



WELCOME TO THE JLT NEWSPAPER – EDITION 1 2025/26

TERM 1 NEWS!

AN ART PIECE ARRIVES...

A NEW TERM, A NEW ART PIECE ARRIVES! DURING TERM 1, WE HAD A BRAND NEW POP ART IN THE HALLS OF THE STUDENT CENTRE. THIS ART PIECE EXPRESSES THE CREATIVENESS OF THE CASTLE SCHOOL AND THEIR ENCOURAGING TEACHERS. WITH 4 BRILLIANT STUDENTS HELPING OUT, THEY'VE MADE AMAZING PROGRESS.

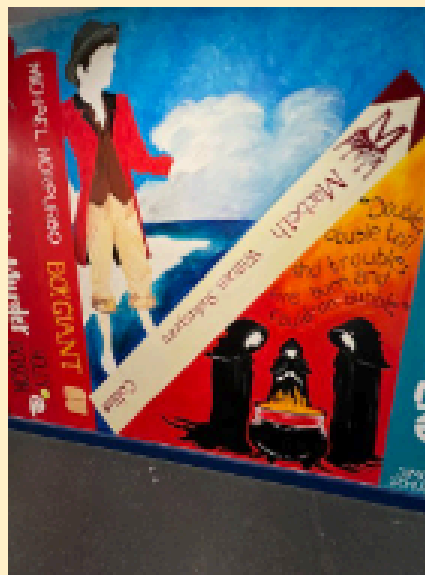
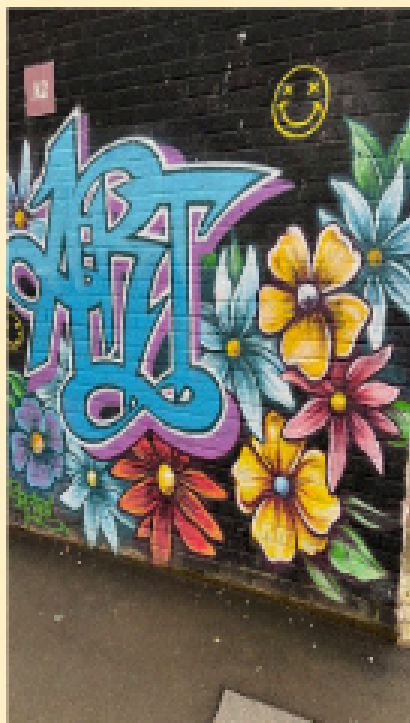
ALONG THESE 5 WEEKS OF PLANNING, SKETCHING AND PAINTING WHICH HAS RESULTED IN MAKING THE STUDENT CENTRE MORE NOTICEABLE AND EASIER TO FIND. OVERALL THIS ART PIECE PROVES TO BE USEFUL AND GOOD, A PERFECT ADDITION FOR THE FIRST TERM.

ALONG WITH THIS NEW ART THERE'S BEEN SOME OTHER PIECES IN THE WORKS, IN THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE ENGLISH AND HISTORY BUILDING. NEW WITCHY ART HAS ARISEN FROM THE IDEAS BOARD TO THE PAINT POT. PLASTERED ON THE WALLS IS A CREATIVE PAINTED SHELF OF GREAT BOOKS, OCCASIONAL WITCHES AND A CHANTING OF A FAMOUS CURSE –DOUBLE DOUBLE TOIL AND TROUBLE, FIRE BURN AND CAULDRON BUBBLE– FROM MACBETH. THIS ART REPRESENTS THE BOOKS AND LEARNING THAT

CASTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ALL GO THROUGH MACBETH BEING A POPULAR CHOICE FOR ENGLISH MAKES THE QUOTE RESURFACE MEMORIES OF LEARNING ENGLISH.

WE AS THE NEWSPAPER TEAM HAVE NOTICED THESE ART WORKS POPPING UP WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND ARE SO PROUD OF HOW MUCH ASTONISHING TALENT WE HAVE WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

HERE WE HAVE SOME EXAMPLES OF THESE MANY PIECES:



TERM 2 NEWS!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025

WELL DONE FOR EVERYONE WHO PERFORMED IN THE CONCERT IN TERM 2. THERE WERE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS THAT MADE IT AN ENJOYABLE TIME TO HEAR DIFFERENT TYPES OF MUSIC.. MUSIC TEACHER + Y11 TUTOR MR NODEN STATES, " IT WAS A WONDERFUL; OCCASION , WHERE ALL IN ATTENDANCE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED A WIDE VARIETY OF MUSICAL GENRES AND PERFORMANCES. IT WAS A LOVELY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND A WAY TO BRING 2025 TO A CLOSE ."

DRAMA SHOW 2025

DANNY INTERVIEWED MRS HALL WHO TOLD US, "LAST CHRISTMAS STUDENTS OF YEAR 7, 8, 9 CREATED A SERIES OF PRODUCTIONS. SHE SAID: "FROM A WW2 EVACUEE STORY TO AN IMAGINATIVE SHOW EXPLORING CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS. THE TALENTED CAST SHOWED GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND HUGE DEDICATION SPENDING AN HOUR AFTER SCHOOL EVERY WEEK! ALL THIS

EFFORT CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE A BRILLIANT COLLECTION OF PERFORMANCES." THIS SHOWED GREAT PROOF OF THE TALENT AND SKILL OF THE YOUNG ACTORS."

TERM 3 NEWS!

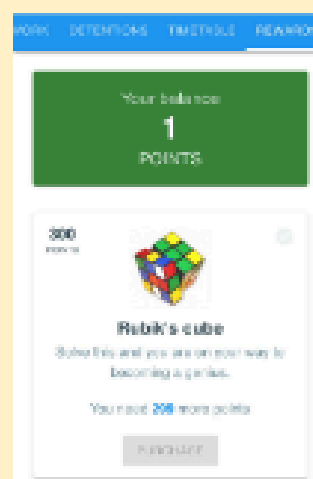
IF YOU HAVE CHECKED YOUR CLASSCHARTS RECENTLY, YOU WOULD HAVE NOTICED A NEW SECTION CALLED "REWARDS". THIS SECTION IS A NEW ADDITION TO OUR SCHOOL'S CLASSCHARTS! AS A STUDENT, MANY PEOPLE WANT TO HAVE AS MANY POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENT POINTS AS POSSIBLE. GOOD WORK IS PRAISED AND REWARDED, OF COURSE PEOPLE LIKE THAT AND THIS NEW ADDITION TO OUR REWARDS WILL MAKE YOUR GOOD WORK EVEN MORE REWARDING THAN IT ALREADY IS!

WITH EVERY POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENT POINT YOU EARN, THIS WILL ADD TO YOUR REWARD POINTS AS SPENDABLE POINTS! USING YOUR REWARD POINTS, YOU CAN BUY DIFFERENT REWARDS, SUCH AS CHOCOLATES, SWEETS, STATIONARY, FIDGETS AND MANY OTHER GOOD THINGS. IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY ROUND UP ALL YOUR POSITIVE POINTS AND ADD THAT TO YOUR REWARD POINTS. EG 123 POSITIVE POINTS IS EQUAL TO 123 REWARD POINTS.

THIS SECTION IS STILL IN TESTING AND EXPERIMENTING SO IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHY YOUR ACHIEVEMENT POINTS AREN'T MATCHING WITH YOUR REWARD POINTS RIGHT NOW, IT WILL SOON!

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT LOSING YOUR SPENDABLE POINTS THROUGH YOUR NEGATIVE POINTS, DO NOT WORRY! YOUR NEGATIVE ACHIEVEMENT POINTS WILL NOT IMPACT YOUR REWARD POINTS WHATSOEVER. EVEN IF YOU HAVE 20 OR MORE NEGATIVE ACHIEVEMENT POINTS, IT WILL ONLY COUNT YOUR POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENT POINTS. DO NOT WORRY ABOUT BAD DAYS OR MISTAKES THAT WILL LEAD TO RTL'S OR RED CARDS, EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES SOMETIMES!

WHEN YOU LOG ON TO CLASS CHARTS THIS IS WHAT YOUR REWARDS SHOP WILL MOST LIKELY LOOK LIKE. (BALANCE MAY DIFFER)



UPDATES WILL COME ROUND SOON AND THERE WILL SOON BE MORE REWARDS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET. PLEASE STAY INFORMED WITH YOUR CLASSCHARTS FOR ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES!

HEAD STUDENT INTERVIEWS

WE HAVE INTERVIEWED THE HEAD STUDENTS, TOMMIE AND ZUZANNA, ABOUT BEING HEAD STUDENTS:

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A NEW HEAD STUDENT?

"PEOPLE THINK ITS EASY OR HARD BUT I THINK ITS NOT REALLY EITHER ITS IN THE MIDDLE" -TOMMIE

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A HEAD STUDENT HERE AT CASTLE

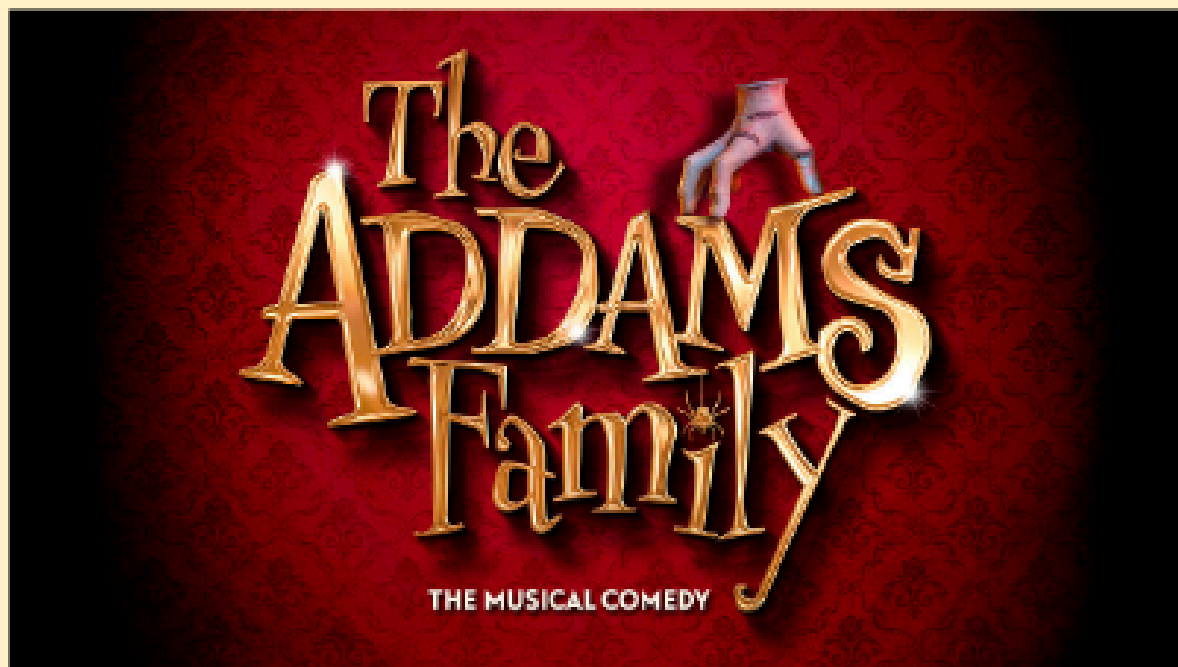
"IF YOU ARE A HEAD STUDENT YOU GET TO MISS A LOT OF LESSONS TO GO AND HELP ELDERLY PEOPLE OR GO TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND MANY MORE REASONS " -ZUZANNA

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BE A HEAD STUDENT ?

BEING IN CHARGE IS QUITE A LARGE REASON BUT ALSO IF YOU ARE A HEAD STUDENT THAT MEANS THAT MANY STUDENTS WOULD RATHER TALK TO YOU INSTEAD OF TEACHERS WHO THEY MIGHT NOT BE AS COMFORTABLE WITH

WHAT ROLES COME WITH BEING A HEAD STUDENT?

YOU GET TO DO A LOT OF ASSEMBLIES AND YOU DO A LOT OF CHARITY WORK . YOU ALSO HELP THE ELDERLY AND BRING THEM FOOD.



THE ADAMS FAMILY MUSICAL
(WRITTEN BY DANNY, OLLIE AND MIKE)

TO FOLLOW UP THE SUCCESS OF THE CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS THE DRAMA, DANCE AND MUSIC DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING ON AN EVEN BIGGER PERFORMANCE! THE ADDAMS FAMILY! THE MUSICAL WILL INCLUDE THE ENTIRETY OF THE SCHOOL STARRING MANY TALENTED STUDENTS. AUDITIONS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING OVER THE PAST WEEK (19/01/26). THERE IS A LOT OF EXCITEMENT SURROUNDING THIS MUSICAL AS IT'S THE FIRST ONE SINCE COVID-19, THAT'S 7 YEARS! MRS HALL IS ALSO VERY EXCITED AS WHEN SHE HAD THE MEETING WITH THE HEAD TEACHER, MRS LOBBETT REVEALED THAT SHE IS SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY TO ACCOMPLISH THE DREAM CC WHICH IS THIS MUSICAL. SHE'S SPENDING MONEY ON MUSIC, LICENCES, EVEN SETS! AFTER A RECENT INTERVIEW MS. LOBBETT REVEALED AN ESTIMATE ON HOW MUCH SHE IS TRULY SPENDING ON THE PRODUCTION, SHE ESTIMATES AROUND "£3000" THIS GENUINELY IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE TAKING PART AND A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING FOR THE TEACHERS ORGANISING IT. KEEP A CLOSE EYE OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!

SEE BELOW FOR CAST LIST:

<u>ROLES</u>	<u>CAST A</u>	<u>CAST B</u>
WEDNESDAY	POPPY (Y10)	URANIA (Y12)

<u>ROLES</u>	<u>CAST A</u>	<u>CAST B</u>
LUCAS	ATHARVA (Y10)	OLLIE (Y11)
MORTICIA	ISABELLE (Y12)	JESS (Y12)
GOMEZ	NICK (Y12)	ALEX (Y11)
PUGSLEY	DOUGGIE (Y8)	ISLA (Y9)
GRANDMA	IMOGEN (Y8)	VALERIA (Y8)
MAL	OLIVER (Y12)	TOMMIE (Y11)
ALICE	MAYA (Y12)	EMILIA (Y9)
FESTER	EMMA (Y8)	MICHAEL (Y11)
LURCH	FABIAN (Y12)	KANYE (Y9)

TUTOR GROUP ACHIEVEMENT POINT TRACKER...

Achievement Point Tracker	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
Year 7	2932	4877	4244	4278	5590	4389	5414	3532	BLANK
Year 8	3157	2447	2938	3750	3674	2334	3727	3820	3495
Year 9	2843	2195	4420	1931	4530	2880	3383	4419	BLANK
Year 10	3320	3031	2907	2843	2347	3363	2756	2732	BLANK
Year 11	2215	1837	2001	2352	1807	3220	2604	2181	2438

BOOKS

BOOK OF THE TERM- A GOOD GIRLS GUIDE TO MURDER

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ANDIE BELL GETS MURDERED OUT OF THE BLUE AND HER BOYFRIEND, SAL SINGH, ADMITS TO THE MURDER AND TAKES HIS LIFE. 5 YEARS LATER, PIPPA FITZ-AMOBİ REOPENS THE CLOSED MURDER CASE FOR A FINAL SCHOOL PROJECT, SUSPECTING THE POLICE ARE WRONG, CLAIMING THAT SHE KNOWS SAL NEVER MURDERED ANDIE AND THAT SAL IS INNOCENT. WITH SAL'S YOUNGER BROTHER RAVI, SHE UNCOVERS THE TRUTH AT THE COST OF FINDING OUT DARK SECRETS AND RISKING HER VERY OWN LIFE.

(ALSO AVAILABLE ON NETFLIX AS 15+ SO NOT SUITABLE FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS)

INTERESTING FACTS – SCHOOL HISTORY

IN 1862, HANDEL COSSHAM, A LOCAL PREACHER, BUILT THE ORIGINAL VILLAGE SCHOOL, A BRITISH SCHOOL, AT GILLINGSTOOL, IN THORNBURY. SOME YEARS LATER, BECAUSE OF OVERCROWDING, A NEW INFANT SCHOOL BUILDING WAS ADDED ADJACENT TO THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL. IN 1952 THE SCHOOL WAS SEPARATED INTO INFANTS, JUNIORS AND SENIORS AND THE LATTER FORMED THE THORNBURY COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL. PRIOR TO THIS IT WAS AN 'ALL-AGE' SCHOOL TAKING PUPILS UP TO AGE THIRTEEN, KNOWN AS THORNBURY COUNCIL SCHOOL.

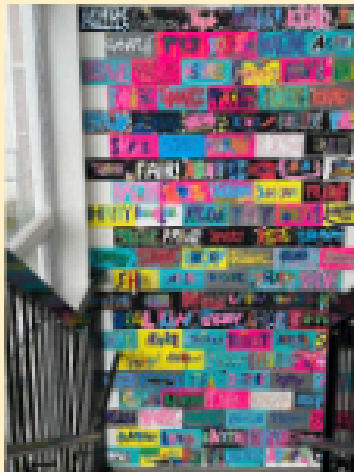
IN 1962, DURING THE HEADSHIP OF MR CLIFF J. MARTIN, PLANS WERE DRAWN UP FOR A NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE THE EXPANDING SECONDARY SCHOOL. BUILDING WORK STARTED THE FOLLOWING YEAR ON PARK ROAD, THE SITE USED AS THE SCHOOL'S PLAYING FIELD. IN 1965, THE BUILDING WAS OPENED UNDER THE NEW NAME OF THE CASTLE SCHOOL, WHICH REFLECTED THE SCHOOL'S NEW POSITION ADJACENT TO THORNBURY CASTLE, WHILST KEEPING THE SAME INITIALS (TCS). THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE IN 1966, ATTENDED BY THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT, CHANCELLOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL AT THE TIME.

THE COUNTY INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS AT GILLINGSTOOL LATER FORMED THE LEAZE SCHOOL, WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AS GILLINGSTOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL BECAME A COMPREHENSIVE IN 1972, THE SAME YEAR THAT THORNBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL MOVED FROM ITS SITE ON GLOUCESTER ROAD TO NEW BUILDINGS IN ALVESTON (ALSO BECOMING A COMPREHENSIVE WITH THE NEW NAME OF MARLWOOD SCHOOL). THE CASTLE SCHOOL TOOK OVER THE GLOUCESTER ROAD BUILDINGS WHICH WAS ITS SIXTH-FORM UNTIL RECENTLY WHERE THE SIXTH FORM HAS

BEEN CLOSED DOWN AND MOVED INTO THE SCHOOL WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AS THE POST 16 CENTRE OPPOSITE THE STUDENT CENTRE.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS ART AROUND OUR SCHOOL? IT IS AMAZING!



ANNA'S (DEPUTY HEAD STUDENT, LEADER OF ANTI-BULLYING) INTERVIEW

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING A DEPUTY HEAD STUDENT?

I LIKE THE RESPONSIBILITY, I FEEL I CAN MAKE A CHANGE ESPECIALLY WITH MY SUB GROUP. I FEEL LIKE SLT LISTENS TO ME AND MY SUBGROUP.

WOULD YOU CHANGE YOUR SUB-GROUP?

I LOVE MY ANTIBULLYING GROUP, I WOULD NOT CHANGE IT.

WHAT ARE YOU AND YOUR SUB-GROUP FOCUSING ON?

WE ARE FOCUSING ON A LEAFLET ON WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN YOU ARE BEING BULLIED. I THINK EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL SHOULD SEE IT AND READ IT.

WE HOPE YOU LIKED OUR FIRST NEWS. WE WORKED VERY HARD ON IT. WE WILL BE MAKING ANOTHER ONE SOON. MATYLD A S, DANNY G, HYWEL H, TOBY M, LAYLA B, KATYA H AND JAMES S, ORCHESTRATED BY OLLIE PHILLIPS AND MICHAEL MOVILA - THE PREFECTS

THE CASTLE BANKSY!

AT CASTLE SCHOOL WE HAVE OUR VERY OWN BANKSY! HERE IS THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THEIR AMAZING WORK.....

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS AMAZING ARTIST IS?!



COMING SOON !!!!!

- THE FACULTY FEUD!
- THE POSSIBLE NEW ARRIVAL OF A NEW SET OF EQUIPMENT
- EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN THE MEDIA !!!!!!!!!