



## RAISING AWARENESS

The national Child Exploitation Awareness day was 18th March. Students and staff met with representatives of the Local Authority CATE Team and Catch 22 to encourage everyone to think, stop and speak out against abuse. Students were able to participate in a range of activities as well as gaining knowledge on how to keep safe in the virtual and physical world.

The safeguarding team at Haberdashers' Abraham Darby are available to discuss any worries parents may have about the communities we all live in – please don't hesitate to contact us.



A lovely piece of work, created by two of our Pathways students.

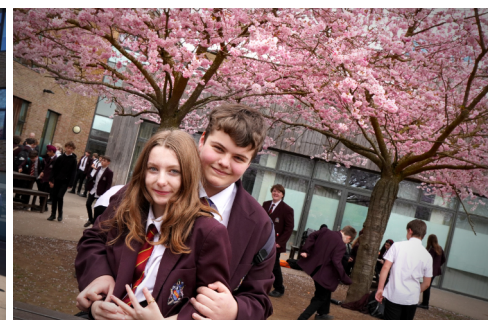
Its easy enough to misplace personal items within a school environment.

Improve the chances of object and owner being re-united:

**LABEL YOUR STUFF WITH YOUR NAME**



**ALRIGHT BLOSSOM !**



Cherry blossom is a classic sign that spring has arrived. Our trees tend to bloom for only a week or two each spring which can be even shorter if seasonal wind or rain knocks the blossoms from the trees. It's one of the things that makes the cherry blossom so special - catch it while you can because it won't be around for long.

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,  
Twenty will not come again,  
And take from seventy springs a score,  
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom  
Fifty springs are little room,  
About the woodlands I will go  
To see the cherry hung with snow.

A E Houseman

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

We'd love to hear about our students newsworthy activities outside of the school day and celebrate their success.

Email [geraint.roberts@taw.org.uk](mailto:geraint.roberts@taw.org.uk) with:

- Student's full name, year and mentor group
- A paragraph or two about their achievement
- A good quality photo with permissions gained in writing if other persons are featured in the photo
- Confirmation that you've signed our media agreement and consent to sharing in our school newsletter and social media



**Following International Women's Day, students from our Girls into STEM programme along with other schools, were invited to Howmet Fastening Systems for a bespoke mock assessment day.**



- The day gave students a real insight into engineering careers and included:
- An introduction to the Howmet team and inspiring female role models
  - Health and safety induction
  - A tour of the site, where the girls had the opportunity to research and investigate the company
  - A business improvement challenge to highlight, plan, prepare and pitch an area of the business for improvement to the Operations Manager and Business Improvement Manager
  - An engineering challenge
  - Mock interview experience

We are very pleased to report that our students won the improvement challenge for an inspired sustainability and energy saving idea to reduce their carbon footprint in line with their core business values. Big thanks to Leanne from Incomm and Lucy and staff from Howmet that arranged and contributed their time to make this day so inspirational to the students.



## BAKE OFF

Our recent Great Abdab Bake Off event was a resounding success, bringing together students and staff. A fantastic range of bakes were on display, from classic cakes to inventive showstoppers, making it a tough job for our judges. The event raised an impressive £180 which was split between Downs Syndrome Awareness and sixth form funding, thanks to everyone who contributed, baked, and supported. Congratulations to all participants, and a special well done to our winners Flo and Izzy in year 12, whose outstanding red velvet fruit topped



## FULL SQUAD



## REVISION

Year 11 students joined a Breakfast Revision Meeting to sharpen skills before Easter exams. Year 12 pupils Scarlett Boylett and Mason Mills offered advice and shared strategies to help peers succeed.



Well done to our Netball Cohort this season. It has been a season full of hard work and success. We can't wait to see what they achieve next year.



# UM DIDDLE, DIDDLE DIDDLE, UM DIDDLE AY



45 of our students recently performed Mary Poppins Jr, a magical show where the jack-of-all-trades Bert introduces us to the troubled Banks family. The terrorising children lose nanny after nanny by being rotten until a practically perfect nanny arrives on their doorstep. She takes them on magical adventures teaching the children the true value of family. Mary influences not just the children but the whole family, teaching the parents that "Anything can happen if you let it."

Students have been rehearsing the show multiple nights a week since September, committing lots of time and effort. The school shows are always so magical, a wonderful way to create new friendships, and build confidence. The performing standard of the lead characters and ensemble were phenomenal. This show was truly supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!





# SENIOR JAZZ



Abraham Darby Senior jazz band attended the 23rd annual Great North Big Band Festival/Competition in Sunderland on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March. The band was able to listen to some of the top jazz bands in the UK before participating in a competition. The prizes up for grabs included best section, best programme, best soloist, and best band. The senior jazz band has, for a number of years, won several top awards including best soloist, best programme, best section and best band several times. After an impressive performance of some challenging pieces the judges awarded us the top award of best band, best soloist to Mr Oscar Briggs (Year 12) on trumpet, and a special adjudicators award to James Millington (Year 11) for his impressive electric bass guitar playing. The music department is extremely proud of all the band members, and we are very grateful for all their hard work, commitment and dedication leading up to the competition.



## AIMING FOR THE TOP

**NCBF**  
Over the holidays the musicians of Abraham Darby will be busy with additional rehearsals as the Junior Jazz Band; Showband and Senior Jazz Band will be competing in the finals of the National Concert Band Festival of Great Britain held at the prestigious Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on Saturday 11th April. All three bands are required to perform challenging repertoire in front of a panel of adjudicators and will be aiming to achieve the top platinum award. Senior Jazz Band and Showband together with Brass Group and Saxophone Ensemble were able to run out their NCBF programmes at the weekend as they performed to an appreciative audience at All Saint's Parish Church, Wellington. The concert was held in order to raise money for the restoration of the church's pipe organ. Well done to all musicians who participated

