



Eden Boys

**Principal's Newsletter
December 2018**



We've had some amazing educational visits this term. Read all about them, and much more, inside.

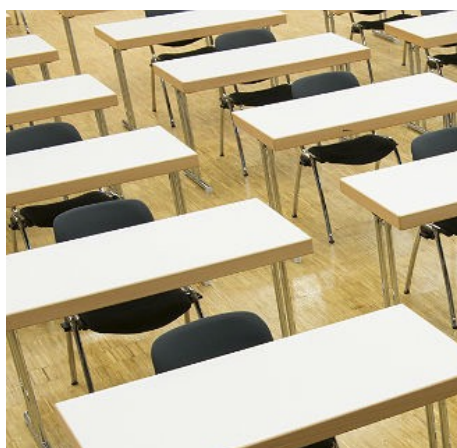
Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu 'alaikum and peace be upon you

Welcome to our autumn newsletter, as we hurtle towards the end of another school term. When the break finally arrives for you and your families, I hope you get time to genuinely switch off and relax with your loved ones.

Meanwhile, amid the range of activities we have at the end of the autumn term, our pupils have spent the last two weeks sitting their second major set of assessments. It is fantastic to see 'heads down' in the examination hall and classrooms as our boys show us just how much they have learnt. As a teacher, it is always a fascinating time to see just how well our pupils have done and to seek out new ways that we can help them do even better. We hope that all our pupils can emulate the success of our current Year 11 boys who achieved simply stunning results in their GCSE Religious Studies examination in August. A huge well done to all involved.



Our priorities this term have been extremely wide reaching: welcoming our new Year 7 pupils into Eden Boys' School along with a number of additional teachers across different subject areas.

This was closely followed by an incredibly successful coffee morning at the end of September, the proceeds of which (over £1300) went to Derian House.



Our pupils have embarked on a whole range of sporting activities and delighted in the completion of a new multi-use games area which has significantly added to our PE facilities.

Amid all of this, our boys have participated in a full range of visits both locally and wider afield including visits to the theatre, Chester Cathedral, the Zoo and so many more. You can read all about them in the following pages. We are very grateful to all our staff for their commitment and willingness to run both enrichment and extra-curricular visits for our pupils. These really do add so much to your son's school experiences.



Whilst I know pupils will all be busy over the winter break, it is important that our boys rest, but that they also use the holiday as an opportunity to really focus on reviewing their learning for the forthcoming GCSE exams (Years 10 and 11).

The examinations begin in earnest on 13th May 2019 and whilst that may seem in the distant future, there are only three weeks of holiday time after this one before the exams start – so hang in there and prepare thoroughly to do your very best. For our pupils in Years 7-9, you too can focus on learning what you have been taught, but how about setting yourself a challenge, for example reading a number of books you've meant to read all term!



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Moulana Minhaj. Moulana Minhaj has been with us since the inception of Eden Boys School, first as a Head of Year and then as Teacher of Arabic. There has never been anything other than whole hearted commitment and a desire from him to do his very best for every single pupil at Eden Boys. Moulana Minhaj is moving to another Trust School, Tauheedul Boys, in order to be closer to home. We wish him every success and happiness at his new school. He will be sorely missed by us all. Mrs Bergin, Teacher of Science also leaves us at the end of this term having come to the end of her fixed term contract. Mrs Bergin is replaced by Dr Sukbinder Mahay, currently Head of Science at a school in Accrington. Dr Mahay joins us as Lead practitioner for science.

Finally, have a lovely break and thank you to all of you for your continued support of all that we do. Best wishes for the New Year ahead from all of the staff here at Eden Boys. We look forward to seeing your son back in school at 8:00am on Monday 7th January 2019.

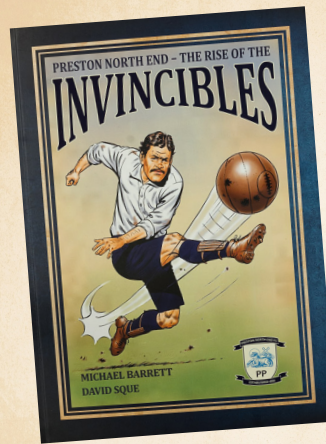
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Principal

History

The History department helped to co-ordinate the Remembrance activities in school between the 5th - 9th of November. Students donated generously and wore their poppies and British Legion merchandise with pride. The school paused at 11 o'clock on Friday to remember those who had given their lives and sacrificed so much during the Great War and subsequent conflicts around the globe. Students examined poems, helped to create a display with Miss Piling and the Art department and analysed clips from Peter Jackson's 'They Shall Not Grow Old'.



Author Visit



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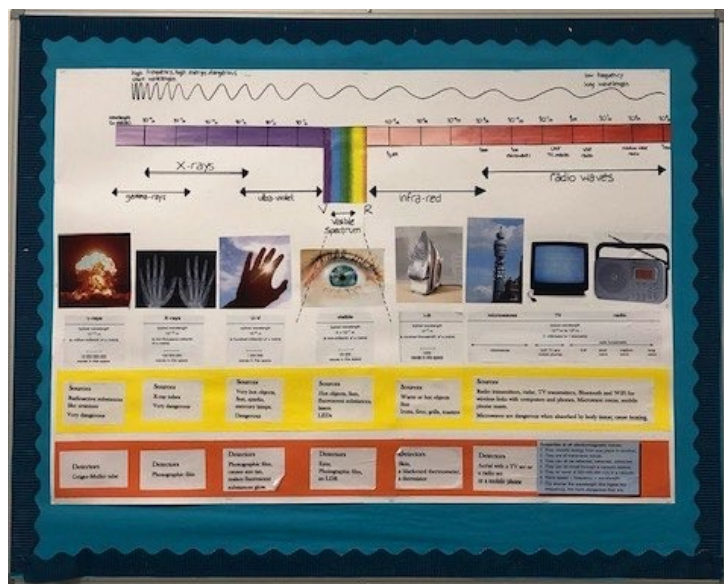
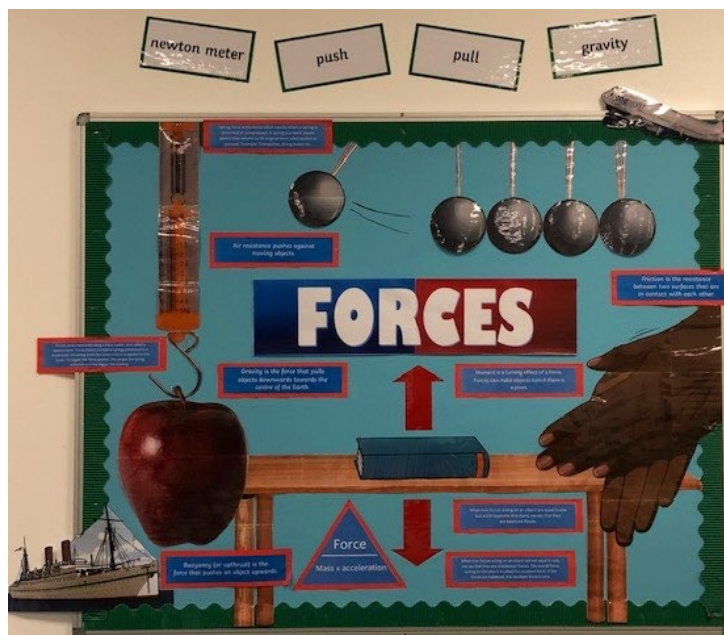
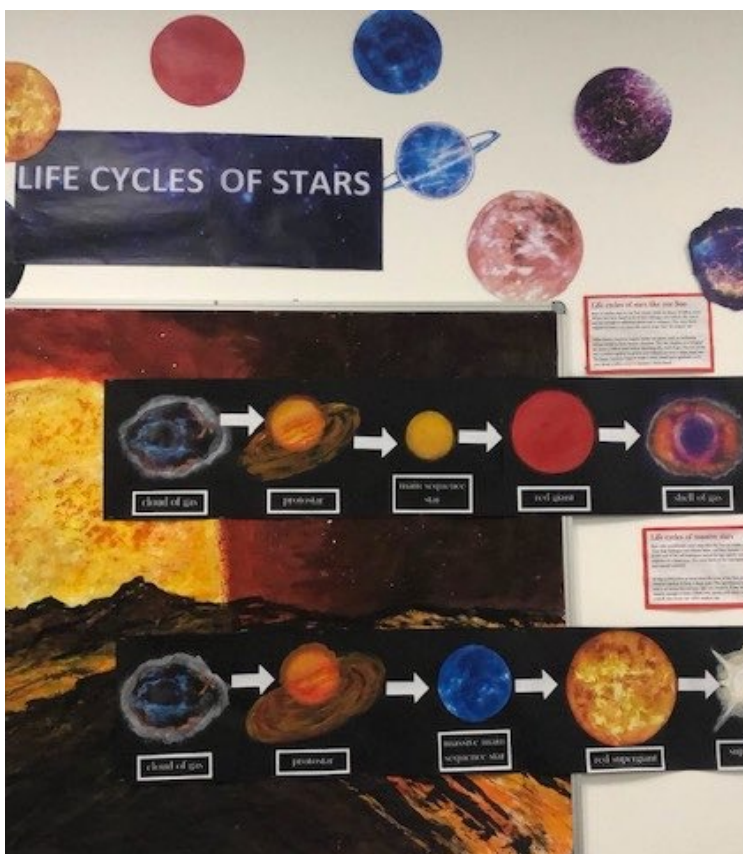
 **@InvincibleBooks**

The History department welcomed author and historian Michael Barrett, to Eden Boys' Preston, on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December, to give a series of lectures on his graphic novel 'Preston North End- The Rise of the Invincibles' to Year 8 students. The dramatic history of the birth of PNE FC and their unbeaten double winning team of 1888-89 tied in perfectly with the Autumn 2 History curriculum in which our boys investigated the Industrial Revolution in Britain. Michael helped students and Mr Clare understand the changes to the beautiful game that were introduced in the latter part of the 19th Century including tactics, equipment, professionalism and class division. He also gave us a fascinating insight into the research elements of the project and the method of production behind such gripping story, drenched in local tradition and sporting greatness.

Science

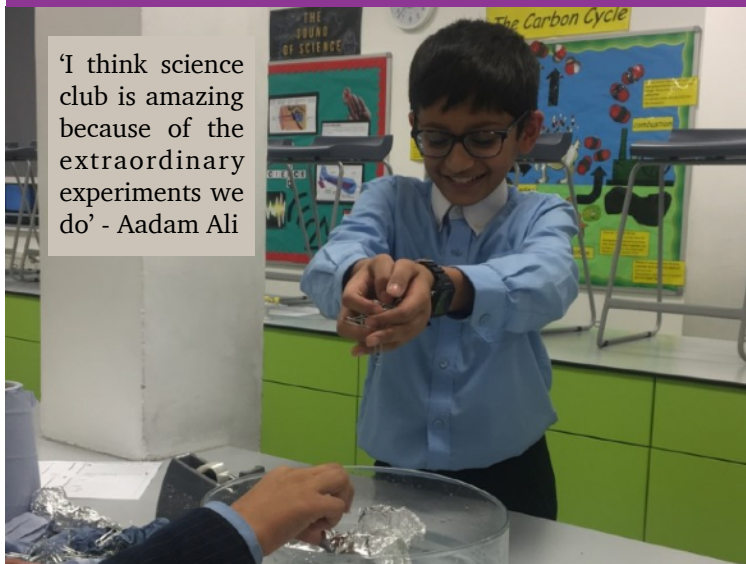
Science gets Arty!

The science department is definitely not short of talent here at Eden Boys' Preston. Our very own artist in the making, our Science Technician Mrs Lorgat, has been very busy making sure that the laboratories are up to the highest standards that we expect. Mrs Lorgat has spent a great deal of time and energy in producing these extremely colourful, engaging and eye catching displays, which have helped transform the labs.



Mad About Science Club

'I think science club is amazing because of the extraordinary experiments we do' - Aadam Ali



During this term, we have focused on providing enriching opportunities for our Year 7 students. Our popular 'Mad about Science' club, having been previously open to a limited number of students, has opened its doors to all our Year 7 students who wish to attend. The Science Club revolves around engaging students in GCSE level practical work, enabling them to make links with the theory they learn. This half term we have focused on Chemistry; we have looked at group 1 elements and combustion in oxygen as well as their reactivity in water, acid and alkalis, and separation techniques such as chromatography, distillation and filtration. These topics have won so many student plaudits that we are now excited about offering something similar to our Year 8 students, in order to facilitate their transition to the GCSE content.

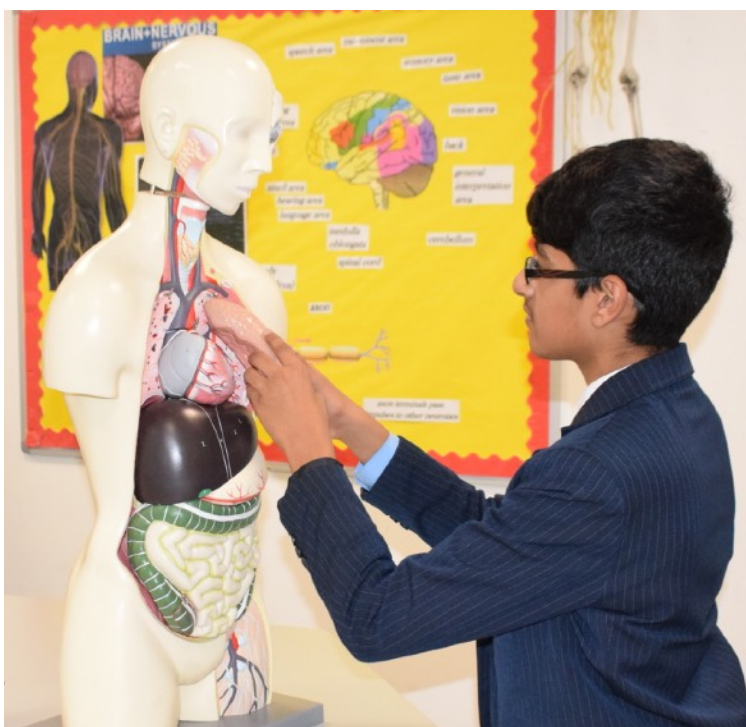
Science

At our open evening, the science department was jammed with budding new scientists at this year's open evening. With the help of the science staff and chosen students, every laboratory was host to some of the most exciting experiments and discoveries all evening that the Year 6 students couldn't wait to try.

The most popular of the evening was the demonstration of the methane bubbles. The Year 6 boys enjoyed watching the spectacular explosions produced from the soap bubbles containing a mixture of oxygen and methane. Messy but fun!

Afterwards, the boys used a pH indicator to create a chemical rainbow- a truly magical experience. Using the microscopes in the lab was a great opportunity for the Year 6 boys. They had the chance to get up close and personal with the cells in their body which, for many, was the first time they were able to do this.

Finally, they used the oscilloscope to analyse the waveform of electrical signals. One boy declared this was his favourite moment of the evening and all look forward to starting their science lessons here next September.



Admissions

We have been receiving a lot of in-year admissions queries this term and are pleased to announce that, at the time of writing, we have now filled all places across all our year groups.

If you have any friends or relatives who are interested in applying to Eden Boys School for a child who is already secondary school age, please refer to this handy flow chart to see how the in-year application process works.

There is a different application process for children who are currently in Year 6. If you or someone you know has a child currently in year 6 and would like to apply for school place for September 2019 you should complete the online application form through your local council if you have not already done so.

Here are some useful contact details for admissions:

Lancashire County Council Admissions team

Tel: 01772 532189

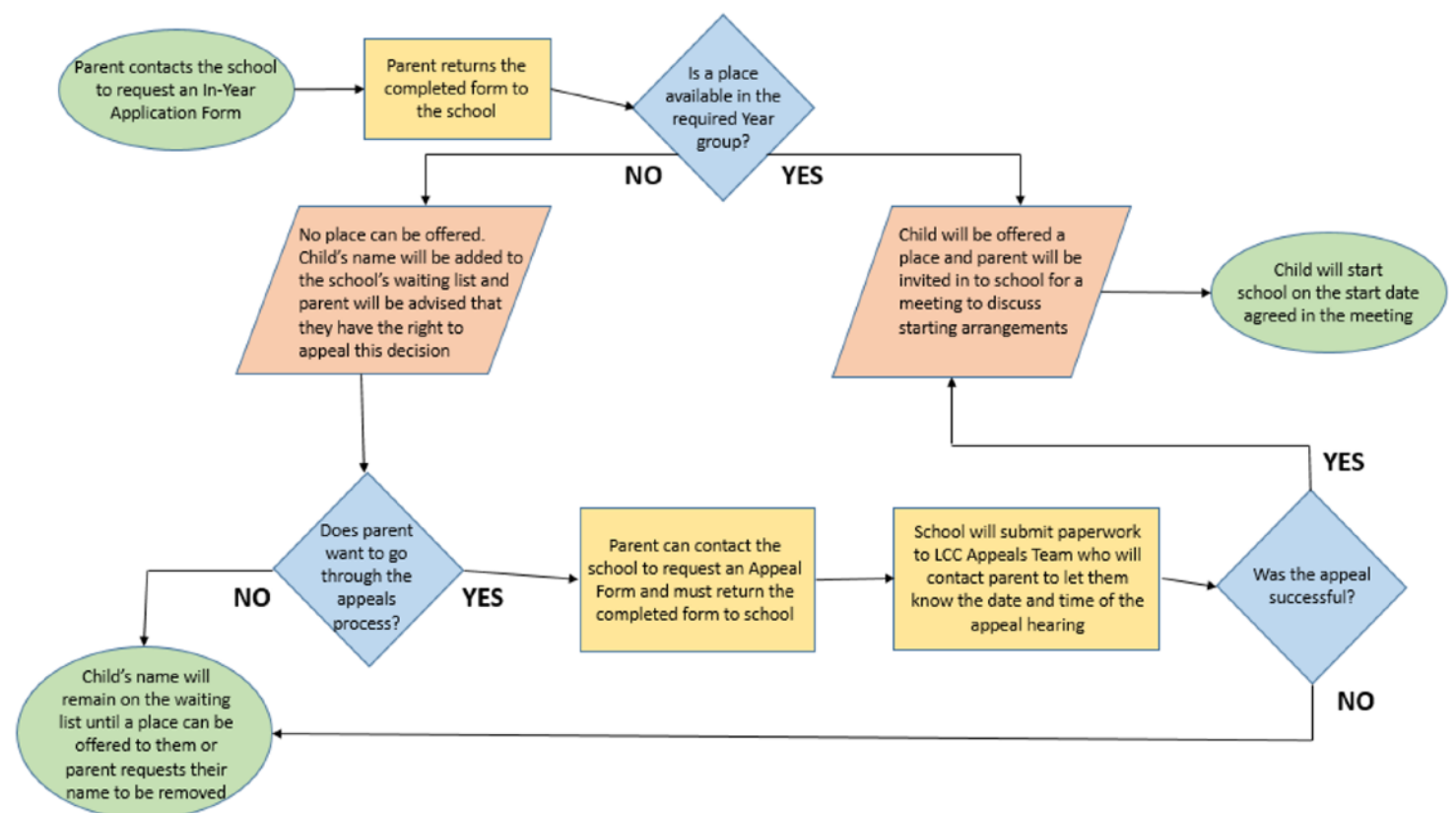
Email: southadmissions@lancashire.gov.uk

Blackburn with Darwen Council Admissions Team

Tel: 01254 666605

Email: admissions@blackburn.gov.uk

You can find more information on Eden Boys' School Preston's admission policies on our website at: www.edenboyspreston.com/information/admission-to-school



Managing Conflict

Years 7-9 recently took part in a series of workshops developed to help them manage conflict through interactive role play and discussion based activities. Upfront Theatre Company, consisting of Chloe, Jack and Sam were enthusiastic and committed throughout and we are so grateful to them for travelling up from London to see us.

Each session began with a scene between a girl and a boy that was littered with myths and misconceptions about anger, violence and discrimination. Topics were covered such as derogatory language, laws and consequences, the idea of 'masculinity', self-defence and disclosing information.

The students were split into two teams and the actors performed the scene again, with the students freezing the action when they heard a myth. The forum leader then clarified all the facts and awarded points to both teams.

This was especially designed to explore facts in an active and fun way; breaking down barriers and giving the audience permission to be involved. All agreed it was a fabulous way to spend a rainy afternoon and again , huge thanks to Upfront Theatre Company!



Stars of the Week – 28/09/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Essa Khan	11I
Muhammed Muz'az Patel	11M
Umayr Panchbhaya	11A
Zakariyya Islam Khan	10I
Mohammed Awaiz Hanif	10M
Tasbir Wadde	10A
Abdul-Ur Rahman	10N
Mohammed Tahir	9I
Abdu'lrahman Patel	9M
Habib Desai	9A
Owais Degmaster	9N
Mohammad Amir Maje	9E
Hamad Khan	8I
Salman Desai	8M
Zuhair Patel	8A
Yusef Mohamed	8N
Amaan Kaifi	8E
Mazin Rajakaze	7I
Ahyaan Khan	7M
Zakariyya Ahmed	7A
Mohammed Adam Moosa	7N
Ariful Haque	7E

Stars of the Week – 12/10/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Ubaiddullah Ibrahim	11I
Aamir Umar	11M
Ahmad Wahdati	11A
Zakariyya Islam Khan	10I
Hanzalah Ukadia	10M
Mohammed Uzair Iqbal	10A
Mohammed Zainul Khalil	10N
Rauman Sheth	9I
Umar Tahir	9M
Yaseen Batan	9A
Talha Bhuta	9N
Rahim Hogue	9E
Nazir Mirza	8I
Muhammad-Mustafa Gul	8M
Zaeem Sheth	8A
Zuhair Patel	8N
Ahmed Naniyarwala	8E
Umar Nadeem	7I
Abdul Rahman Iqbal	7M
Amaan Patel	7A
Mohammad Hashim Siddique	7N
Ariful Haque	7E

Stars of the Week – 05/10/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Mohammed Hakim	11I
Ismael Shah	11M
Zakariyya Khan	11A
Asad Hussain	10I
Zain Iqbal	10M
Awaiz Ahmed	10A
Yaseen Shaikh	10N
Mohammed Degmaster	9I
Umar Peji	9M
Abdur Rahman Umarji	9A
Rahim Bapu	9N
Usman Ali-Malik	9E
Muhammad Idris Patel	8I
Muhammad-Mustafa Gul	8M
Anas Mahmood	8A
Zuhair Patel	8N
Zayed Patel	8E
Rahim Bux	7I
Ahyaan Khan	7M
Irfan Mamsa	7A
Yacoub Mulla	7N
Yaseen Patel	7E

Stars of the Week – 19/10/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Ammar Idrish Hasan	11I
Mohammed Batan	11M
Zeehan Mulla	11A
Hamza Ahsan	10I
Muhammad Rajani	10M
Mikaeel Hussain	10A
Mohammed Usman Khan	10N
Mohamed Ahmed Onay	9I
Abdur Rahman Patel	9M
Mustafa Nakhoda	9A
Yasir Patel	9N
Muhammad Sameer Patel	9E
Mohammed Khan	8I
Salman Desai	8M
Zaeem Sheth	8A
Muhammad Shaikh	8N
Ahmed Naniyarwala	8E
Ali Nasir	7I
Jalal Ahmadzay	7M
Zakariyya Ahmed	7A
Ahmed Hakim	7N
Haseeb Nawaz	7E

Star of the week

At the end of a fantastic year it is important to recognise those boys who have shown exemplary conduct in and around school. Many of these boys consistently demonstrate excellence week after week, while others have made a great effort to improve upon their conduct in school and show what they are capable of.

Each week we recognise those boys who have achieved the most net conduct points in each form group by awarding them with a certificate in Friday's assembly. Well done to all of our Star Eden Boys' this term.

Stars of the Week – 02/11/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Musaz Kaba	11I
Umar Ibrahim	11M
Zeehan Mulla	11A
Zakariyya Islam Khan	10I
Yusuf Bapu	10M
Rawaha Ibrahim	10A
Hasanat Khan	10N
Rauman Mustaq Sheth	9I
Omar Masry	9M
Abdur Rahman Umarji	9A
Abdur Rehman Bhuta	9N
Adem Calisir	9E
Harash Amanat	8I
Muhammad-Mustafa Gul	8M
Naweed Rahman	8A
Zuhair Patel	8N
Abu Rake Habib	8E
Yacoub Amia	7I
Ahyaan Khan	7M
Mohammed Ridwan Zaman	7A
Muhammad Arif Patel	7N
Ariful Haque	7E

Stars of the Week – 16/11/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Ubaiddullah Ibrahim	11I
Umar Ibrahim	11M
Aasim Umar	11A
Falzan Patel	10I
Yusuf Bapu	10M
Awaiz Ahmed	10A
Rafee Chowdhury	10N
Umar Khan	9I
Sameer Butt	9M
Tawajir Akar	9A
Owais Degmaster	9N
Usman Ali-Malik	9E
Adam Sheth	8I
Zayed Badat	8M
Aadil Datal	8A
Mahmood Desai	8N
Amaan Kaifi	8E
Rahim Bux	7I
Khadij Vaid	7M
Rahim Jwa	7A
Muhammad Arif Patel	7N
Yaseen Patel	7E

Stars of the Week – 30/11/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Mohammed Zaid Gurjee	11I
Umar Bhuta	11M
Mohammed Patel	11A
Yusuf Neki	10I
Huzafah Khaleel	10M
Zayed Ahmed	10A
Saifullislam Khan	10N
Adam Riley	9I
Taha Bin Muhammad	9M
Habib Desai	9A
Owais Degmaster	9N
Mohammed Amir Maje	9E
Dawood Patel	8I
Muhammad-Mustafa Gul	8M
Mohammed Umar Iqbal	8A
Sameer Gurjee	8N
Adam Patel	8E
Yacoub Amia	7I
Abdul Rahman Iqbal	7M
Amaan Patel	7A
Mohammed Hashim Siddique	7N
Zayaan Master	7E

Stars of the Week – 09/11/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Mohammed Zaid Gurjee	11I
Muhammad Farooq	11M
Umayr Panchbhaya	11A
Zakariyya Islam Khan	10I
Mohammed Awaiz Hanif	10M
Rehan Malik	10A
Hasanat Khan	10N
Abad Abbas	9I
Sameer Butt	9M
Habib Desai	9A
Yasir Patel	9N
Ibrahim Bax	9E
Hamza Akhtar	8I
Muhammad-Mustafa Gul	8M
Naweed Rahman	8A
Zuhair Patel	8N
Muhammad-Ameen Saleh	8E
Yacoub Amia	7I
Ismaeel Shahzad	7M
Rayyan Talior	7A
Muhammad Arif Patel	7N
Yaseen Patel	7E

Stars of the Week – 23/11/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Musaz Kaba	11I
Afian Desai	11M
Rahman Sulaman	11A
Hussain Khokhar	10I
Huzafah Khaleel	10M
Sonib Elhakim	10A
Aryaan Shahzad	10N
Yameen Umer	9I
Danyal Siddik	9M
Habib Desai	9A
Owais Degmaster	9N
Usman Ali-Malik	9E
Adam Sheth	8I
Hariss Mamsa	8M
Zuhair Patel	8A
Abdullah Munshi	8N
Muhammad-Ameen Saleh	8E
Agil Patel	7I
Abdul Rahman Iqbal	7M
Amaan Patel	7A
Mohammed Hashim Siddique	7N
Yameen Gurjee	7E

Stars of the Week – 07/12/2018

Pupil Name	Form Group
Ubaiddullah Ibrahim	11I
Hassan Ahmed	11M
Danyal Shaikh	11A
Zaid Bagia	10I
Zain Iqbal	10M
Jameel Mohammed	10A
Siedique Akbar	10N
Mohammad Ryan Hanif	9I
Taha Bin Muhammad	9M
Habib Desai	9A
Owais Degmaster	9N
Usman Ali-Malik	9E
Harash Amanat	8I
Muhammad-Mustafa Gul	8M
Anas Mahmood	8A
Muhammadshahid Hassan	8N
Hamzaad Bapu	8E
Yacoub Amia	7I
Dawood Sayid	7M
Mis'ab Ukadia	7A
Masir Qureshi	7N
Yaseen Patel	7E

Derian House Cake Sale

With Winter fast approaching and the days getting darker Eden Boys decided a cake sale was needed in order to cheer everyone up and raise some money for a good cause at the same time. The charity chosen for this year's bake sale was Derian House- a children's hospice in Chorley.

All the boys were asked to bring in as many cakes, biscuits, doughnuts, and tray bakes that they could carry and they didn't disappoint! Mr Afsar, the caretaker had to load and reload his trolley multiple times due to the sheer volume of cakes the boys brought in.

When the day of the cake sale arrived the office staff were kept busy slicing cakes and displaying the biscuits and muffins proudly in the dining room, ready for the boys to arrive at break. The cakes disappeared very quickly at break time! Every boy got the chance to load up his tray with all he could and enjoy the feast in the hall with his friends- some even took some home to share with their family.

Luckily some cakes were kept aside for the parents who also had the chance to buy what they could and stay for a cup of tea. At the end of the morning the gigantic gateaux on offer were auctioned off; one generous parent bid £60 for a cake which was a fantastic contribution to the cause.

We managed to raise a whopping £1335 for Derian House and would like to thank all the staff, parents and pupils involved who made it such a successful day.



..and more cake!



The kind donations of cakes and biscuits from pupils and parents were so generous that we had lots left to donate to other worthy causes. The Foxton Centre is a Preston based charity with a long history and strong commitment to working with young people in the local community. They were extremely grateful for the biscuits which can be used in their daily drop-in centres and youth groups.

We also had lots left over to deliver some boxes of biscuits to three local care homes. Adam Master and Vasim Ismail in Year 9 helped pack the festive boxes of goodies that were then delivered to homes in the Ribbleson area; Deafway, Parklands and Preston Glades.



Theatre Visit

Year 11 took a trip to Blood Brothers on our own front door step: Preston Charter Theatre. The production ably transported us to Liverpool in a tale of friendship, social divide and tragedy. The musical is about two twin brothers, Mickey and Edward, and 'how one was kept and one given away'. It was a fantastic opportunity to see the GCSE text live on stage and gave the boys a feel for the play ready for their GCSE exams in summer.



European Day of Languages

On the 26th September 2018, many teachers got involved with a competition to celebrate European Day of Languages. The general objectives of the European Day of Languages are to:

- Alert the public to the importance of language learning and diversify the range of languages learned in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding;
- Promote the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe;
- Encourage lifelong language learning in and out of school.

The European Day of Languages is recognised in schools throughout Europe and this year Eden Boys' Preston joined them.

At Eden Boys', each teacher was a different country with only four pieces of information for the students to guess who they were. This meant the students had to have a general knowledge about flag colours, famous celebrities, the geography of Europe and different currencies. Muhammad Arif Patel (7N) was one of the many students who guessed all answers correctly and was picked out of a prize draw to win a bag of European goodies. Muhammad Arif also displays a high aptitude for both French and German and continues to impress in lesson. Well done to Muhammad Arif!

Year 7

New Starts

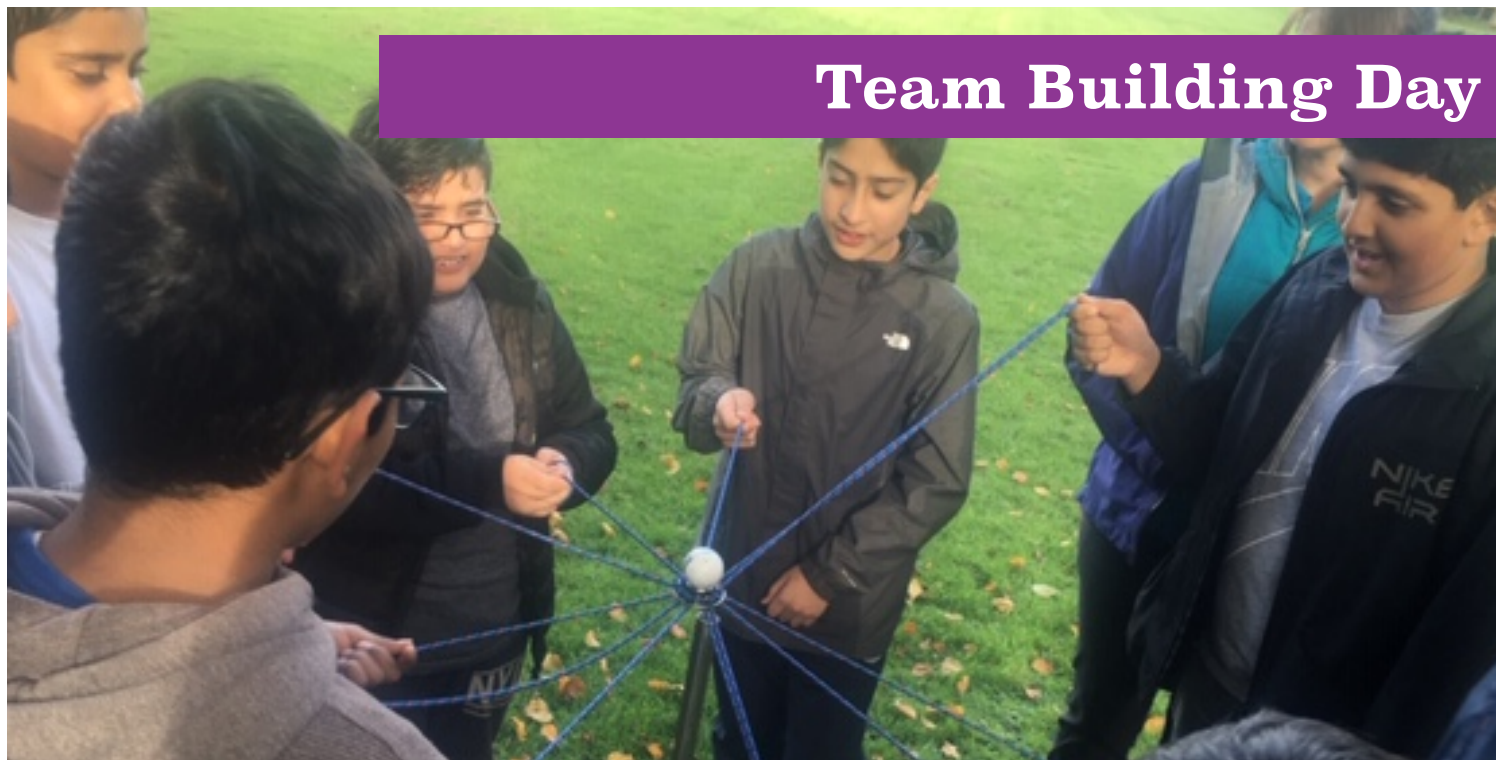
We welcomed our new Year 7 pupils at the beginning of September and despite the cold grey start to the morning the boys, looking extremely smart in their new uniform, were very excited to meet all their new teachers and start their new timetable.

The first challenge was to avoid getting lost! After a tour of the school and a chance to get to know each other the Year 7 boys settled into their new routines and had a chance to experience what Eden Boys had to offer. From playing football in the state of the art sports hall to devouring waffles in the school dining room at break time, all agreed they had had a great day.

One pupil, Yaqoob Amla said "The best bit about today was all the new friends I made". Good luck Year 7 in your school career at Eden Boys. Make sure you all become Star pupils and young men to be proud of.



Team Building Day



Year 7



On a cold but sunny October day, Year 7 set off to spend the day undertaking some team building activities at Queens Park in Blackburn. Clutching the spare set of clothes they were asked to bring (and wondering why they were asked to bring it!) they piled onto the coach and off we went.

When we arrived, the boys were split up into separate groups, each undertaking a different task on a rota basis. This way the boys got a chance to meet new people and make new friends too. All the activities required co-operation and team work.

The first task was to cross an imaginary river of custard full of sharks with only six tyres to stand on. This was trickier than it sounded as if nobody was touching the tyre it got taken away from them. The boys had to make sure they worked together to get everyone across in time. One team managed it in five minutes, which was amazing, and at one point there were three boys stood on a tyre at once!

Another task involved running relay races against another team; a relay race with a difference. The boys had to get their whole body through a hula hoop as fast as they could and tag the next person until all the team had finished.

One of the highlights of the day was the fact all the boys got a chance to climb a climbing wall which was set up in the middle of the park. Some boys had never experienced this before but all faced their fears and by the end of the session were giving Spiderman a run for his money!

The best bit by far for most was the raft building session. The boys had to build a raft from scratch using planks of wood, empty barrels and a lot of rope! They then got on the raft and had a race to the other side of the river and back to see whose raft was the strongest and quickest. Everyone got soaking wet but it didn't dampen spirits and at the end of the session the boys begged for a chance to jump in again! The funniest moment was when one of the rafts collapsed and the barrels floated away- leaving most of the boys knee deep in mud! Now it became clear why a change of clothing was necessary!

It was a fantastic day for everyone involved, the boys arrived back at school, exhausted but happy and ready to share their stories with their family and friends.

at Queens Park



Maths

Young Mathematician Award

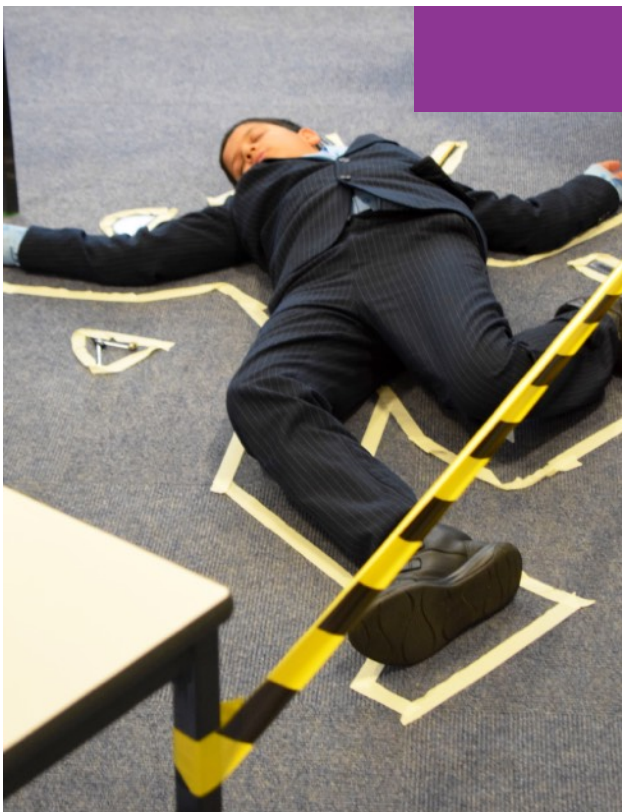
On Thursday 8th November, a team consisting of two Year 7 and two Year 8 pupils attended The National Young Mathematician Award held at Explore Learning Centre, Preston. The event challenges the highest achievers in mathematical dexterity whilst encouraging teamwork and communication.

Year 7 pupils Ibrahim Gurjee and Raihan Jiwa worked well with Year 8 pupils Muhamad Ameen Saleh and Yusuf Hanif on a never seen before mathematical challenge created by NRICH in conjunction with the University of Cambridge. The challenge tested the pupil's resolve and ability to apply systematic listing strategies and form general rules.

The boys showed great pride in representing Eden Boys School and they are looking forward to applying their skills to the UKMT Maths Challenge events which will take place early next year.



Open Evening



The open evening was successfully carried out by staff and pupils involving a maths version of Cluedo. There had been a murder in the Maths department and visitors had to use the clues left in each classroom to solve the murder. A very fun and interactive activity enabling visitors to use their problem solving skills in a variety of ways. The ability to solve problems is now vital due to the change in the Mathematics curriculum. As a department we have catered to this change by adapting resources and planning to immerse the pupils with problems within their learning to ensure pupils develop and progress this essential skill.

NCS Award



During November 2018, our year 10 pupils commenced the National Citizenship Service award (NCS). NCS is a four-phase experience designed to make our learners feel challenged, engaged and empowered. This is just the beginning of a journey that will give our Year 10 boys the confidence and life skills they need to pursue the future they want.

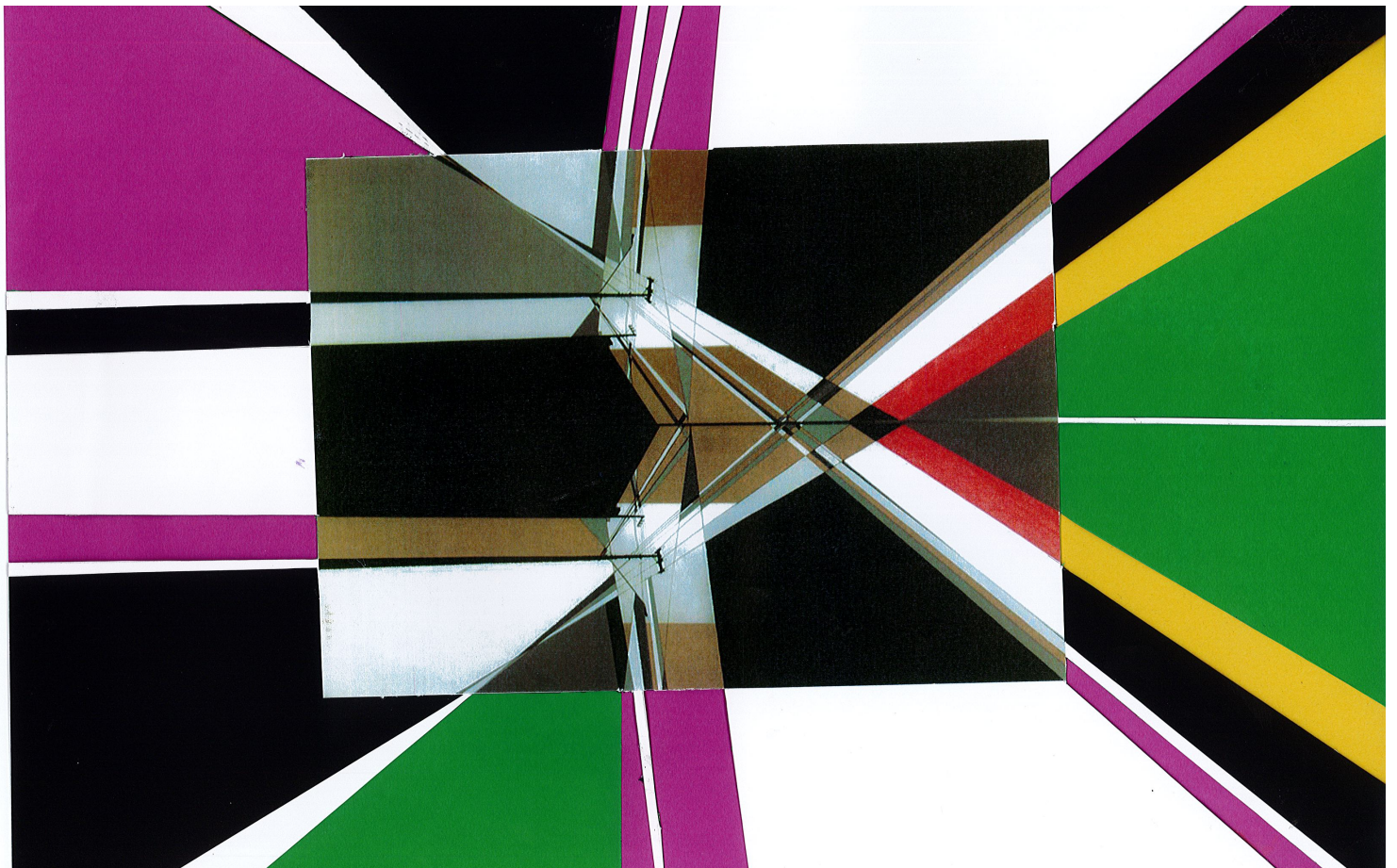
During the first phase, our learners engaged in activities building vital life skills in the great outdoors; allowing them to feel the freedom of the outside world and becoming one with a primitive life style away from the luxuries of the world. They spent four days away from home, undertaking adrenaline-fuelled, team building activities like rock climbing, canoeing and hiking. Our learners cheered each other along in every step of the way, sharing every challenge and every trail, every victory and every success.



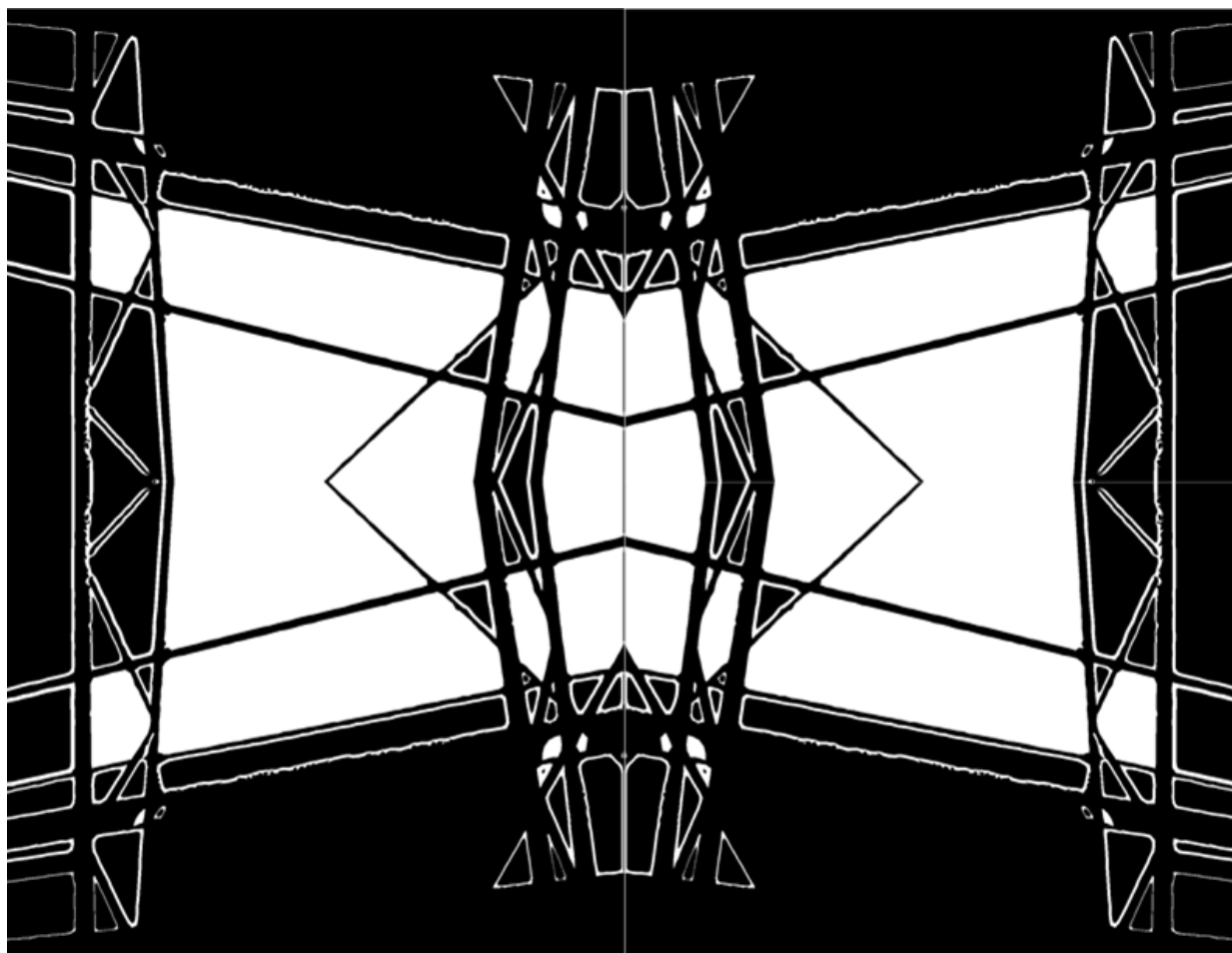
Art



Year 9 pupils have made a fantastic start to their Fine Art GCSE course. They have been exploring the work of Flavio Samelo, a contemporary photographer and completing their own responses to his work. Focussing on the strong use of line to draw the viewers eye around the painting and colour contrast to catch attention and produce visually striking results.



Art



In Year 10, pupils have been exploring Computer Aided Design and have produced striking graphic imagery by manipulating photographs taken within the school building. They have been photographing their environment and looking for unusual viewpoints and studying artists such as The Boyle Family to find inspiration in the ordinary, as these images of the sports hall roof show.



Geography

This term, the students have been very busy learning about Geography. Year 7 have been studying ecosystems, Year 8 have been learning about the global economy and UK coasts, whilst our GCSE students have been exploring the topics of natural hazards, urban issues and challenges and coastal landscapes.

Year 7 Visit Blackpool Zoo



On the 6th and 13th December, Year 7 pupils were taken to visit the Education Centre at Blackpool Zoo.

Whilst in the education sessions, pupils had the opportunity to view artefacts that had come from animals to get a firsthand look at how these adaptations helped them to survive in their habitat and how humans impact on those environments.

This trip has been taken to support the work they have been doing since joining Eden in September and although it wasn't the best day for weather the pupils did not let it get in their way of enjoying the outdoor activities. The staff at the Zoo commented on how well the pupils conducted themselves whilst visiting and that they had inquisitive minds.



Geography

Year 11 Fieldwork



During the 14th to 16th November, the year 11 GCSE Geography pupils were taken to Castle Head, in Cumbria, to complete their fieldwork research for Paper 3 of the GCSE exam (worth 30% of their overall grade).

For their Physical Geography fieldwork, we headed out to Aldingham beach, a shingle and pebble beach on the east coast of the Furness peninsula with views over Morecambe Bay, and backed by the small village of Aldingham. Whilst there, the task was to find out if the beach was being eroded by longshore drift, which gave the pupils opportunity to use specialist equipment to find the answer.

Can your child tell you what they discovered?

On the last day we headed out to Morecambe town centre, where the mission was to find out the public opinion on the urban regeneration in the town. Whilst conducting their surveys with the residents and visitors to the areas, the pupils were commented on as being polite and professional by those they spoke to making them excellent ambassadors for their school and community.

Overall the visit was a success and the pupils completed all the tasks to collect the data for their exams in the summer.



Top Tips

The UK economy is always in the news, whether that be Breakfast news or the late news. As a family, try to discuss news items and see the news content through the lens of a GCSE Geographer – “How might this news topic relate to my studies and the specification content?”

This will develop your AO3 (application skills) which are important exam skills.

Discuss the jobs that your family do – why is the company located there? What sector does it belong to? Has technology changed the tasks over the years?

Important Dates

Year 11 GCSE Geography intervention Thursday lunch times in room 223
Humanities homework help KS3 and KS4 Mondays 3pm – 3.30pm in room 223

GCSE Exam dates

Paper 1: 21st May 2019
Paper 2: 5th June 2019
Paper 3: 12th June 2019

English

Macbeth at the Lowry



On Friday 5th October, the Year 11 boys had the wonderful opportunity to see a National Theatre production of Shakespeare's enthralling tragedy, Macbeth.

The theatre, in Salford's brilliant Media City, provided the perfect venue for the play and the boys enjoyed spending time beforehand taking in the exciting atmosphere.

As one of their GCSE English Literature texts, it was a wonderful experience for the boys to see the text come to life with such a talented collection of actors, many of whom have appeared on television and in films. The original and quite modern interpretation of the performance was utterly brilliant and, as Macbeth is not the easiest of their GCSE texts to understand, gave them the boys chance to further understand as well as appreciate the play as it meant to be seen: on the stage rather than on the page. Such a modern production also helped the Year 11s with their appreciation of the social context of the play: Macbeth is a play about civil unrest and that idea is as relevant today as it ever has been.

The school motto, 'Nurturing Today's Young People, Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders' centres around pupils and their drive towards excellence. Their tenacity and passion for success spurs them on, ensuring that no stone is left unturned and all paths to success are firmly in their eye line. In English, during the Autumn Term, we have had an abundance of success across all five year groups in English Language and Literature. They have all displayed a substantive amount of resilience and have been rewarded for their hard work. At the first tracking point, pupils from all ability ranges have delivered outstanding success and the display board is there to showcase the skills the boys at Eden Boys' School Preston exhibit, each and every lesson they attend.

A massive congratulations to all who have earned a place of our 'Stars of English' board and we hope to see more names on there at the next tracking point!

Stars in English



Safeguarding

The SHARP and CEOP systems (safeguarding information and reporting systems at Eden Boys' Preston) are in place. They can be located on the school website via the School Gateway. There are two links; one for **CEOP** and the other for **SHARP** System.

CEOP stands for **Child Exploitation and Online Protection**. It is the UK's national child protection agency (visit www.ceop.police.uk for more information). Through the Click CEOP advice and help centre, members of the public can access guidance on a broad range of topics to help protect their children, or alternatively report a concern directly to CEOP.

SHARP stands for School Help Advice Reporting System. There are many reasons why young people decide not to talk about incidents, whether that is due to not wanting to talk face to face, lack of confidence, scared, peer pressure or scared in case someone sees them talking to or seen in the school's office but to name just a few. The SHARP System allows young people to report any incidents which occur within the school and local community anonymously and without fear. Aside from the reporting tool SHARP delivers educational content to raise awareness on a wide range of subjects including: Bullying, Health, Community Issues, Weapons and Hate Crime.

The SHARP System and CEOP both promote inclusion, safeguarding, e-safety and provide additional opportunities for pupils to report their concerns.

Safeguarding Team	Name	Position	Safeguarding Role
	Ikram Adam (Moulana)	Vice Principal	Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Muhammed Matadar	Assistant Principal	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Alyson Middlemass	Principal	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Safvan Yusuf (Moulana)	Head of Year	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Safety

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the unsafe driving and parking practices around the school site during drop-off and pick-up times, particularly at the side entrance to school on Witton Street. Can parents and guardians please ensure that they are observing the correct driving protocols to ensure the safety of our students, staff and the wider community by not causing obstruction or driving onto pedestrian walkways at the junction of Witton Street and New Hall Lane. It is recommended that you either use the designated drop-off at the front of school or drop students off on St Mary's Street and they can then use the pedestrian crossing. This will avoid causing obstruction to traffic by stopping on New Hall Lane. Thank you for your ongoing support with ensuring the safety of our school community.

Post-16 Options

Year 11 students have had lots of input from school staff and college staff regarding their post 16 opportunities. These are as follows:

What are my options after Year 11 (Post 16)?

Because of RPA (raising the participation age) legislation, you will have to do some sort of learning!

So, what are my options?

You may choose to:

- Stay at School, go to a College or Sixth Form and study full time courses
- Get a job and take a work related course alongside it such as an OCR National, BTEC, City and Guilds or other accredited course
- Be Self Employed but you will also need to do some accredited learning or training course
- Volunteer for 20 hours or more but will need to do some accredited learning alongside it, offered by the organisation or independent of it
- Do an Apprenticeship or other accredited training course

Year 11 students should be visiting colleges and attending open days which will allow them to make their choices for when they leave school. For more information regarding college applications, please speak to Mr Matadar at school.

Appointments

A reminder that parents are required to make all medical appointments outside of school hours.

If it is unavoidable, parents need to give prior notice by telephone so that the pupil's Head of Year can take them from class with the minimum disruption to learning time for themselves and other pupils.

There has recently been an increase in parents calling to collect pupils without providing the school with notice. Without prior notice, office staff may not always be able to leave the office and locate your son for you. This may lead to pupils missing their appointments.

Please leave a message if you are unable to get through on the phone; our voice mail is monitored regularly. We will also require evidence of the appointment such as an appointment card or letter so that the absence can be authorised.

Religious Education



Do you know one of the key differences between a Cathedral and a Church? Well one of our Year 10 boys asked this question on our tour of Chester Cathedral during a recent visit. Interestingly, a Cathedral has a seat which a Church does not have known as the 'Bishops Chair'! The name 'cathedral' comes from the Greek and Latin word 'cathedra' meaning 'chair', as bishops like other authorities in the ancient world sat down to teach.

In preparation for their upcoming GCSE exam in Religious Studies, we organised a visit to Chester Cathedral, part of a heritage site of medieval architecture. What a fascinating place, originally founded as a Benedictine abbey in 1092. Now that is old!

Shortly after arriving, the boys were put into groups and given a guided tour of the magnificent church and its surroundings which cost £5000 a day to run! We followed the journey from the footsteps of the entrance of the Cathedral's font, where the boys learnt about the rite of Christian Baptism to a fascinating view of the Cathedral's Grand Organ containing nearly 5000 pipes! If that's not enough, then surely the wooden engravings in the nave choir seating is just as interesting. Carefully sculptured engravings in Gothic style with one of an elephant with feet of a horse! (Well, I think they had to take a wild guess what elephants' feet looked like, since there probably weren't any in Chester zoo to go off!)

Following this, the boys participated in a workshop where they had the opportunity to understand how long it takes to build Christian mosaics and try making their own. I think some of our boys even counted one mosaic which had a couple of thousand mini tiles. Well that must have taken a long time to put together with a lot of patience.



Religious Education

Outstanding Results!

96% of pupils achieved GCSE grade 4 and above

87% of pupils achieved GCSE grade 5 and above

56% of pupils achieved GCSE grade 7 and above

Progress 8 score 1.37

Following an outstanding Ofsted inspection alongside an outstanding Section 48 inspection, the last academic year also marked our School's first official GCSE exam beginning with GCSE Religious Studies. Quite a nerve racking yet exciting time for the School and the Religious Studies department! Well we made it and that comes with a huge round of applause to all of our Year 10 pupils of last year and our Religious Studies teaching staff in particular who got through this period with great enthusiasm and perseverance. We are extremely proud of the progress that our Year 10 pupils have made over the last few years in preparation for their exam and the results speak great volumes! We hope that their exam results in Religious Studies will give them a great boost of confidence as they prepare to sit their GCSE exams for all their subjects at the end of Year 11. A big thank you and well done to everyone who helped us get through. Take a look at our official GCSE Religious Studies exam results on the left.

And finally, a very special round of applause to Muhammad Chotia, Umar Faruq Ibrahim and Muhammed Jogyat for achieving 'the Grade 9.' Hard work, resilience and commitment to learning bears great fruits in return.



Physical Education

Football



We have been extremely impressed with the quality of our students in Year 7. During this term, the boys have competed in the Preston district 7-a-side competition and a friendly 6-a-side tournament between Eden, Christ the King and Moor Park High Schools. They boys produced some outstanding performances and have made some excellent progress over the last few months. Their most impressive result was finishing in second place in the friendly competition which was held in the sports hall here at Eden Boys' School. The team are now looking forward to the Preston District 9-a-side cup competition which will start after February half term.

Year 7

Year 8

Our Year 8 teams have played a number of games during this term, producing a selection of fantastic results. Without doubt, their strongest and most dominant performance came against Our Lady's School where they produced a magnificent performance to win the game away from home. Mohammed Kalang produced a man of the match performance creating 2 of the goals and Sameer Gurjee scored an outstanding goal, striking the ball first time from the edge of the box into the top corner. The boys also performed extremely well at Moor Park, coming out on top in a fiercely contested game.



We have been impressed with the continued progress and development of our Year 9 team. They have also produced some excellent performances during this term, competing in a number of highly competitive games against schools within the district. The team's best result came in a very physical game against Moor Park. The boys were 1-0 winners thanks to an excellent Ibrahim Bagas strike. A special mention goes to Adil Malik who has performed consistently well in all of his games for the year 9 team. He really is developing into a very competent goalkeeper!

Year 9

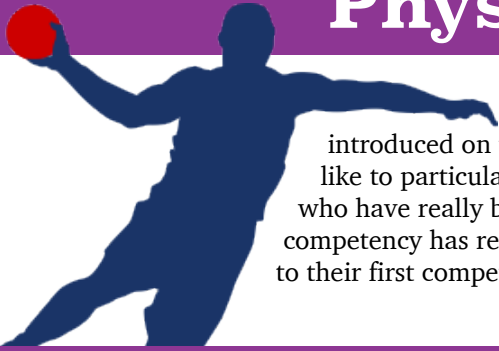
Year 10

The Year 10 team produced their most memorable result of the term in an away game at Our Lady's School. In what was a fiercely contested game, Hassan Khan was the star of the show scoring 2 outstanding individual goals. The boys eventually won the game 3-1 and thoroughly enjoyed the moment!

All of our football teams are now looking forward to the Preston Cup which starts after February half term.

We look forward to seeing many of our students representing Eden Boys' in 2019.

Physical Education



Handball is a sport that has recently been introduced on the PE curriculum at Eden Boys'. We would like to particularly mention our year 9 and 11 GCSE groups who have really bought into the game. Their knowledge, understanding and technical and tactical competency has really developed over a short period of time and the boys are now looking forward to their first competitive games for the school.

Handball

MCFC v Shakhtar Donetsk



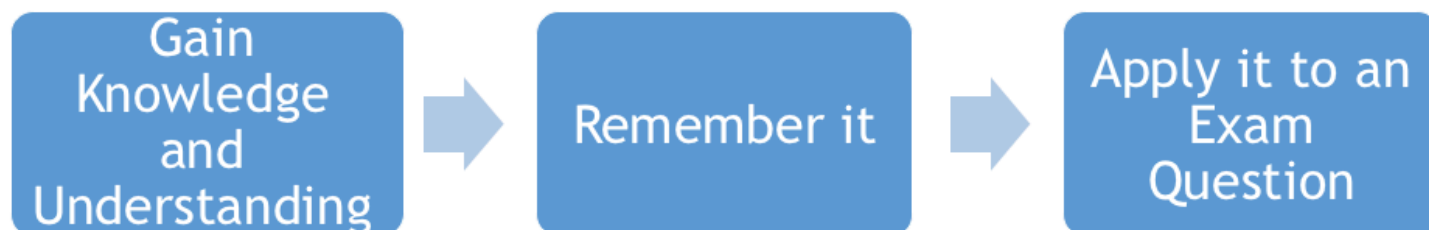
Mr Johnson, Mr Flynn and Mrs Ramsey recently took a number of our year 7 students to Manchester City's Champions' League group game against Shakhtar Donetsk. Pep and his team must have known that some of the staff and students of Eden Boys' were at the game because they put on a fantastic display of football. The boys had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of watching a Champions League game at the Etihad Stadium. City controlled the game from start to finish and won the game 6-0. Let's hope that City produce a similar performance on Wednesday 12th December when we take our next group of students to see them play against Hoffenheim.

New MUGA



At the start of this term, the MUGA was officially opened. We are extremely lucky to have a magnificent facility like this in school. It really is a fantastic surface that enables lessons to be delivered outdoors throughout the school year. The surface provides our students with the opportunity to develop their skill level and tactical knowledge within a range of sports. It is also enables us to take the students outside regardless of the weather!

As of 7th January there are 18 weeks until the first GCSE exam.



In the 26 GCSE exam sessions that you will sit in May/ June, think about all the different things you will need to remember and apply to all the different questions the examiners will ask you.

Week Beginning Monday Week Commencing	English Language & Literature	Maths	Science	History	French	Computer Science / Creative Media	Geography / PE/ Art
13th May 2019 (GCSE Exams Start)	Paper 1 (Eng Lit) on 15/05/19		Paper 1 (Biology) on 14/05/19 Paper 1 (Chemistry) on 16/05/19		Listening and Reading on 14/05/19 Writing on 17/05/19	Paper 1 (Computer Science) on 13/05/19 Paper 2 (Computer Science) on 16/05/19	Paper 1 (PE) on 15/05/19 Paper 2 (PE) on 17/05/19
20th May 2019	Paper 2 (Eng Lit) on 23/05/19	Paper 1 on 21/05/19	Paper 1 (Physics) on 22/05/18				Paper 1 (Geography) on 21/05/19
27th May 2019 (Half - term)							
*3rd June 2019	Paper 1 (Eng Lang) on 04/06/19 Paper 2 (Eng Lang) on 07/06/18	Paper 2 on 06/06/19		Paper 1 on 03/06/19 Paper 2 on 06/06/18		Creative iMedia on 3/06/19	Paper 2 (Geography) on 05/06/19
*10th June 2019		Paper 3 on 11/06/19	Paper 2 (Biology) on 07/06/19 Paper 2 (Chemistry) on 12/06/19 Paper 2 (Physics) on 14/06/19				Paper 3 (Geography) on 13/06/19

Parents' Evening

Our Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on the 17th January from 3.30-5.30. You will have the opportunity to discuss your son's mock exam results with his subject teachers as well as strengths and areas he needs to work on improving in preparation for his GCSE examinations. Please ensure your son attends with you so he can hear first-hand the feedback that his teachers provide and he can be a part of the dialogue. This will continue to strengthen the vital home school partnership in securing excellence for your son.