



Dear parent and carers,

I hope this email finds you safe and well and ready for the impending Christmas break. This time of year is always emotive; with most people excited about celebrating with friends and family. However, for some, it can be a time to remember those who are no longer with us. Either way, I believe that it is a time to reflect on the things that have gone well, the things that haven't and what opportunities next year may hold.

As a school, we have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. The students, staff and community have had many successes and I can't believe that our new Year 7 students have already completed their first full term. The Year 11s have just completed their exams which will help guide them in what they need to improve in readiness for the Summer GCSEs; next term is going to be a very busy one for them!

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support over this past year. This school is truly a close community and I am exceptionally proud to be the Head Teacher. I look forward to seeing all of our students back safely with us on Friday 5th January - in full uniform.

So, whilst you enjoy the contents of this newsletter, I want to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Neil

**HEAD TEACHER**

### TALENT SHOW - MISS CAVE

The Pewsey Vale talent show on Thursday was a fabulous success. Students from year 7, 8, and year 10 all performed a variety of skills, showcasing both what they had learned in and outside of class. Students worked incredibly hard to make sure the night went off without a hitch and the performing arts department couldn't be prouder. With the help of the whole school we were able to put on an evening the students are incredibly proud of and that their classmates, teachers, and parents enjoyed immensely. The Performing arts department is already looking ahead at the rest of this year and next to see what fantastic feats we can perform for the community next time!

A huge thank you to all involved and everyone who came along to support the show!



### GEOGRAPHY - MISS LYTHER

The Year 11 geographers went out to study the River Avon last week as part of their Paper 3 GCSE. We donned our wellies and off we went to the Scotchell Reserve where we got into the river to measure the characteristics as it flowed downstream. Of course one student fell into the river and there were a lot of wet feet but all in all it was a successful day. To top it off we went to the bakery afterwards to give us energy to complete the investigation back in the classroom. Well done to those students that completed their study.

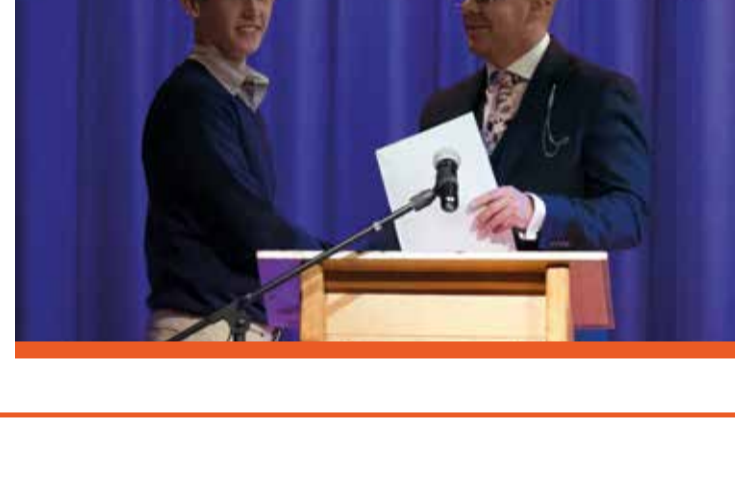


### PRESENTATION EVENING - MRS KEY

On Thursday 30th November we held our GCSE certificate presentation evening for those students who left in the summer after sitting their GCSEs. This was a lovely event where those students were able to reminisce with staff and other students and share how they are getting on with their new courses.

One of our parents sent in a lovely email after the evening.

"What an uplifting evening last night was. (the students) really enjoyed connecting with each other again and I'm sure it brought comfort, and probably 'closure' to this chapter of their school lives. One great asset of PVS is how heart led the school is, it understands children's/young adults differences, and celebrates individuals for who they are, what they overcome and celebrates and recognises this. As Mr Pritchard said in his speech it's not all about academic achievement and attainment. I thought the speech was perfect : so hard to 'pitch' it at the right level, for their age group and parents alike, and different backgrounds, achievements and aspirations. We thought it was heartfelt and a really heart warming speech. I was watching the year 11s around the room and, may be partly maturity, but all were intently listening. Thank you".



### MFL - MISS ROBERTS & MISS SIMONS

We are pleased to announce the winners and runners up of the MFL Christmas card competition!

In joint 1st place are Maddie C (year 9) and Alfie M (year 7).

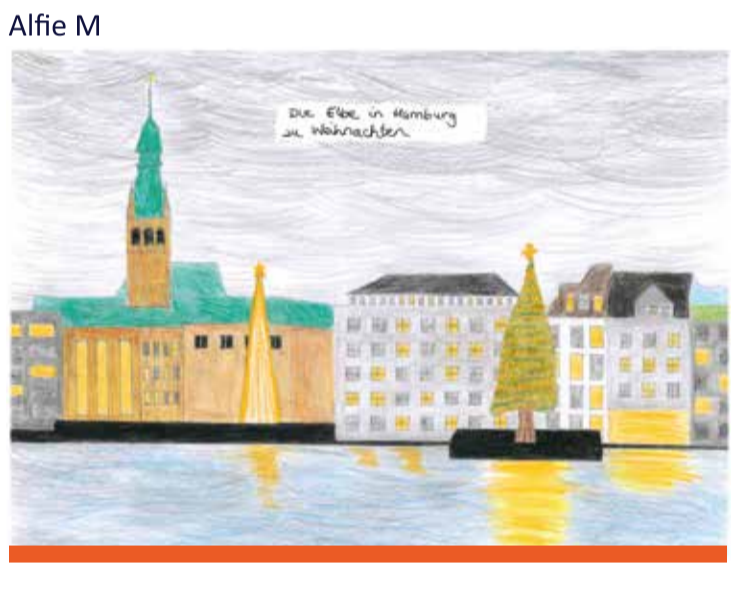
Runners up were Joel P, Florence S and Melissa D.

Well done to all involved and thank you for participating.

Maddie C



Alfie M



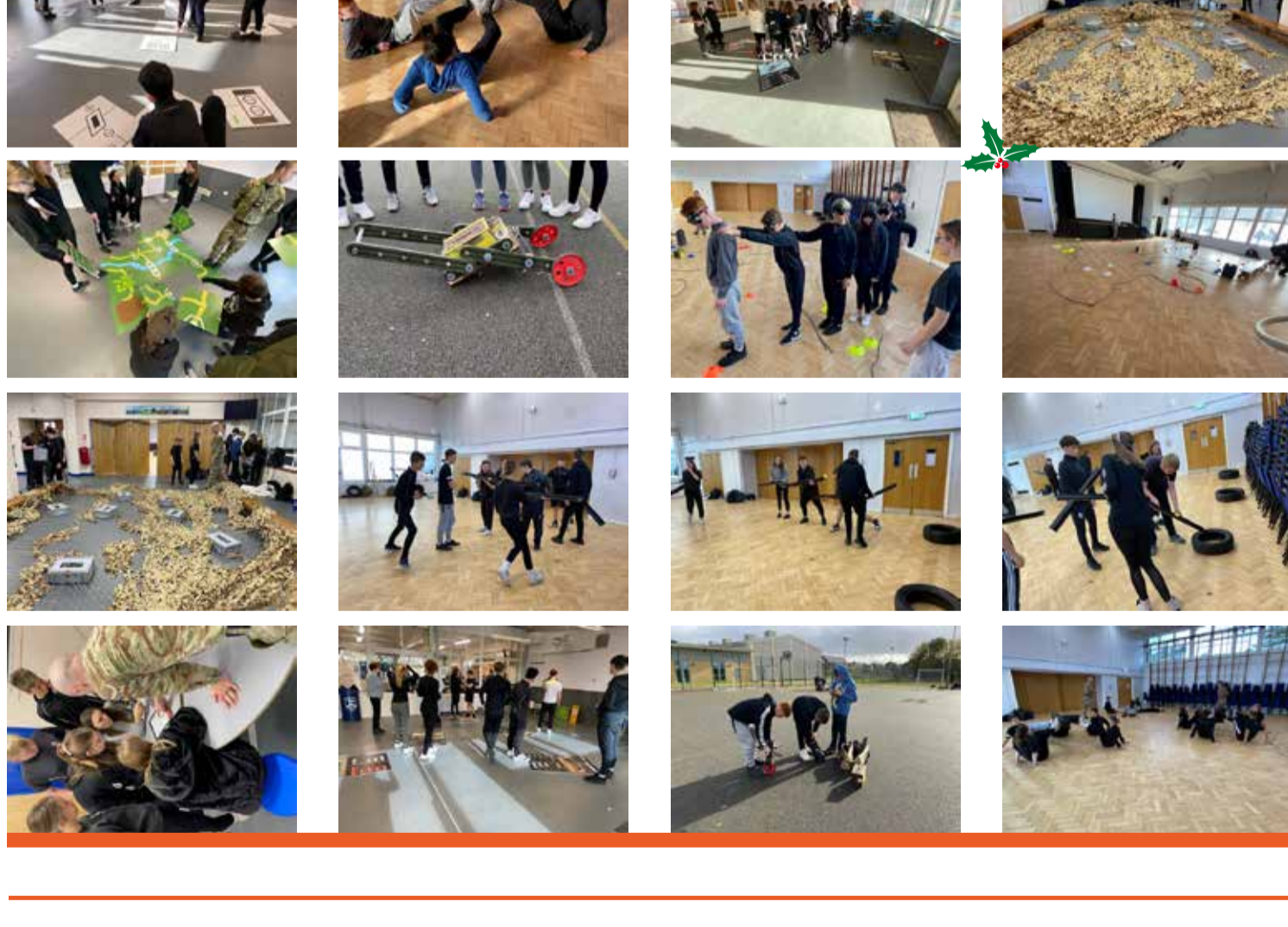
### PE - MISS BAWCUTT

On Tuesday 21st November KS4 pupils helped out at Marlborough College for a year 5/6 netball fixture. They spent the day umpiring and leading the different primary school teams and assisting in match play. They all did brilliantly well despite the cold wet day!



### CAREERS - MISS ARCHDALE

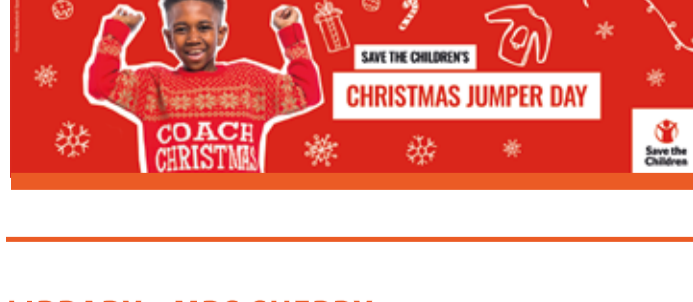
The Army were in school for a careers talk with year 10 in the morning then throughout the day the pupils took part in multiple activities. Each group went round 4 different stations and completed the different tasks as show in the photos.



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We supported Christmas Jumper Day in school on Thursday 7th December. We have now counted the donations received and have raised £162.20 for Save the Children.

Since launching a decade ago, the Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day campaign has raised over £30 million for children in the UK and around the world, by calling on Brits across the country to wear their favourite Christmas Jumper and donate to the charity.



### CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday November 17th we supported the Children In Need charity by holding a non-school uniform day and selling Pudsey merchandise in the school office. We raised a fantastic £305.11. Thank you to everyone who donated.



### LIBRARY - MRS SHEPPY

Congratulations to the following students who have scored the most points in their quizzes for Accelerated Reader.

Yr7

Florence F

Ellie R

Isabelle R

Y8

Annalise

Alex H

Darcy M

Well done all of you.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing all the students back in school on Friday January 5th.



DECEMBER 2023



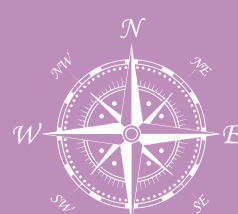
@PewseyValeSch



@PewseyValeSch



@PewseyValeSch



PEWSEY VALE SCHOOL  
WILCOT ROAD, PEWSEY  
WILTSHIRE SN9 5EW

01672 565 000

pewsey-vale.org