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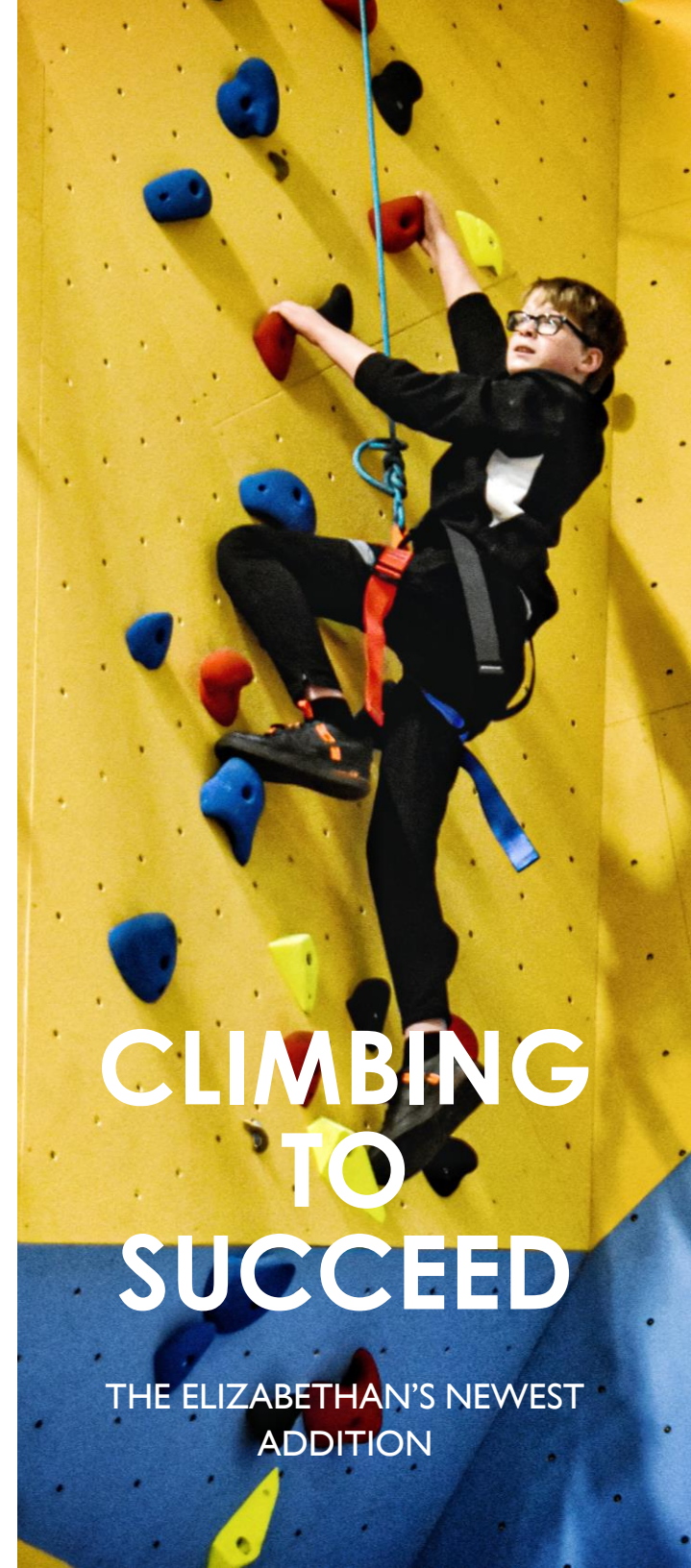
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HOME LEARNING



Top Tips to improve
Wellbeing during Lockdown

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**ELIZABETHAN
HIGHLIGHTS**

**ISSUE 1
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2021**



**CLIMBING
TO
SUCCEED**

THE ELIZABETHAN'S NEWEST
ADDITION



Key Dates: Spring Term

Year 8 GCSE Options Briefing:

Thursday 25th February at 6.00pm

Year 11 Sixth Form Application Deadline

Wednesday 31st March 2021

Easter Holidays Begin:

Friday 2nd April 2021

Summer Term Starts:

Monday 19th April 2021



A Message From the Principal:

Welcome to our new half termly newsletter. I am delighted that we have the chance to share what we are doing at the Academy despite the current challenges, and I hope it makes you feel as proud and uplifted by our students as it did me. There seems to be a lot of catastrophizing around the missed education for our students in the media. As someone who has had the privilege of working with young people for a long time, I have witnessed their resilience, flexibility, humanity, and positivity. I know they will not just survive this, but we will do everything we can to ensure they thrive in the future. We are all so looking forward to getting all our students back in the building and ensuring they not only have the high-quality teaching and pastoral care which we pride ourselves on but we will ensure the areas they have

missed will be a priority; interaction with teachers and peers, physical activity, the arts will all be part of the planned provision for their return. It therefore seems right that the faculty in the spotlight in this issue is the Expressive Arts Faculty. I certainly know I have missed the arts, theatre and live music. In addition, we have used this as an opportunity to show off our magnificent climbing wall...once we are open more fully we are hoping to run some family sessions...which is something else for our students and their families to look forward to.

Stay safe and please let us have any feedback on this newsletter and what you would like to see in the next edition.

Mrs C. Horrocks



NEWS: CLIMBING WALL INSTALLED AT THE ELIZABETHAN



REACHING THE HEIGHTS

As Sport Climbing becomes the latest entry into the Olympic Games, The Elizabethan Academy is looking forward to offering climbing qualifications and community taters sessions when we officially open our new 9 metre-high climbing wall in 2021.

Thanks to funding from Sport England, the wall will be available for use of all students as well being available to hire, offering an exciting new sport to local Bassetlaw people.



'EXHILARATING'

Indoor climbing walls provide an exhilarating and energetic challenge, even for people who have little experience. Installation of the wall is timely as it was announced this month that Sport Climbing is officially part of the 2024 Olympics to be held in Paris. In fact, the GB Team is training only 30 minutes away in Sheffield, so the school hopes to engage them in the official opening early next year.



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TOP OF THE CLASS

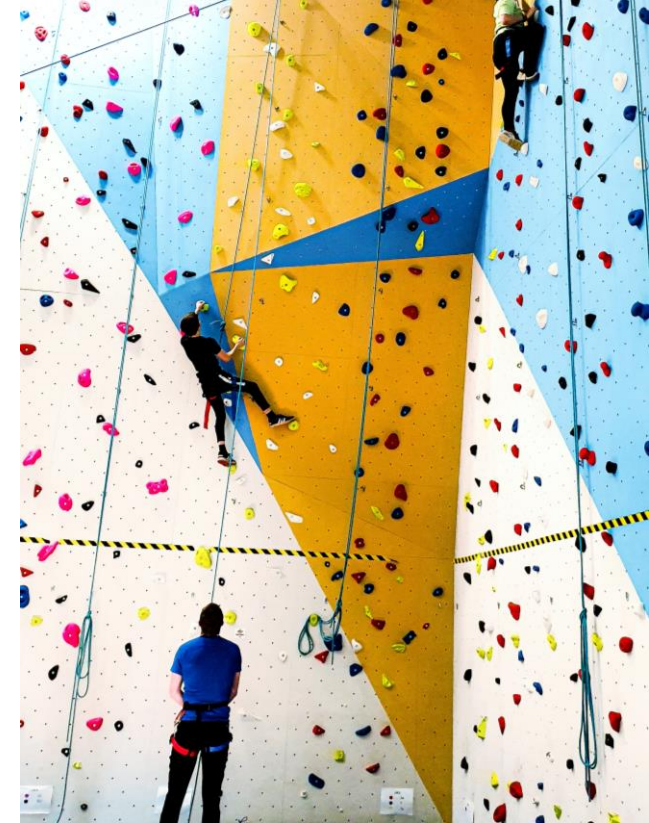
“A vibrant new resource for Retford and Bassetlaw”



Climbing gyms (or walls) are one of the easiest and most practical ways into climbing. They help you improve quickly and can also be great fun – whatever your climbing ambitions! Free places have been offered to local community groups to train to use the wall safely and school staff will form part of the team to offer climbing activities to the school and wider community. The 90 m wall will have 9 ropes and its overall design will cater for all ages and abilities. The climbs will feature all elements required for GCSE and A Level Climbing qualifications and will meet National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme standards. Children and adults will be able to learn climbing skills and practice belaying and challenges including a boulder and traverse area.



Tony Wright (Leisure & Wellbeing) Bassetlaw District Council commented: “Congratulations to Elizabethan Academy on securing this funding from Sport England. To be successful with any funding application in the current circumstances is extremely difficult, so this project and its application must have been an extremely strong one. The Council are very excited about having this new facility in Bassetlaw and have worked in partnership and will continue to do so, to ensure that not only will this be a really exciting opportunity for the students at the school but also that the facility is made available for community use outside of school hours.”



Mr D’Albuquerque was instrumental in developing the project to bring new opportunities to the area. He is keen to ensure the climbing wall is used by the local community. “We are pleased to be able to offer a new and challenging sport to our students and local community. We have been working with local groups and will be offering training soon with a view to making the climbing facility a vibrant new resource for Retford and Bassetlaw.



Dylan's Top Tips to Good Wellbeing.....

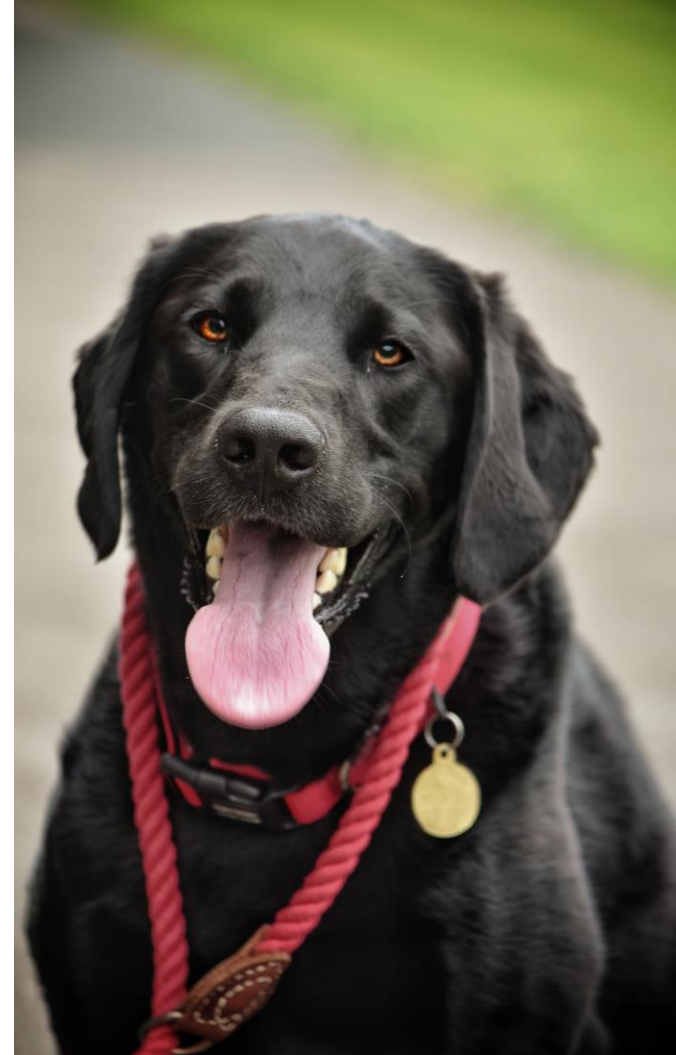
Home Learning

Learning at home is very different to being at school. Accepting there are more distractions and keeping them to a minimum needs to be part of your daily planning.



1. Keeping Motivated

- Set goals for yourself each day
- Work towards completing one task at a time
- Ask those around you to get involved in your learning
- Keep in touch with others who are in the same situation
- Researchers have found that a minimum of at least 20 minutes a day of Physical activity can create a positive mental attitude.



2. Create the best possible working environment

- Get started early – pretend you are getting ready to go to school (try not to stay in your PJ's)
- Choose a working space that is comfortable
- Limit your social media time (use it as a reward)
- Choose a space with lots of bright light
 - - natural light from a window is best!
- Take regular breaks!

3. Reward Yourself for Achieving Goals

- Make yourself a cup of tea or coffee
- Eat your favourite healthy snack
- Watch some television during a break
- Chat to your friends online during a break
- Read a chapter from your favourite book

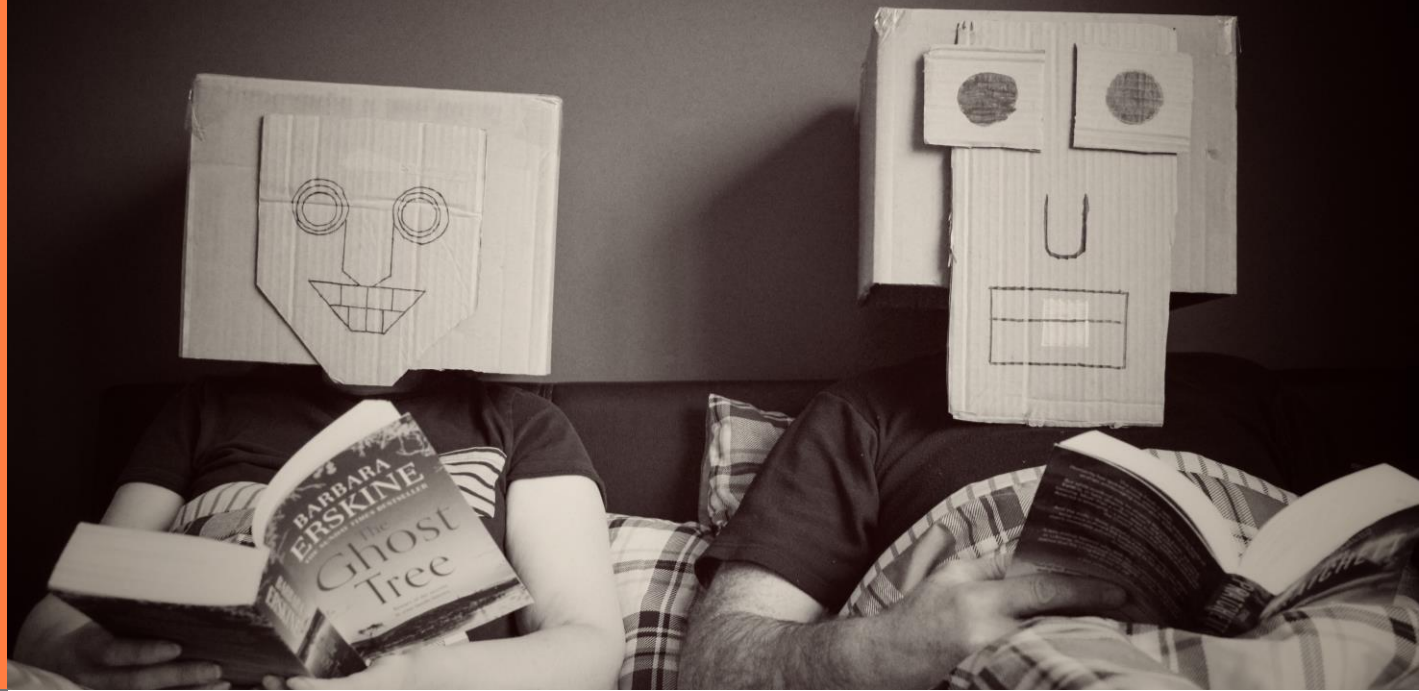


DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos:

Top Right – Eve Rowland Year 13

Bottom Left - Isabel Bruty Year 9



A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS...

Photography is one of the newest subjects here at the Elizabethan Academy but has quickly established itself as one of the fastest growing and most popular subjects in KS4 and KS5. Achieving a great deal of success at A Level in the first couple of years, it expanded to become a GCSE option in 2019 and now has more than 60 students studying the subject in year 9 and 10.

The department continues to build its resources including a dedicated Photography classroom within the Expressive Arts department, a full set of professional photography studio lighting equipment and a range of cameras for the students to use. Students learn how to use a range of photography equipment and techniques to produce their work including DSLR cameras, advanced mobile phone photography and a range of editing applications and programs



Photography is about so much more than pointing the camera and clicking a button! Throughout the course students learn the fundamentals of composition, and manual camera handling skills; develop an understanding of post-photo editing and image manipulation; explore, research and experiment with a range of photographic genres and key artists; and learn presentation techniques through the development of portfolios and display work.

Students are taken outside the classroom as often as possible to participate in practical work and encouraged to continue their experiments whenever possible outside of school in the real world.



A Level Portraits

A Selection of photographs from A Level students based on commercial and fashion portrait photography.

To see more of our student's work follow us on our Instagram page:

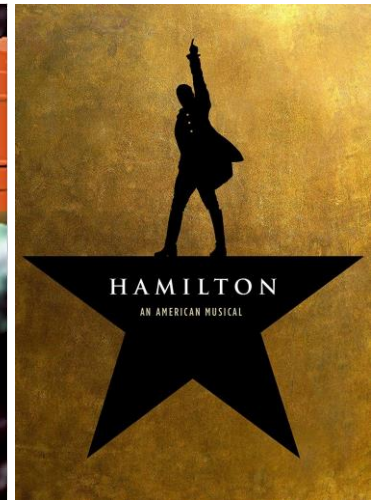
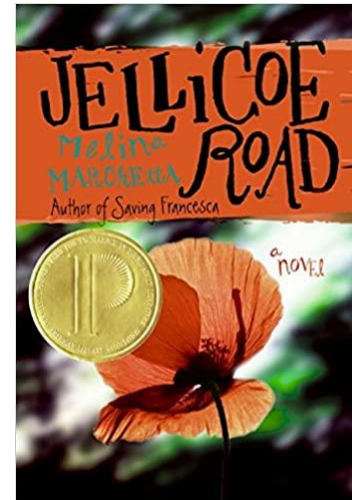
www.instagram.com/elizabethacademy.photography



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These are a few of my favourite things.....

- Favourite Book: Jellicoe Road
by Melina Marchetta
- Favourite TV Show: Grey's
Anatomy
- Favourite Show/ Musical: Hamilton
- Favourite Food: Peperoni Pizza
- Favourite Drink: Lemonade
- Favourite City: Krakow
- Favourite Animal: Elephant



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Getting to Know you...

Each issue we will profile a member of staff to learn more about them. This month is our newest teacher in the Expressive Arts Team.

.....Miss Mitchell

Why did you want to become a teacher?

Growing up in a large family (3 sisters, 5 Brothers!) teaching is something that always naturally gravitated towards. I always helped my younger sisters with their homework and discovered that I loved to tutor them, and that I seemed to be quite good at it!

Favourite thing about the Elizabethan Academy?

It is like one big family – It reminds me of being at home!

What were you like at school?

Pretty much like I am now – Loud, confident and outgoing. I was a lively student in the classroom, and was often told off for chatting, but I always got my work done and enjoyed going to school very much!

One thing nobody knows about me:

I once worked in a maximum security prison teaching drama to the inmates.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

- Congratulations to Paris Mather (Year 9) for winning the 'January Blues' themed competition with her beautiful seascape.
- Again, there were many stunning entries, but we loved the composition of this photo - particularly how every colour within the image is a different shade of blue, and how the rule of thirds has been applied.



PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. The Elizabethan is committed to promoting reading for pleasure, offering every young person the opportunity to have a book of their own and given the time to be able to engage with reading through a range of strategies including our daily DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time within the school.

In anticipation of World Book Day on Thursday 4th March this month's competition is all about books and reading.

The Challenge::

A photograph that promotes World Book Day

Suggestions:

- Artistic photos of your favourite books
- Photos of books being read in unusual places
- Photographs/ Selfies of yourself dressed up as you favourite literary Characters

All Photos should be submitted to photo@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk

By Thursday 11th March

