

# SOMERVALE SCHOOL

### **Newsletter: Term Four**





Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership

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### **English Literature**

C Price

C's resilience and hard work were inspirational throughout. She always took feedback and learnt from it. Not once did she lose sight of her aims. We are so proud of her and what she's achieved!

#### **English Language**

M Lisk

M worked relentlessly to achieve an incredible set of results. Her creative writing skills and her perceptive and thoughtful analysis of texts developed consistently.

### **Mathematics**

M Turner

Excellent effort during Year 9, 10 and 11 allowing him to sit the Higher tier GCSE and achieve his potential.

#### Biology

I Smith

Consistently hard working, impressively diligent and exemplary high standards in the quality of work in all sciences, but especially in Biology.

### Chemistry

H Williams

An absolute pleasure to teach. Well organised and quietly confident chemist that worked relentlessly through the topic that he found most difficult. He achieved an excellent GCSE grade that he should be proud of.

### Physics

R Fairweather

Consistent, reliable, hard working and polite. All in all, a prime example of an outstanding student.

### Art

C Holmes

C demonstrated a fantastic attitude to working in Art throughout Years 10 and 11. She was able to work in a variety of media, producing skillful and creative artwork. She also massively exceeded her target grade in Art. Well done C!

## Year 11 2023 Awards

Consistently excellent attitude to learning and effort. B was and continues to be an excellent role model for other students. She was a pleasure to teach and I know will be successful in her future studies

#### **Creative Media**

T Dawson

Consistently excellent care and attention to detail, particularly with film-making projects where he showed impressive leadership and problem-solving ability.

#### Enterprise

M Bertram

Outstanding contribution and commitment to meeting deadlines and completing coursework on time.

#### French

S Beswetherick

Throughout years 10 and 11, S showed outstanding work ethic and mature attitude to learning. She produced consistently accurate writing and a particularly impressive speaking exam. She was positive in lessons and helpful to other students when needed. I loved having her in the class and know she will be brilliant at whatever she chooses to do next!

#### Geography

W Lane

From the start of Y10 Geography, W put in an outstanding amount of effort. He worked consistently, completed homeworks and attended regular interventions. His dedication paid off as he achieved higher than his expected target - very well deserved. A huge well done!

### Graphics

F Westcott

For following a unique, creative direction and exploring and refining work to a high standard.

#### History

A Hunt

For being a hardworking, ambitious historian throughout and smashing his target!

### **Hospitality & Catering**

R Rowcliffe - Lucas

For continuous effort and commitment to his studies in both the theory and practical element of the course.

### Year 11 2023 Awards

### iMedia

A Melnyk

For her determined and creative approach throughout the course. A overcame challenges to complete a successful set of Coursework Units.

#### Music

A Meacham

Showed outstanding dedication to her coursework throughout her GCSE and achieved an excellent grade in her final exam.

#### **Philosophy & Belief**

K Ferris

K showed brilliant determination throughout the GCSE. She always worked hard to complete work on time, to an excellent standard and she was careful to act on advice. In this way she was a model student. She attended every revision session and was always active in lessons. She was a pleasure to teach and deserves her success. Well done!

#### **Physical Education**

T Winditt

T showed an outstanding contribution to PE throughout all of the different assessment components of the course. T's intellectual curiosity really helped him strive within the subject and achieve a great grade! Well done Trevane.

#### Photography

K-L Chivers

For fantastic work in photography all year, interesting photo shoots and complex editing.

### Spanish

S Cullen

Impressive performance throughout the course. Excellent attitude and application.

#### **Endeavour Award**

A Frankham

A showed great strength and resilience in his final years at Somervale and even when times were tough, he never gave up.

### Year 11 2023 Awards

### Headteacher's Award

T Reid

For exceptional progress and being the highest achieving student in the year.

### **Attendance Award**

C Bennett and S Cullen

For 100% attendance at school from the start of Yr7 to the end of Yr11







### **Christmas Dinner Day!**



Over 189 Christmas Dinners Served. Thank you!



















### Somervale Book Donation 2023



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our book donation this term. We have received over 600 books, which was fantastic. The Student Learning Group successfully organised the books into genre and age categories for students in Year 7 to 9 to collect a book on Monday morning to read over the Christmas period with a sachet of hot chocolate. Please can students who collected a book please return it by the 7th March on World Book Day for other students to read and enjoy!

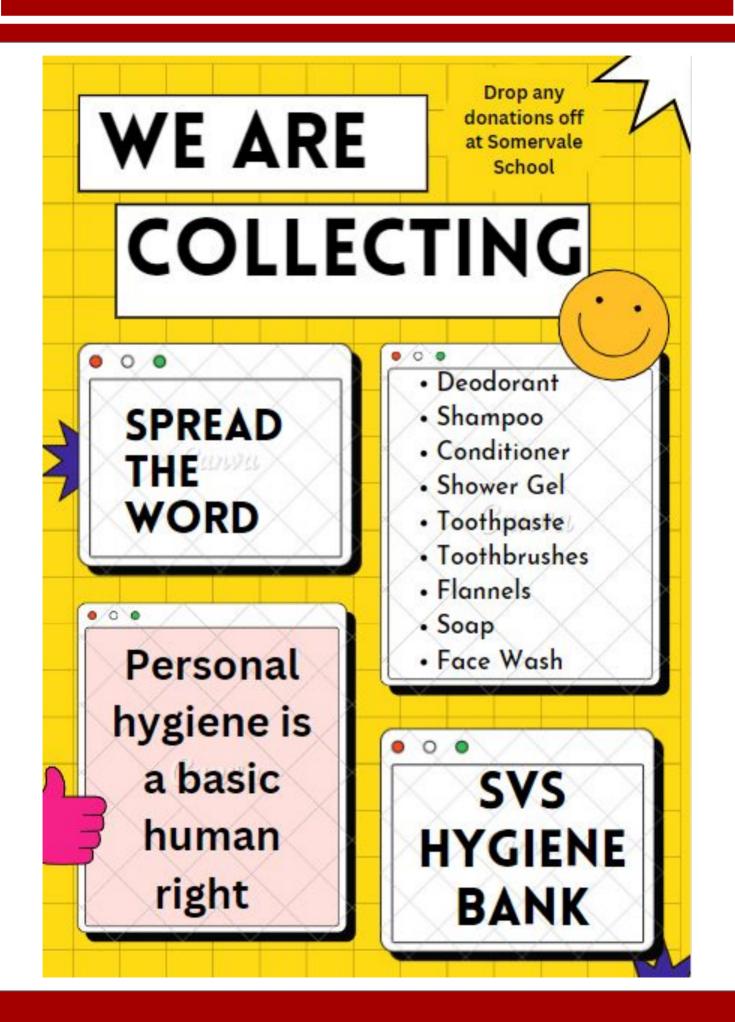














This term we are pleased to say that 8 members of staff took or renewed their first aid training with James from Practical First Aid Training.

www.practicalfirstaidtraining.co.uk











We would like to thank all students and staff for today's contributions for non-uniform day.

We have made a grand total of £414.72 which is being donated to the Somer Valley Food Bank.





Some of our wonderful year 8 students received a visit from Avon Fire & Rescue Service this term.

Students had great fun discussing road and water safety some students even had the chance to try on one of the uniforms too!



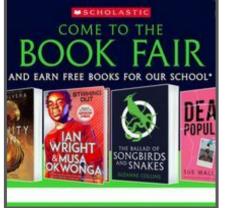
## **Library News**

We hosted another successful Christmas Book Fair in the library this term.

Thanks to everyone who supported us and to all our wonderful 'Takeover Team' of students who worked so hard!

We sold over £1,000 worth of books during the week! Well done!











Congratulations to all our Accelerated Reader superstars. We've had another fantastic term of reading and quizzing with our KS3 students.

Huge congratulations particularly to our "Word Millionaires" -

Lilly L, Harrison F, Joel M, Jack M

### **Library News**

On Monday, 4th December, Year 10 students took part in a superb talk by author Alan Bissett. His latest book "Lads: A Guide to Respect and Consent" was informative and engaging. Somervale School students were very fortunate to be a part of Alan's tour of schools in the South West of England, delivering a very important message to all young people.



### **Science Department**

A group of Somervale year 8s took part in the Faraday challenge! The idea of the challenge is to identify a problem in society (this year's focus was roads) and then come up with a solution and create a mini working prototype, with real wiring.

They may not have won but they did make us proud!







### Art Department



In the spirit of celebrating achievements, I have been selecting an artist of the week and displaying their work in MM7 This week it's BA in year 10 for his very accomplished mirror photography. Do pop in and have a look if you're passing.



### **English Department**

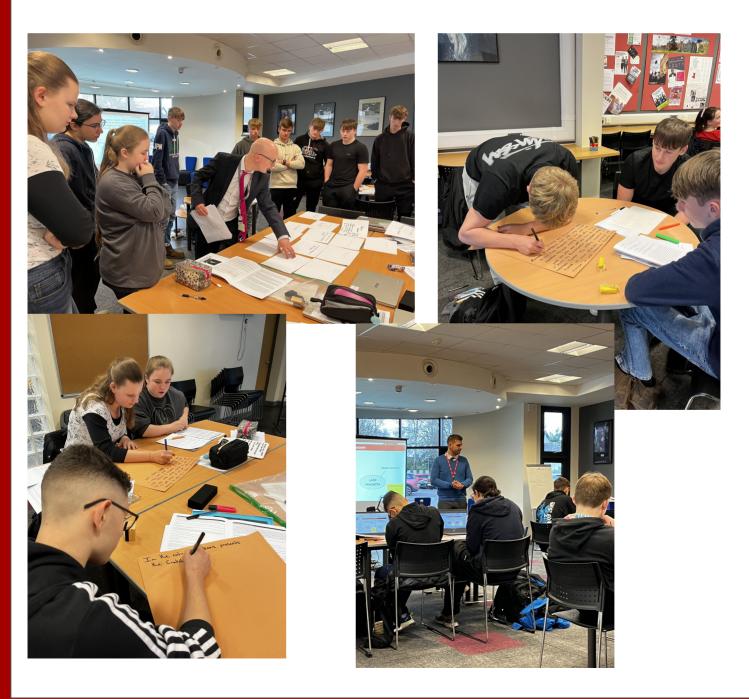
Some of our super aspirational year 11 students took part in an 'English High Challenge' day on Monday.

They worked extremely hard and it was fantastic to see them working together to discuss, debate and think critically.

Let's get those grade 9s!

Mrs Vale

Associate Assistant Headteacher Head of English



#### Year 7 Curriculum

Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to their secondary school PE lessons. All students have worked through three different activity rotations and have been stoic in the face of torrential rain, freezing temperatures and mud! Keep up the good work!



### Extra Curricular Success

Once again, a brilliant term of netball, football and rugby for our students. Well done everyone involved!





#### Want to know more about clubs and fixtures?

All information is published on the PE Google Classroom. To join, students need to add themselves using the code: j37g7zg



### Sport Council (BDU)

#### Individual Mentions:

Oliver has achieved 3rd place in the Regional School's Competition for Trampolining. Well done Oliver!



Leadership Academy

Twelve Year 9 students were invited to participate in a BANES Leadership Academy training day at Bath University at the start of December. These students have the potential to be excellent Sports Leaders and have previously volunteered to support primary school events at Somervale School. Our students worked brilliantly with other students from a range of schools to plan and deliver a range of activities throughout the day and produced. We look forward to putting their learning into practice in the new year.



Sport Leaders (BDU)



### Celebrating Excellence: Students of the Term

The following students have gone above and beyond to contribute to their own learning and development and/or the development of others this term. Well done on your achievement!

• Year 7: Lily P for contribution to extracurricular activities

- Year 8: Jack T for enthusiasm towards extracurricular sport
- · Year 9: Ava K for commitment to school teams
- Year 10: Arda O for commitment to coaching rugby
- Year 11: Maisie D for commitment to coaching netball
- · Staff shout out: Miss Low for running the girls' rugby team

### **PE Kit Expectations**

A friendly reminder that it is the students responsibility to have the correct kit for every lesson. We go out in every weather so warm layers are essential, as are studded boots for certain activities. This will not only make lessons more comfortable and enjoyable but also safer for all students.

If students are injured, contact needs to be made with the class teacher and coaching kit must be worn.

Please see the uniform guidance document on the school website or by following the link below. <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hN-oLSLdNPnIS-OAUr7ri5vBLM0kE\_u\_/view</u>



Thank you for your support

Extra Curricular Timetable Term 3 (see poster below)

PHYSICAL   PHYSICAL   Extra Curricular Clubs   Term 3						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
8.00-8.30am	KS4 Free Gym	KS4 Free Gym	KS4 Free Gym	KS4 Free Gym	KS4 Free Gym	
1pm-1.25pm	KS4 Table Tennis	KS3 Table Tennis	KS4 Table Tennis	KS3 Table Tennis	KS4 Table Tennis	
	Astro Turf open to all year groups.					
	Plastic studded boots or astro trainers required.					
3.25-4.30p m	Trampolining*	Sports Fixtures	Football Training Individual Your Group Training All Welcome Netball Training	Sports Fixtures	Year 11 Exam PE Catch Up eryone is	
* Trampolining is sign up only. £4 per session. Please email kelly@somervaleschool.com for details.						

### Events







### Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership

### 'Calling all budding chefs!!'

We are running a competition next term for all of our Year 9 students.

We are looking to find our very own *super star* chef at Somervale to enter the **MNSP Young Chef of the Year Competition.** 

The competition is open to **all** Year 9 students. (Even if you have not done your food rotation so far this year!)

We will be running the heats early in Term 3. After these, we will decide on a winner from SVS to take to the final. This will be held at Writhlington School in March 2024.

Each heat will involve everyone making the same dish and will be running after school. There will be prizes for the winning chef in each heat.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please speak to Mrs Ellett or Mrs Cox ideally before Christmas to sign up.

(NB: Names will need to be in by the end of the day on **Friday 5th January** 2024)



# Support - SEN



With money being used on other priorities around this festive period, do not forget that BANES offers a Rainbow Resource card to all children and young people aged between 0-25 years, with a Special Educational Need and/ or Disability (SEND) or an additional need, living across Bath and North East Somerset.

The Rainbow Resource card *may* entitle you to access an existing concession on offer at venues across B&NES and the wider area (often designated carer goes free, but please check with individual venues for full details prior to your visit), and access to specific SEND sessions. It will also provide discreet recognition if you find yourself needing support from staff at the attraction or venue. Venues accepting the Rainbow Resource card also demonstrate they are an inclusive venue and welcome all families and individuals.

The Rainbow Resource card is completely *free*, and we will provide you with a wallet sized card confirming your child's Special Educational Need and/or disability.

We are continually growing, and contacting attractions and organisations across the South West inviting them to support this scheme. The full list of current participants can be found below. Please check with individual venues prior to visiting to ensure you are aware of their offer to card holders and their families.

The SEN Team at Somervale hope you all have a fabulous Christmas break and thank you for all your support this term.

### Term Dates 2024-25



#### Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership

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Term Dates Academic Year 2024/2025

Term 1 Monday 2nd September 2024 Friday 25<sup>\*</sup> October 2024

Term 2 Monday 4th November 2024 Friday 20th December 2024

Term 3 Monday 6th January 2025 Friday 14th February 2025 Term 4 Monday 24th February 2025 Friday 4<sup>a</sup> April 2025

Term 5 Tuesday 22nd April 2025 Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 Tuesday 22nd July 2025 (Friday 18th July last day for students)

#### INSET DAYS

Inset day 1 Monday 2nd September 2024

Inset day 2 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Inset day 3 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Inset day 4 Monday 21st July 2025

Inset day 5 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

#### National Bank Holidays:

Wednesday 25th December 2024 Thursday 26th December 2024 Wednesday 1st January 2025 Friday 18th April 2025 Monday 21st April 2025 Monday 5th May 2025 Monday 26th May 2025 Monday 25th August 2025