



# LA MARE DE CARTERET HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

## December 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

So, we come to the end of our first term and move towards the end of 2021. This term started with great optimism of our gradual emergence from the Global Pandemic. However, as the term progressed and case numbers remained high, the challenge of keeping the school running smoothly has, at times, been almost overwhelming.

I cannot underestimate how grateful I am to staff for their perseverance, resilience and flexibility and to students for their cooperation and good-natured support. Of course, we could not have made it to the end of term without the fantastic support we get from yourselves at home. Whether that be through reinforcing important school messages (including mask wearing and safety) or sending positive feedback to keep us motivated, it is very much appreciated.

This year has been another difficult one but, through it all, our staff and young people continue to go over and above and never cease to impress.

I wish everyone a healthy, happy Christmas and a well-deserved rest. May we all stay safe and I look forward to see you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,  
**Mrs. V. Tomlin,**  
Principal.

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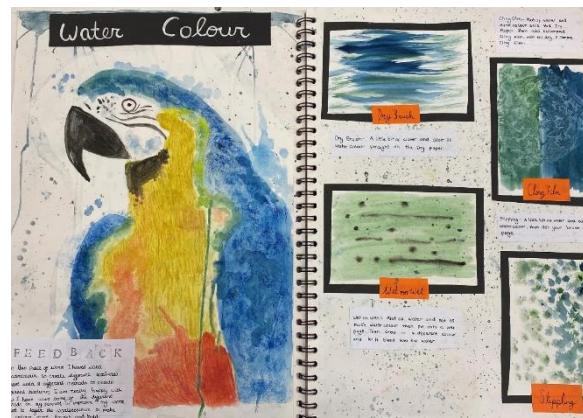
### Art and Technology

#### ART

Year 7 have been learning about colour this half term and been creating some beautiful colour wheels in watercolour. Year 8 have been practicing self-portraits in different materials and have been very successful in portraying mood using oil pastel.

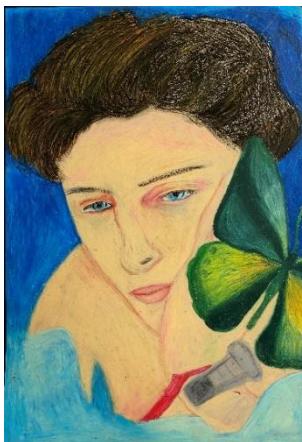
We have been overwhelmed with the quality of work being produced by year 9; while looking at the qualities of using biro to show shape and form they have surpassed themselves this half term.

Year 10 have made a great start to their GCSE by learning new skills and developing their coursework with some beautiful sketchbook work.

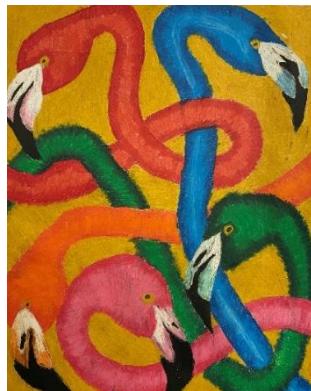


K Norman

Year 11 showed resilience and independence when preparing and taking part in their mock exam. The results speak for themselves:



D Bygrave



J Peach



C Markwick

## DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY

It's been a busy term down in the Technology Department with students once again showing great enthusiasm and producing some fantastic things to take home.

Year 7 have been working hard in the workshop and learning new skills with wood working, they have designed and made some pencil boxes using lap joints, some money boxes using finger joints and even some reindeers just for fun!



D Jamieson



K Goubert



W Coleman

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Year 8 have made some cool clocks and some beautiful tea light holders for Christmas.



L Savident



Year 9 have also been working hard, learning computer aided design and google SketchUp and designing and making passive phone amplifiers inspired by the Memphis design movement.



Year 10 have started GCSE coursework and were honing their woodworking skills by creating a box using 5 different types of wood joint! including dovetails, housing joints, finger joints, lap joints and dowel joints.



L Wright

And once again Year 11 continued with their GCSE portfolios producing exiting and innovative storage solutions.

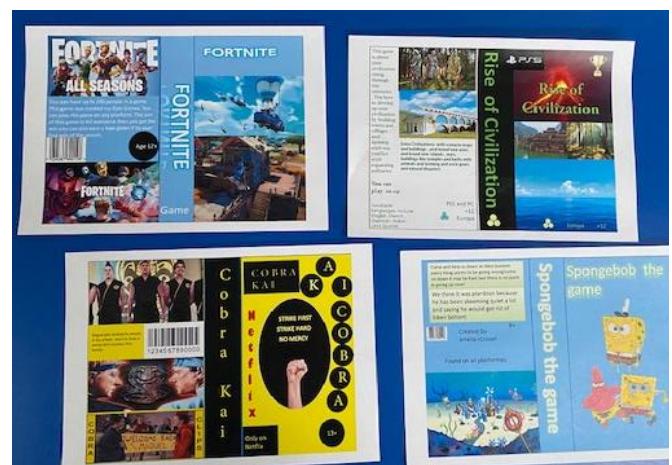


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## GRAPHICS

Year 7 have had a fantastic introduction to Graphics this year learning basic technical skills, along with layouts and grid formats. This has allowed them to manipulate images and text to produce their own Video game or DVD covers.

Clockwise: L. Robins, T. Mason, A. Roussel, N. Nueva



Year 8 have been developing their foundations of graphic communications with a focus on branding and logo development. This logo has then been applied onto a net to enable students the chance to produce a prototype juice carton.

E Vidamour



Year 9 are at the stage where they have been able to apply all the skills they have learnt through Years 7 and 8 to create the branding and promotional items for a festival of their choice. This has helped them comprehend the value of branding, product placement and target markets.

E. Jameson

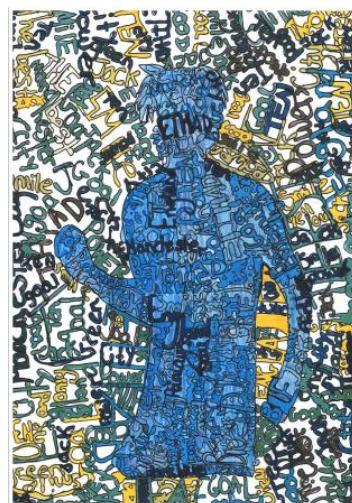


Years 10 and 11 have been developing their final portfolio works. Year 10 are currently developing Typographic Portraits; while Year 11 have been working on a range of stamp designs and promotional stamp packs for Guernsey Post.

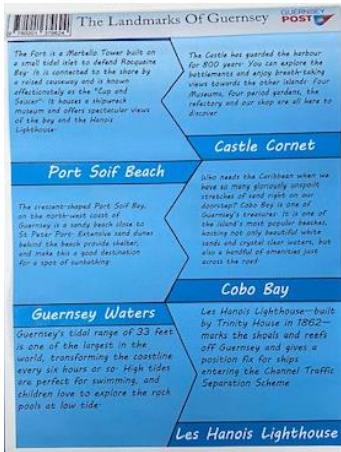
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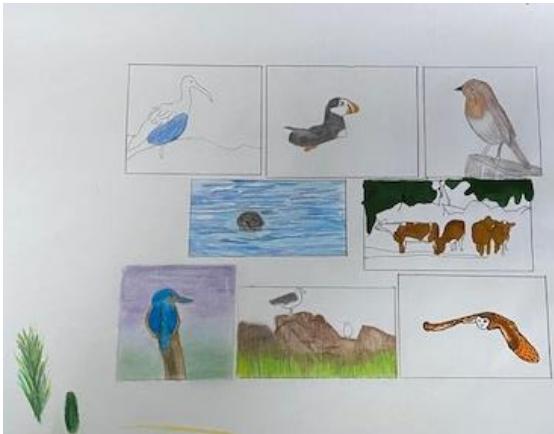
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## Whole School Fencing Competition

This term we had our first whole school fencing competition. 29 students entered and were grouped into pools. Students then fenced against each person in their pool to establish a ranking before moving on to the direct elimination stage. It was great to see the amount of fun that students had and their willingness to try a sport that for many they had never done before, a great reflection on La Mare students. The elimination matches saw some fantastic and very close fights, especially as we approached the quarter finals. The semi-finals and finals were held on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December with Archie C taking on Molly B and Erick G facing Lexie Le P. Both semi-finals were close and showed the fencers getting better as they gained more experience. Erick and Molly then faced off in the final with Erick getting off to a great start and taking the lead. Molly fought her way back and eventually won the match 15-13. Well done Molly, the first epee fencing champion of the school in a while!

Staff V Student Fencing made a triumphant return on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, as a team of 5 staff took on the challenge from 5 students. Team fencing uses a relay scoring system so the scores are built up by each team as the go. Staff were once again victorious beating the student team 25-23. The students fenced really well and are getting better and better. Staff are going to have to up their game in the future if they want to keep winning. Well done to all who took part or came along to support! [Mr. Woodward]

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## Maths Department

### KS3

A very well done to our Year 7's who have just completed their first full term with us. It has been so pleasing to see them finish the term with big beaming smiles. You've been amazing and you have certainly impressed your maths teachers. You have been resilient, hard-working and your attitude to learning is superb. We can't wait to see you all again in 2022!

### KS4

Year 11 Mock Exams are coming up in the Spring term. We recommended Mathswatch and Corbettmaths for revision. Other online resources include Mathsgenie and Dr Frost. Revision guides are also available in the school office; workbooks and revision guides priced at £3.50 each.

Thank you to all students who took part in the fortnightly puzzle. We are still in the process of collecting the correct entries which will be entered into a draw next term for some cool prizes.

We hope you've enjoyed the parent workshops we offered this term. Thank you very much to the parents who were able to attend. A big THANK YOU to the parents who took part in our first online parent workshop delivered by Miss. Broomfield. We are planning to deliver more online and in-class workshops next term. A date for your diaries: first Maths Workshop is on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Preparing for Mid Term and Mock Exams.

A massive well done to the following students who are our Numeracy Ninja Grand Masters. They have all averaged 30 out of 30 in our weekly Numeracy Ninja task, not an easy achievement. A coveted Grand Master badge awaits you when you return in January!!

Year 10 - J Allsopp, D Larkin, A le Page, J Martin, L Mayor, K Raybould, J Whitwam and I Luff.  
Year 9 - R Bamford, T Brehaut, A De La Rue, D Krecisz, M Lawrence, T Merrien, K Morton, E O'Reilly, K Simmons, B Bachelet, B Dodd, S Greenhalf, J Guest, Z Langlois, Z Loeser, J Mahe, T Ogier and D Pike.

Year 8 - J Allsopp, G Jones, A Roberts, A Davison, R-L Enticott and J Hodgson.

Year 7 – M Naftel

The Maths Department would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderfully happy holiday! See you all in January 2022.  
[Ms. Hewitt]

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### La Mare Music Department Festive Christmas

Check out our Christmas Choir and Band:

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### Diary Dates 2022

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term begins for Students, 8.30 a.m.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Parents' Evening, 6-8 p.m.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 Parents' Evening, 6-8 p.m.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Options Evening, 6-8 p.m.
w/b Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-Year Exams KS3, all week
21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term
28 <sup>th</sup> February to 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Term ends
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins for Students, 8.30 a.m.

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### Additional letter attachments:

#### Literacy Newsletter

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*Wishing you all a happy, safe and festive Christmas*



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