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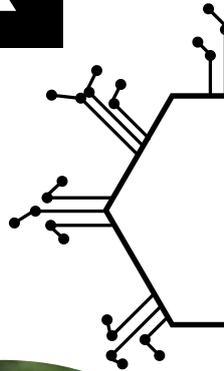
This marks our first newsletter of the 24/25 term. It is the chance for you to find out what our pupils have been up to this term, day-to-day school life, interesting facts and a source for all your information.

**Read and enjoy!**





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## WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had a fantastic first term here at BOA Digital Technologies. The students have been working extremely hard on various projects, some of which you will find have been included in today's newsletter.

Students have had some great opportunities to expand their art and technology knowledge by working with the MAC Birmingham on their 'Zine' project and we have been up to many exciting experiments in our Science lab with, of all things, cups of tea.

Our Year 8 Boys Football team got off to a winning start and students have the exciting opportunity to sign up for some exciting DJ workshops within our Music department. We have also marked this months Black History Month UK by implementing certain elements in to the lesson plans this term.

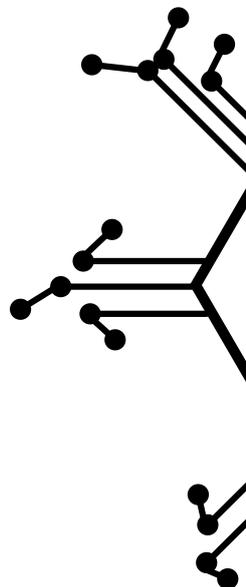
We have also welcomed some new staff to BOA Digital, you can see more about our new staff as you read on - but next time you are at the Academy give them a wave and introduce yourself.

Extra-curricular activities are incredibly important for us and pupils have tried their hand at basketball, football, art, chess and even drama. To see what clubs we have coming up next term visit the website weekly to see the updates. If students would like to sign up please inform your form tutor.

As we look into Term 2, I encourage students to keep up their hard work, and being kind and supportive during lessons.

Thank you all for your continued support and we hope you enjoy having a read through some of our highlights.

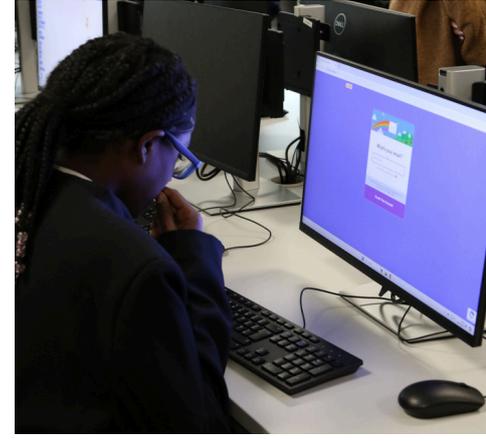
*Mr Averis*  
PRINCIPAL



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We welcomed our new Year 7 students, and welcomed back our Year 8 and 9 students on Wednesday 4 September. They have spent these past few weeks settling in, getting used to their new timetable, making friends and learning new things.

Here are some photos of life at BOA Digital at the moment...



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## SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW STAFF

With new a term comes a new year group which means new staff members too. We are happy to announce we have added some fresh faces to our BOA Digital team this year.

Next time you see them in the building give them a friendly welcome.



**Mr McEwan**  
Modern Foreign Language



**Mr. O'Brien**  
Assistant Principal & DSL



**Ms. Babalola**  
Music



**Mr. Bala-Shaw**  
Science Technician



**Ms. Nasir**  
English



**Ms. Florea**  
Modern Foreign Language



**Ms. Mumford**  
Physical Education



**Ms. Benwell**  
English



**Ms. McKenzie**  
Head of Digital



**Ms. Al-Ani**  
Computer Science



**Ms. Proctor**  
English



**Mr Hafeez**  
Mathematics



**Ms. Islam**  
Science

### FUN FACT

The world's most powerful supercomputer can perform over 200 quadrillion calculations per second.

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## MATHEMATICS

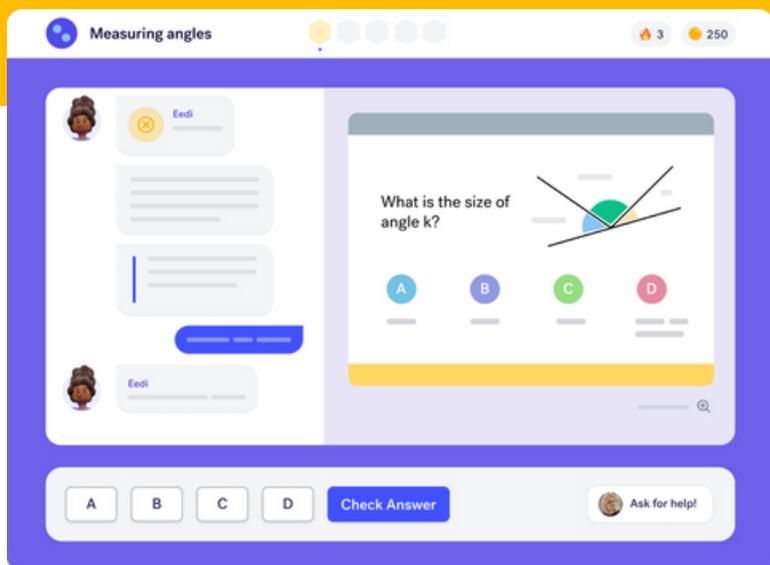
### INTRODUCTION TO EEDI

At BOA Digital Technologies Academy, the Maths department are proud to offer Year 7 and Year 9 students access to the award winning platform EEDI!

This is designed for students to use at home in line with lesson content to practise key skills, recall knowledge and resolve any misconceptions they may have in a topic. With newly designed features including weekly recall quizzes and an online tutor at hand to help, this is an unique opportunity for your child to take ownership of their Maths home learning! There are also regular incentives for students to complete activity and gain points through their set work through the EEDI platform when they link their parent or guardian to their account. As a parent, doing this also allows you to get regular updates on what your child is completing.

Year 7 and Year 9 students will be given their log in details from their teacher - any student who needs this again please see Miss Chapman in Room 3-17.

Not in Year 7 or Year 9? Don't worry Year 8's - you can use your Desmos account and access transum to practice your skills at home!



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*We designed Eedi to support the wonderful work you do in the classroom. Together we can help your students reach their full potential.*

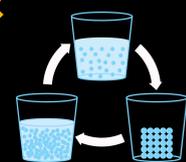


This term our Year 7 students were educated on the three states of matter - Solid, Liquid and Gas.

Here is them in the classroom pretending to be particles.

## LEARNING ALL ABOUT SOLIDS, LIQUIDS & GASES

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## FUN FACT

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## ART

# ARTIST-LED WORKSHOPS

Last week our students took part in an artist-led workshop with Rumbi and Samiir from the **Midlands Arts Centre (MAC)**.

In the first workshop students worked on a 'Zine' project which will culminate in a digital zine on display in the MAC and also an end performance in March.

In the second workshop pupils were working on their digital art skills using procreate as well as some music and poetry.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Throughout this half term boys have been on invasion games. They have developed the basic principles of attack and defence in football and the ability to use simple tactics and strategies to outwit the opposition. In addition, improving their knowledge of small sided competitive games and rules that underpin the game.

## FIXTURES

Year 8 Boys played their first football fixture of the year at Holy Trinity School, a tough first game against a huge physical side.

We took the lead, with a great free kick. Second half we sealed the win with a great finish..

**FINAL SCORE**  
**2 - 0 TO BOA DIGITAL!**



We have 5 music workshops presented through Ifa Yoruba Contemporary Arts Trust led by professional DJ Toni Gehan, as part of Birchfield Jazz Festival

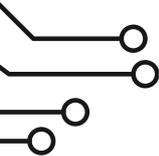
- Learn basic DJ skills
- 10 spaces on each workshop
- Wed 13, 20 & 27 Nov and Wed 4 & 11 Nov
- BOA Digital Technologies (Room 2-09)

To register your interest email [kate.babalola@boa-digital.co.uk](mailto:kate.babalola@boa-digital.co.uk)

# DJ WORKSHOPS WITH TONI GEHAN

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### EXPERIMENTS WITH TEA

The other week our Year 7 Science students used tea bags to investigate how particles move in different water temperatures.

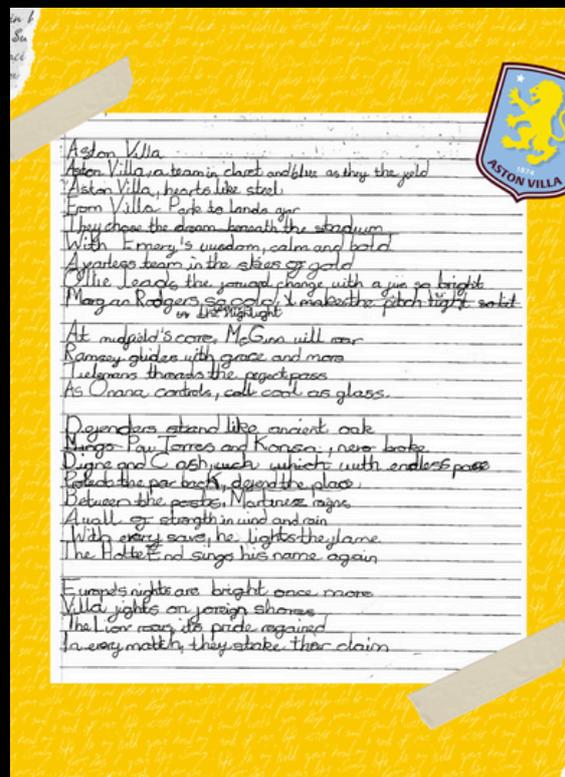


Who knew tea could be so exciting?



National Poetry Day was on Tuesday 3 October and our fantastic English department put together some of our students' work to mark the occasion.

See one of the poems below. All the poems are available to read in full on our social media.



## NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2024

ENGLISH

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## HALF TERM COMPETITION

Are you looking for a fun challenge to do at home this October half term?

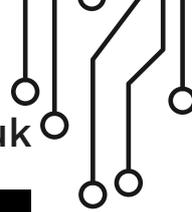
BOA Group Productions and The Old Rep Theatre are doing a drawing challenge that offers children the chance to get their creative hats on by designing a picture to go in our programme for The Wizard of Oz, at The Old Rep Theatre this Christmas.

We're off to see the Wizard in the wonderful land of Oz this Christmas. But, what does a Brummie Land of Oz look like?

Not only do you get your artwork in the programme, but you also have the opportunity to WIN 4 tickets to see the show on Saturday 7 December.

Entries close on 8 November. Visit [boa-group.co.uk](http://boa-group.co.uk) for more information.



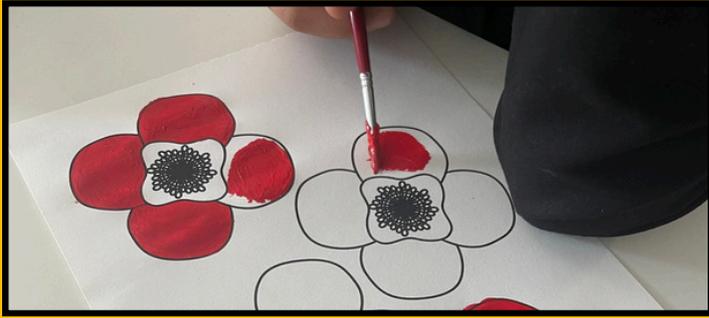


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## YEAR 7 ART CLUB

Our Year 7 Art club have been very busy starting work on BOA Digital's Remembrance Day 2024 display. We can't wait to see the full masterpiece soon. Keep up the great work everyone!



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN OUR CURRICULUM

### HUMANITIES

Our students have been learning that there are many voices in the UK that often go unheard but truly deserve recognition. They have been learning all about **Olaudah Equiano** (A lead figure in the Abolitionist movement), **Mary Seacole** (Best known for her work as a nurse in the Crimean War) and **Leigh-Anne** (Best known for being in girl band Little Mix - in 2021 she made a documentary for BBC 'Race, Pop & Power' where she explores racism across the music industry and confronts her own experiences as the only black member of the band).



### BREAK TIMES

In the Canteen we have been celebrating different cultures during lunch times at BOA Digital.

### DIGITAL & FORM TIME

In the Digital curriculum we have embedded resources into some of our lessons and form time.

Each day we have celebrated a range of different Black British individuals from different areas such as Sports, TV, Politics, Literature etc.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**B:M 2024** RECLAIMING NARRATIVES



### FUN FACT

Black History Month celebrations in the UK first began in 1987, more than 30 years ago.

The month was first organised by Akyaba Addai-Sebo, a special projects coordinator of the Ethnic Minorities Unit at the (now defunct) Great London Council.

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## KEY DATES FOR THE CALENDAR



### AUTUMN HALF TERM

Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November



### BOA DIGITAL -TERM 2

Wednesday 4 November - Friday 20 December



### STAFF TRAINING DAY -NO SCHOOL

Monday 18 November



### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025



## SCHOOL DAY TIMES

### MONDAY & TUESDAY

9am start - 4.15pm finish

### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

9am start - 3.15pm finish

### FRIDAY

9am start - 2.30pm finish



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES

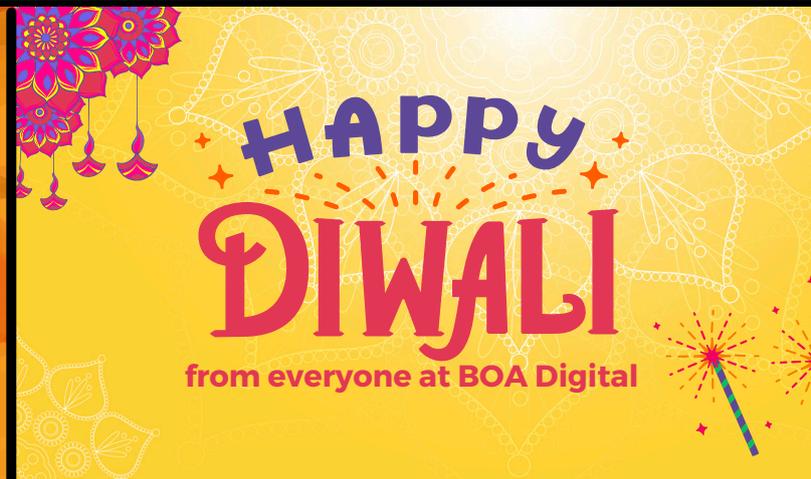
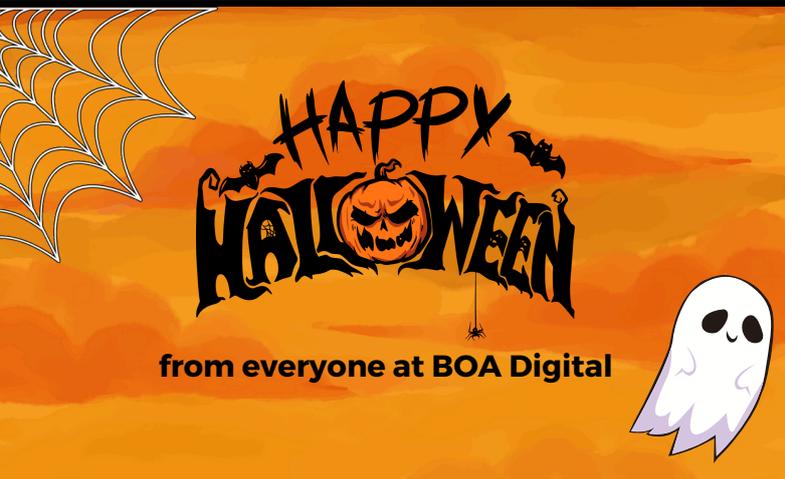
To see our full list of after school clubs and team fixtures  
visit our website.

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## THANK YOU

for taking the time to read through our first BOA Digital newsletter of the term. We will be sending one out at the end of every term so you can keep up to date with everything going on at the school.

If you have any questions for the team, or would like something to be included in our next letter please email [info@boa-digital.co.uk](mailto:info@boa-digital.co.uk)



SEE YOU ALL AGAIN WHEN WE ARE BACK AT SCHOOL  
ON **MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER**