

# NEWSLETTER

## Headteachers Message

This week has been national apprenticeship week, all the students at Northcroft have previously while they have been in year 7, year 8 or year 9 taken part in a workshop which exposed them to information on apprenticeships. The school also had a guest speaker who was invited in and a young person working as an apprentice.

Apprenticeships can be an amazing opportunity for young people, and I wanted to share with you information on an apprenticeship which is currently available for young people in year 11 to apply for. It also shows clear qualifications needed in order for young people to apply. We often find if young people have a clear plan for post 16 or post 18 they work hard to achieve it. Next term we will be visiting some local companies who are offering apprenticeships.

### **IT Support Engineer Apprentice. SOLUTION CONSULTANTS' ICT LTD, Berkshire, RG8 7HY**

#### **Summary**

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone looking to kick-start their career in a friendly and supportive office environment, where innovation and ideas are welcome. The right candidate will have a positive attitude, attention to detail and the ability to work under varying levels of workload as the service desk can be unpredictable.

**Wage- £16,000 a year**

#### **Training course**

Information communications technician (level 3)

#### **Hours**

Monday - Friday between 8:30am-5:30pm. 40 hours a week

Duration- 1 year 6 months

#### **Requirements**

#### **Essential Qualifications in order to apply for this apprenticeship**

English (Grade C or 4)

Maths (Grade C or 4)

#### **Your training plan**

This is a Level 3 Information Communication Technician Apprenticeship (Support Technician Pathway).

Classroom sessions are bi-weekly.

I hope everyone has a restful half term, please don't forget anyone who needs additional support during this time can email myself, or make contact with West Berkshire MASH team 01635 503090. Have a lovely half term, Alex.

## Highlights of the week

- Upper KS3 had an awesome PSHE lesson planning budgets and looking at payslips.
- Year 7 and upper KS3 had some amazing discussions as part of Safer Internet Day in their votes for schools reflecting on if all scams are too good to be true.
- Upper KS3 visited an art gallery in Theale analysing what makes a good piece of artwork and the different styles artists have.

## Reminder

- Return to school-  
24.02.2025

## Dates for the Diary

- **Monday-** The Paddocks
- **Tuesday-** Interventions with Michelle and Gym
- **Wednesday-** Year 7 Rock Climbing
- **Thursday-** Stable Futures
- **Friday-** Upper KS3 Cooking, Year 7 Personal Development



# CLASSROOM UPDATES



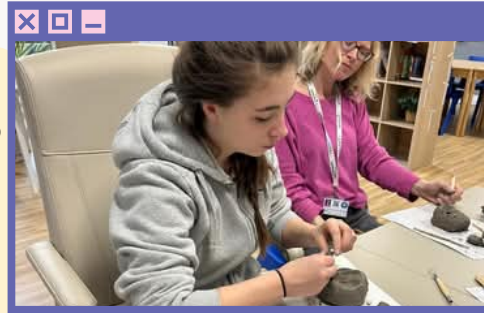
## Upper KS3

Upper KS3 have had a fantastic final week before half term. In English we have finished analysing our WW1 poetry. After half term will be either writing a comparison between the two poems or writing our own poem about war.

In History we have been learning about the struggles Queen Elizabeth 1 had when she came into power and the strategies she used to overcome this and gain the trust of the nation. Our science focus has been exercise and the benefits this has to our all round health. We have enjoyed running on the spot, locating our pulse and finding out what happens to our pulse and breathing when being physically active. I think the hardest skill was locating our pulse in the first place!

UKS3 made some amazing sculptures with Lucy during art. They demonstrated not only their skills with clay but allowed their imagination to shine.

Well done UKS3, a wonderful week to finish on before the break!



## Year 7

Year 7 have finished this half term on a real high note and should be proud of what they have achieved since Christmas. Everyone has made strides with their learning in maths, becoming more independent in class and open to trying new things.

In English this week they took part in an online workshop with poet Steve Camden, using descriptive language to create atmosphere in story settings. We had chosen our walk to the park as our location and finding ways to make it mysterious was a challenge they all rose to, including swans with wonky necks and weird noises coming from inside Costa!

We ended the week using clay to model faces, focussing on expression and discovering and sharing techniques for shaping and creating texture. Students completed their final climb of the term and thoroughly enjoyed applying the skills they've built up during the course.

This half term year 7 have wrapped up their PE unit for this half term and have developed some awesome motor skills through climbing, well done year 7!

