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RELIGIOUS STUDIES- NATIONAL SUCCESS!

We are extremely grateful to Head of Religious Studies Miss K. Smale for proudly submitting a report detailing some superb achievements by our students.

'The Religious Studies department is celebrating great success this term. Students entered a national competition "A Picture of Peace" in association with the British Islamic Society.

Students were asked to produce a piece of art or poetry to express their idea of peace. Twenty nine pieces of work were sent off to London. There were over one thousand entries from all over the country and 14 of the 29 we sent made it to the final shortlist! Even better, we won both the KS3 & KS4/5 category.

This is a great achievement and congratulations go to Key Stage 3

winner **Stella Dixon**, to **Julian Sillett** the KS4 winner, and to Stella for being the overall national competition winner!

Christopher Graham (Year nine) has also been given special recognition in the competition for the piano piece he wrote and performed to represent his idea of peace. A musical entry was outside the competition rules, but as the judges were so moved by it, they have awarded Christopher a special prize!

Students have now been invited to a prestigious event at Manchester Town Hall where they will see their work on display: it will also be published! Christopher has been invited to play his piece of music at this event. Well done to everyone who submitted an entry for this competition: your work, energy, creativity and enthusiasm were fantastic!'

RELIGIOUS STUDIES- HALL COMPETITION

The RS department set the hall competition last term and the winners are as follows:

- Maya Williams (Year 9)
- Alice Spall & Ellen Worden (Year 9)
- Josh Fleming (Year 10)

Special Hall Points for effort and special recognition also are given to the following students for their excellent submissions:

- Juliana Christianson
- Laura Williams
- Christopher Graham
- Rebecca Clough
- Matthew Cook ,
(all in Year 9)

Well done to everyone who entered- we had lots of amazing pieces given in!

RELIGIOUS STUDIES- OXFAM YOUTH GROUP

The school's Oxfam youth group is busy planning its support for the next Oxfam campaign, "**Enough food for everyone if ..**"

Five Sixth Form students have been invited to a campaign event in Manchester on Sunday 17th February. On their return, they will lead the younger members of our team in helping raise the awareness of world

poverty.

This is an excellent opportunity of leadership for our students and the Oxfam Youth Group is really strong at Upton. If any students are interested in joining in the campaign, you can do as little or as much as you like, come and see Mrs Smale in A12. We will let you know how we get on....watch this space!

Year 7 English- Public Speaking

Year 7 students in sets 1-5 for English were involved in a public speaking competition last Friday. We congratulate Jack Davies, who was our overall winner and Matthew Clough and Connor Wood, our runners up.

All three of them are through to a county final, where the first prize will be a Kindle Fire HD.

A number of our students are entering the Radio 2 500 word short story competition. We wish them the best of luck and hope to print some of the entries in a future edition of Upton Voice.

Pictured right: members of Miss Cooper's class prepare for the competition

