

St Dunstan's School

GLASTONBURY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

What a busy term! It has been amazing to see how much has been going on each week including this week which saw a group visit the Houses of Parliament and Year 7 going to Vivary Park. They had a great day and a full report will be in our next newsletter.

We have also been recruiting kindness ambassadors and there are some exciting opportunities in place coming up for them - watch this space!

Have a lovely half term and we will see everyone on 31 October as 30 October is an INSET day,
Mrs Bevan

A Message from the PTA:

Our Fashion Show is fast approaching (30th November).

Who will our teacher models be? What will they be modelling? You won't want to miss this amazing event - Be sure to purchase your tickets (for ONLY £6!) to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited. You won't want to miss this amazing event - see you there for an evening of glamour!

Book tickets for yourself and friends for a great night out!



20.10.23

NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS
Reminder of
expectations

Reminder for
Year 7 Parents
to book for
Parent's
Evening on 2nd
Nov on Talaxy

Coming soon...
9th Nov - Flu
vaccinations
10th Nov - World
Science Day
15th Nov - STEM
workshop for 6
Year 8 students

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Extra-Curricular
Activities](#)

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Mental Health Week

There was an assembly delivered by Mr Oakwood last Friday, which included the ITV National 'Get Talking' Mental Health campaign.

All students were given a sheet with which to write down any worries they have, and were encouraged to seek out a trusted adult to talk about these with.

Keep an eye out for these if your children want to talk.

<https://www.itv.com/thismorning/articles/itvs-britain-get-talkin-g-campaign-returns>



Young Carers

This term we are proud to have launched our Young Carers programme, which will provide those students who take care of family members with extra support and will help the rest of the school community understand what that role can involve. Click the link for more information and contact Mrs Smith if you would like further details.

Link:

<https://www.midsomernortonschoolpartnership.com/uploads/files/young-carers-at-st.-dunstanrsquos-school..pdf>

Careers & Post-16

Prospects have released different schemes, education routes, apprenticeships, and internship opportunities in the aviation industry [here](#) - there's far more than just being a pilot!

For those interested in a career in medicine, The Medic Portal have released information on the study routes to take [here](#).



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Celebration Assemblies

It was a pleasure to recognise so many students on Wednesday in our termly Celebration Assembly. We are incredibly proud of the effort that all students have put in this term and we look forward to rewarding even more next term.

- ✓ TRACK nominations from tutors
- ✓ Tutor certificates
- ✓ Open evening helper certificates
- ✓ Subject awards
- ✓ Students with 0 Behaviour logs for the term
- ✓ Students with 100% attendance
- ✓ TRACK stars - showing how many stars students have
- ✓ Tutor group/House for both attendance and TRACK stars



Track Star Ranks

1st	Quantock
2nd	Exmoor
3rd	Blackdown
4th	Mendip

Quantock	
7CHU	522
8MWA	425
9LLO	404
Tot Avg	18.0

Exmoor	
7JMA	587
9VSM	289
Tot Avg	17.5

Blackdown	
7KGR	695
8CPE	432
9PJO	186
Tot Avg	16.8

Mendip	
7SGR	489
8JWA	274
9GLE	409
Tot Avg	16.3



House Att Ranks

1st	Exmoor
2nd	Blackdown
3rd	Quantock
4th	Mendip

Quantock	
7CHU	2nd Yr 7
8MWA	Top Yr 8
9LLO	4th Yr 9

Exmoor	
7JMA	3rd Yr 7
9VSM	2nd Yr 9

Blackdown	
7KGR	Top Yr 7
8CPE	2nd Yr 8
9PJO	3rd Yr 9

Mendip	
7SGR	4th Yr 7
8JWA	3rd Yr 8
9GLE	Top Yr 9

1st	Blackdown
2nd	Mendip
3rd	Exmoor
4th	Quantock

Quantock	
11HPO	335
10RBR	107
Tot Avg	8.5

Exmoor	
10GBR	252
Tot Avg	10

Blackdown	
10JPU	432
11TNO	695
Tot Avg	21

Mendip	
10RCO	278
11AHA	489
Tot Avg	16

1st	Exmoor
2nd	Blackdown
3rd	Quantock
4th	Mendip

Quantock	
10RBR	Yr10 3rd
11HPO	Yr11 2nd

Exmoor	
10GBR	Yr10 1st

Blackdown	
10JPU	Yr10 2nd
11TNO	Yr11 3rd

Mendip	
10RCO	Yr10 4th
11AHA	Yr11 4th



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World Mental Health Day

Students also celebrated World Mental Health day, raising money for Young Minds, with a fabulous dance off in the sports hall. Years 7 through to Year 11 strutted their stuff with the help of Just Dance and hilarious fun was had by all.

There were some beautiful stories of students supporting each other, as well as showing support through the wearing of yellow ribbons, yellow hair bands and yellow socks. Staff also joined in with variations of distinctive yellow clothing .

Students also had the chance to experience some positive self help exercises and one class was even challenged to take an hour out of their evening to take a walk, read a book or actually phone a friend.



Cuppa with a Copper!

It was a pleasure to have our local PCSO officers in school last week. They were kind enough to offer students hot chocolate and the opportunity to get to know them - free pens and card protectors were also on offer. They regularly work with us so will be in again soon.



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Our wonderful students - Ski race

Sam (Year 11) and Amy (Year 8) have just returned from Neyland Yacht Club in Pembrokeshire, where the final ski race of the season was held this weekend.

Amy came third in her race and Sam got 1st in Men's Formula 3. This is a dream come true for Sam as his competitors have had years more experience.

Due to it being a new venue, there was only one day of racing. Consequently, they made the races longer to make the journey worthwhile for everyone. Sam maintained 60 mph for 23 miles of racing.

Sam has progressed rapidly this season, skipping juniors and entering men's F3! He was awesome and definitely living the dream!

A huge congratulations to both Amy and Sam!



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Years 9-11 'Smashed Online' underage drinking awareness workshop

250 Year 9-11 students in school yesterday had an hour long workshop delivered to them by Smashed Online which explored the risks and dangers of underage drinking.



The students were absolutely focussed as they followed an interactive video presentation on the lives of three young people who were struggling with underage drinking.

The students took a great deal away from the workshop and learnt a huge amount, evidenced by the survey results taken before and after the workshop.

The most striking figures were that after the workshop, 78% of students felt they knew a lot about the risks of underage drinking compared to just 4% before the workshop. 98% of students now know where to get help if needed, compared to just 20% before the workshop. A stunning success.

78%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO FEEL THEY KNOW LOTS ABOUT THE RISKS OF UNDERAGE DRINKING. COMPARED TO 4% ON THE PRE-SURVEY.

98%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP ABOUT ALCOHOL RELATED ISSUES. COMPARED TO 20% ON THE PRE-SURVEY.

98%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO FEEL EQUIPPED TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES ABOUT DRINKING ALCOHOL. COMPARED TO 20% ON THE PRE-SURVEY.

94%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS LESS LIKELY TO DRINK ALCOHOL UNDERAGE AS A RESULT OF SMASHED.



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School Council

The full school council had its first meeting of the year a number of weeks ago with the next meeting set to happen just after half-term.

Student engagement was fantastic and they all showed true TRACK values throughout.

The agenda for the first meeting is below:

- **Welcome and Introduction by Mr Oakwood. Explaining how meetings will work**
- **Bullying & Anti-Bullying Ambassadors**
- **Anti-Bullying Community**
- **Black History Month & National Hate Crime Awareness Week WB 16.10.23**
- **School Charities**
- **House Championship**
- **Next meeting – how meetings will now be ‘student run’**
- **AOB**

Well done everyone! You represented your tutor groups amazingly well and we look forward to seeing all the positive changes you can bring about in the school!



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Year 9 Houses of Parliament Trip

A group of Year 9 students enjoyed an exciting day in London on Thursday.

The day started with a sightseeing tour, trying to spot as many famous landmarks as we could.

We then visited the Houses of Parliament. We were lucky enough to view one of the discussions on Black History Month from the gallery.

Students then moved on to the viewing gallery in the House of Lords. Here we viewed a debate on the strategic challenges posed by China.

Students then participated in a workshop on debating.

All the students were a credit to the school.



Milkshake with the Head - Year 10

Mrs Bevan was pleased to reward the following students with a Milkshake and treat at breaktime today. They have been embodying our TRACK values and were nominated by teachers for this reward. Students from a different Year Group are nominated each week.

Names: Luca B, Lexi C, Leonora CC, Olivia C, Nicholas E, Elysia J, Amber L, Rosalyn PE, Beren R, Eleanor S

Well done to all!



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Young Carers

Mrs Smith, our Young Carers' lead, held a special assembly, to outline what a Young Carer is and how the school community can be supportive of them.



National Poetry Day Competition Winners

Congratulations to our prize winners for National Poetry Day. The competition was to write a poem, inspired by the theme of space. All entries showed creativity and lots were beautifully decorated too!



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Year 7 Food and Nutrition

The corridors smelled delicious as Year 7 cooked Fruit Triangles!

From weighing and measuring, mixing and collaborating, the end result was a healthy sweet snack which the students couldn't wait to try!

Well done Year 7!



Milkshake with the Head - Year 9

Mrs Bevan and Mrs Easterbrook were pleased to reward the following students with a Milkshake and treat at breaktime on 13th October. They have been embodying our TRACK values and were nominated by teachers for this reward. Each week a different Year Group will get nominated.

Mya B, Erin D, Ryan F, Reagan H, Violet H, Macy H, Abigail H, Sophie H, Chloe L, Nina V

Well done to all!



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MHST - Self-Harm Training.

As one of the flagship Mental Health Support Team schools in Somerset, we often get access or information to events or training that others don't. Please see below an email from the MHST regarding a training course run by Harmless to help parents support young people who may be engaging in self-injury:

*Free self-harm training through **Harmless** is available to parents and carers. This is online and we highly recommend this training; we have used it within our team and for our EMHPs and have all found it valuable.*

*Link for **parents/carers**: [Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Self Harm Training Parents, Carers And Family Members \(cypsomersethealth.org\)](https://www.cypsomersethealth.org/health-wellbeing/self-harm-training-parents-carers-and-family-members)*

Wednesday 8th November 2023 09:30am - 11:00am

Please note this is external and not linked to the MHST, all details on the links above. New dates are often added so please save the links and check back for more.

Wildlife Conservation Student Conference

KS4 Science and Geography students were fortunate enough to attend a student conference held at Longleat.

Students were introduced to different aspects of wildlife conservation with presentations from Longleat's own specialists. They then had the opportunity to explore the safari park.

Student behaviour was fantastic and they all showed true TRACK values throughout.

Well done everyone!



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Parking for 18th November and 25th November

Saturday 18th
November 2023

CARNIVAL PARKING

AT ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL
WELLS RD, GLASTONBURY
BA6 9BY

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for the PTA

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SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
2023

FROST FAYRE PARKING

AT

ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL, WELLS
ROAD, GLASTONBURY BA6 9BY

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11AM

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Fashion Show - PTA event

Book Now! Women's Fashion Show Event - 30th November 2023
Our brilliant PTA are hosting a fashion show event for the people of Glastonbury and neighbouring areas!

It is a chance to have a fun night out before Christmas with friends; enjoy the fashion show and buy some high street brands at bargain prices!

Wondering which staff will be modelling the garments on the catwalk? Buy your tickets via ParentPay today and find out!

If you would like to support the raffle by donating a prize please contact the PTA via email: stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com



FASHION SHOW

An exciting evening of fashion & fun hosted by
Travelling Trends

A ladies night out with a difference!
As well as a live CATWALK SHOW,
there is ample time to try on & buy
this season's High Street & Branded fashions.

All at bargain prices!!



November 30th 2023

Doors open 6:30 pm

Show starts 7:00 pm

St. Dunstan's School
Wells Road, Glastonbury
BA6 9BY

Tickets available on Parentpay.

Ticket includes a glass of wine (or
alternative).

Organised by St. Dunstan's
Community PTA.

In aid of the renovation of St.
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