printing a design onto a tote bag).

Students got to work alongside their parents and show off the skills they have already learned in D&T lessons or got to learn new skills together!

The evening was a real success and we had really positive feedback from everyone involved in this event! We will be doing it again next year, so look out for further information next summer!

## Art, Design & Technology Summer Exhibition

The 5th Annual Art, Design and Technology Exhibition took place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. This was a superb exhibition of all GCSE and A-Level work from the Art, Design and Technology subjects.

The AD&T show was a wonderful showcase for the creative arts at The South Wolds Academy. Students from Art and Design, Photography, Textiles, Graphics and Product Design had their work show cased. It represented over three years of students work and displayed the excellent design and creative talents of our students.

The evening was well-attended and was a great opportunity for families and friends to see the vast range of work created over the exam courses. Work included sculpture, costume design, furniture construction, digital photography, packaging designs, multi-media pieces, drawing and painting, textile studies and more!

For the students it was a wonderful way to see their hard work and commitment, for families a proud moment to see their children's work on display and for staff another reminder of the excellent work produced at South Wolds.

Last year we had the best GCSE results ever and the quality of work on display this year should be just as successful when the results are published in August. As we move into a new academic year and Art, Design & Technology look forward to another year of excellent results The AD&T Summer show reminds us all that the creative arts are thriving at South Wolds.

If you missed the show this summer make sure you look out for it on the calendar next year!

Ms Aston, Art, Design and Technology Performance Leader & Year 12 Performance Leader

## Year 11

Year 11 have been working incredibly hard this year and have accessed a phenomenal number of additional revision and booster sessions.

For English alone the students have accessed almost 1500 hours of additional revision. Alongside their subject revision they covered sessions in revision planning and we also welcomed an outside speaker to look at memory techniques. They should be very proud of the hard work and dedication that they have shown towards their studies and I am confident this will pay off on results day. They have been great role models to the new year 11s showing what can be achieved and how to approach what is for all students a very stressful time in their lives. A massive thank you to all of the staff and all of the parents for your unwavering support as this has been invaluable to the students. We are all incredibly lucky to have worked with such a talented group of students and we look forward to seeing many of them back with us in September joining out sixth form.

Mrs Sprake, Senior Leader Responsible for KS4 Progress



## Reading Group

It has been a busy term for the reading group with more students than ever enjoying some of the 'top pic reads' from the club.

At the end of June, 12 students from year 7 and 8 visited Waterstones Bookstore in Nottingham. Waterstones are hosting around 10 events this July where various authors will be launching their new books in the Author Suite on the top floor of the building. The author visits can be found on the events calendar on their website..

Another group of students from the reading group visited Nottingham City Airport in Tollerton where they were shown around the airport and also climbed on board one of the club planes where they were given a briefing on 'How to fly a plane,' by one of the pilots.

During a tour of the airport hangar they were shown a BAC Jet Provost which was used in the Royal Air Force from 1955 to 1993. A member of the RAF showed the students the original bullet holes which were on the fuselage of this incredible aircraft and also where the machine guns were kept during the war. The Jet Provost is based at Tollerton and is widely used by a flying group for pleasure flights. One of the students commented, 'This has been one of the most interesting and informative events that I have ever attended and I definitely want to choose aviation as a career. Many thanks to James and his team at the Nottingham City Airport for hosting yet another fantastic event.'

Towards the end of July some students from Warhammer Club and the reading group enjoyed a morning at Warhammer which has its global headquarters in Nottingham. They were treated to a tour of the spectacular events hall which hosts an array of miniatures and landscapes from Warhammer World and afterwards the group took part in an interactive workshop on 'How to play the game.' Most of the students said that they would definitely make a return visit and hopefully play in the school league next year.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to our volunteers from The U3A, Parish Church and Sixth Form for giving up their time to support our young readers. I have had fantastic feedback from our reading group on how much they enjoy the encouragement and support our volunteers give to our students.

Evelyn Welch  
Teaching Assistant



## Dementia Concert and Poem

Last month Hollie, a student in Year 11, organised a special school concert to raise funds for Dementia UK.

The evening raised £1000 for this important charity. During the concert, Hollie read out a poem that she had written especially for the occasion.

### Dementia Didn't Steal My Nan by Hollie

'Has the snow stopped yet?' my Nan asked one warm day in July  
They ushered to the doctors, so the tests could tell us why.  
A whispered diagnosis and *Dementia* had a name,  
I didn't know it then, but Nan would never be the same.

We used to catch up once a week, it went to thrice a day.  
But everything about my Nan began to slip away.  
Night and Day were all the same, conversations gone.  
She searched the house for nothing; and left everything switched on.

I made her all her favourite foods, but if I looked away,  
She'd eat the napkins, chew the plates and overturn the tray.  
Naked in the kitchen, but fully dressed in bed,  
She didn't live in my world, so I moved to her instead.

Where there's babies in the kitchen drawer, a cart horse in the hall,  
Her long dead mother in the porch, and birds behind the wall.  
She thinks they're all inside this home and who am I to say,  
That none of them exist because, for her they're here to stay.

We walk this road together, but for me, it's funny how  
It's gifted us the closeness that we never had 'til now.  
Even though I know there's only one ending ahead  
Dementia didn't steal my Nan; it brought her back to me instead.



# REVISION CORNER

# SUMMER EDITION

**How can I keep my brain active over the summer?**

**8 top tips**

**Keep reading**

You may have read many revision notes and subject books throughout the school year so take some time over the summer to enjoy something different- whether you fancy romance or sci-fi, fact or fiction, reading is a skill you want to keep strong.

**Play puzzle games**

Language or number-based puzzles such as crosswords and sudoku will keep your deductive skills sharp and might broaden your general knowledge. Games that require critical thought and strategy are especially effective at stretching the brain.

**Follow the news**

Staying informed about what is going on across the world will help you to think about how the world is developing and consider the issues impacting both people and places.

**Pick your entertainment wisely**

Rather than opting for a mindless TV show, why not mix it up and try something that will challenge your mind with materials that make you think- perhaps a documentary or an informative podcast.

**Read a map**

Rather than using GPS why not study a map of your local area or a holiday destination and plan out some routes you could take. Using a map can help improve your spatial understanding and memory and is a helpful skill for when we find ourselves out of data!

**Journal, blog or record your thoughts!**

This doesn't need to be a public forum, it could be a personal diary. Stretch your skills at forming complex thoughts and become more self-aware.

**Try something new**

Maybe a new sport, a new musical instrument or maybe your visiting a new country and would like to learn a little bit of the language. Exposing yourself to unfamiliar stimuli will keep your brain curious.

**Ask questions**

Wherever you go and whatever you do ask lots of questions! Find out about different people's views, experiences, beliefs and ideas. Expanding your worldview will make it easier for you to navigate our global society as well as form our own ideas.

