

St Dunstan's School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We have had another brilliant week at school. On Tuesday, the author Joffre White visited for a day of workshops with students. He was very complimentary about the enthusiasm, politeness and exemplary behaviour of students and, of course, their writing skills!

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day and what a day it was - it was fantastic to see characters from Indiana Jones, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Princess Jasmine and a couple of Grim Reapers arriving to school in the morning! Staff also made a concerted effort to dress up as characters from Dorothy, Cruella de Ville (complete with dalmatian!), Mary Poppins and Bert the Chimney Sweep, the Cat in the Hat, an atlas and a clutch of Where's Wally, Golden Tickets and more. I even donned a Queen of Hearts outfit myself and thoroughly enjoyed it! As well as the costumes, students had the opportunity to take part in a book based treasure hunt, a 'mystery reader' photo competition and to hear sections of the Roald Dahl story 'The Man from the South' at the start of each lesson - thanks to all staff who recorded each part of the story.

I was a super proud headteacher on Wednesday as I went to Writhlington School and saw Carmen in Year 9 coming second in the Trust Wide Masterchef. On Friday, we celebrated International Women's Day - more on this in next week's newsletter after we have our event on Tuesday 12th - we are thrilled to see that so many people have signed up to take part in this and we are really looking forward to it.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bevan



08.03.24

THIS WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:
International
Women's Day
Careers

Upcoming
Events:

International
Women's Day
Celebration
March 12th

Red Nose Day
March 15th

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World Book Day

What an exciting World Book Day we have had! We have enjoyed celebrating the power of books and the impact that reading has on our lives and the whole event was bigger and better than ever before! Huge numbers of students and staff donned their dressing up clothes today and it was heartwarming to see princesses, the Cat in the Hat, Harry Potter, the Grim Reaper and Greek Gods, to name but a few, pacing down the drive ready for their day at school ! Students have taken part in a range of activities including a treasure hunt ; a book cover competition; and they were treated to a mystery storyteller every lesson. We've had such fun, spending time reminiscing about our favourite stories, appreciating that time spent with a book, is time well spent.



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Young Chef of the Year

Congratulations to Carmen in year 9 who achieved second place this week in the final round of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership 'Young Chef of the Year' competition at Writhlington School. The competition was fierce and Carmen was competing against students from 10 other schools in the trust.

Carmen started the day with a culinary masterclass from a Michelin Star chef from The Pony and Trap in Chew Valley. The brief for the competition was 'cook a main course dish to serve 2 people within 90 minutes, using seasonal ingredients and costing no more than £15'.

Carmen has been working hard in preparation for the final. She prepared, cooked and presented her dish of 'Herby lamb, Spring vegetables and creamed mashed potatoes'.

Carmen demonstrated our TRACK values throughout the heat process and in the final competition, and was incredibly ambitious with her menu.

The competition was tough and deliberation started, the judges for the competition were:

- Josh Egerton - Michelin star chef and 3 times Great British Menu competitor
- Martin Blake - Head Chef at The Royal Crescent, Bath
- Steven Shore - previous chef at The Moody Goose at the Priory; Michelin star and A.David Development chef
- Alun Williams - CEO of the Trust



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Young Chef of the Year Continued...

We are incredibly proud of Carmen for achieving second place. The judges commented on her flavour combination, organisation and use of seasonal ingredients.

Carmen has won a culinary masterclass with Michelin Star chef Pierre Koffman in London. A fantastic and well deserved achievement, well done Carmen!



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Extracurricular Timetable Update

ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Term 4 - 23-24

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime Clubs 12:40 - 1:00		Music practice rooms open All Years Keyboard Club (Room 18)	All Years Girls 4 Girls (Room 5)	Music practice rooms open All Years Klubs with Kieron (Library) All Years Singing Club (Room 18)	Years 7-9 Creative Writing With a Twist (Room E1) All Years The Mindful Munch (Rm 8a)
After school SCHOOL CLUBS 3:15-4:15 Other clubs	Years 7 & 8 Rugby (Field) Yr 7 & 8 Netball (Sports Hall)	All Years Handball (Sports Hall)	All Years Badminton (Sports Hall)	Years 9-11 Football (Field) Yr 9-11 Netball (Sports Hall)	All Years Basketball (Sports Hall)
After school 3:15-4:15 Other clubs	Homework club (Learning Hub) Years 7-9 Engineering Club (Room S5) All Years Youth Speaks (Room E2) Years 7-9 Art Club (Room L3)	Homework club (Learning Hub)	Homework club (Learning Hub) All Years Drama Club (Drama Studio till 5pm) Years 10-11 Art Club (Room L3)	Homework club (Learning Hub) All Years Poetry on the buses (Room E2)	Homework club (Learning Hub) Years 7-9 Gardening Club (Outdoors) All Years Space Club (Room S3)
KS4 Revision 3:15-4:15	Year 11 iMedia catch up (Room 2) Year 11 Graphics catch up (Room L4) Yr 11 Science Revision (Room S2) Year 10 French Stretch & Challenge (3:15-4pm) (Room 11) Yr 11 Computer Science Revision (Room 2)	Year 11 History Target 4 catch up (Room 8)	Yr 11 English Revision (Room E2) Year 11 Music Coursework catch up (Room 18) DofE monthly meeting (Room L1) Year 11 French Revision (Room 10) Year 10 Sport Studies Coursework catch-up (Room 4) Year 11 Business Studies Coursework catch-up (Room 4)	Year 11 History Target 7+ catch up (Room L5) Class 10AM/1 Maths Aspire club (Room 3) Year 11 Food catch up (Room 14) Year 11 Music Coursework catch up (Room 18) Year 11 Maths Revision: Higher (Rooms 1 & 5) Foundation (Rooms 3 & 8)	



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Milkshake at Break

Mrs Bevan and Mrs Easterbrook were 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. Each week a different Year Group will get nominated.

Kobe Croucher, Lydia Ferreira, Safiye Keles, Alif Khan, Jenson Marjeram, Ollie Nelson, Daisy Ramsden, Kaelan Septer, Henry Witcombe

Vape Leaflets

Following recent concerns that had been raised with regards to possible use of THC/Cannabis Vapes by young people, SDAS have produced the attached leaflets for sharing with parents, those working with young people and young people themselves.

I believe there have been a small but concerning number of Ambulance call outs to young people as a result of 'Spice' in the Vapes so it's an important message.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the St Dunstan's School Safeguarding Team.



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Careers & Post-16

13 March 2024: Online – Unlock Cyber Challenge, powered by Immersive Labs: Year 8

The Unlock Cyber Challenge is back! All you will need is a website browser to take part.

We have teamed up with Bristol-based Immersive Labs, the world's first fully interactive, gamified cyber skills platform, which is used by employers to train their cyber workforces. It is therefore a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop their cyber skills in a fun and engaging way. It's a FREE live 2-hour challenge and is taking place on Wednesday 13 March starting at 10am until Midday.

11th July 2024: Cyber Horizons South Gloucestershire is coming to Winterbourne Academy. This free day of coding lessons and workshops is open to all KS3 pupils and is a perfect opportunity for teachers to meet members of the software, coding and computing community in Bristol.

16th July 2024: Cyber Horizons Bath brings together both universities and cybersecurity organisations from across Bath, North Somerset and Bristol. The event is open to all KS3 pupils and is being held at Bath College's City Campus.



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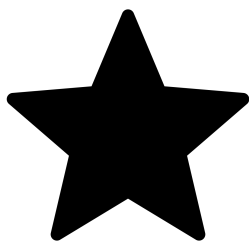


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



100%
Attendance

95%+
Attendance

92-93%
Attendance

Below
90%
Attendance

96%
Attendance

Absences
add up

Be in to win - 100% attendance will be rewarded with TRACK Stars and chance to win Amazon vouchers

82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

This is the target equalling at most 8 days off per year

Missing 2 days per month means you miss 10% of school

