



SUCCESS AT REGIONALS



On Saturday 25th January the U19/U16/U14 netballers travelled to Bournemouth to represent Somerset at the Regional round of The National Schools Finals. Taunton School were the only school to be representing in all three age groups and we were optimistic for some good results. The

U14's had been crowned County Champions back in October and went in to their first game against Maynard strongly, although nervously. They won the game 10-6, giving them more confidence going into their next game against St Edwards. They went on to win 11-3 in a dominant game. Next up was Dean Close who we knew would be good.

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NEXT SENIOR COURIER: 28TH FEBRUARY 2020

HARRY THE PIANO

In association with



'HARRY THE PIANO' IN CONCERT AT TAUNTON SCHOOL



26TH FEBRUARY 2020

TAUNTON SCHOOL THEATRE @ 7PM

ADULTS £8 CHILDREN £3

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We are delighted to welcome a world renowned Pianist to Taunton School this term. During the afternoon of his visit 'Harry the Piano' will be running interactive student workshops with a number of Taunton School musicians. Following on from this from this he will perform an evening concert in our school theatre alongside guest performances from workshop pupils.

Tickets are now on sale for the evening concert, and we hope that you are able to join us for a truly unique experience. Harry's extraordinary talent and breath-taking creativity have earned him a reputation as one of the most gifted improvising pianists in the world. Celebrities and critics alike have lined up to shower him with praise. No other musician can spontaneously reinvent Michael Jackson in the style of Mozart, recreate a night at the Groucho club through the TV themes of its actor members, and improvise a seamless medley of audience requests ranging from James Bond to Shostakovich via West Side Story.

An unmissable evening of musical entertainment.

THE BEST DARN PIANIST IN THE CIVILISED WORLD!' - JONATHAN ROSS

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REGIONAL SCHOOLS NETBALL FINAL

U14 NETBALL TEAM

...At half time the scores were level at 3-3, the game continued goal for goal with neither team taking their opportunities. The games finished 7-7. The girls started their next game against Truro High in similar fashion, aware they needed to improve if they wanted to progress through to Nationals. Again at half time it was 3-3, a firm half time talk meant the girls came out firing in the second half and went on win 9-6. A few more close games saw them beat SWGS 9-6 and Redmaids High School 8-6 to top their group. They went into their semi-final against Newton Abbott College determined, knowing a win would qualify them for Nationals. This was their best game, leading 7-1 at half time and going on to win 12-5 and securing their spot at Nationals. The final was against a very tall Talbot Health side who had topped the other group. We were up at half time 7-5, however, Talbot Health came back strong in the second half to pull level. The last two minutes saw the lead change a number of times with Taunton sinking the winning goal with 5 seconds to go, winning 11-10 and being crowned South West U14 Champions.

| RESULT | OPPOSITION |
|---------|-----------------------|
| W 10-6 | Maynard School |
| W 11-3 | St Edwards |
| D 7-7 | Dean Close |
| W 10-7 | Truro High School |
| W 9-6 | SWGS |
| W 8-6 | Redmaids High School |
| W 12-5 | Newton Abbott College |
| W 11-10 | Talbot Heath |

Final places-

1st- TAUNTON SCHOOL

2nd- Talbot Health

3rd- Redmaids High School

U14 Players of the Tournament- Bella Wells and Zara Pitman



U16 NETBALL TEAM

The U16 squad gave 100% throughout the Regional but unfortunately, it was simply not their day. At times, the team really worked well together and there were glimpses of great netball but unfortunately, there were too many unforced errors, which the opposition readily took advantage of. Overall, it was a good opportunity for the team to play against some tough opposition whilst also gaining an appreciation of the importance of managing their stress in competitive situations. I hope the girls will bounce back and come back stronger for the remaining fixtures this season.

| RESULT | OPPOSITION |
|--------|----------------------|
| L 6-14 | St Peters, Exeter |
| L 2-13 | Canford |
| L 9-12 | Redmaids High School |
| L 4-17 | Penryn College |
| L 6-13 | Brandon Forest |
| L 4-10 | Denmark Road |

Final places-

1st- Millfield

2nd- Canford

3rd- Penryn College

U16 Players of the Tournament- Darcie Coleman and Lucy Beresford



U19 NETBALL TEAM

The U19 girls went in to the tournament in fine form and showed from the first whistle that they meant business. They played fast flowing netball throughout with many parents on the side line wowed by their play. Their first games saw them take control from the onset winning 13-4 against Dauntsey's School. Their next game we knew would be a tougher match against Wycliffe College, who had a number of franchise players. At half time the score was level at 4-4, however, a great 8-2 second half saw them take the win 11-6. The girls continued to play extremely well beating Royal High School Bath (18-5), Exeter College (10-7), Bournemouth School for Girls (21-3) and Truro College (14-10) to win their group in convincing style. Unfortunately the lack of competition in the group stage did not prepare them well for their semi-final against Hartpury College, and although we managed to stay with them in the first half Hartpury pulled away in the second half putting an end to our Nationals hopes. The girls had to pick themselves back up again for their bronze medal match against Truro College. At full time in this physical match the scores were level at 8-8. Extra time of 2mins each way gave Taunton the chance to take control, finally winning 12-10. The Girls should be extremely proud of themselves, often playing against colleges and school who play two terms of netball. Third at Regionals is an awesome achievement.

| RESULT | OPPOSITION |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| W 13-4 | Dauntsey's School |
| W 11-6 | Wycliffe College |
| W 18-5 | Royal High School Bath |
| W 10-7 | Exeter College |
| W 21-3 | Bournemouth School for Girls |
| W 14-10 | Truro College |
| L 6-14 | Hartpury College |
| W 12-10 (in extra time) | Truro College |

Final places-

1st- Hartpury College

2nd- Canford

3rd- TAUNTON SCHOOL

U19 Players of the Tournament- Isla May and Daisy West



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TS HEADS UP ON... HOW DO YOU 'FUTURE PROOF EDUCATION'?

The British education system is still predicated on an examination system which is very similar in structure and outcome to the one previous generations endured / enjoyed (take your pick!) i.e. examinations at 16 and 18 which focus on learning large chunks of information which then have to be disseminated under timed conditions. Naturally there have been changes with continuous assessment (BTEC an obvious example) and coursework elements to both GCSE and A-Level / IB. The question for so many parents is inevitable: is this suitable and is it enough? The rise of the internet and AI means that learning and acquiring knowledge may be largely irrelevant in a world where we can easily access information. Therefore, should our education system place a higher value on learning how to find and process the infinite knowledge they have their fingertips rather than simply learning, storing and repeating it on a piece of paper? After all our children are growing up in world where their future jobs have not even been invented yet. As Dave Coplin, the former envisioning officer for Microsoft UK argues: 'this is a world where wisdom rather than knowledge is the scarce commodity'. What can schools do to respond and prepare its children? We may agree or disagree with the national examining process but we can do very little to

change it so it is incumbent on us to provide other opportunities. One thing is certain, with the right mindset a child can grow in to this world of AI and be excited by the opportunities rather than worried and threatened. It seems inevitable that the correlation between growing use of technology (both in our hands but also in our business processes) and growing mental health problems: it could be seen as a scary and threatening world to grow into. At Taunton you cannot help but be blown away by the endless variety of 'things to do' and this rich environment, underpinned by outstanding pastoral care, is our solution. If children grow up to be curious, selfless, positive and determined then they will continue to find ways to ensure that technology enhances our society, links us together and ensures that future jobs are as a meaningful and exciting as the jobs we have been able to enjoy.



Ed Burnett,
Deputy Head

OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

We were delighted to hear that five applicants from Taunton School, including two who left in the summer, have been successful with their Oxbridge applications.

Ellie May Vohra, who secured straight A grades in the summer will be going to Corpus Christi, Oxford, to read Classics. Other successful Oxford applicants include current 6th form students Jack Kerslake, who has an Open offer (A, A, A) to read History, Paddy Doherty who needs A*, A*, A to read Engineering at St Anne's, and IB student, Julian Müller, who requires 39 points (including Higher Level grades 7,6,6) to pursue PPE at Magdalen.

Once again, the number of applications has risen to an all-time high this year and competition has never been more fierce. For an essentially non-selective school to receive five offers in any one year is a notable achievement and testimony to the hard work of the candidates concerned and the unstinting support and expertise of their teachers.

Headmaster Lee Glaser said: "I am extremely proud of these students and of the staff who have supported them in achieving their ambitions. It is our job to help all of our students to fulfil their potential".



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SUCCESS AT FIRST WEEK OF FESTIVAL

A very successful first week at the Taunton Festival of the Arts. Fantastic achievements from all of the students that have taken part.

In the U16 Brass class Taunton School students came 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Rufus Hetherington came in top place, Seb Dean and Ben Coston came 2nd and 3rd.

Hetty Christopher won the U14 Brass class.

Our Brass Quintet won the senior small ensemble trophy and were given a very rare outstanding grade- only 4 given in total this week.

The horn duet- Seb Dean and Rufus Hetherington won the Junior ensemble cup.

Hetty Christophers won the U14 string prize on cello and went onto win the string recital prize, gaining another outstanding award.

Rowan Keyte won the duet class trophy playing duets with his teacher.



Mark Cracknell
Director of Music

TEATIME CONCERT

29th January 2020

The last Teatime Concert of January started with the first movement from Mozart's joyful third Horn Concerto, performed by Sebastian Dean. This was followed by the French Romantic art song "Après un Reve" by Gabriel Faure, with its beautiful melodies sung brilliantly by Daisy Downham from year 12. The concert continued with Sarah Stoppard playing a lovely piano piece by Spanish composer Enrique Granados. Two contrasting Musical Theatre songs finished off the concert with year 9 students Hetty Christopher singing "Home" from Beauty and the Beast and Fliss Gostling sang the haunting and moving musical theatre number "Requiem" from Dear Evan Hansen.

Zach Reading
Co-ordinator of Instrumental Music



5th February 2020

Year 12 student Charlotte Hicks began the concert with "Still Hurting" from The Last Five Years which was sung by Anna Kendrick in the feature film. Following this, the audience was treated to the world premiere of Sophie Whitworth's work performed by the Brass Quintet. The work has been written as part of Sophie's A level studies and it was great to hear this new work performed. Moving back to the world of Musical Theatre, Poppy Charles sang "Far From the Home I love" from Fiddler on the Roof before being joined by fellow year 9 Daisy Knight and singing "What is this feeling" from Wicked.

Zach Reading
Co-ordinator of Instrumental Music



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CHINESE NEW YEAR AT WEIRFIELD



The celebrations to usher in 2020 and a new decade seem like a distant memory after a busy few weeks back at school, however the Weirfield girls brightened up a cold and wet January by celebrating Chinese New Year or the Lunar Festival on this week's 'Feast Friday'. Weirfield is lucky enough to be made up of girls from all over the world and so we try and celebrate a range of international events throughout the year and therefore could not pass up the opportunity to enjoy this important event. The house was decked out with Chinese papercuts and our evening began with some Chinese cookery which culminated in a delicious feast of Chinese dishes and dim sum. We also enjoyed a Chinese New Year quiz.

It was a lovely evening and the perfect way to welcome in in the Year of the Rat, as well as to relax after a busy period of exams!

Laura Brayley, Weirfield Housemistress



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EASTER REVISION
COURSES 2020
GCSE & A LEVEL

Taunton School are offering Easter Revision Courses for students currently studying GCSE's and A-levels. The sessions will be a chance for students to focus on exam technique and provide them with the skills to unpick tricky examination questions.

There are a broad range of subjects on offer and students are able to combine either one or two subjects on the first course with additional choices on the second course. The courses are well-run and have a proven track record of success. Our aim is for each student to reach or exceed their target grades in the Summer examinations.

For more information visit our website: <https://www.tauntonschool.co.uk/easterrevision/>

Or to register your interest email Revisioncourses@tauntonschool.co.uk or call 01823 703224.

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VOLUNTEERING AT STOVER COUNTRY PARK

A team of five volunteers endured a wet Sunday to help once again at Stover Country Park in South Devon. The aim of the day was to clear and burn cut foliage from around ponds excavated ten years ago but lost to the view of the public. Ultimately the rangers hope to open up the areas to encourage the dragonfly populations, a feature of the nature reserve. Weather conditions were testing to say the least so we were slow to get the fires burning – hence the clearance task was somewhat hindered. The team battled on gamely and did what they could before an early finish was called by the team. Importantly, time was found to build dens in the woods and enjoy a packed lunch in the open air.

On returning to the centre, the ranger in charge produced three wriggling muslin bags, casually mentioning that he has caught three snipe for measuring and ringing. It was a highlight to see him measure and describe the three birds, migrants from Iceland judging by their wingspan, before releasing them back to the marsh beside the lake. Each time we visit we learn more about the many and varied ways that a relatively small reserve can impact significantly the biodiversity of a region. Well done and thank you to Makena, Jack, Diego and Guido for a good effort and always delightful company.

Alistair Hallows, Biology Teacher



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SPRING DATES


Saturday 8 February

8:30am - 8:55am Scholars' Programme
(Academic, Art, Drama, DT, Music & Sport)
(Theatre,
Chapel & Departments)

12:00pm - 5:30pm South West Schools Cross
Country (A) (depart 9am) (Bournemouth, BH7
7AF)

9:00am F&GPC Meeting (UDR)

10:55am - 11:15am RaG Week - WR and EV
Cake Sale (Wind Tunnel)

2:00pm - 5:30pm Boys' Hockey v Millfield (H)
1 2 3 4 (A) U15A U15B U14A U14B (depart
12:45pm)

2:00pm - 4:00pm Netball v Millfield (H) U15A
U15B U15C U15D U14A U14B U14C U14D (A)

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2 3 U16A (depart 12:45pm)

2:30pm - 4:00pm Football v Milton Abbey (H)
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3:15pm - 5:00pm Basketball v Wells Cathedral
School (A) (depart 1.30pm)

7:30pm - 10:30pm RaG Week - Sixth Form
Social (Old Library)

Sunday 9 February

3rd before Lent

Boarders' Activity - The Wave (FX)

Boarders' Activity - Cinema Bus

Netball Charity Event in Aid of Love
Musgrove

9:00am - 5:00pm Ten Tors Training (Dartmoor)

11:00am - 1:00pm Boarders' Brunch

10:00am - 12:00pm Rugby 7's - Kings and
Wellington (H) U14 U15 U16 U18

Monday 10 February

Taunton Festival of the Arts Week

8:30am - 8:55am Chapel - The Chaplain
(Chapel)

10:55am - 11:15am RaG Week - BV and FW
Cake Sale (Wind Tunnel)

4:00pm - 6:00pm EPQ Presentation Evening 1
(Clark Centre Studio)

4:00pm - 5:00pm RaG Week - Football Match -
Staff V Students

6:30pm - 8:00pm RaG Week - "I'm a Prefect
Get me Out of Here!" (Theatre)

Tuesday 11 February

8:30am - 8:55am Chapel - The Chaplain
(Chapel)

10:55am - 11:15am RaG Week - BS and WE
Cake Sale (Wind Tunnel)

11:15am - 12:30pm Sports Photos: Junior
Teams

12:40pm - 1:15pm RaG Week - Hockey Match
- Staff V Students

4:00pm - 5:00pm Year 9 and 10 Enrichment
4:00pm - 5:00pm Sports Photos: Senior Teams

5:45pm - 7:45pm EPQ Presentation Evening 2
(Clark Centre Studio)

6:30pm - 8:00pm RaG Week: "One Night
Only" (Theatre)

Wednesday 12 February

8:30am - 8:55am HM Assembly (Chapel)

10:55am - 11:15am RaG Week - WD and GD
Cake Sale (Wind Tunnel)

12:40pm RaG Week: Prefect Auction (Library)

4:00pm - 6:00pm Football v Heathfield (A)
U15 (depart 3:45pm)

4:00pm - 5:00pm RaG Week - House Tug of
War (Cricket Pavilion)

5:05pm - 6:00pm Tea-Time Concert - RaG
Week Concert for Charity * (GWR)

6:30pm - 8:00pm RaG Week - House Music
Video (Chapel)

Thursday 13 February

8:30am - 8:55am HM Assembly (Chapel)

10:55am - 11:15am RaG Week - JK and
TSI Cake Sale (Wind Tunnel)

12:40pm RaG Week: Netball Match: 1st
Netball V 1st Rugby

4:00pm - 5:00pm Year 11 Enrichment
4:00pm - 5:00pm Year 12 and 13

Enrichment - Gambling: Stop when the
fun stops with

Patrick Foster (Chapel)

6:00pm - 8:00pm Year 11 and Year 13
Parent-Teacher-Tutor Consultations

Friday 14 February

8:30am - 8:55am Middle School Chapel -
Musical Reflection (Chapel)

8:30am - 9:00am Year 12 Enrichment -
Introduction to Uniform: Miss MacNair

8:30am - 9:00am Year 13 Enrichment -

Career networking sites

3:30pm - 5:00pm Year 11 and Year 13 Parent-
Teacher-Tutor Consultations

5:30pm Buses depart as normal

HALF TERM**Sunday 23 February**

Sunday before Lent

9:00am - 4:00pm Climbing Wall Site Specific
Course (TS Sports Hall)

5:00pm - 9:00pm Boarders return (Boarders'
Supper 6pm - 7pm)

Monday 24 February

8:30am - 8:55am Fairwater House Chapel
(Chapel)

5:00pm - 6:30pm Health and Safety
Committee Meeting

Tuesday 25 February

Shrove Tuesday

8:30am - 8:55am Fairwater House Chapel
(Chapel)

9:05am - 12:35pm Year 13 French B HL IB
Oral Exams: Mrs Bolland (L12)

4:00pm - 5:00pm Year 9 and 10
Enrichment

4:00pm Football v Milton Abbey (H) U15
5:15pm - 6:15pm Staff Meeting (Theatre)

Wednesday 26 February

Ash Wednesday

8:30am - 8:55am HM Assembly (Chapel)
3:45pm Harry the Piano - Piano

Workshop (Theatre)

5:45pm - 8:45pm Art Exam Preparation
Evening No 2 (Years 11 and 13 only) (Art
Department)

7:00pm - 9:00pm Harry the Piano -
Concert (Theatre)

Thursday 27 February

8:30am - 8:55am HM Assembly (Chapel)

4:00pm - 5:00pm Year 11, 12 and 13
Enrichment

INTER-SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY COMPETITION

Last Tuesday a group of budding philosophers ventured off to King's College Taunton for the 7th annual Inter-school Philosophy; an innovative competition in which groups enter into a community of enquiry, in order to discuss questions arising from the stimulus material, in the hope that together, they might come to philosophically sound conclusions through the process of Socratic Dialogue.

The first 2 rounds were conducted in year groups, where the discussions focused on moral responsibility and the interaction between mental and physical processes. After a very nice supper of sausages, chips, and beans, we reconvened for the final 2 rounds, this time in mixed year groups. We spoke on issues of representation and meaning, and paradoxes surrounding majority voting in democracy systems. An award ceremony followed, and we were delighted to be placed 3rd overall. With such a high calibre of students, this was a great achievement.

Everyone involved should feel very proud of themselves; it was a very challenging event that pushed reasoning and communication skills to the max. Special note should be given to Jess Fisher in L6 who achieved the highest score of the group, gaining 85 points out of a total of 100. Giulia Binibaldi in year 13 came a close second, with 84 points, and Max Mitchell, in year 9 also did exceptionally well, picking up 75 points.

On behalf of all who competed, I'd like to thank Mrs Wreford, Mrs Marsden and Mr Dougan for not only enabling us to go, but also judging and facilitating in the event itself.

Ben Jackson, L6



TEACHING THE TEACHERS

This term for our CAS Project we three students from Year 12 (Lena Boraie, Oye Ayotomiwa and Federica Borta) decided to teach diverse aspects of our different cultures... to teachers!

The first meeting took place last Wednesday and the topic of the day was "Language". We talked about the many facets of our idioms, also in a very creative way by, for example, inventing a story to entertain the audience and help them to remember the phrases better.

The encounter was really interactive and teachers had the opportunity to learn about ways of greeting, gestures and obviously the language of other nations which are really different to each other and from England in a funny way.

Plus, the teachers had the opportunity to escape their daily reality for about an hour and go back to the time when they were the students!

This project might possibly sound a bit strange, but it was actually really fun to prepare and, in the real spirit of IB, it helped us, the students, to think outside the box and challenge ourselves in doing something we've never tried before.

For any teacher who might be interested in attending the meetings, the project will last another five meetings and we will treat every time different aspects of our cultures. Meetings will be every Wednesday at 4pm in L20.

Federica Borta
IB student



TSIMS STAND UP SPEAK OUT

The first of our Stand Up Speak Out forums took place last week and was organised by The Grange Community Committee. The event looked at a range of different contemporary societal issues including mental health stigma, pollution, poverty and hunger, renewable energy, wellbeing, and climate change. Each subject had a hands on activity that got students thinking and involved with the subject matter.

The aim of the event was for students to engage with the local community and give back in a service capacity, spreading awareness of different societal issues prevalent in contemporary society.

In one activity, students had a range of items such as water bottles, chewing gum, poly pockets and cans which they had to match with the time period it took for them to break down. This came as somewhat of a shock to the students and opened their eyes to the real need to reduce our waste.

The students also created an organic 'community' piece of artwork which they all contributed to, drawing pictures and

writing words of things that depicted strength, togetherness and hope in their communities.

The mental health activity asked pupils to anonymously write on a Post-it note about how they were feeling, and stick it on a line which ranged from good to poor mental health as to where they thought they were. This was a great activity which got students thinking about how they are feeling; it also opened up lots of really positive thoughts and discussions about how we need to talk more openly about mental health.

In the future, The Grange are hoping to invite students from across all parts of TS and also the villagers of Kingston St Mary to participate in Stand Up Speak Out forums and inspire other students, teachers and members of the wider community to open up their minds to many of today's societal issues through honest and open forums and interactive activities.



JOBS AT TAUNTON SCHOOL

We are recruiting for the following roles, amongst others. Follow the links to find out more:

[Nursery Practitioner](#)

[Head of Maths](#)

[Easter Revision Teachers](#)

[ICT Technician](#)



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TAUNTON SCHOOL 1ST XI

Taunton School 1st XI 2-2 Churchill College (3-3 AET, 4-3 to Churchill on penalties)

Goal Scorers: Max Soon, Jacob Hockey and Sammy Gazla

Man of the match: Sammy Gazla

This was the 3rd round of the Somerset Schools County Cup and Taunton were drawn against a tough Churchill opposition. In the first half there were chances at both ends of the pitch with Taunton coming close to scoring first with the ball being cleared of the line result in the goal actually moving. Churchill then took the game to Taunton towards the end of the 1st half and capitalised on that with a well taken free-kick which caught the Taunton defence on the back foot with the Churchill attacker left on his own in the box to score. 1-0 at half-time Taunton were not out of the game, but Churchill started strong again and scored early on in the second half but the boys heads did not drop. Daniel Irons who came on a second half sub made a huge impact pressuring the opposition defence and forcing them to make mistakes. Midway through the 2nd half Taunton's first came through an excellent half-volley finish around the edge of the area from Max Soon. This gave Taunton the momentum to get the second which 60 seconds late they did when Dan Irons was put through on goal, his shot was half saved by the goalkeeper and with the ball slowly travelling towards the goal line, Jacob Hockey came and smashed it over the line from 2 yards out as all good strikers do. The game went to extra-time, Churchill scored with their first attempt and looked as though it would win the game for them until a penalty was awarded to Taunton in the last minute of extra-time which Sammy Gazla coolly put away. The result had to be determined by penalties which unfortunately didn't go in Taunton's favour but a result the boys should be proud of.

TAUNTON SCHOOL 3RD

Taunton School 4-2 Blundell's

Goalscorers: Victor Venin x2, Jorge Pastor Fuentes and Alfie Leonard

Man of the match: Victor Venin

The thirds second game of the season and didn't start as well as the last, having gone 2-0 down at half time. Taunton were awarded a penalty early in the second half which Victor Venin put away and a second goal came shortly after from Jorge Pastor Fuentes with his weaker foot to everyone's surprise.

TAUNTON SCHOOL 1ST

Taunton School 3-0 Blundell's

Goalscorers: Max Soon, Jacob Hockey and Anthony Awote

Man of the match: Max Soon

0-0 at half time though we had most of the possession and chances but failed to hit the target. Second half we scored early – great shot from distance from Max which was then mopped up on the rebound by Jacob. The GK then had a howler on another long range effort from Max while Anthony took a penalty late on (!) for the 3rd. MOM – Max (goal and assist), another clean sheet for us and Jacob scored his 15th of the season (now 3rd highest scorer in our 8 season history).

TAUNTON SCHOOL 2ND

Taunton School 1-0 Blundell's

Goalscorer: Henry Woodward

Man of the match: Brody Peart

Seconds won 1 nil with a final minute last gasp winner from, debutant, Henry Woodward. In a match during which Taunton has 80%+ possession and created around 30 opportunities to score, the goal tally should have been significantly higher! Great performances from all as they sliced through the opposition with ease fully embracing the pressing tactics and enhanced passing drills from our recent training sessions. MOM was Brody Peart who was dynamic in his performance and drove much of our play. Special mention to Ian Lau, Kyle and Henry for their contributions. FOCUS for this week's training is shooting!

Taunton began to dominate the game and were given a free-kick around 30 yards from the goal which Victor took upon himself to take and managed to find the top corner and we still can't determine whether it was a cross or a shot. The fourth which killed the game off for Taunton was an excellent breakaway goal scored late on by Alfie Leonard. Another good performance from the thirds who can continue their 100% start.

TAUNTON SCHOOL 1ST XI V WARMINSTER SCHOOL

Taunton School 9-0 Warminster School

Goalscorers: Jacob Hockey x3, Matt Tucker x2, Brody Peart x2, Oscar Thomas, Dan Travers

Man of the match: Brody Peart and Matt Tucker

This was a result that didn't seem likely as Warminster started the game strong and after the first 5/10 minutes were the better team. When 2 relatively easy goals were gifted to Taunton through some handling errors made by the Warminster goalie it gave the boys the impetus to go and show their capabilities as a footballing side. The goals seemed to keep coming with the score 5-0 at half time it was well in control for Taunton and was just a case of how many could they score come the end of the 80 minutes. Special mention to Brody Peart with two excellent strikes to get his first two goals for the 1st team and also to Matt Tucker who had one of his best games of the season, picking up 2 for himself. Jacob Hockey has now moved onto 18 goals for the season, just 3 shy of Nick Crossing's record of 21 in a season. Would like to finish with a little stat for Mr Roberts who wanted to know how long it had been since the 1st team has kept 2 consecutive clean sheets, which dates back to 15th and 17th September 2016, only 77 games ago.

TAUNTON SCHOOL 2ND XI V TAUNTON SCHOOL 3RD XI

Taunton School 2nd XI 9-1 Taunton School 3rd XI

Goalscorers: Alex Yanovskiy x4, Kyle N'dori, Henry Woodward, Jacob Ferguson, Lino Goncalves, Zac Meeten as well Tyler Goosen

Man of the match: Henry Woodward

In a friendly game between the 2nds and 3rds it was relatively plain sailing for the 2's, however with a contentious penalty appeal turned down by the referee (Keith Lau) for the 3's and the score 2-0 could have resulted in a different outcome for the 3's. They did show a lot of heart and did create good chances in the first half and if taken the score line could have been a lot closer, but just wasn't meant to be for them on the day. Special mention though to Henry Woodward who played excellently assisting in at least half of the 2nd team's goals and also to Alex Yanovskiy who has now scored 12 goals in 4 games this term.

PONTISPOOL NSEA

RESULTS

80cm

FoxField shadow : clear xc and sj (21st)

Ted's Humbert : clear xc and sj (19th)

90cm

FoxField shadow : clear xc and sj (18th)

Ted's Humbert : clear xc and sj (8th)

OT HENRY GLIDDON

Old Tauntonian Henry Gliddon, who was a member of Evans House played for the 1st XV rugby team whilst here at Taunton School. Henry now represents The Royal Marines team, who recently defeated the Fleet Air Arm 32-16 and won the Naval Inter Command cup in Portsmouth.

Henry has been playing for the Navy and training in Portsmouth with the seniors this week.

RNRU Pictures by Keith Woodland



NETBALL

RESULTS 25/01/2020 V KINGSWOOD, BATH

| TEAM | RESULT | PLAYER OF THE MATCH |
|------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 3RD | D 14-14 | Kate McVicar |
| 4TH | L 11-29 | Hanna Wittek |
| 5TH | W 13-8 | Zara Oppenheim |
| U15B | L 26-31 | Bryony Griffiths |
| U15C | L 3-34 | Flo McConnell/ Aniela Cuevas |
| U15D | L 8-15 | Evie Gulliver |
| U14B | W 23-16 | Olivia Pyke |
| U14C | W 33-10 | Shailu Srithar |
| U14D | W 11-10 | Morgan Gunter |

RESULTS 01/02/2020 V TSI

| TEAM | RESULT | PLAYER OF THE MATCH |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------|
| TSI A U15C v | L 12-15 | Anna Gee |
| TSI B U14C v | W 13-8 | |

On the 1st February 2020 Foxcombe House played two netball matches against Taunton School C teams. This was the first time the international girls had had a chance to play against other girls within the school and it was a great opportunity for Foxcombe to experience competitive netball.

The matches began at 1.30pm and attracted a crowd of students from TS as well as Foxcombe and The Grange. TSI Blue team played the U15C, whilst the TSI Green team played the U14C team. By the end of the second quarter both TSI teams were down by 7 points, however both teams really upped their game and turned things around during the final two quarters.

The scores by the end of the two matches saw TSI Blue team beat the U15C team 15-12, whilst the U14C team beat TSI Green 12-8. Congratulations also to Liza and Quizel who both won Woman of the Match for their respective teams, and to Akari from TSIMS who played against Foxcombe for the TS U14C team! These internal matches were a fantastic opportunity for TS, TSI and TSIMS to integrate and learn from one another whilst having fun.

All the students from TSI thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and are very much looking forward to playing their next competitive netball match.



**RESULTS 01/02/2020 V PRIOR PARK/ MONKTON
COMBE**

| TEAM | V PRIOR PARK | V MONKTON COMBE | PLAYER OF THE MATCH |
|------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1ST | W 20-10 | W 22-6 | Martha Mileham |
| 2ND | W 19-6 | W 18-2 | Kara Klimczak-Gange/ Verity Winsor |
| 3RD | W 16-4 | W 18-4 | Flo Salter-Green/ Andrea Gilbert |
| 4TH | W 8-5 | L 9-12 | Chloe Sanderson |
| U15A | W 9-6 | D 7-7 | Emily Halliday/ Darcie Coleman |
| U15B | W 10-7 | W 18-4 | Gypsy-Grace Wood/ Florence McConnell |
| U14A | W 18-12 | W 26-0 | Charlotte Nelson |
| U14B | W 18-4 | W 18-0 | Hetty Holden/ Xavian Graham |

HOCKEY

MATCH REPORTS AND RESULTS

V KING'S COLLEGE 01/02/2020

| TEAM | RESULT |
|------|--------|
| 1ST | L 3-2 |
| 2ND | L 6-2 |
| 3RD | D 0-0 |
| 4TH | W 3-0 |
| U15A | L 5-4 |
| U15B | W 2-1 |
| U14A | L 3-1 |
| U14B | L 4-1 |

3RD XI HOCKEY

A game of two halves indeed, TS starting strongly, moving the ball fluidly and creating territorial pressure and goal scoring opportunities. A more clinical approach might have eased us into a comfortable lead. At half time, encouraging words were uttered along the lines of 'go out there and win it, bring it home for Will!' We faced a starkly different opposition in the second half –the proverbial rocket had seemingly been applied and, all of a sudden, we found ourselves hanging on for dear life and a dwindling whiff of glory. Territory was conceded, with possession, and our chances dried up. Credit is due to the boys for their stout defence under pressure and, by the final whistle, the shared points were probably a fair outcome. MVP Rupert Dean covered ground, pressured marauding opponents and rallied his teammates to be better men.

Well done to all involved.

U14B V CLIFTON

A battling display from the U14 B's with Josh Stuckey the stand out performer in defence. The U14 B's had plenty of chances but were unlucky not to convert and unfortunately went 1 goal down in the first half. The midfield of Fabian Flay, Max Mitchell and Ollie Butler worked tirelessly but were unable to break the Clifton defence.

Patrick Horsington

HOCKEY

U14 BOYS WEST PRELIM

Our boys travelled down to Canford on Wednesday for the West Prelims after finishing 3rd best placed and being invited to compete. The day started with a game v Canford which started well, competitive both ways it was Canford who took the lead. Missing a few clear cut chances the boys couldn't find the equaliser despite hammering the opposition in the second half. It was Canford who scored two quick goals in succession at the end of the second half.

Second game was v Exeter school, a slow start from the boys put them 1-0 down again and again we bounced back. The team worked really hard to try and score and got their dessert in the second half. Despite all the pressure and again many chances to score, with 5 seconds left to play Exeter countered to the other end to score with seconds to spare knocking TS out of the tournament. Well done to the boys who have worked hard and improved a lot so far this term!

Alistair Hallows

★ STUDENT SPORT SUCCESS ★



LOUISE SCHOEFFEL

Represented England against Scotland on the 2nd February 2020.



ANDREA GILBERT AND JESS FISHER

Ran PB's in the 400m at the South of England Championships.



TOM HOUGHTON-KING AND BEN CHAFFEY

"Congratulations to Tom and Ben for representing Devon against Cornwall."

BEN BAILEY, GEORGE CHARALAMBOUS AND SEBASTIAN DANDO

Congratulations to Ben Bailey, George Charalambous and Sebastian Dando who represented Somerset U17 and played one of their toughest rivalries Dorset and Wilts on the weekend. A thrilling four quarters resulted in a tight-loss, with the score finishing 25-15 in favour of Dorset and Wilts. Quality rugby was shown from both sides throughout and the spectators were most certainly filled with excitement from the very start, right to the very end.



Thomas Houghton-King and Ben Chaffey played for Devon on Sunday down in Ivybridge. Winning both games against Cornwall, the boys scored and captained the side. Tom made a great steal, then ran to score. Ben beat the defence by weaving his way through. It was a great day and the quality of rugby in both teams was exceptional."