



Kingswinford Academy

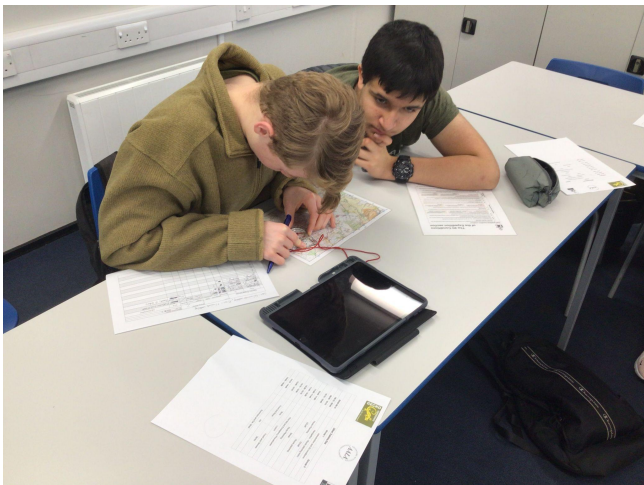
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Duke of Edinburgh Award

K Wilkins



The Duke of Edinburgh programme is now in full swing at Kingswinford Academy with 23 students signed up to the Bronze Award and 13 students on the Silver Award.

The students are all currently volunteering in the local community, learning a new skill and improving their physical fitness to sign off these sections of their Award.

Our Silver students had their training day on the 11th February and worked together in their expedition groups to plan their routes and bearings to navigate the Long Mynd. They refreshed their knowledge of emergency first aid,

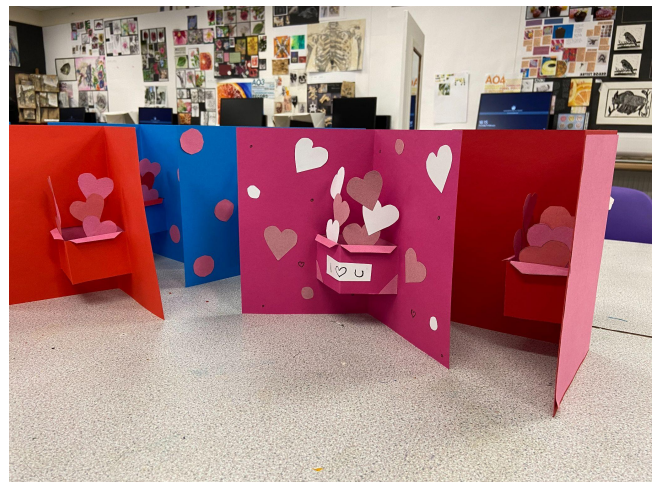
and practised putting up tents and using a Trangia.

The students are now ready to take the hills in person during the practice expedition on the 26th May. The Bronze students will have their Training day on the 18th March.

Art Club

L Griffiths/M Needle

Our Art Club students were feeling the love recently; creating the fantastic Valentines Day cards.





End of an Era - Y11 Basketball

O Staten

February saw the end of an era with the Year 11 Basketball Team playing their final game for the school.

Having started out with the ambitions of a successful season, after a few losses to our record we turned up at Crestwood looking to avenge those losses. Although we were outplayed for most of the game, the score remained close. During the last quarter, as a team we knew we had to step up and play our best regardless of the outcome, and the game ended 12-11 in our favour. We had the intention of winning each game this season, but instead

we learnt about other things as a group and it will be memories that we take for the rest of our life.

Samuel Kazemebe (Year 11 Basketball Captain)

National Cipher Challenge

S Griffiths



The National Cipher Challenge is a national code-breaking competition for schools and colleges, run by the University of Southampton.

The Maths department introduced me to it in Year 7 and I have been fascinated by it ever since.

This year, for the second year running, Kingswinford Warriors won an award and I was invited to Bletchley Park for the awards ceremony - it was great! Activities throughout the day included a guided tour, a talk from GCHQ and free biscuits! Over 7000 students took part and most of the winners were sixth form age and over, so it was another great achievement for our school!

Well done Sam, we are all very proud of you,

Art Competitions

C Shaw

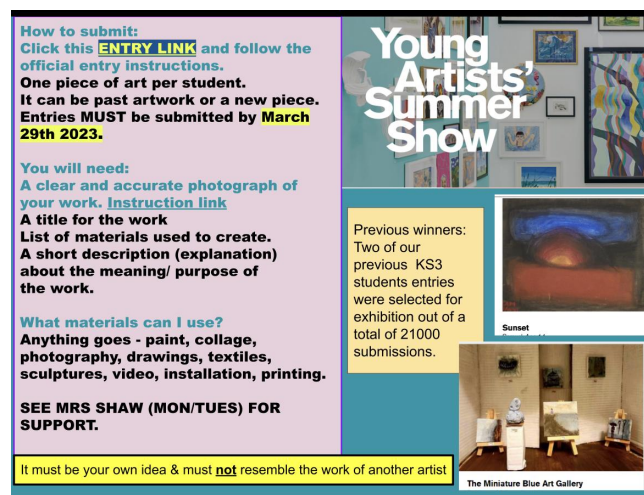


Kingswinford Academy Art Competition
Open to all artists.
All entries will be exhibited in the Kingswinford Library.
The winning entry will be voted for by the public.

To enter:
One entry per student
Work A3 or smaller.
Traditional, digital and photographic pieces accepted.
All media/ technique/ style accepted.
Only age appropriate subject matter allowed.

Deadline: Original piece handed in to the Art Department before Friday 31st March.

Add your student name, form group & house on the back.



How to submit:
Click this [ENTRY LINK](#) and follow the official entry instructions.
One piece of art per student.
It can be past artwork or a new piece.
Entries MUST be submitted by March 29th 2023.

You will need:
A clear and accurate photograph of your work. [Instruction link](#)
A title for the work
List of materials used to create.
A short description (explanation) about the meaning/ purpose of the work.

What materials can I use?
Anything goes - paint, collage, photography, drawings, textiles, sculptures, video, installation, printing.

SEE MRS SHAW (MON/TUES) FOR SUPPORT.

It must be your own idea & must **not** resemble the work of another artist

Young Artists' Summer Show

Previous winners:
Two of our previous KS3 students entries were selected for exhibition out of a total of 21000 submissions.

Sunset

The Miniature Blue Art Gallery

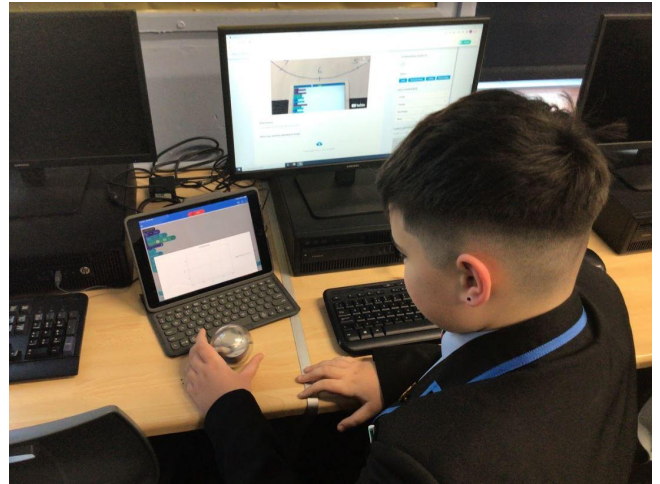
Dance

H Horton

On Thursday 19th January, our Year 10 GCSE Dance students were invited to the 'Careers in Dance' event at Wolverhampton University.

Students participated in a variety of workshops with artists and lecturers from The University of Worcester, LIPA, ME Dance Company and De Montfort University. They also got to find out about dance opportunities including college and university courses, projects and performances. They had a brilliant day of dance and were fantastic representatives of Kingswinford Academy.





Robotics and Programming Club

D Round

The Robotics and Programming Club meets every Thursday at lunchtime and uses an application called Sphero Edu that controls our spherical robots.

Students can use block program code or written code to power and move the robots. If you would like any more information, please see Mr Round.





Eco Ambassadors

M Carey

Our Eco Ambassadors have been very busy working hard this half term towards our goal of achieving the Eco Schools Green Flag award. The students have completed an environmental survey of our school and what areas we'd like to improve. The students have created an action plan on how we can improve the sustainability of our school site.

A select number of students got the opportunity to meet with our local MP Mike Wood to share with him our plans for the sustainability of the school and question him on what the government are doing to support our environment.

The students will all be taking home their very own seed trays over half term, so begin growing their own plants and vegetables at home. They will then bring this in to be planted around school in the spring'.



Start of Half Term

We hope that you have a lovely half term break. School returns after half term at normal time on Monday 27th February.