

# Corsham Catch-up

As an extraordinary year draws to a close it is important to reflect on all the brilliant work and activities our young people have been involved in during the final term of the year. Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and a well-earned break. Well done everyone and take care.



## Year 7 House Football



Fantastic to see so many Year 7 students competing in the House Sports Cup Football tournament. Each House group nominated a captain who was responsible for ensuring a team was put together and then running substitutions during the match.

Captains were meticulous in ensuring maximum game time for all students competing. Each match was competitive and the enjoyment by all was clear to see.

The PE dept would like to thank all of year 7 for competing and showing such high standards of etiquette, well done all.

## Corsham Careers Update

Our Careers Programme has been delivered in full swing this term, with a variety of activities taking place across the school utilizing technology to bring opportunities and employers to students virtually wherever possible.

### Y9 STEM project in partnership with Siemens

All Y9 Students took part in a Siemens STEM activity looking at engineering and entering a competition solving a train signalling problem. We were delighted that the following students received some amazing prizes from Siemens for their entries:

- First Prize (winning a starter Electronics kit) = Amber Hudd
- Second Prize (winning £20 Amazon gift voucher) = Maddie McCaffrey
- Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (winning baseball caps) = Maddy Punter and Tamsin Mundy

We thank Mr Brown, the Science team and Siemens for the opportunity to learn more about careers in engineering and bring these to life for students.

### Y11 Futures Fortnight and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Taster sessions

All Y11 students had the opportunity to learn more about their post-16 options at the end of Year 11 during tutor time this term and also get a taste of 6<sup>th</sup> Form through the Taster Day on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. During the rest of this term, students have had the opportunity to have a careers interview with our careers adviser, and will be supported to make an application to Corsham 6<sup>th</sup> or local colleges, sixth forms and apprenticeships.

### Corsham 6<sup>th</sup> Virtual University and Careers Fair

Year 12 and Year 13 took part in a Virtual careers fair to explore pathways into university and beyond and 'meet' employers from a range of sectors through our off-timetable virtual careers fair on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Our Year 13 Oxbridge, Medicine and Degree apprenticeship candidates took part in virtual practice interviews with a range of university recruitment advisers and local employers, gaining the chance to experience what is like to be interviewed virtually for the first time! We hope to offer additional interviews to students in the new year - watch this space!

### How can I help my child make career decisions?

Further information about how you can support your child to make decisions about their future career can be found on the [Careers pages](#) on the Corsham School website, or by visiting the CareerPilot [ParentZone](#). Students can also access CareerPilot using this link: [www.careerspilot.org.uk](http://www.careerspilot.org.uk)

Up-to-date information about work experience opportunities, university and apprenticeship open days and events can also be found on the Careers pages of the school website or by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions about the options processes, would like further information or wish to discuss your child's future career pathway, please contact our Careers Adviser Claire Smith at [careers@corsham.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:careers@corsham.wilts.sch.uk).

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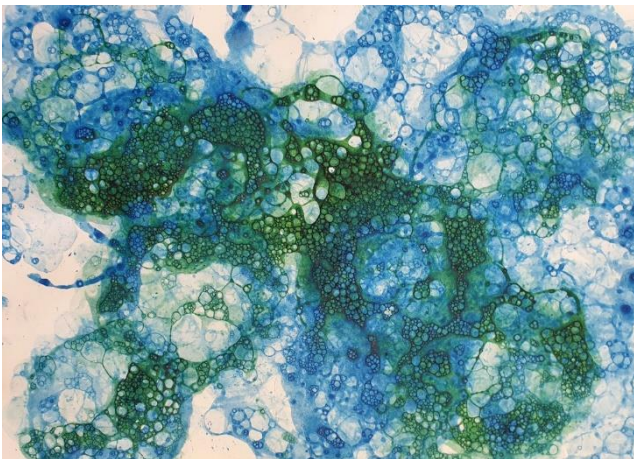
## Virtual Christmas Concert 2020

We have reached the end of another busy term and the preparations for our annual Christmas concert have been somewhat different this time around. I am grateful that our wonderful musicians were happy to get involved with another virtual concert and I'm so pleased that several year 7 students have taken part in their first concert at secondary school!

I need to thank Mr Lusted for editing all of the sound files and also Ms Sloan and the Art & Photography departments who have provided pictures of student work to be part of a slideshow on screen during the audio recordings.

You can watch the concert at this link: [https://youtu.be/Jy00\\_7XjDvI](https://youtu.be/Jy00_7XjDvI) We hope it brings you some festive cheer and wish you a restful Christmas break.

Mrs Chiles





## Year 7 Book Swap

For the past 3 years TCS has hosted a book swap at the end of the first term for Y7 students.

We were thrilled that despite current restrictions the activity was still able to go ahead for this year's cohort too.

Ms Burn dressed the library up with lights and our Christmas 'Book' Tree providing a great atmosphere for when the students came up to the library in their last library lesson of term. The students had great fun making the tag for their gifted book, not to mention choosing their new book!

We continue to celebrate reading for pleasure in their fortnightly Library lessons, and look forward to learning more about the books they've read over the holidays during their first library lesson in 2021!

Miss Vogwell



## Student Poetry Competition Winners

Thank you to all who entered and congratulations to the winners!

Y7 - Jolie & Harry O  
Y8 - Eleni  
Y9 - Gaige  
Y10 - Charlotte D  
Y11 - David

## Student Wellbeing

Our student wellbeing page has a new section called Mental Health apps and websites which students and parents may find helpful to look at:

<https://www.corsham.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=Student+wellbeing&pid=42>



## Year 7 Reverse Advent Calendar

As part of "say / do something nice to make someone's day" Year 7 have been donating to their Tutor Group Reverse Advent Calendars.

Normally with an advent calendar student open a door each day and, if they are lucky, will take a little chocolate or something else small. With a Reverse Advent Calendar the students have been putting donations for Corsham Food Bank into the calendar.

Students have been amazingly generous and donated essential long-lasting items such as tins and jars, packets and bottles; they have also thought about others less fortunate than themselves, especially in current times and donated selection boxes, boxes of chocolates and lots of other festive goodies.

Year 7 Champions, 2 students from each Year 7 tutor group, carried all items to a very grateful Corsham Food Bank.

Miss Fairbairn, Head of Year 7, is extremely proud of all the students who continue to "say/do something nice to make someone's day".



## Christmas Card Competition

The winner of the Christmas card competition is Will in year 7. Well done!

Thank you to all who entered!

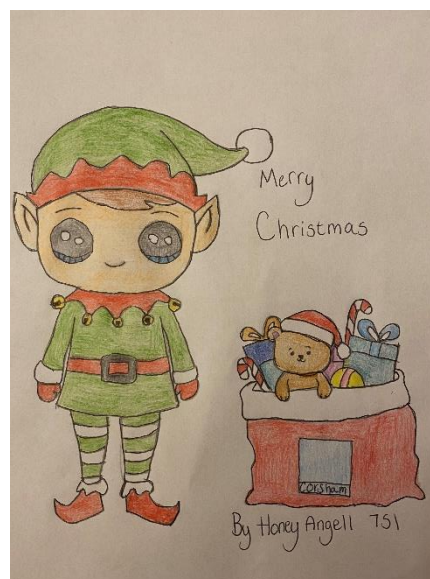




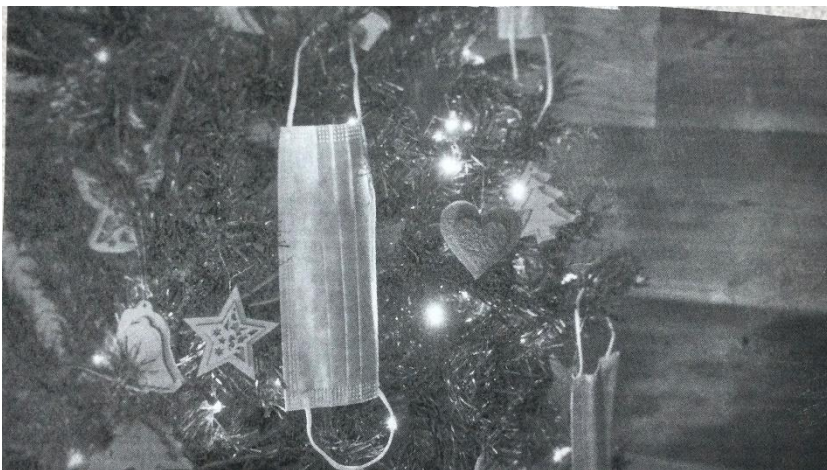
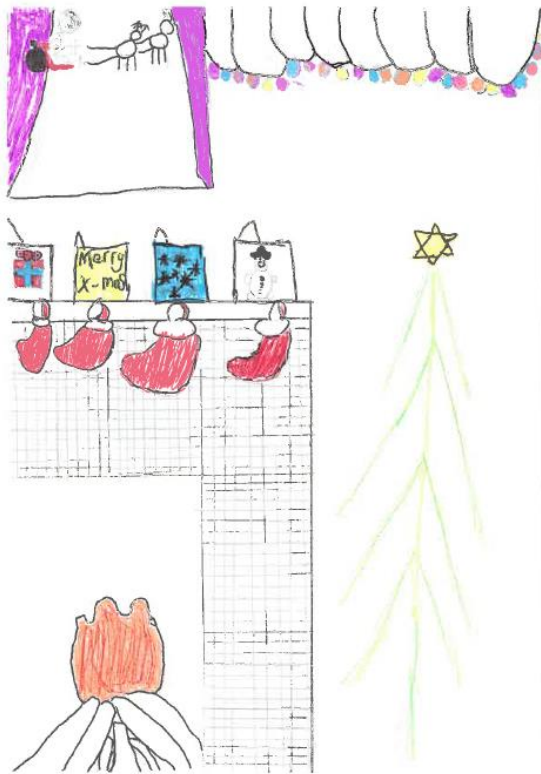
# Christmas Card Competition Entries











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## Notices

### Attendance Notifications

Attendance Codes are updated by the school during the day and therefore if a parent sees an N Code it is likely that this will be resolved during the course of the day. The only time a parent should be concerned is when they are actually contacted by the school about an unauthorised absence



