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TAUNTON SCHOOL

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MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

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Congratulations to students Daisy Hickson and Hetty Christopher who have been crowned Young Musician and Junior Musician of the Year at the Taunton Festival of the Arts.

It is the first time in the competition's long history that a school has had winners in both categories. No other school has had students in both categories claiming first place in this competition, which is recognised as the only major music competition in the South West.

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CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

COVID-19 statement from Lee Glaser

We want to reassure you that our primary concern is the protection and wellbeing of everyone here – pupils and staff.

The spread of coronavirus, and how best to tackle it, is of worldwide concern. We are closely following medical advice – all of our procedures are in line with the specific guidance issued by Public Health England.

We continue to keep the situation under review. As far as possible, we aim to ensure continuity of education and pastoral care for our pupils, and will keep you updated on any further developments.

We have set out a number of frequently asked questions below, together with our responses to them, but if you still have any specific concerns please let us know and we will do our best to address them.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

Helpline

The Department of Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

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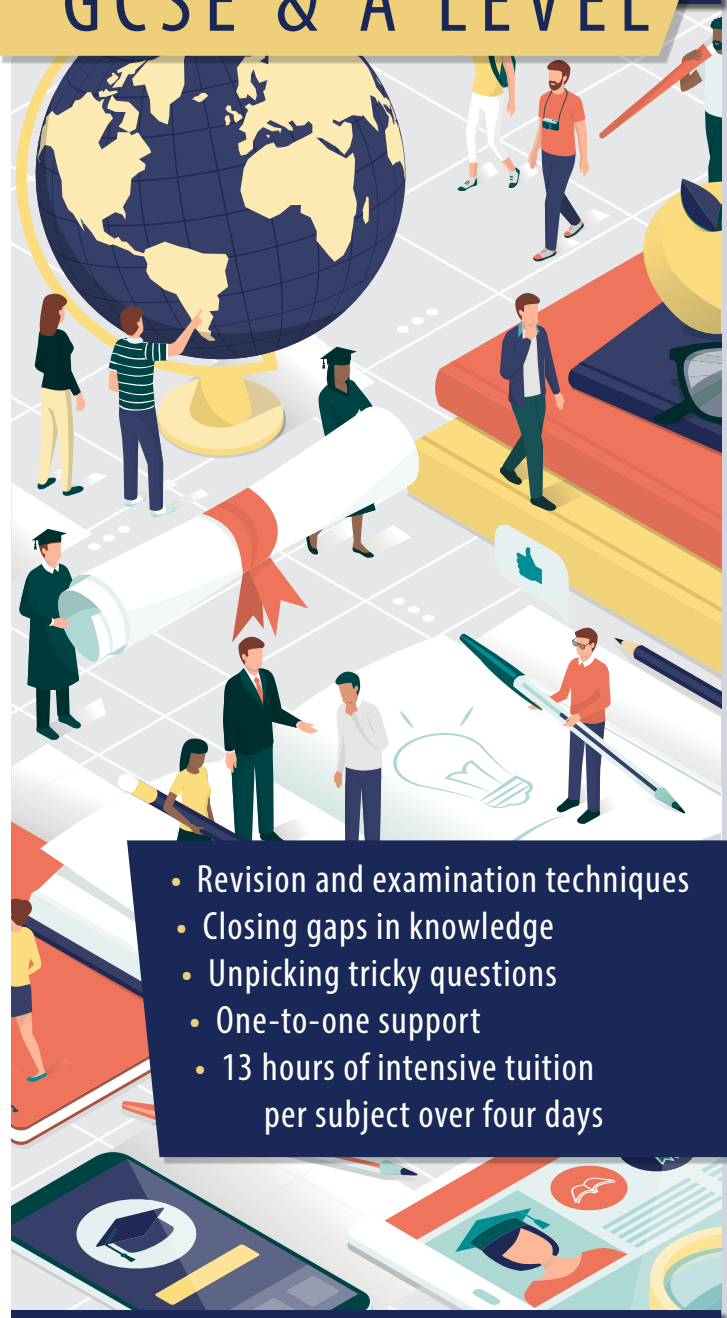
EASTER REVISION COURSES

GCSE & A LEVEL



- Revision and examination techniques
- Closing gaps in knowledge
- Unpicking tricky questions
- One-to-one support
- 13 hours of intensive tuition per subject over four days

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www.tauntonschool.co.uk/easterrevision

It won't be long before the Easter break is upon us and tired students can be left with the worrying thought of how to organise their revision time over the Easter break.

After planning a time-table, one of the most difficult tasks can be actually getting started! Working alone can feel very challenging, particularly for the type of learner who benefits from working with a teacher and other students in a structured learning environment.

The Easter Revision Courses are well-run and have a proven track record of success. They can make a real difference to many students' GCSE and A level results by providing an intensive study programme focused on exam revision techniques, and top-quality teaching. Our aim is to provide students with the skills to unpick tricky examination questions, and close the gaps in essential knowledge.

With a broad range of subjects on offer, students are able to combine either one or two subjects on the first course with additional choices on the second course. The teaching of each subject is adapted to suit the needs of the students in the class whilst taking into account the examination boards and any areas of particular concern. Our aim is for each student to reach or exceed their target grades in the Summer examinations.

The introductory workshop on the first day of each course focuses on study skills, revision planning and strategies to deal with stress and well-being. The Revision Courses are challenging so we like to keep the students rewarded with some tasty snacks in both morning and afternoon breaks and a healthy lunch, too.

To register your interest or to request an application form please email revisioncourses@tauntonschool.co.uk or phone 01823 703224.

Suzette Youngs
(Easter Revision Course Director)

...STUDENTS STEAL THE SHOW

Year 11 student Daisy Hickson wowed the judges with her stunning performances on clarinet. She played the technically demanding "Dance Preludes" by Lutoslawski and "Viktor's Tale" by John Williams, securing 1st place as Taunton Young Musician of the Year.

In the Junior Musician category (for 13 years and under), Year 9 student Hetty Christopher topped the leaderboard with her incredible performances of "Legende" by Enescu and Arutiunian's "Concert Scherzo".

A number of students from Taunton School entered the competition and a notable mention must also be made to Year 11 student George Knowles who claimed fourth place (highly commended) for his tuba solo in a very high standard category.

Director of Music, Mark Cracknell, commented: "I am delighted that the hard work and dedication of Hetty and Daisy to their musical pursuits has been recognised by the Taunton Young Musician Competition. We are very proud of all our music scholars, all of whom are making excellent progress and taking advantage of the many opportunities available through the Taunton School Music Department. We pride ourselves on aiming for the highest musical standards for all pupils, whilst encouraging everyone to participate and gain an experience of the wonderful positive power of music. Having the winners of both the Senior and Junior competitions shows the strength and quality of the musical provision here."

ST DAVIDS DAY AT WEIRFIELD

As a boarding house made up of girls from all over the world we endeavour to celebrate as many national events as possible throughout the year. We have already celebrated Chinese Spring Festival and Mardi Gras but last Sunday celebrated a national day a bit closer to home, St David's Day.

St David is the patron saint of Wales and so we decided to have a go at making 'Welsh Cakes' which aren't really cakes at all! Made from flour, sugar, butter and sultanas, they are cooked on a griddle in a similar way to scones and crumpets. The girls enjoyed making them almost as much as eating them!

Laura Brayley, Weirfield House Parent

TAUNTON SCHOOL

PROUDLY PRESENTS

Choral CONCERT

John Rutter *Magnificat*
John Williams *Viktor's Tale*
Ralph Vaughan Williams *Oboe Concerto*

Saturday 14th March at 7:00pm
Taunton School Chapel

Taunton School Community Choir, accompanied by a professional orchestra, perform John Rutter's *Magnificat*, alongside performances by the winners of the Concerto Competition, Daisy Hickson and Daniel Lloyd-Jones.

Refreshments on arrival.

TS HEADS UP ON... ROSSLYN PARK

At the end of the spring term, as has become tradition, four of our rugby sevens teams (U13, U14, U16 and U18) will enter the prestigious Rosslyn Park HSBC National Schools Sevens tournament.

The tournament has been held in London every year since 1939, making it not only the one of the oldest sevens tournaments, but now the biggest sevens tournament in the world!

Initially a knock-out competition for public schools, as interest grew, entry to the tournament was extended to include grammar, comprehensive and preparatory schools. A subsequent format change to pool groups ensured no junior school played fewer than three matches and no senior school fewer than four matches.

Many professionals had their first taste of competitive rugby at the competition. In 1966, Welsh rugby legend, Gareth Edwards, was a member of the winning Millfield team. The following year, Keith Jarrett, another Welsh rugby league and rugby union international, played for Monmouth School and, just a month later, he scored 19 points for Wales against England. More recently, Rob Andrew, ex-English international and former Professional Rugby Director at the RFU, and Rory Underwood, ex-England international, played in the same Barnard Castle side.

Last year, our U18 team won their group and qualified for the next day becoming one of the last 36 teams in the competition. Unfortunately a well-organised Exeter School came up on top in the first game of our quarter final, but the boys managed to finish on a positive note by drawing against a very physical Wallington County Grammar School.

Our U16 team also won their pool stage, but the rules changed last year, and the boys had to win an elimination match against Barnard Castle School to go through. Our players fought very hard throughout the day and took every opportunity, but Barnard Castle School converted our mistakes into tries and won the match by a very small margin.

Our U14 team squad nearly achieved their goal, but unfortunately the boys missed qualifying for the next day by just one place.

Since the beginning of the term, our players have prepared themselves well with just one focus: get ready for Rosslyn Park! In just over one weeks' time, our sevens teams will begin their journey to London full of excitement ready to challenge strong oppositions like Oakham School and Bradford Grammar School. This is a fantastic way to finish our sevens season and to represent Taunton School on a national stage.

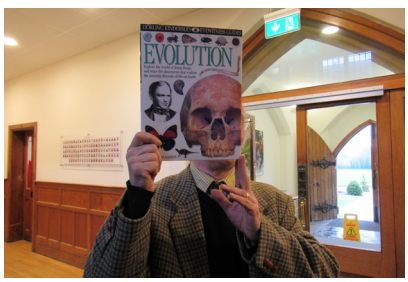
Good luck to all of them!

Nicolas Sestaret,
Director of Rugby

BOOK-FACE FUN

Dozens of staff and students participated in a photo-shoot with a difference to celebrate World Book Day on 5th March 2020.

Amanda Lockwood,
Librarian



LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVE

The History Department took all of Year 9 to visit the SS Great Britain in Bristol over the past couple of weeks. Designed by the magnificently named Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the ship was by far the largest vessel afloat at the time of her launch in 1843, carrying passengers to destinations all around the world including USA and Australia. After being towed back in 1970 from the Falkland Islands where she had been ignominiously scuttled, the SS Great Britain was returned to the Bristol dry dock where she was built. She is now an award -winning visitor attraction and museum ship.

The Taunton School students enjoyed exploring the wonderfully renovated ship, contrasting the relative luxury of first class with the basic and cramped conditions of steerage and encountering a room smelling of sick and another with a man unfortunately trapped in a toilet. The initial suspicion was that he was self-isolating but the truth is that he has been there for many years now. The realities of C19th travel on the ocean wave were conveyed through the detailed re-creations of, inter alia, the surgeon's and captain's quarters, a woman giving birth and two others fighting.

Meanwhile, in the museum, the highly motivated academics of Year 9 competed furiously for prizes in the quiz competition; they now know their staghorn cleats from their buttstraps. Several also made the most of the opportunity to dress up in period costume with Ben Redrup beating Elle, Chloe and Bella for the award of most convincing Victorian matriarch.

Mark Chatterton, Head of History

JOBS AT TAUNTON SCHOOL

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

School Chaplain

Bank Nursery Staff

Learning Support Teacher

School Keeper

5 NEW SMILES FOR SMILE TRAIN

The students at TSIMS rallied together this term to support a tutor group fund-raising effort for the international charity, Smile Train. TSIMS students raised a total of £968 by celebrating St Valentine's day with a rose. Their generosity was astounding – over 550 roses were bought and delivered across all parts of the school with a simple message of respect or friendship. After costs, a final profit of £750 has been donated to the Smile Train, meaning that 5 children will have their lives changed forever!

This remarkable charity operates a sustainable model of training local doctors and surgeons to perform the simple yet often unaffordable procedure of repairing a child's cleft lip or palate. For only £150 a quick operation can repair the gap in the lip or palate, leading to a forever smile and a new lease of life for a child and all the family.

Thank you to all the TSIMS students for all your generosity and the team-spirit that you showed in working together to make this happen.

Mrs Youngs

For more information or to book your tickets visit:

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tauntonschool

For more information or to sign up email:

Andy.Yiu2@tsmail.co.uk

CCF BIENNIAL INSPECTION

Last Friday, Taunton School CCF had its Biennial Inspection under the watchful eye of reviewing officer, Colonel Ashley Fulford. Colonel Fulford is currently in post as Colonel Cadets at HQSW and has over 40 years' experience in the Cadet Force, where he began as a Cadet himself in Devon ACF. The day began with a formal Parade (in the rain, as become the norm recently). Colonel Fulford was joined by the Headmaster and Major Pring for the Inspection of the Cadets and the Honour Guard. Following the Inspection, the presentation of the Goodson Sword was made to Barney Dietz for his commitment and the leadership he has shown over the past two years.

Following the parade, Cadets began their activities which include Climbing, Skill at Arms, Knot tying, Rocket Design, Drumming and First Aid. Colonel Fulford was impressed with the range of activities we could offer and the knowledge of the adult instructors as well as the engagement of the Cadets in what they were doing. The afternoon finished with a blank firing demonstration from the Senior Army Cadets who performed an excellent section attack on two enemy positions. Throughout the afternoon the Cadets were a credit to the CCF and the school and I look forward to seeing what else they can achieve in the future.

Major Andrew Pring

SPRING DATES

Saturday 14 March

Netball National Schools Final (A)
English Schools Cross Country (A) (Liverpool)
8:30am - 8:55am Scholars' Programme (Academic, Art, Drama, DT, Music & Sport) (Theatre, Chapel & Departments)
2:00pm - 4:00pm Basketball v Queen's College (H) (Sports Hall)
2:00pm - 5:00pm Boys' Hockey v Wellington (H) 1 2 3 U15B (A) U15A U14A U14B (depart 12:45pm)
2:00pm - 4:00pm Junior House Netball (H) U15 U14
2:15pm - 4:45pm Netball v Exeter School (A) 1 2 3 (depart 12:45pm)
2:30pm - 5:00pm Football v King's College (A) 1 2 3 (depart 1:10pm)
7:00pm - 9:00pm Choral Concert (Chapel

Sunday 15 March

11:00am - 1:00pm Boarders' Brunch
Boarders' Activity - High Ropes at Vivary Park (WD)

Monday 16 March

8:30am - 8:55am Chapel - Hymn Practice: Mr Cracknell (Chapel)
9:30am - 4:00pm ESU Performing Shakespeare Area Final (Theatre, Drama Studio, Clark Centre Studio)
11:20am - 9:00pm Chapel Choir - Evensong (Christchurch, Oxford)
1:15pm - 3:15pm Year 13 BTEC SES Primary School Outreach Football and Netball Tournament
6:30pm - 8:00pm Scholars' Performance Challenge Evening (Theatre)

Tuesday 17 March

8:30am - 8:55am Chapel - Hymn Practice: Mr Cracknell (Chapel)
11:20am - 12:35pm Senior House Hockey
4:00pm - 5:00pm Senior House Netball
4:00pm - 5:00pm Senior House Hockey
4:00pm - 5:00pm Year 9 and 10 Enrichment
6:30pm - 7:30pm Geography House Quiz

Wednesday 18 March

ABRSM Music Exams (GWR)
8:30am - 8:55am HM Assembly (Chapel)
9:40am - 1:00pm Year 12 UCAS Higher Education Exhibition (Exeter West Point)
4:00pm - 6:00pm Football v Wellington School (H) 2 (A) 1 3 (depart 3:45pm)
4:00pm - 5:15pm Football v Blundell's (H) U15
5:05pm - 5:30pm Tea-Time Concert * (GWR)
5:15pm - 6:30pm Netball Dinner

Thursday 19 March

See End of Term Programme
8:30am - 9:30am HM Assembly (Chapel)
4:00pm - 5:00pm Year 11 Enrichment
4:00pm - 5:00pm Sixth Form Enrichment - Save the Children: Daria Shaw (Theatre)
6:00pm - 8:00pm Year 10 and 12 Parent-Teacher-Tutor Consultations

Friday 20 March

Vernal Equinox
8:30am End of Term Assembly (Chapel)
3:05pm Term ends
3:30pm - 5:30pm Year 10 and 12 Parent-Teacher-Tutor Consultations

CCF ARMY SECTION VISIT BARRACK RANGE

On Sunday 1st March, the Army Section of Taunton School CCF went to Norton Manor camp to use the their 25m Barrack Range. This gave the cadets the opportunity to fire the 5.56mm GP Rifle with live ammunition, in some cases for the first time. In the morning we concentrated on the 4 Marksmanship principles and getting everyone to pass the basic shoot by firing 4 x 5 rounds groups under 50mm (harder than it sounds!). All having completed this, we were able to move on to firing from the seated position, not loved by many, and the kneeling position. This enabled the cadets to experience something that few do but to better understand how the marksmanship principles can still be applied correctly. The day ended with a competition between the staff and the cadets which was won by Tom Yap.

An excellent day which we hope to run again in the future.

Major Andrew Pring

CANDLE CONFERENCE

Is God necessary? Can God be known through religious experience? Do religious experiences prove the existence of God? Is morality relative, or are moral laws absolute? Can injustice in this life be made up for through an afterlife? These are just some of the philosophical enquires our A Level Religious Studies students encountered at the recent Candle Conference led by Dr Peter Vardy.

Having embarked upon their existential journey within RS A Level, our students have become accustomed to the uncomfortable yet necessary requirement to continually examine the underlying assumptions they hold, and face the inevitable paradigm shifts which occur through the development of metacognition. Attending this conference gave our students the opportunity to delve deeper into the philosophical underpinnings of ethical theories surrounding moral law, and to consider whether ethical theories which rest upon a theistic faith, hold any sway in the realms of within the secular society that we live in.

Mabel Pyne, who attended the conference, summed up her experience as follows: "As a group of five a-level philosophy students we had the incredible opportunity to listen to Peter Vardy at one of his candlelight conferences. This is the second time I have listened to him and he was even better the second time around. We started the conference by talking about revelation, a very interesting topic which includes ideas on religious experiences and key philosophers including Rudolf Otto and William James. This was followed by Vardy discussing the difficult question of "Is God necessary?" bringing in St. Thomas Aquinas followed by Kant's criticisms. We then discussed moral law and whether or not it is absolute and the absolute moral systems of Kantianism, Situation ethics and Divine Command Theory. Lastly, there was a debate in which the audience could participate, the premise being "This house believes injustice in this life cannot be made up for through an afterlife". It was interesting to hear the views of so many people, and between the five of us we all had different ideas and reasons for agreeing or disagreeing, making for a very interesting debate! All in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable and helpful day enlightening us on many different philosophical views. A massive thank you to Mrs Wreford and Mr Dougan who took the time to take us on this trip." Mabel Pyne, U6, Bevan.

Fiona Wreford
Head of Philosophy, Religion and Ethics

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HAVE A STORY?

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LISK QUIZ TRIUMPH FOR MARSHALL

By the narrowest of margins – a single point – Marshall won the Lisk History Quiz trophy for the third time, beating the holders, Goodland, into second place. Good, but not quite good enough for Mr. Godfrey's boys. Fourteen teams and over eighty competitors took part, displaying varying degrees of knowledge and expertise but all knowing that it is the taking part that counts.

The Lisk Committee masterminded this fine event, devising the questions and deploying a strict system of monitoring somewhat reminiscent of Napoleonic France, albeit with sartorial differences: points were deducted for heinous crimes such as not having a pen and littering but, pleasingly, no team fell foul of the no mobile phones rule. It evidently is possible to live without devices for an hour.

As for the Committee's attire, this gilded elite certainly dressed for the occasion. Herald, Dom Murphy, ably conducted proceedings after Sir Oliver, the Lisk knight, had laid down the famous Lisk gauntlet to the teams. Demi was, by common consent, one of the finest Lisk haggises, Jack was a convincing Tudor fop, Ben Mouzouri's colouring and costume made him a natural Highlander, Tamsin was a kind of Carol Vorderman without the Maths, while Shrey – dashing with his red coat and wild hair – ably, so he says, kept the scores ticking over on the state of the art Bray scoreboard.

The trophy was presented by Oom Samie, himself a redoubtable quizzer, who had once again generously stood aside to allow others the opportunity to win. All in all a memorable evening where history was the winner.

Don't just learn it: live it!

Mark Chatterton
Head of History

TAUNTON SCHOOL COMMUNITY

TAUNTON SCHOOL PRESENTS

THE ROARING TWENTIES LEAVERS' BALL

• Friday 3rd July 2020 •

Somerset County Cricket Club • From 7pm

Ticket: **£65** per person

Price includes:
- Three course dinner with wine
- Live music and dancing
- Photographer and photo booth
- Magician
- Casino
- Ice-cream stall
- Raffle

Dress code: 1920s theme/black tie. Prizes for the best dressed!

All proceeds to go to The **Love Musgrove** campaign for Musgrove Hospital and the Foundation which helps children access an education at Taunton School.

To book visit **www.ticketsource.co.uk/tauntonschool**
For further information please call **01823 703 143**

Tickets available on a first come first served basis. Places are limited due to popular demand. Ticket price can be deducted from fees.

SPORT

KSEC ARENA EVENTING HICKSTEAD QUALIFIER

Well done to the Equestrian team for great results at the KSEC Arena Eventing Hickstead Qualifier.

Class 1 – TPS & TS team came 3rd: Emily Miller, Tilly Jacoby-Kelly, Zoe Trembath & Laura Trembath

Class 2 – TPS & TS team came 1st: Hetty Holden, Fliss Gostling, Emily Miller, Till Jacoby-Kelly (Emily Miller 5th as individual)

Class 3 – Fliss Gostling 4th as individual

Class 4 – Fliss Gostling 5th as individual

HOCKEY

RESULTS V BLUNDELL'S- 29/02/2020

TEAM	RESULT
1STS	**W 6-1**
2NDS	**W 3-1**
3RDS	**W 3-1**
U15A	**D 1-1**
U15B	**W 6-1**
U14A	**D 1-1**
U14B	W 3-2

3RD XI V BLUNDELL'S

Travelling into hail, snow, rain and strong winds we wondered what the afternoon might bring in terms of conditions. As can be the case at this time of year, we moved swiftly from blue skies and sunshine into a few minutes of foul, cold wintery hail before ending the game in almost summery skies and sunshine.
Against a less confident opposition we were afforded more time and space, especially in the first half, to put into practice many of the skills and tactical approaches that we have developed during the season. We scored three well-constructed and/or executed goals in the first half (Halliday, Richards and Tyler) and so could perhaps be forgiven for taking our feet off the gas, such was our early dominance.

The Blundell's boys stuck gamely to their task and scored the only goal of the second half, our concentration seemingly more significantly affected by the weather. All in all an encouraging team performance.

Man of the Match – Dom Murphy (midfield general)

RESULTS V SHERBORNE- 07/03/2020

TEAM	RESULT
3RDS	L 6-3
4THS	D 1-1
U16S v Sixth Form	W 3-1
U15A	W 3-2
U15B	W 5-0
U14A	L 5-4
U14B	W 3-1

V SHERBORNE

Despite a couple of games being cancelled by the opposition the boys still managed to get out and play 6 matches V Sherborne. The 1sts and 2nds enjoyed an now annual competition between U16s V Sixth Form, a thrilling game where the U16s took the victory in the inaugural FowerakerAbell Clash. The rest of the games provided some excellent performances, the highlight game for me was the U14A match, which was highly competitive and one for the fans! A nine goal thriller that unfortunately TS found themselves on the wrong end of, some excellent hockey played by both sides, the U14A had chances to win but couldn't finish them.

The game was a good display of hockey and was well umpired by previous HOH Mr Declan Rogers!

Well done all!

Mr Foweraker

BASKETBALL

RESULTS

01/02/2020

Taunton School	65
King's College	53

29/02/2020

Taunton School	79
Sherborne School	25

07/03/2020

Taunton School	54
West Buckland	54

Extra time:

Taunton School	61
West Buckland	66

NETBALL

RESULTS V WEST BUCKLAND- 29/02/2020

TEAM	RESULT	PLAYER OF THE MATCH
1STS	**W 50-29**	Zoe Shadlock
2NDS	**W 30-13**	Matilda Clarke/ Lucy Beresford
3RDS	**W 20-12**	Kate McVicar/ Imogen Walden
4THS	**L 10-17**	Fran Leonard
5THS	**W 10-8**	Zara Oppenheim
U15A	**L 16-20**	Julia Louw
U15B	**W 11-10**	Sophie Austin/ Ailani Braine-Clarke
U14A	**W 6-2**	Charlotte Nelson
U14B	**D 6-6**	Eva-Bibba Wilbourn
U14C	**W 12-4**	Jess Oppenheim
U14D	**W 4-3**	Lola Fineberg

RESULTS V KING'S COLLEGE- 07/03/2020

TEAM	RESULT	PLAYER OF THE MATCH
1STS	**W 26-9**	Freya Chandler
2NDS v Their 1STS	**L 18-19**	Verity Winsor
3RDS	**L 26-28**	Joleigh Roberts
4THS	**L 17-25**	Alice Searle
5THS	**L 15-22**	Georgia Imm
U15A	**W 31-14**	Ellie Trescothick
U15B	**W 23-17**	Helen Hounslow
U15C	**W 25-8**	Aniela Curvas
U14A	**W 27-9**	Nola Fisher
U14B	**W 16-14**	Jytte Lundehn/ Olivia Pyke
U14C	**W 24-6**	Akari Usami

COUNTY CUP TOURNAMENT

U15 COUNTY CUP NETBALL

It was a convincing start in the first game against Bruton School for Girls. The team were not really challenged in the first half and were able to dominate in both ends resulting in a score of 10 - 0 at half term. Bruton responded and upped their game in the second half and the shooters had to vary their play in the shooting circle to ensure it was not predictable. The games finished 14 - 1 to Taunton.
The second game against King's Bruton was more closely fought with both teams making some silly mistakes at times and the first half finishing 7 - 3. In the second half the Taunton defensive partnership proved to be extremely effective in applying pressure and intercepting passes into the circle. The final score was 10 - 5 to Taunton.
In the third game against Haygrove School, Taunton started rather complacently and the half time score of 6 - 2 does not really reflect how close the match actually felt. Following a few positional changes, the girls found their stride again and finished the game 10 - 3.

Taunton started strongly in their semi-final against Queen's. Their quick play gave little opportunity for the opposition to defend but both teams made repeated mistakes with their footwork, which was frustrating to watch. The semi-final finished 11-2 to Taunton.
In the final, Taunton were once again drawn against King's Bruton. There were still a few issues with discipline in this game and at times the scores were very close but the Taunton team could not be faulted for their desire to chase and hunt down every ball and it is this desire which undoubtedly resulted in the win. The final score was 8-5.

A huge well done to the team for a successful afternoon of netball and for retaining the U15 County Cup!

Squad; Darcie Coleman, Emily Halliday, Julia Louw, Ellie Trescothick, Amelia Mukamitali, Charlotte Nelson, Bella Wells, Elle Marsden, Zara Pitman.

Player of the tournament: Ellie Trescothick.

Lyndsay White

U19 COUNTY CUP NETBALL

This week saw the final tournament for the U19 squad, aiming to become County Cup Winners and retain the trophy. Having a league format, meant the focus was on winning all the matches to ensure the win, as there was no knockout stage to this style of competition. An extremely talented squad of 11, meant that there was opportunity for everyone to mark their mark when they had the opportunity to take to the court. The squad, never a fan of playing outdoors, enjoyed the nice weather with a bit of sunshine, but also a bit of a cross court wind, which needed to be considered throughout.

A dominant start from the outset, against Wellington saw the team take the win 14-1, with a focus of just needing to hold the drive and adjust the timing, gave the squad a positive start, following straight into a match with Wells Cathedral (our nemesis from the National Schools competition), but this was never in doubt finishing off the game at 11-4 winners. The next round saw us play against King's, a team that the Saturday previously we beat comfortably, for whatever reason, we could not just get into our grove, dominating the match yes, but not taking responsibility for individual roles or the discipline of performance meant it felt pressurised and lack lustre. Fortunately, they worked through it to score in the final seconds of the game to take a 11-10 win. A little bit of work required as a squad, saw a totally team take to the court both against Richard Huish and King's Bruton, a much higher intensity and a much higher focus, saw Taunton take the games from the first whistle and play at the level we have come to expect from this group of young ladies wining 17-5 and 15-5 showing some top quality netball.

All of the players within the squad made an impact towards the outcomes, and it has been a delight to work with this talented squad, if not difficult at times to work out who should be on the court. Well done to all of them! One more match to go!!

Squad: Daisy West (Captain), Ruby Cooney, Freya Chandler, Zoe Shadlock, Hetty James, Tia Chaloner, Eloise Winsor, Martha Mileham, Isla May, Flora Collier, Leila Fisher

Player of the tournament: Isla May, Martha Mileham

Hayley Mortimer,
Director of Co-Curricular

RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT

At 7am, the tournament was still very uncertain due to the pitch condition but we decided to go ahead.

Our U18's opening game was against Queen's College. After a nervous start Tyler Goosen was the first to cross the try line. Our strong shape in defence prevented Queen's scoring and we won 38pts-0. Our second game was against Exeter School. Our team linked better in attack than in the first match and capitalised their effort by scoring 4 wonderful tries. It was our second success of the day. Our third match was against a well-organised Welsh team named Glantaf School. For the first time in the competition we were behind 12pts-7 at half time. Too many mistakes and silly errors were costly and the final score was 26pts17 to them.
Our final pool stage match was against a strong and powerful Canford team who won the tournament later on in the day. The match was to prove our toughest game and we ended up losing by only one point 21pts-22. Unfortunately Canford proved to be far more superior and played sevens the way it should be played, letting the ball do the work and using all of the space on the field.

The Shield final was our last game against local team King's College. We went down two tries early on due to a lack of fitness and we didn't finish off our opportunities which made it harder to win. King's College were the better team on the day, well deserving their victory. A great display of sevens played all day and big credit to the players for digging dip when they needed to. It was good preparation for Rosslyn Park in a couple weeks' time.

Teams involved: Taunton school, Queen's College, King's College, Cheltenham College, Millfield School, Canford School, Blundell's School, Glantaf School and Exeter School.

Nicolas Sestaret
Director of Rugby

U15 SHERBORNE SEVENS TOURNAMENT

The U15 boys took the trip down to Sherborne to compete in a tough sevens competition. Starting with a tough game against a Shiplake college side the team competed valiantly losing 22-14 to a couple of last minute tries. The boys then took on Llandaff school, where the triumphantly ran out 31-7 winners, with some great team tries. Finally the team grinded to a 0-0 draw with Eton, a game they could easily have won. Finishing 3rd in the group they nearly upset a strong Sherborne side in their respective final.

The boys competed strongly all day and should be proud of their efforts.

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STUDENT SPORT SUCCESS

GEORGE NUTTYCOMBE, MICHAEL HUDSON AND CHARLIE WAY

Congratulations to George Nuttycombe, Michael Hudson and Charlie Way! Our three TS rugby players represented Somerset on 28th February against Dorset & Wilts.

BARNEY DIETZ

Congratulations to Barney Dietz who represented Exeter Chiefs Academy against Bath Academy.

OLIVER WILD

Congratulations to Oliver Wild for representing U15 Somerset East with a very convincing 31-19 win against Dorset.

GEORGE NUTTYCOMBE, CHARLIE WAY, MICHAEL HUDSON AND GABRIEL BALDEGGER

Congratulations to George Nuttycombe, Charlie Way, Michael Hudson and Gabriel Baldegger for representing U15 Bristol Bears against Worcester Warriors.

Michael and Gabriel started the first game and George and Charlie played the second match.

GEORGE CHARALAMBOUS AND SEBASTIAN DANDO

Congratulations to George Charalambous and Sebastian Dando who represented Somerset against Gloucester

SEB MALLEY AND ALEX CHAFFEY

Well done to Seb Malley & Alex Chaffey playing for Taunton Vale V Cirencester in the U14 competition.

IZZY GLASER AND GEORGIA KINGSWELL

Well done to Izzy Glaser and Georgia Kingswell for representing ISCA HC U16 & U18 Girls in England Hockey National Cups.

TAUNTON SCHOOL

Strength & Conditioning
Performance Camp

30th March, 31st March & 1st April 8:45am - 1:30pm

Led by our Head of Strength & Conditioning, this 3 day camp will develop young athletes understanding of ***strength***, ***speed*** and ***agility techniques***, whilst also looking at ***recovery methods*** including ***nutrition***. The aim of this camp is to enhance long term athletic potential by coaching you through the fundamental movements, which ultimately transfer into improved sport specific movements.

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