

Weaving memories with Year 12 artists

Year 12 Art students have been working with artist and educator Niamh Rooney this week in their Art lessons as part of a project for the Royal British Legion's Armistice Day. Niamh is working with us in the Art and Design department this term drawing on her own work as an artist, exploring themes such as ritual and memory through performance and sound.

The theme set by the Royal British Legion this year is 'The Navy' so our students have started to respond by exploring the work of artist Cecilia Vicuna who is currently exhibiting her work 'Brain Forest Quipu' at the Turbine Hall in the Tate Gallery.

Like Vicuna, our students are creating an installation designed to weave together memories and reflections through the process of tying nautical knots, knitting and threading. The work will be finally displayed at St Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds later in November.

We would therefore like to appeal for your help as we need threads, twine and rope of neutral colours with the aim of getting as many people in the school as possible to contribute to the sculpture.

If you have any left-over materials and threads which we can use to create the work please do send them into school marked for the attention of the Art Dept. Thank you for your support and interest in this exciting new project.



Ms Chacksfield

Exeter University visit St Benedict's



On Wednesday two academics from Exeter University visited the Year 13 Government and Politics class to trial brand new educational material with our students. The research project focused upon the previously classified communications between Tony Blair and George W Bush from 2003, just prior to the Iraq War. The students worked in groups to analyse the letters from Blair to Bush and then completed a role play activity, acting as right wing and left wing journalists, Blair, Bush and their advisors. The researchers were delighted were that every single student in the class contributed something valuable to the study, commenting upon their insightful questions and excellent feedback which will help to develop the resources further; particular credit went to Krzysztof Mikulski and Alex Wass for fantastic questioning and Tony Blair and Alistair Campbell, aka Izzy Oppenshaw and Nancy King for their detailed preparation prior to the role play. After this initial trial, the feedback given by our students will help the university to hone the resources further before being rolled out to schools in Bristol.

Mrs Titcombe

Italian Conversation Club

Please come and join us at Italian Conversation Club, on Monday lunchtimes 1pm with Mr Oliviera . Anyone is welcome and students who have been attending for the last couple of sessions are starting to speak Italian some basic Italian.

Mr Oliviera

Non Uniform Days

Friday 21 October donations for Cafod and Caritas
 Friday 2 December - St Nicholas Hospice
 Friday 9 December—Catholic Children's Society
 Friday 16 December—Marys Meals

6th Form Open Evening

Tuesday 18 October

6.30 – 8.00pm