



# St Margaret's Academy

## Snippets

2nd November 2018

### S1 Creative Technologies programme

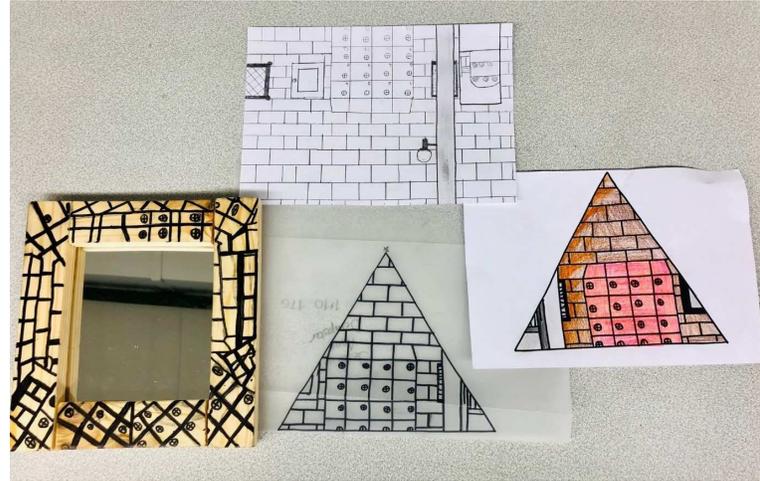
This year we introduced new initiative between Art and DMG to help pupils share skills and identify transferable skills across subjects. Pupils are encouraged to work collaboratively yet independently and see the link between designing and creating.

As we near the end of our first project we thought we would share what's been going on....

Pupils have been giving the skills to enable them to design and make a mirror frame. Pupils drew observational drawings of the school environment and they used them to decorate their frame. Design, practical and numeracy skills have been developed by all pupils as well as gaining the skills required to work collaboratively – watch out for the finished frames coming home soon!

Mrs Pettigrew (DMG teacher)

Abbie (S1) - I loved doing this project because we get to move around the department, we didn't have to sit all the time. I also liked getting to use different materials and equipment that I had never used before, and I liked that we got to make and design something that I could use.



### S1 Fright Night

This week a team of S6 pupils arranged a "Fright Night" for our S1 pupils. There was music and dancing in the atrium, with a dance competition and prizes for the best costumes. This year the cafe and maths corridor were also transformed into a zombie experience, and there were halloween-themed games hosted in the courtyard. The evening was a huge success, and we'd like to thank all of the staff who gave their time to ensure that the event could run. Grace and Rosie (S6)



### Ski club

St Margaret's Academy ski club resumes this week at the Midlothian Snow Sport Centre Hillend, Edinburgh. This club is open for all pupils with varying ski abilities. This is a great experience for our young people to engage in some extreme sporting activity at one of the largest artificial slopes in Great Britain. Block 1 is a 7 week block where pupils will be taught by experienced ski instructors from 4:15pm-5:30pm. Transport is provided by the school. Block 2 will commence after the Winter Holidays. Anyone interested should speak to Mr Haynes or Mr Bradley in the PE Department.

### Theatre trip

Last Thursday, sixty National 5 English students went to the Festival Theatre in Edinburgh to see the National Theatre's production of "Macbeth" – Shakespeare's tragedy about murderous ambition. Of the performance, Hailie (S4) said, "I actually quite enjoyed it. It was confusing at times but I eventually got it" whilst a second student, Ethan (S4), reported that "the acting and set were good." Other students also commented on how enjoyable and enriching the experience was, helping them to come to a better understanding of the play. Furthermore, the theatre staff praised the students' interest in the play and their behaviour during the performance. Mr Walsh (English teacher)

A group of sixty students embarked on a trip to The Festival Theatre to attend a performance of Macbeth. The purpose of the trip was to help us understand the text that we are studying in class. It was a modern performance set in a post-apocalyptic world and the actors were dedicated professionals, additionally, the set design was magnificent. The staff were very approachable and they also commented on how well behaved we were during the performance. Overall the Festival Theatre's rendition of Macbeth was wonderful and we thank Mr Boyle for organising a memorable night at the theatre experiencing 'The Scottish Play'.

Briony (S6)



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