

May Newsletter 2022

Headteacher's Address

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term Five and will only have seven weeks until the summer holidays when we return!

It has been another packed term, as you will see, with an impressive range of activities and achievements across all Year groups. Thank you to staff for organising so many opportunities for our students and well done to everyone who has taken part; you have exhibited our core values well and made us proud to be your teachers. I had the immense pleasure of attending St Benedict's Jubilee Celebration on the afternoon of Friday 27th May. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing Year 3 perform country dances, the Glee Club sing *Shotgun* and the whole school perform a song written by Mr Ranger!

By the time we return from the half term holiday, Year 11 will have almost finished their exams; they have approached their GCSEs with their usual good humour, charm and resilience. They have not had a full year of schooling since 2019 when they were in Year 8 and yet have taken everything in their stride, participated in activities, attended revision sessions and been a delight to be around. We are all going to miss them very much as they move on to their next steps – we know that they will be successful in whatever they choose to do and we wish them every happiness for the future; it's been a pleasure to have them as members of our school family. Well done Year 11!

I am pleased to say that the school continues to grow and, in September, the number of students will be around 450. We are looking forward to meeting our new Year 7 students for their transition day on 6th July. As we have more students in the school, it is more important than ever that we have clear expectations, rules and routines in place. You will have received an expectations letter about this and the importance of having clear boundaries and rules to support our students in feeling secure as we emerge from the pandemic. I know that the vast majority of our students follow the St Dunstan's Way and are proud to be members of this school; it is important that new students and the wider community see that our students are well presented, respectful and happy learners. I do appreciate the support that we have from you as parents and thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us to support your children in school. You will also have received a Google Form as we have been advised that we have to add five minutes to our school day in order to comply with the government's requirement that children are in school for 32.5 hours a week. The completed form should be submitted by Friday 10th June so that we can advise you of the new times for the school day in plenty of time before the summer holidays. Please get in touch if you have not received the form.

As the school grows, we are always looking for ways to involve you, our parents and carers, as well as the wider community in being a part of our school community. I am very pleased that we have had two new members join our board of governors recently if you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor or know anyone who might be interested in becoming a governor, our Chair of Governors - Kama McKenzie - would be very pleased to discuss with you what the role entails and what skills are required. You can email her for an initial informal discussion: kama.mckenzie@msnpartnership.com

Have a wonderful Half term week and enjoy the four day Bank Holiday weekend! We will look forward to seeing everyone back in school, in the correct uniform by 8.45 on Monday 6 June.

Mrs Bevan

Jubilee Events

On Friday 27th May, a 'Tree for the Jubilee' was planted at the school. In addition, Jubilee cupcakes donated by Morrison's, Tesco and staff were distributed – a very special thank you to Mrs Thomason who stayed after school on Thursday 26th to bake and decorate over 100 of them! Students have had a PSHE lesson themed around the Jubilee and tutor groups have made time capsules as part of our recognition of this momentous occasion.



Goodbye and Thank You

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Mr Pavli who is moving to an exciting new role. Thank you to Mr Pavli for all his hard work in PE, Business Studies and CCF – we will miss you and we miss you every success in your new job.

Campaign to End Violence Against Women and Girls

Students through to Public Vote for Women and Girls Media Challenge!



I am delighted to confirm that one of St Dunstan's School's entries into the 'Safer Streets for Women and Girls Media Challenge' has been put forward to the public vote.

The judges were impressed by the high standard of entries from schools across Somerset and North Somerset and it is a credit to the students in this group that their entry has been selected.

This competition is vitally important as it can spread the Safer Streets for Women and Girls message to a huge number of additional young people and adults.

The public vote runs from 7am on Wednesday 8th June (the week after half term) until 5pm on Wednesday 15th June and can be accessed at www.collaboratedigital.com/vote. The winner will be the entry with the most votes at 5pm on Wednesday 15th June. **Please cast your votes to help our students spread the word!**
Mr Oakwood

Year 11 News

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We are extremely proud of how the Year 11s have conducted themselves in their exams so far. It is clear that they have been taking their revision seriously and they continue to attend after school sessions and Google Meets. Feedback from the exam invigilators has been brilliant and they have all been fully equipped and ready to show off what they know. Well done Year 11!

Next Steps

I am delighted to report that every Y11 student has been accepted onto a further education or training course for September. Well done for organising yourselves, attending taster sessions and building up to the next exciting stage of your learning journey- keep in touch, we wish you every success. **Mr Jones**

Half term revision

Please see the schedule below for revision sessions during the half term holiday below.

Year 11 May Half Term Revision (Please arrive at least 5 minutes before the session is due to start).					
	Monday (10th)	Tuesday (11th)	Wednesday (1st)	Thursday (2nd)	Friday (3rd)
AM	English(KAG/LMB) 10:00 - 12:30	Science (CET) 10:00 - 12:00 Higher only	History Revision (GBR) 10:00 - 12:30	School Closed for the Bank Holiday	School Closed for the Bank Holiday
PM		Science (CET) 12:30 - 14:30 Foundation only			

Housepoints

Year 11 students have continued to impress us with the number of house points they have collected. Our current, top five individuals are:

1. Sarah T
2. Lily HC
3. Tony M
4. Ellie B
5. Aaron S

Hoodies

Remember that hoodies can be ordered from...,

<https://www.dqprinting.co.uk/product-page/st-dunstans-leavers-hoodie?fbclid=IwAR22ebI06Me5Hzzlw1oYAS0vYq2Nqv18gCzyZoGhmSdSSPVQRQG4H9DibIY>



These can be worn to school from 13th June for the final week of school.

Prom payments

We have been fortunate enough to benefit from a generous member of our community who has sponsored our school prom, thus we are able to significantly reduce the cost of tickets. This means that no student needs to miss out on this exciting event. Tickets are priced at £10 per pupil and includes a carvery meal and entertainment. For students in receipt of Pupil Premium payments, the cost is £5. It is imperative students order and pay for these tickets as a matter of urgency now as we need to finalise our numbers with the venue and caterers.



Prom clothing

We are looking forward to seeing our Year 11s all looking fabulous at the prom. However, we understand that money may be an issue for some. Buying a dress/suit for one night can be expensive - and not very environmentally friendly!

Here are a couple of websites where you can buy second hand, as new, prom dresses and suits.

<https://www.promally.co.uk>

<https://www.tkasa.org.uk/news/2022/4/27/preloved-prom-is-back-30th-april-2022>

If you need any help/advice/support, please ask us.

And finally...

We are really proud of all that our young people have achieved so far, particularly given the pandemic; and we know that their hard work will pay off.

Rest assured, we will do all we can to continue to support them; we are both feeling quite emotional about the prospect of them leaving!

Once again, may we take the opportunity to thank parents/carers for your ongoing support.

Mrs Manning and Mrs Gregory



Important dates from Strode College

Wednesday 15th June - OPEN EVENING

Having doubts? Want to have a look at other courses? Then book a slot for June open evening.

Tuesday, 5th July - PRE-INDUCTION DAY for new students

New students will receive an invitation to attend this Welcome Day at the college and meet with their personal teacher, sample their course(s) and meet other students.

Thursday, 25th August - GCSE results day - Strobe enrolment opens!

Attend your enrolment appointment to speak with teachers and confirm your choices. They can talk you through any changes you may want to make.

Bridgwater College Open Days

Wednesday 27 April 2022, 5:30pm - 7:00pm - Cannington Campus

Wednesday 8 June 2022, 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Taunton Campus

Thursday 9 June 2022, 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Bridgwater Campus

Having doubts? Want to have a look at other courses? Then book a slot on one of the available open evenings.

Mrs Manning and Mrs Gregory

Year 10 News

Work Experience 2022

We are delighted that work experience has returned after a lay off for covid. Year 10 students have been busy organising their placements. It has been extremely difficult this year securing places but we are confident that the majority of the year group will be out in the " World of Work " during activities week 18th-21st July. If you think you would be able to offer a work experience placement, please contact me via secretary@stdunstansschool.com with WEX in the subject line.

Have a great Week year 10!!

Mr Jones

Key Stage 3

Top 5 House Points

Erin D (7VS)

Zeppy M (7RM)

Alfie C (7LL)

William G (7VS)

Phillippa S (7LL)

Year 7

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Phillippa S (7LL)

Mrs Loud continues to be very proud of 7LL. You are definitely the best dressed tutor group in the school and I have been so impressed with how punctual and organised you have been this term. I cannot believe we are approaching the final term of year 7 already! Enjoy the break and I'll look forward to seeing you all next term.

Mrs Loud

Well done 7VS - another great term behind you and I am so proud to be your tutor! We've welcomed new pupils, held onto the number one spot for house points and you've helped to create a bright and fun display for next term. Enjoy the break and I will look forward to seeing you on 6th June for your final term in Year 7!

Mrs Smith

It has been great to see how you are all maturing and focussing hard in your lessons. You embody TRAK values so well! Indeed, it was a pleasure to write your reports last term as so many of you are 'blossoming' in the school! I can't believe that you have nearly completed a school year at St Dunstons' - well done to you all!

Don't forget to try hard in everything you do and push yourself to get involved in extracurricular activities!

Mr Maple

It has been another great term 7BH, well done! You have continued to look out for each other and dealt with challenges with resilience and a good sense of humour. Let's have a great last term and make the most of our time in school leading up to the summer holiday. Have a good break! **Mr Harris**

Year 8

Top 5 House Points

Leonora C (8SB)

Rosalyn P-E (8JP)

Lexi C (8CH)

Ammathyst O'S(8CH)

Oliver R (8SB)

Well done on another great term everyone. I have been so impressed with how you have looked out for each other, taken responsibility for your actions and represented the TRAK values. I look forward to seeing how you raise your standards even higher for the final term! Enjoy the week off and stay safe! **Mr Brown**

What a fabulous tutor group. I have seen honesty, integrity and hard work from so many of you this term. My hope is that next term will be as good. **Mrs Pulford**

Keep up the excellent standard with your uniform and equipment. I hope we continue what has been a very good year so far, in the last term. **Mr Conway**

Year 9

Top 5 House points

Edwin H (9HP)

Antonia Q (9HP)

Poppy H (9HP)

Emma M (9HP)

Simon S (9TN)

Well done 9TN for another excellent term. Many of you completed your DoF practise expedition on the Quantocks, you are continuing to work hard in lessons earning many house points and there has been a lot of progress with your iDea awards, keep it up! **Mr Norris**

Well done 9HP, another great term. It has been lovely to see so many of you participating in extracurricular activities; Duke of Edinburgh expedition on the Quantocks, CCF at Millfield and sports clubs and fixtures. You have continued to grow as individuals into mature, caring and polite young people and these traits are helping with the transition which will soon be taking you into year 10. Well done team! **Mrs Potter**

Well done to all students for this term - it has been great to see so many house points and despite it being a 5 week term a marked increase in participation. I hope that you all have a wonderful half term and enjoy the Jubilee celebrations. We come back on Monday 6th June, see you then! **Mrs Easterbrook**

Quantock	Exmoor	House	Blackdown	Mendip
7LL 9HP	7VS 8SB	Totals	7RM 8JP 9TN 7BH 8CH 9IR	
10CT ½ 11JM 10TW ½ 11KG			10 TP ½ 11KG ½ 11JM	
House Points		Attendance		
4th Place = Quantock 7354		4th Place = Quantock		
3rd Place = Blackdown 7595		3rd Place = Exmoor		
2nd Place = Mendip 7649		2nd Place = Blackdown		
Winners = Exmoor 8517		Winners = Mendip		

Year 9 Handover

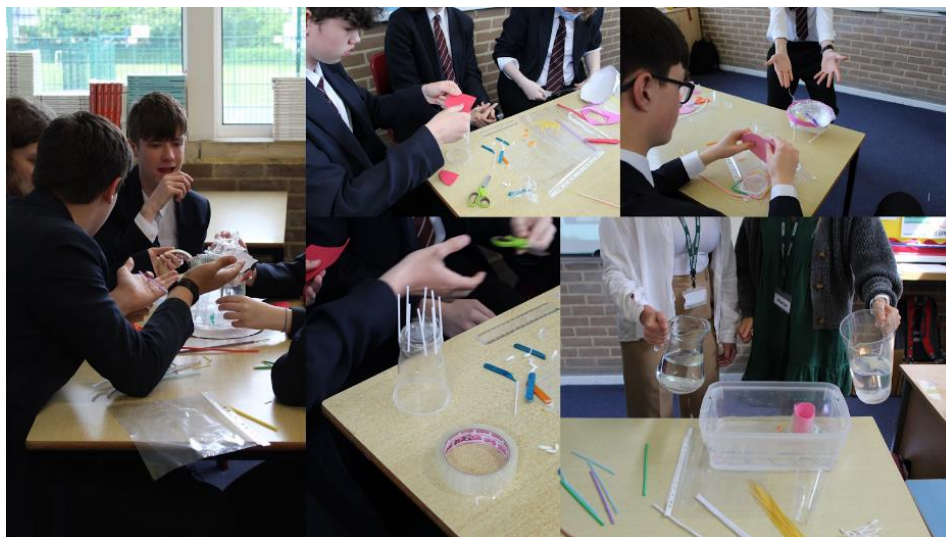
Starting after half term Year 9 students will be under the care of Mr Jones as Head of KS4. I would like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing students grow (literally and figuratively!) during their 3 years in KS3 and they have shown tremendous resilience in the challenges that COVID presented us with. I will miss working closely with them all, but will always be here as a friendly face to support them for the remainder of their time at St Dunstan's. Thank you for the laughs Year 9, I wish you the very best of luck with options and future endeavours. **Mrs Easterbrook**

Maths

Engineering talk and workshop for Years 9 and 10

Bath-based Engineering consultancy, Buro Happold, came to talk to our Year 9s and 10s about future careers in Engineering. They talked about the work they do, which includes designing world-famous skyscrapers, sport stadiums, galleries, museums and airports. They also spoke about how they design cities for the future, including modelling people flow in cities and on transport, and also future-proofing cities for climate change. We discussed what skills they look for when hiring, what A-levels are needed for careers in Civil and Structural Engineering (usually Maths, Physics, but also often Chemistry), and also what university degree courses are on offer.

The students then designed a structure from household materials to keep a small model figure safe from flooding. Buildings on rafts and stilts, and cocoons were tried out and tested under flood conditions. It's hoped this opened the eyes of some of our students to careers in Engineering, and the importance of Maths and Science qualifications and skills in the job market.



English

Year 11 Yeovil Study Day

Earlier in the term, a group of Year 11 students were selected to participate in an English Study Day at Yeovil College. The sessions were run in conjunction with our partner schools, Buckler's Mead and Preston School and students were in mixed groups and taught a number of sessions based upon the English language papers. It was an engaging day and provided a good overview, from a different voice to their usual teacher, of the two papers and top tips on how to gain maximum marks and impress the examiner.



Easter Revision and Exam Boosters

More than half of our Year 11s took up the opportunity to attend one of our Easter Revision sessions during the holidays. The group worked through two of the tricky questions on the English Language papers, refining and sharpening their technique for analysing structure and writers' methods. They enjoyed some revision games too and some lucky students won some extra materials to support their revision.

Year 11 have also benefited from some booster sessions in exam conditions where English teachers team taught some challenging aspects of the papers and modelled and explored tackling the questions.



Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards Ceremony

Mrs Gregory and Mrs Bevan were very proud as they attended the Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards ceremony in the splendid surroundings of Wells Cathedral. Somerset is the only County outside London to run this award and there are hundreds of entries so to be shortlisted is a real achievement.

We knew a lot of our students had been shortlisted but we were amazed to find that no fewer than **ELEVEN** of our Year 10 students had been awarded highly commended. Those students are:

- Anna Tope
- Dylan Diaz
- Henry White
- Flav Olariu
- Caitlin Lem
- Russell Turner
- Abdal-Jalil Symmonds
- Eliza McKeever
- Heidi Davis
- Martha Smith
- Olivia Masters

Then, as third and second place were announced, we started to realise that one of our students - who had been shortlisted - hadn't been mentioned yet and so must have come first.

WELL DONE to Heidi Davis –FIRST PLACE for Key Stage 4!

It was a lovely evening attended by Annie Maw the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset who was very complimentary about the talents of the writers as well as very eloquent on the power and importance of the written word. Well done to all our students – we are very proud of you.

Thank you to Mrs Gregory for encouraging them to craft their writing and enter the competition not to mention giving up her evening to go along and support them. **Mrs Bevan**



Write Night

Write Night has developed into a close-knit group who mostly focus on short stories and flash fiction. They have been developing their workshopping skills and responding to editing notes (from substantive edits to line edits). Allowing students to find their writer's voice and develop it, has been a primary goal of Write Night. Below is an excerpt from a piece of flash fiction in response to/inspired by the current crisis in Ukraine. It has been set in an alternate world at the moment of 'pressing the button' and what that entails. Still a work in progress, this writer is experimenting with an engaging structure, poignant metaphor and features of the science fiction genre.

'...the commander felt the gaze of the crew on his back, each eye conveying the feeling of betrayal they all felt. This was never meant to be.

"Lieutenant, target the planet Jansarius and enter the coordinates," the commander ordered.

"Weapons primed and ready to fire," reported the Lieutenant.

Then a power hungry voice, from deep within, vibrating through his soul, taunted "Permission to fire? Commander?" ... "Commander?" ... "Commander?" ...

Commander...

Devastation... Nothing left... All is gone... Famine plagues the people as the lands remain infertile and polluted; mutations, stillborn babes weeping from within their mother's womb; there is no help, there is no hope and most of all there is no one to care; the environment suffers, the animals suffer, the people suffer; the trees will endlessly decompose within their own putrid, rancid decay; the beaches will remain eternally desolate of the blue green which once coloured this world; the land cannot ever bear the luscious fruits of its seeds which once ebbed with life..... "Commander?" ...

Once, twice, he blinks. That is what awaits if he fires; so much power just at the tip of his tongue. One word, one flick of that twisted lip and all will fall before him. All that power... and yet....he falters; powerless beneath the weight of *choice*. Was it weakness? Or was it a solitary island poking out of a sea of human nature, beautiful and compassionate?'

Media Studies

Year 10 and 11 Media Studies students were visited by the Editor of The Somerset County Gazette. Tim Letherby came in to support careers linked to Media Studies and talked about a typical day in the life of a journalist as well as the various roles in the newsroom. Students were fascinated to learn how news writing has changed since the pandemic and since digitisation; journalists are now writing for the 'clicks' on the webpage and how this has had an impact on the creation of headlines and content. Some of our students are lucky enough to be able to take up the offer of work experience in July and we look forward to hearing all about the exciting life of a teenage journalist!



Drama

I had the pleasure of watching the Drama Club performance and I must say that I was incredibly impressed with the hard work and resilience shown by students. It was a wonder to see and I can't wait for the next performance! Any students interested in joining should see Mrs Pulford.

Mrs Easterbrook



Drama Club are currently rehearsing a performance based around the environment. We are working with Millfield School to create an Arts Event, at a yet to be confirmed location, which will also showcase the work of some of our musicians and artists too.

The Drama department is currently working with an amazing team called Lifebeat, creating workshops for GCSE students, and a smaller KS3 group, with a key focus on Mental Health awareness. Exciting times. **Mrs Pulford**

Music

Another excellent term in Music for all students, it's great to see students engaging with Music both in and outside the classroom. In lessons Year 7 students are learning to play the Ukulele, Year 8 students are learning about film music; composing their own pieces on the Mac Computers and Year 9 are developing their keyboard skills.

To recognise their hard work this term, I would like to award our first Musicians of the Term to the following students for fantastic work in Music both inside and outside the classroom. Well done!



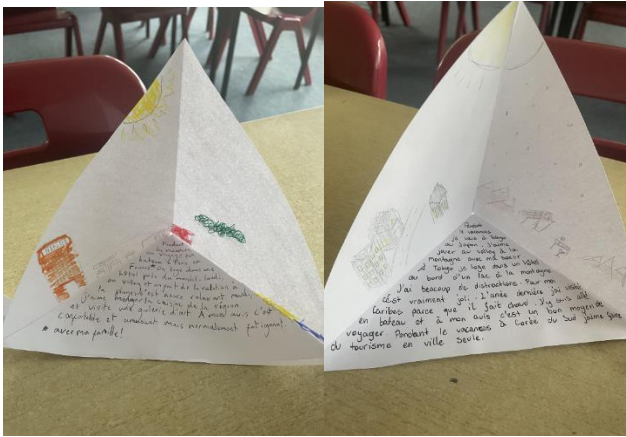
In our celebration assembly we have had our first performance, with Kivi wowing everyone with his wonderful talents on the piano. He has worked incredibly hard and this shows in his amazing performance of Beethoven's 'Moonlight Sonata'. We are looking forward to more music performances in Friday assemblies next half term, if you would like to perform, please see Mrs Hopton in the Music department.

Next half term we are excited to host our first song writing workshop on Thursday 16th June. Oska Zaky is a professional songwriter, artist, DJ and producer in the south-west who will be coming into St Dunstan's to work with Year 9 students who have chosen to take Music as a GCSE. He will showcase his work to the students, talk about his career in the music industry and students will be given the opportunity to write their own music alongside Oska using his expertise and support. **Mrs Hopton**



French

Students in Year 7 have been enjoying making their own pop-up displays for the topic of holidays and have also been busy working on Comic Strips using Linguascope. So much hard work has gone into these, I am incredibly proud of them all. **Mrs Easterbrook**



Year 7 Seasonal Cooking Club

Year 7 students have excelled this term in Seasonal Cooking Club. They have been developing their cooking skills and techniques by cooking a variety of dishes that use seasonal ingredients - Easter traybake, summer vegetable and pesto tart and summer fruit drizzle cake. I look forward to next term where we can continue to build on these skills and make use of the beautiful seasonal and local ingredients that we have in the summertime. Well done all.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Practice expedition (May 2022)

On the 20th/21st May, a group of thirty Year 9 and 10 students undertook their practice Bronze expedition as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. The programme, designed for anyone aged 14-24, consists of physical, skills, volunteering and expedition sections. Elements which can be tailored to the individual, allowing them to develop as a person and also express themselves and their interests in many different ways.

The practice section was based in the Quantocks, with students completing a 2 day expedition requiring them to hike between 10 and 12km each day. This was across undulating, challenging terrain in groups of between 5 to 7 students where they put their skills to the test to complete an unaccompanied expedition. They developed map reading skills, compass and navigation skills as well as the ability to cook over their small stoves (we had various types of pasta, flapjacks and custard and even hot chocolate being prepared!) Some notable experiences over the weekend included an impromptu sightseeing diversion from the route made by two groups! Many of the boys in the group also challenged another school at the campsite to a game of football; and were triumphant!

Across the two days, the students not only completed an impressive distance walking, they also demonstrated many valuable skills: the ability to work together as a team, resilience, confidence and perseverance. All students finished with smiles and we are now looking forward to the assessed expedition in July.

Mrs Manning, Mrs Potter and Mr Pavli



Environment Group

Our Eco group have been hard at work each Monday renovating our greenhouse area and planting seeds with the help and support of the Somerset Wildlife Trust. If there are any students who would like to join this group they meet every Monday during PM reg and stay on until 4pm. Similarly, if any parents have any seeds etc that they would like to donate to us we would happily oblige!

Mrs Easterbrook

Sport

The FINAL GAME 11.5.22

Year 11 had their final fixture representing St Dunstan's against our local rivals Crispin; where Crispin travelled over to our sunny sports field for a derby football match.

St Dunstans went out strong and determined, dominating the match from the beginning. Even though at times the defender line was a little wonky, they battled hard and only conceded 1 goal!

Midfield players used their speed and strength to get the ball down the field, working together and regaining any lost possession. The players upfront remained on their toes to chase down any through ball and shoot at goal. We witnessed some tremendous finishes

What a fantastic end to the year; your sporting successes will be truly missed!

Final score: St Dunstan's 9 - 1 Crispin

Goal scorers:

Will x3

Ryan x1

Arthur x1

Joe x2

Albert x2

Players' player went to the captain, W Leggett

Great effort lads, you deserved the win.

#dunniessport #theendofanera #year11 #thefinalgame



Year 10 Netball 18.5.22

Crispin asked for a year 10 Netball fixture so they could film their BTEC sport students. Although we don't have a year 10 netball team currently, we did manage to scramble together a team using other year groups. The girls miraculously bonded together; worked hard in their positions and showed a lot of strength battling for the ball. As a result, came away winning every quarter

Team:

C - Sophie (10)

Ellie (10)

Amelia (10)

Frankie (10)

Maddy (9)

Freya (9)

Phillippa (7)

Final score: St Dunstons 11 - 7 Crispin

Player of the match = Ellie

Year 8 Netball Development Day 26.4.22

8 year 7 students and 1 year 8 student went on a road trip to Taunton Vale Sports Centre; leaving before school had even started which already demonstrates huge amounts of commitment. Although a development day was organised, it was more of a friendly tournament. We didn't know what to expect having only played against our local schools, so this was an exciting opportunity!

The sun was shining, the facilities were brilliant and the atmosphere was full of enthusiasm and eagerness. Having 2 weeks off for Easter, we knew we had to push ourselves from the get go and my god didn't these students do this! Immediately the team clicked, worked together and fought hard against every school they played.

St Dunstan's 4 - 0 Stanchester

Player of the match = Hannah

St Dunstons' 10 - 2 Robert Blake

Player of the match = Violet

St Dunstan's 2 - 1 Minehead Middle

Player of the match = Daisy

St Dunstan's 0 - 5 Westfield

Player of the match = Phillippa

The progress this team has made this year has been phenomenal; they listen and take onboard all constructive feedback and utilise this to improve in every game.

Well done to everyone involved.

Congratulations Phillippa on being a strong captain for the team.

#dunniessport



Pastoral News

R;pple' - The internet can be a force for tremendous good or harm. Here is one tool that attempts to tip the scales in favour of the positive.

While Christmas is a cheerful time for many of us, it is a sad fact that over the last two years internet searches for suicidal thoughts have increased by 23%, searches for suicide methods have increased by 50% and searches for suicide hotlines have increased by 125% (*Semrush: 2021*).

We have seen this increase within our own student body too, and whilst this is still a tiny minority, 1 student feeling this way is too many. What is sadder still, is that - often when young people search these key phrases online - they often come across any number of websites that are actually harmful, and in some cases explore how these thoughts can be acted on.

'R;pple' is an online interceptive tool designed to ensure more help and support is provided to individuals who are conducting searches relating to self-injury or suicide.

If a young person searches for something related to self-injury or suicide, R;pple intercepts the search, provides an immediate, vibrant display on a user's device, consisting of a message of hope as well as a selection of mental health resources in a range of different communicative options from free, established and 24/7 charity services.

Through R;pple, an individual feeling despair and researching harmful content will be urged to instead seek the mental health support they deserve and need in a way that works best for them.



If you are interested in finding out more and downloading the software onto your devices at home, please click the following link:

[Somerset Health & Wellbeing: R;pple](#)


TRUTH

Speaks Truth

TRUTH

Thirst for Learning

Questions things



RESILIENCE

Works Hard

Embraces Challenge

Stays Positive



STAY ON TRAK

AWARENESS

Thoughts and Feelings

Shares Hope

Impact on Others & Environment




KINDNESS

Respects All

Shows Gratitude

Includes Others



We know there has been a significant rise in negative online incidents and experiences for young people. A huge thank you to the NSPCC for running a webinar about online safety for us. A reminder that this webinar was recorded and we have uploaded it for parents / carers who were not able to attend. Please find the link below.

[St Dunstan's Online Safety Webinar](#)

We are hoping to run another such session next year, for people that would like to receive the training whilst having the opportunity to ask questions, and we will keep you informed about this. The NSPCC also provided us with additional resources to help parents / carers keep their children safe online and these can be found below.

[Avon and Somerset Police Webinars!](#)

As you know, there have also been webinars run by Avon and Somerset Police but places were taken up so quickly that it was difficult for a lot of parents to attend. We are delighted that the police have set up a youtube channel so that you can see three recorded sessions covering topics including:

- Exploitation of children online
- Technical protective and safety measures available
- Tips on starting a conversation with children about the internet and how to use it safely.

Here is the link – we highly recommend viewing the videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf41oqLODZCDK0mdj6ulSDg>

Net Aware: An easy guide to apps, games and sites:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

NSPCC Online safety resources:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Advice and support for young people, via Childline:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/>

YoungMinds parent helpline:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>

<https://vimeo.com/480839159>

Have a look at this film about who to trust online

<https://vimeo.com/uksic>

Please note that you can find the Trust safeguarding policy (and all other policies) by using this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B5Z73cTOEMQdTVJCVU0weFZQb2s?resourcekey=0-mC9nM0f-rFEjRkAeis0sAw>

Further tips on e-safety for parents from CEOP

1. Make sure your child knows where to go for support: Remind them they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. For a breakdown of report services, visit: [Supporting your child with reporting unwanted content online](#)
2. Make sure they know about CEOP: Young people can report a concern about grooming or sexual abuse to CEOP at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> and get support from a specialist Child Protection Advisor.
3. Have an ongoing conversation: Continue to talk about the apps, games and sites they like to use, and what they like and don't like and any concerns about being online. Discuss with them when to unfollow, block or report. For help starting this conversation, read [having a conversation with your child](#).

School Nurse

Our School Nurse service is running very successfully. If students have concerns or need to talk to someone over the summer, they can use the text number or QR code in the poster to access help or advice.



The poster is for 'ChatHealth' and features a teal background. At the top left is the 'ChatHealth' logo. In the center, there are two overlapping speech bubbles: a pink one on the left containing the text 'Emotional Health', 'Relationships', 'Sexual Health', 'Drugs', 'Smoking', and 'Alcohol'; and a larger white one on the right. Below the speech bubbles, the text 'Got a concern?' is written in white, followed by 'If you're 11-19' in a pink box, and 'it only takes one text to start making a difference' in white. At the bottom, it says 'You'll get confidential advice from your School Nursing Team and you don't have to give your name if you don't want to.' followed by 'Just send a text or scan me' and the large number '07480 635 516'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. Logos for 'SOMERSET County Council' and 'Improving LIVES' are also present. A small disclaimer at the bottom left states: 'Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service. It operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the school nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.'



Medicines/Medical Conditions



Please remember to update any medical conditions or required medicines with the school office.

If your son/daughter suffers from Asthma and uses an inhaler or has an allergy and requires an epipen, please supply the school with a spare to keep for emergencies.

Prescribed medicines administered by the school or unprescribed medicines administered by students both require an authorised form to be completed which is available from the school office

Important Information



Keeping in contact



Please remember to update any changes of your contact details for your son/daughter with the school office.

You can make changes to your details by calling 01458 832943 or emailing:
secretary@stdunstansschool.com.

We are relying on email communication more than ever to send you updates and notices.

To help you to receive your emails promptly, there are a few things you can do to help

- Inform the school if you change your email address
- Check your email box daily including your SPAM mail
- Regularly sort and delete any unrequired messages to keep space in your inbox

We will look forward to seeing everyone back in their classrooms, in correct uniform and with the correct equipment (including a reading book) on 6th June 2022. A reminder that students should be in their classroom at 8.50 and so should arrive on site by 8.45; the gates will be closed at 8.45 to ensure everyone gets to tutor on time.





Term Dates

Term 6 begins on 6 June 2022

Term 6 ends on 21 July 2022

The school is closed on 24 June and 27 June for the Glastonbury Festival

Bank Holidays for the rest of this year are:

Spring Bank Holiday 02 June 2022

Platinum Jubilee bank Holiday 03 June 2022

Summer Bank Holiday 29 August 2022

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