

St Dunstan's School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It has been great to see everyone back after half term. We got off to a flying start this week with a trip to the Guardian newspaper on Thursday and Year 7 parents' evening on the same day. Nothing Storm Ciaron threw at us stopped these events going ahead - resilience in action!

We were delighted to see the author, Matt Dickinson in school - his sessions were very engaging and entertaining. Those of us who teach English were a little starstruck as he is the author of a book from which one of the past GCSE extracts that we use is taken!

We have lots coming up this term including anti bullying week, Children in Need, World Science Day, a Stem workshop, Christmas Jumper Day and, of course, Year 11 mock exams - get that revision going Year 11 - make sure you attend any revision sessions being run in school. All upcoming dates will be published in this newsletter as they approach

I am delighted to see the very high standard of uniform from the vast majority of students. It has also been pleasing to see attendance is steadily improving.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Bevan



3.11.23

NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS
Remembrance
Day

Coming soon...
7th Nov - Yr 8/9
vaccination for
any who missed
it last time
9th Nov - Flu
vaccinations
10th Nov -
World Science
Day
15th Nov -
STEM
workshop for 6
Year 8 students

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Dates for the Diary

Parents' Evenings are scheduled for the year as follows:

Year 7 = November 2nd - It was so lovely to see so many parents yesterday - we hope you enjoyed it too

Year 8 = December 14th

Year 9 = February 29th (Leap year!)

Year 10 = May 9th

Year 11 = January 25th

All parents' evenings run from 4pm - 7pm.

Letters are sent home with instructions on how to book appointments before each parents' evening.

Dates may be subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

In addition, Year 9 Options' Evening will be held on February 8th.



National sleep helpline resources

We are sending information about this wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>



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Careers & Post-16

For those interested in a career in the creative arts, students in KS3 have the opportunity to attend a workshop delivered by an award winning creative designer and producer on November 17th. Everything from photography to fashion design will be discussed. More information and booking can be found [here](#) and the deadline for booking is today.

The Glass & Glazing Federation are leading a workshop on December 7th for those interested in a career in construction that will explore what specialising in glass and glazing can offer in career progression whilst exploring the history of this sector. Deadline for bookings is Nov 21st. Bookings and more information can be found [here](#).

On November 15th Careers with Words, a programme in partnership with Warwickshire Libraries, will be holding a workshop that focuses on all careers focusing around creative writing and literature. If you are interested in finding out what career paths you can follow with English as a key subject, please find more information [here](#). Deadlines for booking are November 3rd and is open to all students between the ages of 11-13.

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.

Coral B, Devin B, Noah D, Savannah F-M, Poppy H, Meghan H, Indigo MD, Lily N, Felicity S, Mati Z

Well done to all!



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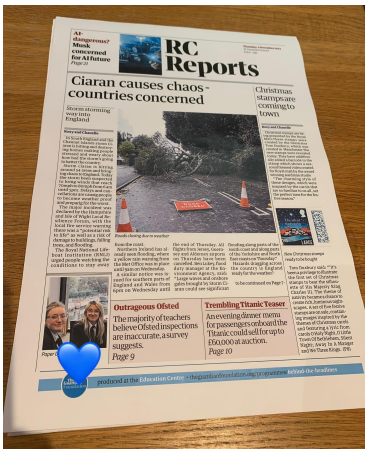
Year 10 Media and English Visit to The Guardian, London

TRACK values were in abundance today on the year 10 visit to The Guardian headquarters in London.

Working with the Guardian Foundation, students learned all about journalistic style; how editors choose their stories; different parts of the newspaper; and they enjoyed a simulated version of working in a newsroom.

All groups produced their own front cover and staff were astounded at the excellent standards achieved in such a short space of time. Our students were a credit to us with their exemplary behaviour.

Our thanks go to The Guardian Foundation, who were excellent hosts and who made our experience inspirational and rewarding.

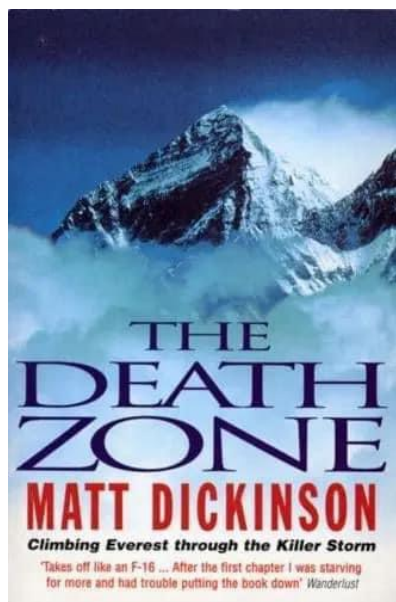


Matt Dickinson Author Visit

Yesterday, Years 9-11 attended a session with 'The Death Zone' author Matt Dickinson. Students heard all about the challenges and rewards from when Dickinson scaled Everest and received some excellent tips to use in their own writing. In addition to the writing advice, the session supported our core value of ambition, as Dickinson proved that you can do anything that you put your mind to.

Careers information was excellent as students learned about all of the roles associated with such an expedition. Dickinson is also a film maker and talked at length about roles in the film making industry and this was inspirational and enlightening.

Several students expressed a desire to receive a copy of The Death Zone in their Christmas stocking, and it is available at all good book shops .



School Photos

These were handed out to students on Wednesday. Please contact the school office if you haven't received your photographs yet.



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Fashion Show - PTA event

Don't Miss Out! Book Now! Women's Fashion Show Event - 30th November 2023

Our brilliant PTA are hosting a fashion show event for the people of Glastonbury and neighbouring areas!

It is a chance to have a fun night out before Christmas with friends; enjoy the fashion show and buy some high street brands at bargain prices!

Wondering which staff will be modelling the garments on the catwalk? Buy tickets for yourself and friends via ParentPay today and find out!

If you would like to support the raffle by donating a prize please contact the PTA via email: stdunstanscommunitypta@gmail.com



FASHION SHOW

An exciting evening of fashion & fun hosted by Travelling Trends

A ladies night out with a difference!
As well as a live CATWALK SHOW,
there is ample time to try on & buy
this season's High Street & Branded fashions.

All at bargain prices!!



November 30th 2023

Doors open 6:30 pm

Show starts 7:00 pm

St. Dunstan's School
Wells Road, Glastonbury
BA6 9BY

Tickets available on Parentpay.

Ticket includes a glass of wine (or alternative).

Organised by St. Dunstan's
Community PTA.

In aid of the renovation of St.
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New Ways November - Action for Happiness

1st of the month can only mean one thing. A new Action for Happiness calendar.

This month is all about new ways, why not try something new?

New Ways November 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel
6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about
13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site
20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show
27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

Breakfast Club

Our school breakfast club is free of charge and runs for ALL students from 8-8.30 in the Learning Hub.



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Parking for 18th November and 25th November

Saturday 18th
November 2023

CARNIVAL PARKING

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

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Raising funds
for the PTA

£5

OPEN FROM 3PM

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
2023

FROST FAYRE PARKING

AT

ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL, WELLS
ROAD, GLASTONBURY BA6 9BY

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OPEN FROM
11AM

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PER CAR

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