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#### **Careers Interviews**

Thursday 3rd October saw us start careers interviews with Y10 students. We have a level 6 qualified careers adviser, Andy Wager, from Heart of Worcestershire College helping us with this. The feedback from students has been extremely positive and we hope to have seen all Y10 students by Christmas.

We have an after-school careers drop in for KS4 every Thursday from 3-4pm in the Careers Hub, it would be great to see students about post-16 options, apprenticeships, or to ask any related questions they might have.

If you would like to get involved with our careers provision in any way, a lunchtime talk/assembly on your career, a short video explaining how you got into your career or a written career profile please get in touch at mpearson@ridgeway.academy

### **Artist of the Week**

#### Year 11

**Ethan Lynes Lucy Tully** Chloe Hitchen Maeve Winn

### Year 8

Ben Tully Patience Gutah Max Leake Sarah Berry Callum Hands Sofia Paatelma Naz Wright

#### Year 7

Jess Hawkes Chloe Dixon

### Year 6

Hetty Walsh **Phoebe Bayliss** 





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James Edmunds of year 11 met Championship Footballer Joe Lolley, a striker for Nottingham Forest in their team hotel ahead of their match with Swansea. Joe was a pupil of Ridgeway in the early 2000s!



May Hines, a Radio presenter on Welcombe Radio, sent us this fantastic message speaking about Year 11 pupil Dylan Tillsley:

My name is May Hines, and I am a local radio presenter in Stratford Upon Avon for an internet-based station called Welcombe Radio. Just recently I attended a drummer's competition in Redditch where a pupil who attends your academy was competing.

Tyler Tillsley was the young man I am referring to. I have to say that although Tyler did not win the competition on this day his talent and passion for the instrument he was playing was wonderful. The short bio that all the contestants had to script was so humble and modest but at the same time had a real sense of ambition and dedication.



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This young man was a pure delight to watch, and always had a smile on his face. And just came over as a very kind young man a credit to his parents and his school.

So, I took it upon myself to speak to Tyler's mother Emma to see if Tyler would be interested in appearing on my show. And I was delighted that they accepted.

It would be wonderful if you could share this news with the other pupils in the school perhaps in your newsletter. Tyler will appear live on the radio on Welcombe Radio on October the 26th to talk about his love for music and his inspirations. The show airs on a Saturday morning at 9 am -10 am. I am very much looking forward to the show, if you require any further information please do feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

May Hines Radio Presenter Welcombe Radio

Well done Tyler!





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### **German Exchange**

We've arrived at that time of year again! The German exchange is almost upon us once more. Letters will be coming out soon, with further details of the exchange. However, if you are interested in your child taking part or would like to speak directly with myself, Mr Ayton, please don't hesitate to contact me on: aayton@ridgeway.academy. The dates for the Germans visiting our school look likely to be from Thursday 6th February, 2020 for one week. We are hoping to return to Blomberg as of Monday 23rd March, 2020 for approximately one week.

### Down on the Farm...

It has been another busy week with the animals this week. All the small animals now have their winter covers on to keep them warm and dry in their hutches. The goats, Bramble, Molly and Snowy, are all getting their winter coats ready for the cooler months. Piper, the guinea pig has given birth to three gorgeous babies and as soon as they are out and about we will be able to share some photos with you.

Marmaduke, the corn snake, has had a very busy week spending time with visitors at our open evening on Tuesday night. It was great to see him making new friends. He is growing so fast that we need to get him some new accommodation. If you know anyone who would be able to donate a large vivarium then he would be very grateful.

We are looking at extending our grazing in the farm area this term but we need to coppice and fell some trees. If you know anyone who would be able to help us do this we would love to hear from you. We are also in need of people to help with some new agricultural fencing, so again, please contact us if you can help.

And finally, did you know that we sell free range eggs? The eggs that are laid on the farm are for sale from school reception for the very reasonable price of £1 for half a dozen. All the money from the sale of the eggs goes back into feeding the animals.

#### **Dates for Your Diary**



Year 11 GCSE Information Evening October 10 @ 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

GCSE Evening for Year 9 & 10 October 17 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Year 9 Parents Evening November 14 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Year 11 Parents Evening