



The Gazette

Written for students by students



*This edition's theme is **TEAMWORK***

This term's entries were incredibly difficult to judge as we had such a large number of participants, in fact we received over 100 beautiful pieces! After lots of deliberation over the works to be published, the Sixth Form Editorial Team decided on the ones included here. They were looking for entries that caught their eye, fulfilled the brief and demonstrated outstanding effort.

We hope you enjoy this term's publication – thank you to each and every one of you who submitted something. The entry picked from the prize draw was the pencil drawing shown here by Isla McGrann in 9Z – well done Isla!

In this edition of The Gazette, we dive into the power of teamwork, the spirit that turns challenges into triumphs and ideas into action. From the classroom to the sports field, from creative projects to community events, collaboration isn't just a skill, it's a superpower.

Teamwork is a word that we hear constantly, from teachers and coaches to group project partners. But what does it mean in our everyday lives as students and how does it shape us, challenge us, and ultimately help us grow into stronger versions of ourselves?

At school, teamwork appears in all sorts of places, sometimes when we least expect it. It can be seen in the classroom when we're trying to solve a complicated problem, and someone shares an idea that we hadn't even considered. It's present on the sports field, where communication and trust can make the difference between a win and a loss. It shines behind the scenes of school productions and events, where dozens of people contribute skills—artistic, technical, organisational—to create something bigger than any one person could produce alone.

However, teamwork isn't always easy but that's part of what makes it meaningful. Working together means learning to listen, compromise and adapt. It means recognising that everyone brings something different, and those differences can be strengths, not obstacles. It's about speaking up when it matters, stepping back when needed, and knowing when to push forward as a group. Real teamwork isn't perfect, but it's powerful.

Most importantly, teamwork isn't just about completing tasks but about building something together. When you collaborate, you are practising skills that you will use far beyond school, in future careers, relationships, and the wider world. You are discovering that when people share ideas, trust one another, and combine their strengths, there is almost nothing that cannot be achieved.

As you look through this issue, we invite you to reflect on your own experiences. Think about the teams of which you've been part, what made them work, what made them fun, and what you learned from them. Whether you're a leader, a quiet problem-solver, a creative thinker, or someone still working out where they fit, there's a place for you in any great team.

When we lift each other up, we don't just succeed, we rise, together.

The Sixth Form Editorial Team



Indie Price 9L

Teamwork

Teamwork is special,
A bond formed by partnership,
A net filled with trust.

Teamwork is pleasing,
It creates a sense of pride,
Working together.

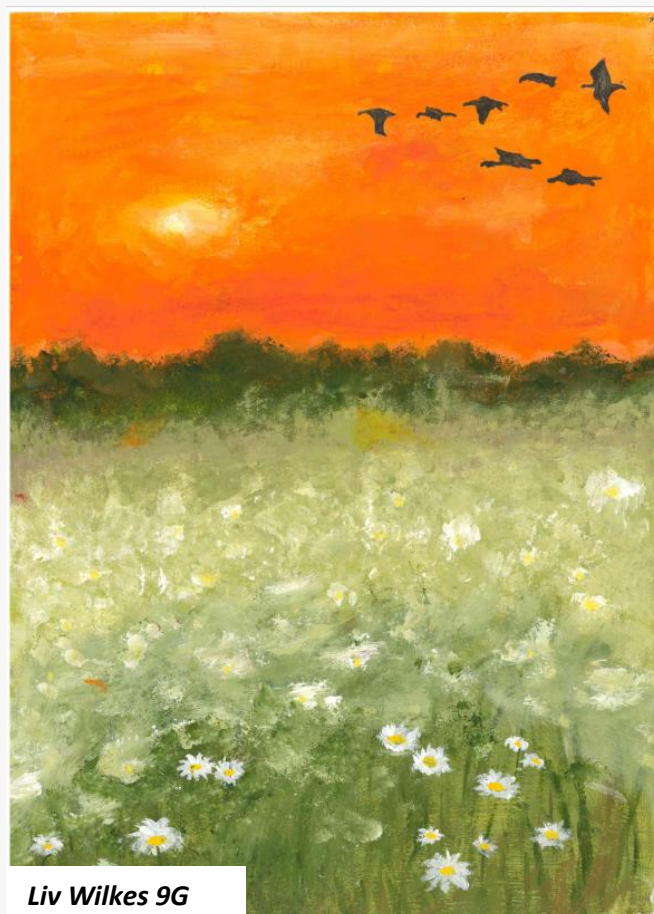
All beings of life,
Everyone uses teamwork,
Ingrained into our souls.

Prince Henry's High School,
Walls built on trust and respect,
Built upon our pride.

Niall Archbold 9M & George Turner 9G



Mia Czochar 9F



Liv Wilkes 9G

One Team, One Dream

The final whistle of the season was only forty-five minutes away, and everything was on the line. The sun hung low over the packed stadium, the roar of the fans echoing like thunder. If Oakfield United could win this last match, they would be champions. But as the players trudged into the dressing room at half-time the scoreboard read 0-1. Heads were down.

Everyone, that is, except for Ryan Blake – their star striker.

Ryan had spent the first half trying to do it all himself; dribbling through defenders, taking impossible shots, ignoring teammates who were wide open. He wanted to be the hero, the name on everyone's lips when the trophy was lifted. But his selfish play had backfired, and now his teammates barely looked at him.

The room was silent until the captain, Tom, stood up. "Listen," he said, his voice firm but calm, "We've got forty-five minutes to show who we really are. Not eleven players chasing glory – one team. We've trained together, fought together, and believed in each other all season. If we're going to win this, we do it together." Ryan looked around the room. He saw the sweat on their faces, the tired eyes that still burned with belief. He realised how alone he had made himself, chasing a moment that meant nothing without them. "You're right", he said quietly. "Let's win this – as a team."

When they ran back out, something had changed. Passes were sharper. Voices were louder. Every player fought for the other. Ryan stopped forcing the game and started looking up, linking passes, making runs, creating space.

Then, twenty minutes from time, the moment came. Ryan sprinted down the wing, drew two defenders towards him and instead of shooting, he squared the ball to Liam, the young midfielder who had never scored before. Liam struck it first time, the net bulged, 1-1, the stadium exploded.

With five minutes left, Oakfield earned a corner. The ball swung in, chaos in the box – Ryan leapt higher than anyone and powered a header into the top corner: 2-1. This time, when he turned to celebrate, he didn't run off alone. He was swallowed up by his teammates, every one of them shouting, laughing, crying.

When the final whistle blew, they collapsed together on the grass, champions at last. The trophy was lifted, silver shining under the floodlights, as the crowd sang their names. That night, their celebrations didn't end when the lights went out. It carried on through laughter, stories and songs; not of one man's glory but of a team that never gave up on each other. Because, in football, as in life, victory means nothing unless you win it together.

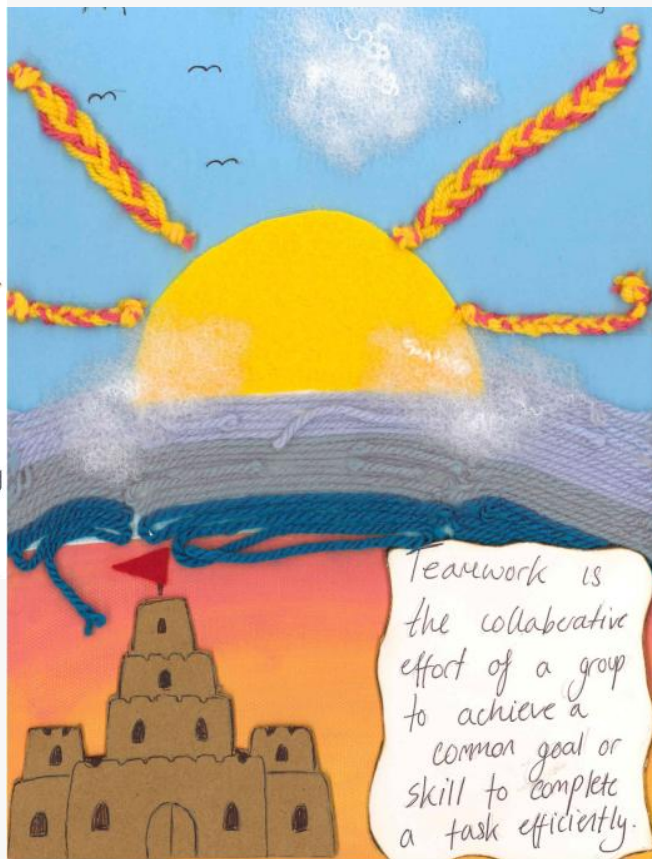
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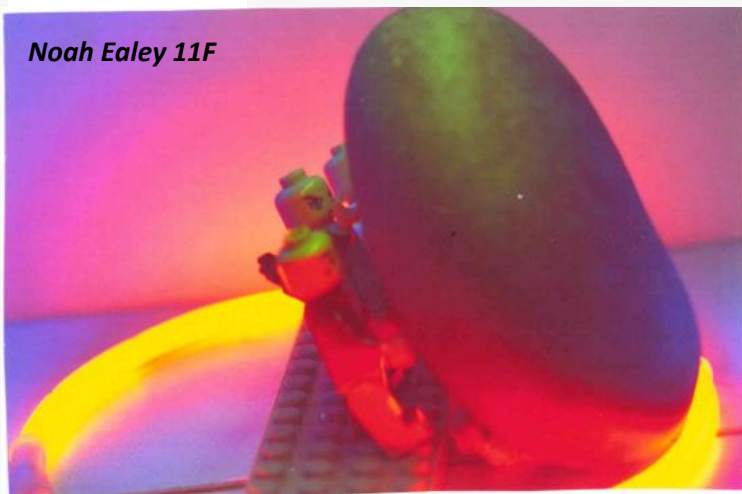




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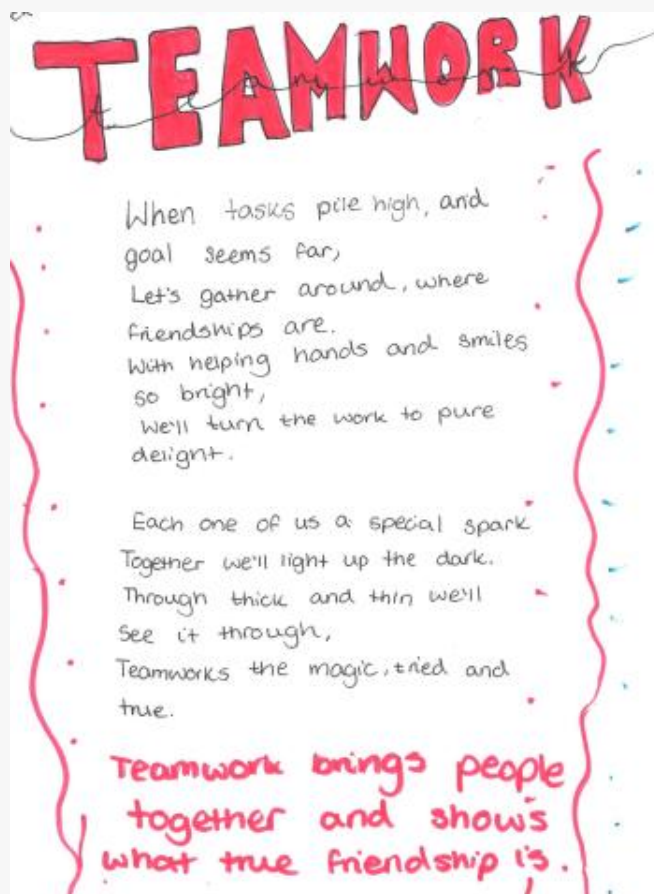
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