



# Oldbury Wells Journal

December 2021



## Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter.

As we approach the end of term, despite the challenges COVID continues to bring, we can look back on an extremely successful term in school. September seems so long ago; at that time we outlined our desire to reset and re-establish as many aspects of school life as possible, this we have achieved. Students across our school community have impressed me so much in everything they do, both within their academic studies and through their commitment and involvement in so many activities across the weeks. It has been fantastic to see sporting fixtures, after school clubs, trips and visits and visitors into school to ensure that all students get the very best experiences. Also impressive, has been the ongoing charity work to support so many good causes. I know that our 6th form have been particularly active in this area which is then modelled throughout the school.

We know that as we approach the festive period, with the new COVID variant and messages coming from central government, there will remain an understandable air of caution. As a school we will continue to respond to all requirements ensuring our students get the very best support and provision. We will keep families updated with any developments over the festive period to ensure any changes of practice required at the start of the term are clearly communicated.

This week sees us celebrate the many achievements of students across all year groups, while continuing our

charity to work to support 'Save the Children' through our Christmas Jumper Day. We are looking forward to ending the term positively through our celebratory afternoon tea sessions and our reward trips to the Majestic cinema, well done to everyone concerned.

We have recently come to the end of the mock exam period for year 11 and year 13 students who have done amazingly well with their preparations, showing high levels of commitment as they look to the future and moving towards the final stages of their qualifications. Their mature approach ensures an extremely positive climate for learning in school which has been recognised by all staff, while at the same time brilliantly models what is required during this intense period for students across all years, well done to them all.

We look forward to the new year with further optimism, particularly in relation to students' achievements in school and the work done across our community. I very much hope that everyone has a restful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Thank you to all our staff team for all your amazing hard work and your dedication in all you do, and to our students ... stay safe, look after those around you and remember the smallest positive action can have a huge impact on those around you!

Mr Tristham.

# UPDATES

## Wishing staff the best for the future

### Goodbye and Good Luck

At this time of year, we say goodbye to staff who are moving onto pastures new, thanking them for the positive impact they have had during their time with us and the difference they have made for students, families and the whole staff team.

Miss Docker is moving on from our central admin team having previously completed her apprenticeship with us; we wish her all the best in her new role. From the teaching team Mrs Boyle (Science) and Mrs Gillam (ICT & Business) move on with our best wishes for the future. Mrs Preece (Inclusion Team) has supported many students in school; having completed her formal qualifications she now moves into a full-time counselling role in Birmingham. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Finally, after almost 20 years' service to the school, we also say goodbye to Mrs Anthony (SENCO). Having joined the school in September 2002, Mrs Anthony originally worked as Head of Year 10. After several years she then took on the role of SENCO. During her years of service

Mrs Anthony has supported many young people and families to ensure that those young people with any identified learning need received the best support and provision possible. Her knowledge of young people across the school and her positive relationships with all families she works closely with have resulted in so many positive outcomes, enabling so many to maximise their progress both academically and personally during their time at the school.

I know that the whole staff team are grateful for the support she has given. She is highly experienced as well as being extremely diligent in all she does, having a genuine care for all those she works with and ensuring she can do everything possible to make a difference.

Mrs Anthony will be missed by everyone across the team, we wish her all the very best for the future knowing that she will remain in contact and will always be part of the Oldbury Wells family.

## COVID Updates Updated Guidance

From Tuesday, 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close

contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.



## School Shop

### Good Stocking Fillers!

The Christmas holidays are a great time to restock your school essentials. Remember to visit the school shop which has a range of packs, ranging from 50p to £13.00 depending on the equipment you wish to purchase: <https://www.oldburywells.com/student-information/school-shop>

Fill out the online form to place your order, and pay via ParentPay. Items will be handed out in school.



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## Fight Against Plastic Waste

### Generation Juice Machines

Currently we are selling: 300 drinks bottles per day, 1500 drinks bottles per week, and 57,000 drinks bottles per year!

These are all throw away/single use plastics. 48% of plastic bottles are not yet recycled, and this waste ends up in landfill or the oceans. The amount of CO2 emissions this produces is equivalent to over 1500 buses!

To combat this we have water machines around school which students can use to fill up for free throughout the day. We also installed Juice

Machines which hold 500 drinks each. Each drink is 100% school compliant, infused with vitamins and minerals, and promotes hydration through chilled drinks in a variety of flavours. Each drink is 100% gluten and lactose free, vegan, and use natural flavours and real juice.

By using the juice machines, students can save 1500 bottles per week! You can help by bringing a refillable bottle to school - they make great stocking fillers! Fill up throughout the day with water or purchase a juice token from the canteen.

## E-Safety

### National Online Safety

Last half term we achieved a National Online Safety accreditation, which showed our dedication to E-Safety. Please remember to regularly visit the E-Safety section of the school website to see information about apps, games and social media, as well as parental controls and security settings. There are some great quick links to E-Safety websites which provide information about everything in the online world.

If you follow us on Facebook or Twitter, you'll know that each week we share the #WakeUpWednesday post from National Online Safety, which is a focus on a particular area of esafety. So far information has included Age-Inappropriate content, Being Kind online, Netflix, Social Bots, and Guided Access.

For weekly updates, follow OldburyWellsSchool on Facebook and @oldburywells on Twitter.





## Christmas Light Switch On

Imogen Leith

Immy Leith in Year 7 was chosen by Bridgnorth Town Council to be their special guest and turn on the town Christmas lights this year. Immy has raised around £36,000 for Severn Hospice in memory of her mum. She has walked the distance from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise the funds. She has even been recognised by the BBC for her work! Well done Immy.



## House Update

Running totals so far

This half term we've hosted various inter-house competitions, including Times Tables Rockstars, the Remembrance Poppies inter-house, Odd Socks Day and the Food Bank Collection. We have also factored in individual conduct and the students which have achieved 100% attendance. House points still to be added later this week are individual conduct and attendance for the past two weeks, sports interhouse results and Friday's end of term quiz! Stay tuned to our socials to find out the winners!



## PSHE



In PSHE lessons students in Year 9, 10 and 11 have been preparing for life beyond school. Year 9 have been studying the impacts of peer pressure and how to avoid it. Whereas, Year 10 and 11 students have been focussing on the relationships and sex education content.

The students in school council have enjoyed having their say in the design and structure of the curriculum and ensured that the content is relevant and appropriate for the different year groups.

Recently we have had Zoe from the National Citizen Service in, to speak with Year 11 about taking part in the summer programme. NCS is a fantastic opportunity for students to take part in during the long summer between Year 11 and their next steps. It aims to teach students life skills in an engaging way, and it is a recognised award that students can put on their CV in the future.

# Christmas Card Competition

## Winners announced!

A few weeks ago we launched the 2021 Christmas Card competition. The entries we received were fantastic, and we couldn't choose just one winner! That's why this year, we've merged five winning designs into one animated card, creating a Christmas scene! If you follow our Facebook page (Oldbury Wells School) you'll have seen the E-Card last week! If you missed it, you can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/2Hxa8LBxral>



Luke Bennett



Chloe Humphreys



Max Ward

Well done to all our winners, who received prizes, and well done to everyone who submitted an entry! Our runners up are Kerry Griffiths and Lucina Jones, so well done both.

You can see the final card design below:



Evie Corteen



Lailah Gilbert



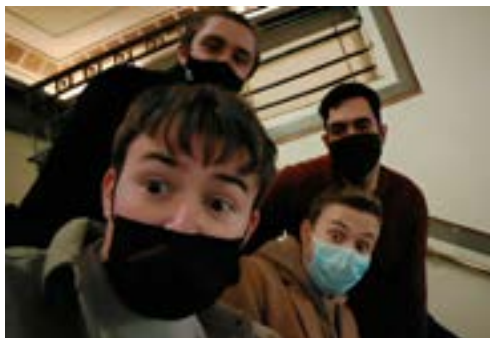
Commendations were given to runners up, and the winners were photographed by our Christmas tree!



# Drama

## Year 11 and 13 trip to London

As part of the A-level drama course, students are required to analyse live theatre. To accommodate this we ventured to London's West End to subject ourselves to an afternoon of terror courtesy of 'The Woman in Black'. We had a fantastic day and even managed to enjoy some sightseeing, retail therapy and a spot of lunch! Very sophisticated! The group, including year 11 and year 13 students, were absolutely wonderful and I'd like to thank them all for a thoroughly enjoyable day. A huge thank you also to Ms. Lawson who joined us on our little adventure.



Mr Cook



## Spanish Year 7 Calavera's!

MUCHÍSIMAS GRACIAS to all students who took part in the Calavera competition by drawing, colouring or making bright and colourful skulls! The competition aimed at discovering and celebrating the Mexican tradition of El Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) which takes place at the start of November in most of Latin America. A special bravo to the winners of the competition:

1st - Harriet Haden 7SRS (CASTLE)

2nd - Marlee Relph 7DSR (CASTLE)

3rd - Nyrah Khalil 7DCO (FRIARY)

4th - William Harman 7JXD (CASTLE)





## History

### Year 8 Trips to Quarry Bank Mill

The trip was an introduction to their topic learning about the Industrial Revolution.

They were led around the site by volunteer guides, who taught them about the history of the mill, what life was like for workers and young people when it was working, and showed them around the site. They saw the apprentice house where young workers lived, the mill itself with machine demonstrations inside, and walked around the village.



### Remembrance Poppy Winners

For Remembrance Day, students were invited to create poppies as part of an interhouse competition. Their task was to research names from the Bridgnorth War memorial, and use the information gathered to make their poppies. They contributed towards an impactful display outside of History.

Well done to the winners of the competition:

#### Year 7

Evie Prosser - Northgate  
Nyrah Khalil - Friary  
Jess Jones - Castle  
Max Ward - Westgate  
Logan Smith - Friary

#### Year 8

Eleanor Drinkwater - Westgate  
Neave Beddow - Castle  
William Oliver - Castle  
Sam Watkins - Friary  
Nicole Burrows - Northgate



### Black History Month

Congratulations to KS3 Historians who explored the life of James Albert Ukawsaw Gronniosaw as part of their home learning for Black History Month. This remarkable man was at times African prince, enslaved person, British soldier and anti-slavery author. His influential book was actually written in nearby Kidderminster. Well done particularly to Castle and Northgate for winning the house competition!

## English

### Sports Advert Competition

Year 8 were tasked a house competition; to design a persuasive sports advert for an extreme sport they have created. Congratulations to the three winners: Harry Stafford, Eleanor Drinkwater and Nyima Winters. Eleanor's sports creation was 'Rainbow Boarding', Nyima created 'Airball', and Harry designed 'Fugby'.



1st - Friary - 48,325 correct answers.	2nd - Castle - 45,078 correct answers.	3rd - Westgate - 37,882 correct answers.	4th - Northgate - 11,113 correct answer.
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## Maths

### Times Tables Rockstars Interhouse

In line with Maths Week England Year 7 and 8 students participated in an interhouse times tables competition. The students logged on to TTRockstars and did their best to answer as many questions as they could for their house.

TTRockstars encourages students to develop their speed and fluency with the times tables a fundamental skill of Mathematics. Overall, 142,398 questions were correctly answered.

The winning house was Friary with 48,325 correct questions answered. Well done to Izzy Davies who answered 38,630 correct questions that week which was the most in the school!

## Music

### Shropshire Music Service Live Music

It was so great to be able to welcome the annual 'Live Music Week' back into OWS with instrumental staff from the Shropshire Music Service demonstrating a selection of Brass and Wind instruments and entertaining our Year 7 and Year 8 students with their inspiring performances.

All instruments which were demonstrated are available for tuition for all of our students. So what are you waiting for...?







## Art

### Year 8 Artist of the Month - Nov Ella Quinton

Year 8 have been working on the Pop Art project and creating some amazing presentations for home learning. However the award this month goes to Ella Quinton who created this presentation which has been produced entirely by hand using lots of experimental media. Wow, brilliant work well done Ella.



### Year 9 Artist of the Month - Nov Tristan Summerby

Tristan has worked consistently well, completely every task set to the best of his ability. He has used a range of media successfully and explored a variety of techniques.

Mrs Wycherley

### Year 10 Artist of the Month - Nov Rex Mavir

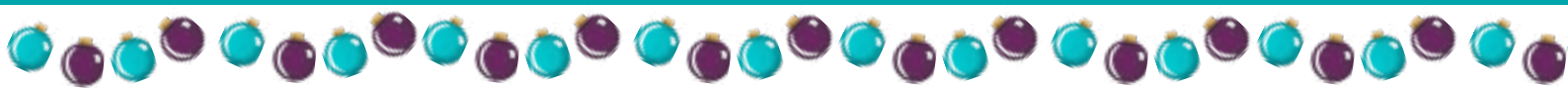
Yr 10 Art and Design students have been researching artists to inspire their own project work. Rex Mavir chose an amazing artist called Carl Warner and created his own interpretation of Warner's edible art!

Warner's 25-year career spans still life, advertising and photography. He is best known for his intricate food landscapes where he uses different types of foods and ingredients. To Warner, making foodscapes connects nature's beauty with nature's bounty. "The simple pleasures of growing food, cooking a meal, and sharing with friends is what unites us in our humanity," he says.



### Year 11 Artist of the Month - Nov Grace Thompson

Artist of the month in year 11 is Grace Thompson who created two fantastic Contextual studies as preparation for her Art and Design mock exam inspired by Confectionary. For the second Artist study set as home learning the students were given a challenge to present the work creatively in a 3D form. There were some excellent pieces submitted but Grace created this amazing cake box and make some 3D donuts which are so life like and a superb response to the Challenge set. Well done Grace.



## Year 7 Artist of the Month - Dec Nyrah Khalil

Nyrah is creative and has excelled herself in her Hundertwasser research. She has inspired others in the class, and paid careful attention to the fact that Hundertwasser doesn't use straight lines. Her work reflects this with small details, her own research and original quotes which helps it to stand out. Well done Nyrah - Miss Pickerill and Mrs Wycherley.



## Pop Art Project

Well done to all those students who have received commendations for their Pop Art work.



## Technology Year 7 Hats Project

Year 7's project this half term was to design and make their own hats, with a theme of The Natural World.

Students were creative and worked really hard, producing some really high quality outcomes.

Some hats included mushrooms, elephants, pandas, a frog, a cat, and many more exciting animals. Well done to the Year 7 groups.



# CHARITY & EVENTS

## Odd Socks Day Anti-bullying week

To mark the start of anti-bullying week, we held an odd socks day to encourage students to celebrate being different. It was run as a house competition, and the winning house was Castle with a total of 44 students wearing odd socks to school. Northgate came in second with 42 odd socks, and Friary and Westgate tied in third place wearing 38 odd socks. Across the week, assemblies about anti-bullying were held.



spent their evenings baking to help out! We are pleased to say that we beat last years total of money raised. Thank you to all who donated.

## Children in Need £986.30 Raised

On Friday 19th November we held a non-uniform day in school to raise money for Children in Need. Everyone enjoyed dressing in their own clothes, and it was nice to see some Pudsey themed items around school to.

At break time, the school council hosted a cake sale on West Side, which raised over £90! A huge thankyou to everyone who donated cakes or

spent their evenings baking to help out! We are pleased to say that we beat last years total of money raised. Thank you to all who donated.

## Bridgnorth Food Bank Christmas Collection

Thank you to everyone across our school community who donated to our food bank collection. As a school, we gathered over 400 items which will make a real difference! We donated everything to Bridgnorth Food Bank on Monday morning and they were very grateful for the support.

The results of the interhouse are now also in! We can reveal that Castle won the competition, donating a brilliant 154 items! Westgate came in 2nd with 96 items, Northgate was 3rd with 81 items, and Friary came in 4th with 71 items.



1st - Castle  
154 Items



2nd - Westgate  
96 Items



3rd - Northgate  
81 Items



4th - Friary  
71 Items

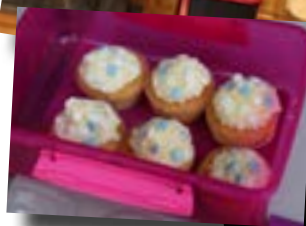


## Christmas Jumper Day

### Save the Children

Today we held our annual Christmas jumper day, with staff and students alike donning sparkly and festive jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. Throughout the day, Senior Leadership handed out 'Jumper Tokens', and at lunchtime, winners were chosen for the most exciting ones!

Mrs Wycherley and some brilliant volunteers held a cake sale on West side at break and lunchtime, selling handmade cakes and other sweet treats to also raise money for Save the Children. A big thank you to everyone who baked or brought cakes in - it made the sale a real success.



Well done to Harry Stafford, Lola-Jo Bennett Moses, and Sophie Rafferty for giving up your time.

The school Christmas Meal was also served at lunchtime and enjoyed by many, with Christmas music playing in the background. Thankyou to Adrian and the catering team for putting it together!

The total money raised will be announced on our social media!

Facebook: [oldburywellsschool](#)





## FIFA Interhouse

As part of our programme of house activities, students from all year groups have taken part in the first ever Fifa competition. A PS4 has been set up in the West Hall and students from each house have played against each other during lunchtimes.

Over 130 students expressed an interest in playing in the competition and a representative for each house from the different year groups was chosen at random. We have seen some really exciting games and the atmosphere in the West Hall has been like being at a real football match!

The results of the competition will be announced on our social media later this week.

Facebook: OldburyWellsSchool

Twitter: @oldburywells



## The Voice Kids Becky Peters competes!

We are excited to convey that Becky Peters in Year 11 will be appearing on The Voice Kids from the 28th to the 29th December, showing on ITV and ITV Hub. Becky has always been enthusiastic about singing, performing, and music, and has enjoyed every moment of this opportunity.

"I've had to keep this quiet for 9 months. It's something I've always dreamed of and wanted to do. It would mean a lot to me if you would support the show by tuning in to see me and my singing journey through the blind auditions. Thank you!"

Whilst at Oldbury Wells, Becky has taken part in school productions, such as We Will Rock You and Grease, as well as taking up guitar lessons, selecting Music at GCSE, and being multi-talented in playing Piano, Electric and Acoustic Guitar, the Ukulele, and Singing.

Well done Becky, we're all very proud of you and backing you all the way!



# SPORTS



## District Netball Tournaments

Oldbury Wells girls have thrown themselves back into netball this year, being one of only 2 schools competing in all 5 district events in the first half term. They have also taken part in a number of really competitive games against Bridgnorth Endowed this half term. All year groups have shown fantastic commitment and despite missing a whole year of netball in 2020-21, they have not shown this in the games played. The most recent games saw our Y9 squad putting in a very strong performance to beat BES while the Y11 team had a really close game all the way through, but just narrowly lost in the end. Both teams displayed a fantastic attitude throughout and were a credit to the school.

The Y7 and 8 teams then continued with the example set by the older years last week, when they also took on BES and won both games. It has been an excellent start back to netball from all of the girls involved!

## British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships



2021 saw the return of the Schools Biathlon Championships, where Callum Blower qualified for the National finals held at the University of Bath on 17th October.

Callum was competing against the top 80

performers in the country over the 2 disciplines of swimming and running. He took part in 100m swim and 1600m run, finishing 29th in the swim with a time of 1:12.43 and 31st in the run completing it in 5:52.40. This put Callum in a finishing position of 22nd overall. What a fantastic performance from Callum to be the top 25 competitors in the whole country! We wish him all the best in his qualification for the competition again this year.



## Rugby Kit for Girls PE lessons

After Christmas Y7, 8 and 10 girls PE groups will be covering a unit of rugby. The girls in those groups will therefore need football boots, long purple socks and a suitable outdoor top (Oldbury ¼ zip or a plain black sweatshirt) for their rugby lessons. Please check with the PE department if you are unsure which lessons you will need this kit for before we break up for the holidays.

## Y9 Football Team battle hard in cup

Our Y9 lads put in a performance to be proud of in the first round of the President's Cup against Lacon Childe School. After getting off to an early 1-0 lead after 5 minutes, we then sat back a little too much to let the home team



come back to take a 2-1 lead within 15 minutes. We seemed unsettled in this time, but found our energy once more to pull back to 2-2 just before half time.

After dominating the second half, but not managing to find the back of the net, the full time whistle went at 2-2. As the light started to close in on us, extra time finished 2-2, forcing us into penalties.

Despite going 4-3 down in the penalties to start with, super keeper James Crump put in a fantastic performance to make 2 critical saves, pushing us through to the next round, where we will meet William Brookes School.

Well done lads – super performance all round, especially from a few Y8s who were given the opportunity to ‘play up’ a year and really held their own!

Mr Farish

## Girls Football V Telford Priory

During the last half term the year 7 girls took on their first competitive school football fixture. The girls played brilliantly and created lots of chances throughout the game, but were unlucky to lose the game. In the first half the girls were just getting their bearings in the game and were unfortunate to concede a break away goal early on. Following on from this though the girls rallied well to look to press home some good possession and fast break opportunities. Unfortunately unable to convert any chances. In the second half a resolute defensive performance saw the girls not concede again and the second half finish 0-0. Congratulations must go to the girls for putting in a determined effort. Well done!

## Year 7/8 Intro to Hockey Tournament

In the third of four hockey tournaments this half term, we took a 12 strong team of first time hockey players and those who have not played hockey at any clubs in the area, up to Bridgnorth Endowed. The girls were split into two teams and both gave a brilliant account of themselves, picking up the rules quickly and turning this into some excellent hockey.

One team remained unbeaten all evening winning all but one game which they drew to a very skillful William Brookes team. The second team also played brilliantly losing twice and winning twice to show some excellent resilience when going a goal down. Both teams represented the school brilliantly and were rewarded with some excellent goals throughout the evening. Hopefully this taste of hockey will take the interest of a couple to join a hockey team locally.

Mr Cowburn

# SIXTH FORM

It has been a busy and important half term in Sixth Form, with our Year 13's completing their mock examinations and working hard revising and preparing for them. At the same time, their UCAS applications are underway, with many hoping to secure places at University for the next academic year. They have been working hard to write their personal statements, and many are sending theirs off before Christmas.

## Year 7 Disco

Mrs Bishell's Year 13 Business class have also been busy organising a Year 7 disco as part of one of their modules! They are raising money for Bridgnorth Food Bank, and have spent the past few weeks budgeting, purchasing food and



snacks, and coming up with exciting activities for Year 7 to engage in. The night was a huge success, and everyone really got into the festive spirit! They are pleased to announce that they raised over £300.00 for the Food Bank! Well done to Nell, Emily, Jess, Matt, Danny, Charlie and Rachen.

As part of Sixth Form core sessions, we have been lucky to invite guest speakers into school to speak to our students. This half term, we have had sessions from Shrewsbury Football Club, Bangor University, Ask Apprenticeships and CAP Gemini.

## 6th Form Applications

We would also like to remind Year 11 that our initial application deadline is Friday 7th December. Any applications received after this deadline may have limited subject choices depending on numbers. You can fill out our application form on our website: <https://www.bridgnorthsixthform.com/apply-to-us>

You can also visit our website to view our range of courses, see what Sixth Form life is like and also view our 2022 prospectus. We have provided a range of advice to all applicants in choosing your post-16 destination and subject choices.

## COURSES FOR OUR 2022 INTAKE

### A LEVELS

Art & Design  
Biology  
Business  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Drama & Theatre  
English Literature  
French  
Geography  
History  
Mathematics  
Physics  
Product Design  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Further Mathematics  
Extended Project  
Qualification

### BTECS

Health & Social Care  
BTEC National Extended  
Certificate  
Health & Social Care  
BTEC National Diploma

### CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS

Sports & Physical Activity OCR Cambridge Technical Award

Information Technology OCR Cambridge Technical  
Introductory Diploma



# CHRISTMAS

## Festive baking...Chocolate Orange Yule Log

**!!!Always bake accompanied by an adult or with a parents' permission.**

Our year 9s have been busy making Yule Logs this festive season, and we're sure you'll agree they look fantastic! Here is the recipe from the food tech department if you wanted to give it a go...



Yule Log by Connor Cole-Oates

### Ingredients

#### Swiss roll

- 3 eggs
- 85g golden caster sugar
- 65g self raising flour
- 2 tblsp cocoa powder
- Orange Curd Filling
- 2 large eggs (1 egg yolk, 1 whole egg)
- 1 large orange
- 75g caster sugar
- 20g chilled butter, cut into cubes

#### Chocolate Buttercream

- 75g butter (at room temp)
- 150g icing sugar
- 2tblsp cocoa
- 2 tblsp milk

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Crack eggs into a mixing bowl and add caster sugar.
3. Whisk with electric whisk till very thick and foamy and so it leaves a trail
4. Sieve in flour and cocoa and fold in gently using tablespoon
5. Pour into tin and tilt to level out.
6. Bake for 8-10 mins till well risen and springy.
7. Meanwhile sprinkle a little caster sugar onto a sheet of parchment.
8. When baked, tip upside down onto parchment, trim edges and roll up with another sheet of parchment
9. Leave to cool.
10. For the orange curd - grate zest of orange and juice orange. Put both into a clean mixing bowl.
11. Add 1 whole egg and 1 egg yolk.
12. Add caster sugar
13. Half-fill saucepan with water and bring to simmering point. Put mixing bowl on top of pan, making sure the bottom of the bowl doesn't touch the water.
14. Using a balloon whisk, whisk mixture till it starts to thicken. Add chilled butter cubes one at a time and continue whisking till it becomes thick and glossy. Then remove from heat, so it cools a little.
15. Unroll swiss roll and spread with orange curd and roll up again.
16. For the buttercream - put soft butter, sieved icing sugar and cocoa into mixing bowl and whisk thoroughly till fluffy - 5-10 mins.
17. Add a little milk to make icing spreadable and whisk again.
18. Use to decorate your yule log, using a fork to create a bark pattern. Decorate with robins, holly and any other Christmassy things, either edible or non-edible.



Yule log by Molly Preece



# CHRISTMAS

## Festive things to do...



## Festive Jokes...



# NOTICEBOARD



## Term Dates:

### Spring Term 2021

**Starts:** Wednesday, 5 January 2022

**Half-term:** Monday, 21 – Friday 25 February 2022 inclusive

**Ends:** Friday, 8 April 2022

### Summer Term 2021

**Starts:** Monday, 25 April 2022 (Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May 2022)

**Half-term:** Monday, 30 May - Friday, 3 June 2022 inclusive





**Ends:** Friday, 22 July 2022

## Equipment List:

All students need to bring to school:

- Pencil Case
- Scientific Calculator
- Language Dictionary
- 2 Black Pens
- 2 Green Pens
- HB Pencil
- 150mm Ruler
- Pritt Stick
- 12 Colouring Pencils
- Compass
- Protractor
- Pencil Sharpener
- Rubber
- 1 Highlighter Pen
- Earphones (for Music lessons)

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