

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the first parent bulletin of Summer 2.

Staffing

Today we sadly bid farewell to DT teacher and Year 7 tutor Miss Lynn who is leaving us to take up a role in the Civil Service. We are so grateful for all the technology expertise she has brought to the school and she will be significantly missed.

For the remainder of the academic year Miss Lynn's tutor and teaching timetable will be covered by Mr Cotton and Mrs Cook. Both are well known in the school with Mr Cotton having formerly been Head of DT here. There has been an extensive handover period both for curriculum and pastorally.

The Annual Queen Elizabeth's School Transition Assembly

Many thanks to 'Team QE' for delivering their annual transition assembly to their prospective Year 9 students today. In addition, to give them an early flavour of life in an upper school - our Year 7 pupils were also invited to attend this year's assembly.

Team QE performed an excellent, up-beat dance routine as well as having their rock band blast out versions of 'Creep' by Radiohead and 'I guess you look good on the dance floor' by the Arctic Monkeys!

In addition to this, QE's 'Heads of Houses' described different aspects of life and the learning environment at the Upper School. Following this session, our transitioning Year 8 pupils were given the opportunity to question their Year 9 count-parts about various aspects of their forthcoming school life, before finally being 'interviewed' within their House groups. The QE staff commented on how commendably our Year 8s conducted themselves during their interviews.

As always it was great to see how maturely our Year 8 pupils interacted with their older peers and also to be involved so positively with the staff of Queen Elizabeth's School with whom we have established a 'tried and tested' transition process over the course of many years.

It may well be worth starting some conversations with the Year 7 pupils who were present at the transition assembly regarding their choice of upper school. The deadline for the first round of upper school admissions is October 31st (which comes around surprisingly swiftly). There will be open evening sessions in the Autumn Term which I would urge everyone to explore the opportunities offered by both Queen Elizabeth's School and Ferndown Upper School.

Mark Rangdale (Head of Year 8)



FUS Transition Assembly

On Thursday afternoon our soon-to-be transitioning Ferndown Upper School students had a visit from their impending Head of Year 9 (Mrs Barrett) and pastoral team lead (Mrs Old). Mrs Barrett delivered a broad range of transfer information to our pupils. She discussed how it was important that our pupils quickly adjust to being part of the 'Ferndown Family', take advantage of the many new opportunities that they will be presented with and not hesitate to seek pastoral support should it be required.

Mrs Barrett also shared some useful transition advice from their current Year 9 pupils, which she noted was similar every year. Some of the key points passed down to our Year 8 pupils were to: 'be organised, approach homework methodically, try to form new friendships, and fully involve yourselves in FUS school life'.

I'd like to thank Mrs Barrett and Mrs Old for delivering such an informative assembly to our transitioning FUS students. For their part, our pupils asked some excellent and very practical questions relating to Transfer Day, uniform, the buses and that old bugbear - homework!

Both myself and Mrs Parker currently have children in Year 9 at Ferndown Upper School, and we can vouch for how smooth their transition process is and how quickly our Year 8 pupils adapt to life at upper school.

One thing worth considering early - would be travel arrangements to and from FUS on Transfer Day - as school transport isn't provided. The children need to arrive at 8:20 am and be collected at 2:40 pm. Reciprocal arrangements between parents are normally a good option to consider.

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Year 8 Wellbeing Lessons

We would like to update Year 8 parents on the Wellbeing lessons which will be taught this term. Previously we have taught a lesson on Gender Identity which we will not be teaching this year. The programme will be as follows:

Lesson 1 Explain The risks of 'sexting' and how to manage requests or pressure to send an image

Lesson 2 Explain how FGM is in contradiction with human rights

Lesson 3 Explain how Forced Marriage is in contradiction with human rights

Lesson 4 Identify the differences between the basic forms of contraception - the contraceptive pill and condom.

Lesson 5 Assessment

The Mental Health Team will also be in on Monday June 17th to teach a lesson to each year 8 class about managing anxiety and transition to upper school. If you would like to discuss any of the lessons further, please contact Mrs Robertson through the school office email.

Sports Day: KS2 Potted Sports Tuesday 11th June and whole school finals Wednesday 12th June

We will spend the next few days with our fingers crossed for dry weather as our sports days are fast approaching. KS2 parents are welcome to join us for Tuesday's 'Potted Sports' which is a House team event where all pupils take part in a wide range of sporting activities to score points for their house. This is between 9am - 11am on Tuesday 11th June.

On Wednesday afternoon we will run the whole school Sports Day finals - all parents are welcome to join us - this starts at 1pm and will continue until 3pm.

Please note that all children will go back to tutor rooms at the end of the Sports Day and will be released at 3.20pm in the usual way. Please make your normal going home arrangements as we cannot allow children to leave with their parents directly from Sports Day.

Year 6 Activity Week

Year 6 this week have had a well-earned activities week following their SATs. They have worked so hard this year and this was a welcome break for them.

On Tuesday they went to the Dorset Adventure Park, Wednesday they went to Ninja Warrior and Thursday and Friday were school based with a variety of inflatable activities, games and a BBQ.

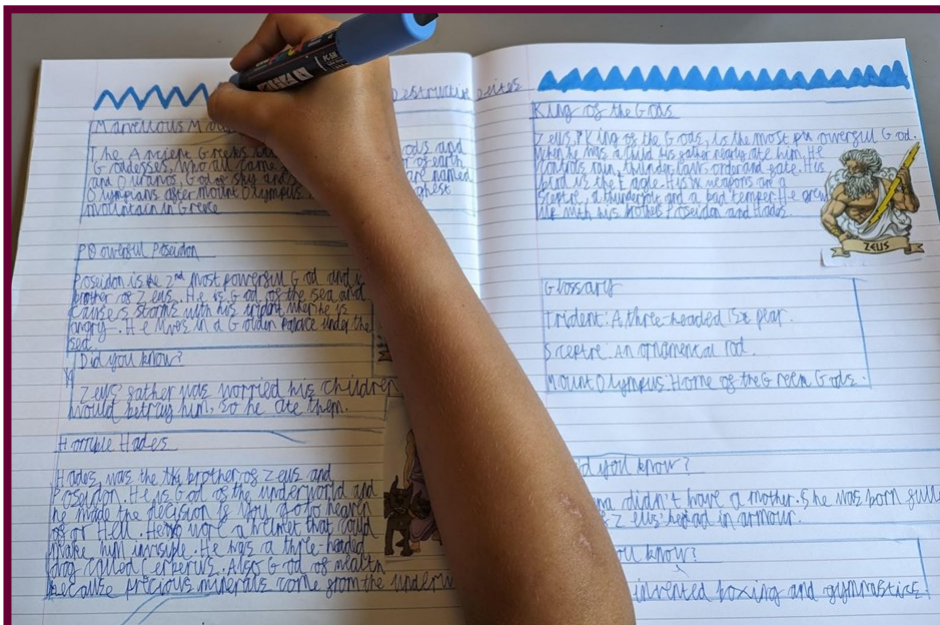
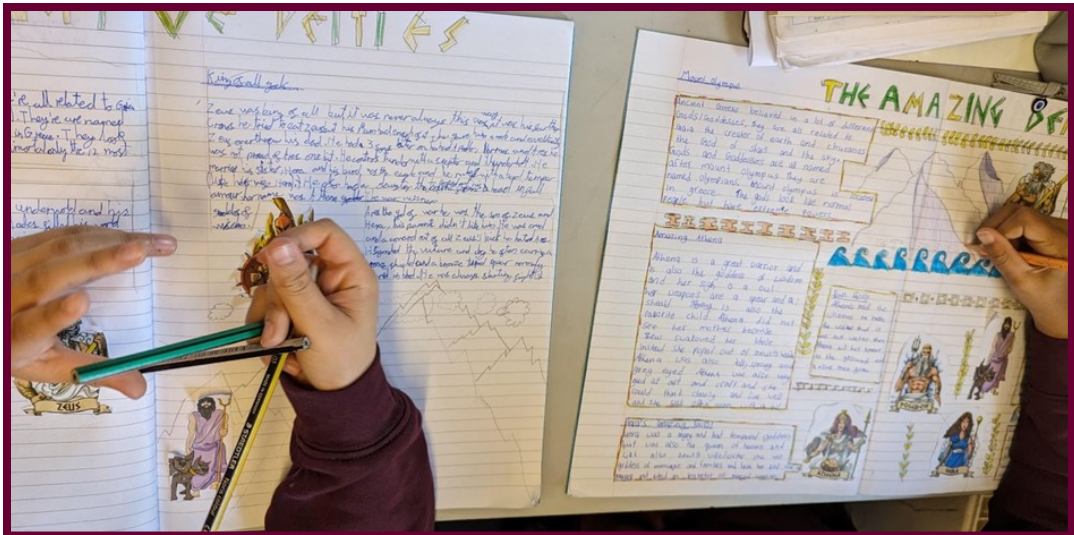
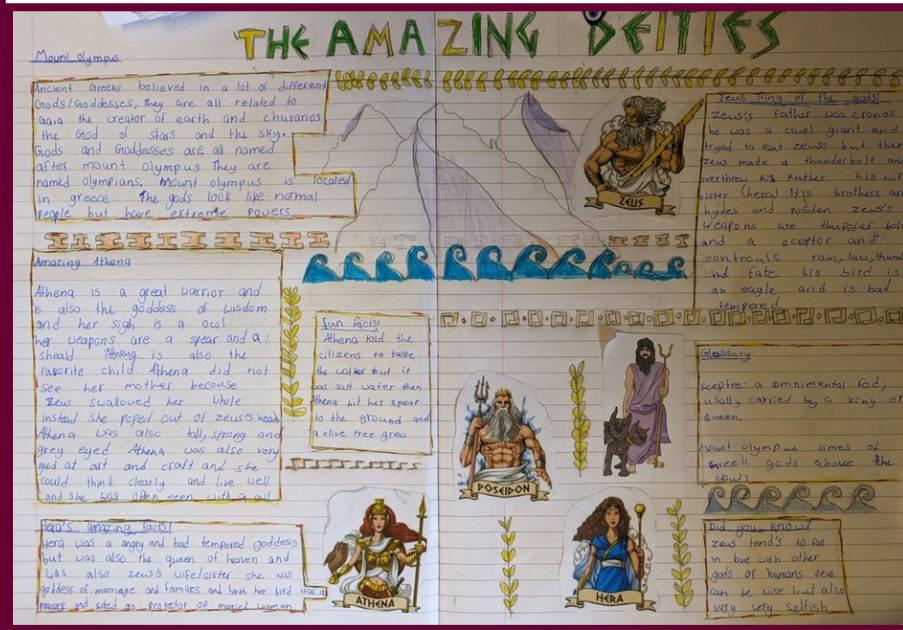
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Year 5 English

Year 5 have been busy writing their non-chronological reports on Greek Deities this week. Lots of thought and care has gone into planning, writing and designing with a focus on coordinating conjunctions, subordinating conjunctions parenthesis to add extra information to sentences.



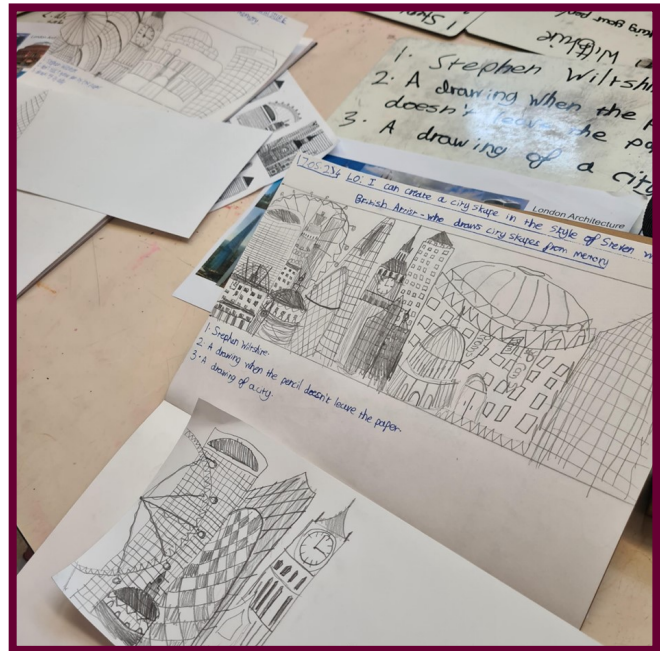
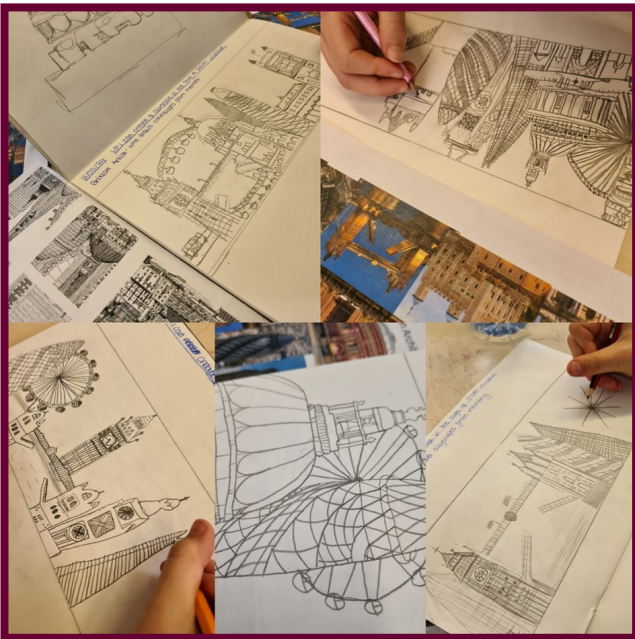
D-Day Memorial Parade

Congratulations to Teddy and Hermione Parker who took part in the St Michael's Memorial parade representing Emmanuel Middle.



Year 7 Art: Cityscapes

Pupils working in the style of British Artist Stephen Wiltshire, creating pencil and pen cityscapes specifically looking at London landmarks.



All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker