



CRLT Autumn 2024 Approach Newsletter



Dear parents/carers

As we approach the end of a very long term, I would like to thank you all for your support so far this year. The students have conducted themselves wonderfully in Approach and have been positive ambassadors for the Trust on the trips and sessions that we have held outside of the school. It is a pleasure going to Approach and seeing such a calm working environment where there are purposeful conversations and students working well together.

Students have been working hard in Maths and English, with many of them working towards sitting their functional skills exams in the near future. I've enjoyed seeing the students Arts award work that they have been completing with Emma, and we are looking forward to submitting the work for formal assessment at the end of the term. Likewise, the work towards the AQA unit awards has been fantastic, and it has been lovely seeing the students sharing their interests in these.

We have enjoyed meeting parents in the half termly parents' evenings, and hope that you have found the information shared in these meetings useful, and as always we value your feedback on anything else you may like to see.

Finally, thank you for all the gifts, cards and well wishes as we approach the end of term, it is very much appreciated by the whole team.

We wish you all a restful break and look forward to working with you in the new year.

Best wishes,

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We have welcomed several new students to Approach this term. It has been lovely to see them settle in and begin to flourish and to see existing students welcome and support them.

We continue to work hard in maths and English. Some of our students have submitted work for their Entry Level Certificate in maths and are also working towards Entry Level English. We all enjoyed the unit on Dystopia and there were some amazing stories written as a result! Year 10 and 11 students sat mock Functional Skills and GCSE exams. I was so proud of their resilience and application and of the results that they all achieved.

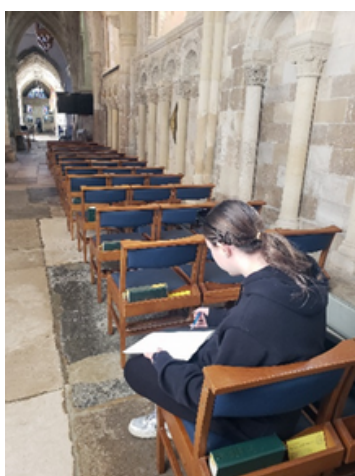
All students have now started working towards their FPQ/HPQ awards. This project work is based on an area of their choice, and they are encouraged to research and independently produce a report and a presentation at the end.

We have some great proposed research questions ranging from 'Can art therapy support children with Autism' to 'Why has so much under the sea been left unexplored?' The students are building their independence and skills such as reading and note taking in order to be able to complete their project. I'm really looking forward to seeing the end result!

Tracy Treen - Approach teacher

Arts Award

This term at Approach the students have enjoyed developing their creative skills through the Arts Award. Split into 4 smaller units, the students have researched artists who inspire them, shared skills with each other and have taken part in a clay sculpting lesson where they had a go at creating their own geometric masterpiece. As part of the Award, we also went on a school trip to an Art Exhibition in the Red House Museum and a guided tour of Christchurch Priory to look at the architecture. Students also had a go at sketching their own stained-glass window whilst sat in the Priory.



Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th January 2025	Inset day, students return on Tuesday 7th January
Tuesday 21st January 3:30-5	Parent's Evening (please follow the link in the e-mail to book)
Monday 27th January	Louise - Careers Advisor
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	Half Term break
Week of 3rd March	Year 11 mock week
Tuesday 11th March 3:30-5	Parent's Evening (link to be book will be sent before half term)
Tuesday 18th March	Careers Fair at the BIC
Friday 4th April	Term ends at 12pm
Monday 7th April-Monday 21st April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	Back for Summer Term

FORT

By Tabitha Hayward

Free for
14 - 25
year olds

Thanks to funding from Arts Council Engalnd, Forest Arts centre is pleased to offer young people aged 14 - 25 free theatre tickets to the performance FORT on Thursday 9 January. This initiative is part of the our youth engagement programme. Standard tickets for adults are £7. Free tickets also available for carers, support workers and mentors.

1 am. An Iron Age hillfort in North Dorset. Away from dysfunctional families and small - town gossip. Viv and Daisy can be entirely themselves. With so much beyond their control, Fort is their stomping ground. Their escape. Until the ghost turns up.

Forest Arts Centre, Thursday 9 January 2025, 4:30PM.
Doors open at 4pm.

Book Here -

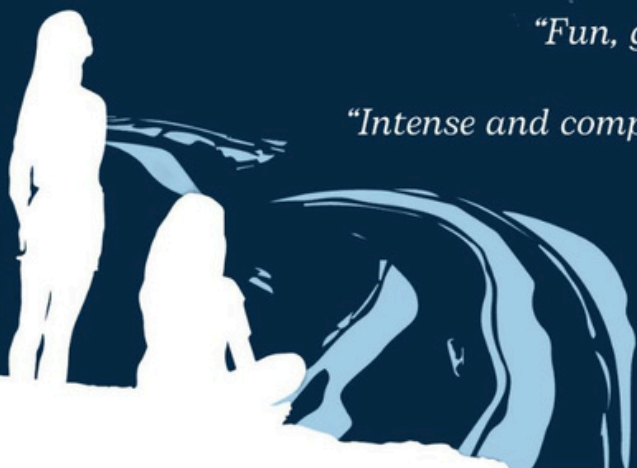


What people are saying...

"Fun, gritty, kinda gross!"

"Intense and compelling"

"So relatable"



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