



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024; I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

Looking ahead, there is a lot coming up in the rest of the year. Year 11 are in the countdown to their next round of mocks and, before we know it, the GCSE season will be upon us. I would like to thank staff for all that they do to support Year 11 - revision after school, intervention groups and individual help. Please ensure your children grasp the opportunities that are offered. At the end of this term, we have the next PTA event - a quiz; my favourite! This is on February 9th - more details later in this newsletter. Watch out for letters about a trip to Normandy for Year 7 in June. Year 10 also have their trip to Paris at the end of next term - très bien! A little closer in the diary is the Youth Speaks event on 24th January - I always enjoy attending this, do come along if you can - we are hosting it this year and have three teams participating. In the same week, Year 11 parents' evening is on 25th January - bookings are open for this now. We also have Year 9 Options Evening and parents' evening either side of February half term. There are important choices to be made for Year 9 - please ensure you ask if you or your child need support with the process after Options Evening. Year 8 basketball fans are participating in a Basketball Development Day next week - I look forward to hearing how it goes.

As you may be aware, we have shiny new furniture in the canteen which has increased our seating capacity from 96 to 195; the difference is already noticeable and the canteen is a relaxed, calm space for all students.

It has been good to see so many students in the correct uniform - thank you for your support with this; it makes the day more pleasant for everyone if we can just focus on teaching, learning and building positive relationships.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bevan

12.01.24

NEXT WEEK  
ASSEMBLY  
FOCUS:  
British values  
and protected  
characteristics

Coming soon...  
24th Jan - Youth  
Speaks  
Competition  
25th Jan - Y11  
Parents' Evening  
9th Feb -PTA  
Quiz night  
9th Feb - Mental  
Health Day,  
students off  
timetable

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## **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

We can't wait to see the parents of our Year 11 students at our parents evening.

The event is on Thursday 25th January: 16.00 - 19.00

Please make your booking on our Talaxy Portal software.

Please contact the office if you need help accessing talaxy: [secretary@stdunstanschool.com](mailto:secretary@stdunstanschool.com).

See you on the 25th.

## **Cross County Champions**

On Wednesday, a group of 13 students from St Dunstan's visited Millfield school to participate in the Cross Country Championships. Despite the freezing weather conditions, all students displayed remarkable resilience. Notably, 11 students have successfully qualified for the upcoming round of the competition, where they will compete at the county level. Additionally, one student achieved an impressive 3rd place in his race! Congratulations to all the participants for their fantastic efforts; we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you!



## **Golden Records!**

Congratulations to Alpha in Year 9 as his band has just released an EP and CD of their music. The band name is Sub Zero and we wish them all the best with it.



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## Reminder

Please remember that the following are not allowed in school:

- Spray deodorants
- Cans of fizzy drink/energy drinks
- Nose studs
- Artificial nails
- Chewing gum
- Trainers (other than for PE)

The school, like all public buildings, is a non smoking/vaping environment. It is illegal to sell nicotine vaping products to anyone under 18 or for adults to buy them on behalf of under-18s.



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## PTA Quiz

Following the tremendous success of last year's quiz, the PTA are holding another quiz evening on Friday 9th February .

The tickets are available on Parentpay.

To buy the tickets you will need to enter the total cost of all the tickets you want to buy and write in the comment box the total number of adult and child tickets you are buying. The event includes food and a drink.

The PTA would welcome any raffle donations - these can be left at reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

For further details, please email: [stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com)

# QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2024**  
**DOORS OPEN 6.30PM,**  
**QUIZ STARTS @7.00PM**

**ADULT £6, UNDER 16S £3**  
**INCLUDING A PLOUGHMAN'S**  
**AND A DRINK.**

**ALL**  
**PROCEEDS TO**  
**THE PTA!**

**RAFFLE**

**BAR!**

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

**WHAT 3 WORDS:**  
**///FRIES.REFLECTED.EVIDENTLY**

**Tickets available on ParentPay,**  
**on the door, or email**  
**[stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com).**  
**Please email us to notify of any dietary**  
**requirements.**



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## **Be Kind Awards - Opportunity to nominate**

The Be Kind awards is a set of awards to celebrate kindness amongst schools and young people.

There are 7 award categories but categories 2, 4, 6 and 7 are relevant to us as a school

### **Secondary Star School**

This can cover the whole school or a specific year group. Nominations must detail how kindness has been promoted and if possible the impact it has had on the pupils, the outside community and/or the staff

### **John Caudwell Community Kindness**

This is for Individual pupils or groups of students in all year groups. The act of kindness must have been shown to the community, outside of school. Nominations must be able to demonstrate how their kindness has impacted the community

### **Star Pupil**

This is for individual pupils from all year groups. The act of kindness must have been shown within a school environment. Nominations must be able to demonstrate how their kindness has impacted others

### **Star Teacher**

This is to nominate a teacher that has gone above and beyond to demonstrate kindness. The act of kindness must have been carried out at school or for pupils outside of school. Nominations must be able to demonstrate how their kindness has impacted others

Nominations will be open from Monday 3rd July 2023 until Friday 12th April 2024.

The link to the Be Kind Awards website is [here](#) which has more information and how you can submit nominations.



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## Students logging on to their Talaxy accounts from home

If any of you are struggling to access your child's Talaxy account at home, please find some instructions below. There are two routes to use:

### Route 1 - *useful for all their school work*

- Students must make sure when they log onto the computer, they are signed in on their **school email account**.
- They should then go to the following **link**

<https://sites.google.com/stdunstansschool.com/stdunstansstudentgateway/home>

- Once there, press the **Talaxy link button**.
- Then click '**Log In**' located at the top right
- Then click '**Google**' icon at the bottom right where it asks for login details.
- *You do not have to sign in here if you are logged on with school email already, just click the google button and it will take you straight through*

### Route 2 - *Talaxy only*

- Students should go to the following **link** below.

<https://stdunstans.talaxy.app>

- Click '**Log In**' located at the top right.
- The student will need to use their **school email account** to log on if they are not logged on to the computer already on their school account.



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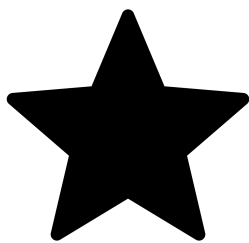


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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**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

