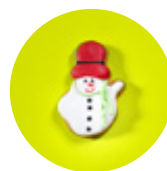




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ENJOY WISHMAS & SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL

The term has ended with stories of success and achievements, endeavour and determination.

Our pupils have completed 11+ ISEB online assessments. The final examinations and interviews take place in January, we wish you all the best. Mocks for 13+ are in January. Revision courses are available 2-5 January as pupils make final preparations for Science,

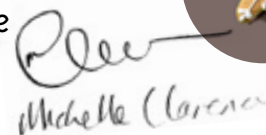
English and Maths revision.

Most of our GCSE cohort have completed mock examinations. Focus and revision continues after a break over the festive season. Pupils have worked calmly and consistently this year. Thank you Michaela for your exceptional input with Science, Maths and art tuition. Both parents and pupils are thrilled with the academic leaps and bounds!

We wish our art, academic and sports scholars well they undergo processes of applications and interviews.

Have a wonderful Christmas and blessed time with families and friends.

Best wishes,
Michelle



Seasons Readings!



Theo & Rita enjoy WishMas, London!

"Wishmas is a brand new Christmas experience for families! At Wishmas you'll step into an enchanting world where you'll wander through fantastical rooms and meet festive characters as you discover the story of where all your wishes go."

@ Old Bauble Factory, Waterloo, London
Buy Wishmas Tickets Online

<https://www.wishmas.co.uk/>



14 Nov - 07 Jan

Vere Spring Term 2024

Friday 5th January - Friday 22nd March

Half Term (no lessons included)

10th February - 18th February 2024

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 April - Sunday 7th July

Half Term

25th May - 2 June 2024

Please note that the Christmas Term ends on
18th December 2023 not 22nd December.

(please arrange for a pick up
2-4 January 2024 if required).



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WISHMAS
A FANTASTICAL
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THE IMPORTANCE OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

By Kevin Dowsett
 Founder
 Theatretrain
 Director
 International Youth Theatre
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 Specialist & Director

The arts play such a huge part in our lives and it's best to start when they are young.

Important Things in the Arts

When I went to school the school play, and the band were an important part of my school life. They taught me valuable things that other subjects could not have done. When I left school and became a drama teacher it was an exciting time. Drama studios were built across the country and when dance and drama were offered at GCSE level the numbers rose year on year.

I know how much many young people loved their arts subjects and what they got from them. In 2010, the government decided to introduce an educational baccalaureate (e-bacc).

There was a greater emphasis on core subjects and drama, dance and to some extent music were seen as less important and the decline began. And look what happened. Since 2010 there has been a 9-year-in-a-row fall of 72% in GCSE performing arts entries. Drama has dropped by 45%, dance by 60% and music by 36%. But if you go to any of the independent schools you will find thriving drama studios and musical training. It's seen as an essential part of the school. In 2019 the government promised an extra £110 Million to support the arts in schools, to encourage the school plays and bands of today. Then it was lowered to £90 Mil-

lion and promised by 2021 - but it never happened. This drop-off in the arts is now traveling into higher education. Yet in a speech earlier this year, the chancellor noted that the cultural industries had grown at over twice the rate of the UK economy in the past decade. In 2022 the creative industries sector contributed a whopping £109 Billion to the UK economy. It's important - not just an add-on.

I hope you will forgive me for all the facts and figures, but it matters on a personal level. For me, the school band and the school play gave me a lifelong love of music and theatre.

It allowed me to participate - to perform and be part of something. And I learnt things about myself - to meet deadlines, apply myself, take responsibility for myself and stick to things. And it was fun! I'm currently writing a book about performing arts training and I have counted over 30 important life skills that are part of what you get from performing arts classes - such things as confidence, empathy and creative thinking. I'm pretty sure that most parents would agree with me that these subjects add something to your life. Yes, they are about performing but also so much more. They give young people space to express them-

selves, make friends and follow through on projects. Think what amazing things you learn from preparing and performing to a large audience, the buzz it gives you, the life-enhancing thrill of being part of something special. Last week a new campaign was launched by UK Theatre. It aims to see every child in the UK go to the theatre by the time they leave school. The arts play such a huge

part in our lives and it's best to start when they are young. I know I'm preaching to the converted in Theatretrain because I think parents know the value of the arts and want their children to experience it.

I'd like to see it back at the heart of the school curriculum because it delivers so much that we all need in our lives.



Kevin Dowsett

Artistic Director
 Theatretrain Head Office

THEATRE DANCE
TRAIN ACT SING

DISCOVERY TRAVEL

October Strolls



Balleroy Chateau

Forbes brothers bring hot air balloons to Normandy in 1974.

Michelle and Kai enjoy a stroll around the gardens.

Interesting facts about Bayeux Tapestry revealed;

<https://www.historyhit.com/culture/facts-about-the-bayeux-tapestry/>

1. It's not a tapestry
2. The Bayeux Tapestry is thought to be incomplete
3. It is almost 1000 years old
4. It was likely commissioned by William the Conqueror's half-brother
5. The Bayeux Tapestry might have been produced in England
6. Centuries of the Bayeux Tapes try's history are unaccounted for
7. Aesop's Fables feature in the borders
8. Halley's Comet is depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry
9. The Nazis planned to seal the Bayeux Tapestry
10. Britain has twice failed to loan the Bayeux Tapestry

Bayeux is a commune in the Calvados department in Normandy in northwestern France.



Bayeux Tapestry Scene 1 - Edward



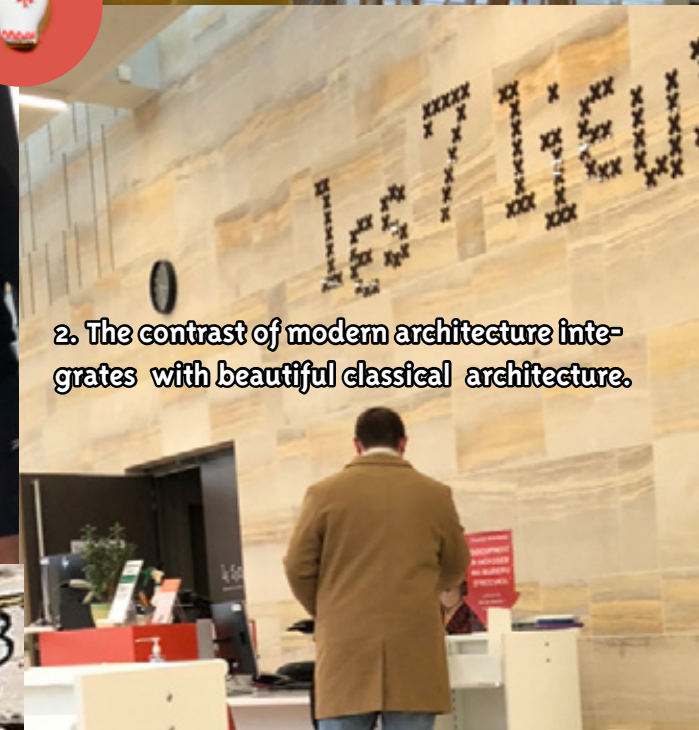
Bayeux is a major tourist attraction

Bayeux is the home of the Bayeux Tapestry, which depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. It is also known as the first major town secured by the Allies during Operation Overlord. Charles de Gaulle made two famous speeches in this town.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayeux>



1. Good friends meet in Bayeux at the outstanding library facilities.



2. The contrast of modern architecture integrates with beautiful classical architecture.



3. Good friends catch up in France. Kai Vere spends quality time with Pauline.

DISCOVERY TRAVEL

Built in 1631 by the famous architect François Mansart (1598-1666) at the request of Jean II de Choisy, Balleroy's Château and the village form one of the first urban plans which inspired other chateaus, including Versailles. It is a major witness to the innovations that appeared in 17th century architecture:

In 1970, Malcolm S. Forbes, owner of a large American press group, acquired the château, which was then fully restored and refurnished. The family owned the chateau for 50 year. Today, Mr. Roy Eddleman, a friend of the family, is the new owner.



Château de Balleroy

The chateau of Balleroy closes its doors for its winter break from November 6, 2023.

We look forward to seeing you soon, from April 1, 2024

<https://www.chateau-balleroy.fr/en/>



Chateau



Balloon museum



Park and Gardens

Holiday Project: Use a lid of a box to design your own chateau garden. Here's some mixed media ideas. <https://barleyand-birch.com/discover-50-mixed-media-art-projects-for-kids/>



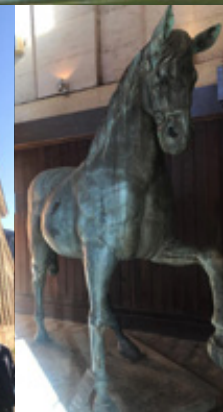
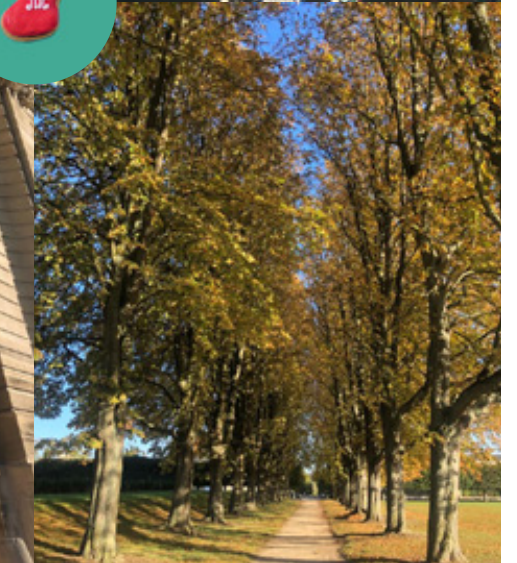
Visit Chantilly (Hauts-de-France, France)

The town of Chantilly, in the Picardy region of France, is about 40 km north of Paris and 10 km to the west of Senlis.

Exploring Chantilly

There are several sites and places of interest to visit in Chantilly although there are two particular features for which the town is known: the Château de Chantilly and whipped cream! Chantilly is listed as a 'town of art and history'.

<https://www.francethisway.com/places/chantilly.php>





"Christmas is also a great time to spend quality time on writing activities which yield a number of intellectual, physiological, and emotional benefits to individuals. These benefits include improve memory function, decreased symptomatology, and greater feelings of happiness." Please encourage learners to read the list of writing competitions available for children. The contests are checked and updated each month.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/competitions-for-children/childrens-writing-competitions/>

CHRISTMAS DRIVE THE POWER OF WRITING



Christmas is also a wonderful time to create your own surprise themed settings based on your favourite non fiction story books.

BOOKS



Squirrel's Snowman
Julia Donaldson
Illustrated by Axel Scheffler
2-5 years



Grace and the Christmas Angel
Lucinda Riley
Harry Whittaker
Illustrated by Jane Ray
3-9 years



How Winston Delivered Christmas
Alex T. Smith
5-9 years



The Nutcracker
Alex T. Smith
5-9 years



WHO IS THIS?



At age 17, she was rejected from college.

At age 25, her mother died from disease.

At age 26, she moved to Portugal to teach English.

At age 27, she got married.

Her husband abused her. Despite this, her daughter was born.

At age 28, she got divorced and was diagnosed with severe depression.

At age 29, she was a single mother living on welfare.

At age 30, she didn't want to be on this earth. But, she directed all her passion into doing the one thing she could do better than anyone else. And that was writing.

At age 31, she finally published her first book.

At age 35, she had released 4 books, and was named Author of the Year.

At age 42, she sold 11 million copies of her new

book, on the first day of release.

This woman is J.K. Rowling. Remember how she considered suicide at age 30?

Today, Harry Potter is a global brand worth more than \$15 billion dollars.

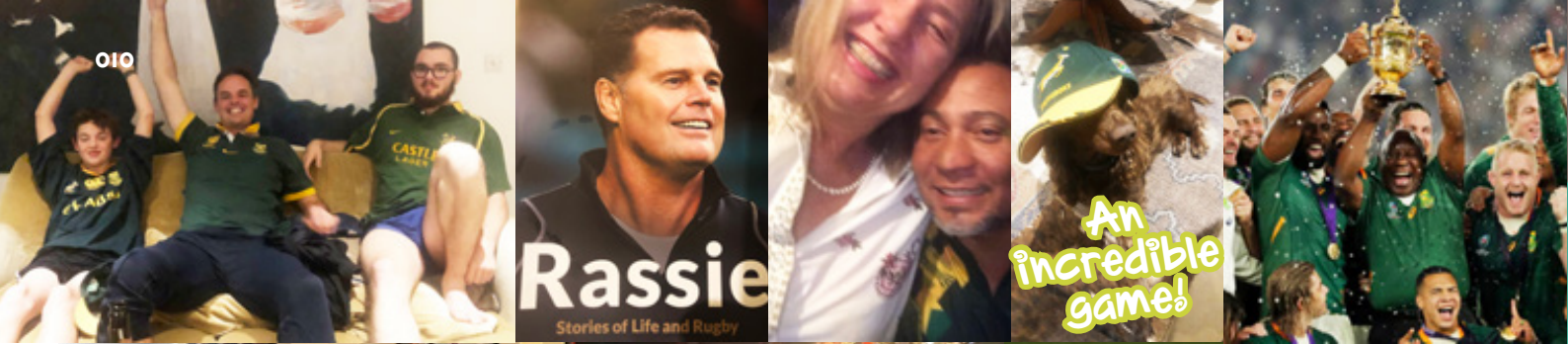
Never give up. Believe in yourself. Be passionate. Work hard. It's never too late.

She is J.K. Rowling
#londonuktimes
Copywriter London, UK

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<https://shop.penguin.co.uk>



ARTS & CRAFTS



Michelle & Douglas Clarence



Tennis camps and a nail biting World Cup rugby game with Pauline and family enjoyed by all!



Our family enjoys the sweet victory! Our country celebrates...

RUGBY WORLD CUP FINAL FRANCE 23



Kai Vere's Pop art on display



Kai Vere develops Finger board crafts and skills. Tec. Decs: the new craze!



HEADINGTON SCHOOL · OXFORD
11/11/2023
Headington School celebrates Remembrance Day



PARENTS' FEEDBACK

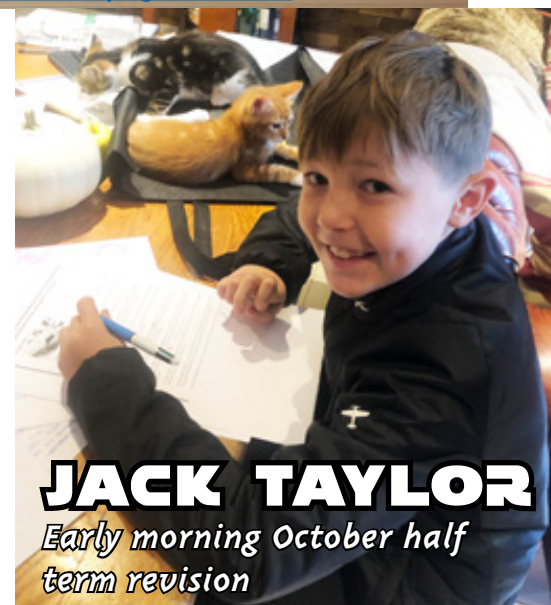
Michelle,
I just wanted to say thank you again for all the support you've given Liliana over the last year. She's gained so much confidence from her sessions with you and as a result has really dealt with the exam process so admirably. I'll let you know how it all goes once we hear back from the remaining schools and what we decide.
Best wishes,
Ruth



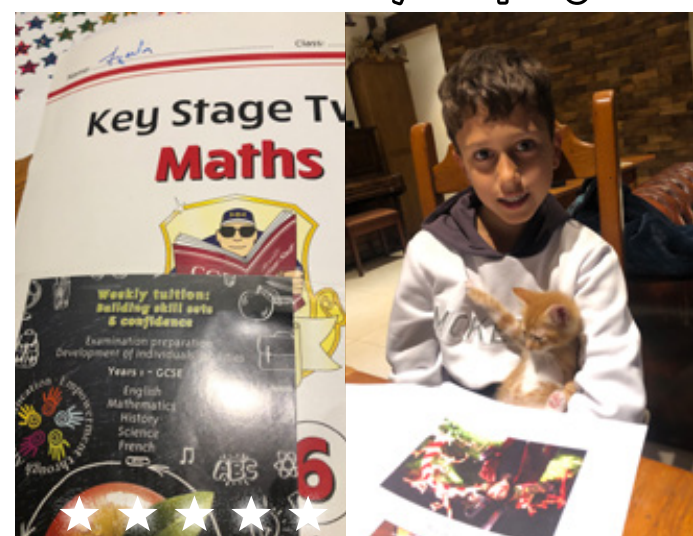
Kittens go home with their new mums



School term finishes with elves off the shelves!

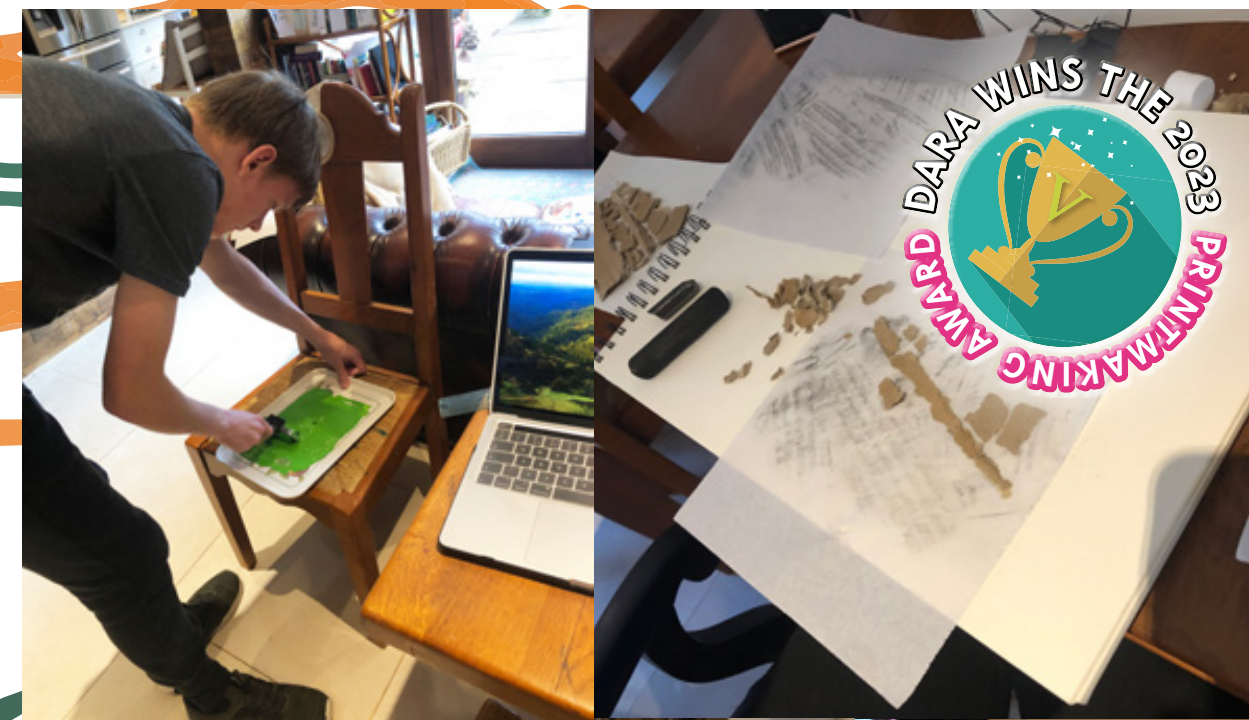


Well done Finn on your progress!



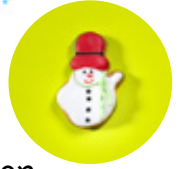
Dara prepares: Printmaking & Collage

Line drawings and further water colour studies based on his October half term Visit to: Battersea Power Station exhibit, Van Gogh's immersive exhibition London Canary Wharf.





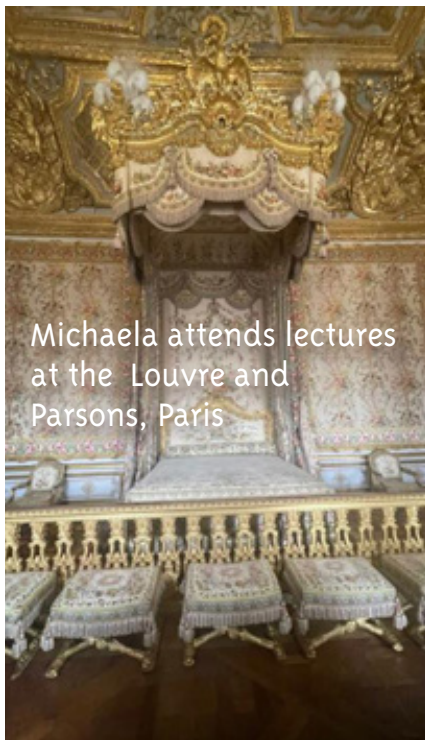
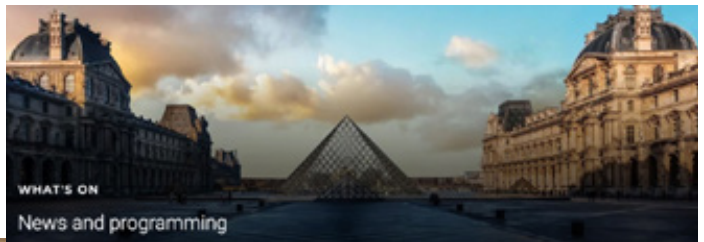
Teaching all over the world!



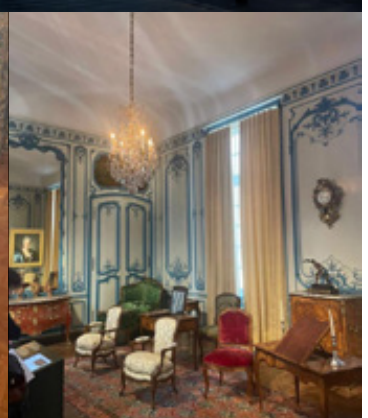
Parents, please do virtual visits
<https://www.louvre.fr/en/what-s-on>

THE LOUVRE - Paris France

Admission is free for all visitors on the first Friday of the month after 6 p.m. (except in July and August) and on 14 July (unless it falls on a Tuesday, when the museum is closed).



Michaela attends lectures at the Louvre and Parsons, Paris



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ONLINE ACTIVITIES

Parents, please find and download the reading lists and encourage a reading journal!

Surf the net and visit... [classroomsecrets.com](https://www.classroomsecrets.com)

Download all previous newsletters on our site under the newsletters tab.

WE ROLL OUT EXCELLENCE!

"I enjoyed the whole process of learning and was always happy when autumn came and school or college started up again."



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Claire Tomalin



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