

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Term 6 has got off to a flying start and we have even seen some sunshine!

It was great to see that so many Year 11 students attended revision sessions in the holidays - well done to the students and a huge thank you to staff for giving up their time in the holidays - it is much appreciated.

Just as Year 11 can see the finish line, Year 10 are gearing up for their mock exams. This is a great opportunity to experience what it feels like to be in the exam hall with invigilators as well as identifying areas of strength and those that need some extra work. Do encourage your children to give their best efforts to revision and to sitting the exams - I always think the term 'mock' is a bit of a misnomer as it implies they are not serious - perhaps 'practice exams' would be a better title!

We had an assembly on expectations at the start of term - it is good to see that so many students meet our expectations on a daily basis. Please do remind your children that we have a 'not seen, not heard' approach to mobile phones and they need to adhere to that. Please also ensure that your child is in the correct uniform and has the correct equipment - hard as the year draws to a close, I know, but also vital in being part of our school community and being ready to learn.

We also had a very informative and moving assembly on the 80th anniversary of D-Day on Thursday morning - thank you to Mr Brown for creating and delivering this presentation on such an important event.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Bevan



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NEXT WEEK ASSEMBLY FOCUS:

National Careers
Week
Legal and Illegal
Drugs including
Vapes

Coming soon:

Year 10 Mocks
begin June 17th

Year 11 Leavers'
Assembly and
Prom 4th July

Sports' Day 5th
July

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Extra-Curricular
Activities](#)

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Year 11... your final countdown begins!

Well done to our Year 11s who have been attending revision sessions during the holiday. Great effort and work ethic!

We are extremely grateful to our teachers who were willing to work with students during their half term break.

There aren't many exams left to go. You've got this Year 11!



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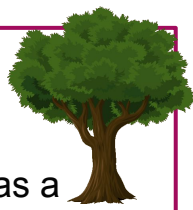


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Forest School



Today was our first day back at Forest School. It was a fun-filled day, where the students learnt all about the amazing ash trees and made delicious pancakes over the open fire.

They also enjoyed starting their woodwork projects which they will continue to create over the next 6 weeks.

The sun was shining and their behaviour was a credit to us. They showed respect for each other and the instructors, were resilient and worked well together as a team. Well done all.



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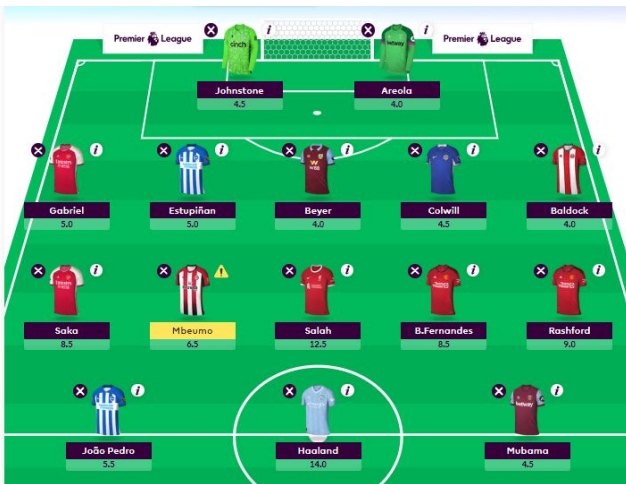
Fantasy Football



A total of 43 staff and students took part in the first St Dunstan's Fantasy Football League this year. Prizes were given for the best team each week, with 14 students able to outsmart the teachers and win chocolate across 34 game weeks.

After the final game was played, Alfie R stayed at the top of the table, where he had been for most of the season with a huge total of 2220 points. A well done to Nicholas E who was the second place student with 2087 points, and Honey-Rose D who took home third place with 2031 points.

Thanks to everyone for playing; we've had enquiries as to whether there will be a Euros league as well, which we hope to be able to confirm soon.



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June is Pride Month!

Pride month is about acceptance, equality, celebrating the work of LGBTQ+ individuals and raising awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community.

It also calls for people to remember how damaging homophobia was and still can be.

Pride is a celebration of people coming together in love and friendship, to show how far LGBTQ+ rights have come and how there's still lots of work to be done.

Whether you're part of the LGBTQ+ community or not, it is up to all of us to celebrate love in all forms, and make sure the world is accepting and welcoming of everyone.

To find out more, please visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52872693>



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As we're heading towards the end of the year, remember to be kind to yourself, and to find a bit of happiness in every day!

Joyful June 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it	 4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it	 5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	 6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings	 7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good	1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month	2 Say positive things in your conversations with others
10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them	11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it	12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone	13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side	14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you	15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way
17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful	18 Look for something good in a difficult situation	19 Get outside and find the joy in being active	20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity	21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to
 24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for	25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others	26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it	27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy	28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people	29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)

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Happy Volunteers' Week!

During Volunteers' Week, we want to give a big shout out to the incredible individuals in our school community who give their time to volunteer and support others.

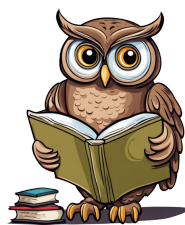
These include our Bronze Award DofE students; they have volunteered nearly 600 hours of their time this year! They have been assisting in after school clubs and sport clubs, gardening, helping elderly neighbours with their shopping, dog walking, working in charity shops and much more.

We also want to thank our wonderful PTA, Father Kieron and governors for their hard work and support.

A HUGE THANK YOU to you all!



Student Librarians



Congratulations to our new Library Assistants!

After applying and interviewing for a library assistant position, we were proud to present 'Librarian' badges to 30 wonderful students who are keen to take on their new responsibilities.

Some of their duties will include helping Mrs Morris to audit the library, checking books in and reshelving books, helping with the reorganisation of the books, and helping with exciting library events and artwork. Keep your eyes on future newsletters too as we'll have librarian-written book reviews and updates!

Well done all on an excellent interview process. We can't wait to see this lovely lot take up their positions - we're very proud of them all. Student librarians, you're going to make such a difference to the library, and to the school as a whole!



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Carnegie Book Awards

Our Carnegie book club has been meeting fortnightly to read the shortlisted books for the Yoto Carnegie Shadowing Book Awards and this week they officially placed their vote for their winner. After a hot debate, we settled on *The Song Walker* by Zillah Bethell. It is a beautifully written slow-paced adventure about a young girl who wakes up in the Australian desert with no memory of who she is or how she got there, or why she is carrying a strange, heavy, locked case. She meets Tarni, a native girl who is on a mysterious quest of her own. After six votes, our average rating for it was 8.5/10. Considering we often had very opposite opinions on books, this was a very high rating indeed!

The National awards will be announced later in the month and we look forward to seeing how our votes relate to the rest of the groups voting and the final outcome!
Well done to our Carnegie readers.



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Can you help by nominating us?

Now that we're reorganising and revamping our library, we could do with all the help we can get! St Dunstan's has been without a school librarian for close to a decade, so our library needs a bit of extra love, and now that we have Mrs Morris in the post, we can give it just that! We really want to get new and exciting books for the library and with your help, we might be able to!

Nominate your school to win £1,000 and #rebuildthelibrary

This summer, our big schools prize has returned, offering five schools the chance to win £1,000 in National Book Tokens and a year's free membership to the School Library Association; PLUS one overall winner will also receive £500 to help them create a fun and welcoming library space for all.

Nominate a school and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also receive a £100 National Book Tokens gift card to spend in your favourite bookshop.



Nominate a school

If you go onto the National Book Tokens website, there is a link to vote for the School Prize, and you'll even be in with a chance of winning a £100 book voucher yourself!

If you name us as 'St Dunstan's School, Glastonbury' it'll make sure the entry knows it is us and not another St Dunstan's!

Thank you in advance, we're very grateful for your help!

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize>



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Disney Aladdin JR.

Introducing the cast of Aladdin...

Tilo- Aladdin



Hi, I'm Tilo and I am playing Aladdin. I am a GCSE drama student and I have performed in multiple productions for years and I have had a love of music & theatre from a young age. I have been wanting to perform this play for years now and am chuffed that it's happening.



Introducing the cast of Aladdin...

Ella- Princess Jasmine



Hi, I'm Ella and I am incredibly excited to be playing the role of Princess Jasmine, a character I have really begun to embody having always been a performer. I have been participating in dance since I was young and I can't wait to bring Jasmine's story to the stage, sharing her journey with you all.



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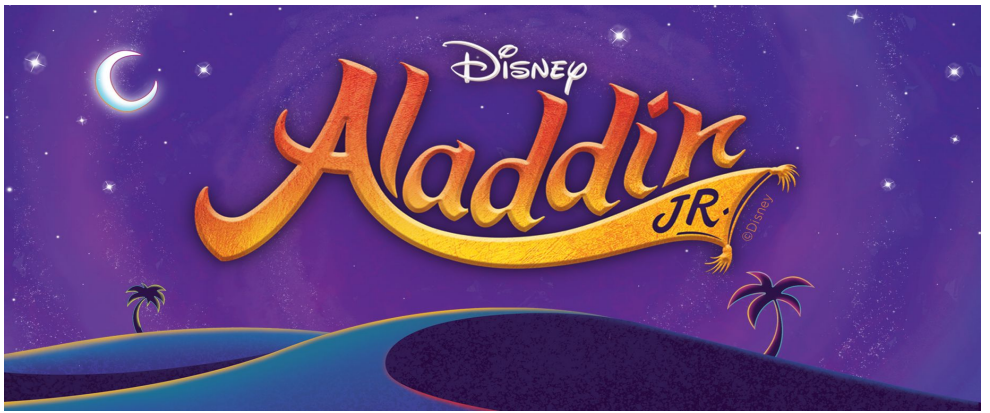
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Some requests...

Aladdin Costumes

Are you a budding Costume Designer? Do you have any excess or old material that you don't use anymore?

We are looking for shiny, sparkly and bright materials that you no longer have use for to help us create costumes for our production. Any type of good material is welcome.

Please see Mrs Pulford or Mrs Hopton

Raffle prizes

On the performance nights of Aladdin on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July we will also be holding a raffle to help us raise money for next year's production.

If you have any donations for raffle prizes, please hand them to Mrs Hopton or Mrs Pulford. Chocolates, beauty gift sets, unwanted gifts, etc.

Thank you!



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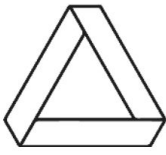
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UK Maths Trust

Junior Mathematical Challenge

Thursday 25 April 2024

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Junior Maths Challenge - results announcement!

At the end of April, 50 of our top set Year 7 and 8 students completed the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Junior Maths challenge - a 60 minute, 25 multiple choice challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think hard. The problems on the Junior Maths Challenge are accessible yet still challenge those with more experience.

Each paper is made up of 15, 5 mark questions and 10, 6 mark questions, with a grand total of 135 possible marks. These are the certificate thresholds for this year:

The 2024 award thresholds are:



Gold: 86+



Silver: 70+



Bronze: 57+

UKMT challenge certificates are well-recognised by colleges and universities and can be included on CVs and college/ uni applications in the future!

Following on from the success of the Intermediate Maths challenge from our Years 9, 10 and 11 in January, which you can read about later in the newsletter, we are very pleased to announce the Junior Maths Challenge results!



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Certificates were awarded for the following:

Year 8 -

Jaime C and Oren M - Gold certificates and Best in School Followed closely by Henry W also with a Gold certificate.

Samuel H, Felicity D, Ethan M, Lyla-May E, Erin H and Alif K all achieved Silver certificates.

Fay W-R, Freya D, Lilu E, Max H, Freida B, Harrison C, Amy H and Elijah M with Bronze certificates.

Year 7 -

August M - Silver certificate and Best in Year Followed closely by Spencer R and Toby M both with Silver certificates.

Mohammed A, Joshua M, Oscar T, Elliot H, Oz R, Bethany A, Penny C-V, William C, Honey-Rose D, Bella P and Cole C achieved Bronze certificates.

A huge congratulations to all of the year 7 and 8s who participated - we are very proud of you all!



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Intermediate Maths Challenge

Earlier this year, 77 Year 9, 10 and 11 students took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge which, like the Junior Maths challenge, involved a 60 minute multiple choice challenge. The certificates are well recognised by colleges and universities and our students performed brilliantly achieving 6 silver certificates and 16 bronze certificates.

Astra C in year 9 achieved a silver certificate and went on to qualify for the Grey Kangaroo follow on round which took place in March. Well done Astra!

We are really proud to be able to share that the following students also received certificates.

Year 9

Bronze certificates were awarded to - William G, Dorothy R, Alfie F, Zeppy M.

Year 10

Silver certificates were awarded to Lexi C and Rosalyn P - E.

Bronze certificates were awarded to Darsh P, Beren R, Luca B, Leonora C - C, Jack M, Eleanor S, Kyle E and Ethan H.

Year 11

Silver certificates were awarded to Felicity E , Lance S and Emmelia H.

Bronze certificates were awarded to Felicity S, Drew L, Ailis H, and Lily C.

Congratulations to all our students who participated!



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Try it at home!

So, I thought it would be fun to share a few questions from this year's JMC paper for you to try at home! Answers in the next newsletter!

Good luck!

Miss Kench 😊

10. In Fred's field there are some humans and some horses.

There are 25 heads in total and 60 legs in total.

What is the difference between the number of humans and the number of horses?

A 3

B 7

C 9

D 11

E 15

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The digits 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8 are to be placed in the grid above, one to a cell, to make a correct mathematical statement. Which number should come immediately after the division sign?

A 1

B 2

C 3

D 5

E 8

19. Jokers always lie.

Clowns always tell the truth.

A group of four, each of whom is a Joker or a Clown, make the following statements about each other:

P says, "Q always lies";

Q says, "R always lies";

R says, "P always tells the truth";

S says, "Exactly two of P, Q and R are Jokers".

How many of P, Q, R and S are Clowns?

A 0

B 1

C 2

D 3

E 4

25. In a school, one fifth of the students have blue eyes. One tenth of the left-handed students have blue eyes. One quarter of the right-handed students have blue eyes. What fraction of the students are left-handed?

A $\frac{1}{3}$

B $\frac{1}{4}$

C $\frac{1}{5}$

D $\frac{1}{8}$

E $\frac{1}{10}$



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Student Spotlight: Success Stories

Year 9 student, Zara, had a successful half term representing Wells Ballet School at both the North Somerset Festival of Dance and the Taunton Festival of The Arts. She performed in six solo classes and three group dances, coming away with a total of five medals: one gold, one silver, and three bronze! HUGE well done!

This weekend, she will be dancing the part of Tinkerbell in the Wells Ballet School annual show at Wookey Hole Theatre.

If you have a student spotlight success story, email secretary@stdunstansschool.com



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We're winners!

We're very happy to announce that we were lucky enough to win a Tesco blue token community grant! Thank you to everyone who popped a blue token in our box after your weekly shop, it has definitely paid off. Thanks to the grant we were given £1500 to spend on bettering the school and we're very excited to spend it on musical equipment. If you come and see our school production, you might even see the money in action...

Thank you to the PTA for entering us and leading the charge to winning!



Local Festival Time!

We have some of our very own St Dunstan's musicians performing at BenFest in Glastonbury on June 14th! It starts at 5pm until 9pm and is hosted at St Benedict's School and it is free entry.

Come along and show your support, bring the family and get ready dance!



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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!



CAR BOOT SALE @ ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL

**SUNDAY 7TH JULY 9AM - 1PM
(SELLERS FROM 8AM)
£8 CARS, £13 VANS IF YOU
PRE-BOOK BY 5/7/24.
£10, CARS, £15 VANS ON THE
DAY**

ST DUNSTANS SCHOOL, WELLS ROAD,
GLASTONBURY, BA6 9BY,
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TO BOOK:
STDUNSTANSCOMMUNITYPTA@GMAIL.COM

**TABLE HIRE
CASH ONLY £12 INC £10 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT**

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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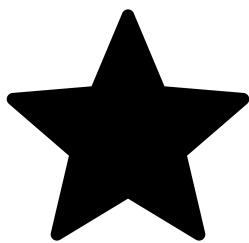


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



100%
Attendance

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

95%+
Attendance

82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

92-93%
Attendance

77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

Below 90%
Attendance

53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

96%
Attendance

43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

Absences
add up

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

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

