

Dear Parent/Carer

It is starting to look like summer is finally on its way and I think we are all looking forward to the long bank holiday weekend.

School continues to be extremely busy each day but the relief of returning back to normality makes it all worth it.

Year 11 have been fantastic and have approached the start of their final external exams with dedication and confidence. The teachers have done a fantastic job in preparing them for the exam season and the numbers of students staying after school every day to access additional lessons has been overwhelming.

Pain au chocolat are being consumed in vast amounts whilst last minute revision takes place every morning. It has been really lovely listening to them all testing each other for last minute prep and generally supporting one another.

Friday 27th marks their last full day of lessons and we are looking forward to marking this with shirt signing and the issuing of Class of 2022 hoodies.

Revisions sessions will be running over the half term for Maths and students have been informed of which days to attend. When they return after half term it is just for booster and exams. Both of which are compulsory. If your child is unable to attend any of these sessions please ring in the absence as per the normal policy. Please note that medical evidence is needed for any absence so that this can be provided to the exam board.

Year 10 students have been busy as well. Silver Duke of Edinburgh and Ten Tors have all taken place over the last few weeks and whilst there have been a large number of blisters the students have really enjoyed and benefited from the experience. I would like to thank all the staff who give up their weekends to support the running of these extra-curricular activities.

Year 9 have finalised their subject options for September and we are in the final stages of confirming these before we can send out the final confirmed choices. A massive thank you to all of your support and understanding during this process.

We are very much focusing on looking forward next term. We are welcoming 180 students into Year 7 in September and the process of carrying out all of the primary visits, transition day and evening and summer school are all well under way. It is a fantastic mile stone for the school to be planning for 6 form entry in September.

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Term Dates

Term 6

Monday 6th June - Thursday
21st July

Week returning on: Week A



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Normal Sports Day and Activities Week are all taking place and we are looking forward to celebrating learning outside of the classroom with the students as the summer approaches.

We have also moved our Celebration Evening to be a summer event and more details will be coming out over the next few weeks about how this will run and which students have been nominated for awards.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you and your families a relaxing and sunny half term.

Best wishes

Joanna Postlethwaite

Ms J Postlethwaite
Headteacher



Somervale School Queens Platinum Jubilee Competition



DT Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Competition

To mark the Queen's Jubilee, we are holding a **design** competition for all students to enter.

Your design can be any commemorative item to mark and celebrate the Queen's 70 years as our Monarch. It could be a delicious summer dessert, a gold coin, a stamp or a T-shirt. It should reflect our nation's colours, history and diversity.

Please submit entries to your DT teacher by Monday 6th June. You can do this by handing it directly to them or to this Google Classroom **k5gucrk**

Good Luck!

Winning entries will be announced by the 10th June - there will be prizes!!



Reminders

Activities Week

Please remember to give consent and make payment for your child's activities week choices.

If your child is attending Swanage camp, don't forget that you can order a camp Hoodie!

Thank you for your support

Information@somervaleschool.com

Please be advised that the above email address is an outbox only, and is therefore not monitored. We are receiving an increased amount of emails in this mailbox and as a result there is a delay in response to these messages. Please email enquiries@somervaleschool.com of which is monitored daily, so that we can deal with your query promptly.

Social Media

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @somervaleschool and Facebook @somervaleschool to keep up to date with us!

School Portal

A reminder that you can use the Portal to view your details (and request changes), check attendance, food purchases and access school reports.

If you do not have access to the Portal, please email enquiries@somervaleschool.com so that we can arrange for you to have a login.

You can access the Portal by clicking [here](#).

Trampolining Club

We have a fantastic Trampolining club held on a Monday or Tuesday, run by an external professional coach. If your child is interesting in signing up, please click [here](#). The cost is £4 per session (£28 for Term 6).

Instrumental Lessons

Don't forget that we have a great range of Instrumental lessons on offer, with fantastic Music teachers.

If you are interested, please get in contact with Mr Kehoe.

Somervale News

Special Mention

We are very proud of Phoebe W, Year 7, who was awarded first place in the Year 7 category in a 'The Annual Bristol Schools Foil and Sabre competition'. Well done Phoebe!

Eco Club

The Somervale Eco Council have been working on improving our school environment for students and the wider community. We have asked our contractors to stop mowing areas of the Somervale playing fields. The areas around the hedgerows and trees are now left to grow long grass. Not only does this look beautiful but it is fantastic for insects and other wildlife! You can do your bit at home. Try to be less tidy and leave some long grass or 'weeds' for bees and butterflies. Nature will thank you and you'll have less to do in your garden!

We are busy renovating the flower beds in the Year 10 quad. We are digging over the flower beds, adding compost and we will then be planting them out with wildflowers. This will be a great addition to the Tree for the Queen's Jubilee. We plan to sow wildflower seeds around the tree. For the rest of the flower beds, we want to select bee and butterfly friendly plants that are hardy perennials. **If you are able to donate flowers we would be so grateful!** Please email Ms C Merriman: cmerriman@somervaleschool.com if you can help.



Library News

The Carnegie National Book Awards

During the last few meetings, our fabulous award panel of students have been busy reviewing & creating "mood boards" for their favourite shortlisted book so far.

We have now cast our "Shadowers" vote for our favourite shortlisted book, this year.

Students will attend a live stream of the Award Ceremony on 16th June here in the library, along with a group of Carnegie Award students from Norton Hill School.



For more information about this year's Carnegie Book Awards, please visit [Carnegie Book Awards](https://www.carnegiebookawards.co.uk/)



Library News

Read for Good - sponsored readathon

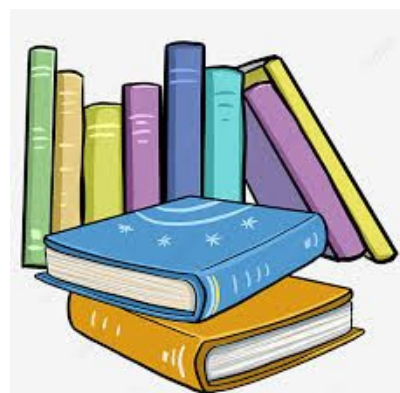
Thank you to everyone who supported this year's sponsored read. We managed to raise an amazing £426.50!



“Royal Reading Challenge”

Our Queen's Jubilee Celebration display in the library is looking very regal and splendid!

We will be launching The National Literacy Trust “Royal Reading Challenge” in Term 6 for any student who wants to take part.



Duke of Edinburgh

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to the Silver DofE teams for completing their training expedition this weekend in the Brecon Beacons. They walked over 30km with over 1000m of height gain with all of their equipment.



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Our students have successfully started their bronze training. So far they have completed navigation training, camp craft and cooking with Trangias and now they have started their walking. They did very well over a half day walk in the local area and showed their navigation skills. Next training will be on Saturday the 11th of June. I am sure they will continue to do us proud.



Art Department

Miss Deborah Brown

- In Art Club this term students have been decorating an oil drum, as part of a community project in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- In additional celebration of the Jubilee students have created some wonderful artworks for their ELP, which has been displayed in the school and will be included in the community project.



DT Department

We've had a bustling and exciting Term 5 in DT.

Firstly, our star Year 9 pupil, Caelan O'C! Caelan produced a wonderful dish of duck breast with fondant potatoes, green beans and toasted rosemary for his final 'airline practical' meal. Caelan was also able to take leadership and direct Riley H to help him prepare the dish. Congratulations Caelan and Riley for cooking such an impressive dish for Year 9!



Next, we must also congratulate the Year 11 students on completing their Hospitality and Catering coursework and final dishes. Although we cannot publish images of the dishes, we had racks of lamb, gnocchi, cake, chocolate fondant, a seafood platter, burgers, steak sandwich, fresh pasta, lasagne, curry and a chicken pie!

Year 10 have been developing their cooking skills and presentation. Below is a sample of the standard of work they are creating. Fantastic work Year 10!



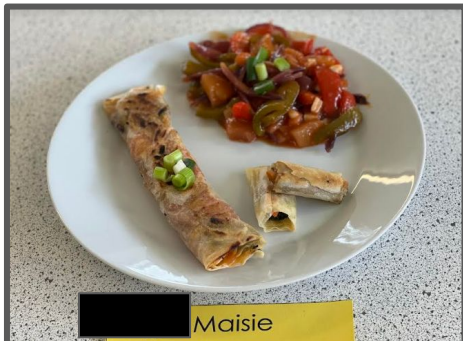
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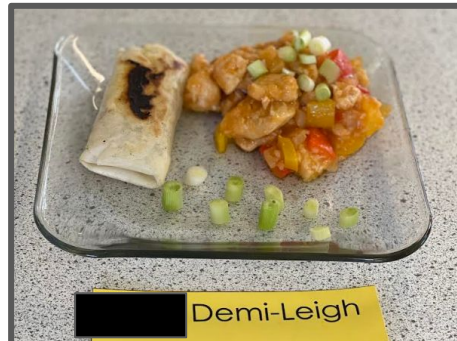
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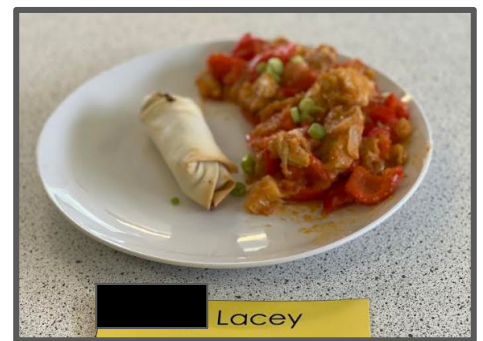
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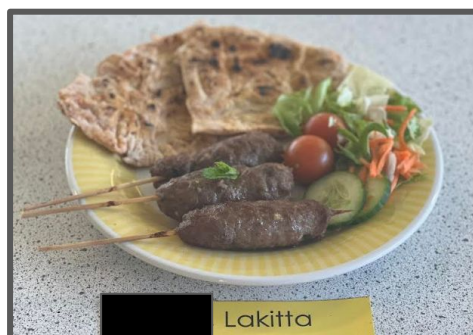
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DT Department

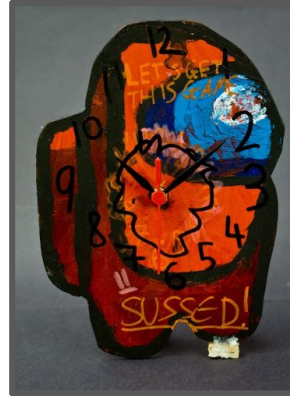
Finally the Year 8's have been in the workshop creating wooden clocks based on a designer of their choice. They have demonstrated great art and resistant materials skills, some of which have been made 3D!



Oliver B



Maia R



Brooklyn W-W



Byron W



Poppy C



Oliver Y



Connor S



Josceline M



Jacob O

DT Department



Just a reminder - the schools cooking club with Miss Hill will begin Wednesday the **8th of June** and will run for term 6 (not including activities week).

After school sessions will last an hour and will be based on family cooking, and snacks!

All spaces filled.

Year 10 Afternoon 'Tea-Off'

Year 10's competed in groups to produce two identical afternoon tea spreads. Awards have been given out for:

Best presentation (creative/pretty/extras)

Welldone - Isla B

Best precision (e.g. cutting neatly/even sizes and shapes) Welldone - Izzy M

And a special mention to Lacey B



Lacey B



Isla B



Isabella M



English Department

Drama and Poetry

On 25th May the Somerfest – Somervale's Performing Arts Showcase included some incredibly talented poets and actors from among our students.

Some of the poetry we enjoyed can be read below: our students did us very proud with their very own poems and their very eloquent readings of their poetry. Massive congratulations to all the poets: Ianis, James, Liam, Ben, Aimee, Ben, Katie, Jude, Trevane, Elwood and Jamie.

We were highly moved by Year 9's delivery of a scene from Dennis Kelly's DNA – a play commissioned by the National Theatre and aimed at young audiences. DNA is a play about bullying and peer pressure. When a group of teenagers' bullying of another student goes too far, he ends up dying. In the scene performed by our students, the group of friends have found their victim...but it doesn't bring the relief they crave. Instead, they are forced to face their callous actions.

Well done to George, Jamie, Maisie, Ashleigh, Sophia and Katie!

"Don't you dare" by B.T. (Year 8)

Take away my forest
don't you dare
I am a scare
And you're not a flare

What are you doing?
Burning my grassland
You'll have no land
And will not be grand

Pollute my sea
Where I feel free
You will see
You will have no tea

Colour my sky
You will cry
If you lie
You will die

Don't do deforestation
Don't burn the grassland
Don't plasticate the sea
Don't pollute the sky

"Lost" by B.P. (Year 8)

Lost,
Yes, she was lost,
How could I know?
Should I know?

I sit here overthinking,
Rather lost myself,
Where will they go?
What will they think?

Isn't this a question?
Maybe it's a statement,
Bravery or resilience.
Oh here I go.

I sit here overthinking,
What shall I do?
Where shall I go?
Who shall I tell?

"I'm 13" by A.S. (Year 8)

In Baggy clothes
With blue eyes and freckles
My life may not be 'a dream'

But at least it suits me
Like a tailored jacket
Custom-made
To fit
Perks and Quirks to my messy personality
That make me unique

Life's like a balloon
filled with good things
every so often it deflates
When the balloon's full to bursting
You can hold it by a string
With your head held up high
When it's not it drags behind you
Leaving you far behind the rest

Life's not a dream
But at least it suits me

English Department

"Hang me out to dry" by J.H. (Year 10)

And once again I scribe in red ink
Something that resembles the flawed wounds
That shouldn't have to be created
Or contemplated

But here they repose indifferent to a picture I could paint
In the same shade with the same finger tips
A hand so full of precision yet riddled with remorse

Crimson: not born from violence or nature but
Incomprehension
And I can't tell if the lights flicker or
if I just blinked.

My hands hold not each other
Instead the culpability that
Should
Pester my mind but sleep empty it does - untouched
Oblivious to its own volition
Not distressed in vanity
However, not soothed.
Washed out

I rewrite my story verbatim
So foreign to feelings;
Maybe I didn't even feel them
Or they've become lost in translation
Like a language barrier between desire and warped coercion
Washed out in reiteration.
Because fragility originates from creation and demise
So dare not it falter me at my ripe age
Therefore stay at bay: of my bank of tears
Do not overflow
Do not spill
Or exhibit
Or expose
Or overwhelm me with the irrational fear of growing old.
I will not be worn enough to grow fragile
Or torn
Or ripped
Or bleached
And I won't grow dust at the back of a closet.
But I am still stained, somehow
Washed out.
In a way the reckless banging of a washing machine could not cater for on a delicate spin
In a way hands coarse from scrubbing such ill could not begin to decipher

I long for someone to tuck me in at night
Let my feeble mind rest.
To rid me of ache that consumes my chest
To fold the corner of my page and continue in the same breath
Of the next day.

So wring me out dry
Ring me, call me
Call my name while my t-shirt's still clean and my tears run awry.

"This is war" by J.C. and L.W. (Year 7)

The first battles were sword on sword,
Hoping for a great reward,
Days and Days they march ahead,
Knowing soon they'll all be dead,
Archers aligned on the hills,
Wars came with hefty bills.

In the trenches oh so deep,
Bodies still and soldiers weep,
Guns positioned for the kill,
Germans who do it for the thrill,
Justice arrived for the Jews,
"War is over!" said the news.

The Russians invade Ukraine,
Causing suffering and pain,
Streets blow up and children cry,
Soldiers have to say goodbye,
Guns held high as bullets shot,
Polish people help out a lot.

Warheads are dropped on our homes,
Streets piled high with ash and bones,
Bombs are here, Get to your covers,
News is here for broken mothers,
Radiation fills the land,
Earth is destroyed at our hand.

This is our world, plagued with war,
Is this what we're living for.

French Department

For our last official lesson, Year 11 French students took part in a French "bake-off". They translated a French recipe for tarte tatin, with the help of Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Postlethwaite and Mr Batten, cooking some (mostly!) lovely desserts! Everyone had a good time and it was a fitting send off for such a lovely class.



PE Department

Cricket

Year 7 & 8 have had an enjoyable start to the cricket season. If you want to learn some new skills, training is on every Thursday after school.

Rounders

Our Year 7 rounders team played Norton Hill School recently where they performed at a great standard! Shout out to Lydia for getting player of the match! Miss Dury looks forward to entering the school into more rounders matches!



NCFE

Well done to the Year 11 NCFE Health & Fitness students who have completed the whole course. The group have been exceptional considering the circumstances they have faced at the start of Year 10 with COVID-19. We hope they get the grade they deserve and we wish them all the best with their other exams.

Sports Leaders

The sports leaders have been undertaking training during school time so they can learn more about running effective and engaging sports sessions. These leaders have recently put this in action by running small, conditioned games over at Midsomer Norton Cricket Club for 6 local primary schools. The Sports leaders were great and showed great leadership skills during this event. We look forward to involving the sports leaders into more events and seeing them become great leaders and coaches.



PE Department

A Level PE




Our A level students have been working hard in preparation for their summer exam series. We wish them the best of luck over the coming weeks.

Wembley Trip

Sunday 15th May, 2 coaches headed to Wembley stadium to watch the Women's FA cup final. It was fantastic to see lots of students getting involved in this trip and supporting the sport. We hope that the students who attended enjoyed this experience.



What's on...

 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLUBS Term 6  					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME Astroturf (must have correct footwear)	Astroturf open for all ages				
AFTER SCHOOL (3.30-4.30)	Trampolining Year 7 Volleyball 7-11 (BDU)	Trampolining Years 8-11	Rounders 7-11 (BDU)	Tennis 7-11 (BDU) Cricket 7-11 (IKE)	Staff Recreational Sport

Mentoring Plus Quiz Night

Mentoring Plus are holding their annual quiz to help raise funds for their volunteer mentoring programme which supports young people across BANES who are facing challenging circumstances. Come and join them in the garden at Riverside, Mentoring Plus HQ for a fun evening, we will be running a bar, snacks are included in the price and there's a winner's prize.

Teams of up to six can be booked here <https://mentoringplus.net/events>.







Join us for a quiz night at **Mentoring Plus HQ** and help us to raise vital funds which will go directly to supporting young people in our community through award winning mentoring schemes, youth clubs and activities.

Tuesday 21st June
7-9.30pm

£12 per person,
max number in a team 6
 (Entrants must be 18+)

Registered Charity No 1112534

Snacks Included
 Bar & Winners Prize

What's on...



MIDSOMER NORTON RUGBY CLUB
Music Food
Beacon lighting 9.45pm
Thursday 2 June
7.00pm-late

MIDSOMER JUBILEE MUSIC FEST
Live Music
Town Park
Friday 3 June
1.30-8.30pm

Midsummer Norton Platinum Jubilee
Four free community events

SOMERSET & DORSET RAILWAY
Railway Station
Street Party
Saturday 4 June
1.00-8.00pm

MIDSOMER NORTON CRICKET CLUB
Family Fun Day
Music Food Games
Sunday 5 June
2.00-8.00pm

Find out more

Facebook - Midsomer Norton Town Council, Community Trust, Arts Festival
www.midsomernortoncommunitytrust.com
manager@midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk

What's on...



**Thursday 2 June
7.00pm until late**



**Jubilee Beacon lighting 9.45pm
Food Drink Music**



**FRIDAY 3 JUNE 1.30-8.30PM
TOWN PARK , NEAR SOMER CENTRE**



**Free steam trains 1:00-8:00pm
Street party benches
Bring a picnic or buy from local food stalls
Real Ale and Cider festival, soft drinks available**



**Cricket taster activities, Live music,
Childrens craft, Dance performances**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ages 16-18

RADSTOCK JUBILEE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

**THEATRICAL
ACTS**

11am -5pm

**CREATIVE
WORKSHOPS**

FOOD & DRINK

LIVE MUSIC

Great chance for students to gain practical, hands on experience of event management and gain new skills to add to your CV, free training will be offered and an opportunity to accrue hours towards both Arts Award and Duke of Edinburgh scheme. You can get involved in various aspects from stewarding to setting up and packing away, giving you all around experience.

For more information contact Will Grant



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Term Dates 2022-23

Academic Year 2022/2023

Term 1

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 21st October 2022

Term 2

Monday 31st October 2022
Friday 16th December 2022

Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Friday 10th February 2023

Term 4

Monday 20th February 2023
Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5

Monday 17th April 2023
Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6

Monday 5th June 2023
Friday 21st July 2023

INSET DAYS

Inset day 1

Thursday 1st September 2022

Inset day 2

Friday 2nd September 2022

Inset day 3

Friday 21st October 2022

Inset day 4

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Inset day 5

Monday 17th April 2023

National Bank Holidays:

Monday 26th December 2022
Tuesday 27th December 2022
Monday 2nd January 2023
Friday 7th April 2023
Monday 10th April 2023
Monday 1st May 2023
Monday 29th May 2023
Monday 28th August 2023