

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families and Parents,

As the academic year draws to a close, we reflect on a year of significant progress and student success across St Dunstan's School. Our students have excelled academically and personally, embodying our core values daily.

Academic Excellence & Student Recognition

We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work and engagement. Our Year 11 students, in particular, demonstrated exceptional resilience during their GCSEs. The positive learning environment in our classrooms is frequently commended, and our commitment to student success is evident in the extensive support provided, including revision sessions.

A key focus this year has been celebrating student efforts. Congratulations to all who earned Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards. Collectively, our students achieved an astonishing 272,400 'On Track Points' for 2024-25, significantly surpassing last year's total and reflecting immense dedication.

Vibrant School Life Our students enjoyed a fantastic year in sports, highlighted by a spirited Sports Day that showcased individual achievements and a strong community spirit. The arts thrived with a magnificent production of 'The Lion King,' musical showcases, and enriching visits to prestigious venues.



18.07.25

Special Edition
Newsletter:
Enrichment
Week
Round-Up

Key Dates

First day of
the Autumn
Term:

Wednesday
3rd
September
2025

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Our community ethos shone brightly through Remembrance Day and VE Day commemorations , and our students' generosity was heartwarming, with significant food bank donations and over £500 raised for Children in Need.

Enrichment & Growth Students engaged in a wide array of enriching activities, from clubs like Dungeons and Dragons and Chess to academic challenges, DofE expeditions, and theatre visits. These experiences have broadened horizons and ignited new passions, fostering countless moments of personal growth.

None of these achievements would be possible without our dedicated staff, whose unwavering support inspires and guides our students daily. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to you, our parents and families, for your invaluable partnership and commitment to your children's education.

We bid a fond farewell to staff members moving on, especially Carol Salter, for her incredible 40 years of service, and Mr. Jones, on his retirement.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming students back in September for another fantastic year.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 10 Work Experience



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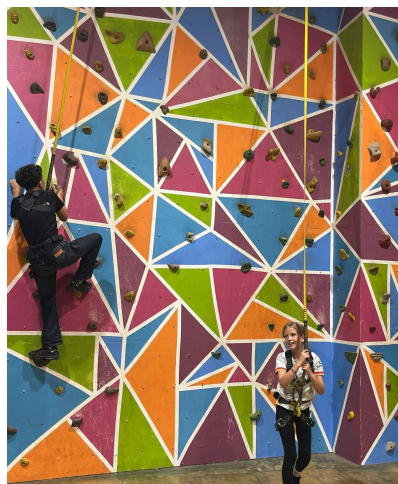


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Dungeons and Dragons



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Bovington Tank Museum



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Glastonbury Abbey



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Year 7&8 Summer Reading Challenge

Maintaining reading practice is really important over the summer holidays to make sure all the progress made during term time doesn't slip away!

Over the holidays, Year 7 and 8 have been set a reading challenge. It is essential that they complete at least the red section on the sheet, but if they can do more, that would be amazing.

We will be retesting students' reading ages when we start back in the autumn term and it without regular practice, reading ages can dip considerably and make the school year harder to digest.

We thank you for your support with this over the holidays. We appreciate things are busy but we've made sure we've set manageable tasks.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

RED = COMPULSORY

- * READ ONE FULL BOOK (THIS CAN INCLUDE GRAPHIC NOVELS OR MANGA)
- * READ OUT LOUD TO FAMILY/FRIENDS FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES (3 TIMES ACROSS THE SUMMER)

ORANGE = TRY SOME OF THESE

- * READ 2 BOOKS IN TOTAL
- * LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK (BORROWBOX IS A FREE AUDIOBOOK APP AVAILABLE FROM THE LIBRARY)
- * WATCH A FILM/PLAY A GAME WITH SUBTITLES ON

GREEN = BONUS POINTS!

- * READ 3+ BOOKS IN TOTAL
- * READ A GENRE YOU DON'T USUALLY READ
- * HOST A MINI BOOK CLUB WITH YOUR FRIENDS/FAMILY

PLEASE PROVIDE EVIDENCE SO WE CAN SEE IT IN SEPTEMBER!



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Local Summer Activities



SUMMER SKATE

AT LOST PROJECTS INDOOR SKATEPARK

Skate
Scoot
Socialise

FREE

Food
Provided

13-17 Years
Thursday 31st July
Thursday 14th August
4pm-8pm

8-16 Years
Thursday 7th August
Thursday 21st August
11am-3pm

BOOK NOW ON PLAYWAZE



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Local Summer Activities



SAVE OVER £10

THE SOUTH WEST'S TOP SUMMER ATTRACTION

FESTIVAL OF SUMMER

FUNFAIR RIDES & ROLLERCOASTERS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

BEACH AREA

LICENSED BAR

KIDZ ZONE

FOOD VILLAGE

OPEN DAILY
FRIDAY 25th JULY **UNTIL** **SUNDAY 17th AUGUST**

ALL RIDES £2 ALL DAY EVERYDAY

A FUNTASTIC DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

£2 ENTRY (EXCEPT UNDER 2'S)
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

DURDHAM DOWNS BRISTOL BS9 1FG

FREE CARIPARK **P** FOR THE SOUTH WEST ENJOYMENT
ALL OF THE SPENT IS A GIFT FOR THE FUTURE

OPEN DAILY 1-9pm

LIKE US ON:

FIND OUT MORE: www.festivalofsummer.com

50p OFF SLUSH	50p OFF CANDY FLOSS	50p OFF ANY MAIN DISH AT MANDARIN	50p OFF SIGNATURE BURGER	1 FREE DONUT WHEN YOU BUY 5 OR MORE	4 FREE TOKENS WHEN YOU BUY 20 OR MORE	FREE GRANDPARENT ENTRY
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<u>O</u>rganised & Proactive	<p>Bringing the correct equipment, kit and uniform</p> <p>Meeting deadlines</p> <p>Working on tasks independently and completing homework to a high standard</p>
<u>N</u>eat & Tidy work	<p>Smart, well presented books demonstrating your best work</p>
<u>T</u>enacity	<p>Trying your hardest, rising to challenges, having a 'can do' attitude, working out solutions and taking ownership of your learning</p>
<u>R</u>eady, Respectful and Responsible	<p>Being a role model by consistently demonstrating our basic expectations</p>
<u>A</u>nswering, reading and listening like an expert	<p>Sophisticated full sentence answers using technical terms</p> <p>Following along, tracking the text and ready to read aloud in class.</p> <p>Reading widely and for pleasure</p> <p>Listening and considering the views of others</p> <p>Taking in turns to respond</p>
<u>C</u>ontributing to the class	<p>Playing an active role in every lesson</p> <p>Attention to the speaker, sat up straight, arms still, pens down</p> <p>Teacher focused</p>
<u>K</u>indness & Community minded	<p>Caring, polite, looking after one another and the site</p> <p>Speaking with kindness and respect</p> <p>Supporting staff and other students to create a positive learning environment for all</p>



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