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CONCERTO COMPETITION



An uplifting evening of live music filled our school chapel for the 2020 Concerto Competition. Guest Judge for this hotly contested annual event was Pete Harrison, Musical Director of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra plus a regular guest conductor with the Royal Philharmonic, Bournemouth Symphony and BBC National Orchestra of Wales among many more.



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Head's Up: Be Mellow in Yellow

by Ed Burnett



Today we supported and celebrated #HelloYellow with Young Minds, a charity committed to supporting the mental health of young people. Lockdown has had a devastating effect on children and young people's mental health and we have seen this at school with some students and staff struggling to make the transition back into full time school or work. However, we can be so proud of our community and the way in which it has helped, cared and lifted these individuals. At TS we live by a very simple message: your mental health is as important as your physical health so speak up and look after one another. In Head's Assembly this week our Heads of School spoke with real warmth and pride about the community they lead and serve and how pupil wellbeing is at the top of their agenda for change. They were ably supported by Max, Head of House in Goodland and Ben, a Year 12 student who wanted to share his story and how he has used sport to help him cope with anxiety. As Young Minds comment, it's been unbelievably hard, but together, we can make a difference and show young people they are not alone.

The issue of mental health sits at the heart of a wider educational debate: how should schools respond to COVID?

This summer saw the death of one of the most important and

We will be covering
#HelloYellow in the next Courier

influential educationalists, Sir Ken Robinson. His renowned TED talk, 'Do Schools Kill Creativity?' has been viewed over 50 million times and his book, 'Out of Our Minds', has sold 500,000 copies just in the UK. The central theme- great schools place creativity at the heart of their curriculum - had me thinking before we returned in September: can TS teach its pupils to be happy and if so, what role does creativity have in this? In our consumer society, happiness has become a transaction which never seems to deliver: buy this product and you will (finally) be happy. The truth is that mental health concerns are mushrooming and personal happiness seems to be ever harder to find. However, if you believe in the value of creativity then you also value a developing culture in which all individuals can find their own solutions to problems if they feel comfortable and empowered to do so. Indeed, if we have that positive mindset and we realise that it is OK to fail then we start to realise that the journey to lasting happiness is precisely that: it is a journey, not a destination.

Ed Burnett, Senior Deputy Head



The Week Ahead

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| Saturday, 10th October | 8.30 - 8.55 Chapel and Enrichment 14.00 - Hockey Fixtures 14.15 - Rugby Union Fixtures 14.30 - Football Fixtures 14.30 - Hockey Fixtures 15.15 - Hockey Fixtures 15.45 - Hockey Fixtures |
| Sunday, 11th October | 11.00 - 13.00 - Boarders' Brunch 18.15 - 18.40 - Chapel - Harvest Festival |
| Monday, 12th October | |
| Tuesday, 13th October | 8.30 - 8.55 Chapel IGCSE First Language English reading exam 13.30 - 13.35 CCF Field Day departs (Years 11 and 13) 15.45 - 17.00 - Year 9 and 10 Enrichment |
| Wednesday, 14th October | 8.30 - 8.55 - Headmaster's Assembly 16.00 - Football Fixtures 17.00 - Hockey Fixtures 17.00 - 17.05 - CCF Field Day returns (Years 11 and 13) 17.05 - 17.30 - Tea- Time Concert, Chapel 18.30 - 20.30 - Bring on Year 9 |
| Thursday, 15th October | All Day - International Day of Rural Women 9.00 - 11.30 - IGCSE First Language writing exam 10.30 - Hockey Fixtures 15.45 - 17.05 - Year 11, 12 and 13 Enrichment |
| Friday, 16th October | 8.30 - 8.55 - Scholars' Sessions 9.00 - 9.05 - Deadline for Effort and Achievement Grades - All Years 18.30 - 19.45 - Burke Debate |

Concerto Competition

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He was impressed at the very high standard of performances throughout the evening and paid particular praise to our students for performing both to the small, socially distanced live audience as well as to the live stream to those sat in the comfort of their own homes. The final decision was not an easy one, but the winning duo, who go on to play in our Spring Concert alongside a professional orchestra, were Hetty Christopher and Anthony Knight. Huge congratulations to them both, to all of the musicians who took part, to Mr Cracknell for organising the evening and, of course, to Pete Harrison for taking the time to join us.



Alexander Aratunian - Trumpet Concerto
Hetty Christopher



Alexandre Guilmant-Morceau Symphonique
Ben Coston



Antonio Capuzzi-Andante & Rondo
George Knowles



Beethoven-Piano Concerto no.2-3rd
Movement **Isaac Onyirioha**



C.M v.Weber-Clarinet Concerto no.1 - 1st
Movement **Daisy Hickson**



Duke Ellington-Concerto for Cootie
Sarah Stoppard



Max Bruch-Violin Concerto no.1 - 1st & 2nd
Movement **Anthony Knight**



N.Rimsky-Korsakov - Concerto for
Trombone-1st Movement **Lily Bramston**



Oscar Bohme-Trumpet Concerto - 3rd
Movement **Eliza Hopwood**



Rebecca Clarke-Viola Sonata - 1st Movement
Matthew Knight



Ronald Binge-Concerto for Alto Sax - 1st
Movement **Daisy Hickson**



Judge **Pete Harrison**

Concerto Competition

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Winners Anthony Knight & Hetty Christopher with Guest Judge Peter Harrison
and TS Director of Music Mark Cracknell



Cricket legend Sir Alistair Cook meets students (virtually!)

Students had the amazing opportunity to join a webinar with former England Cricket captain Sir Alistair Cook on Wednesday. They had the chance to ask him some questions which he answered with honesty, really giving an insight to his career and life.

He was very engaged with the audience, and the talk will have impacted all students, not just future cricketers, with some of his messages on dealing with pressure and nerves.

Our thanks go to Sir Alistair for his time.



Welcome to our TSI family

With tensions naturally high in this global climate, returning to boarding school life is sure to come with its fair share of anxieties for young people, especially for our international students. Although run slightly differently from previous years, in true Taunton School International tradition, the students, new or returning, arrived to a full-on timetable of different activities and events during their induction week, commencing at the start of term with arrivals day on 7th September 2020.

The induction week is a hugely important time for us as it provides our students with the opportunity to get to know one another. A wide variety of events took place, including British garden games, an outdoor cinema, a day of inflatable fun and a tutor group quiz, providing the students with an opportunity to bond and learn, not about only their peers, but the school as well.

With the addition of students from Taunton School International Middle School on the campus whilst the Grange was used as a two-week quarantine, the school grounds were teeming with enormous amounts of energy and culture; the week was thoroughly enjoyed all round, with students and staff alike simply happy to be back in school and adjusting to the 'new normal'.

With the students now settled into their new timetables and boarding-school life, if the induction week is anything to go by, 2020-2021 has a lot of exciting things to come; a welcome sign in this complicated world.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Each September Weirfield hosts a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support to raise money and an awareness of the important work the charity undertakes to support those living with cancer and their families. Over the last few years Weirfield have raised over £700, however this year was a little different due to current circumstances. Unfortunately we weren't able to open the house up to the whole school community but we decided to adapt and host a coffee morning on a smaller scale for the Weirfield girls. The girls spent an evening busily baking in their year group bubbles, producing a good number of cakey treats before gathering at breaktime the next day to enjoy them!

Laura Brayley, Housemistress Weirfield



Calling all creative writers!

This term's Quillionaires Club is back up and running with some superb competitions.

It's time to get writing - some excellent challenges here to sit alongside your IGCSE Composition writing practice this term.

The latest challenge is to get creative with poetry!

Get your entries in before half term for a chance to win a prize. For full details of the competiion and how to enter take a look at the posters here.

Watch this space for the next Quillionaire challenge coming up after half term.

Alex Carter, English Teacher

Who Wants to be a Quillionaire?

Year 11 Write a Haiku with an autumnal theme

3 lines of poetry

5,7,5 syllable pattern

Griffins Prize...

Send to:

sophie.fisher@tmail.co.uk

Deadline: 22nd October



The Haiku: originally developed by Japanese poets, and is often inspired by nature, a moment of beauty, or a poignant experience.

Who wants to be a Quillionaire?



YEAR 9 LITERARY CHALLENGE

Write a poem about new beginnings and times of change.



Edible prizes and vouchers to the winners...

Deadline for entries: half term

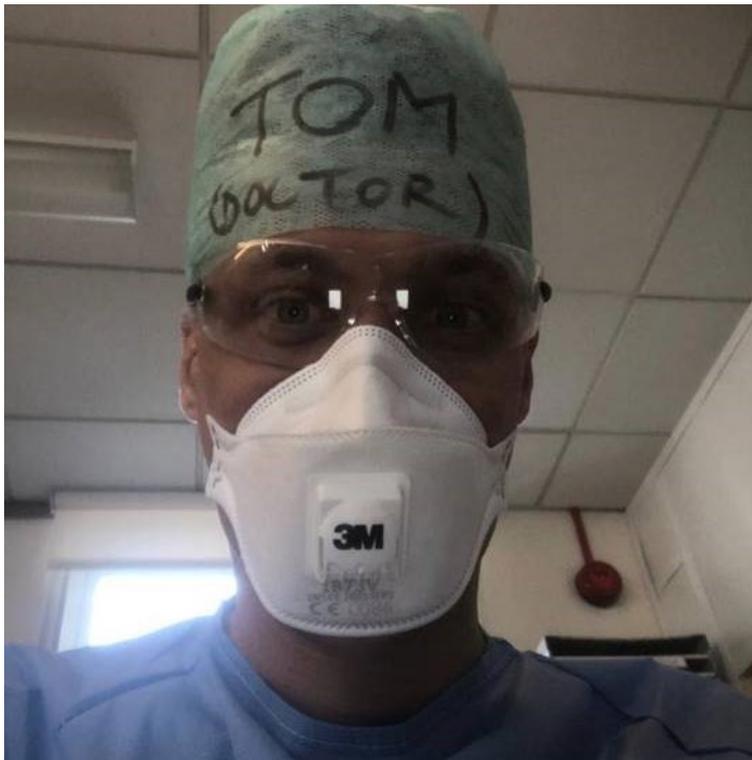
Send all entries to annabelle.lewes@tmail.co.uk

Good Luck :)

Medicine in the Military

Last month the Pre-Med group met for the first time this year. We had a talk from Major Tom Wedgwood, a registrar anaesthetist, about medicine in the Military. We discussed life in the military and how being a military doctor can add excitement to the life of a doctor. It was great to talk to someone who is actively serving, as it gave those of us who are considering medicine in the armed forces a first-hand account of what life would be like during service, how to apply during university and how specialisation works for armed forces medics. All in all, it was a very useful morning with lots of helpful knowledge on how to get the best out of our experience as doctors.

Joe Gough, Year 12



Tempest Photography Note to parents

Tempest Photography are due to visit the Senior School on Tuesday 20th October to take individual pupil portraits. Due to Covid restrictions, instead of a paper order form, parents/guardians will be sent an email directly from Tempest Photography to view proofs and for ordering.

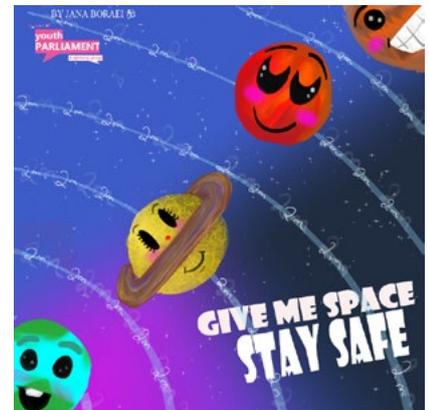
Jana at Somerset Youth Parliament



During the summer, I joined the Somerset Youth Parliament, where I help represent young people, aged 11-18, in the area. Somerset Youth Parliament is diverse, interesting, and fun. We meet once or twice a month to discuss topics like early help, mental health, environment, youth protection, youth voice, and youth empowerment, to name a few. As a group we work hard to encourage young

people to take positive action on youth shared concerns as well as take part in grant giving, decision making, and running chosen campaigns.

With this position, comes responsibility and many opportunities. For example, near the end of the holidays, a small group of us worked alongside Somerset Public Health, to help the local communities get ready for the return of schools, after the tedious time spent in lockdown. I designed a series of posters (to be displayed around local schools), and wrote a poem, to help promote a smooth and safe return. We were later invited to speak about them on BBC Somerset Radio. This was an extremely exciting experience for me which honestly feels like a dream.



Every year, we have 'Make Your Mark'. This is the biggest annual Youth Survey for all 11-18-year olds across the country. Young people get the chance to vote on the most important issues to them. The results are then debated in the House of Commons, where they then get taken into action. This all occurs in November, but all schools, colleges, projects and clubs can register with the British Youth Council now to get sent information, using this link: <https://www.byc.org.uk/uk/uk-youth-parliament/make-your-mark>

Jana Boraie, Year 10

Meet the Head of MFL Daniel Chalkley

What is your role, and which age groups are you teaching?

I'm Head of Modern Languages and teach French and German to years 9-13.

When did you start at TS and what did you do before?

I started at TS in January this year. I moved from Millfield where I was Head of German and Deputy Head of Languages, and before that I was Assistant Head of Languages at Ivybridge Community College in Devon.

What led you into teaching Languages?

I spent a year abroad as part of my degree and part of this was spent teaching English in a school in Germany – I was absolutely hooked! I definitely knew from then that this was something I wanted to do.

Do you have any special techniques to get students engaged in learning?

I think trips abroad are so important in getting students to understand that languages are actually real life things which people speak in their normal lives – not just verbs and grammar which we do in lessons! I also have a selection of meerkats and a croissant neck cushion which occasionally make an appearance in lessons.

Who inspires you?

Many people! I'll probably get hammered for this one but Margaret Thatcher is always on my list of inspirational people for her 'get it done' kind of attitude.

Quick Fire questions now...

Favourite Film

Picking one is very difficult! Maybe 'The Usual Suspects' or 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles'

Favourite Book

'When You Are Engulfed in Flames' by David Sedaris

Hobbies

I enjoyed getting into running over lockdown and am just about keeping it up! I'm a big fan of travelling whenever I can and I'm starting to get into surfing too. I also dabble a bit in learning about wine but maybe calling that a hobby is a bit of a stretch...

Any Pets

Sadly not at the moment, but I did used to have a giant house rabbit called King Eric.



Favourite singers/bands

I'm a massive Muse fan (seen them 8 times!). Also love Christine and the Queens at the moment.

Favourite TV programmes

So many to choose from! I love Stranger Things, You, The Thick of It, American Horror Story, The Office, Brooklyn 99 – the list is endless!

Any claims to fame

Russell Brand once kissed me on the cheek!



DT department explores British architect's place in modern history.

Sir David Adjaye OBE is an award winning Ghanaian-British architect known to infuse his artistic sensibilities and ethos for community-driven projects. His clever use of materials, bespoke designs and acute sensibilities have set him apart as a leading architect of his generation. Adjaye Associates operates globally with studios in London and New York. The firm has been responsible for a number of different projects ranging from private houses, bespoke furniture collections, product design, arts centres, and civic buildings. An example being The National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC, opened in 2016. This work was named Cultural Event of the Year by The New York Times.

In 2017 Adjaye was knighted by the Queen and was recognised as one of the 100 most influential people of the year by TIME magazine.



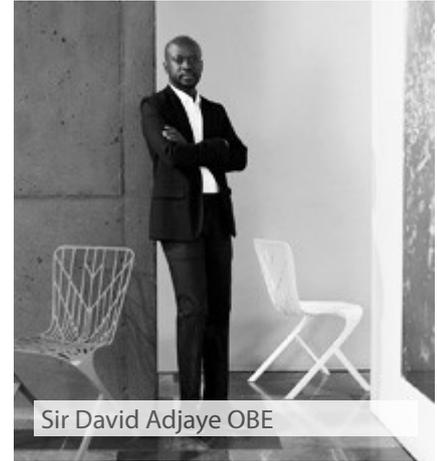
The National Museum of African American History and Culture

Knoll Collection – Washington Nylon Chair



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Glyn Bough, Head of DT



Sir David Adjaye OBE



McCarter Switching Station; New Jersey

World Mental Health Day

Today we have been marking World Mental Health Day by joining in with the Hello Yellow campaign created by the mental health charity Young Minds.

Students and staff were asked to wear something yellow to show, as an organisation, how incredibly important we believe it is to look after the mental health of both our students and staff and to show support for anyone who is currently suffering.

More to follow next edition.



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Design Technology get quizzing

The Year 13 IB Design Technology class took part in a group revision quiz this week. Nothing better than teamwork on a Thursday morning.

Glyn Bough, Head of DT



Celebrating Black History Month

This Black History Month we will be sharing a story each week on social media from our history, our classrooms and our community which will celebrate Black History at Taunton School. If you wish to contribute towards a story for us to consider then please email marketing@tauntonschool.co.uk, we'd love to hear from you.

Leading the Way

In 1962, Taunton School appointed **Peter Thomas** from Lagos, Nigeria to be Head Boy; he was the first black Head Boy at a British Public School.



**Black
History
Month**



Chaplain Eliza Getman shares her thoughts on Black History Month



I always forget that October is Black History Month, because I guess I'm programmed to think that black history should be embedded in history EVERY day. I read an amazing article about the way Black people often feel invisible and threatened and unwelcome in the great outdoors yesterday – the author said: We belong here. Keep showing up authentically and unapologetically.

I want to showcase black voices and history all the time, because the curriculum tends to overlook so much. I am doing the Exodus journey out of slavery in Egypt and into the wilderness – I'm not sure we will ever make it to the promised land. But I am tying it in with Gospel music (we had Louis Armstrong and a gospel choir singing Go Down Moses last week) and a bit of reggae (we listened to – and watched – a rendition of Bob Marley's Redemption Song).

And Wangari Maathai's Green Belt Movement (starting in Kenya in 1977) was the perfect example of Planting Trees symbolising planting hope – Mama Mithi (Mother of Trees) is a lovely children's book that I shared with them via Youtube.

My next Chapel is going to be around the story of crossing the Red Sea, and I have (African American women's accapella group) Sweet Honey in the Rock singing Wade in the Water and the Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr delivering the 'I have a Dream' speech in 1963. My early education was in an integrated inner city government school – I was one of a handful of white students and all my teachers were black. I have been using the Desmond Tutu Storybook Bible for the Pre Prep chapel services, he is a great mentor and icon for us all – of humility and forgiveness and joy and compassion.

Eliza Getman, School Chaplain



Tea-time Concert

Every Wednesday from 5.05pm - 5.30pm in the Chapel

Watch online: <https://intranet.tauntonschool.co.uk/liveevents/concerts/tea-time-concerts>



Support your friends and get inspired!

Concerts run every Wednesday throughout each term, from 5.05pm - 5.30pm

Everyone from Year 9 to Year 13 are welcome. If you would like to perform or find out more information, please see Mr Reading.

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Rugby

On Saturday 26th September, all rugby players not involved in cricket played an internal training game within their age group to prepare for the rugby season. Games were played under the Ready 4 Rugby new RFU rules. This is a new and exciting non-contact game enabling two teams to engage in training.

We worked mainly on fitness, skills and organisation. We have lots of pupils who are happy, enthused and are keen to keep developing their rugby. This is exactly what I had hoped for out of these games. Boys had exemplary attitude on and off the field.

Nic Sestaret, Director of Rugby



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Girls' Hockey

RESULTS

1sts Lost 3-2

2nds Won 2-0

3rds Lost 3-0

4ths Lost 1-0

15A Lost 3-0

15B Drew 2-2

14A Lost 4-2

14B Drew 1-1

1st Vs Blundell's

The first team girls travelled away to Blundell's. In a slow start the girls found themselves 2-0 down. They fought hard to claw it back creating a few chances before half time but not quite converting their chances. After the break they dug in and got to work, scoring to make it 2-1 and then levelling through a well worked penalty corner. 2-2 with 5 minutes to play the game was open and both teams were pushing for the win. Despite a few good chances the girls were hit on the counter and ended up losing 3-2, a great second half performance well done all!

U14 Vs Blundell's

It was a competitive U14 fixture with countless chances either end - the final score 4-2 may not reflect the whole game.

Taunton had a very strong first half creating opportunities on goal and winning a number of short corners. Blundell's had a bit of pace up front which created a counter 1st goal to go 1 nil up. Taunton responded quickly to equalise which then repeated itself with Blundell's going 2-1 up and Taunton equalising again before half time.

The second half was very even with end to end hockey for the majority until Blundell's scored two quick late goals to finish the game 4-2 up.

4ths Vs Blundell's

This week we faced much tougher opposition: a team of tall Amazonians who could hit the ball very hard! But our girls tried hard, having to defend for most of the match, and tackling valiantly. We conceded a goal just after half time, but could have suffered a heavier defeat had we not kept persevering. Lessons learned, and we will practise more tactics in training next week!

U15A v Blundell's

Taunton played Blundells at home this weekend in a well fought match between the two sides, resulting in end to end play and opportunities for both teams. Despite some good attacks by Taunton, Blundells were the first to score before half time with a well struck short corner. Taunton came out in the second half, determined to level the score and created some promising attacks, with good work rate from the midfield. Solid defence from the Blundell's team, denied the Taunton team the equaliser. A couple of counter attacks caught the Taunton side out of position and resulted in Blundell's adding to their goal tally.

2nds Vs Blundell's

We arrived at Blundell's school prepared for our second match of the season. We were already feeling more moulded as a team from the weekend before. As we were warming up, the team was starting to become energetic and excited. In the beginning our formation was two forwards, four mid-fields and four defenders. When the match kicked off, we started strong. We knew Blundell's was a good team and it suddenly dawned on us in the first 15 minutes that we were going to have to change our tactics and play a more defensive first half, as we were identifying how they played. Our goalkeeper Isabel Hogevoold was saving some cracking goals which kept us on top. Through the first 25 minutes our fitness as a team was increasingly becoming better by the minute. As our first half was coming to an end, our strength and optimism was not faltered. The half ended with 0-0.

In the second half we were raring to go once again after a team talk and rehydration. In this half the mood as a team uplifted as we knew we were determined to get our first goal. We played a



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more attacking formation. We were able to attain an attacking short corner in our first 15 minutes. The ball was played to Phoebe Gray at the top. She slipped it to Chloe Sanderson on her left, who hit the ball into the right corner of the goal. The goal brought a real high to the team. The energy which had slipped before, was recovered and we all knew we were capable of getting another goal. After another 5 minutes, another short corner was won in our attack. The ball followed the same path as before, but instead it reached Martha Mileham, who injected the ball with a reverse hit, by the left post of the goal. Fortunately, Jess Fisher had her stick ready and deflected it in. The last 5 minutes we knew we couldn't let Blundell's concede. When the whistle went the score was 2-0 and it was the first win of the season for the seconds. A perfect way to end a week and celebrate the Vice captains 18th birthday. The win left everyone in the team with a feeling of satisfaction. (Written by Martha Mileham - 2nd Team Captain)

3rd XI vs Blundell's

Player of the match: Grace Hutchinson

The 3rd XI approached this Saturday's fixture with an air of positivity and a new found sense of team spirit. They battled through a tough first half, defending solidly for the full 25 minutes and unfortunately conceding 4 goals. However, the girls played on. They underwent a transformation of magical proportions at half time and came back stronger to maintain the score line with some promising shots on goal. The final score was 4-0 to Blundell's, though this was definitely not reflective of the 2nd half's efforts. Onwards and upwards from here!

15B Vs Blundell's

Having made the most of a rest weekend from hockey, the team arrived with lots of energy despite only being a team of 12 players strong due to various illness and injuries. A thorough warm-up led by the nominate Captain for the match - Jana, meant the girls were switched on and raring to go for the starting whistle. A number of players were being challenged in new positions but certainly stepped up to the plate. The team certainly put in to practice what they had been working on during training - moving for the ball, setting up quickly and passing the ball wide. Unfortunately the early passes weren't very accurate and resulted in a Blundell's steal and an early goal as a result of the new positioning going slightly

out. However, after an enthusiastic and optimistic half time talk, the girls began to demonstrate their strength. Some beautiful play and transitions were made between Daisy, Chloe and Shai which eventually resulted in 2 fantastic goals from Shai. Unfortunately a 3rd goal for a hatrick never appeared but Blundell's made the most of their subs and tired legs from our side led to an equalising goal from Blundell's. A great game to watch and coach, and some impressive performances from all. Well done!

Elliot Foweraker, Director of Hockey

Match results V Kings' College (19th September)

1sts lost 6-4

2nds lost 2-0

3rds lost 5-0

4ths won 3-0

15a lost 3-0

14a drew 1-1

14b won 3-0

1st Vs King's College

The girls fought hard from the start and a great game started quickly. Unfortunately the goals flew in for King's who found themselves 3-0 up in 16 minutes. Once Taunton got the first quarter out the way they dug in and started to claw back the lead. 3-2 they got it back to before Kings extended their lead to 4. Again piling on the pressure Taunton clawed one back, but Kings on the counter were able to find another, this was then repeated going from 5-4 to 6 where King's sealed the victory against the last ten minutes run of play. A good effort from the girls to come back after a poor start, we will welcome back King's to the Durrant on the 10th of October for what I am sure will be a great rematch.

Elliot Foweraker, Director of Hockey



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When playing Kings College the weekend is always going to be a tough one but there was an outstanding display by the 2nd team and the 14B's. In the other matches the scores did not reflect how well the teams competed.



completed this comfortably as Callum Hendy lead the way with an undefeated 30 including finishing the match in style with a 6! The 3rd level played out a closely fought match on Foxcombe. King's batted first and posted 145, the best bowling performance came

On the same weekend 3 players were selected for the Somerset Junior Academy two day match which meant the U14s were missing three players. Of the three players selected AJ McKay missed the match through injury. Both Kian Roberts and Ben Mason were released by the school to play in the Somerset match Vs Hampshire. Both boys played well - Mason getting 50 as Somerset chased down a total on day two and Kian did well with both bat and ball, making 33 in the first innings as well as claiming wickets in both of Hampshire's innings. They were joined by Year 8 Oscar Colman on the second day.

from Max Hole and Freddie Salter Green. Taunton started well with Nathan Roberts and Ed Smith playing well but in the middle overs Taunton got a little behind the rate before Max Hole and Nathan Hobson struck some lusty blows but Taunton did not quite manage to recover.

In the matches Vs Kings the first XI conceded a few too many runs, not helped by the wide count. There was an aggressive opening spell by Ollie Heard. The best spell saw wickets for Freddie Stevenson and Jacob Hockey as Taunton slowed the run rate in the middle overs. There were good spells from Jacob Pengelly and the spin duo Max Fletcher and Ben Pomeroy, they were well supported by Henry Weatherill who took 3 excellent catches. In reply Taunton made the worst possible start but then Jacob Hockey and Ben Coston battled hard to put a good partnership together before Jacob Pengelly rallied late on but Taunton fell short.

There were 4 junior matches played on the Saturday and midweek. It was great that the B teams got their only chance to play a match, the lack of matches due to other schools not being able to put out B teams. In these matches both teams competed well. The 15s played at King's and if was not for such a high wide count, they would have been much closer. Jack Done was one star with the ball as he took 3 wickets in an over, Oli Buttler and Max Burke also bowled well. Lewis Frost batted for most time but again wides were high as Taunton fell just short of the target. The 14s had a very entertaining match, Taunton batted first - Sam Davies and Oscar Baker striking it well before some run outs followed as Tom Wilcox made 22 not out, he was supported well by Captain Ben Kyles-Short, this amounted to a competitive score of 92. King's made a steady start but two wickets apiece for Kingswell, Leach and Baker in different spells restricted Kings to needing 8 off two overs. Tom Wilcox bowled a tight over, only conceding one run, the over saw a run out. Wills Leach completed the job only conceding 4 in the last over for a well deserved victory. Both A team matches saw defeats as the 15's batting was again found wanting and

The 2nd team dominated from ball one with good opening spells and wickets for Teddy Woolstencroft and Thomas Houghton King. Taylor Flitton then ripped through the heart of King's batting taking 4 wickets. This meant Taunton were only chasing 66, they



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despite some good accurate bowling only 3 wickets were obtained before the total was passed. Ironically both A teams finished on the same total of 87, the 14s playing without the best two batters struggled and they were not helped by run outs. The score was not enough even though Taunton made King's work hard for their runs and claimed 6 wickets. Running between the wickets will definitely be on the training agenda when the summer comes around.

Unfortunately the possibility of playing the school's first fixture in October turned literally into a damp squid as the weather finally turned. After having so much dry weather before, the bone hard outfield turned into dangerous and soggy places.

This is a good time to thank all the cricket staff, particularly those who do not do rugby as they have been working in their off term. As a whole group of staff they worked extremely hard, with long Saturdays, to give the best cricketing experience to the players. Also Mark Joliffe, Head of Grounds, and his staff have done a great job since the middle of the summer to prepare both match and practice pitches. Well done all and roll on the summer and possibly a different norm!



Pete Sanderson, Director of Cricket

Congratulations to all students who have been selected for our school cricket teams.



1st XI caps



U14As



U14Bs



U15As



3rd XI



2nd XI



1st XI

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Football

It was a good weekend for Football at Taunton School with three senior matches on display away against Millfield, the first time we've managed to get 3 senior teams out during the Autumn term. The results and reports are as follows:

Taunton School 1st Team vs Millfield School 3rd Team resulted in a 6-1 win to TS (Goal scorers – Alex Yanovski, Brody Peart, Henry Woodward, Sammy Pratt, Lino Goncalves and an OG).

A dominant performance by the 1st! Millfield did not get out of their half for the first 15 minutes and even then only managed 3 passes before we regained possession. The team executed what we worked on in training (intensity and a high press) and were 3-0 up by half time with a wonderful first goal (pass from the centre by Max and a cross from Henry to Alex who scored top corner from 8 yards out). The second half was less impressive though was memorable due to another stunning team goal (this time from the left and finished by Henry Woodward) and a terrific individual goal by Sammy Pratt.

Man of the Match – George Charalambous (excellent tackling and surging runs from RB)

Taunton School 2nd Team vs Millfield School 4th Team resulted in a 8-0 win for TS (Goal scorers – Jacob Ferguson x3, Alex Yanovski x3, Jacob Hockey and Alex Lopez).

A horrible wet and windy day did not stop the second team going away to Millfield looking to avenge for some poor decisions and defending in the recent home fixture. After a frantic opening few minutes during which TS were relentlessly pressuring the Millfield goal, Jacob Hockey opened the scoring with a simple tap in after great work from Jacob Ferguson down the right. A few minutes later Jacob Ferguson took advantage of some poor defending and passed a beautiful right footed shot into the far corner. After half time the flood gates then opened (both on the pitch and with the rain!). Alex Lopez drilled a left footed shot past the oncoming keeper before Jacob Ferguson scored his second of the game with a beautifully curled right footed shot from outside the box. At 4-0 Mr. Stoddart made a few changes and a tired Ferguson was replaced by Alex Yanovski who came off the bench to score a 12 minute hatrick!! At 7-0 Jacob then asked if he could return to the pitch and complete his hatrick, which he duly did in the closing minutes. As well as the scorers we saw some outstanding performances from George Nuttycombe (making his team debut), Ashley Chorley and Dan Edwards who kept a clean sheet at the back and also from Harry Kent (captain) who led the team well in horrible conditions. Overall, a pleasing result for all!

MOM: George Nuttycombe

Taunton School 3rd Team vs Millfield School 5th Team resulted in a 3-3 draw (Goal scorers – Max Hole, Vincent Mayer and Jonny Cole).

I feel that our performance on Saturday was very good with a draw at 3-3. I am very happy with our performance as this was the first time we had all played together as a team and it was the first time some of the boys had played football and they were not afraid to get stuck into the action. We had some strong performances all around the pitch from the defence making some brilliant challenges to prevent goal scoring opportunities to the midfield making brilliant link up play to create some amazing goal scoring opportunities that we were able to utilise and score.

The man of the match would have to be Kwesi Kusi-Appouh who put in an outstanding performance, creating chances and even getting himself an assist.

3rd team report written by captain Jamie Kent.

Matt Reed, Head of Football