

E-Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. I have been so proud of what we have achieved this half term. I have included some examples of the brilliant student work that have been completed this half term in the newsletter.

I have really enjoyed seeing the Black History Month entries coming in and I will write to parents after the break to announce the winners.

This half term also saw the school be awarded bronze standard of "eco schools". Well done to Mr Channon and his student team for achieving this. Please see below for more details.

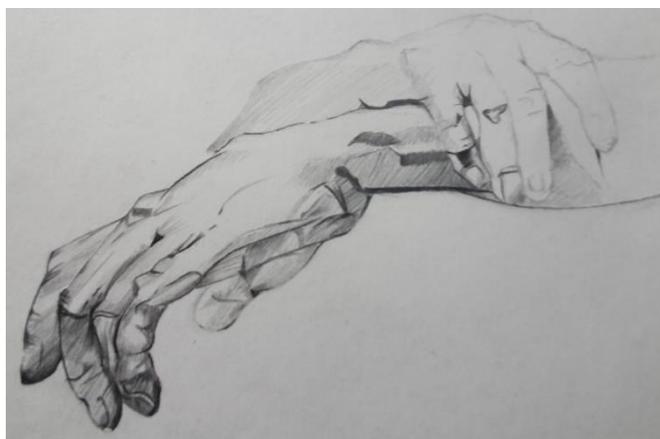
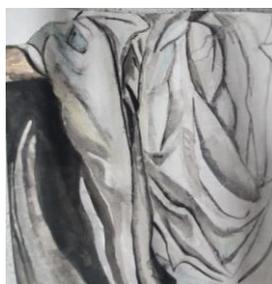
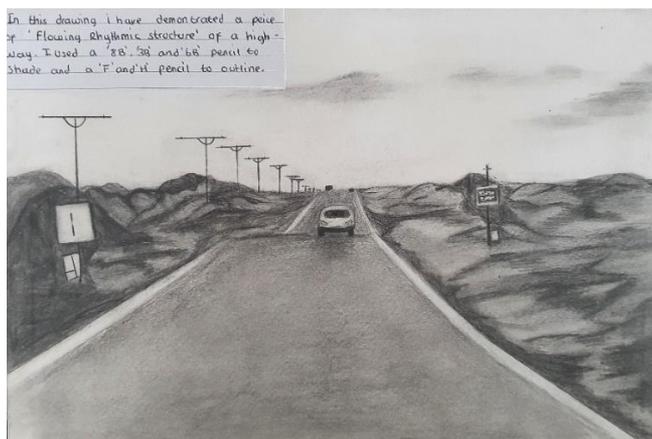
Each of our newsletters will now focus in on some of the work of our children, we have so very much to be proud of. This newsletter focusses on the work of students in Year 10 and 11. Our next will focus on our younger students' achievements.

I hope that everyone enjoys their half term and we look forward to seeing all of our students return to school on Monday 2 November 2020.

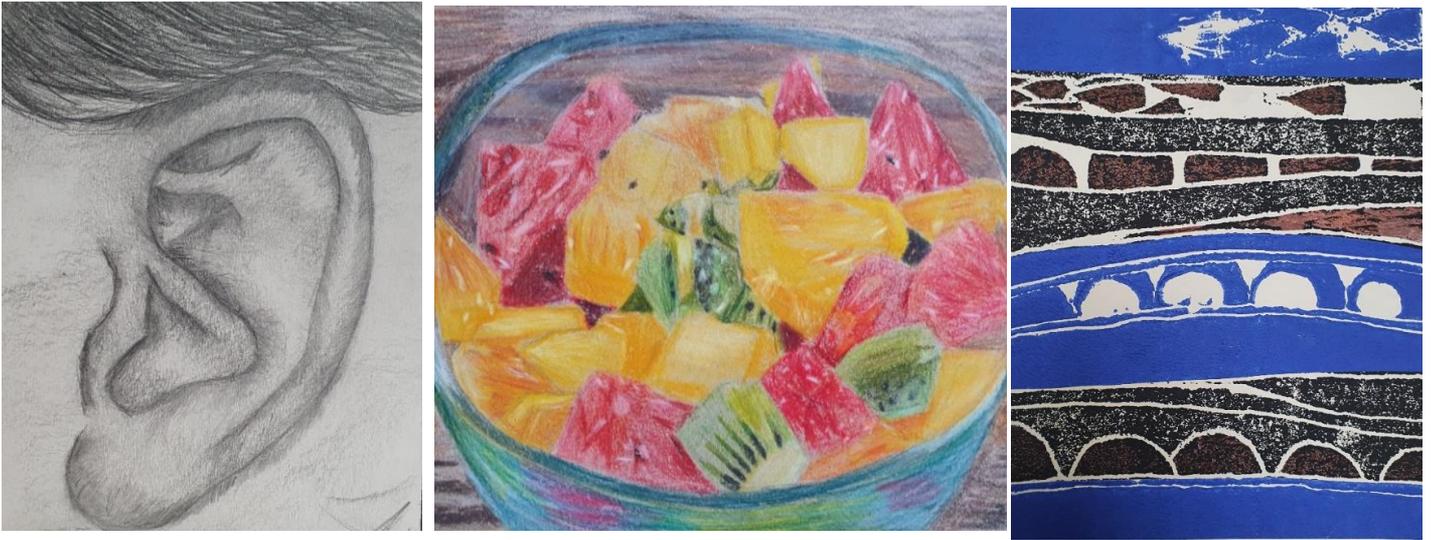
Thomas Raymond
Principal

Art & Design

Our Year 11 Art and Design students produced a transcription of a focused artist work. Transcriptions are copies of an artist's work used for learning how they were produced. Our students focused on the techniques and style of the artist.



Year 11 students also developed their observational skills, focusing on different projects including portraits, natural forms and structure. They use of a range of materials and explored different ideas.

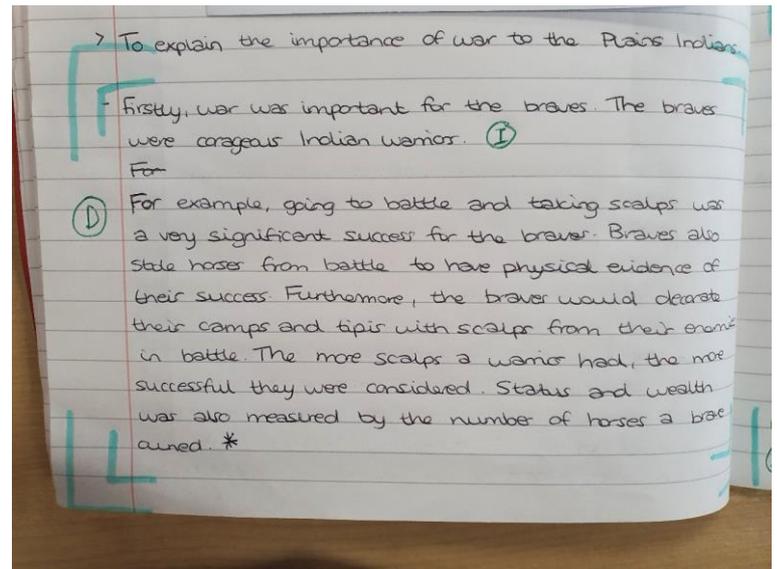
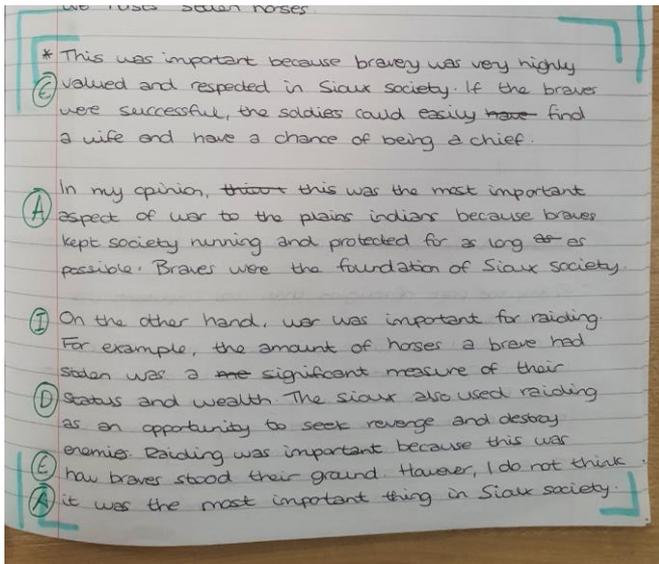


Year 10 Students developed their observational skills of natural forms, in pencil, using a range of tone. They also developed their work and produced a 2 colour print. They produced work in pencil, and explored different ideas. Students enjoyed the printing process and learnt how to adapt and refine their prints.



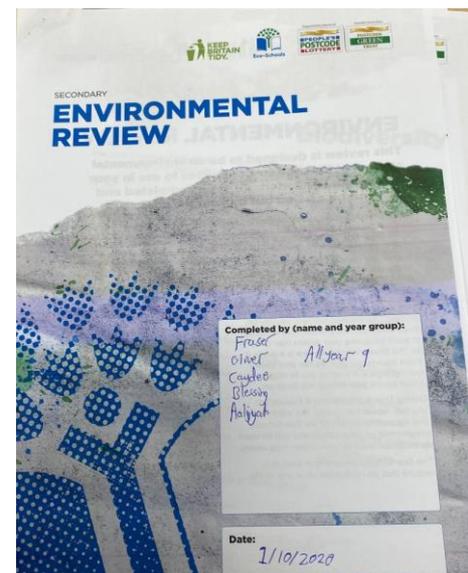
History

Year 10 History students have returned to Arena with a noticeably mature and dedicated attitude to their work in class. Of particular note is their willingness to attempt and improve their writing style in relation to new question formats that are present in the American West GCSE paper. Below are two examples of written work reflecting this; one answering an "Importance of..." question, and one answering a "Consequence of..." question.



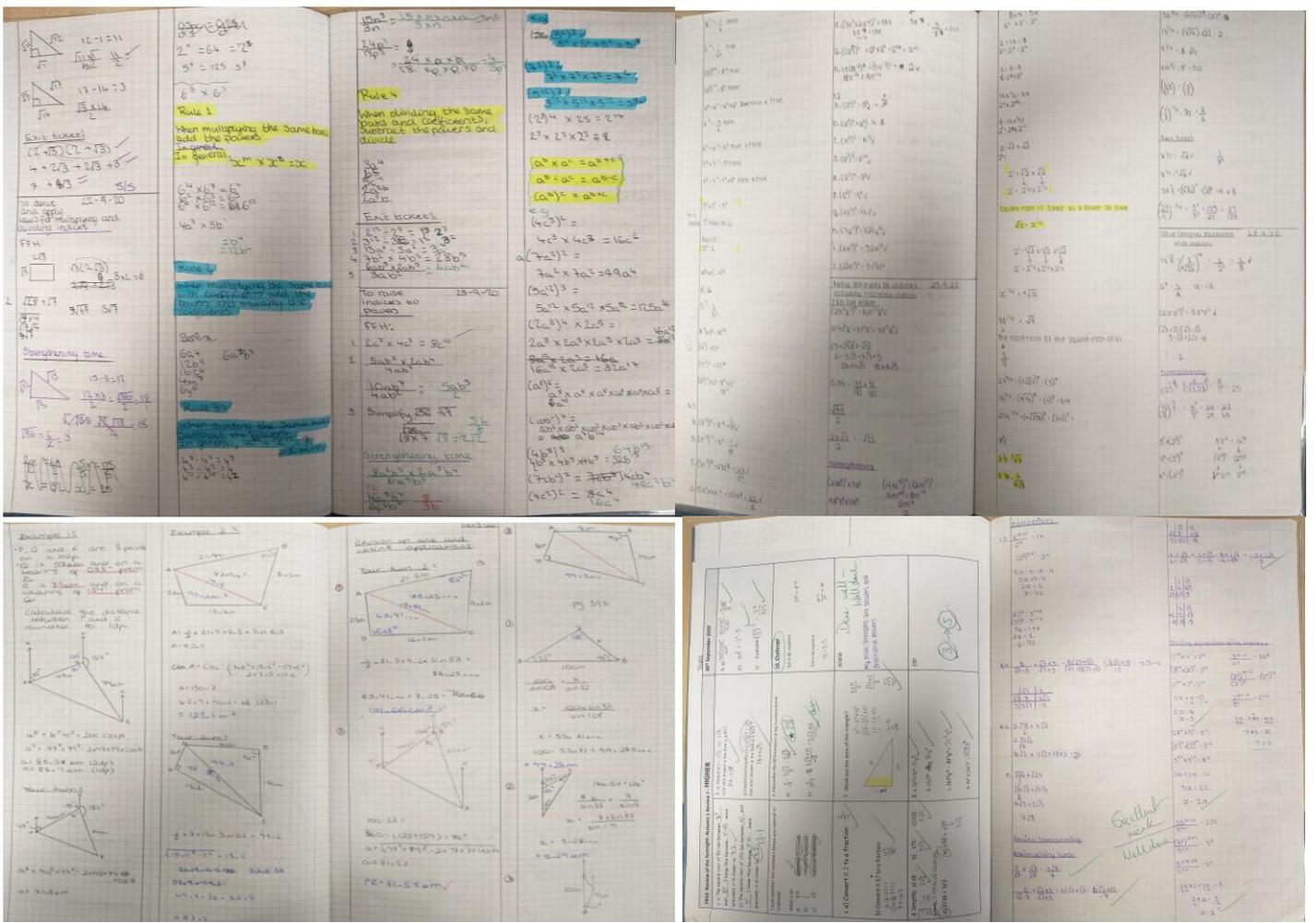
Eco-Schools Committee

The Eco-Schools committee has been set up with the aim of raising awareness of environmental issues and improving the school environment. As part of that we have drawn up an action plan to help tackle some of the biggest issues in our school including litter, recycling and Biodiversity. We have recently been awarded the Bronze award for our work so far on forming the committee, completing an environmental review and creating the Action Plan, which is now starting to be carried out!



Maths

Examples of excellent students work in Autumn 1



Year 11 Mini Assessments

Year 11s have now completed two sets of mini assessments this half term. Majority have really stepped up and produced some excellent scores. Nearly half of our top set students have achieved 100% in their latest AQA post-assessment on unit 20 Probability. This is a huge achievement and I am so excited to see the progress that our year 11s are making currently. Majority of the students are currently working in line or above their target grades in mathematics. Students have been positively engaging in their maths lessons,



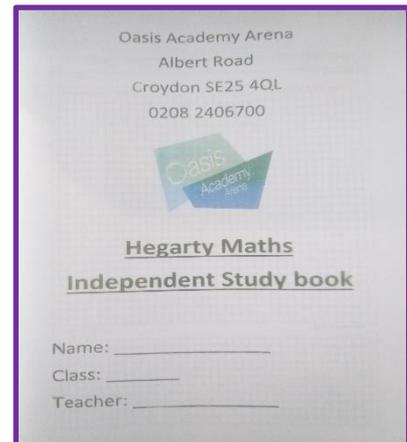
maths tutor time and interventions after school. Please continue to encourage your child (if they are on intervention list) to attend school timetabled interventions where we are working through GCSE past exam question papers. This has been making a positive impact on their progress for those who have been attending regularly.

www.hegartymaths.com homework

All students should now have access to Hegartymaths online where they complete weekly homework that is being set by their maths teachers. KS3 students have been receiving one homework a week and KS4 students (Year 10 and 11) have been receiving three homework a week (two on previously taught units and one from currently taught unit this half term). We will be increasing it to five homework a week for the year 11s in the Autumn 2 term. Each homework takes no longer than fifteen to twenty minutes.

Homework is set every Friday and due in every Wednesday for all year groups.

Students will need to complete their homework online and write their working in their Hegarty homework workbook which all students now have. Teachers are tracking the homework being completed online and students must ensure that the completed Hegarty workbook is submitted in their Wednesday maths lesson. Most students have been doing this extremely well. Unfortunately minority of students have been failing to submit their work on time. We have been making phone calls every week to chase up missing homework. If your child have forgotten their password then they must inform their teacher immediately so that we can reset it for them.

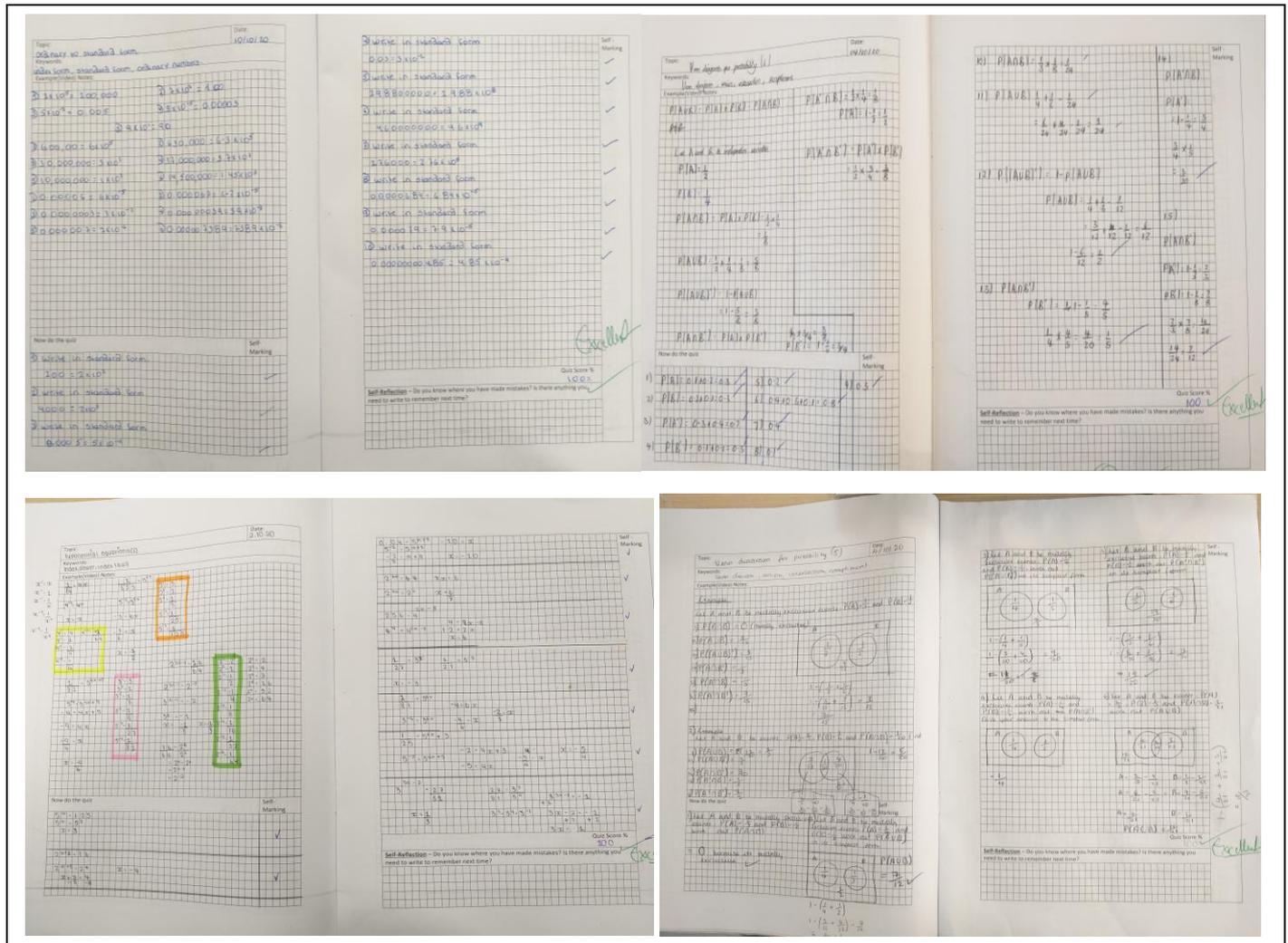


How to Log in Hegartymaths:

1. Log into www.hagartymaths.com
2. Find our school 'Oasis academy arena'
3. Enter your first name, last name and date of birth.
4. Enter your password. (If it's been reset by their teacher then a new password will need to be created by the student).



I have included some excellent examples of Hegarty homework from our students this half term. Work that we are all very proud of. We have consistently been insisting on the highest standards from our students when completing their Hegarty workbook and majority have been doing this which we are extremely proud of.



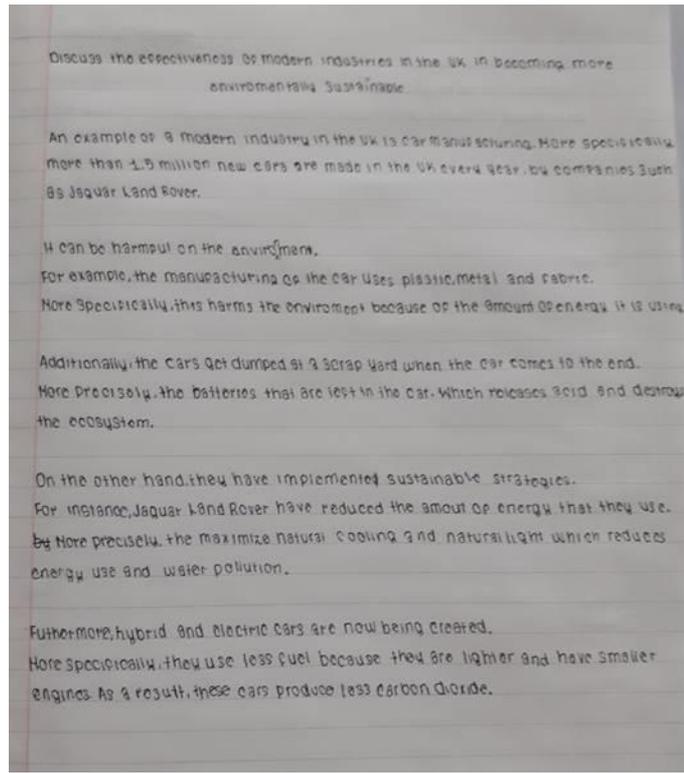
Please continue to ensure your child completes their Hegarty homework in their Hegarty workbook every week. I am extremely grateful for all the parents who have been doing this every week. Thank you so much.

Mr Phuntsok
Head of Mathematics

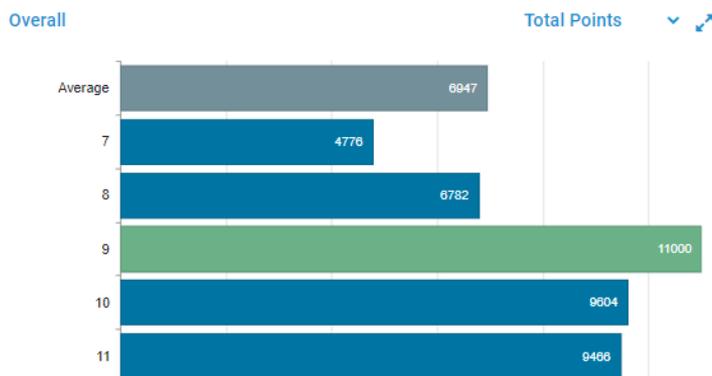


Geography

Year 10s have returned to school this September with amazing levels of ambition. Most recently, students have looked at the UK's economic development over time. This week, they have analysed how modern industries in the UK are trying to become more sustainable. Here is an example of some of the brilliant work that has been done.



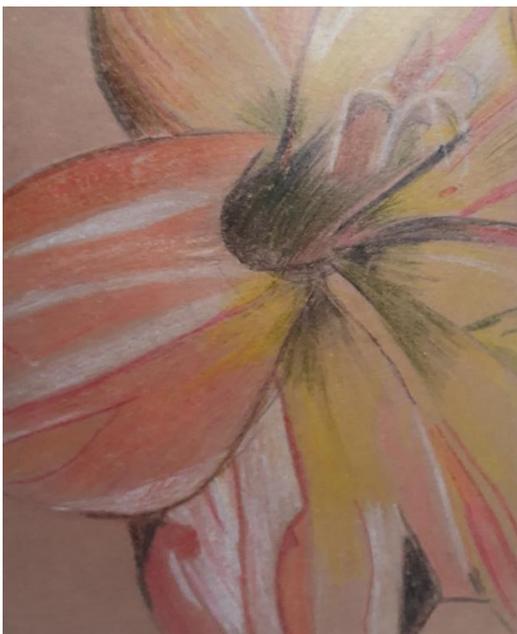
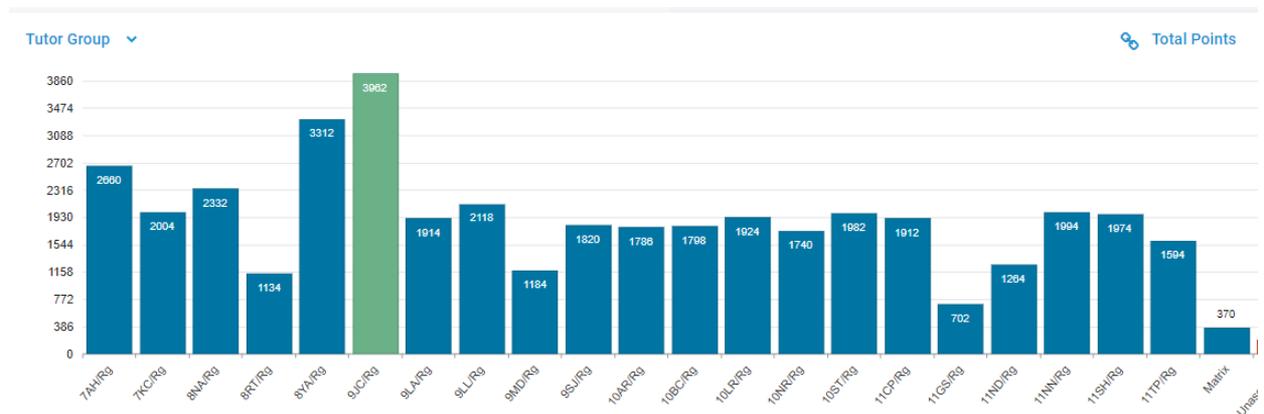
Behaviour



We've had a fantastic start to the new academic year here at Arena. Our new motto is: 'At Arena we are ambitious, kind and professional.' The students have been displaying these qualities on a regular basis which has been brilliant to see. Since September the staff at Arena have given out 41, 684 Arena points for being: ambitious, kind and professional. Students have received a weekly 'payslip' which shows them how much virtual money they have received

for attending school and Arena Points. The top ten students in every year group, every week, have received a Krispy Kreme doughnut which has gone down very well with students. As well as this, the top 30 students from each year group have loved attending a Film Session during an afternoon this week. Really well done to year 9 who have earned the most amount of Arena points this half term! A huge congratulations to Mr Channon's tutor group who have earned themselves the top tutor group in the school!

We have begun our mentoring programme called Gloves not Guns with 25 students; a mixture of one-on-one sessions and group sessions. We excitingly will begin our next wave of mentoring, focussing on year 8 and 9 with Lives not Knives after Half Term



Year 11 Art and Design