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Sixth Form on their practice Duke of Edinburgh walk up Old Pale in Delamere.

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Year 11 Work Experience

Kaitlyn's work experience:

For my work experience, I went to care home. I loved it. It was amazing. I am so proud of myself. I gave a helping hand to the staff. During my time on work experience, I went room to room to give the old people ice cream - their faces was spectacular. I really enjoyed bingo! In the future, I am going to college to study care homes or nursery. After my work experience, I was exhausted! When I got home, I fell asleep straight away!

CJ's work experience

For my work experience, I went to work with the council. During my time on work experience, I went around cleaning the floor and putting litter in the bin. Whilst on work experience, I learnt how to look after public places. I really enjoyed being in the fresh air.

Lily-Mae's work experience

I went to my old primary school for my work experience. I was a bit nervous to be there but I was ok. I did jobs for the teacher and gave a helping hand to the children. I learnt to be a independent. I got the teachers supplies for their lessons to help the kids. I really enjoyed it when the children gave me a letter to say thank you. Even though I enjoyed it, this isn't something I would want to do in the future.

Warwick's work experience

I went to Chester zoo for my work experience. While I was at Chester zoo, I worked with several of the different teams like the school team, volunteer team and the interpretation team. While I was at Chester Zoo, I developed my people, speaking and writing skills. Personally, I thought it went very well and would love to work there again.

Interview with Mr Robinson

What's your favourite lesson to teach?

ICT

Why did you become a teacher?

To make learning accessible and engaging while enjoying the challenge of problem-solving and making a real impact.

What's your favourite thing about Oaklands?

The sense of community and seeing the students grow in confidence.

What do you do outside of work?

Coach my son's football team. go to gigs. go running. reading and following the 'Mighty Stoke City'.

What's your favourite thing about the Sixth Form?

The good vibes and top quality banter!

Speed Round!

Favourite Colour: Red and White

Favourite Band: Linken Park

Favourite Place: New York City

Dream Holiday: Canada

Favourite Food: Curry (NOT SPICY!)



Charlie's Lemon Sponge Cake

Method

step 1

Heat oven to 170C/150C fan/gas 3. Butter a deep, loose-bottomed, 18cm cake tin and line the base with baking parchment.

step 2

Beat the butter and caster sugar together with an electric whisk until fluffy and pale in colour. Crack the eggs in one at a time, beating well after each addition, then stir in the lemon zest. Fold in the flour, baking powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ tea spoon salt, then fold in the yogurt.

step 3

Spoon the mixture into the lined tin, smoothing the top with a spatula. Bake in the centre of the oven for 50-55 mins, or until golden brown on top and firm to the touch. Cool in the tin for 10 mins before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely. *Will keep in an airtight container for up to four days, or in the freezer for up to a month.*

step 4

When you're ready to decorate, sieve the icing sugar into a bowl and beat in enough of the lemon juice to create a thick icing. Set the cake on a serving plate or cake stand, then spoon over the icing, allowing it to drip down the sides a little. Top with the lemon zest or candied peel, if using (see below), and cut into generous wedges to serve.

step 5

To make candied lemon peel, peel large, wide strips from the lemons using a vegetable peeler. Remove any pith with a knife, then julienne the peel into very thin matchsticks. Tip the granulated sugar into a saucepan with 200ml water and set over a medium heat until the sugar has dissolved. Add the lemon peel and simmer gently for 15 mins, then scoop the peel out using a slotted spoon and set on a piece of kitchen paper to cool. Use to decorate the top of your cake.

Ingredients

175g unsalted butter softened, plus extra for the tin

175g golden caster sugar

3 large eggs

3 large unwaxed lemons zested, plus 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ tea spoon juice

250g self-raising flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ tea spoon baking powder

100g Greek yogurt

400g icing sugar

lemon zester candied peel, to serve (optional)

2 large lemons

200g granulated sugar



By Charlie



Movie Quiz

1. What movie has lightsabers?

2. What movie has two Italian brothers?

3. What movie has a Dinosaur theme park?

4. What movie has a war with droids?

5. What movie has a massive marshmallow?

6. What movie has moving statues?

7. What movie has cars that can transform?

8. What movie has the rainbow stones?



The answers to the quiz can be found on the last page of the Newspaper.

Road safety



A Lollypop person will keep you safe from any cars!

If you are near a traffic light, stop if it is green and if it turns red and a green person lights up, you can go.

To drive safely on our roads, it is important to keep a safe and respectful distance between your vehicle and others.



By Daisy

1. Know your Safety Signals

 STOP	 ONE WAY	 STRAIGHT FROM AHEAD NO ENTRY	 PEDESTRIAN PROHIBITED	 HORN PROHIBITED
 NO PARKING	 NO STOPPING OR STANDING	 SPEED LIMITED 50	 RIGHT HAND CURVE	 LEFT HAND CURVE
 RIGHT HAND TURN BEND	 LEFT HAND TURN BEND	 NARROW ROAD AHEAD	 NARROW BRIDGE	 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
 SCHOOL AHEAD	 ROUNDABOUT	 DANGEROUS DIP	 BUMP OR ROUGH	 BARRIER AHEAD



Duke of Edinburgh Camping Trip.

We went on a camping trip for our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. We went to the campsite and set up our tents.

Then, we went on an eight mile walk! We went across fields and roads. When we got back to the campsite, we relaxed for a while.

After that, we started to cook our food. Then we toasted our marshmallows. Next, we went to bed. The next day, we had breakfast and headed out on a 3 mile walk. We stopped for lunch and then we started to walk to the mini bus. We then headed back to school!



Photos from the DofE Trip!



Charlie's Strawberry Cheesecake

Ingredients

250g digestive biscuits

1 vanilla pod

100g butter melted

600g full fat soft cheese

100g icing sugar

284ml pot of double cream

400g punnet of strawberries
halved

25g icing sugar

Method

Step 1

To make the base, butter and line a 23cm loose-bottomed tin with baking parchment. Put the digestive biscuits in a plastic food bag and crush to crumbs using a rolling pin. Transfer the crumbs to a bowl, then pour over the melted butter. Mix thoroughly until the crumbs are completely coated. Tip them into the prepared tin and press firmly down into the base to create an even layer. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour to set firmly.

Step 2

Slice the vanilla pod in half lengthways, leaving the tip intact, so that the two halves are still joined. Holding onto the tip of the pod, scrape out the seeds using the back of a kitchen knife.

Step 3

Pour the double cream into a bowl and whisk with an electric mixer until it's just starting to thicken to soft peaks. Place the soft cheese, icing sugar and the vanilla seeds in a separate bowl, then beat for 2 mins with an electric mixer until smooth and starting to thicken, it will get thin and then start to thicken again. Tip in the double cream and fold it into the soft cheese mix. You're looking for it to be thickened enough to hold its shape when you tip a spoon of it upside down. If it's not thick enough, continue to whisk. Spoon onto the biscuit base, starting from the edges and working inwards, making sure that there are no air bubbles. Smooth the top of the cheesecake down with the back of a dessert spoon or spatula. Leave to set in the fridge overnight.

Step 4

Bring the cheesecake to room temperature about 30 mins before serving. To remove it from the tin, place the base on top of a can, then gradually pull the sides of the tin down. Slip the cake onto a serving plate, removing the lining paper and base. Purée half the strawberries in a blender or food processor with the icing sugar and 1 tsp water, then sieve. Pile the remaining strawberries onto the cake, and pour the purée over the top.



Relax and Recharge

Who is doing it? Mr Harrison.

When is it on? Friday second lunch.

Where is it? In Mr Harrison's classroom in the new build.

What is it? An opportunity to relax before your afternoon lessons and the weekend.



Calm music

Relaxing lighting

Comfy beanbags



The current Sixth Form students want to tell you all about their experiences in Oaklands Sixth Form this year and offer advise to future Sixth Formers!



You get to go on your phones and go to the shops. Mr Riley teaches Duke of Edinburgh. You do camping and take photos of flower and leaves. You will have to do jobs around school if you are a sixth former. We get to go on trips lots of trips! In 6th form, we get to wear are own clothes. Every Friday afternoon we go to the Whitegate café.

At the start of the year in the 6th form, you get your picture taken outside to put on to put on the wall inside the 6th form building with your name. You will go on the computers and make a letter for your parents/carers to sign giving you permission to go to the shop at break time. In 6th Form, we have a section to play games during free time. You are allowed to keep your phones on you but you are not allowed to go on them in lessons. My advise is to ask for help if you need it!





We do jobs around the school like giving the fruit out to the classrooms they are assigned to. We also go around the school to empty out the recycling with some bin bags, washing up in the 6th form, answering the phone, hoovering, brushing up, plugging in the iPads in and cleaning the whiteboard. We did go camping for a qualification for Duke of Edinburgh and we went to Delamere Forest for a 5 mile walk. When we went on the walk, we did get lost in the process but we managed to get back. We also do lessons like maths, English, RHSE, PE, D of E, cooking, Whitegate Café (every Friday afternoon), PE (every Friday morning), ICT, citizenship, personal development and enterprise (we only do two this year one for Christmas and one for Easter).

We go on a lot of trips like camping, going to visit different colleges and we go to the gym every Friday. You also go on D of E trips like going to Delamere Forest for a 5 mile walk.

I have really enjoyed my time being part of the sixth form.



Advice for the next 6th Form students...

The different about 6th form and the rest of the school are:



- We get to wear our own clothes in 6th while the rest of the school wear school uniform.
- 6th form lessons are all in the same classroom all day except for cooking, work experience and PE.
- We are allowed to go and eat our lunch in the bistro not the hall.
- We are allowed to go on our phones.

Don't be worried about coming to 6th form it's alright to be scared it's normal. You will still have a few lessons which you have had throughout yr7-yr11.

Riley

We do jobs around the whole school like putting the fruit out.

We do recycling with bin bags, go camping which is called Duke of Edinburgh.

We went on a walk to Delamere Forest.

I have had lots of fun in sixth form!

All About Lions

Lions run up to up to 50 mph (80kmph).

Lions hunt during storms because there pray can't hear them.

Lions have up to 21 hours of sleep each day.

They are the only social big cats, living in groups called prides.

By Riley

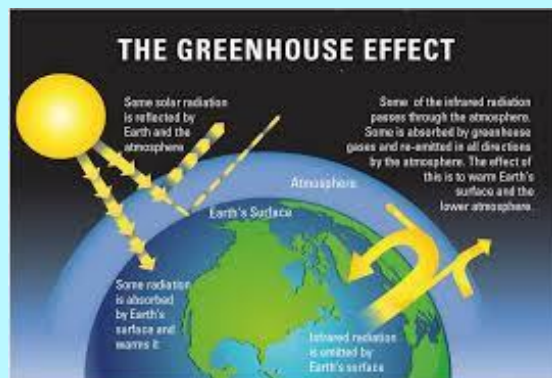
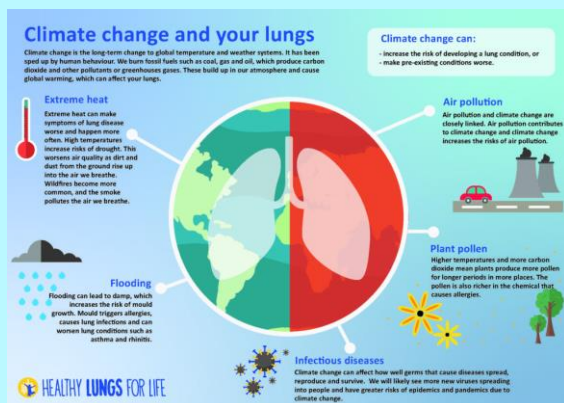


What is climate change and what are the effects of it?

Climate change means that the Earth is getting hotter because of the pollution from things like cars and factories. The earth's weather patterns and average temperatures are shifting over a long period of time due to human activities like burning fossil fuels.

Climate change causes:

- Hotter weather in countries where they don't get warmer weather.
- Stronger storms that are bigger and more dangerous hurricanes and floods or had storms in some countries who doesn't get much storms.
- The ice is melting in places like the North and South Poles.
- The sea levels are rising because the oceans are getting bigger and higher causing floods and some places are sinking and flooding.
- When places get too dry that can cause wildfires. Also a wildfire is a type of fire that starts by its self in a forest that can spread rapidly causing a damage it can go through city to burn people's homes down.
- Climate change health risks, including heatstroke, and the spread of infectious diseases.





We need you!

**Have you got any
suggestions or ideas for
our next newspaper?**

**If you have, please send
them to the Sixth Form.**

Movie Quiz Answers

1. Star wars

2. Mario bros movie

3. Jurassic park/world

4. terminator

5. ghostbusters

6. Night of the museum

7. transforms

8. Marvel

