

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE ROYAL SCHOOL, WOLVERHAMPTON

HAVE A FABULOUS CHRISTMAS BREAK - SEE YOU ALL IN THE NEW YEAR!!

The Autumn term has been another busy one for the Art department, students have once again risen to the challenge and produced some fabulous work, a small sample of which you'll see included in this newsletter. You'll see from this edition we've been developing our enrichment programme this year; this has included zoom calls with practicing artists, workshops with the University of Wolverhampton, visits to Wolverhampton Art Gallery and more. With 3 weeks off from school Christmas is a fabulous time to spend time with friends and family giving you lots of time to engage in fun creative activities in front of fire whilst enjoying a hot chocolate.

The Art department would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



ARTISTS OF THE TERM

Year 7 - Isaiah Garacho

Year 8 - Ruby Gill

Year 9 - Ella Louise Muir-Brown

Year 10 - Poppy McKie

Year 11 - Joy Diya



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There has been some fab work happening in the art department this term - see below some work from Miss Fabre and Miss Lawrence's artists of the term!

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YEAR 10 PAINTINGS - A WORK-IN-PROGRESS

Our year 10 GCSE students have recently been introduced to acrylic paints which they have been using to paint items relating to their theme. Miss Lawrence has been impressed with their progress - considering it is the first time many of the students have used this particular medium, the work has been extremely impressive! See some work-in-progress images of their work below.



YEAR 7 LUNCHTIME ART CLUB

This term Miss Lee has been running a lunchtime art club for students in year 7. Their first project was a more textile focused piece of work, making a hair scrunchie. The students started by tie-dying their own piece of fabric whilst learning about harmonious and complimentary colours, they then made their own piece of fabric into a scrunchie using the sewing machines and sewing by hand. For many of the students this was the first time they had used a sewing machine. The group of students are very pleased with the end results and can't wait to start wearing their creations.



YEAR 7 MASK DRAWINGS

Year 7 students have been working away in their art lessons on their African mask inspired artworks. For the first part of this half term they were working on drawing accurately and adding shading with drawing pencils. After the October half term they then traced their original drawing to develop further by adding shading with colour.

All the year 7's have worked really hard on their shading - you could tell by the silence in the classroom!

See below some examples of outstanding outcomes from this term of work.



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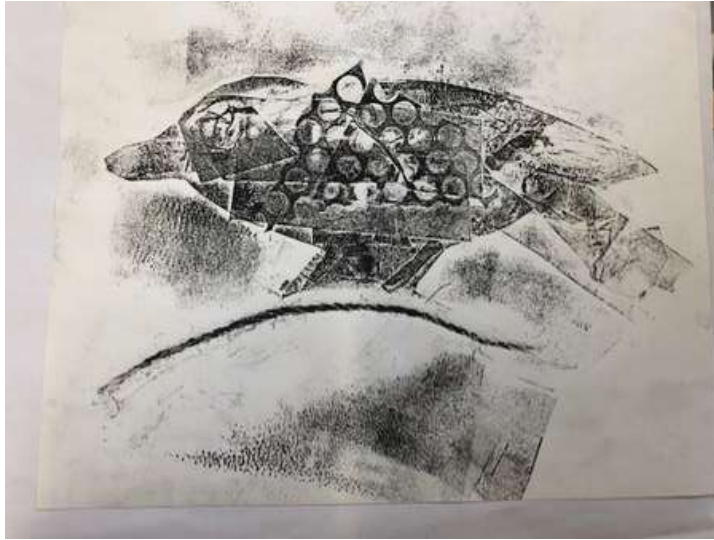
YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM WORK

Year 11 art students recently sat their mock art exam. It's quite an intense 2 day exam but the results are always worth the preparation and effort. Well done to all the year 11 art students.



PRINTMAKING ENRICHMENT - YEAR 7

This term in Miss Fabre's enrichment group they worked on a printmaking activity. This term year 7 have been experimenting with the process of collagraph printing and created some interesting bird designs.



A VIRTUAL VISIT FROM ARTIST SARAH GRAHAM

Year 8 students have been studying sweets as a theme within Art since the start of the academic year. As part of the curriculum are expected to engage with the work of artists. Year 8 students were very lucky to be given the opportunity of joining us for a zoom call with the well-known artists Sarah Graham. Sarah gave students an insight into the background and ideas behind her work, they were given a tour of her workshop and she discussed the creative careers industry giving them an insight into life as an artist. We were very lucky to secure this opportunity and it has been fabulous seeing students reflect upon the experience within their homework this week.



REMEMBRANCE POPPIES ART INSTALLATION

At the beginning of term Miss Lawrence's art enrichment created an art installation in the senior school reception for remembrance day. The Poppies were on display for the first week of November and were carefully sculpted from wire and tissue paper.



WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY TRIP - ARTS AWARD

We have a small cohort of students in Year 8 this year starting their Arts Award journey. Arts Award is a national qualification which aims to support students to grow as artists and arts leaders, inspiring them to connect with and take part in the wider arts world through taking challenges in an art form - from fashion to digital art, pottery to poetry. Students get to discover the enjoyment of creating and participating in arts activities, experience arts events, develop creative and communication skills that are essential for success in 21st century life and explore the work of artists and craftspeople and gain insights into the professional arts world.

To help them with the completion of this we arrange a trip to Wolverhampton Art gallery where students were given the opportunity to view artworks from various periods in Art history. Students wrote reviews about the work on exhibition and sketched their favourite pieces.



A review of the art gallery by Bhuvi Shah

"My trip to the Wolverhampton art gallery was brilliant. We all had a great time there ... We walked there on Penn Road. We were given a booklet from our teacher that contained all the information about the artworks there. We had to find different designs on the artworks ...we had to take notes on the different artists and the different work they did ... and we drew an artwork from our favourite artist. Finally our last job was to find certain things included in the artworks.

Overall I had a great time and would give it 9/10. I would definitely recommend people go there. It was a good educational place to visit too."

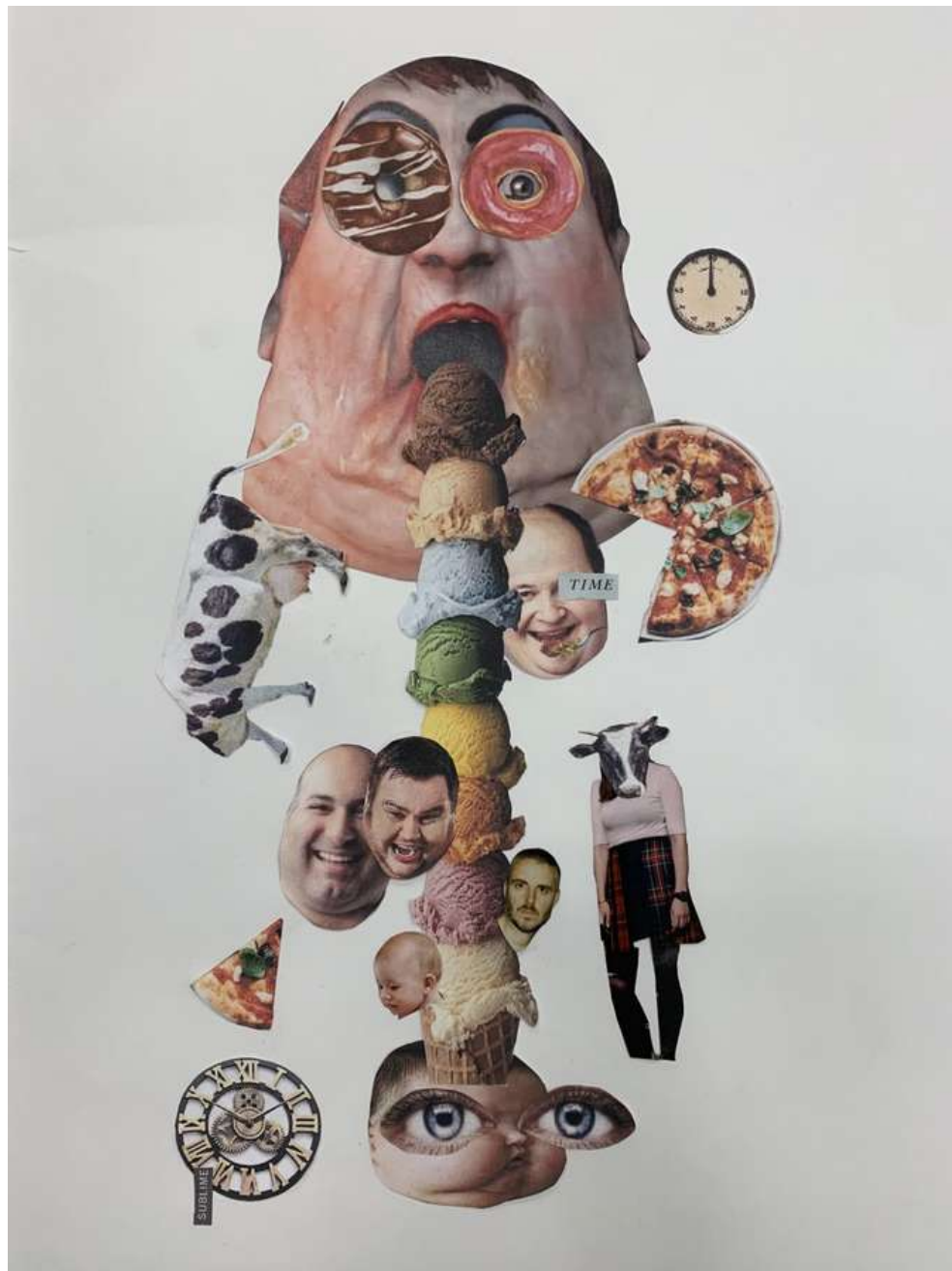
CHARITY ART AUCTION

One of our year 12 art students Mya Patel has been using her artistic abilities for a good cause recently. She produced a painting of the Wolverhampton Wanderers captain Conor Coady which was then auctioned off for charity, raising £120 for dementia UK.



UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON WORKSHOP

Covid has prevented us from getting out and about as much as we would have liked this year, but we were fortunate to secure a virtual creative workshop with lecturers from the University of Wolverhampton earlier this month. This gave students an insight into life at university, the creative career route on offer and possible courses on offer at Wolverhampton. They then took part in a practical workshop using photomontage where students were given the opportunity to produce a piece of work to supplement their coursework portfolio. The university were extremely impressed with the standard of work produced and have since offered to exhibit some student work in their summer show. We have now established strong links with the university and are hoping to run a trip in the spring term for students to visit in person.



ARTWORKS THAT DEFINE CHRISTMAS

Take a look below at famous artworks that define the Christmas season - taken from The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/gallery/2014/dec/24/artworks-that-define-christmas-in-pictures>.

There are more to look at on their website!



**Snow Scene at Argenteuil by Claude Monet
(1875)**



**A Winter Scene with Skaters Near a Castle by
Hendrick Avercamp (1608)**



**Adoration of the Magi by Albrecht Dürer
(1504)**



**Adoration of the Magi by Leonardo Da Vinci
(1481)**