



St Dunstan's School

GLASTONBURY

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Message from Mr Howard (Headteacher)



Welcome back after the Easter break. A lot has happened since the last news bulletin, and we have captured some of those events in this new style bulletin. We are working hard to move towards an electronic newsletter that can be sent out more regularly. Please can you ensure that we have your correct email address so that we can send newsletters and important information home by email.

As always, I am very proud of the achievements of our students, and the way they represent the school when on trips and visits. You will be able to read about some of these experiences below. To keep up with news as it happens please follow our Facebook page which is now back up and running.

Plans are underway for the Memorial garden to be created in memory of Amy Thomas, the two new Science laboratories will be updated over the summer term, the Music department will be having all new equipment and technology and we hope to receive our new minibus in the next few weeks.

We welcome a number of new staff this term: Mrs Hawthorne who is our new Music teacher, Mrs Coyle who is teaching English and Mr Baxter who is teaching Business, ICT and Maths. Last term we also welcomed Mr Richard Conway to the Maths team.

We started the term with an INSET day when staff took part in some exciting training on Teaching and Learning which teachers are already implementing in their lessons.

School Noticeboard

Visit the school Noticeboard for all the latest diary dates. [Click here](#) or visit the school website for further details.



School News

ST DUNSTAN'S LEADERS HOST 'MOTIVE8' PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

What a fantastic afternoon at St Dunstan's, as the brilliant year 9 and year 10 sports leaders led some fabulous, fun-filled activities for a selected group of local primary school children. The activities included: penalty shoot-out, target-shoot, the floor is lava and a bouncy castle obstacle course. Engagement levels were through the roof and every child involved left with a certificate and a big smile on their face.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible sports leaders at St Dunstan's.



Ms R Tudor (Teacher at St John's Infant School) enthused "I was there with the kids from my school. They absolutely loved it and were very sweaty and happy by the end. The St Dunstan's students were enthusiastic, creative, kind and fantastic role models for our children". Well done to everyone involved, the school is tremendously proud of you all.

Duke of Edinburgh Cooking Competition

St Dunstan's Duke of Edinburgh students took part in a cooking session after school. The session allowed them to develop valuable skills that they will be able to use on expeditions on the hills and moors. Amazingly, over 40 students have signed up to this year's Duke of Edinburgh Award. Well done to all those involved.



Key Stage 4 Maths Competition at Millfield

A team of four Mathematicians from St Dunstan's made the journey to Millfield to test their skills against 13 other Somerset schools. In a hard fought competition, it was thrilling to see the St Dunstan's team made up of M.Andrews, Z.Fielder, A.Hinton and A.Biddlecombe make the podium, finishing 3rd overall. This included beating teams including Millfield School and Kings of Wessex. St Dunstan's were the highest scoring state school. Well done to all four of the students who represented the school with a fantastic attitude.

Year 10 trip to Berlin



Over twenty Year 10 students made the journey to the German capital in what turned out to be a truly magnificent experience. The students were fortunate enough to have an activity-packed trip including visits to: Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, Grunewald train tracks, Olympiastadion and lots of other museums and tourist sites. All of the students who went on the trip conducted themselves with a fantastic attitude and were an absolute credit to St Dunstan's School. It was a pleasure to have taken them.

Sports News

YEAR 11 FOOTBALL VS THE BLUE SCHOOL

St Dunstan's **2-1** The Blue School

Yet another tremendous victory for the maroon army, this time at the expense of local rivals The Blue. The game was extremely close, leaving The Blue to rue the fact that they had missed some good chances to equalize. The St Dunstan's goals came from Heal (Pen) and McKewon, after some great build up play from Smith and Francis.

Well done boys, a fantastic result!



SOMERSET SCHOOLS GAMES COUNTY HANDBALL AND TABLE TENNIS FINALS



What a fantastic day at Millfield for over 30 students who proudly represented St Dunstan's, pitting their wits against the other Somerset secondary schools in handball and table tennis. Firstly, the year 8 boys' handballers finished a fantastic joint 2nd overall. The boys only lost one game all day to the eventual winners. MVP- M.Jones

Secondly, the year 10 girls' handballers achieved a very credible 6th place. The girls are very new

to the sport and the whole day was an invaluable learning experience. MVP- J.Sweet

Thirdly, the year 10 boys, who will be representing Somerset at the regional finals in Paignton this May. The boys produced champion-like performances throughout the day and the regional finals

spot went down to the last game versus Kings of Wessex, with the boys taking the game 5-3. MVP- E.Staniforth

Lastly, N.Jenkins achieved 1st place (gold) in the KS4 Boy's Singles Table Tennis. Jenkins took the final an amazing 11-4, overcoming some fantastic players along the way. One of those was our very own K.Fletcher, who eventually finished 3rd place (bronze). In addition K.Fletcher and R.Webster achieved 2nd place (silver) in the doubles competition.

Some incredible results for the school, with over 20 St Dunstan's students leaving with medals around their necks. Your attitude, teamwork and work-ethic was an absolute credit to the school.



Safeguarding

At St Dunstan's School, the safety and well-being of our students, staff and visitors is paramount. For further information, including on how to report any concerns, please visit our website or by [Clicking here](#)



Visit our website or [Click here](#) to watch a *CEOP* e-safety video on YouTube. Created by young people and based on true experiences.

Revision Advice for Parents

TES have gathered some explanatory presentations, leaflets and posters to help parents support their child in the run up to their exams. Please follow the link below or search for 'TES Advice for Parents'

https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/gcse-exam-revision/advice-for-parents?utm_campaign=13079733&utm_content=gcse-exam-hub-apr-18&utm_source=exact-target&utm_medium=email

