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Welcome back to our Top of the Term Newspaper. We hope you enjoy this issue.

It's full of amazing things to do, see and learn about.

We hope you have an amazing summer!

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Goodbye Addams Family

The Addams Family production took place on 2 and 3 July. The show was a massive hit, closing with a full house and some people even coming multiple times. After the show, we interviewed Macie Murray (who played Wednesday):

What was your favourite scene?

Happy/Sad because of how beautiful the scene and song is.

What was your favourite song?

Move Towards the Darkness because I love the music, especially at the end.

Who portrayed their character the best and why?

Our Gomez because of his acting & facial expressions.

What was the funniest mishap behind the curtains?

Accidently shooting people with my crossbow!

What was the hardest part and why?

One Normal Night because one of the notes was hard to sing.

Any advice to people wanting to start drama?

Work hard and don't give up or quit when you don't get the part you want.

What are you most looking forward to coming up?

Beauty and the Beast next year - come watch or audition!



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What's your favourite musical? Did you come to see our production?
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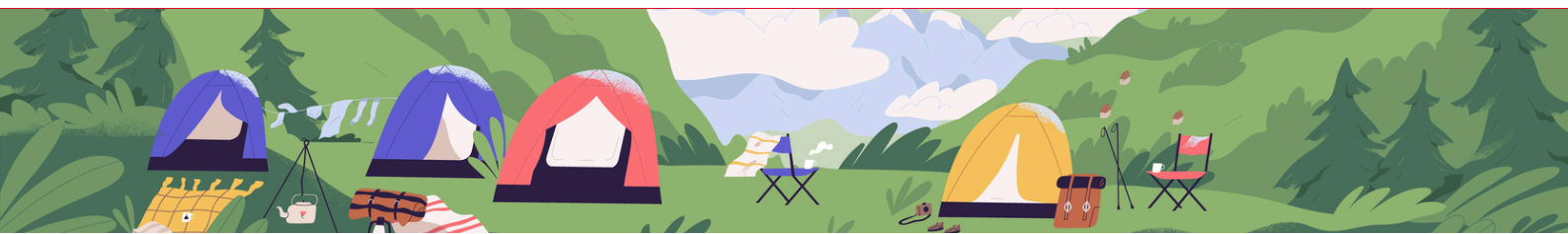
Duke Of Edinburgh Success

The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award includes: helping the community/environment, becoming fitter and healthier, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition.

Over the past few weeks, Year 10 students took part in expeditions in the Lake District from 25th - 26th June and 17th - 18th July. The expedition included walking for six hours each day and camping overnight. All students taking part had to prove to their assessors that they were able to survive in the wild by being able to show that they can do things such as put up a tent, cook their own food and use a map to guide themselves along their route.



Well done to everyone who took part for earning their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Also a big thank you to all teachers who came along.



What to do this Summer

If you want some fun activities to do over the summer this is the place for you.

First, simply go to the beach. It is so fun and you can do so much more than just sunbathe. You could play games, go in the sea and an ice cream!

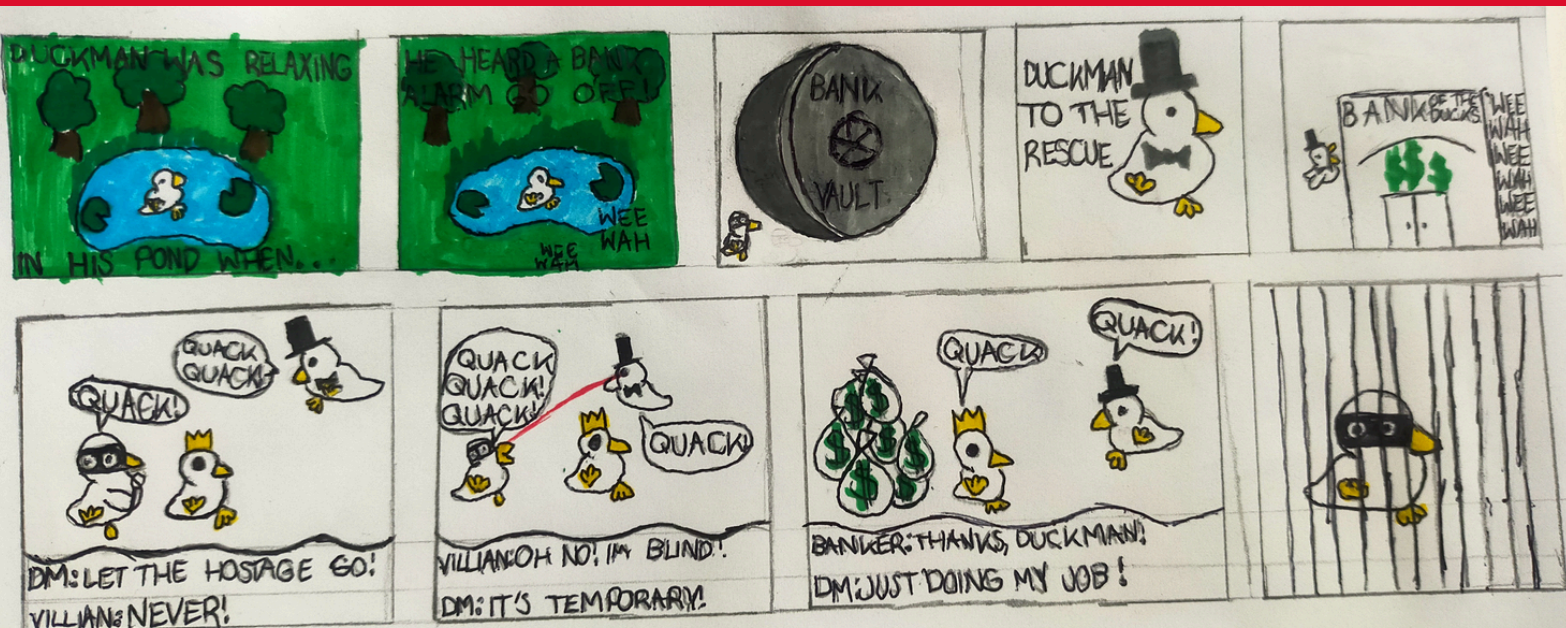
Alternatively, you could go camping. Even if camping in a field is not be your cup of tea, you could always camp in your back garden. Watch movies, get cosy and relax with home comforts nearby.

Next, why not play football with your friends. This can keep you occupied for hours and is super fun. Get your exercise and have fun in the sun.

Finally, have a pool party with a paddling pool or slip and slide. Have balloon fights, sunbathe and splash around in the pool.



Duckman: Saves the Bank



Amazing Atheris Hispida

Atheris hispida is a species of viper native to central Africa. Its name stems from the family of vipers known as bush vipers and the mating word for 'bristly'. Other common names for Atheris hispida are rough-scaled bush viper, spiny bush viper and hairy bush viper.

These interesting snakes mainly live in African countries such as the democratic republic of Congo, Uganda and Kenya. Their natural habitat is rainforests and areas with dense vegetation to provide cover whilst hunting. These snakes are arboreal meaning they spend a lot of their time in trees and shrubs.



Like all vipers, Atheris hispida is venomous and they use their venom to capture prey. They wait among vegetation until their prey is within range so they can lunge towards and bite it. During the bite, the Atheris hispida will inject venom into its prey's bloodstream through its fangs. The venom acts quickly to immobilise the prey. It contains a mix of toxins that disrupt the prey's physiological processes. It also has hemotoxic properties meaning it affects blood and tissues which can cause pain, swelling and internal bleeding. Once the prey is dead, the snake consumes it whole.

The most notable feature of the Atheris hispida is its scales. Their overall body is relatively slender and covered in unique spiny scales that stand out prominently. The colouration of these vipers can vary widely. Typically the colours range from bright green to dark olive sometimes with yellow or brown hues. Some individual snakes have patterns or markings that may help with their camouflage. Their heads are broad and distinct from the neck with a slightly pointed snout. Their eyes are large with vertical pupils which is common for nocturnal and crepuscular snakes as it helps them regulate the amount of light going into their eyes. A vivid colouration of the eyes that's in contrast with the rest of their bodies is very common in most snakes. The Atheris hispida is relatively smaller than other snakes reaching a typical length of 50-70cm.



Have you got any recommendations for our next animal feature?
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Competition Time!

Newspaper club have introduced a scavenger hunt over the holidays use the clues to find the word. If you think you've got it, use the QR code to submit your answer.

Clues:

1. What is the fifth letter in the Alphabet?
2. What letter did the Greeks adapt to the letter sigma (Σ)?
3. What letter means 1000 in Roman numerals?
4. What letter is referred to as 'littera canina'?
5. What is the fourteenth most used letter?
6. What is the fifth vowel



Winners will be announced in September
Good Luck!

**We'd like to wish everyone an
amazing summer!**