

Rock School

Just one of the many clubs on offer at Castle School

'Great, finally we have a drummer so we can keep time!' Having lost their original drummer, Joe Daly, last year the remaining musicians at Rock School had valiantly soldiered on, trying to keep to the beat without a key member of their group. So you can imagine how thrilled they were to welcome Oli Haltam into their fold at the first meeting of the new academic year. And he wasn't the only year 7 student to rock up (excuse the pun). All in all their numbers have swelled to a dozen of aspiring rock stars and the original line up of Tom Newman, Lloyd Smith and Will Letten are looking forward to raising the roof with their new repertoire of alternative rock.



But Rock School is not the only club to meet either during lunch or after school. Mrs Roberts has continued with yoga following its success during last year's CS Creative and several pupils can be found meditating in the English room on Tuesdays. The newspaper team are in full swing and Editor Meg Harris is designing the paper's new layout along with the creative input of layout editor, Isabella Doig. The Japanese club has also reconvened, and despite missing their mentor, Kajus Pakenas, goes from strength to strength, with new members sharing their passion for all things oriental, most notably Manga.



Mrs Letten, Mrs Millar and Mrs White have collectively formed a Walking Group and, undeterred by this week's inclement weather, covered half a mile in one of the labs, motivated by images of the Alp and a sing-along to keep them going. Meanwhile Mrs Millar has also organised a choir, predominantly for prep students, but also inviting older pupils to help with the harmonies. It was lovely to hear 'A million dreams' from the Greatest Showman rising up from the music room yesterday.



Kung Fu, football and netball all continue to meet, as do chess and computer clubs. Mrs White has formed a science club and this week saw them making the latest craze, 'slime'. Both Mrs Millar and Mrs Bennett provide pupils with the chance to get creative and Charlie, in the prep, loved showing off her unicorn mask whilst the others produced colourful pompoms and friendship bracelets.



Next week sees the introduction of Welsh club and we are confident that other clubs will soon follow as pupils become increasingly keen to start up their own that reflect their individual interests or passions.