

# St Dunstan's School

GLASTONBURY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a good half term break - it has been great to see everyone back in school and to get into the swing of a new term. It has also been lovely to see the sun peeking through every now and again and to have the evenings being a bit lighter - it sort of compensates for the seemingly endless rain (a tiny bit!); let's hope better weather is on the way.

The PTA quiz at the end of term was a resounding success (again). Thank you to everyone involved and to all those who attended. The PTA have asked that we remind you about the Tesco blue tokens appeal - we are no longer in the lead apparently so need lots of people to participate.

Coming up, we have Year 9 Parents' Evening next week - we are looking forward to seeing parents and students for discussions around progress and options choices. Year 11 have their next round of mock exams starting next week - these 'dry runs' are a great opportunity to determine areas of strength and those topics that need an extra push in class, at home and in attending revision sessions. We are half way through the school year and we are all looking forward to a positive term. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bevan



23.02.24

**NEXT WEEK  
ASSEMBLY  
FOCUS:**  
New Term:  
expectations  
reminder

**Coming soon...**

26th Feb onwards -  
Year 11 Mock Exams

29th Feb - Year 9  
Parents' Evening

5th Mar - visiting author  
to see KS3 students -  
more details to follow

8th Mar - Netball  
Superleague trip

13th Mar - Road Safety  
talks for KS3

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Activities](#)

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## Student Achievements

During half term Lydia Ferreira attended the North Cornwall Dance Festival in Launceston as part of the South West School of Dance's competition team. She won gold for her lyrical duet with her dance partner Ethan and silver for her classical ballet solo! Congratulations, Lydia!



## Milkshake with the Head - Year 11

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.

Elena B, Madison BH, Lexie C, Alfie D, Edwin H, Lois S, Brooke S, Zuzia S  
Well done to all!



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## PE kit reminders

Miss Pengelley and Mr Waugh would like to remind students and parent's of the PE kit requirements for indoor and outdoor lessons. If there are any questions at all, please feel free to contact your child's PE teacher.

# INDOOR PE KIT

### Compulsory:

- St Dunstan's black polo top
- St Dunstan's black bottoms (shorts, skort, leggings or joggers)
- Trainers
- Long St Dunstan's socks **OR** WHITE trainer socks
- Long hair tied back
- No jewellery (earrings should be taped if cannot be removed)

### Optional:

- St Dunstan's blue hoodie
- St Dunstan's navy ¼ zip
- St Dunstan's rugby top

If you do not have the St Dunstan's branded kit, please wear plain black substitutes. **NO** big logos please.

**NO** tights to be worn with PE kit.

# OUTDOOR PE KIT

### Compulsory:

- St Dunstan's black polo top
- St Dunstan's black bottoms (shorts, skort, leggings or joggers)
- Trainers **OR** studded boots (boots for rugby, hockey, football and cross country!)
- Long St Dunstan's socks
- Long hair tied back
- No jewellery (earrings should be taped if cannot be removed)

### Optional:

- St Dunstan's blue hoodie
- St Dunstan's navy ¼ zip
- St Dunstan's rugby top (preferred when playing rugby)

### Extras:

**Gumshields** are compulsory for rugby, optional for hockey

**Shin pads** are compulsory for hockey and football.

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Bookings open on Monday 4th March 2024



# Happy Healthy Holidays is back for Easter!

This programme offers a range of exciting activity clubs  
in the school holidays for children who are eligible for  
benefits-related free school meals across Somerset

Find and book FREE local activities by visiting:  
[www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays](http://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays) or  
scan the QR code!



To book,  
get your code  
from your  
school!



✉ [hhh@sasp.co.uk](mailto:hhh@sasp.co.uk) ☎ 07843 816168 / 01823 653992 (Open 9am - 1pm)



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# Pride of Somerset Youth Awards 2024.

Nominations are Now Open for the Pride of Somerset Youth Awards 2024. The Pride of Somerset Youth Awards (POSYA) honours remarkable achievements of young individuals throughout the county who have made their families, friends, or community proud over the last twelve months.

Founded by the Rotary Club of Taunton, and now in their 17th year, the awards celebrate the often unsung heroes among our Somerset young people. They are dedicated to recognising inspirational efforts, accomplishments, unwavering determination and selfless actions.

The award categories range from Charity / Volunteer Hero and the Young Person of the Year Award to the Sandy Padgett and Sporting Achievement Awards. Each aim to spotlight any young person in the county who has demonstrated outstanding generosity, courage, talent, and dedication.

All nominations come from Somerset's public, with the winners selected by a panel of judges comprised of local business leaders, public figures, and dedicated champions of various Somerset communities.

An award ceremony will take place on Thursday 16 May 2024, 6.30pm-9pm at The McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater.

Do you know of a young individual who deserves recognition? All nominees must be under the age of 21. The last date to submit nominations is Friday 8 March 2024.

You can get the latest updates on the awards by following Pride of Somerset Youth Awards 2024 on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

## About the Awards

The Pride of Somerset Youth Awards 2024 is proud to work with a collection of fantastic partners that make this possible. With 10 awards categories in total, each sponsor has selected an award that they are passionate about and can advocate for.

- Art & Culture Award | Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Taunton
- Care Award | Sponsored by the Somerset County Gazette
- Championing Positive Mental Health Award | Sponsored by Bounce Forward
- Charity / Volunteer Hero | Sponsored by Young Somerset
- Community Hero | Sponsored by Bridgwater United Community Sports Trust
- Environmental Award | Sponsored by This is Gravity
- Outstanding Courage Award | Sponsored by Somerset Larder
- Sandy Padgett Award | Sponsored by Avon & Somerset Police
- Sporting Achievement Award | Sponsored by Passion of Somerset
- Young Person of Year Award | Sponsored by Bridgwater & Taunton College



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## Tesco Blue Token Appeal

At Tesco you can vote for St Dunstan's Drama and Music departments to receive up to £1,500 in funding. This is part of their blue token scheme.

At the checkout please ask for some blue tokens (or pick them up at the self-checkout) and pop them in the collection box to vote for St Dunstan's!

Thank you for your support.

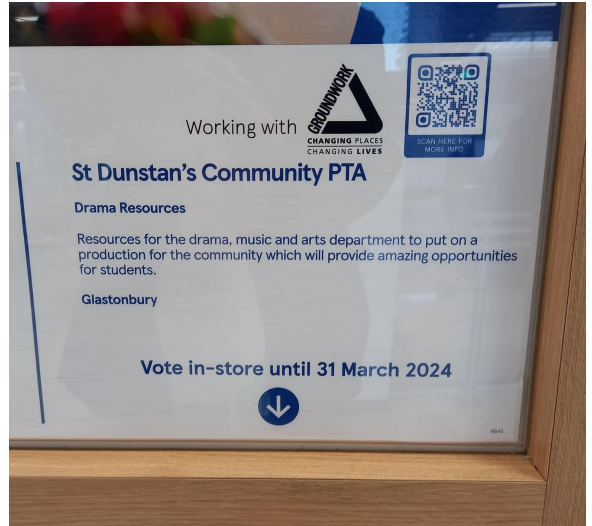


### Tesco Blue Token Appeal


For the next month please support St Dunstan's Music and Drama Department when you shop at Tesco.

As you pay pick up a blue token and pop it in the box for St Dunstan's on your way out!

Your support is greatly appreciated and the money will go to fund a summer production and for long term resources for the arts!



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
### St Dunstan's Community PTA

Drama Resources

Resources for the drama, music and arts department to put on a production for the community which will provide amazing opportunities for students.

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Vote in-store until 31 March 2024



## CAMPS, COURSES & ACTIVITIES

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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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## PTA Quiz

The PTA quiz was a rip roaring success with a packed house of teams eager to pit their wits against each other and test their knowledge on some fiendish questions. Mr Atkinson was a great compere and question master as always! The food was delicious and the raffle prizes were amazing - thanks for all the generous donations. Watch this space for the next event and don't forget to keep popping those blue tokens in the St Dunstan's tube at Tesco



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## PTA Quiz cont...



### Uniform and Equipment

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform - school jumpers are optional, blazers are not. Other than for PE, black school shoes should be worn NOT trainers. Likewise, leggings are not part of the school uniform - straight black trousers are. Jewellery should be limited to one stud in each ear and a wristwatch - facial piercings are not allowed. Please also ensure that your child has the correct equipment every day including, as a minimum, a blue or black pen, a purple pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and scientific calculator.



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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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## Careers and Post-16

Please look out for an email from Mr Ward explaining the Work Experience Week process. This contains key information and dates relative to all Year 10 students.

Pfizer, one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world has just released information about its apprenticeship programme. Please find more information [here](#).

## Parking

Please remember to be considerate when parking to drop off or collect your children. We have had a number of complaints from local residents about their drives being blocked and cars being parked in such a way that it is dangerous for pedestrians - particularly on Underwood Road. There have been instances of pedestrians, including our students - your children - having to step around cars parked on corners putting themselves at risk in the face of oncoming traffic. Please ensure that you only stop briefly when doing the school run and that you observe the Highway Code when parking.



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## PE Lesson Changes for Mock Exam Week

Due to Mock Exams in the Sports Hall:

All boys PE lessons will be Football OUTSIDE next week

All girls PE lessons will be Basketball INSIDE next week

Mixed classes will follow their regular timetabled lessons

## Sports Clubs

In addition to our regular sports clubs, this term we have 2 new after-school clubs. From next week, on Tuesdays there will be a Handball club delivered by a coach who has represented Great Britain and played professionally. Whilst on Friday's we have coaches from Pyramid Boxing Gym in Street coming in to deliver some after-school sessions. Both clubs are open to all years and are a brilliant opportunity to try out these sports!

For more information find Mr Waugh and Miss Pengelly - otherwise just turn up afterschool!

## Weekly Schedule

Monday - Yr7/8 Netball and Football

Tuesday - NEW Handball (all years)

Wednesday - Badminton (all years)

Thursday - Yr9/10/11 Netball and Football

Friday - Basketball (all years) and NEW Boxing (all years)



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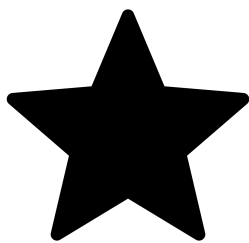
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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**100%**  
Attendance

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

**95%+**  
Attendance

82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

**92-93%**  
Attendance

77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

**Below 90%**  
Attendance

53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

**96%**  
Attendance

43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

**Absences add up**

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

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

