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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
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# Secondary Newsletter

17th of February 2022

## **Our Purpose**

Is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve

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## **Our Vision**

Is to be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first class education enabling pupils to thrive within a dynamic, global environment

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## **Our Mission**

Is to prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community



My name is Marcus Thomas and I am the House Leader for the Purple Camels and I also teach Mathematics at DBS.

This is now my fifth year at DBS which probably makes me one of the more long serving teachers at the school. It's a thing that makes me quite proud. Prior to coming to Qatar, I taught for 3 years in a school in Manchester. Like most of the people who come to Qatar, I told myself that I would just do the initial contract and then probably move on. However, having experienced the difference in lifestyle and the extraordinary students that I am lucky to teach, it is very hard to leave. The students are what make DBS so special and they are the reason I am still here today.

Since coming to Qatar, I have been fortunate enough to work alongside my wife and also we started a family here. Our 3 year old daughter was born in Qatar so the country will always have a special place in our hearts. My daughter dominates the majority of my time but when I get a chance I like to play football, watch TV/movies as well as some online gaming.

For me initially my plan was to be an accountant and chose to study various financial units as part of my Pure Mathematics degree with the idea of pursuing this career. However, upon learning this material, I was concerned that I might find the work that I do repetitive and tedious despite the financial reward potential.

I considered teaching as I loved school and I thought that it would offer me what I was looking for, which was to be different everyday. I was fortunate enough to be awarded a Teaching scholarship to get into teaching and I am still an active member of that community of Maths teachers today.

I am proud to have been part of the DBS community for the past 5 years and look forward to seeing it continue to improve in the near future. My team both as a House and as a Maths department are exceptional and make it very easy for me to come to work each day.

If you wish to contact me, feel free to email me on [marcus.thomas@dohabritishschool.com](mailto:marcus.thomas@dohabritishschool.com).





# Students Return to School

Sunday 20th January saw the welcome return of all students returning to school after spending another 3 weeks online. Staff and students alike have been extremely excited at returning to face to face lessons and it is wonderful to be another step closer to normality.





# KS3 Design Technology

Our KS3 students have worked extremely hard this year to complete their design projects. Year 7 students have completed their keychains, Year 8 students designed and built a clock, while our Year 9s completed their bird houses.

Mr Quinn is extremely pleased with how hard his students have worked to produce some great pieces. Well done KS3!





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# House Competitions

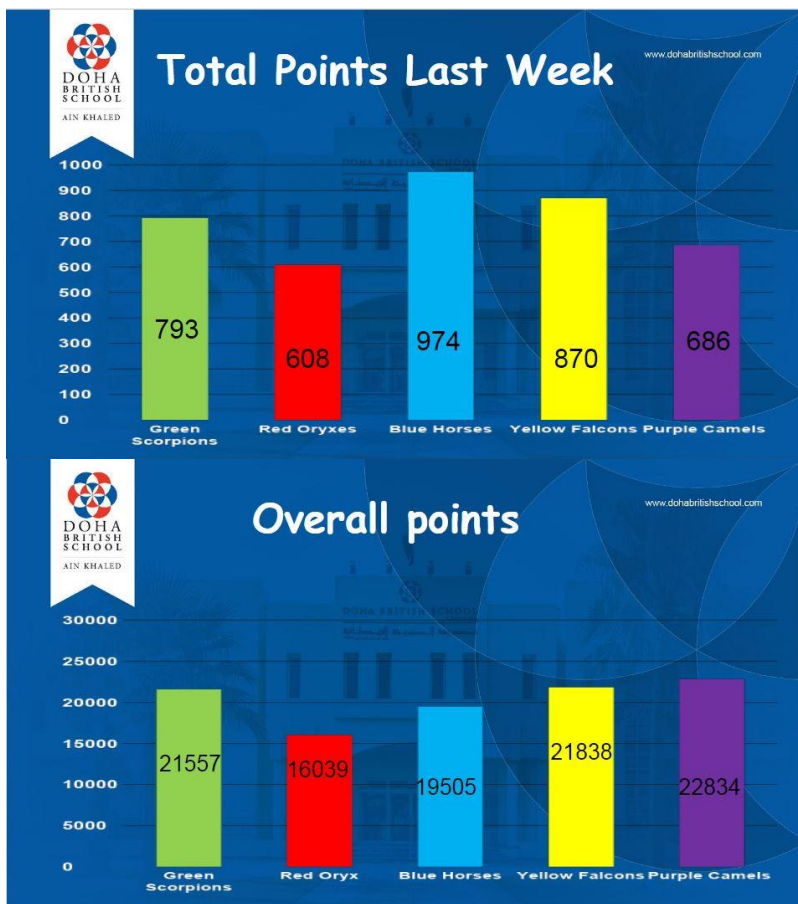


The Blue Horses had a brilliant week earning a fantastic 974 house points and bringing themselves back into the running for the house points cup.

The Purple Camels meanwhile have managed to hold onto their lead but only just as the Yellow Falcons are still hot on their heels.

The Green Scorpions who had lead for so long have now been knocked into third position but there is still everything to play for in the race to the top

Keep up the great work everyone and may the best house win!



## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Green Scorpions	Blue Horses	Red Oryx's	Yellow Falcons	Purple Camels
Aisha Al-Thani	Rashad Al Thalathini	Eyad Sherif Abdelwahed Fathelbab	Prillanam Alinier	Noor Ali
Ahmed Mokhtar Mansour	Alma Bulow	Gustavo Calderon Borja	Omar Amer	Soma Han
Spurthi Pediredla	Hasti Naeimi	Amro Sabra	Trystan Fernandes	Mikail Webby
Rishabh Shetty				Dana Zeitun



# Rewards Assemblies

Before the half term break our wonderful House Leaders presented their rewards assemblies via Zoom, celebrating the successes of a number of students from term 1.

Upon returning school it has been wonderful to see students receiving their rewards certificates and prizes





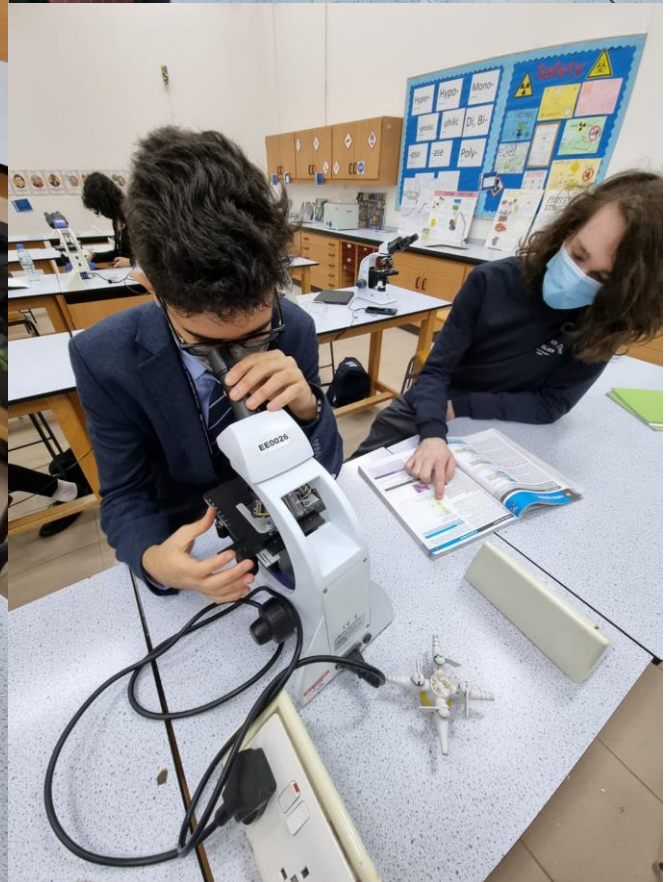
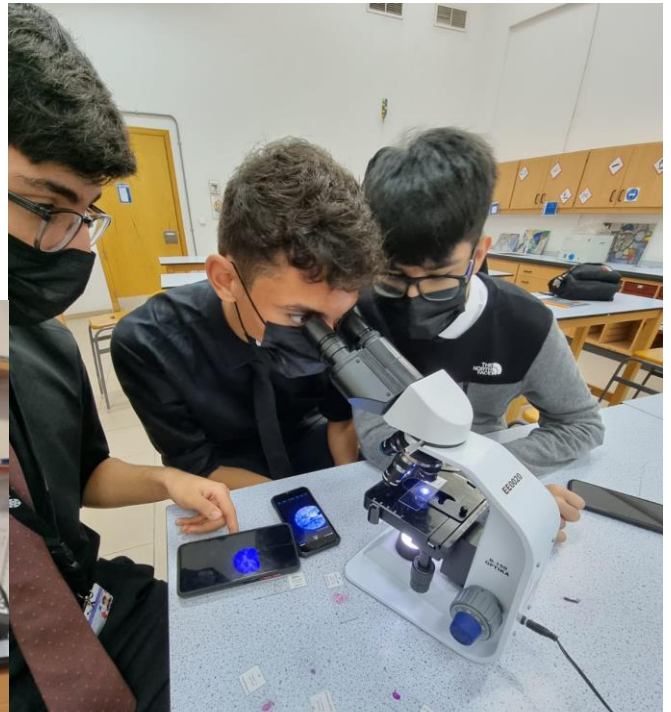
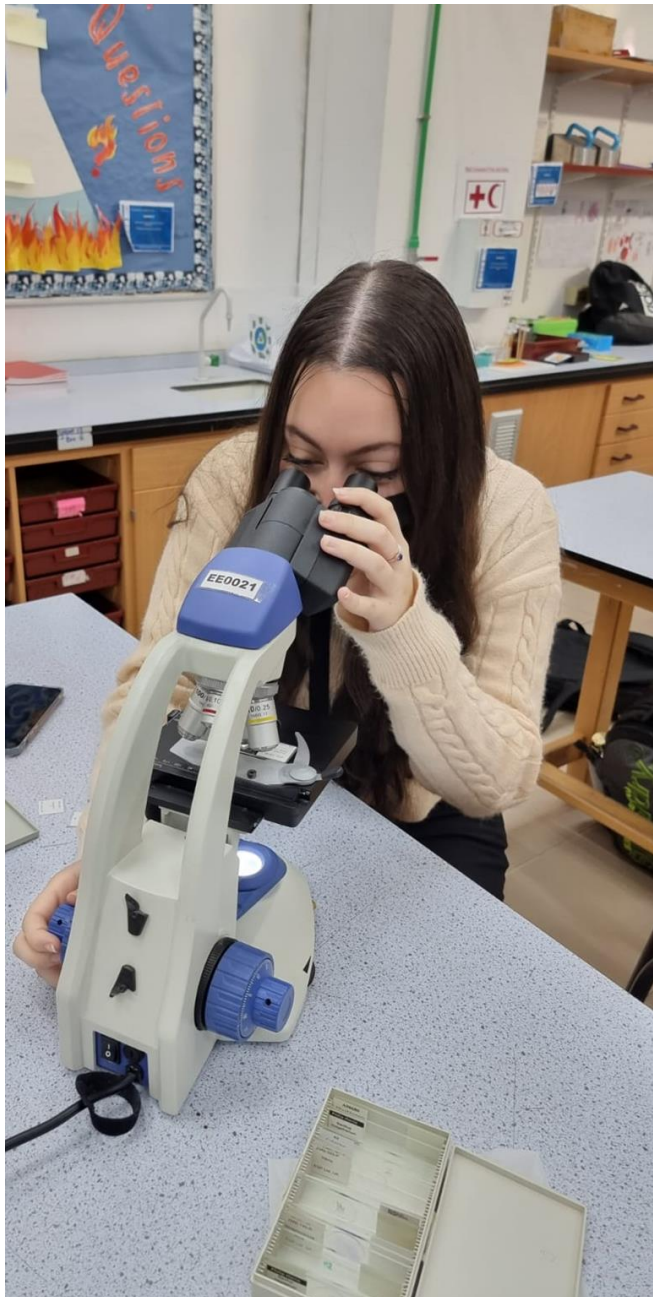
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# Year 12 AS Biology



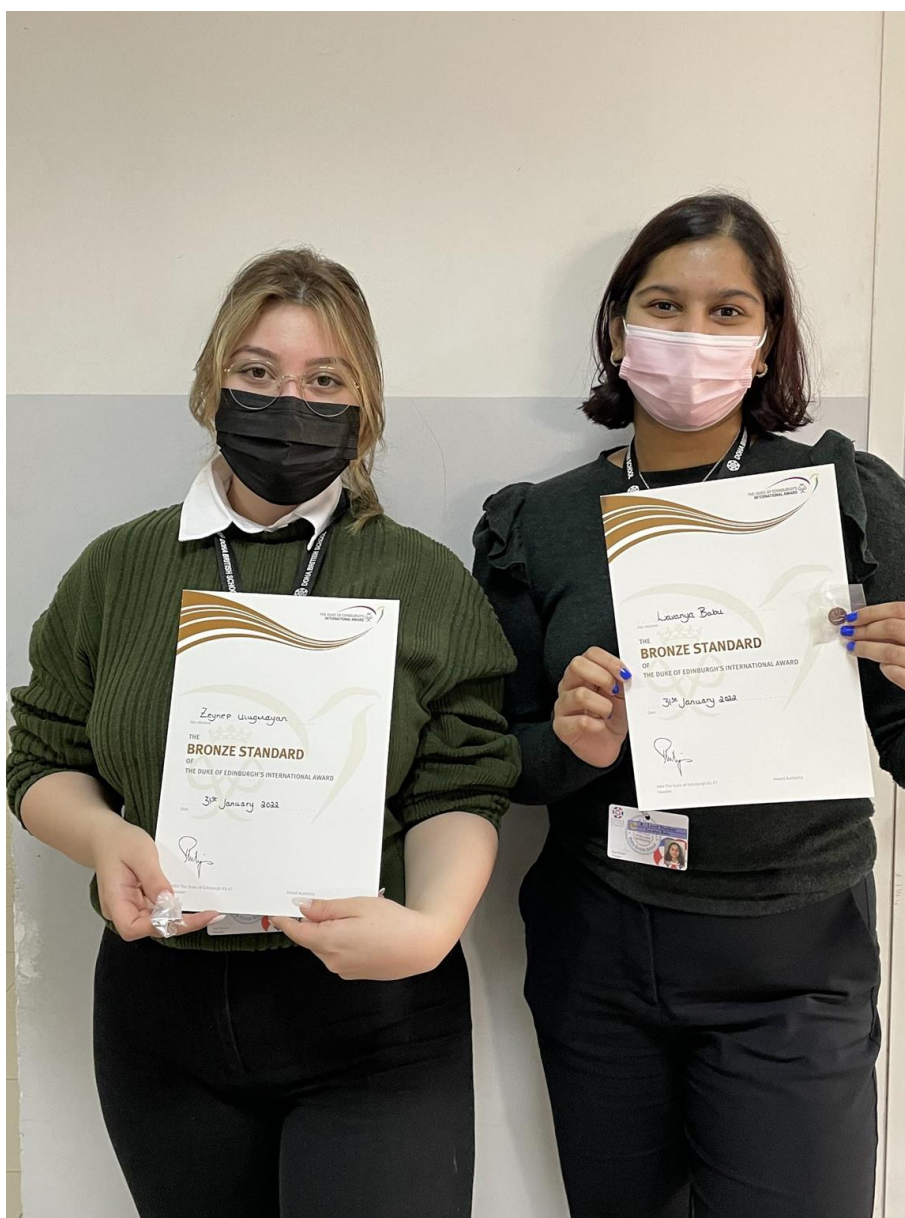
This week Mr Karim's Year 12 Biology students have been taking part in their core practical lessons. They have been using microscopes to measure the size of different cells.



# Duke Of Edinburgh International Award Bronze Certificates



Congratulations to 2 of our Year 13 students, Lavanya and Zeynep who have recently been awarded their Duke of Edinburgh bronze awards. The girls have worked extremely hard to complete the award and ensured that all of their work had been signed off. We are hoping that more of our students will soon be able to complete their awards and we look to resume the award in the next academic year.



# National Sports Day

## 3km Race



As part of National Sports Day Year 9 student Chaitanya participated in the 3km race held at The Pearl Qatar.

This was his first time competing and finished in a fantastic 8th place out of 50 people in the Juniors (12-18 age) category with a finish time of 11:59.

A huge well done Chaitanya, we look forward to hearing about more of your sporting success in the future.



# Virtual ECAs - Baking Cookies & Cupcakes



Our baking ECA is proving to be very popular with a few of our students who have been busy baking every week. So far they have made cupcakes, cookies and Jamie Oliver's brownies.

A huge well done to Bana, Tala and Penda who have submitted photos of their baking each week.

Keep up the great work girls.



# Virtual ECAs - Photography

## My Favourite place in Qatar



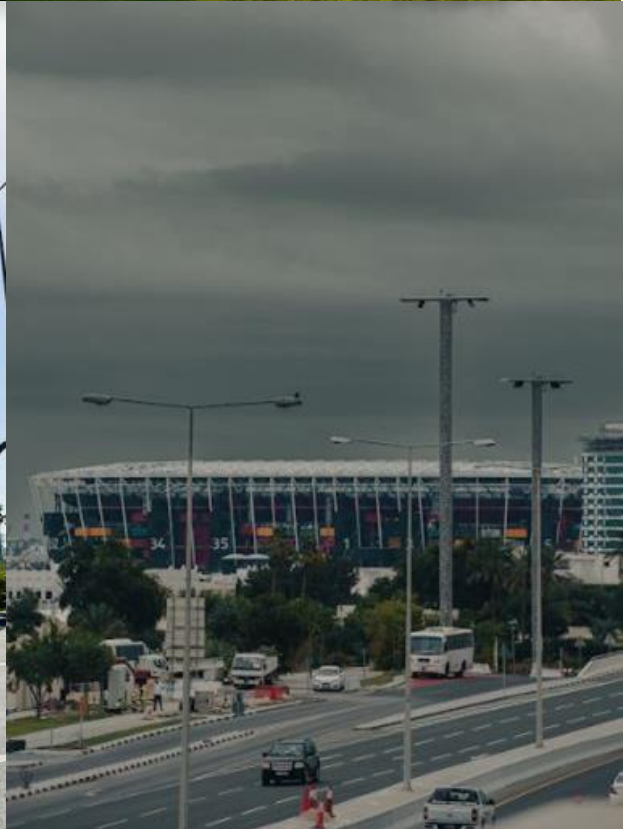
Our Photography ECA students have been busy photographing their favourite places around Qatar. I am sure you will agree they have taken some great photographs highlighting the beauty of the country in which we are living.

Well done Aariz, Drishika, Chad, Khayria and Kevin for submitting some great photos. Keep up the good work!



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# Critical Thinkers Award



9S have finally received their critical thinking award for their hard work in their geography unit. The students completed their own research on Climate Change and then considered things like bias, misinformation and reliable resources after they had finished their research.

Their work was then sent off and marked by Critical Thinkers award.

Mrs Walles-Butler is very proud of all their hard work and the skills they have learned! Well done 9S!







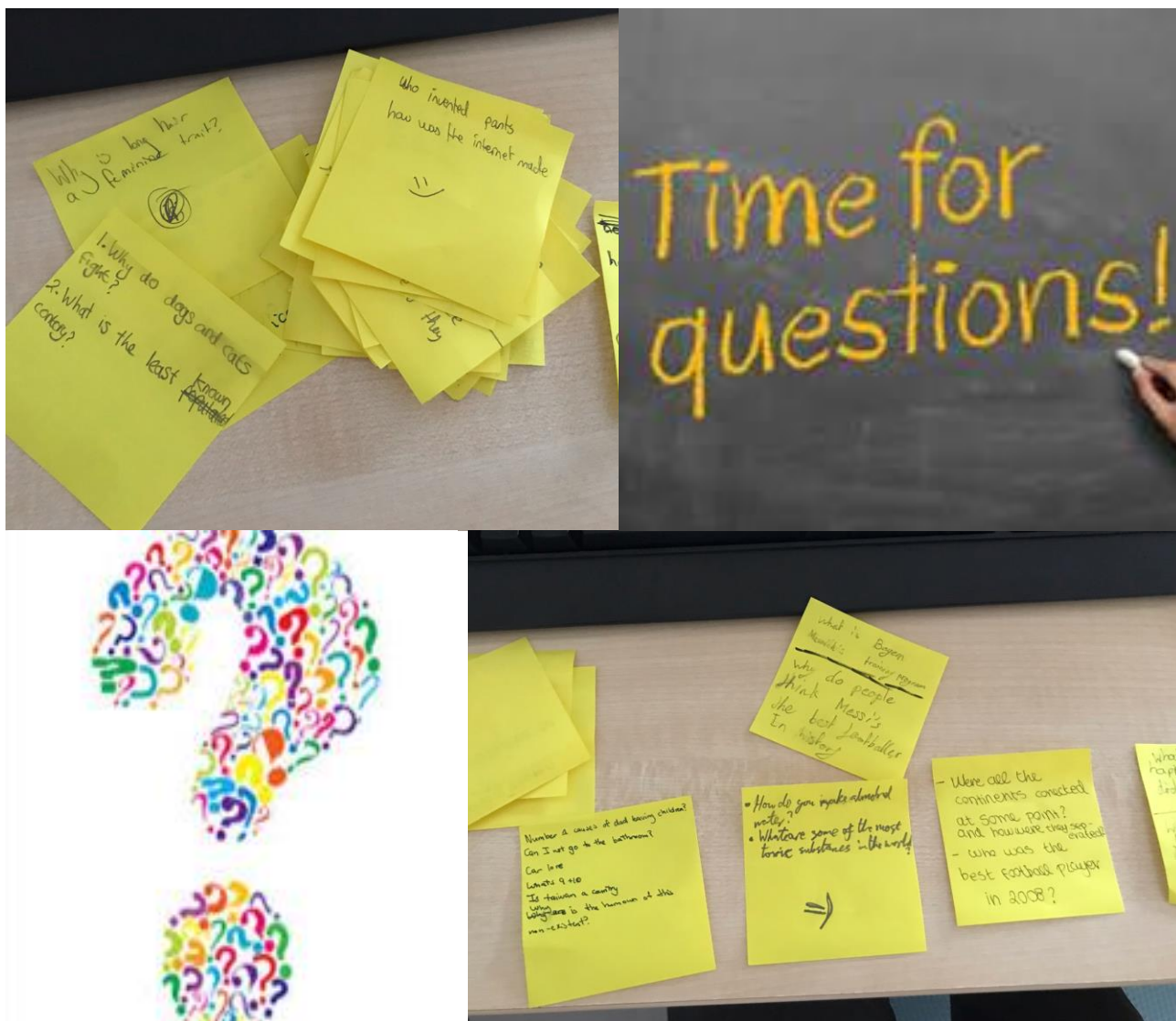
# Question Time with Mr Dudley

At the end of his QNV lessons Mr Dudley asked all the students to write down 2 questions that they had. This could be on any topic and then they had a discussion about it, to see if anyone knew the answer and then find out together.

There was a really interesting discussion on 'What the oldest language was in the World' and it turns out there was someone who spoke it in the class.

Some of the questions were; What is the oldest country in the World, What is the oldest language in the world, What would happen if gravity didn't exist, Were all the continents connected? What happened in Tiannaman square? which led to an interesting conversation on cancel culture.

The students came up with some really interesting questions and enjoyed finding out the answers.



# Design Technology

## Year 11 Intervention



It is great to see out Year 11 Design Technology students working hard after school to complete their design projects for their GCSE coursework. We look forward to seeing their finished products. Keep up the great work Year 11!



# Secondary Library

## Reluctant Readers into Reading Champions



Before the half term break we launched our Costa Reading Competition. Our main purposes of launching reading competitions was to encourage reluctant readers, create an atmosphere of reading at home and in school and to introduce students to new genres and authors.

Mrs Osman is pleased with the number of students who have signed up to read during the break and are still continuing to read the 4 shortlisted books.

Mrs Osman said “I am a proud librarian of all of our readers but this competition has a special flavour, as it encouraged some reluctant readers to join and hopefully they got hooked on reading from now on.”



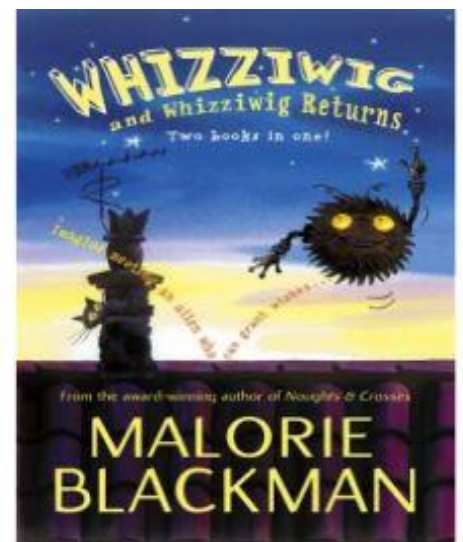
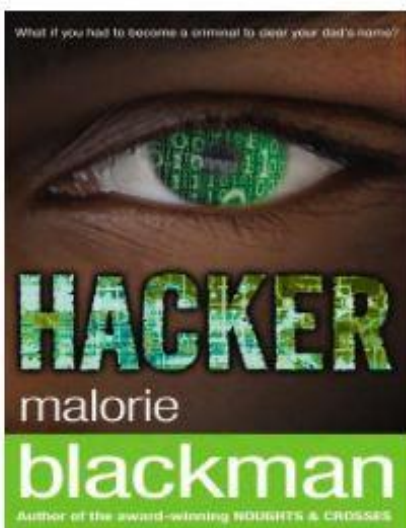
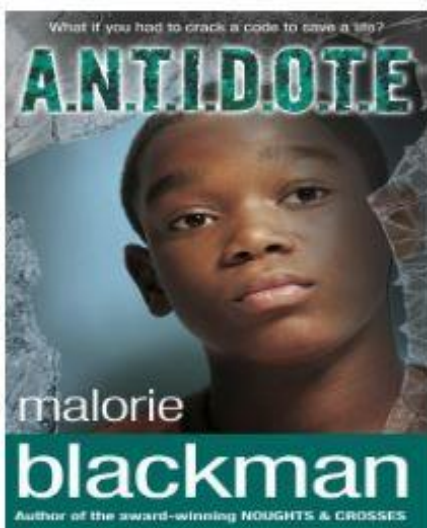
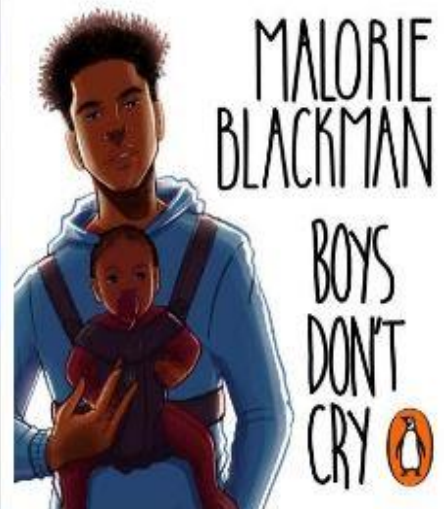
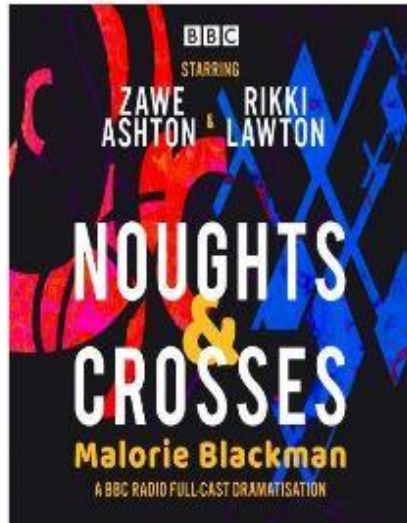
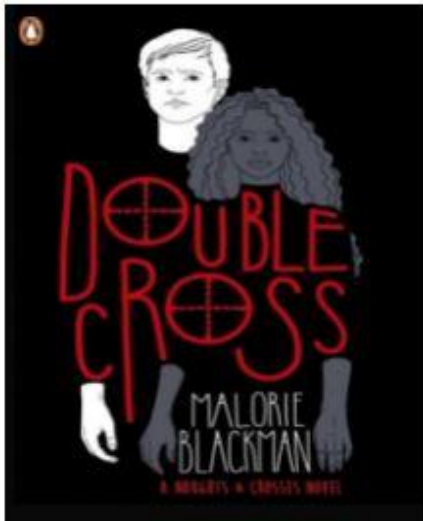


I would like to introduce our author of this week who is well known and loved by students and adults alike worldwide. She was nominated and won many Book Awards. Many of her books have been adapted for stage and television, including Noughts & Crosses series.

## Malorie Blackman

Malorie has written over seventy books for children and young adults. Most of her writing is geared towards Young Adults (11+) and many of her titles are translated into other languages.

We have a good collection of her books in the library including:





Thank You