

St Dunstan's School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that Year 11 sat their first written GCSE exam today! I remember this year group joining the school in Year 7 - how time flies! They are, of course, the last Year 11 group of my career and it has been heartening to see the positive attitude towards revision and punctuality to exams. Behaviour was impeccable in the exam this morning - keep it up Year 11! A reminder that our Leavers' Assembly and Prom will be held on July 4th.

Meanwhile, Year 10 are starting to plan their work experience for the last week of term - this is always a positive undertaking; please contact your child's tutor if you have any questions in the first instance.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Balkwill, the new Headteacher to the school today - he will be visiting regularly over the rest of the academic year to get to know staff and students. He will also be contacting parents to introduce himself.

It is exciting to think that the trip to Normandy is only a few weeks away - please note, if your child is going on this trip, there is a meeting next Tuesday at 6pm. Please make sure you attend.

A reminder that we break up for half term two weeks today on 24th May.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Bevan



10.05.24

NEXT WEEK ASSEMBLY FOCUS:

Key Stages
Assemblies:
Diversity and
Inclusion
Whole School
International day
against
homophobia

Coming soon:

Tues 14th May
6pm: Normandy
Meeting for
Parents/Carers
End of term 5 -
24 May @ 3:15
Start of Term 6 3
June

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Exam Season for Year 11s

A huge GOOD LUCK to all our Year 11 students as they begin their GCSE exams!

Your hard work and dedication have brought you here, and we have no doubt that you'll shine brightly, you're all brilliant.

Stay focused, stay confident, and give it your all. You've got this!



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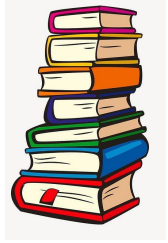
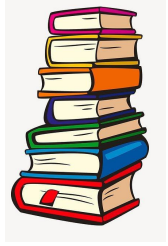


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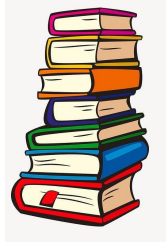
Student Librarian Interviews

This week Mrs Morris and Mrs Gregory interviewed for student librarian positions. Firstly, a huge well done to everyone who interviewed, you all conducted yourselves incredibly well and are truly an asset to St Dunstan's! So many of you wanted to be involved to help improve the school, and you should be very proud of yourselves, we're very proud of you!



Congratulations to all who interviewed, I'm happy to say you all got the job!

A rota will be made in due course for your duties. Well done to the new cohort of librarians, you're going to be such an asset to the library and the school!



Milkshake with the Head - Year 8

Mrs Bevan and Mrs Easterbrook were pleased to reward the following students with a Milkshake and treat at breaktime today. They have been embodying our TRACK values and were nominated by teachers for this reward. Each week a different Year Group will get nominated.

Names: Caity B, Felix B, Freya D, Jake E, Amy H, Ethan M, Dylan S, Belle W

Well done to all!



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Deaf Awareness Week

What a success! Students this week learned the signs for the days of the week, phrases such as 'I love reading', 'the weather is hot and sunny', 'I understand, I can help you and I don't understand, can you help me please?' and much more. There was so much enthusiasm shown for signing, and lots of students wanted a BSL club in future... watch this space, we'll see what we can do about that! Even though the week is over, keep learning sign language, you were all great at it! Come by the library any time to learn a sign, Mrs Morris is determined to keep learning too.

Here's Mrs Morris and some very proficient Year 9s showing the sign for 'Friday'. A final thank you to Mrs Gray for her expertise in helping us all learn signs!



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Hot Weather Ahead!

As the weather continues to change, please can you make sure that your child brings a refillable water bottle to school and fills this up at break and lunch times. Students should remain hydrated throughout the day. Jumpers are an optional part of the school uniform so need not be worn.

When the weather deems fit, Mrs Bevan will allow students to not wear their blazers, this will be communicated to all. Shirts still need to be tucked in, and ties worn. It is advised for students to wear sun cream/sun hats and avoid staying in direct sunlight for the entire lunch break.

This term and next, **knee length tailored black shorts** are a part of the school uniform if students wish to wear them.

Stay safe in the sun as it seems the summer is finally round the corner!



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Year 10 Parents' Evening

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Year 10 evening last night. It was wonderful to see so many of you to talk about all the progress Year 10 have made.

The evening was a success and we thank you for your help in making run so smoothly!

Parking

We have had several complaints from residents about people parking in the permit zones at the start and end of the school day. Please do not park in these zones if you do not have a permit.

Parents may use the car park to drop off or pick up their children but should not come down to the turning circle.



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YMCA Visit to Key Stage 3

This week in assembly, Key Stage 3 were visited by a representative from the YMCA.

Students were given lots of ideas for self care such as breathing techniques, sporting exercises, and advice on action to take if they are feeling unhappy.

The YMCA are already regular visitors to our school and they provide a lunchtime games club every week for students. They also came to spread the word about their Youth Clubs which young people can access. These are running in 3 different venues (details below):

Mondays - Fridays 7pm- 9pm

Red Brick Building , Edmunds Hall, Street Youth Centre

£1 This is drop in / open access, so no booking required.



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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May 2024

in the library there will be...

MINDFUL COLOURING on Monday lunchtime

GRATITUDE JOURNALING on Tuesday lunchtime

GUIDED MEDITATION on Wednesday lunchtime

DROP IN FOR A CHAT on Thursday lunchtime

VISUALISATION on Friday lunchtime



Looking after our mental health is incredibly important, *especially* during exams season. It's okay to feel overwhelmed or anxious, but the trick is finding a way to help ease those feelings. Since next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, the library will be hosting some mindful events, and a drop-in session on Thursday where you can come for a chat anything that is on your mind. It doesn't matter if you've never tried meditation before, come along and give it a go, and take a moment to pause amidst a busy school week. Mrs Morris looks forward to seeing you all then!



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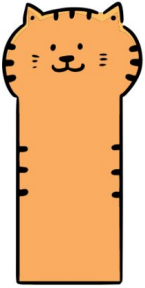
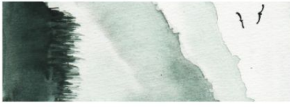
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Calling all artists!

The library is also running a new competition....



BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION

Design your own bookmark on a piece of plain paper (be as creative as you like!) and give it to Mrs Morris.

There will be multiple winners! Winning bookmarks will be laminated and sold to raise money for new books and put on display in the Library. Good luck!



**DEADLINE: THURSDAY
23RD MAY**



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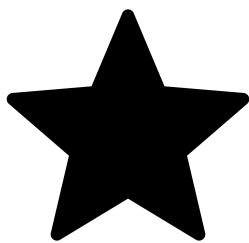


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



100%
Attendance

95%+
Attendance

92-93%
Attendance

Below
90%
Attendance

96%
Attendance

Absences
add up

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

82% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

77% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

53% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

43% of students achieve 5 GCSEs grade 5+

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

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

