



Senior Courier

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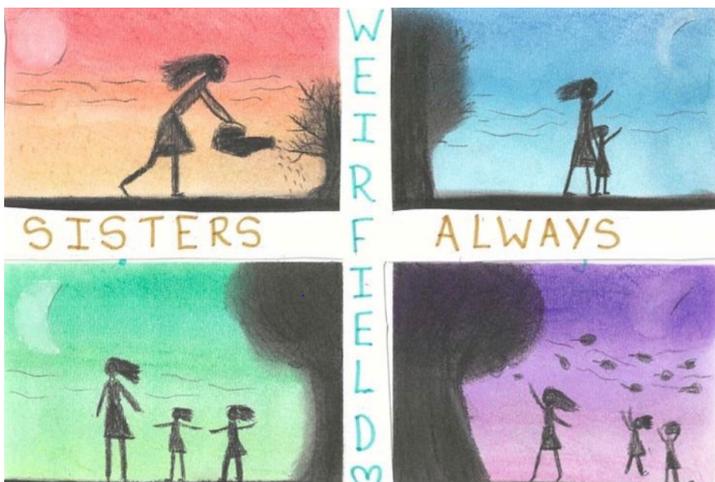
National Boarding Week



Boarding Week

Monday 22 June - Sunday 28 June 2020

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It seems a little odd to be celebrating National Boarding Week without all of our boarders at school. But a Boarding House is more than just a set of walls - it is the relationships, friendships and care that exists within them.

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Volunteering...

by Ruth Coomber, Director of Student Progress

I was really heartened to read that ten million UK adults have been volunteering in their community during the coronavirus crisis, and most say they will carry on after the lockdown ends, according to new research.

The study also found that Britons have been extending a financial helping hand to local businesses with more than £1bn spent on services and goods that people knew they would never be able to use during the pandemic, including payments to home cleaners and gardeners. Since the crisis took hold, millions of Britons have been serving as an informal "volunteering army", whether it is helping with grocery shopping for others, picking up prescriptions, ringing up people living alone, or helping out at a local food bank.

Many of our students have also been volunteering their time to help others, a few in particular come to mind because they are far away from us in the UK: one TS student who lives in the Philippines has been supporting local people as they face financial hardship by delivering food to those in greatest need.

Another student has been volunteering with Team Pankaj in Kenya. This NGO provides dry ingredients and other essential goods to those living in informal settlements in Nairobi, they have already provided parcels to in excess of 30,000 families. There are countless other examples of our students in the local area of Taunton who have been busy with their families helping others.

What is fascinating about this large number of volunteers is that with each individual contributing, on average, about three hours

of their time, the work this volunteer army is doing is estimated to have an equivalent economic value of more than £350m a week! What I hope is that this desire to help does indeed stay as we return to how things previously were. At School my team of willing volunteers are very much looking forward to re-engaging with the nursing homes, the primary schools, the charity shops, at Musgrove park hospital and back on the Quantocks with the park rangers.

Photos were taken before lockdown.



Taunton Independent Market

TAUNTON
MARKET
INDEPENDENT
ONLINE



Information subject to change - please check our website

OVER 200
PRODUCTS

OVER 30
ARTISAN / INDEPENDENT
BUSINESSES

DELIVERIES EVERY
WEDNESDAY AND
SATURDAY

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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...



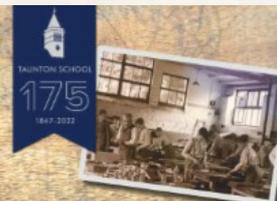
Complete our quick questionnaire



Share your Career Story with our students



Send us your memories



Together, we are Taunton School.

NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER

Raising money for the NHS

Swimming the channel, in our pool at home, during lockdown

After listening to some amazing stories of people raising lots of money for charity – particularly Captain Tom - my Mum and Dad decided that we should do something for charity and we all wanted to do our bit for the NHS as a family too. So, after choosing to do something we enjoy, we made the decision to swim over 22 miles, the shortest distance across the channel. Between me and my brothers, schoolwork, and my parents' busy jobs, we all started swimming, in our breaks, throughout the week. Overall, between the four of us, we swam 22 miles, which was around 2950 lengths of the pool. In total we raised around £626.25 for the NHS Charities together - this is a charity that provides support to NHS staff and volunteers.

Tom and Miles Leah, Year 12 & 11 Students



Livestock in Lockdown

The animals in the Biology department are being lovingly cared for by one of our technicians, Gwen Robinson. They miss the company and normal business of the department so Gwen has been coming up with ingenious ways to entertain them. Jonnie, our White's tree frog, often sings to classes when there is the hustle and bustle of practicals going on in the lab. Gwen has replaced this by playing Chapel choir music which Jonnie enjoys joining in with. When he joined the department at the beginning of the academic year he was just a couple of centimetres long. These pictures show he is still growing and has finally worked out how to climb the glass! Pascal is our rather adorable stub tailed gecko, but perhaps even more adorable is that Reuben the German Shepherd has taken on a very protective role when Pascal is out on his daily walks. Reuben is a big softy and it is clear his paternal instincts are strong enough to cross species barriers! This exercise is really important to ensure that Pascal is using his leg muscles and they don't waste by him being confined to his incubator whilst school is closed. A huge thank you to Gwen for taking such good care of these animals.

Caro Wedgwood, Head of Biology and EPQ Coordinator



Cricket Sessions

This week, Director of Cricket, Mr Sanderson travelled to Camborne Cricket Club and Werrington CC in Cornwall to run 1-1 and 1-2 coaching sessions.

Year 10 students, Alfie and Jack, Year 11 students, Ben and Jacob and Year 12 students, Aidan and Freddie were able to practice skill development and tactical match play in these sessions!



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 press ups, shooting roll, high and low volleys, balance and high catching.



Celebrating Our Senior School Boarders

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, our senior boarders have been able to keep in contact doing all of the fun things that they enjoy whilst at school in the virtual world, such as House Assemblies, House Prizes and Fun Fridays, games of bingo, scavenger hunts, art, origami, baking challenges and social events such as 'Tea and Talk' and 'Lunch and a Laugh' to name a few.

Here are some photos of our senior school boarders from this year.



What our boarders say...

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I am looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces as well as some new ones, I have missed my 'boarding family'!

I can't wait to unpack into a new room, meet my new room-mate and have a new year ahead of me.

I am looking forward to seeing my friends and creating more memories with them.

I'm looking forward to all the chaos, noise and fun that goes with being a part of Weirfield!

I am looking forward to hearing the noise and laughter than comes with being in a girls' boarding house.

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#NationalBoardingWeek



Young Wild Writer Competition 2020

The final challenge this week is a Young Wild Writer Competition.

We have incredible wildlife across Great Britain. What do you love? What inspires you? We are looking for pieces of written work relating to any British wildlife. You can write a story, a poem, a piece of prose, an article, a diary entry... it's up to you. Originality, creativity, understanding of your subject and the ability to engage the reader are what we are most looking for.

TS English Department



Your Entry:

...must be a piece of writing about British wildlife (animals or plants including, if you wish, their habitats)

...must express your own ideas and be entirely your own original work

...should aim to show originality and creativity and to engage the reader. Interest in and understanding of your chosen subject is more important than style or structure

... must not exceed 500 words maximum (not including title)

Go wild with your writing!

Descriptive Writing Mark Scheme

	Writing	Structure	Vocabulary / Devices	Punctuation	Sentence types	Spelling
Level 4 (36-40)	Writing is compelling and imaginative, assuredly matched to purpose	Varied and inventive use of paragraphs	Extensive and ambitious range of vocabulary and devices	A full range of punctuation is used with accuracy	A full range of sentence structures with accuracy	Full level of accuracy
Level 3 (30-35)	Writing is engaging and consistently matched to purpose	Clear and effective paragraphs	Increasingly sophisticated vocabulary and devices	A range of punctuation is used with success	A range of sentence structures is used with success	High level of accuracy
Level 2 (24-29)	Writing shows some development of thought, mostly matched to purpose	Some use of effective paragraphs	Varied use of vocabulary and devices	Some punctuation used with some errors	Attempt at a variety of sentence forms	Accurate use of some complex words
Level 1 (18-23)	Writing needs development, not always matched to	Random paragraph structure	Simple use of vocabulary and devices	Limited use of punctuation with multiple inaccuracies	Simple range of sentence forms	Accurate basic spelling

HAVE A STORY?

Let the Courier teams know!

Email the Senior Courier:

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Email the Prep Courier:

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Returning to Sport

This week has seen a variety of group sessions and one-to-one sessions in cricket, tennis, hockey, rugby conditioning and the performance programme (outdoors). It has been brilliant to see the students back and getting involved, whilst following the strict guidelines set out by the National Governing Bodies for each relevant sport.

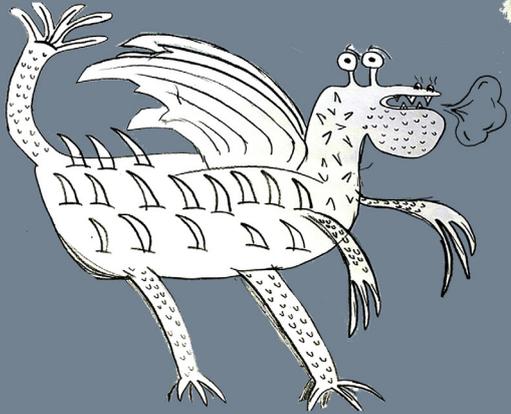
Here are a selection of photos from some of the sessions this week.



#TSArtChallenge

Daily Drawing Challenge No.45

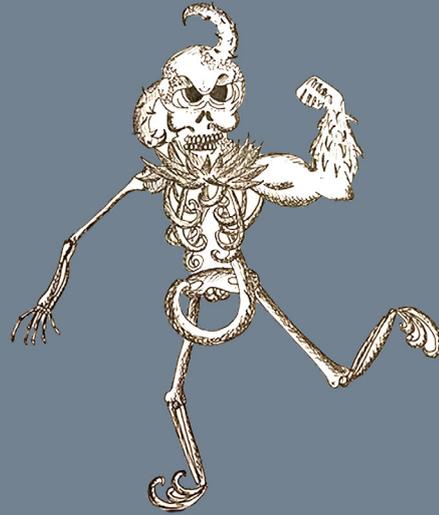
Create your own
'Hornswoggler'



Quentin Blake

'Of course they're real people. They're Dompal-Lompas... Imported direct from Lompaland... And oh what a terrible country it is! Nothing but thick jungles infested by the most dangerous beasts in the world - hornswogglers and snozzwangers and those terrible wicked whangdoodles.'

- Roald Dahl



#TSArtChallenge

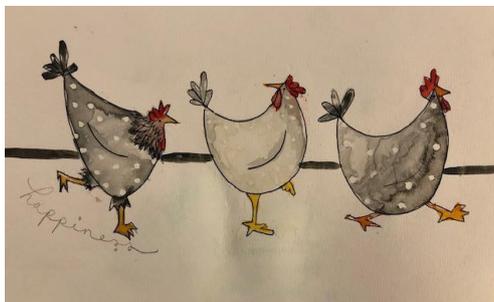
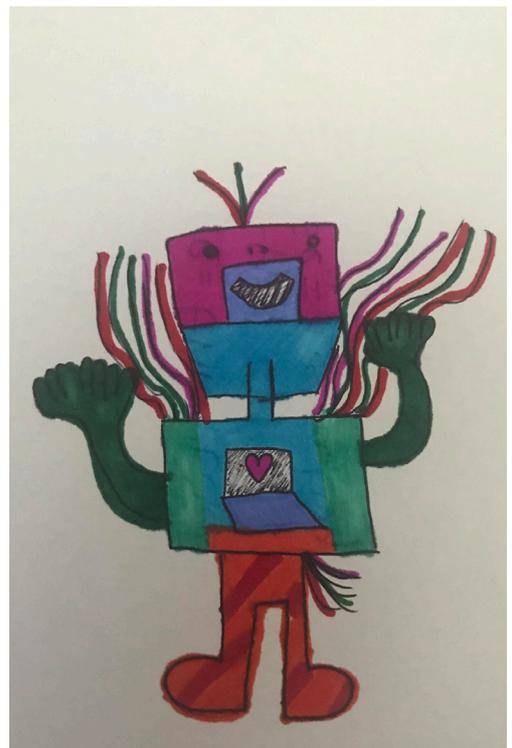
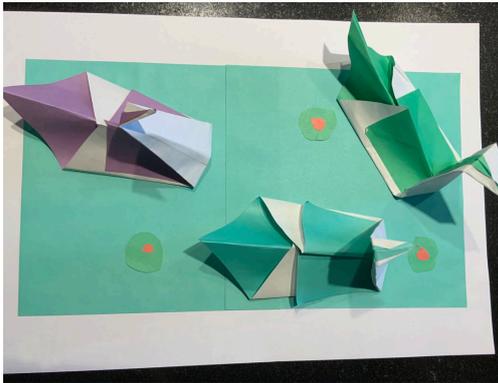
Daily Art Challenge

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




 the brewhouse

HOMEBREW

a season of digital art



COMMUNITY GALLERY

Submit your artwork in response to our theme and we'll include it in our Virtual Community Gallery project! Test your skills, stay creative and avoid twiddling your thumbs at home.



TAKE PART ONLINE

Your favourite Brewhouse workshops and classes in a social-distancing-friendly, online format! With classes available for ALL ages, join expert tutors for a series of events to keep you creative and active during lock-down.



ARTIST COMMISSIONS

With five £1,000 commissions available, we're inviting local artists to produce work that will inspire, inform and entertain audiences online. Focusing on unseen and unknown sides of Somerset.

