

Darrick Wood School

Curriculum Showcase

October 2023

We'd like to share, with you, a small selection of the wonderful work that students at Darrick Wood School have completed this half term. Open Evening this year was a resounding success, and students who represented the school, both on the evening and through display of their work, were complimented by our visitors for their fantastic approach to school life

These photos are taken from the work on display during the Open Evening. This is just a snapshot of the work that students have completed this half term, and we know that students have completed wonderful work across the school throughout this half term. We are already looking forward to compiling our next Curriculum Showcase for November and December 2023!

Mr Eynon



The Art Department have been blown away by the quality of work and creativity from our students this Term. Well done everyone!

Year 7

Year 7 have been very busy learning about the formal elements in Art, focused on the theme of Natural Forms. They have explored tone, mark-making, colour-theory, printing, texture and Abstraction. They have done this with enthusiasm and effort. We look forward to exploring Natural Forms, using clay and wire next term!

Year 8

This term Year 8 have been researching masks from different parts of the world and finding out why they are worn. Year 8 have investigated ways that masks have influenced twentieth Century Artist and Designers. Year 8 students have designed and made a mask out of clay, inspired by the art of **Japanese Noh Masks**. We look forward to painting their masks after Half-Term, using colour to emphasise the emotion and expression.

Year 9

Year 9 have been inspired by nostalgia, linked to sweet treats. Students have been working like GCSE candidates, by researching the work of other artists and using their gained knowledge to inspire their work and creativity. Year 9 have explored a range of materials and worked in both 2D and 3D this Term. They have also been thinking like Graphic Designers, exploring the use of typography and imagery linked to their identity and target market. We look forward to realising their design ideas next Term, by creating their 3D large-scale sweet treat.



Here is some wonderful work from Textiles. The A-level work shown (first image) reflects two students' personal investigations. The first topic explored is entitled the 'Notification of magnification'. The second topic explored is entitled 'Nature and architecture'. The work demonstrates research, sampling, designs, and final outcomes. GCSE work shown (second image) reflects outcomes based on the theme of 'the sea'.



Here we have some wonderful work from the English Department.

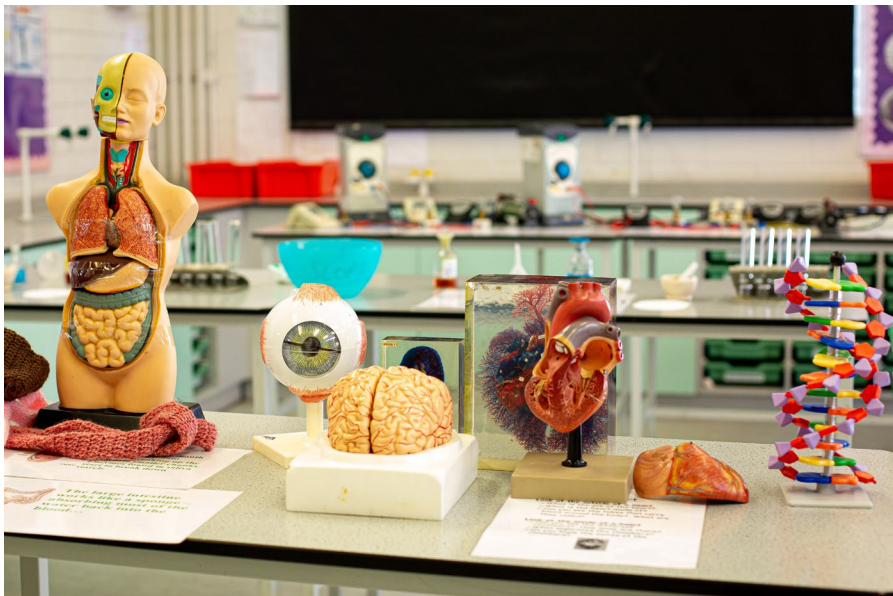
Picture 1 shows a selection of recommended reads for Year 7. Pupils are encouraged to have a reading book with them at all times and to keep a weekly reading log as part of their English homework. DWS, through the Book Trust, also gives all pupils in Year 7 their choice of a free book from the Bookbuzz list which is updated each year.

Picture 2 is from a project of work based on Fantastic Beasts where pupils created their own mythical beasts. In Year 7 pupils also have the opportunity to interact creatively with ideas from the texts they study. Here pupils were responding to Fantastic Beasts by JK Rowling by creating their own fantastic beasts on 'aged' paper. Pupils might also create their own story worlds, story boards or visual representations of texts studied in class.



Picture 3, from English, shows a selection of the wide variety of texts studied in KS3 English from classics like *The Odyssey* and *Beowulf* to contemporary texts like *Al Capone Does My Shirts* and *The Giver*. Can you spot the Shakespeare quotations? Year 7 will study *Julius Caesar* this academic year.

Picture 4 is a selection of games which are not only great fun and but can also help with thinking and being creative in English. For example, in class English teachers might use images or story dice or other prompts to stimulate writing. These games are also great at home for families who might enjoy supporting their child with games designed to broaden vocabulary and create compelling narratives.



Students have done some wonderful work in Science already this half term.

The first photo shows a selection of models that help pupils visualise some of the key topics and concepts covered in Biology such as The Cardiovascular System, The Nervous System and DNA Replication.

In the second photo, we can see where Year 7 Biology pupils make onion slides in order to view the structure of plant cells.



In Geography this half term, we've explored many interesting topics, including the Birth of the Earth in Year 7. In this photo, you can see some of the wonderful comic strips that were drawn by Year 7 pupils to help explain how life on Earth began, leading us to life on Earth as we know it today.



Students in DT, this half term, have worked on many practical elements of their work across all year groups. Here we can see a selection of Y11 practical and theoretical work, accompanied by the work produced from the Year 8 sweet dispenser project.