



# St Dunstan's School

## GLASTONBURY

### July Newsletter 2018



As the year draws to a close there has been no let-up in excitement at St Dunstan's this year. We have had many exciting activities at the end of the year including sports day, the summer Performing Arts evening, activities week and a number of other trips and experiences you will read about below.

To add to the excitement, the long-awaited Ofsted visit happened in the last week of term too. I would like to thank all students and parents who took the time complete the Ofsted questionnaires. The outcome of the inspection will not be made public until early in September, but I am

allowed to say that we are pleased with the outcome and inspectors recognised the strengths of the school. I look forward to writing to you in September to tell you more!

You should have received a letter from Mrs Bevan in the last week that explains the expectations for uniform, jewellery, equipment and attendance. We really want to start the year as we mean to go on, so please do ensure that your child starts with the correct uniform and equipment in September.

It has been another transformational year for St Dunstan's School and the hard work and determination to move the school forward by pupils, parents and staff has made me very proud to be the Headteacher of such a lovely school. I wish you all a well-deserved summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on 5<sup>th</sup> September ready and prepared for the challenges of the new academic year.

Keith Howard  
Headteacher

#### National Media Success at St Dunstan's



Two budding film makers from St Dunstan's School achieved their dream of having their short film, The Freeze, shown on the big screen at the British Film Institute in London this week. Having entered their short film for the Media Magazine's production competition earlier in the year, Jack and Azra in Year 10, knew that the competition would be fierce since most of the other entrants were 6th formers currently following A-Level courses. The two GCSE Media Studies students won first prize in their category, judged by Nik Powell OBE and took home a glass trophy and certificates. They received great feedback and their cinematography skills were admired; they were encouraged to continue with their passion which has already led to great acclaim for them!

## Year 10 Trip to The Guardian Newspaper

On Thursday 21st June, a group of 18 Year 10 students set off for London to visit the education centre at the Guardian newspaper.

The students were split into three groups of six and assigned roles as various editors - editor in chief, home, world, science and technology, culture and sport. Once the roles were assigned, we were thrown into the cut and thrust of the newsroom. Section editors had to select stories from the 'wires' and pitch their choices to the editor in chief. Chief editors had to 'choose or lose' stories for each of the four pages that constituted the group's newspaper and then the editors had to become journalists writing up the stories to a tight deadline.



Once the articles were written, editors had the challenge to select the best image to accompany their story, write a caption, insert a headline and get it all back to the chief editor - again to a tight deadline.

All groups worked exceptionally well and all produced newspapers of a very high standard. The workshop leader commented on how impressed she was by the students' abilities to accept their roles, work as teams and produce high quality reporting.

## Year 5 Primary Schools Super Sleuths!

On Friday 22nd June, Year 5 students from Baltonsborough, Meare and West Pennard came to St Dunstan's to solve the murder mystery of the locked room.



In their groups of Marple, Morse, Poirot and Sherlock, Year 5 cracked codes to work out initial clues, visited the crime scene, spoke to forensics officers, interviewed suspects Lady Framwell, Martin Framwell, Simon Framwell and the butler as well as hearing witness statements from the family doctor, solicitor, cook and a zookeeper. All characters were ably played by Year 10 students from St Dunstan's who gave magnificent performances and really kept the detectives on their toes as they tried to work out 'whodunnit'. Finally, our sleuths visited the lab run by chief forensics officer Mr Parfitt to analyse fingerprints

and ink samples from the crime scene.

Year 5 were accompanied on the day by student leaders and peer mentors who offered advice on cracking the codes (some fiendish maths required) and helped with formulating questions and theories as well as guiding Year 5 to the various scenes around the school.

We all gathered in the drama studio for 'the big reveal' where Year 5 offered their theories as to the solution of the case. They were proved right when the police arrived and arrested..... but that would be telling wouldn't it!

It was a fantastic day and all of our students and Year 5 threw themselves into the mystery with gusto. Well done everyone.

## Year 7 Trip to Normandy



Bright and early on Thursday morning 29 Year 7 students departed school to go to Normandy. It was an action-packed 3 days which consisted of War Memorials, Mont St Michel, a goat's cheese farm where we took care of the goats, all finished off with a trip to Bayeux to see the tapestry. Students used their French in order to make their own pizzas and speak to the local people. It was an absolute pleasure to take them on the trip and I hope that students enjoyed the experience.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

On the last weekend in June 28 fantastic students from Years 9 to 11 successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition assessment. The assessor was very impressed with them all. They should be extremely proud of their achievements. Well done all!



## Millfield Art Project

At the end of June, 14 Year 8 students had the unique opportunity to visit Millfield school for a 3 day Art workshop. They spent the first morning wandering around the grounds and observing the amazing sculptures. The students created a range of drawings using mixed media which would later be used to inspire them to produce a layered sculptural piece. Each student made a unique frame with layered cardboard and other media which was then put with the



other students work to create an

outstanding visual piece which will be displayed in the school next term. The feedback from the students was that they really valued the opportunity to work with Millfield School and that they had enjoyed working individually to learn new skills and then collaboratively to share their ideas and thoughts. Many thanks to Helen for all her hard work organising this event and the sixth formers who helped us during the 3 days. We all had a wonderful time.

## Year 11 Prom



June 28th saw an emotional farewell to our Year 11s. A lot of fun was had at the annual Leavers Assembly with MC Mr Parfitt ensuring all the most embarrassing and funny stories came out. Staff were able to say goodbye over a lunch time BBQ before students left to make their preparations for the evening ahead. The Prom was held at the beautiful Northover Manor, you may have seen the professional photographs in the newspaper already, where everyone enjoyed a two course meal and selfies galore. We were so incredibly proud of our students, who all looked stunning in their outfits. St Dunstan's has a great tradition of wonderful transport for prom and this year was no exception! From Ferraris to Jaguars and Cement

Mixers to John Deere tractors, with something for everyone in between. How will next year's cohort outdo them? We wish Year 11 all the very best for results day and the bright futures they have ahead of them. Remember to stay in touch.

## Performing Arts Evening

On Thursday 12th July, St Dunstan's students presented their second "Stage Door Performing Arts Evening" and what an evening it was! The comperes were our "three amigos" Dan, Hayden and Jack - they brought a real sense of timing and humour to the proceedings that had the audience rolling in the aisles.

Students from across the year groups performed songs, instrumentals and a scene from Blood Brothers to a packed (and very appreciative) house. It was fantastic to see such talent amongst our students and to know that they have the confidence and enthusiasm to share those talents with all of us. We were privileged to hear songs from Jasmin, Amber, Lexie, Marilyn, Molly-Marie and Rebecca as well as a spirited rendition of a



Beach Boys' track from a group comprised of Elijah, Cushla and Ellis. Instrumentals were performed by Cushla, Trinity and Ellis. The Year 10 drama students performed a scene from Blood Brothers complete with Scouse accents! Well done to Flora, Heather, Kyel and Ophelia - a sterling performance.

Special thanks to the dynamic duo of Mrs Pulford (drama) and Mrs Hawthorne (music) who organised, coordinated, rehearsed and supported the students in their preparations and on the night.

The evening was rounded off with a rousing performance of Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" led by the choir and enthusiastically supported by the whole audience

All in all, a great evening - we can't wait for the next one - make sure you come along!

## Sports News

### Interhouse Football and Rounders

Another cracking tournament, with this one going down to the last minute in the last game. Arthur stole the show with a 'Ronaldo-esque' free-kick which proved pivotal in deciding who this year's winners were going to be.

Results are as follows;

Place	House	Games Played	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	Points
1st	Austen	3	3	0	0	5	1	9
2nd	Redgrave	3	1	1	1	4	2	6
3rd	Eavis	3	1	0	2	2	6	5
4th	Piper	3	0	1	2	1	3	4

### Interhouse Football Years 9/10

What a feast of football, as the four houses of St Dunstan's battled it out to become the 2018 champions. All the houses were fantastically represented with over-subscribed teams in an attempt to bring the glory home.

The games were very sportingly - but fiercely - contested with three houses being locked on points and 2 houses locked on goal difference at the end of the tournament. The overall winners had to be decided by the overall goals scored.



The final results are as follows;

Place	House	Games Played	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	Points
1st	Eavis	3	1	2	0	3	1	7
2nd	Redgrave	3	1	2	0	2	0	7
3rd	Austen	3	1	2	0	2	1	7
4th	Piper	3	0	0	3	0	5	3

Well done to Eavis house who are the 2018 Year 9/10 Interhouse Football Champions

### Year 7 and 8 Interhouse Rounders

1st Piper - 25 points

2nd Redgrave - 20 points

3rd Austen - 15 points

4th Eavis - 8 points

### Year 9/10 Interhouse Rounders

1st Eavis = 30 points

2nd Piper = 23 points

3rd Austen = 16 points

4th Redgrave = 9 points

Well done to everyone involved. I felt tired just watching them play!

## St Dunstan's Storm to Success in Area Games

### Athletics

A truly inspirational experience for over 45 St Dunstan's students as they competed at The Sedgemoor and Mendip Area Games against 10 other schools for the chance to represent the area at the County Games in July.

The teams that travelled were; Year 7 boys, Year 8 girls, Year 8 boys, Year 10 girls and Year 10 boys.

St Dunstan's are very proud that we will have 3 representative teams at the prestigious County Games as the Year 7 boys, Year 8 boys and Year 10 boys all came 1st and won their competition overall. This is a truly magnificent achievement and all the extra hours practising after school have clearly paid off. The Year 8 girls and Year 10 girls both finished a respectable 4th place. In addition to the success, all of the students behaved impeccably and were an absolute credit to St Dunstan's School. Well done to all the students involved.



### Rounders

We only have 18 Year 7 girls in total and last night 10 of them worked amazingly together and won the Year 7 Mendip Rounders Tournament which was hosted at St Dunstan's.

Their success means they go through to Millfield next week representing Mendip. Please congratulate them, they are extremely happy!

On top of this, Year 10 also came joint first in their tournament last week. Unfortunately, only one team can go through so it went down to rounders difference and on this occasion Kings of Wessex successfully scored more overall. Still a massive achievement for our girls!

## ST DUNSTAN'S SPORTS DAY 2018



What a fantastic, fun-filled day as the four houses of St Dunstan's pitted their wits against each other in today's superb event. Participation levels were at an all-time high with an amazing 725 performances overall. Two school records were broken with Harvey in Year 10 running 200m in an impressive time of 24.73 seconds. In addition,

Richard in Year 10 jumped a fantastic 1.71m in the High Jump to break his previous record. The results were as follows;

Participation Shield

1. Piper
2. Austen
3. Redgrave
4. Eavis

Sports Day Points Shield

1. Redgrave
2. Austen
3. Piper
4. Eavis

## Safeguarding and Relationships

Here at St Dunstan's we recognise that the safety and well-being of students, staff, visitors to our school is paramount. Please see below some useful links regarding safeguarding;

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/>

<http://www.st-dunstans.somerset.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

## Term Dates

Please see the next page for a copy of next year's term dates and INSET days. A calendar of events for the year will be published in September.





## GDPR

As you will be aware the law has changed with regards to the way your data is used. There will be some new forms issued in September to reflect this. One of these is the photographic permission form that all parents will need to complete. Hopefully this will mean we can celebrate more of our students' achievements in the newsletter using their photographs next year.

## St Dunstan's School Terms and Holidays 2018/2019 Academic Year

<b>September 2018</b>					<b>October 2018</b>					<b>November 2018</b>							
M		3	10	17	24	M	1	8	15	22	29	M	5	12	19	26	
Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	6	13	20	27	
W			5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31	W	7	14	21	28
Th			6	13	20	27	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	1	8	15	22	29
F			7	14	21	28	F	5	12	19	26	F	2	9	16	23	30
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	3	10	17	24		
Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	7	14	21	28	Su	4	11	18	25		
<b>December 2018</b>					<b>January 2019</b>					<b>February 2019</b>							
M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25
Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W		5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27	
Th		6	13	20	27	Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th	7	14	21	28	
F		7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25	F	1	8	15	22		
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	2	9	16	23		
Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27	Su	3	10	17	24		
<b>March 2019</b>					<b>April 2019</b>					<b>May 2019</b>							
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28
W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	F	3	10	17	24	31	
Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28	Su	5	12	19	26		
<b>June 2019</b>					<b>July 2019</b>					<b>August 2019</b>							
M		3	10	17	24	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26
Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27
W		5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28
Th		6	13	20	27	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F		7	14	21	28	F	5	12	19	26	F	2	9	16	23	30	
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	3	10	17	24	31	
Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	7	14	21	28	Su	4	11	18	25		

### Key:

	School holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term time
	Inset Day

### Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 26 October 2018 (40 days)  
 Term 2: 05 November – 21 December 2018 (35 days)  
 Term 3: 07 January – 15 February 2019 (30 days)  
 Term 4: 25 February – 05 April 2019 (30 days)  
 Term 5: 23 April – 24 May 2019 (23 days)  
 Term 6: 03 June – 23 July 2019 (37 days)

**TOTAL = 195**

### Bank and public holidays 2018/2019

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2018	Easter Monday	22 April 2019
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2018	May Day Bank Holiday	06 May 2019
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2019	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2019
Good Friday	19 April 2019	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2019