



6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

Is it Friday already? It is funny how a Bank Holiday weekend changes the whole dynamics of the week.

### **Staffing**

Our recruitment drive at Forest Moor continues and this week I was delighted to appoint Mrs Collette Miller to the new post of Parent Support Advisor. This new post will mean that we can better support parents and improve that link between school and home which has not been great in the past. The fact that our families are spread so far and wide does not help us build a community and Collette will be making a number of home visits to build that relationship with parents next half term. Collette has worked with me in Leeds and is very experienced in supporting staff, students and parents. More introductions after half term.

Ms Lauren Bowley starts her role as the specialist English teacher at Forest Moor. This is the first time we have had one sole specialist English teacher which will provide much greater consistency for our students. In the longer term, it should create greater opportunities for qualifications in English.

Our next posts are for a new Kitchen Assistant and then it will be Assistant Principal and the Head of English post.

On a side note I wish to congratulate and wish the best of luck to Mr Greenwood who gets married this weekend!

### **SATs Week**

Next week is SATs week for our year 6 students. Those students that are capable of taking the SATs papers will be doing so next week in a supported manner. It is always about finding the balance for our students in pushing them to achieve without making them feel so anxious that it makes them feel scared. Parents should have received a letter about next week and results will be shared later in the year.

### **Curriculum**

Week 2 has now been completed with our new timetable. I have added a couple of pictures from some very impressive topic work on World Wars from Green 5. The new curriculum is very much about capturing students' interest and therefore engagement in their learning. We have added a limited music offer for students and I have created a new music room for the teacher. I am hoping to invest more in this subject area next year as I feel it can offer a great deal for our students.

### **Damages in School**

I have been asked by a parent to clarify the policy regarding costs for damages in school. In our admission pack there is a section that states that if a student wilfully damages school property, we will be asking for payment towards that damage. The school is funded (at a

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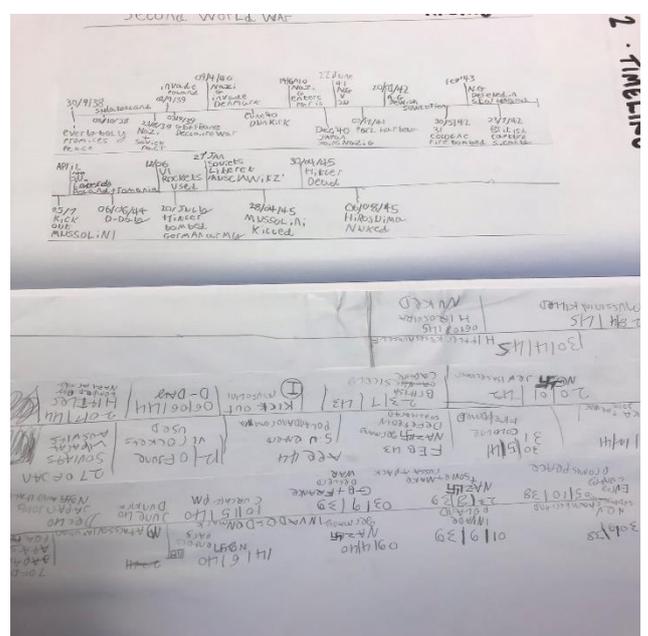
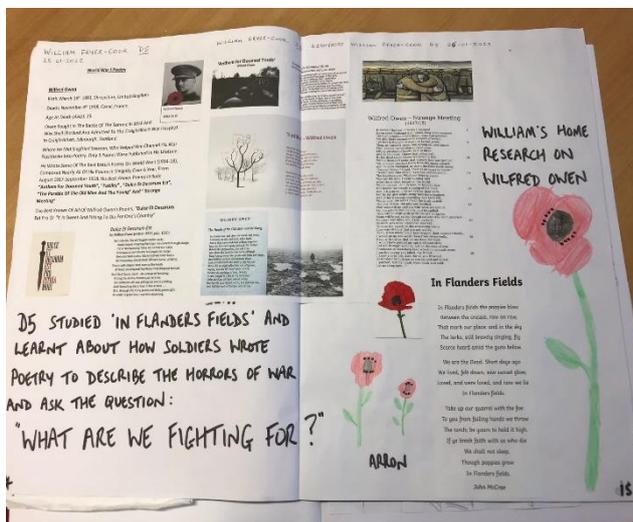
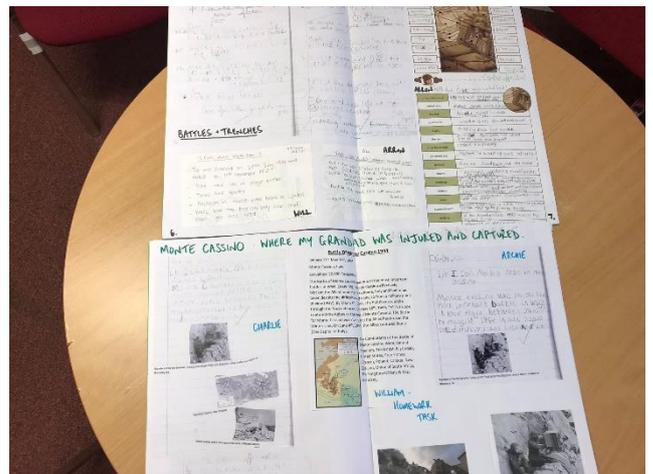
much lower level to our schools in Leeds and Barnsley) to educate the students but not at such levels to pay for damage to property. As such we will be contacting parents to pay for, or at least contribute to, any wilful damage that their child does in school.

As always, if you have any comments about Forest Moor and our journey this year, do feel free to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



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