



The Nuneaton Academy

NEWSLETTER Winter term 2022



Message from the Interim Principal

I would like to start by thanking pupils, parents, teachers and support staff for all they have contributed to over this year so far. Without the support of our whole community, we would not be able to prepare our children for their future and in these challenging local, national and global circumstances it is vital that we all work together.

So let us reflect on just a few of the key milestones since September:

- Nuneaton Academy celebrated some of its best outcomes ever with some significant achievements for pupils, particularly for Art, Photography and French. This has led to a significant uptake of pupils looking to study French at GCSE and I know Year 9's will be considering their options when we start the pathways process in the coming term.
- Year 7s have been visiting Coventry University where they have been experiencing first-hand the benefits of a good education, hard work and resilience. We continue to raise aspirations with our pupils and have plenty more planned during the course of the year, specifically an opportunity to visit the Big Bang exhibit in the summer term and Year 10 mock interviews, preparing them for the competitive world we live in. Our intention for these is to invite alumni of Nuneaton Academy in key positions in our area, for example, the police, social services and education, back into school to show our pupils what they can go on to achieve.
- Year 11s have had booster sessions with PetXi, a nationally successful company determined to improve outcomes for pupils in GCSE's.
- Ofsted visited in November and ratified the work of our teachers, support staff, Trust and senior leaders in removing special measures.
- Free breakfast club has been set up since October half term, offering free bagels for our pupils to ensure they are fed and ready to learn from the very beginning of the day.

I look forward to welcoming pupils and staff back into school in the New Year and hope you all have a restful break.

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ASPIRE, THRIVE, BE KIND

Year 11 GCSE RE pupils enjoyed a day at the Islamic Experience Exhibition in Birmingham. Pupils visited the prayer hall and were then guided around the exhibition by a group of Muslim ladies who presented some of the main elements of Muslim belief and life. This was excellent revision for our pupils before their mock exams in January. Thank you to Mr. Jupe for driving us there!



We were very fortunate this week to have four fire officers come into the Academy to train our Year 8 pupils in keeping their hearts healthy, how to do CPR and how to use a defibrillator. This vital skill could one day save a life. We are so grateful to the Warwickshire Fire Service for giving their time for our pupils and community. Unfortunately, the second day of training needed to be postponed due to staff illness, but we will rearrange for the new year. If your Year 8 pupil did not get this training, they will receive it soon.

To learn more about CPR for yourself, take a look at the British Heart Foundation website.

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr>



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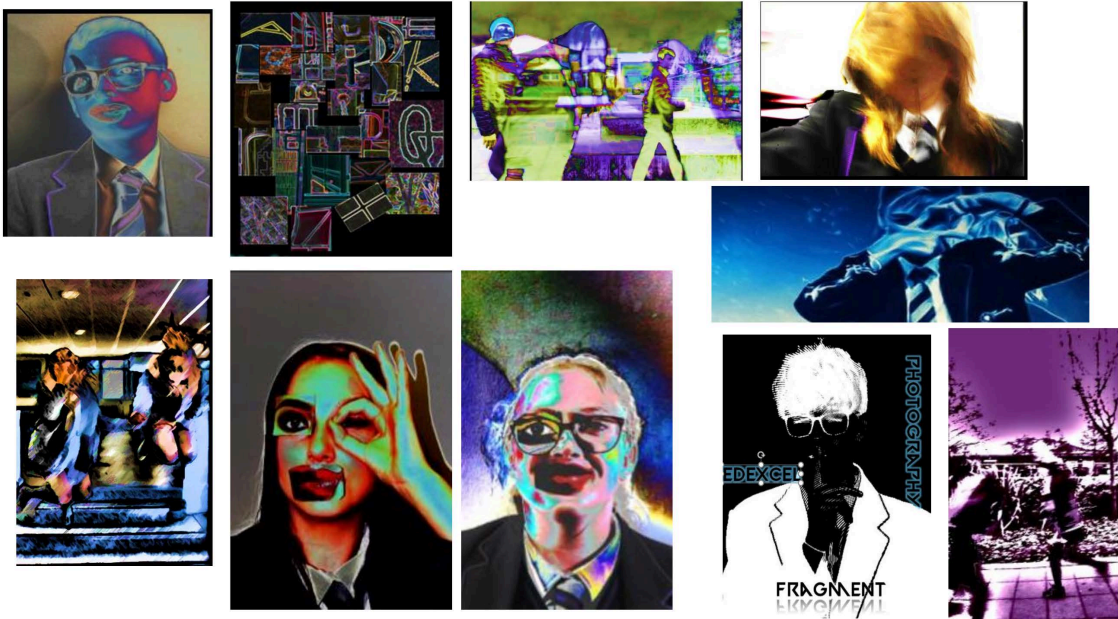


Christmas card competition 2022.

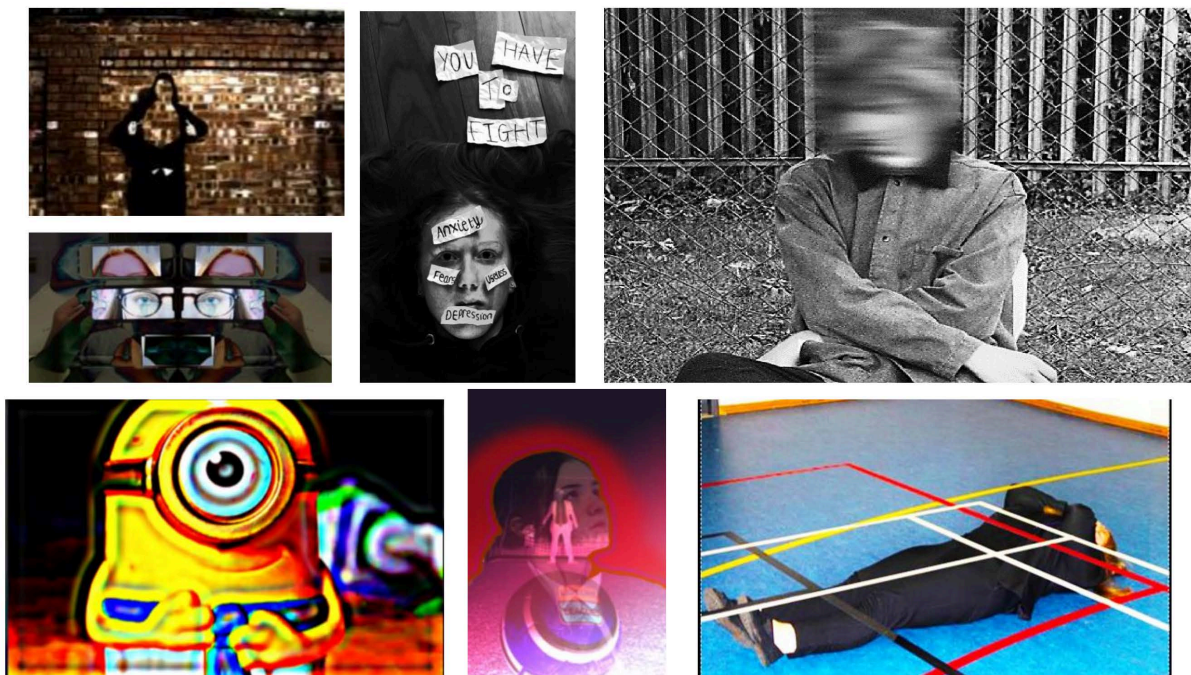
We had a wide variety of ideas in our Christmas card competition this year!

Photography

Year 10 photography option. A record number have chosen the course this year as it gains the highest plus 4 grades in the MAT. Pupils learn about the impact of digital media on tomorrows world and how this will and could benefit them in future employment. The project title is 'Fragment' and pupils undertake technical camera skills and a wide breadth of editing process to develop final outcomes and learn about the world of the still and moving image.



Year 11 are approaching the end of their coursework unit which accounts for 60% of their overall GCSE and will be starting their exam unit after Christmas.



TNA STRIKES GOLD

This week we have received the national Quality in Careers Standard including the Ixion Gold Award!

This award reflects the careers education, information, advice and guidance that we provide to our pupils.



Reading is a crucial tool to have at secondary education, it is the gateway to learning and allows our pupils to flourish beyond the gates at TNA. So, this Christmas, TNA have launched their brand new 'Christmas Reading Packs' for all pupils of Year 7 and Year 8. Inside these brilliant Christmas packs, you will find a summary and a review of the top five rated books, reading bingo, book reviews, and even a QR code to scan and get access to the best books that TNA has to offer at the moment. The Literacy Lead at TNA, Miss Thay and the Assistant Principal, Mrs Barnes will be awarding any pupils that complete the booklet. Of course, we do not expect you to complete it in the two weeks when you are having so much fun over Christmas, so pupils will have until February half term to complete the entire booklet. Happy reading!

