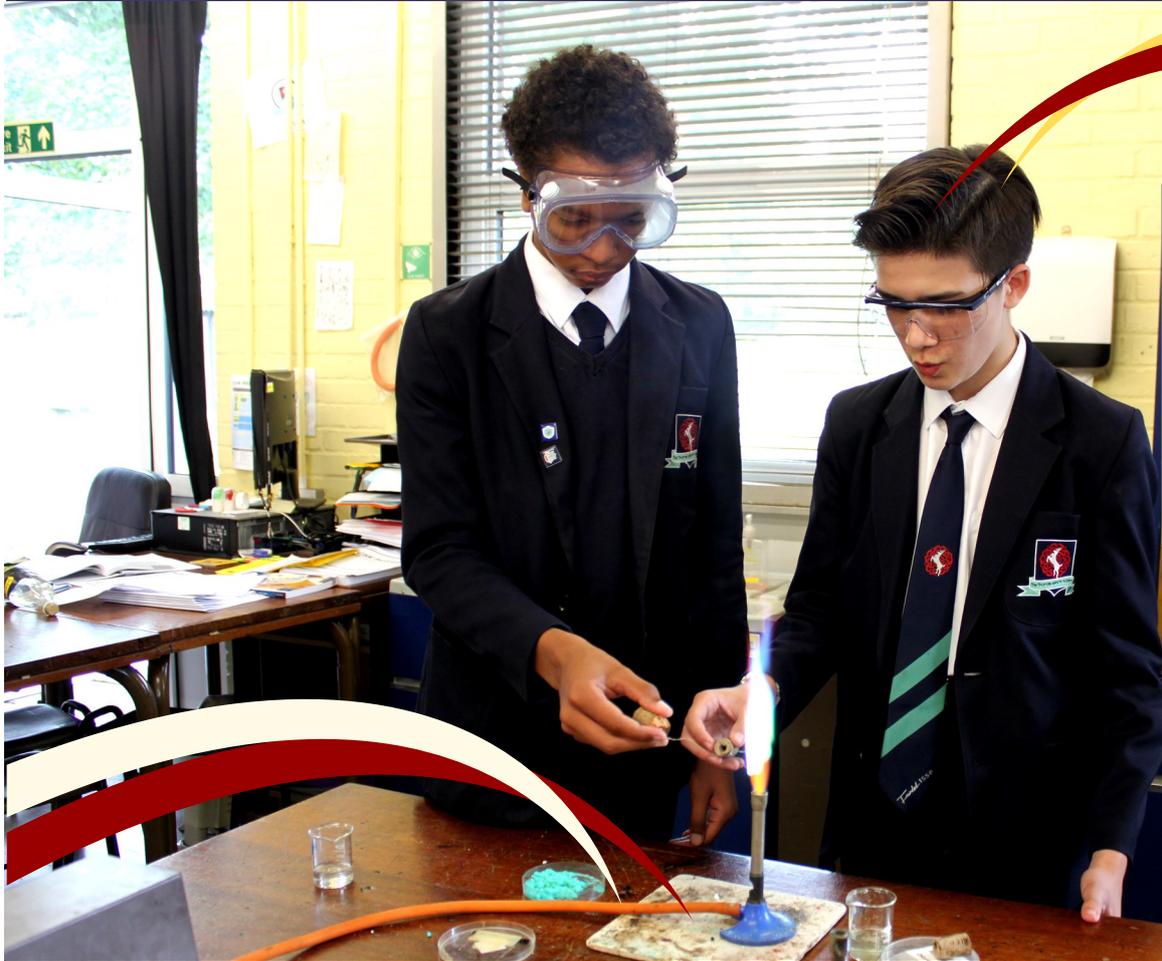


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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Welcome to the latest edition of our academy newsletter. It has been a pleasure to meet so many parents at our recent welcome evenings. Thank you to everyone who has taken time to attend in support of their children. We are looking forward to meeting Year 8 and 9 parents next week. Now that term is fully under way you will see in this edition a range of articles covering the fantastic opportunities available to our students. You can read about our students' outstanding home learning completed over the summer, the

various clubs and events we have going on in the school and a very important notice regarding road safety.

I hope you have had an opportunity to view our new and improved academy website. If you have any suggestions for further improvements please contact Lucy Hockett on hockettl@tas.herts.sch.uk. We are always looking for ways to tell the wider community about the fantastic work going on across our academy.

This week I have enjoyed speaking to our Year 9 students about the opportunity to take part in the bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The qualities and characteristics that this qualification will develop fit perfectly with our academy core values. I look forward to meeting parents of interested Year 9 students on Tuesday 9th October at our information evening.

HOME LEARNING

Home Learning at The Thomas Alleyne Academy

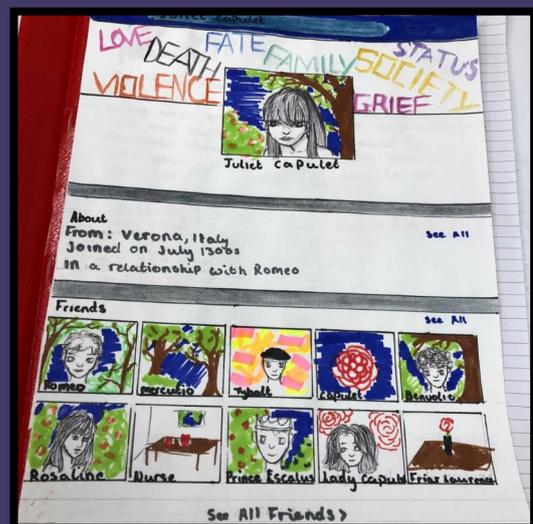
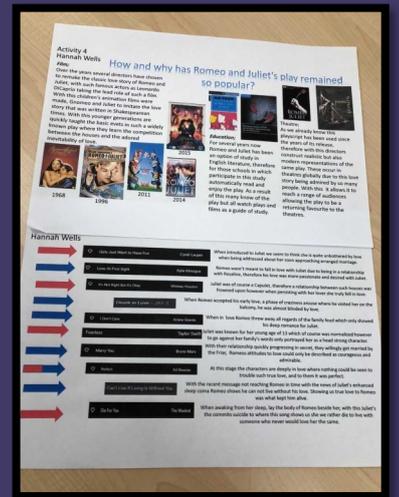
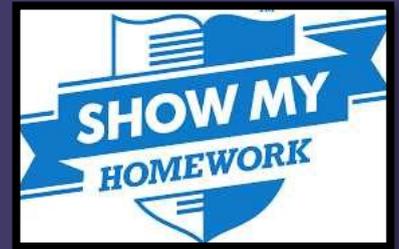
At The Thomas Alleyne Academy we place great importance on home learning and are pleased that our students take pride in their work. We view home learning as an invaluable tool in enabling our students to make progress with their learning, reinforcing the skills being taught in lessons whilst also providing opportunities for creative and extended approaches to topics.

Over the summer holidays students were set a variety of tasks by English, maths and science teachers in order to get them ready for a flying start in September. The summer home learning was completed to an extremely high standard and many students received a postcard for their efforts. Worthy of special mention are the students listed below, whose work particularly impressed:

- Ashleigh Valkenberg
- Mia Parsons-Beard
- Molly Creighton
- George Lovelock
- Jayden Ingham
- Abbie Ellett
- Willow Beck
- Elliot Moore
- Ellie Eldrett
- Tom D'Gama
- Millie Westwood
- Billy Finch

- Darshan Sajeev
- Olivia Long
- Abigail Reed
- Lucas Lewis-Price
- Emma Chapman
- Sophie O'Brien
- Leo Brace
- Finn Morris
- Louise Vickers
- Lux Oswick
- Anisa Choudhury
- Jacob Edwards
- Zuzanna Labatczyk
- Jonah Knell
- Hannah Wells
- Charlotte Bishop

All students at the academy will be set regular home learning throughout the year, in line with our policy which can be found on the website. Details of all home learning tasks can be accessed via Show My Homework, at www.showmyhomework.co.uk, or by downloading the app. All students and parents have been provided with a login. If you have any queries regarding login details please contact Lucy Huckett via email at huckettl@tas.herts.sch.uk



SPORTING NEWS

Year 10 Football v/s Meridian (A)

Lost 1-5, Wednesday 19th September 2018

The TAA Year 10 Football team succumbed to a heavy defeat in their opening fixture of the season on a blustery afternoon at Meridian on a very exposed astroturf pitch. Throughout the first half the defence was well organised by Conor Bridge and Billy Robinson and the only real threat came from the very strong wind blowing straight towards our goal, where Danny Hay coped very well with the conditions. In these conditions it was difficult for both teams to get the ball down and play.

The teams were very evenly matched for the first 40 minutes and there were encouraging signs of what this team will be able to produce. During this time both sides had a couple of good chances to take the lead, the best of TAA's chances falling to Harrison Howman who drove through the Meridian defence only to have his shot well saved but at a nice height for the keeper.

The game turned very quickly in the last 20 minutes though as Meridian took the lead with a breakaway followed soon after by a fortunate deflected goal. A penalty followed for the third at which point heads dropped and Meridian started to pass easily through a frustrated and tired looking TAA team. There was some consolation in the final minute with a beautifully taken free kick by Freddie Brooke, but he along with a few others will need to show more character, mentally as much as anything, and move the ball as they can do in training to improve on this performance.

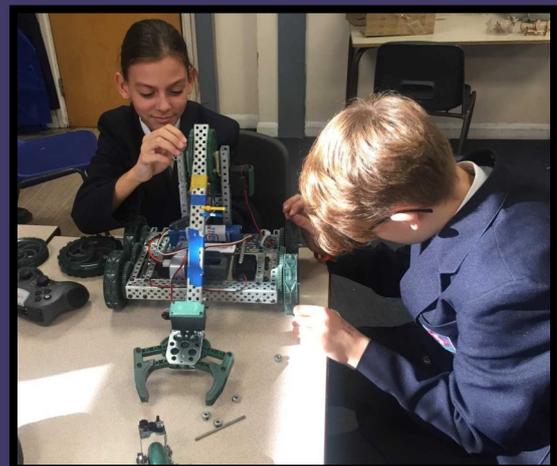
Mr Thompson

ROBOTICS CLUB

Our Design and Technology Robotics Club has begun with a bang and our new Year 7 arrivals are taking control of the reins doing the engineering work and the driving of the robots.

The group are now preparing for the MBDA Robotic Rumble Intermediate Challenge Competition coming up in November 2018. Students will be expected to research, design and develop ideas that will assist in solving some specific problems, present their work, program and drive the robot to perform these activities. This is an ideal club for any student who is interested in solving problems and it gives opportunities to work with others whilst taking up challenging activities.

All Key Stage 3 students are welcome to join. We meet every Tuesday from 3 - 4.30 pm



ROAD SAFETY

After a few near-miss incidents reported to us by members of the public we will be reiterating to students in assembly and form time how vital it is to be aware of the busy road outside of the school. Students should use the underpass to cross the A602, we have had reports of children and parents running in front of cars across two lanes of fast moving traffic coming around a blind bend! Similarly when crossing 'The Grange' entrance to the school carpark it is sensible to check it is safe to step out into the road. In order to prevent any more issues we would be grateful if you could discuss the appropriate place to cross the road safely with your child.

Parents who drop off/ pick up in their cars have a role to play in keeping children safe. In most cases it is sensible to arrange to meet your child in a location away from the front of the school but if you must do so, please park considerately and do not collect your child by the entrance on the 'No parking' hatched yellow area – it is illegal as your car will block the view of the main road.

The use of the car park to drop-off and collect students is only permitted with prior permission from the Headteacher.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

BIOMETRIC CATERING SYSTEM

We are excited to be introducing a new biometric catering system and registration will take place in school on **Tuesday 23rd October 2018**. The biometric system will replace the current card top-up system after the October half term; on their return your child will pay for their food via fingerprint. They will receive a PIN if they have not been registered.

To register your child please read the letter for more information.

- ✓ A more secure way for your child to pay for their food (no lost cards!)
- ✓ Quicker updates to the till
- ✓ Payment for the canteen will still be in the usual way - via Wisepay or via two cash loader points in school
 - ✓ The new system 'talks' to the till much more quickly allowing online payments to register in school much faster

ENGINEERING COMPETITION

National Engineering Competition for Girls opens TODAY!

You have until 6pm on 14 December to submit your entry and be in with the chance to win.

£1000 for the winner of each category! £500 for yourself or your team and £500 for Thomas Alleyne

For more information and support see Mr Makinde in D6

YEAR 7 FRIGHT NIGHT

Year 7 students..... prepare to be scared!!

Fright Night is on Friday 26th October, 7.00pm until 8.30pm. Organised by TASA, Fright Night is a disco with added attractions to see how brave you really are!

Tickets are £3 each and can be purchased from the library during break and lunch. During the event, food can be bought including Hotdogs and Slushies.

Carve a pumpkin and bring along to enter for a prize (remember to take the pumpkin back home with you) and there will be prizes for the best Fright Night costumes.

Parents are respectfully asked to collect their child from the Main Hall at 8.30pm, or ask your child to show a text from you or give your child a signed note giving them permission to meet you off site.

Thank you

Mrs Hayman

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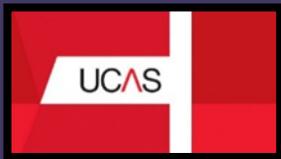
Hot dogs and slushies £1 each, other tuck also available at a small cost. Fancy dress and pumpkin competition and scare dares for 20p each!

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SIXTH FORM NEWS

Welcome to the fortnightly Sixth Form News. Here you will find everything that has been going on in our fantastic Sixth Form Department and any upcoming events/dates that you may need to know about.

Welcome



Our Year 13 are now working even harder to ensure they all achieve the grades they are predicted in their final A levels. We are busy preparing students for mock interviews, Oxbridge applications and UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) applications and we are looking forward to so many of our students gaining prestigious offers from Russell Group Universities. All have worked hard over the summer attending Sutton Trust Summer School Placements, Nuffield Placements and Open Days. Year 13 have already built an enormous bank of skills and qualifications throughout Year 12 which will auger them well for their futures, whichever pathway they may choose.

Apprenticeship Successes

Bradley performed exceedingly well in his Maths A Level Exam excelling in module C4 where the examiner said it was the third best script out of 1,000! We are therefore delighted to confirm that Bradley has secured an amazing Degree Apprenticeship with MBDA in Computer Science. After 5 years he will have gained his Bachelor of Science degree. Tayla has secured her Degree Apprenticeship with Vauxhall in Business Management and she will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree after 3 years.



Enrichment

On Thursday 27th September we took all our English Literature and Media Studies students to a Journalism Workshop at The Guardian Newspaper Offices, London. These workshops are extremely difficult to access and we have spent almost 12 months trying to secure an opening for our school. Our students learnt 'How to Make a Newspaper Front Page' researching digital media and learnt about jobs as journalists, reporters and editors. Watch this space for future enrichment opportunities which will enhance student prospects and raise aspirations.



Dates for your diary

Friday 12th October

What Career/What University Fair—Year 12



Upcoming Events

Thursday 11th October 2018

Parent Forum—6pm

Wednesday 17th October 2018

Y8 Trip to Kidzania

Thursday 18th October 2018

Y10 Geography Field Trip

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Biometric Data Collection (whole school)

Thursday 25th October 2018

Year 8 Murder Mystery Day

Thursday 25th October 2018

Year 7 Fright Night Disco—7pm

Congratulations!

Did you know we have sent 199 rewards postcards home in the last two weeks?!

We hope you like receiving positive feedback from staff about your child's work in school.

Congratulations to every student who has received one and keep up the good work! We look forward to sending even more.



Enrichment Programme at The Thomas Alleyn Academy (September 2018)

(Open to all years unless indicated, venue in brackets)



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	Christian Union (F8) –CMR Badminton (Sports Hall) – AWS/TCR Dance (Gym) - AHY Lego Club (C20) – SHL Music Technology Club (D1) - DBT	Dodgeball (Sports Hall) - AHY/TCR Lego Club (C20) – SHL Card Club week 1 only (C5) - AGO	Young Carers (C5) – TRS/LCN Benchball (Sports Hall) – AWS/NHH Lego Club (C20) – SHL Business Homework/Revision Session (C6) - TRN Card Club (C5) - AGO	Basketball (Sports Hall) – KDY Book Club (Library) – SSN Science Club (S1) – JTS/EBY Lego Club (C20) - SHL	Table Tennis (Gym) - PTN Lego Club (C20) - SHL
LUNCHTIME	Home Learning Club (Library) – SSN/TRS/LCN Y7-8 Boys Rugby (AV, FIELD) – KDY/PTN/TCR Y9-10. RDO/DWY Army Cadets (Main Hall) Cheerleading (Gym) – DK1 Girls Rugby (AV, Field) – KHO/PSM Drama Club (DR) – SCO Business Homework/Revision Session (C6) - TRN	Home Learning Club (Library) – SSN/TRS/LCN Netball – AWS/AHY Y7-8 Football - KDY/PTN/TCR Orchestra (F8) - CMR DofE Y9&10 (C5) – ML S/MCY GCSE Art Club (D5) - BGS	Home Learning Club (Library) – SSN/TRS/LCN Choir (F8) - CMR Y9-10 Football – PTN/MCX Girls Football – NHH Army Cadets (Main Hall) Creative Writing Club (E2) – BFX	Home Learning Club (Library) – SSN/TRS/LCN Computer Science Club (C7) – MAS American Football -AHY Drama Club (DR) – SCO Polish GCSE Club (E1) – EOL	
	3.15-4.15pm				
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CHEERLEADING CLUB

MONDAY

AFTERSCHOOL

3.00-4.30pm

TAA GYM



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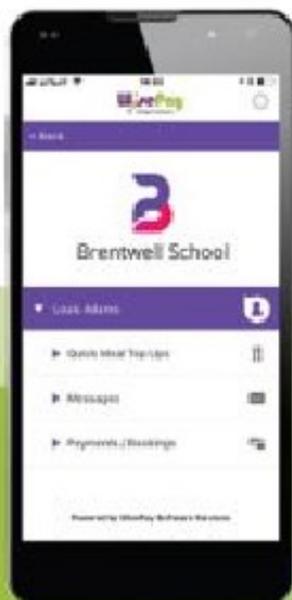
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