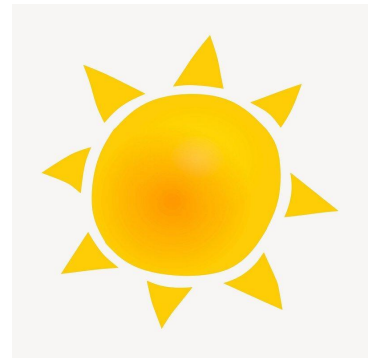
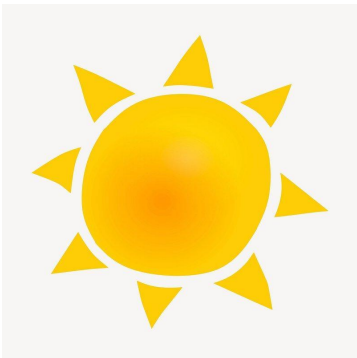




SOMERVALE SCHOOL

Newsletter: Term Six



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Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

What another amazing year we have had. I am so glad that the sun is finally shining on us all as we approach the well-deserved summer break. We welcomed another 180 Year 7 students into the school in September and it has been an absolute joy watching them develop in confidence over the last year. As I have previously mentioned we capped the numbers for Year 7 for this September to 150 and 5 tutor groups to keep the school with its unique feel.

It was lovely to see them all on Transition Day and we are looking forward to getting to know them better over summer school next week.

Over the year we have had a fantastic number of trips and experiences for the students and they have really benefited from the opportunities the staff have been working really hard to give them. Year 11 were fantastic and worked so hard for their exams, I hope that they are all enjoying a fabulous rest now in preparation for results day in August.

As I write this, activities week is in full swing and I am waiting for the return of the students from Harry Potter. This week the school has been buzzing with media sessions, CSI investigations, tie dye t-shirt making, afternoon tea baking and sport playing. In addition to this students have visited Sandbanks, Brean, The Wild Place, Greenbank and many more. Friday is the last day of trips and it has been a fun packed week. I myself am off to Brean again and after the downpour we all experienced on Monday it's looking like we might get sunburnt!

We also have a few other members of staff moving on the summer and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and wish them well in the future.

Mr Richards is leaving the school after 11 years for a new adventure.

Miss Byrne is moving to another school within the Trust.

Mr Finch and Miss Carr, who have both been supporting within the SEND Department are both leaving us and moving onto other jobs.

Miss Saletes who was been fantastic covering in the Hums Department is moving to take up a post in Cornwall and Miss Stevens who has been covering in DT is also leaving us. However hopefully we will see her back soon for supply next year.

A massive thank you from myself and all the staff at the school for all your support over the last year. It really is a partnership.

I would like to wish you all along, sunny and restful holidays and look forward to seeing all the students in September.

Best wishes

Ms J Postlethwaite

Joanna Postlethwaite



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Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

As we bring another school year to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared across Years 7, 8, and 9. This year has been marked by growth, achievement, and memorable experiences that have enriched our school community.

To our students: We have loved watching you succeed in all aspects of Somervale life. Whether in lessons, sports, arts, or extracurricular activities, you have shown incredible determination and aspiration. Your hard work has not only brought you success but has also positively contributed to the community of our school.

To parents and guardians: Thank you for your support and communication over the course of this academic year. Your involvement in your child's education and the broader school community have made a significant difference in their academic and personal development.

Some highlights for us this year include:

- After months of rehearsals, finally watching so many students come together to perform and produce our amazing school musical, *Oliver!*
- Our first sports day with Houses. The support between year groups was the best we have experienced and we especially enjoyed watching the mixed year-group relay race - well done to Stockhill!
- A very wet and muddy week in the Forest of Dean for Miss Wilkinson, spent getting to know her new year group and making up facts about Wild Boar...
- Year 8 celebrating differences day, an active and inclusive day off-timetable enjoyed by students and staff.
- Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh. We are so proud of the maturity and resilience shown by those involved, even with the changeable weather!
- Countless celebration assemblies, drawing attention to excellent attainment, progress and attendance, as well as our individual kind, helpful, funny and hard-working members of Key Stage 3.

As we look forward to the summer holidays and the upcoming year, we encourage students to continue exploring their interests, setting goals and embracing new challenges. Miss Wilkinson and Mr Matsumoto are sad to see their year groups move on to new Year Head's, but know they will keep challenging themselves and making us proud as they move through the school. Miss Stowell is looking forward to continuing to work with current Year 8s and the new Year 9s.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break. Take this time to recharge, spend quality time with family, and reflect on the achievements and memories of the past year. We are looking forward to our return for another exciting academic year ahead.

Thank you all for being part of our school community and for making our first year in our new roles so memorable.

Miss Wilkinson, Miss Stowell and Mr Matsumoto (Head of Year 7, 8 & 9)

House News

This term has seen the launch of the Somervale House System, with all students and staff being assigned houses, introductory House Assemblies, Sports Day and the House Captain campaigns and elections. Here, we'd like to take the opportunity to introduce you to the each House:

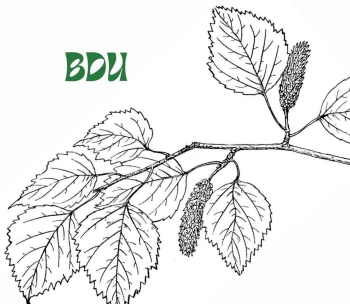
Ammerdown House

Ammerdown house aims to embed teamwork into all of their members. As a house, we create a sense of community so that students feel a sense of pride and belonging. We aim for students to represent themselves and others in their house in a variety of different domains showing enthusiasm throughout. Students will strive for excellence while working together as a team and supporting one another. We aim to unlock students' full potential and give back to our cherished community so that we make a difference.



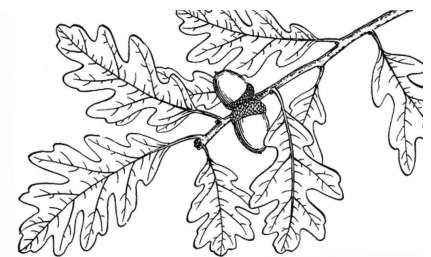
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HOUSE**

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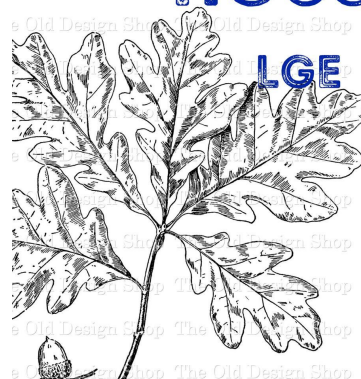


Greyfield House

House Greyfield prides itself on three characteristics, tenacity, mindfulness and having integrity. A Greyfield student never gives up, no matter the situation! We are mindful of not only other people's emotions but also our own, meaning Greyfield students will always look after each other and share our feelings. We will also commit to the things we agree with, be that bringing in the correct equipment every lesson or taking part in an event we signed up for. While we may have come 4th in sports day, next year we will prove the other houses we are best!!



**GREYFIELD
HOUSE**



House News



Harridge House

Harridge House is a house that plays to all its strengths. We think creatively in order to meet every challenge and opportunity and rise to the occasion. We take inspiration from the nature reserve where we take our name, being colourful like the bluebells in spring, fast and determined like the stream and resilient like the trees. We come together as a team, and with the whole house competing, supporting, leading and encouraging each other, we will build a strong Harridge House.

HARRIDGE HOUSE

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Stockhill House

In Stockhill House, we pride ourselves on being a house that is a home for all. Inspired by the Ian McArdle trail at Stockhill Woods, specifically made to cater for disabled people who want to enjoy the woods, we aim to do our utmost to make sure everyone has equal access and opportunities. We try to be **empathetic** at all times so that we cultivate an **inclusive** environment for everyone. So far this has led to great participation in our initial events, including the highest turnout for our house captain elections and taking home first place on Sports Day. We look forward to continuing our efforts into next year!

STOCKHILL HOUSE

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House News

House Captain Elections -

A new House system means new House Captains, so we gave students a chance to exercise their democratic right to vote in their own Election Day on the 4th July! We had a number of impressive candidates vying for the two vacancies within each house. In order to impress their house peers, nominees were asked to produce videos appealing for votes and explaining how they would implement their house's values in their role.

We had a great turnout on the day and some brilliant volunteers assisting at the polling stations, and can reveal that our new House Captains are...

Ammerdown - Jos M and Oscar R

Harridge - Tyler L and Nara E

Greyfield - Hope K and Zara R

Stockhill - Jacob O and Ruby R



Science Department

Gas Car Racing Competition

Year 7 students all took part in a gas canister car racing competition this term.

Teams of 4 designed, created, tested and then raced their cars on the tennis courts. Huge congratulations to Team Donuts (Kaleb A, Freddie A, Louis C and Freddie F) for their fantastic win!



Maths Department

Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Maths

This term, 4 Somervale students - 2 from year 7 and 2 from year 8 competed in a MAT maths event at Norton Hill School and came an impressive 3rd place against some very stiff competition.

Well Done Team!

Lucas H

Emily M

Albie S

Thomas F

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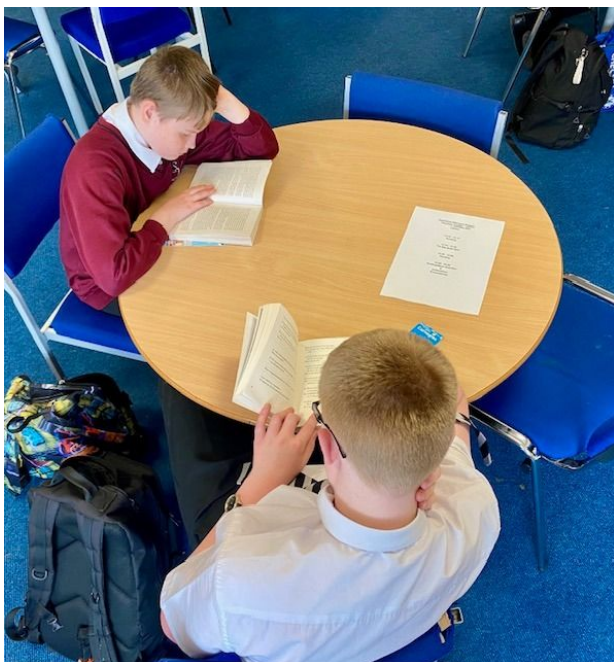
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Library News

Read for Good Readathon

We completed this year's Read for Good sponsored Readathon with an afternoon of reading and quizzing in the library, followed by some treats at the end of the school day! 📚🎯🍪🍪

Thank you to everyone who supported and sponsored this year's event. We managed to raise £374 for the charity!



Competition Winner!

Congratulations to year 8 student, Tom, who was the runner-up in the Nosy Crow Black Hole Cinema Club competition! 🥳👏📚

Tom received a signed copy of author Christopher Edge's latest adventure book, Black Hole Cinema Club.

Library News



Poetry By Heart

Congratulations to our amazing Somervale School year 8 students who took part in this year's National Poetry by Heart competition finals.

They were all highly commended by the judges in two categories!

Amazing work - well done! 🙌😊📖

The National Carnegie Book Awards 2024

Somervale School Shadowers enjoyed taking part in this year's The Yoto Carnegies and watching the Award Ceremony live streamed from the set of 'Matilda' at The Cambridge Theatre in London

Huge congratulations to the winning authors, Aaron Becker, Joseph Coelho, and Tia Fisher! 📖👏

We're very excited for author Tia Fisher to visit Somervale School in November!

Thank you to all the students who participated this year. They showed fantastic commitment to reading this year's shortlisted titles, working hard to produce reviews and scoring the best novel.

You can take a look at our Review Magazine here:
[Somervale Carnegie Team - Shadowers Magazine 2024](#)



Library News



Accelerated
Reader

Accelerated Reader 2024

Huge congratulations to our 'Word Millionaires' for this academic year. Students have been engaged in the Accelerated Reader programme, reading their books, taking the quiz and getting the results.

Competition between tutor groups for the highest words read too, has been fierce.

Well done to ALL our winners!



Harrison F	2,590,576
Thomas F	2,417,819
Lilly L	2,215,549
Christine M	1,826,066
Jos P	1,804,820
Joel M	1,739,532
Jack M	1,650,327
Imogen R	1,437,597
Cara W	1,433,794
Freddie D	1,400,755
Melissa E	1,357,498
Emily W	1,344,264
Phoebe W	1,250,437
Poppy H	1,217,730
Millie B	1,212,592
Lilly R	1,090,312
Bella G	1,069,019
Maisie W	1,054,520
Elsie S	1,045,155
Martha A	1,026,196
Ellis S	1,011,365
Bea B	1,013,444
Livvy T	1,174,577
Kai P	1,061,062



On Thursday, 11th July, we held a celebration party for all our 'word millionaires'. Students enjoyed party games, cakes and music!



English Department

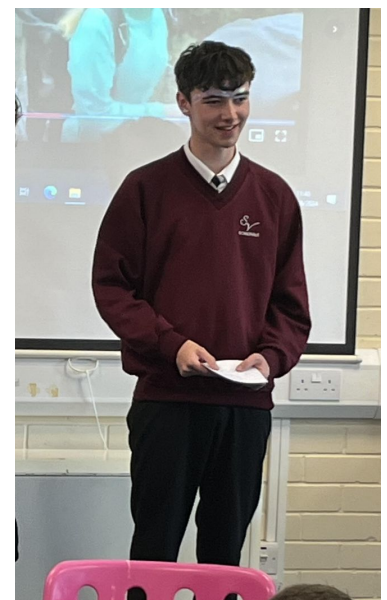
Oracy Day

On the 25th June 2024 we celebrated all things talk with our first ever whole school **Oracy Day**. Every lesson had an oracy focus and students were given opportunities to discuss, debate, present and perform.

Highlights included a drama workshop with Ms Lane AKA The Drama Bird, an oracy writing workshop with Matt Dickinson, an inspirational assembly with our CEO Mr Williams and a 'Champion a Book' lunchtime speaking competition. Staff also surprised students by gatecrashing lessons with their favourite poems, speeches and song lyrics.

Amazingly, over fifty students were awarded special **Speaker of the Day** certificates by staff across the school.

A special congratulations to Olivia M (7KLU) who was awarded first place in the speaking competition.



PE Department

Year 11 Health & Fitness & A Level

Our brilliant Year 11 & Year 13 students have worked so hard to get to this point of their education.

We wish them the best of luck with their exams and look forward to celebrating with them on results day.



PE Department

Running Club: Somervale Tribe!

Term 5 saw the launch of Somervale School Running Club with numbers growing every week. We generally run around 3-4 km in the local area at varying speeds. It is a great way to explore new places socially and actively! Due to its popularity, we will continue to offer this club in September.



PE Department

Touch Rugby

The Year 9 students entered the 'Touch to Twickenham' touch rugby competition earlier this term, as a new team to rugby. They quickly picked up the game and beat four other teams to make it through to the next round with a total of 41 tries scored in 4 games.

A fantastic effort from all involved!



PE Department

TenTors

Six Year 10 students embarked on the Ten Tors challenge earlier this term. They worked hard over six training weekends to secure their place in the final team. They completed around 38 miles in Dartmoor over 2 days in challengingly hot conditions. They should be really proud of their teamwork and determination. We look forward to them trying the 45 mile course in a few years time.



PE Department

Sport Leaders

The Year 9 & 10 Sport Leaders have worked really hard with Years 4 & 5 students during this term to provide them with two multi skill festivals. They have been commended by the class teachers and students for their maturity and enthusiasm with the younger students. They are brilliant role models for the younger students and an excellent advert for Somervale School in the community! Well done all!



PE Department

Athletics

35 Year 8 & 9 students represented Somervale at the District Athletics competition this term. We had lots of success with the U13 boys relay team finishing 4th, Izzy 2nd in 800m, Albie 5th in 1500m, Minnie 4th in 1500m, Ethan 3rd in 300m and 3rd 100m in his heat, Jeannie 4th discuss and Faith 4th discuss. Well done to everyone that represented the school so well.



Football

Congratulations to the Yr 7 Girls Football team for finishing 3rd in the BANES football tournament this term. This team is one to watch! There were some great performances being shown in this team! Special mentions to Chloe for being a great goalkeeper in penalties and for Summer G who played some excellent football and gained player of the match multiple times during the tournament! Well done all!



PE Department

Rounders:

Into our summer sports season, we have had some great results regarding rounders! Our Year 7s have beaten both Norton Hill and Writhlington and our Year 9 girls team have also beaten Writhlington too! We hope to continue our success within fixtures!



PE Department

Cricket

Cricket has been a real hit this summer with our Year 7,8 & 9 teams playing both softball and hardball games. They have made the most of our partnership with Midsomer Norton Cricket club to use the nets every Wednesday after school to develop their skills. Well done all!

The Year 8 & 9 Girls also had a great time at the U14's & U16's Somerset Cricket Tournament at Midsomer Norton Cricket Club. It is great to see so much talent across the school!



PE Department

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day saw the launch of the House competition that will dominate the competition structure within school next year. We had a brilliant day of Sport for all students who took part in dodgeball, tennis, just dance, rounders, cricket and athletics competitions.

Well done to Stockhill for the first win of the House System!

	Totals	Overall Position
Stockhill	1256	1st
Harridge	1096	2nd
Ammerdown	1029	3rd
Greyfield	988	4th

We also need to celebrate an amazing record breaking year with 11 long-standing Sports Day records being broken by our amazing students, some from as far back as 2005!

Well done and a huge thank you to everyone involved!



PE Department



PE Department

Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition

This year's Silver D of E practice took place in Exmoor on the 4th-6th July. Both teams walked exceptionally well with very little navigation errors. Students were also extremely resilient and prepared as the weather was not the usual sunshine in July but, all students were still smiling by the end! Well done to all students involved and we are looking forward to the Final expedition in the Brecon Beacons on the 3rd-5th October. Reminder for all students to get their volunteering, skill and physical signed off as soon as possible.



PE Department

School Fixtures

To increase communication between the department and parents regarding clubs and fixtures (as we know students do not always relay information home), we will publish all fixture information via Google Classroom. The code is **j37g7zg**. Please ask students to join so that you have access to all of the latest updates. We are also looking to increase our communication through social media and will be in touch in the new academic year with this information. Thank you for all of your support this year.

School Sports Council

Our Sports Council have worked hard this year liaising with Miss Dury to make PE even better. The Running Club launched in term 5 & 6 was an initiative launched by the council and it has been brilliant to see that it has been a great success! The council has met once a term with Miss Dury and has made some huge improvements with the PE department and we look forward to seeing the future improvements next year where the students' voices are heard.



PE Department

Sports Awards

To complete a wonderfully busy year of PE & School Sport, we held our annual Sports Awards assembly at the end of the term with over 200 students attending. Whilst there are too many awards to mention, we would like to say well done and thank you to all staff and students for representing the school so brilliantly this year.



Music Department

Some of our students attended Midsomer Norton Primary School for an afternoon showcase, where we had performances from our choir, solos, small groups and one of our rock bands.

21 of our students also took part in the annual Battle of the Bands event at Norton Hill School. 3 of our five bands came away with prizes, which is amazing!



Art Department



🎨 Artist of the Week 🎨

Evie created this fantastic mixed media print inspired by Mark Hearld, British painter and printmaker.

Well done Evie!

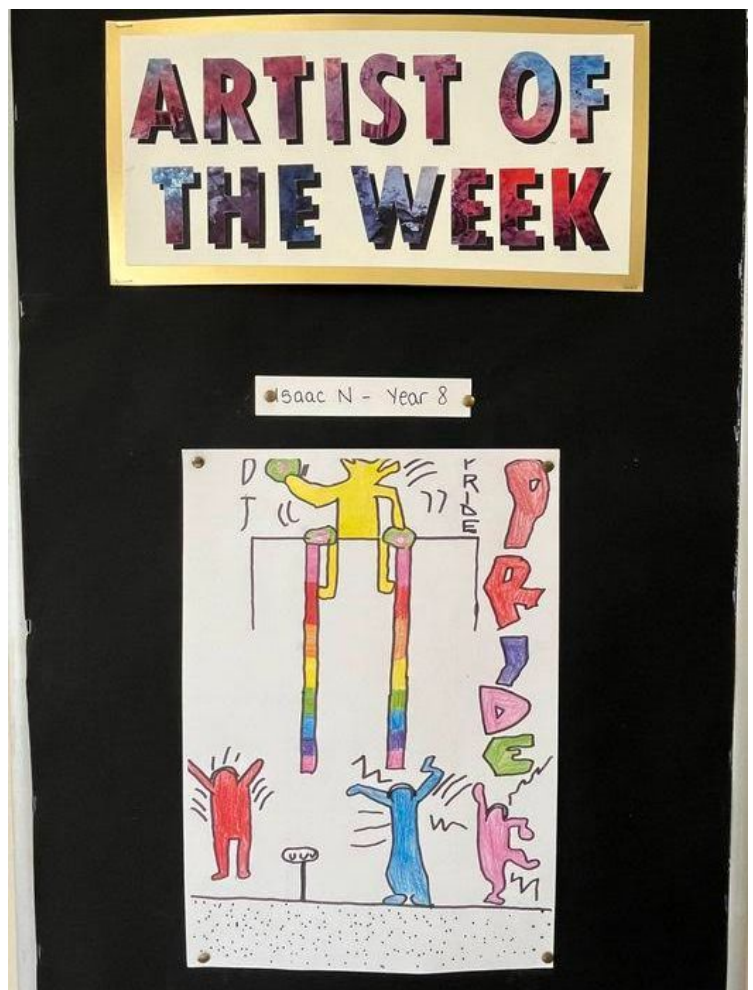


🎨 Artist of the Week 🎨

As part of PRIDE 🏳️‍🌈 month Somervale School students in year 8 have been looking at the work of artist, Keith Haring.

Isaac created this poster in celebration.

We're sure Haring would have been impressed with Isaac's creativity!



SEN Department

To finish the academic year, the SEN Dept are so proud of the progress that their IDL students (Intervention for Dyslexic Learners) have achieved.

In Y7, Reading Ages have increased between 18 months - 2 yrs and their Spelling Ages between 12 months - 2 yrs 2 months.

In Y8, Reading Ages have increased between 18 months - 2 yrs 6 months and their Spelling Ages between 12 months - 14 months.

Congratulations to all the IDL pupils! All that hard work in MG1 (IT Suite) during afternoon registration sessions really paid off.

Miss Harris (SENDCo) is excited to increase Spelling provision at Somervale next year, with a new online programme focused on improving spelling skills only, as Reading is becoming a true strength within our curriculum. So watch this space for Spellings to catch up too!

Have a safe and well-rested Summer everyone. From the whole SEN Dept.

Forrest Equipment

We are designing our New Forrest area and we have lots of exciting ideas but we need your help. We want to recycle and re-use as many materials as we can and you can help. If you have any of the following for our new space, that would be amazing.

- Cargo nets
- Tarpaulin
- Planks of wood
- Tree stumps
- Good condition gardening tools
- Unused Seed packets
- Good condition watering cans
- Wooden pallets
- Wood chippings
- Compost
- Gardening liners
- Wooden trays perimeter
- Good condition plant pots and planter trays

Thank you!



SEN Department

SUPPORT FOR OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Kooth - free online support.
kooth.com

YoungMinds - for resources.
YoungMinds.org.uk

SHOUT - text 85258

Samaritans - for when in crisis.
116 123

Childline - childline.org.uk

Southside - Children and family
groups

OTR website - offtherecord-
banes.co.uk for downloadable
resources.



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Careers Week

During the final week of this academic year, our Year 10 students engaged with Careers based activities. Whether this be Work Experience or Careers Week in school. Students have been provided with opportunities to explore careers sectors that interest them, learn about the world of work and what is needed to achieve their desired educational route and potential job prospects.

Students on Work Experience have enjoyed the tasks they have been assigned and the placements have been hugely varied this year; from an opticians, to a mechanics, to a cafe, to a cattery and much more! Thank you to all of the employers who have taken time to give these experiences to Somervale students.

Careers Week has also seen students undertake a variety of workshops and activities. Students have had presentations from the Civil Service and Bath Spa University, participated in a physical Elite Skills with the British Army, as well as creating CVs to have mock interviews with professionals from different industries. Students have presented themselves well all week and the professionals were incredibly complimentary about the way in which students undertook their interviews.



We have met the criteria and achieved the Careerpilot Green Careers Champion Award for schools and colleges in the West of England Careers Hub.

Careers Week



Careers Week



Activities Week

Local Walk

A local walk for school students around Midsomer Norton, started at Somervale School and followed public footpaths. It was a delightful and enjoyable experience. Beginning at Somervale School, the route followed scenic footpaths alongside the River Somer, where students took in the natural beauty of the area. The walk continued through picturesque countryside paths towards Farrington, allowing students to enjoy the rural landscape. This walk provided opportunities for students to connect with nature, get some exercise, and enjoy the beauty of their local environment, making it a fun and refreshing outing.



Activities Week

Go Ape

Students took part in a very adventurous day at Moor Valley Country Park

The groups completed the high top Treetop Challenge, which consisted of 6 complex routes through the trees and with many zip wires.

Then they took on the high nets course, which looked like rooms of trampolines up in the trees. Then they also completed an adventure walk with giant sculptures to climb on. All students did very well and were extremely brave!



Activities Week

Longleat Safari Park

Somervale students visited Longleat Safari Park and spent the morning watching the Giraffe feeding and walked with the Lemmas. We then ventured around the Safari and watched the Big Cats, Wolves, Rhinos, Tigers, Camels and Cheetahs. After a group boat ride to see the Gorillas and feed the Sea-lions the group spent the afternoon completing the maze, playing tag around the adventure castle and watching the Koalas and Meerkats along with many other wonderful animals.

Well done Somervale. You were amazing.



Activities Week

Harry Potter Studios Visit

Staff and students were very excited to visit the Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio Tour on Thursday 18th July.

Students attended a costume workshop before a 2 hour tour around the studios, learning about sets, casting, directing and camera techniques. Followed by interactive opportunities for photographs with a broom and the flying car. After a visit to the large gift shop, we headed home after a wonderful day! .



Activities Week

Bowling Trip

On Monday and Thursday of Activities Week, over 250 students descended on Hollywood Bowl in Longwell Green for a fun-filled day of ten-pin bowling, food and arcade games. Students had a fantastic time showing off their skills and working as a team to compete for the highest score!



Activities Week

Hospitality

Students created a range of Greek starters, mains and desserts.

The food all looked and tasted amazing! Well done everyone!



School Office

SOMERVALE SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM BANK

We are setting
up a School
Uniform Bank

Please can you
support and
donate any
unwanted
school uniform
you have

Please donate any of the
following:

School Jumpers

School Ties

School Coats

School Skirts

School Trousers

PE Kit

[www.somervaleschool.com/key-
information/school-uniform.htm](http://www.somervaleschool.com/key-information/school-uniform.htm)

Please drop
off at the
Main School
Reception



NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE

We will NOT tolerate behaviour that is:

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- ⊘ abu\$ive or
- ⊘ vi*lent

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike.

And we WILL take action when necessary.

School Office

Our school is a **welcoming**, **safe** and **inclusive** place where we all show respect and look out for each other.

SAFE

KIND



INCLUSIVE

Everyone **benefits** from a positive school culture, and **everyone** has a part to play – **thank you** for playing yours.

Student Achievements

Trampoline Award!

The competition was the 2nd qualifying event for The Trampoline League which took place in Cardiff. Mackenzie was competing in League 2 13-14 Male against 12 other competitors.

He completed his set routine, which was placed 4th and then his voluntary routine, which was placed 1st. This left him sitting in 2nd place at the end of the qualifying round.

The top 8 then progressed to the final where they start from zero again and compete one final routine. Mackenzie competed his voluntary routine again, increasing his previous score of 44.92 to a personal best of 45.30 and securing 1st place and more importantly, league points which will enable him to compete at The League Final later in the year!



Student Achievements

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates in their end of year celebration assemblies for their academic achievements this year. Students were awarded for their attainment and progress across all subjects.



Attainment Award

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Hollie S Thomas A Freddie D Olivia M Tytus G Krcisz Adam K Emily F Summer G Marcie H	Thomas F Albie S Liza C Willims Maisie W Jacob W Dylan C Oliver H Imogen R Christine M	Isla H Sam M Alice B Phoebe W Cara W Isabella P Joshua T	Oscar R Joscelin M Laura B Abigail P Filip K Mason M Chloe U James A Ellis P

Progress Award

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Caleb B Marcie N Layla L Senuja D Liv T Freddie A Minnie P Freya H Lily S Nathan S Emily F Logan M Arthur T Arthur A Cerys S Charlie G	Melissa E Willow W-K William B Sonny F Lacey P Marley C Liza C Oliver H Lily-Ana S Poppy H Sophie M Ethan H-P Faith C Lena P Evie-Rose D	Billy W Ava K Dianne G James C James H Manija D Lewis P Oliver M Isla H Ben R	Hope K Kelly B Bobby R Meah C Maisie S Laura B Evan G Caitlin U Kieran S Poppy C Ava Y Archie R Annalise B Alfie C Ava F Samuel K Mason M

Well done to all the students listed above. We are very proud of our students' commitment to academic achievement and continue to strive to ensure all our students fulfil the very best of their potential.

Mr Herron
Deputy Headteacher
Curriculum and Standards

Staff News

Mr Farrell gets his Shodan Black belt in Ryukyu Kobudo.

Kobudo is a martial art from Okinawa, the birthplace of Karate.

It is a weapons art that uses weapons as well as strong physical skills. The main weapon being Bo Staff, which is considered one of its most important weapons, as well as · Sai · Tonfa · Kama · Nunchaku · Eku · Tinbe-rochin

Remember that Mr Farrell's class is one of the safest in the school!!!



School News

'Awesome Teacher Award'

Mrs Bendrey received a wonderful Award this term. She was presented with the 'Kip McGrath Awesome Teacher Award' Huge congratulations to you! And thank you to year 8 student, Christine for nominating Mrs Bendry!

"The Kip McGrath Awesome Teacher Awards are designed to give students the opportunity to thank their hardworking and dedicated teachers. This annual competition runs across Midsomer Norton and the surrounding area to find out why students think their teachers are awesome.

Students simply give a reason why they think one of their teachers is awesome in 14 words or less. They can nominate any of their teachers, teaching assistants, support staff or even their head teacher.

...the idea is to reward school staff for their commitment and dedication. The staff nominated by each of the winning students will receive a prize and the coveted 'Kip McGrath Awesome Teacher Award 2024' trophy"

Sarah Richards
Kip McGrath Centre Director



THANK YOU
FOR BEING AN
AWESOME
TEACHER

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Student Voice Feedback: July 2024 (255 responses)



87% of students say they are happy at SVS

97% have been here since the start of Yr7

88% feel safe at SVS

91% feel they are making good progress at SVS

88% feel they are well looked after at SVS

90% feel they are well taught at SVS

90% feel they are challenged in their learning

90% feel they have a trusted adult to go to

75% feel they receive appropriate homework for their age

80% feel that have lots of enrichment opportunities

84% feel that the school teaches them about their place in the wider world

As a result of this feedback we have reviewed how we set home learning and the sort of tasks we set. Miss Evans will be sharing more information on this next term.

91% said that they felt the school was well led and managed

89% felt that their parents received valuable information about their progress

81% felt the school responds well to any concerns they raise

78% feel that the school makes sure it students are well behaved

92% would recommend this school to another student

51% of students have never experienced any form of bullying and 40% said they had experienced a form of bullying once and 9% more than once. Only 20% said they had reported it



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Parent Voice Feedback July 2024

(171 Responses)

84% strongly agree/ agree that their child is happy at this school (5% don't know)

90% strongly agree/ agree their child feels safe at this school (2% don't know)

80% strongly agree/agree the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved (8% don't know)

65% said their child has not been bullied. 25% said their child had experienced bullying of some sort but that the school had dealt with it quickly and effectively

60% strongly agreed/agree that the school makes them aware of what their child will learn during the year (12% didn't know)

Information on the curriculum that is being delivered to the students can be found on this link to the school website:

<https://www.somervaleschool.com/curriculum-and-exams/curriculum-overview.htm>

However we have taken on board that this is always lower than other results and are in the process of reviewing how we present this information to parents/carers and will be updating you in the Autumn term.

90% of parents that had raised an issued or concern with the school reported that they felt it had been dealt with properly

82% of parents strongly agreed/agree that the school has high expectations for their child (9% didn't know)

86% of parents strongly agreed/agree that their child does well at the school (4% didn't know)

92% strongly agree/agreed that there is a good range of subjects available to their child at the school

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83% strongly agree/agreed that the school lets them know how their child is doing (7% didn't know)

Student progress is reported three times a year in Progress Checks 1/2/3 for Key Stage 3. At Key Stage 4 students receive two Progress Checks 1 and 2 and a Full School Report (FSR). In addition to this all year groups have a subject parents evening. Parents can also check the Galaxy for behaviour and achievement data

70% of parents of children with SEND strongly agreed/agreed that the school gives them the support they need to succeed. (19% didn't know)

The link below gives further information on how students with SEND are supported in school. If you have any specific questions about the support your child receives please contact Miss Harris on

eharris@somervaleschool.com

<https://www.somervaleschool.com/curriculum-and-exams/sen.htm>

70% strongly agreed/agreed that the school supports their child wider personal development (19% didn't know)

These documents from the school website on this link explains how the curriculum is developed to support the student's wider personal development. This is supported by assemblies and tutor time activities

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11M5rW2cCDzHx16LwtyjRbMr2IasSoGDF/view>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13z30oE156oZuDHIdk9Y1VQIBLFEoqeD/view>

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/111dplMRyketgFxp08JAVISH9FUT3HX>

<https://www.somervaleschool.com/safeguarding>

90% of parents would recommend this school to another parent

Some Useful Links

<https://www.somervaleschool.com/key-information/wellbeing.htm>

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/136311/somervale-secondary-school/secondary>

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Exam Invigilators Needed

We are looking for Exam Invigilators to join our supportive and talented exam Somervale team. These are casual positions where you will work when available and will be called upon when required to support students during exam season.

This position requires flexibility as there are various exams held throughout the academic year. The Summer exams are held in May and June but there are also mock exams in November and February. The working hours for this role can vary as exam environments have to be set up before the beginning of the school day and on occasions can sometimes continue after the school day has finished.

Please message our exams officer Mr Caaney at jcaaney@somervaleschool.com if you are interested or would like more information.



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We are looking for welcoming
Host Families

Earn up to £350 per week per student
full support from Local Guardian
access to free safeguarding course
all families DBS checked



For more information contact Sue

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or visit <https://whitehouseguardians.co.uk/host-family>



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Term Dates 2024-25



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Term Dates Academic Year 2024/2025

Term 1

Monday 2nd September 2024
Friday 25th 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 4th 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 25th October 2024

Inset day 3

Monday 6th 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