



# VANDYKE Voice



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## Vandyke Celebrates Success

There was a terrific atmosphere in school as students collected their GCSE and A-Level results over the summer. Students were joined by staff, parents and carers as they celebrated their fantastic achievements.

Headteacher Tim Carroll said, "I am delighted with the results and proud of students' achievements. Teachers have worked so hard to support students and students have developed a terrific work ethic. That all comes together to produce great outcomes." Congratulations to you all!



## Parent Governor Vacancies

Vandyke's governing body currently has vacancies for two parent governors. The governing body comprises 19 governors. It meets as a full governing body each half-term and much of its work is carried out by a series of committees that meet in the weeks before each full governing body meeting.

As an academy, governors are responsible for many things. As well as making important strategic decisions about the school, governors aim to get to know the work of the school well and attend many of the school's activities, such as the upcoming Open Evening, concerts and awards evenings.

Vandyke's governing body has a strong track record of effective strategic leadership and practical support for the school. It operates with formality where this is required but it is acknowledged to be a friendly and welcoming group.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a parent governor or would like to find out more, please contact the clerk to the governing body, **Jo Sessions**, at school on 01525 636723 or by email to [sessionsj@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:sessionsj@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk)

**The closing date for nominations is 22nd September.**



## Chemistry Olympiad



Two A-level chemists took part in the Chemistry Olympiad earlier this year. Ethan received a Gold award and Rachel received a Silver award. 11,838 students took part from 950 schools which was a new record. Well done to both students.

The topics covered in the paper included rocket fuels, electronegativity, amino acid complexes, vaping and cheese. Electronegativity is a timely topic as it was the 90th anniversary of Linus Pauling's proposing the concept of electronegativity in 1922.

With the 2023 International Chemistry Olympiad being held in Switzerland, a question on cheese was obligatory, and quizzed students on the conversion of lactose to lactic acid during fermentation in cheese manufacturing.

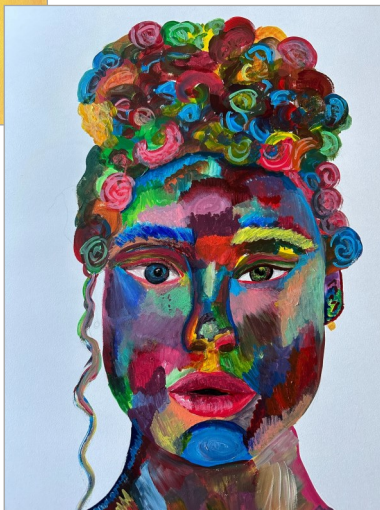


## Fine Artist of the Fortnight



In this edition of Vandyke Voice, we celebrate the final Fine Artist of the Fortnight of last year, and the first of this year! Both artists were nominated by Miss Lewis.

Congratulations to **Fern G** (artwork to the left) for her excellent work



producing an artist's copy responding to the work of 'Gyobeam'.

And likewise congratulations to **Jess R** (artwork to the right) for her amazing work. Her recent artist response was a burst of colour and creativity.

## Golfing Success for Olivia

This summer, three Vandyke students took part in the annual Bedfordshire High Handicap Golf Tournament. Cainhoe Wood Golf Club was the course of choice for this year's tournament and **George Rae, Elliot Abbott** and **Olivia Olleson** rose to the challenge in fine fashion.



All students competed hard and continued the great reputation that Vandyke has for giving 100% in every situation. This was especially the case for **Olivia** as, for the second year running, she beat a large field of competitors and finished first, bringing back the trophy for Vandyke. Congratulations to all.

## Gold DofE Practice Expedition

Last term, 24 Vandyke students were trekking around the Yorkshire Dales peaks on their four day Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. All groups climbed all three peaks during the expedition, but with different weather conditions - sideways rain with wind knocking hats off heads and no more than 20 metres of visibility for some, and stunning views for others! They camped each night after fine delicacies such as dehydrated curry, undercooked pasta and dubious macaroni cheese packets.

The experience was a real challenge but nonetheless brilliant, and everyone gained even more confidence with navigation and teamwork skills for the assessed expedition, which took place just two weeks later in the Peak District. Great work, everyone.



Monday 11th Sept	Year 9 and Year 12 photos
Monday 11th Sept	Rehearsals begin for 'School of Rock'
w/c Monday 11th Sept	Year 11 Revision sessions begin—see website for details
Monday 25th Sept	Vandyke Voice published
Thursday 5th Oct	Open Evening—Year 8 students and parents/carers

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