

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that there are only three weeks left of this term - this week has been a hot one and students have managed to stay polite and good humoured in spite of being very hot!

As you will see, our new Head Students and prefects have now been elected. I am so very proud of them all and know that they will do a brilliant job and be excellent role models for our student body. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Chained Library at Wells Cathedral with the Carnegie Shadowing Group this week. It was a delight to be with students who clearly relish reading and learning - they were an absolute credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Gregory and Mrs Morris for organising such a lovely trip.

It was very exciting to hear that some of our students had been selected as winners in the Glastonbury in Bloom Design competition - their garden designs were lovely. Well done to everyone who entered.

Speaking of gardens - what a great job Tyler has done with his vegetable patch; I shall certainly be taking inspiration from him for my own garden!

We have been very proud to see Year 10 embrace their mock exams with such maturity and resilience. Well done Year 10.

Year 7 clearly enjoyed their microclimate investigations - how wonderful to have new equipment for their work; thank you to the PTA for fundraising for this - I have learnt a new word, 'anemometer'!

We have celebrated Pride month in school this month; it has been good to see the enthusiasm with which students have embraced this annual celebration of the LGBTQ+ community both in the present day and throughout history. As a school, we believe in being inclusive, challenging unkindness and celebrating diversity to ensure the world is a better place for everyone. Thank you to Mrs Morris and staff for all their hard work on this important topic. Mrs Bevan



27.06.24

### NEXT WEEK ASSEMBLY FOCUS:

**Positive  
Wellbeing and  
Launch of NHS  
Day**

#### Coming soon:

- **School closed on 28th June**
- **Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom 4th July**
- **Sports' Day 5th July**
- **PTA Car Boot Sale 7th July**
- **Aladdin 10th 11th July**
- **End of term 19th July at 3.15pm**

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# Head Student and Prefect Elections



On top of the debates amongst students regarding the general election, students have been waiting with great anticipation for the results of the Head Student and Prefect elections. Last week, staff voted on their choices for the Head Students and Prefects to represent our school. There was much discussion in the staff room and voter turnout was almost 100%! All applicants to the positions submitted excellent applications, and we recognise the great time and effort put into these. This notwithstanding, the St Dunstan's community would like to congratulate the following students for their success in the elections:



**Leonora Clark-Cornell - Head Student**

**Oliver Richards - Head Student**

**Kele Ngaimithi - Deputy Head Student**

**St Sebastian Euripidou - Deputy Head Student**

**Hannah Jones - Sports Prefect**

**Nic Euripidou - Sports Prefect**

**Rosalyn Pole-Evans - Extracurricular Prefect**

**Ciaran Penny - Extracurricular Prefect**

**Lexi Chapman - Mentoring Prefect**

**Toby Carter - Mentoring Prefect**

**Freya De La Bedoyere - Charity Prefect**

**Ethan Harvey - Charity Prefect**

**Congratulations again and we wish you every success in your new roles!**



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## Donations needed!

If any Year 11 students have any school uniform or PE kit in good condition (particularly blazers!) we would be very grateful if you would be willing to donate it to our spare collection. Revision guides would also be appreciated if you no longer need them.

Items can be dropped at reception - please make sure anything that you donate to us is in a bag and clean!

Thank you very much!



## Lost property

We have A LOT of lost property, namely water bottles! It is hot and we all need to be drinking a lot so please make sure you check lost property and collect what is yours, as we're overflowing at the moment. Anything left at the end of term will be disposed of.

Thank you



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## Goodbye and Thank You

Our much beloved Mr Atkinson is moving on to pastures new at the end of this week. He is moving to a school much closer to his home where he will be Deputy Headteacher and will lead on Quality of Education.

Mr Atkinson has been such a big part of St Dunstan's during his time here. He has been the driving force behind the consistency in teaching and learning across the school and in our adoption of the relational approach to school life.

Mr Atkinson knows all of our students and spends a great deal of time checking in on them, praising them when they are on TRACK and, let's not forget, singing to them in the corridors! He has instituted the TRACK pack and the TRACK Shack rewards system which have been a huge success and which Ofsted recognised as a key part in the school's sense of community and positivity.

More than any of this, Mr Atkinson has been someone to whom students and staff can talk; be that to share sadness or success. He has a unique talent for helping children to turn things around and to choose to do the right thing. He is never too busy to help and never too busy to care. He is always willing to step in and support students, staff and parents so that everyone feels a part of the very special community that is St Dunstan's...



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# ♥ we'll miss you ♥

I think it is fair to say that Mr Atkinson is a BIG personality who brings humour and kindness to everything that he does. I know that students have appreciated his approach around the school and in lessons.

On a personal note, he has been very much my right hand man and has always been able to play devil's advocate when there are tough decisions to be made. His passion for education and for the wellbeing of staff and students alike is second to none. He always knows how to make things better and, sometimes, he sings at me too!

The school community will miss him very much indeed and his new school will reap the benefits of having such a kind, conscientious and diligent person on their leadership team.

We wish him every success and happiness in his next steps.

Mr Atkinson, St Dunstan's thanks you from the bottom of our hearts; we are all the better for having known you.

*-Mrs Bevan*

**THANK YOU AND GOOD BYE FROM US!**



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## Trip to the Chained Library at Wells Cathedral

This week our Carnegie group went on a trip to the Chained Library in Wells Cathedral. We were incredibly lucky to be given a tour as it is usually closed to the public and they don't do education visits... but they did one especially for us! We got to see ancient books, chained up to keep them safe, including a 16th Century edition of The Canterbury Tales by Chaucer, an old herbal book on medicine, an atlas with sea monsters in the ocean and an early account of the discovery of Australia. It was a magical experience, finished off with some reading on the Cathedral Green. We came away inspired and feeling very lucky to have spent our morning in a very special library. All our Carnegie members are also student librarians, so it made the day extra important!

It was also a special trip as it was Mrs Bevan's final school trip (not including activities week). The library guide volunteers even tried to recruit her so you never know, next year if we go back, Mrs Bevan might give us the tour herself!



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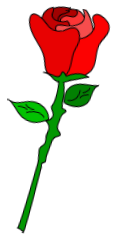
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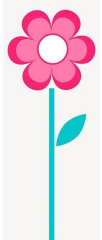
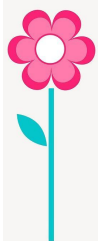
# Glastonbury in Bloom



This week we were thrilled to be visited by the Mayor of Glastonbury and Mrs Marks, the Glastonbury in Bloom Committee Clark.

They presented prizes for the winning designs from our school for the Glastonbury in Bloom competition, where students were asked to design a dream garden. Year 7 and 8 worked on these designs in their Art lessons with Miss Hart.

We were excited to hear that Glastonbury are in the finals for Britain in Bloom - a fantastic achievement which we are proud to be associated with!



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# Disney Aladdin JR.



St Dunstan's School  
Production of

# Disney Aladdin JR.

Wednesday 10th and  
Thursday 11th July  
Drama Studio at 6pm.  
Tickets £4/£2



Music by  
Alan Menken

Lyrics by  
Howard Ashman and Tim Rice  
Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by  
Jim Luigs

Music Adapted and Arranged by  
Bryan Louiselle



Based on the Screenplay by Ron Clements and John Musker  
Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with  
Music Theatre International  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI  
[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



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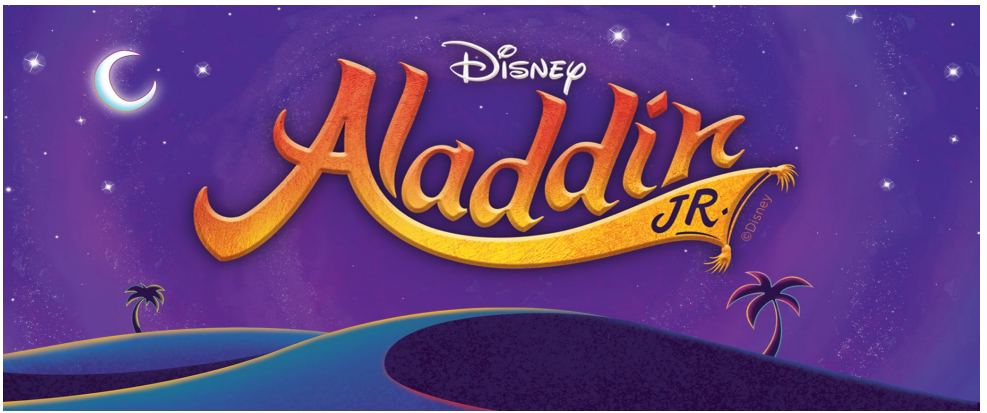


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## Show update

Showtime is fast approaching! Tickets are now on sale and you can purchase them from reception. It is shaping up to be an amazing night, so don't miss out!

We are also holding a chocolate raffle and any donations are greatly appreciated. Money raised will go towards our production next year. Thank you!

## *Now for some cast introductions....*

### *Introducing the cast of Aladdin...*



### *Lili- Omar*

Hi, I'm Lili and I play Omar in our school production of Aladdin. I love my character and the fun I get to have with it on stage. Omar is very sensitive and emotional which is a good challenge to act. I've always loved acting and one of my favourite things about this experience is getting to work with lots of other people from other years that are all interested in the same thing as me!



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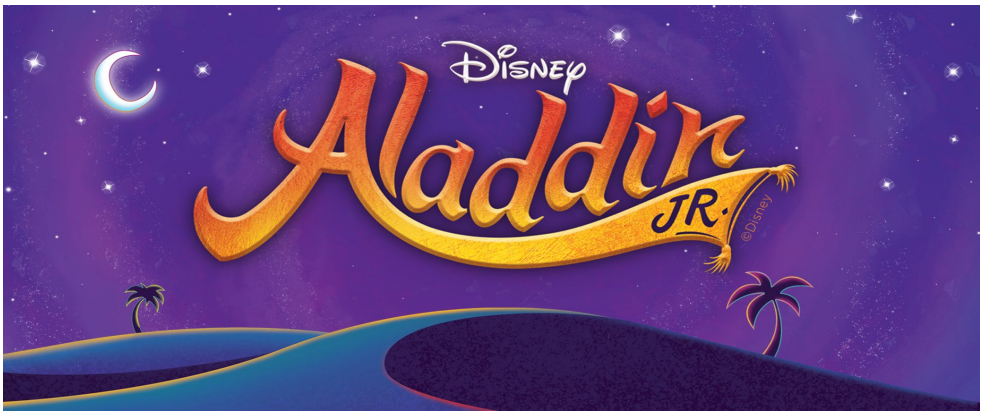


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## Some more cast

### Introducing the cast of Aladdin...



#### Ellie- Babakak

Hi, I'm Ellie and I play Babakak in Aladdin. I am super excited and nervous to perform because this is my first performance since primary school. But as a trio with Omar (Lilu) and Kassim (Kele) we are supportive of each other and great together on stage. I am hoping you will all enjoy the show, as the whole cast have put in a lot of effort. I am so proud of all of us :)



### Introducing the cast of Aladdin...



#### Kele- Kassim

Hello everyone, my name is Kele and I'm playing the character of Kassim. He is one of Aladdin's pals who is stubborn and yearns to be a leader in their group. I love my character because it's a lot of fun singing, dancing and acting. I'm really enjoying the rehearsals as I'm gaining confidence and poise. I'm looking forward to see you on the 10th and 11th of July. Let's enjoy this together!



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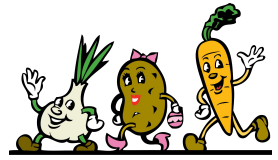


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## Budding Gardener Alert

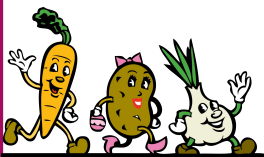


Tyler J in Year 8 has been busy flexing his green fingers and growing his own food! He has built his own vegetable patches from scratch and has grown: sweet corn, cabbages, carrots, leeks, tomatoes, mange tout, potatoes and pumpkins! We are very impressed by Tyler's hard work and his skill with growing, it's not an easy task but he's managed it brilliantly.

Perhaps these lovely photos might even inspire you to start your own vegetable patch at home?



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## Microclimate Investigators



This week, Year 7 Geographers have been investigating the school's microclimate.

Students used a digital anemometer to compare wind speeds at 4 locations around the school grounds.

They also recorded and compared changes in temperature.

A huge THANK YOU goes to the PTA who have helped us to buy the equipment needed!



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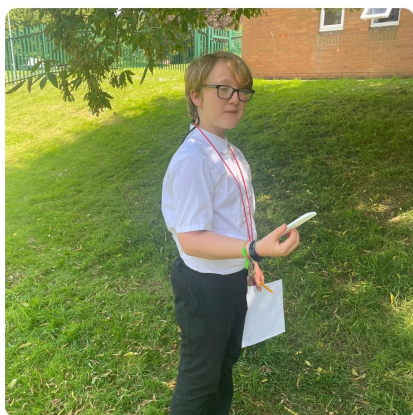


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## Handmade phone stands in DT

Year 7 and 8 have been busy making phone stands in DT. Students have been developing practical skills using primarily wood. Some super creative designs and growing confidence in the workshop...



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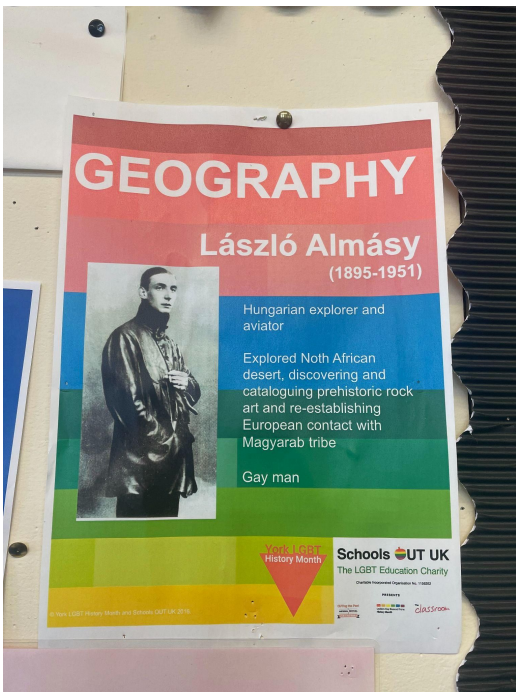


**And with that...June is over!**

**But Pride isn't!**

June has flown by but we are very proud to be an inclusive and welcoming community and while visibility for the LGBTQ+ community during pride month is incredibly important, we strive to encourage that mentality all year round.

Here are some of the ways we celebrated pride in the school this month...



### Spotlight on...

We have posters like this around classrooms, highlighting key figures in subject areas who were in the LGBTQ+ community. Almásy was a Hungarian explorer and aviator and a gay man, navigating through his life in 1895-1951.



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Our Pride section in the library has been so popular we're going to keep it all year round, and add new books to it. Books are a great way to explore and discover who you are, and we want to celebrate that!

This display is a permanent one in our corridor, focusing on educating students about LGBTQ+ terms and celebrity figures, spreading love, not hate, and celebrating everyone!



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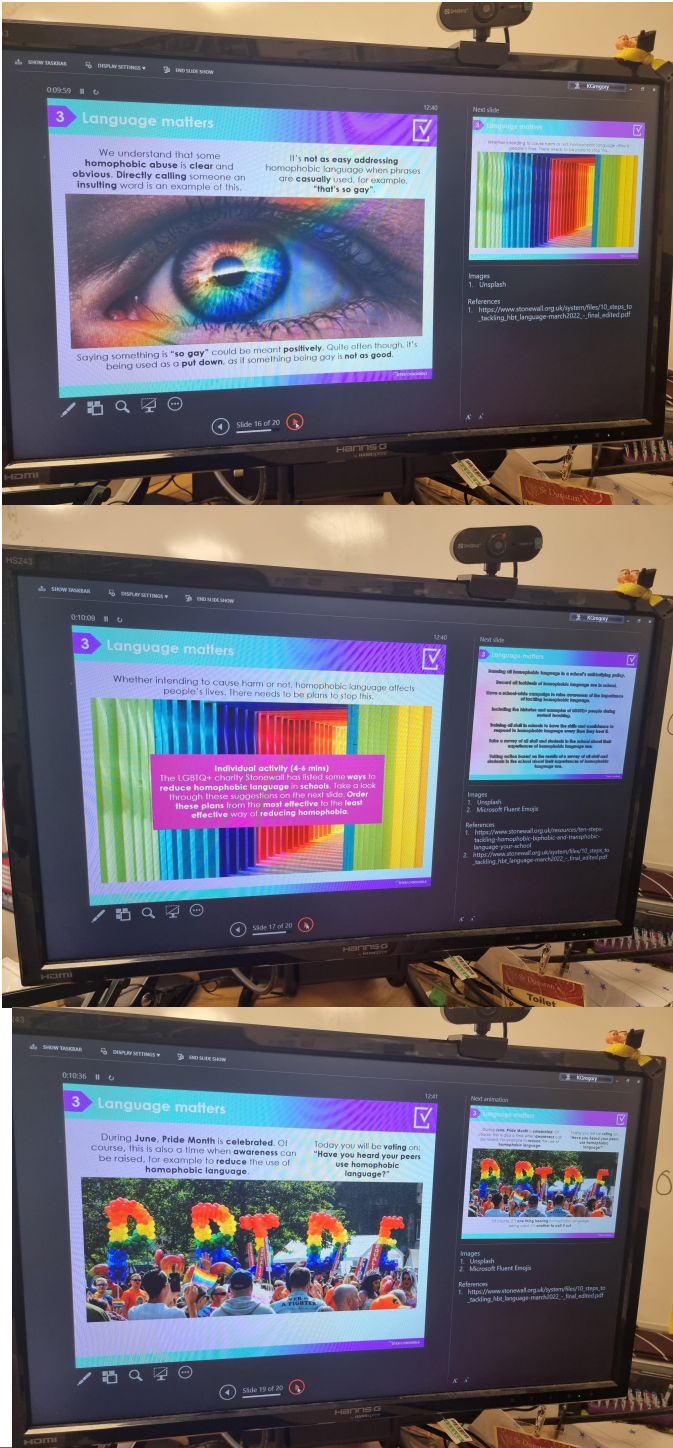


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In tutor this week, 7KGR were battling homophobic language, ensuring that we call out any we hear and keep our language inclusive and supportive. It is so important to challenge homophobia at every level.



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## Roll up, roll up!

The PTA Car Boot Sale is on Sunday 7th July.

Get in touch if you'd like to hire a table. What better way to kick off the summer than with a clear out to make some money!

A colorful illustration for a car boot sale poster. The central text is 'CAR BOOT SALE @ ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL' in large, bold, maroon letters. Below it, in green, is 'SUNDAY 7TH JULY 9AM - 1PM (SELLERS FROM 8AM)'. Further down, in green, are the prices: '£8 CARS, £13 VANS IF YOU PRE-BOOK BY 5/7/24. £10, CARS, £15 VANS ON THE DAY'. The location is 'ST DUNSTANS SCHOOL, WELLS ROAD, GLASTONBURY, BA6 9BY, WHAT 3 WORDS: ///FRIES.REFLECTED.EVIDENTLY TO BOOK: STDUNSTANSCOMMUNITYPTA@GMAIL.COM'. At the bottom, in maroon, is 'TABLE HIRE CASH ONLY £12 INC £10 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT'. The illustration includes various items: a framed picture, a clock, a lamp, a potted plant, a chair, a rug, a trolley with drinks, and a clothes rack with a shirt and shoes.

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## Parking on Wells Road

We have again had complaints from residents about parents parking inappropriately on Wells Road at the start and/or end of the day. This includes parking in residents' only spaces, parking dangerously, parking on no parking lines and so on. The residents are likely to inform the police about these violations - please only stop on the road for a few moments to drop off or pick up. Thank you.



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## Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays Summer!



**Need help with booking?  
Watch this video**



**Bookings open on  
Monday 1st July at 10am**



**LOG IN**

**Login to Playwaze  
(same login as used at Easter)**



**Enter the code your school  
has given you**

**12**

**12 sessions of provision per child only**



**Need help? Call or email our  
HHH team**

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



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# HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS... IS BACK FOR THE SUMMER!

Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset

**12 SESSIONS  
PER CHILD  
ONLY**



**GET A  
BOOKING  
CODE FROM  
YOUR  
SCHOOL**

**BOOKINGS  
OPEN ON  
1ST JULY**



**FOOD  
INCLUDED!**



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!

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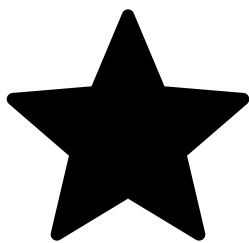


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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**100%**

Attendance

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

82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

**95%+**

Attendance

77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

**92-93%**

Attendance

53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

Below  
**90%**

Attendance

43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

**96%**

Attendance

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

Absences  
**add up**

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

