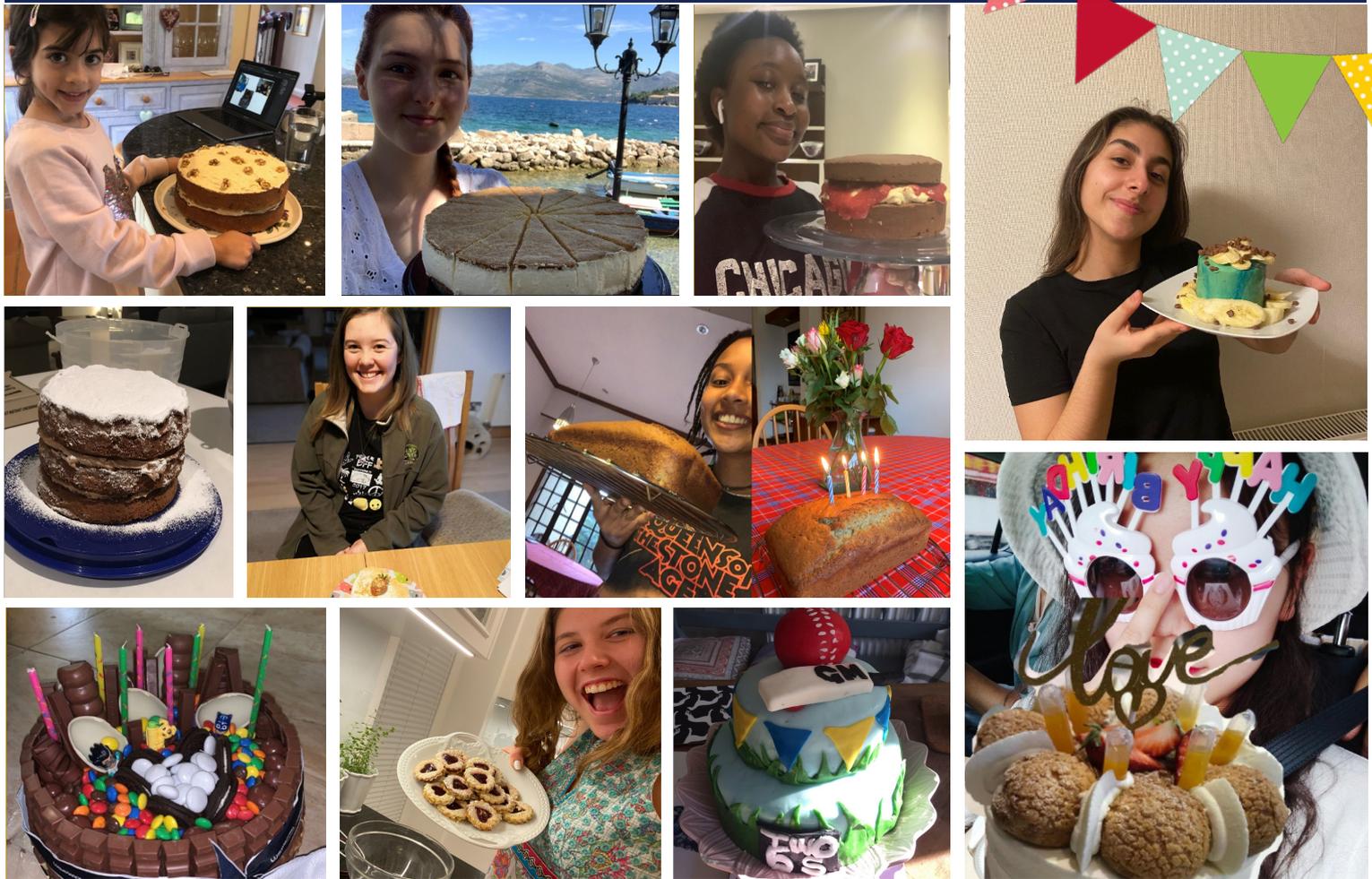




12th June 2020

#REMOTELearning

Great Woodyer Bake Off



MORE WOODYER BAKE OFF PHOTOS ON PAGE 7

In Woodyer we have been running remote 'Fun Fridays' each week, before half term we ran a really successful Bake Off challenge where the girls challenge was to bake me a Birthday Cake (big 40!)

READ MORE ON PAGE 7

More Inside

Memories Project
The Virtual Big Sleep Out

Volunteering
Virtual Cricket

...and much more

Next Senior Courier: 26th June 2020



Careers Department Summer 2020...

by Alice MacNair, Head of Careers

It has been a busy start to the summer term for the Careers Department, moving to online learning and keeping abreast of the many, rapid changes in Higher Education since lockdown started at the end of March.

We launched a diverse number of Pre-University courses for Year 13, delivered via Teams, including Life Skills for University, Gap Year Course and Law Course. Students have been able to get involved and prepare themselves for post-sixth form life through a wide variety of topics in the Life Skills modules from healthy living and financial budgeting to seizing opportunities at university.

Meanwhile UCAS 2021 has launched for Year 12 and the online provisions continue to expand and improve, with universities offering everything from virtual campus tours to online lectures and webinars. There is a huge raft of information available for prospective students and plenty of exciting opportunities to get involved with a wide variety of different subjects, from a History, Politics and Sociology Lockdown Lecture Series at the University of Warwick to the UCAS Virtual Exhibition in Engineering and Technology.

We are still delivering events and talks for students, albeit in an online capacity. We were delighted to welcome international university expert David Hawkins last week to examine international applications and this week we have Old Tauntonian Ellie Ferriman (currently undertaking an apprenticeship at Kennedys Law LLP) discussing apprenticeships. Cardiff Metropolitan University will be delivering a webinar later in June for the Enrichment Programme talking all things UCAS applications!

From online work experience programmes at InvestIn to e-mentoring at Plymouth University for students interested in health related careers, to online presentations and Q&As about life as an Army Officer, companies and industries are coming up with new and innovative ways to ensure students are still able to access opportunities. It has certainly given the Careers Department the opportunity to broaden and develop our online provisions whilst still offering independent advice and guidance to all year groups!



Taunton Independent Market



OVER 200 PRODUCTS	OVER 30 ARTISAN / INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES	DELIVERIES EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
WWW.TAUNTONMARKET.CO.UK		

★ TAUNTON ★

MARKET

Taunton School is proud to be supporters of the Taunton Independent Market. Normally held on the second Saturday of every month, this market has now adapted to add an online offering for deliveries within the wider Taunton area. Please do take some time to browse their new website and support a fantastic range of local suppliers.

Taunton School Memories Project



Remember when...

Find out more about the memories project

[Click here](#)



We're collecting memories!

A new online campaign has been launched encouraging all members of the Taunton School community – Old Tauntonians, teachers, staff and parents past and present to take part.

So far we have received some excellent responses to our questionnaire from Old Tauntonians, dating back to those who attended school here in 1944! We'd love some more stories and memories from our parents - memories of the first day of dropping children off, proudest moments and anything you'd like to share.

We are planning to use all these stories, photos and videos to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the school in two years' time. Join in!

Taunton School Foundation Team

For Parents and Staff: <https://forms.gle/x5Ame3ckepu76PDWA>

Click here for Main Website: <http://rememberwhen.tauntonschool.co.uk/>



Remember when...



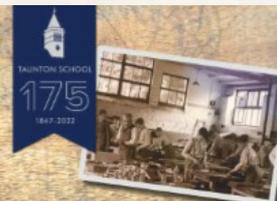
Complete our quick questionnaire



Share your Career Story with our students



Send us your memories



Together, we are Taunton School.

Raising money for LoveMusgrove

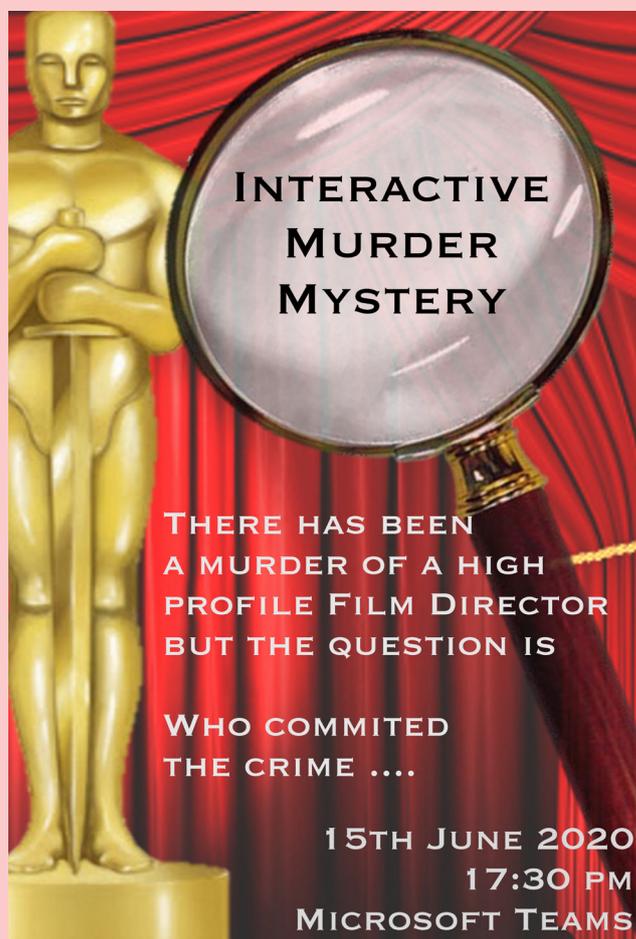


For our CAS Project as a part of the IB, Ed Cousins, Jesper Harrington, Kai Smith and I had planned to cycle around the Isle of Wight to raise money for Musgrove Park Hospital. Despite being prevented from completing the journey, we felt we still wanted to complete our initial challenge, so we decided to cycle our original routes from home. Over the Easter break, we cycled 212 kilometres as a group. We are proud to say that over £400 was raised for Love Musgrove, and we would like to extend a huge thanks to everyone in the school community who generously donated to our cause.

Dan Travers (Lower Sixth, Goodland)



Interactive Murder Mystery - Murder At The Oscars



A famous actor has been killed but whodunnit?

From Monday 8th June, The Taunton School Thespians are hosting a fun, interactive murder mystery over TEAMS. On June 8th the list of suspects and "incriminating evidence" videos went live and will be live for one week in the Team so that audience member/participants can view the evidence and start to come up with a murder suspect from the list. On Monday 15th June at 5:30pm in the same TEAM there will be a live session which incorporates monologues delivered by the victim and an opportunity to sit in on the police interviews of the suspects and even ask your own questions! After this there will be a short recess where you will get to decide on "whodunnit" and then we will go back to a live reveal of the murderer.

If you would like to be added to the TEAM so that you can join in and support the work that the students have put in over the last seven weeks in lockdown send Mrs Stamp a message in teams and she will add you to the group.

Melanie Stamp
Head of Drama and Theatre Studies



TAUNTON
SCHOOL

THE VIRTUAL BIG SLEEP OUT Friday 19th June

Get Involved...

Taunton School is delighted to once more support local Charity ARC in raising awareness and valuable funds towards the support they offer to the homeless in Somerset.

We are calling for our whole school community to get involved safely at home. See below for more information and how to register:

To Register: <https://www.arcinspire.co.uk/bigsleepout2020>

Taunton School Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tauntonschool>



Arc is a local homeless charitable organisation, supporting over 350 people per year.

Our mission is to offer supported accommodation where people can be inspired and empowered by their own strengths.

Formerly known as Taunton Association for the Homeless we have been in existence for more than 40 years, now with 15 properties housing 174 people. As well as providing accommodation Arc aims to ensure no-one has to spend more than one night homeless, with our [Outreach Team](#) working hard to support rough sleepers, getting them into accommodation as quickly as possible.

Arc understands that it is not just about having a roof over your head so we help our clients on a road to recovery, inspiring and assisting them to move forwards through a positive journey to independence.

This includes the opportunity for clients to join our in-house '[Arc Academy](#)', offering free activities and courses, alongside 1 to 1 support from our Pathway Workers. Once a client is ready we help clients move into independent accommodation with schemes such as tenant accreditation.

What is the Big Sleep Out?

The idea is for participants to sleep outside for just one night in order to raise valuable funds and awareness for the homeless. The funds raised go towards the support services Arc provides for the homeless in Somerset.

How does a virtual big sleep out work?

Participants will still sleep out but this time, you'll be sleeping out in your own outdoor space - a garden, shed, garage or even a den in your dining room if you don't

have anywhere outside (see FAQs). Set up camp with sleeping bags, roll mats and a tent if you like. Once signed up, participants will receive instructions of how to join our live stream, where we will provide you with entertainment during the evening. We'll ask you to send photos of your set ups and check in with you the next morning to see how you got on! As normal, we'll be asking participants to collect sponsorship for their challenge, raising valuable funds for the homeless.

When and Where is the Big Sleep Out?

The virtual Big Sleep Out will be held on **Friday 19th June** and will begin at 7:30PM. We will check in the next morning around 7AM to see how you got on.

As the Big Sleep Out has now turned virtual, you'll be sleeping outside in your own gardens or other alternative space - get creative!

Who can take part?

Everyone! As long as your health allows you to safely sleep outside for the night. (Although there is option to stay inside too - see our FAQs).

You can do it alone, with your family or housemates - if you live together, you can sleep outside together! Why not encourage friends to do it from their gardens too and you can all share your experiences?

We hope that as well as this being a fundraiser for Arc, it can be an 'at home activity' for you all to enjoy too. It can also be a great learning experience for children and we have many take part each year.

Team Pankaj Kenya



Due to the situation, many of Kenya's day labourers have been unable to continue their work, because of this they are now unable to feed their families and the Kenyan government has made minimal efforts to help them.

Recently I have been doing some volunteer work with Team Pankaj, a Nairobi based COVID-19 relief initiative providing food hampers for families living in the Nairobi slums. It is a team made purely of volunteers established by Mr Pankaj Shah, who at one time worked with Mother Theresa. We pack essential goods to be distributed to families in need. Bags/hampers are packed with salt, curry powder, lentils, maize flour, cooking fat, vegetable oil, soap and other essential needs. The total cost of each bag amounts to 1,5000 Kenyan shillings (the equivalent of £12) and feeds a whole family for 14 days.

If you are able to donate and help the charity to distribute hampers to more families in need, please follow the link below:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-food-to-families-in-need-with-team-pankaj?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet&fbclid=IwAR3XNYCD-BILMDVym6gX6ODt_87uX_JtjyttnFyGRNrKqLsFMqa5eAmJNnI

Makena Nesbitt



Sport Challenges

The Heads of Sport have been continuing to upload series of skill sessions and challenges on both firefly, TEAMS and on the @tauntonsports Twitter page. This week we have seen challenges such as; shoulder taps, hand-eye coordination, tap-up, passing challenges and much more.



Woodyer 'Fun Fridays'

Continued from front page... There were an amazing 30 entries altogether and some really impressive cakes, I even had one of them left on my doorstep to taste which was a lovely surprise!

Jennie Windsor, Woodyer House Mistress



Modified Triathlon For Charity

I plan to do a charity event to collect money for children in need here in Germany. The money is intended for a children's hospice and the Patsy&Michael Hull Foundation, which is working for the inclusion of disabled children via sports and dance. As I am living in the UK most time of the year and already have experienced a lot of friendship, support and integration here I would like to give back and support the British people by fundraising for the NHS.

On the 2nd of July I will do a modified triathlon consisting of a 10km swim, after which I will ride my bike to a gym in the City of Osnabrueck for another 10km, followed by a 10km row and a 10km run.

For donations supporting the NHS I have already set up a fundraising page reachable under <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathan-turck>, every small amount is helpful and appreciated.

Jonathan Turck



Patsy & Michael
Hull Foundation e.V.



Löwenherz
Kinderhospiz | Jugendhospiz
Ambulante Kinderhospizarbeit

Who wants to be a Quillionaire?

Keep a look out on the English Department Teams for the weekly challenge!



Quillionaires' Challenge for Weeks 4-5

'Articles of Faith'

"Description is itself a kind of travel"
(Mark Doty, 'Two Ruined Boats' from Atlantis)

Simple ordinary everyday objects and items can lead to extraordinary writing, so this week's challenge is to choose an ordinary household item or object and write a poem about it...

For example, a pepper grinder might become armless women who screams when their heads are twisted...a cheese grater becomes a steel wall of tears...a light bulb the lost eye of a Cyclops...

Let your imagination run wild...Once you have drafted an idea you may want to try telling the poem from a different perspective - perhaps the viewpoint of the object itself. Then send your best poem in by **no later than 6pm on Monday 15th**.

TS English Department

How to submit:

All submissions please to be sent as a Word Document to: alex.carter@tauntonschool.co.uk (formerly Ms Cutts). Feel free to ask Miss Carter or any of the English Department on the Teams Chat page (or via email) if you have any questions or would like more details.

Please note: Only complete, edited and spell-checked submissions will be accepted and entries must be sent before the weekly closing date. No late entries will be accepted. Anonymous responses are also welcome for the more shy amongst you...

Sport Sessions: Phased Return

This week has seen the return of sport sessions at the school under the strict guidelines set out by the National Governing Bodies for each relevant sport. We are offering group sessions and one to one sessions in cricket, tennis, hockey, rugby conditioning and the performance programme (outdoors). The first "games" lessons of the school term were in full swing yesterday and it was lovely to hear laughter, see the smiles and also hear the coaches voices in action as the sessions went on..... Not even the rain could dampen any spirits of either student or coach.

Students in the senior school can sign up to the group sessions via the SOCS link that they use for co-curricular programme each term and they can contact the relevant Head of Sport for one to one sessions. Parents and students should have received an instruction sheet about the need to follow certain guidelines which we have needed to put in place to ensure we minimise any risks, please ensure you have read these.

As you can imagine, the limit on numbers makes the offer more restrictive than we would like, but if there are any individual concerns or queries, please do contact me directly on hayley.mortimer@tauntonschool.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing more students next week!

Hayley Mortimer, Director of Co-Curricular



HAVE A STORY?

Let the Courier teams know!

Email the Senior Courier:

senior.courier@tauntonschool.co.uk

Email the Prep Courier:

tpscourier@tauntonschool.co.uk



Virtual World Of Cricket

The frustration of the weather having been the best spring and summer for a long time was not missed in the cricketing community. It has added to the frustration even though it has allowed ground staff at all levels to prepare pitches in case there is a move back to playing matches. This is not imminent at the moment apart from in international cricket. Being able to use nets at their clubs has been a welcome relief for many and I have visited some sessions to observe what players have been doing. If anyone has sessions where they might want a visit let me know and I will see what I can arrange.

Until the recent change in being able to use nets, the lack of physical activity players have been able to be involved in has not dampened the players' spirits too much and there has been outstanding engagement into individual and group discussions. Most recently the seniors, juniors and prep school pupils debated the 100 competition and other cricketing topics like the Hales not being selected.

Before half term all groups across senior and prep schools were ahead of the ECB as they went through a team selection process where individual players could only play Test matches, One Day Internationals or T20 matches as matches would be at the same time. Other selection challenges were to select teams under a budget or draft process from the best international players. The panel of Mr Pring, Mr Gallimore, Mr Godfrey, Mr Trescothick and myself judged the best teams. In these sessions the normally affable Mr Trescothick turned into a curt commentator, as he

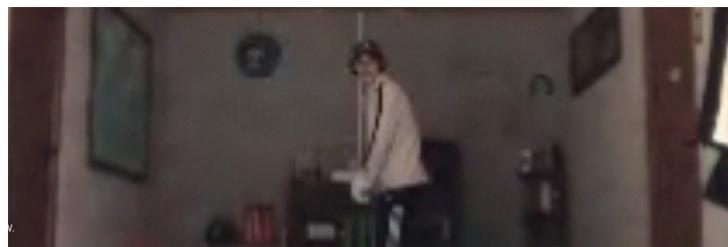
grilled the respective selectors. Well done to the winning groups. Another discussion was on what attributes professional cricketers required and we used Tom Abell as an example. The group didn't know that after the first part of the discussion he was going to join the chat which definitely brought a different dimension to the conversation.

As well as the discussions there has been weekly quizzes on various topics; laws of cricket, dismissals, tactical decisions, Mr Trescothick's career, Emojis of Taunton School pupils/staff and Who Am I? These can be found in the cricket section on firefly and more will follow until the end of term, please have a go and let me know the results.

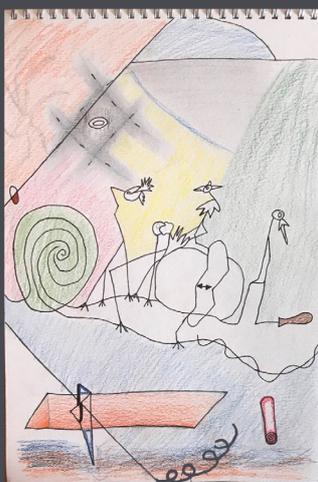
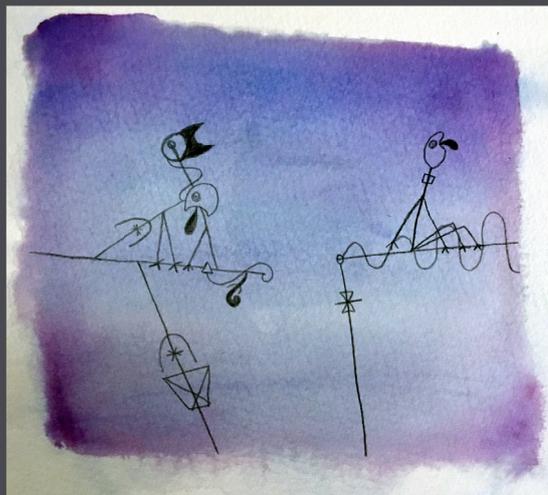
Lastly, I have thoroughly enjoyed creating challenges for pupils from Reception class up to Year 13 to do at home. However, the real challenge was in the creation of the tasks as this has tested my imagination, which is not always great! However, the real pleasure comes in seeing those pupils who take on the challenges and either send the videos or talk about in the online conversations.

On behalf of Mr Trescothick, other cricketing staff and myself I sincerely want to thank all the students for their engagement in the virtual world of cricket.

Pete Sanderson, Director of Cricket



#TSArtChallenge



Daily Drawing Challenge No.39

Study Paul Klee's 'Twittering Machine' from 1922 and draw your own version.

Entries from Tilly Jacoby-Kelly, Emily Hauxwell, Jana Boraie, Fliss Gostling, Fabian Flay, Orlando Cairns, Toby Lewis and Lily Lucas (Year 9).

Find us on Twitter:
@TSArtDepartment
#TSArtChallenge #TSDrawingChallenge



Paul Klee 'Twittering Machine' 1922



#TSArtChallenge

Daily Art Challenge

Find a new challenge each day on twitter...

@TSArtDepartment

No specialist knowledge or materials required

Tag us in your entries using:
#TSArtChallenge #TSDrawingChallenge
#ArtTherapy #ArtIsTherapeutic

