

Year 7 Newsletter



May Half Term

It's been another productive and successful half term for the Year 7 students. It's amazing to think that this is their penultimate half term of the year because it only seems like a few weeks ago that they started here at Fulford. It's been an extremely difficult year due to the COVID restrictions but considering the circumstances, the progress that students have made from September to now has been astonishing. To see them grow in confidence and develop so many different skills has been extremely rewarding. It will soon be their turn to set an example for the new Year 7 students that will be starting in September. Half term will be a good time to relax and come back ready to remain focused for the final push up to summer. There is a lot to look forward to with the school opening up, being able to move around to different classrooms and use the field at lunch.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Finally, after months of waiting, students got the opportunity to attend some extra-curricular clubs! The sessions have been taking place on a Tuesday after school with both football and netball available. Despite some horrendous weather and torrential down pours, the turnout has been amazing. It's been great to see so many students getting involved and enjoying themselves. We're hopeful that more clubs will start up after half term.



Recycling Competition

Mr Borwell has led a recycling initiative across Year 7 this half term and made a huge impact with students really getting involved and passionate about the importance of recycling plastic bottles. All Year 7 forms now have a recycling bin in their form room and students have been encouraged to recycle their plastic. Every week this half term, Mr Borwell and members of his form have been round to collect and count the number of bottles with a weekly prize being awarded to the form with the highest number of bottles. Let's hope this enthusiasm continues into next half term in order to help the environment.

Student of the Month

It's always a pleasure to read the nominations for Student of the Month and hear of the fantastic work Year 7 students are doing.

In April, Aron Song was the Student of the Month winner for working with great interest and enthusiasm in Drama lessons. The runner-up was George Thornton for his efforts on the Easter half-term challenge. Well done Aron and George!

The Student of the Month winner for May is Freya Claesson for her consistent hard work and participation in History lessons. Great work Freya! The runner-up was Alfie Jones for his ambition and resilience with punctuality. Fantastic Alfie!

Congratulations to the winners – keep it up!

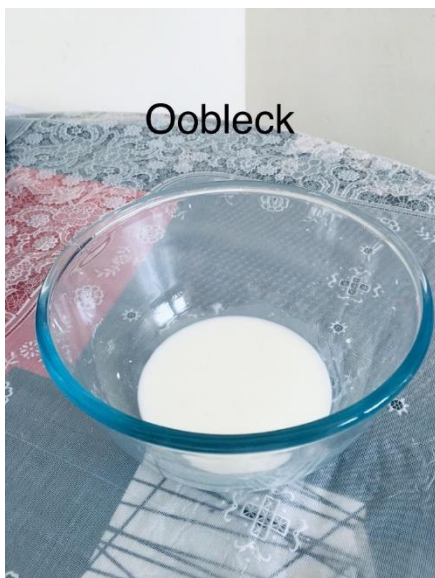
Homework

During the summer term we've been putting a big focus on completing homework with quality and handing it in on time. Students have risen to the challenge and been rewarded with positives for excellent pieces of homework. The two students with the highest number of positives at the end of the term will receive a shopping gift voucher each so there is a reward up for grabs. It's been great to see the fantastic attendance at homework club on a Tuesday lunchtime over the last few weeks with students taking accountability for their work.



Getting Involved

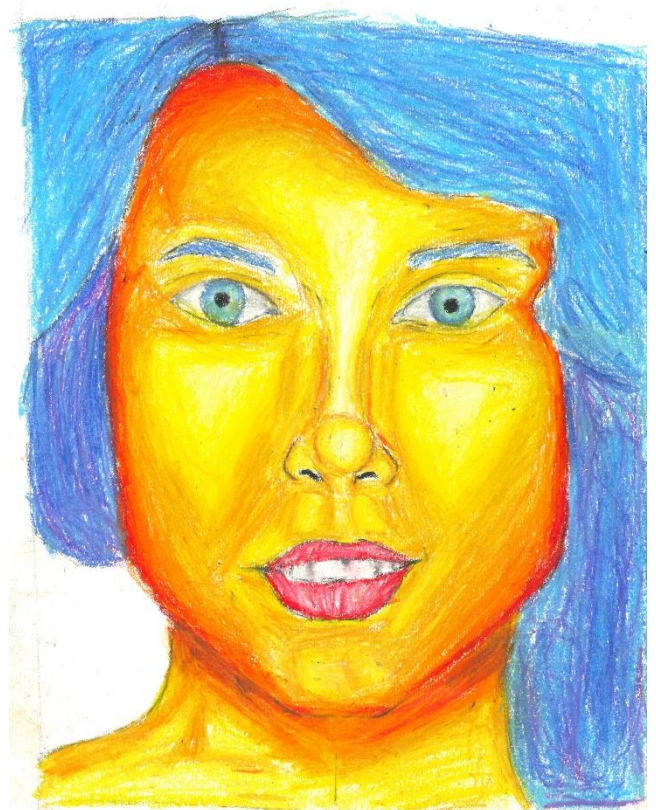
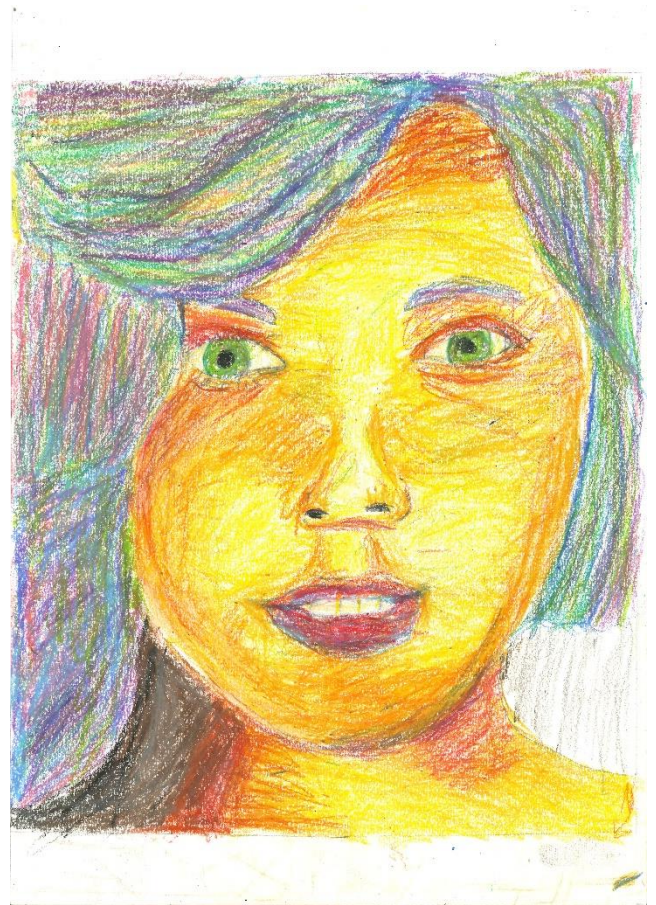
These pictures were sent in to me by Misham Mumtahina who took some initiative and completed several of the Science practicals from the last edition of the newsletter. I was particularly impressed with the King Kong's Hand experiment which seems to have worked fantastically. A big well done to Misham for completing some independent work.



Student Work

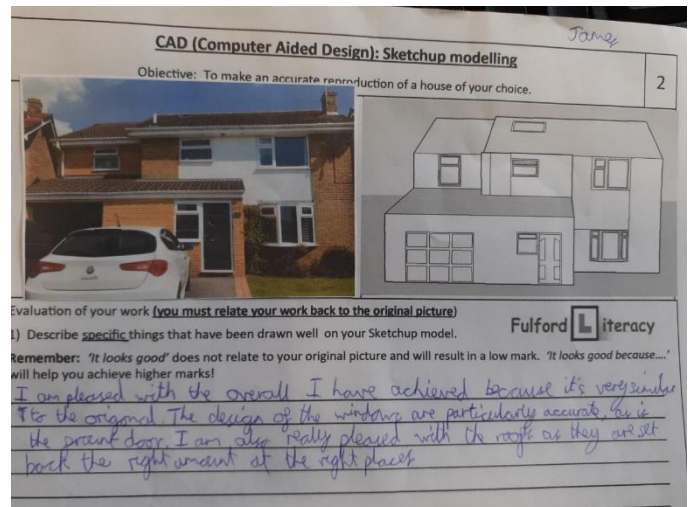
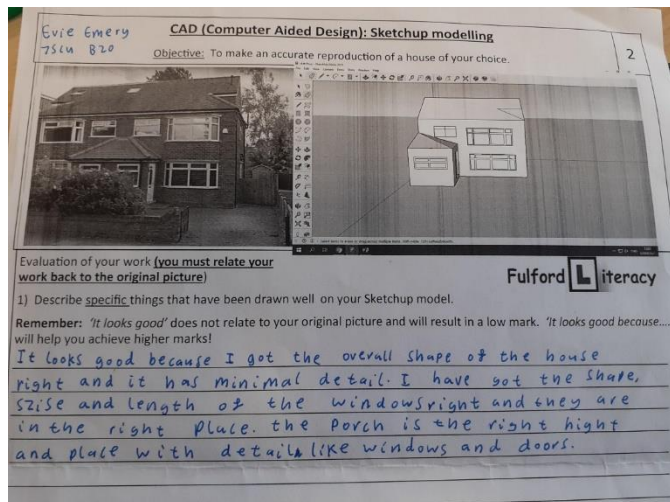
Art

Below are some fabulous examples of minter oil pastel portraits drawn by some Year 7 students. The range of colours and shades are fantastic. It just shows the level of talent within the year group.



Design and Technology

Students have been using the computer programme called Sketchup to make 3D images of their own homes. They've then been focusing on some key literacy skills to comment on specific aspects about their design which have been drawn well.



Looking Ahead!

Next half term is the final one before the summer holidays and there is plenty to get excited about. With the relaxation of the COVID restrictions, the school will start to open up and students will have the chance to move around to different classrooms. They will experience lessons in the Science labs, Drama studio and Technology rooms providing a more stimulating and enjoyable learning environment. Behaviour and expectations become even more important in these rooms where there is specialist equipment and expensive machines. Hopefully there will be more extra-curricular clubs available so students can meet new people and try something new.

Year 7 parent's evening will also take place next half term. The H half will be on Thursday 10th June and the E half will be on Tuesday 15th June. Parents will be able to book appointments online using the Fulford School Booking system. If you have any queries relating to this, please contact baronir@fulford.york.sch.uk.

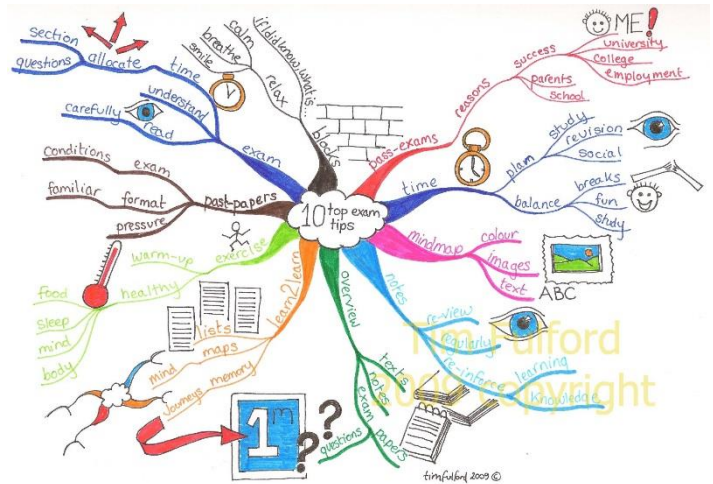
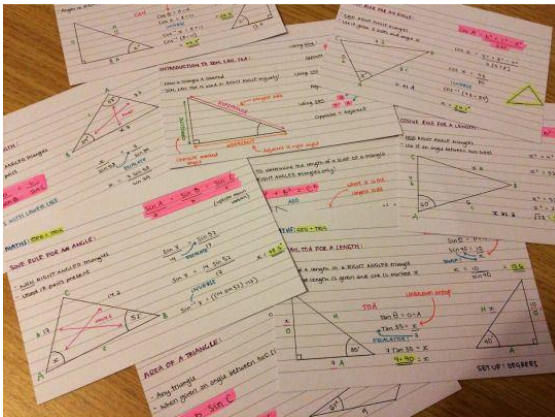
End of Year Tests

Students will be sitting some end of year tests in both Science and Maths when they return after half term. The Science test will be in the first two weeks back and the Maths in the week commencing 21st June. These tests are nothing to be afraid of and we don't want to cause any unnecessary stress, however, it's important that parents know about them to assist with preparation. The tests but will be assessing students on content they've learnt throughout the year so it might be a good idea to look back and review the work they've done. Key Stage 3 Science revision guides are available from school for £3 and Key Stage 3 maths workbooks can be bought from many online stores. In addition, other subjects will continue to complete their end of topic assessments so there is still lots to focus on and prepare for when we return after half term.

In order to assist this process, students will be shown some tips for revision during form time this week. If students do have any questions about this, they should speak to their individual subject teacher to find out more.

Strategies to Revise

For any parents who would like to support their child with revision, I've put together a revision strategies success booklet. This can be found via the hyperlink below the Year 7 Newsletter on the school website. If you cannot find/access this, please do email me on bonselsj@fulford.york.sch.uk and I will send one out.



Half Term Challenge!

It was fabulous to see the entries for last half term's newsletter challenge. There was some excellent research done on different Easter traditions.

The final newsletter challenge of the year is a mix of sport and languages. Year 7 have been learning Spanish this year and we would like students to research a famous Spanish sporting person and write some sentences about them. The sentences should be as creative and imaginative as possible and we look forward to reading them and practicing our own Spanish grammar! Send your Half Term Challenge sentences in Spanish to Miss Southall southallh@fulford.york.sch.uk.

