



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Well, here we are at the end of another week - only one more before the May half-term; it is amazing how time flies!

Year 11 continue to impress us with their attitude and effort as they work their way through the exam season. It has been heartwarming to see so many year 11 students stopping to check last minute reminders chalked on the drive by their teachers (who come in early to do this); they have become a real talking point in the mornings. Speaking of revision, teachers will be running revision sessions in the half term holiday. Please do ensure that your child signs up for these sessions.

Not only do our teachers give up time in their half term to support students, but this weekend, Mrs Manning, Mrs Potter, Mrs Gregory and Mrs Gerrard are out on the Quantocks supporting 30 of our Year 9 students in their practice Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Updates are on Facebook and a full report will be in next week's newsletter. Well done to all taking part.

Many activities were run for Mental Health Awareness Week and rehearsals are in full swing for our school production of Aladdin., Media Studies students were visited by an ex-student who is now a film director, Year 7 readers were contacted by Blue Peter about their reading success and two of our Year 10 students played for the Bridgwater Bucks Basketball Team in a tournament. And won! There is a lot going on and more to come next term!

Have a lovely weekend - hopefully with some sunshine. Mrs Bevan

17.05.24

NEXT WEEK
ASSEMBLY
FOCUS:

CELEBRATING
OUR SUCCESS
and End of Term
Review

Coming soon:

Friday 24th May
is the last day of
THIS TERM!

School
Production of
Aladdin 10th &
11th July

PTA Car Boot
Sale 7th July

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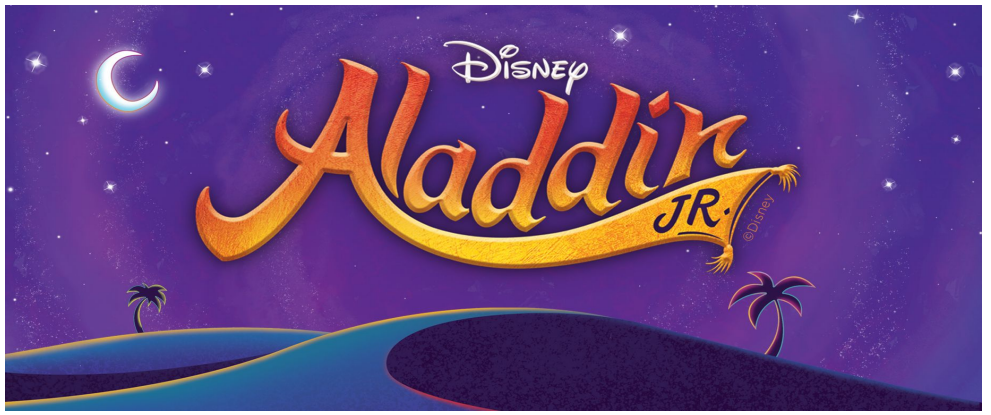
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School Production

The cast have been busy preparing the performance of our whole school production of Aladdin recently. They are working incredibly hard on learning lines, songs and choreography to put on a brilliant show for everyone in July.

Performance dates for your diary!

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July at 6pm

Over the coming weeks we will be introducing the cast, so you can see all our talented students who are involved in the production, both on and off the stage.

We have a team of fabulous helpers who are busy working behind the scenes to get the set, costumes and props ready. If you would like to be involved with this, please see Mrs Hopton or Mrs Pulford.

Next week's rehearsals are

Wednesday 22nd May 3:15-5:00pm in the dance studio **for the chorus**

Thursday 23rd May 3:15-4:15pm in the music classroom for **Aladdin and Genie only.**



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Rehearsals in full swing!



Milkshake with the Head - Year 9

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: Oscar C, Lottie D, Thomas F, Ruby L, Tilly P, Ania P, Lucia S

Well done to all!



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Mental Health Awareness Week Events

This week was not only Mental Health Awareness Week, it was also full of GCSE exams. What better time to take a moment to pause and breathe.

The library hosted events every lunchtime and I'm happy to say lots of students got involved. Mindful colouring was incredibly well attended, so much so that we added a second day of it.

Lots of gratitude journals were filled in on Tuesday. It is always good to take a moment to think about what you are grateful for. It helps put things into perspective, especially when you're worried, so things seem a bit more manageable.

Wednesday saw our meditation of the week. For many students this was their first experience of meditation, so we kept it short and sweet with some deep breathing exercises and a check-in with how we were feeling.

Thank you to all who attended and got involved!

Be kind to yourselves Don't be afraid to take a moment to pause, take three deep breaths, re-centre yourselves, and prioritise your mental wellbeing... students, staff, parents and carers alike!



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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition

Today, thirty of our Year 9 students have set off on their practice expedition on the Quantocks. A lovely sunny day for a hike, they are full of enthusiasm and we wish them the best of luck over the next two days!



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Sporting Stars

Last weekend Finlay McDonald and Caleb Bailey from Year 10 played in a basketball tournament for the Bridgwater Bucks. Very proud to say that their team won the tournament. Big congratulations to Finlay and Caleb on their slam dunk win!



If you have any success stories from outside school and want them showcased in the newsletter, please email them with a picture to secretary@stdunstansschool.com and we'll celebrate you!



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TV Reading Stars

Following the success of 7KGR and 7JMA members achieving their Blue Peter Book Badges, we were contacted by the show to ask for some photos of willing volunteers who have a chance of featuring in a special show next week.

Due to safeguarding regulations and the BBC's own rules as a public service broadcaster, students were asked to dress in non branded items and pose with their current book.

Watch the special feature on CBBC on May 24th and see if any of our students are featured! There are sure to be some excellent reading ideas shared on the show too.

Might be time to get your autograph books out, these readers might be famous!



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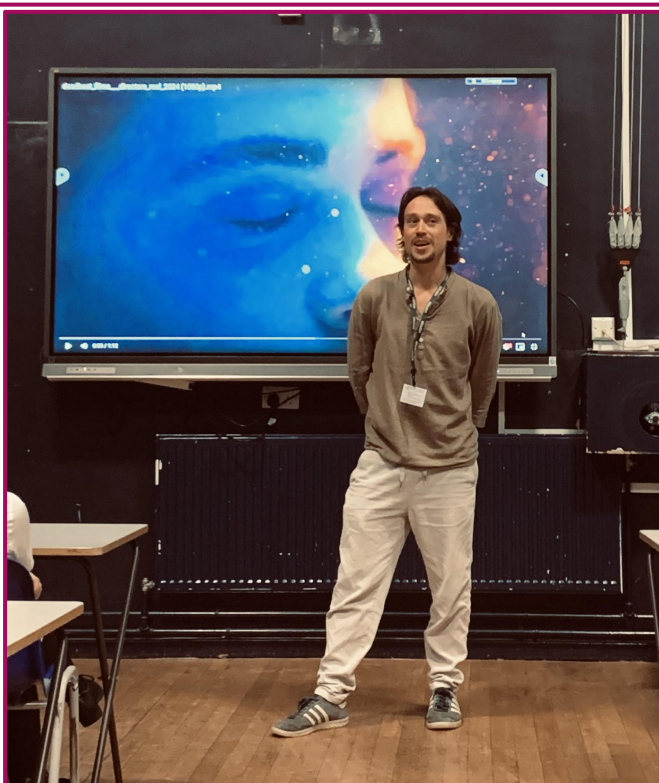
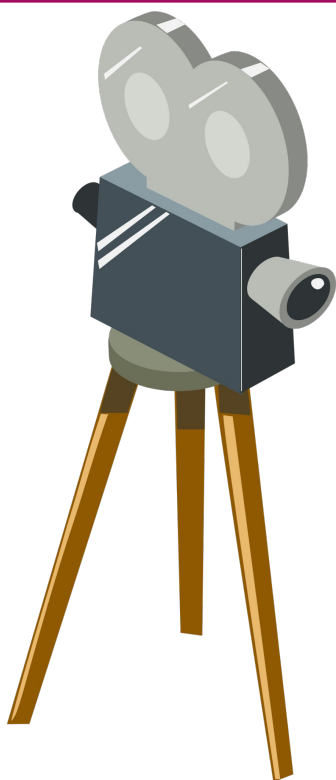
Media Studies Film Director Visit

Media Studies students were treated to a lecture this afternoon by film director and ex-student, Boris Thompson-Roylance .

Talking about his journey from St Dunstan's School, to owning and running Deadbeat Productions with his cinematographer twin brother, Boris inspired our students with his infectious enthusiasm. It was interesting for them to hear about his university experiences and his early films. He instilled in them the idea that if you find a career you really enjoy, you will never feel like you are merely 'going to work'!

It is exciting that an ex-pupil of ours has a film, 'Swede Caroline' in cinemas at the moment; we are so proud!

The film is a comedic mockumentary, set in Shepton Mallet and centred around the world of allotments and competitive vegetable growing!



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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

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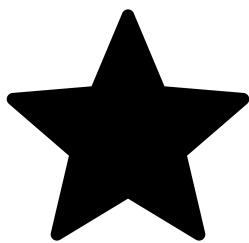


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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

