



TAUNTON
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Senior School **COURIER**

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2021: A YEAR TO COMMEMORATE



Friday morning saw our Senior School end of year Commemoration and Prize Giving event take place

We were delighted to be joined by world renowned conductor Charles Hazlewood who inspired our students with his message of remembering we are all unique and all have something different we can contribute to the world.

We wish our Year 13 leavers the very best of luck as they embark on their next chapters. They will always remain a part of our community as Old Tauntonians.

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Have a very happy holiday!

Head's Up: Looking ahead to a bright future

by Lee Glaser



It's been a tough year but one that shows how amazing this community is. We were determined in September to provide an experience as close to a normal Taunton School experience as possible but within the spirit and letter of the guidance. So in came face coverings, social distancing, livestreaming, bubbles, quarantining, thousands of lateral flow and PCR tests and a no touch policy but also came fixtures, concerts, debates, CCF, innovation, energy, "can do", support for each other. Last minute changes to guidance led to flexibility, adaptability and creativity. When I reflect on the year I am amazed at what this community has overcome and what it has achieved.

Next year is a new one. We will be implementing a new digital strategy which will build on the lessons learned recently. There are exciting developments with a move, and redevelopment

of, the Carrington library to the old dining room. The upstairs dining room area will become a new sixth form centre. EAL will move into the space currently occupied by the Carrington Library. We will be pedestrianizing the centre of the campus. Financially it has been a challenge but the school's reputation is enhanced and we are in demand. We have a waiting list, outstanding facilities, fabulous teachers and an ambitious leadership team.

The future of Taunton School is very bright.

Lee Glaser
Headmaster

Meet Nicola Miller - COO

What is your job role?

Chief Operating Officer which means that I look after all the non-educational aspects of school life. This includes catering, events and hospitality, estates, maintenance and grounds, housekeeping and laundry, security, transport, HR, all aspects of IT, the finance team, health, safety and compliance, sports club, swim school and all other TSE activity. I'm also Clerk to the Governors which involves managing the various governor meetings, making sure governors are properly inducted and trained and that they get the right information to help them make their decisions on the future of the school. I have another hat which relates to a job that is a bit boring but very important – Trustee of the school's Defined Benefit Pension scheme. I'm also an ISI Compliance Inspector.

When did you start at Taunton School and what did you do before?

I started at Taunton School in January 2016 and before that I was Bursar at Port Regis. I spent my early career in the Army as a logistics officer and retired as a Major after 14 years of service.

Who inspires you?

Kate Bingham

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I really enjoy the variety, no two days are the same. I am find working in education extremely rewarding and this, combined with the forward thinking nature of the leadership at Taunton School makes it a fantastic place to work.

What do you find most challenging?

Making an omelette without breaking eggs. In my job it is very difficult to satisfy all of the different stakeholders all of the time and this is one of the biggest challenges I face every day.



How do you switch off from work at the end of the day?

I ride my bike and walk the dog. Of course, I also turn off my phone for an hour before bed!

Quick fire questions...

- Favourite film
The Shawshank Redemption
- Favourite book
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
- Hobbies
Cycling, running and orienteering.
- Any pets
Two dogs called Barney and Alfie
- Favourite singers/bands
Crowded House
- Any claims to fame
None at all!

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CCF Activity Week: Monday 14th –Thursday 17th June

Cadets enjoyed 4 days of activities including gorge walking, coasteering, climbing, caving and section specific training. The adventure training took place in a number of locations across Devon and tested some to their limits but all learnt something about what they could achieve when put in unfamiliar situations.

Adventure Training (2 days)

Gorge walking involved walking up the River Plym at Dowerstone, where students had to navigate waterfalls, slides and numerous rocks. At times, this required teamwork and a sense of humour as well as some stylish falling over as footings were misjudged!

Climbing and abseiling, also took place at Dowerstone where students had to navigate one of two climbs while they trusted their friends to hold on to the rope to belay them, not everyone had total confidence in the person doing so! Abseiling tested some students' fear of heights as they lowered themselves over the edge of a protruding cliff but it was great to see them overcome these fears.

Coasteering, many cadets favourite activity, took them on a scramble up the cliffs at Torbay only to jump off of them at the top. As the heights got steadily higher, most found their limits but all had a great amount of fun doing so.

Caving was a real test of students (and staff members) perseverance when put in uncomfortable situations as they navigated Pridhamsleigh Cavern. On some of the warmer days, the cool shade of the cave was much appreciated by all. The tight spaces and lower ceilings less so.

Army – Norton Manor – 40 Commando Royal Marine

The Army section spent two days at Norton Manor camp under the tuition of the Royal Marines at Norton Manor Camp. They learnt basic fieldcraft skills like cam and concealment, patrolling, surviving on rations and packing kit. The expertise of the Royal Marines (and their Stories) made these lessons particularly enjoyable.

On Monday afternoon we moved on to some more advanced activities including moving with a weapon and how to clear buildings before entering them. The tactics in built areas stand was particularly enjoyable and informative for cadets and staff alike. We ended the afternoon with a walkthrough of occupying a patrol harbour and where this should be done before enjoying a hog roast for supper.

On Monday evening, we returned to school where cadets set up their bashas (that they had been taught about earlier in the day) to bed down for the night before an earlier start the next day.

Everyone was up and about by 0515 (yes, this is the right time) on Tuesday so that we could move back to Norton Manor for an Early morning PT session on the trim trial with Marines. This was enjoyed more by some than others! Capt Turner and AUO Shaw had bacon butties ready on completion to lift the spirits!

The rest of the morning was divided into 3 stands, a casualty evacuation lesson, a vehicle and weapon interest stand and practice for the afternoons paintball exercise in the Afghan



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village. This was a really interesting and varied morning with something for everyone to enjoy.

In the afternoon, the heat of the day started to get to everyone and sometime in the shaded was needed to prevent overheating! When not resting, all the cadets were able to use what they had learnt over the two days to clear the tin village using paintballs to add realism to the situations.

Royal Navy and Royal Air Force – Wimbleball Lake

RN and RAF cadets spent two days at Wimbleball lake where they worked on the teamwork and leadership skills as well as doing some afloat training. They were able to camp overnight and prepare meals as well.

On Wednesday, under the direction of instructors from the Royal Navy they did team building tasks including raft building. They were very successful in building their rafts, although one did malfunction and cause all aboard to fall in the lake- a highly amusing and enjoyable activity. The rest of the day was spent on the high ropes, where cadets were once again able to push themselves to see what they could achieve.

On Thursday, activities moved to being water based with cadets having the opportunity to try sailing, kayaking and stand up paddleboarding. Some showed they were already fairly adept at these, whilst for others it was their first time on the water but it was great to see all involved and thriving.

Andrew Pring
CCF Contingent Commander



CCF Field Day

Monday 21st June

Cadets from Years 11, 12 and 13 from the RN, Army and RAF travelled to Yoxter, near Cheddar Gorge, to undergo skill at arms and fieldcraft training.

The Army cadet practised their fieldcraft skills and tactic with a 12 hour blank firing exercise. The three sections needed to search and clear the area where they found a downed pilot. After they had rescued him and found supplies in the nearby area they began to narrow down the position of the enemy forces in the nearby woods. They then ambushed the enemy to protect their harbour area before setting some Ops out to observe the enemies movements. It then became clear that the enemy was being reinforced by the local Air Force and Naval units and a full platoon attack would be required to clear the enemy from the area. The three sections then worked together to clear 3 enemy position using fieldcraft tactics that they have learnt over the past number of years.

The RAF and RN cadets were able to use the morning to undergo some skill at arms training on the cadet weapon system. For most of them, this was the first time that they were able to use the weapon and learn how to handle it correctly. In the afternoon, having passed their weapon handling test, they were able to practise skills such as reacting to effective enemy fire and use of cover and fire positions. They then moved to reinforce the enemy positions for the final platoon attack. It was a good experience for them to be able to fire using blank ammunition.

Tuesday 22nd June

Tuesdays activities took place at Norton Manor camp, thanks to the kind support of 40 Commando. The focus of Tuesday was to familiarise cadets with firing the Cadet WS on the Dismounted Close Combat Trainer (DCCT), which is a digital range that utilises the weapon system with compressed gas to simulate firing. All cadets were able to practise their marksmanship principles and fire a grouping shoot at 100m. The rest of the day involved weapon cleaning from the day before (everyone's favourite activity) and tactics in a built up areas with a paintball exercise in the tin village.

Wednesday 23rd June

ARMY

The Army cadets (and 3 RN cadets) went to Yoxter Ranges once again on Wednesday, this time to fire live rounds at the 100m point to hopefully achieve their 3* advanced shooting classification. For most cadets this would be the first time they have fired the weapon with live ammunition and been on a long range. The standards set throughout the day were very impressive and many cadets made great progress through the 5 grouping shoots and the target snap shooting. 8 Cadets were classified as Marksman, a very good effort given their lack of experience when it comes to shooting. It was very pleasing to see the range run by Taunton School CCF staff, no small achievement given the qualifications needed to do and is testament to the dedication of the officers of Taunton School CCF.

Andrew Pring
CCF Contingent Commander



CCF Field Day

RN/RAF

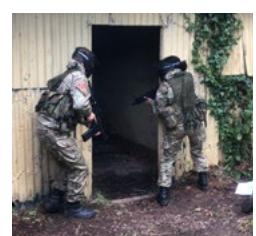
Earlier this week we, along with the other cadets from years 11, 12 and 13, spent three days out of school for our field day. Unfortunately, we couldn't camp over due to COVID but our days were still jam-packed with fun activities. This was an apt time to go as the previous Saturday had been armed forces day.

On the Monday we all arrived and picked up our relevant kit before heading to a Cadet Centre just past Cheddar Gorge. Here we split into two groups and while the army went off to practise their weaponry the Navy and RAF were taught how to use their rifles in a series of lessons. This was concluded with everyone passing their weapons handling test which enabled us to take part in the blank firing activity. We made our way through the woodland, practising how to take cover when under attack and then on a long patrol up to where the army was waiting for us. A few cadets gave us cover as we ran through a field, whilst scaring some innocent cows and narrowly missing the frequent rabbit holes, taking cover under a tree. Whilst in dead ground we prepared for the ambush from the Army and when it came we attacked but were surrounded on all sides resulting in our surrender. When we returned we all enjoyed a hog roast; it was a tiring day however it was worth it and everyone had a great time.

The following day we headed to the Marines base, Norton Manor, where we were split up into three groups. Unfortunately, one of our activities was cleaning our rifles from the previous day but it enabled everyone to understand how the rifle worked. Once the rifles were cleaned we enjoyed a lunch of sausage rolls before having fun with the DCCT, despite some technical difficulties. This is where you can practise your shooting using a computer programmed range. Our last activity of the day was some paintballing where we had to pretend to be patrolling through an enemy village and clear rooms of enemy soldiers. It was really interesting going to an actual military base and the activities were challenging yet invigorating.

On our last day the Navy and RAF visited Wimbleball reservoir and here we got to enjoy kayaking, raft building and stand-up paddle boarding. As Year 11s we got to go in a group and it was definitely fun to see everyone jump in (through their own choice or not). The raft building also involved mathematical ability as you had to pay for objects, however some good jokes did enable you to gain points back. Our team did a great job building however we were a little slower at paddling and may have accidentally crashed into some bushes on the way. Our last activity was the SUP boarding and we practised pivoting whilst stood at the back of the board which resulted in quite a few capsizes. We had a great time on our field day and it was a great experience for us to put what we had learnt into practise.

Lizzie Dutton and Charlotte Hatcher (Navy Year 11)



CCF End of Year Awards

This Term the CCF has had a busy but thoroughly enjoyable time. It was nice to be able to finish the year on a high with section competitions, end of year awards and the announcement of next years Heads of section. We also said goodbye to the terrific Senior NCOs in Year 13 who have done a lot to move the CCF forward, both this year and in the past 4 years. We also said goodbye to our SSI, Paul Sainsbury, who leaves us for a new challenge after 5 years of tremendous work with us in the CCF, he will certainly be missed.

Y10

Commendations from Activity Week

Charlie Bedford, Poppy Charles, Haydn Grinsell

Josh Roffey, Jasmine Cheung, Faye Vincent, Toby Lewis

Seb Malley, Bella Wells, El Marsden, Zara Pittard

Jack Bollom, Morgan Gunter, Max Burke



Best Recruit

RN – Jack Bollom

Army – Haydn Grinsell

RAF – Josh Roffey

OVERALL – Haydn Grinsell



Full bore shooting

Achieved Marksman firing at 100m

Will Hudson, Maxim Bell, Eloise Taylor, Izzy Hogevoord, Grace Hutchinson, Ollie Edwards, Tom Yap, Daniel Aziz

Marksman Trophy – Will Hudson

House Shooting Cup – Marshall



Army Section Competition – Waterloo (Sjt Dietz)

Naval Divisional Winners – Vigilant (AB*** Ashby)

Promotions

Regimental Sergeant Major – Cdt WO1 Barney Dietz

Head of RN – Chief Petty Officer Matt Ashby

Head of Army – Company Sergeant Major Eloise Taylor

Head of RAF – Sergeant Lily Ayres



Andrew Pring
CCF Contingent Commander



Sports Day

The first round of Sports Day took place on Tuesday afternoon with the heats in the sprint events for 100m, 200m, 300m and 400m and then finals in the 1500m. Field events were also completed.

It was lovely to see the house flags out in force and hear the school cheering on their peers in a multitude of different events.

Another delightful school event with the finals of Sports Day took place on Thursday morning. Cracking weather, fantastic house spirit and a real sense of warmth and support across both the students and the staff.

Three new records in the first races by Imogen in the 400m in a new time of 60.6 seconds. Antonio equalled his older brothers record in the 100m in a time of 11.1 and Callum threw a new senior boys javelin record of 51.54m.

Thank you to Mr Tickner who departs the school and therefore leaves the position of Head of Athletics and well done to Nic and Rhiannon on their captaincy this term.

Hayley Mortimer
Assistant Head Co-Curricular and Outreach



Sports Day



End of Term Assembly

CRICKET COLOURS

Junior Half	Willem Ashmore Kit Hockey Jack Oldland Reginald Tuttiett	Henry Collins Max Hole Alex Pomeroy Oscar Willis
Junior Full	Taylor Flitton Alfie MacDonald Nathan Roberts	Ollie Heard George Nuttycombe
Half for Services	Miles Butt Archie Prosser	Ben Jackson Archie Tyler

CRICKET COLOURS

Half Y12	Ben Chaffey Jacob Pengelly	Ben Coston
Half Y13	Ben Ashmore Calum Pinn	Edward Kerslake Ben Pomeroy
Full	Aidan Carter Jacob Hockey Adam Small Henry Weatherill	Max Fletcher Joleigh Roberts Frederick Stevenson

HOUSE CRICKET

Junior inter house	Marshall
Senior inter house (The Farmar Cup)	Marshall
Best junior cricketer (The Gidlow Cup)	Kian Roberts (GD)
Sportsmanship (The Grainger Shield)	Henry Weatherill (ML)
Best bowler (The Higginson Trophy)	Alfie MacDonald (WE)
Best batsman (The Cameron Cup)	Jacob Hockey (GD)

TENNIS COLOURS

Junior Full	Isabel Hovevold	Maddie Marsh
Half for Services	Freya Tyler	
Half	Grace Kellett Vasilisa Smychkovich Teddy Woolstencroft	Sammy Pratt Julia Strothoff
Full	Flora Collier Makena Nesbitt Jonathan Shaw	Isla May Zoe Shadlock

HOUSE TENNIS

Junior girls' inter house	Besley
Senior girls' inter house	Weirfield
Boys' inter house (the Ben S Clark Cup)	Evans
Boys' Open Singles	Jack Brimm

GOLF

Rex Miller Cup & OT Salver Calum Pinn

ATHLETICS

County Championships

Junior Boys' Javelin	Olly Hartwell
Junior Boys' Shot	Jack Burnett
Junior Girls' High Jump	Sienna Mitchell
Intermediate Boys' Shot Put	Devrim Tarr
Senior Boys' 300m	Archie Tyler
Senior Boys' 200m	Antonio Alvarez
Senior Boys' Javelin	Callum Hendy

ATHLETICS COLOURS

Junior Half	Isabel Hovevold	Henry Hudson
Junior Full	Michael Hudson	Skye McLaughlin
Devrim Tarr		
Half for Services	Matthew Knight	
Half Y12	Antonio Alvarez	Imogen Evans
Callum Hendy	Callum Hendy	Hamish Ruthven
Ronnie Foster	Ronnie Foster	Rhiannon Lee
Nick Payne	Nick Payne	Sam Stevenson

Well done to all!

End of Term Assembly

DANCE

Grade 8	Ballet with merit Ballet with merit Ballet with distinction	Kesia Cunningham Arabella Ellisson Georgia Imm
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CCF

House shooting Cup	Marshall
Best Recruit Trophy	Haydn Grinsell
Marksmanship Trophy	Will Hudson
Ten Tors Boot	Rose Harvey
Student who raised most money for Exmoor Search & Rescue Team	Juliette Keegan

CCF

RSM	Barney Dietz
Head of RN	CPO Matt Ashby
Head of Army	CSM Eloise Taylor
Head of RAF	Seargent Lily Ayres

Clay Pigeon Shooting Colours Half for Services

Will Hudson
Dennis Lau
Tamby Welch

Equestrianism Colours

Junior Half	Fliss Gostling Tilly Jacoby-Kelly	Hetty Holden
Junior Full	Cecilia Fawden	Julia Louw
Half	Millie Struel	

Biology Challenge 2021

A national competition for 13-15 year olds. A select group from Y9 & Y10 took part.	
Top performers:	
Bronze award	Joe Taylor
Silver award	Jack Bollom

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Certificate of Achievement

Angel Asenov	Zoe Cao
Dan Edwards	Ivan Luzhanin
Thomas Kitson-Herring	Thomas Leah
Rowan Mandeville	Thomas McConnell
Artem Prokhorov	Jonathan Shaw
Max Soon	

Silver

Verity Winsor

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Bronze Award

Gabriel Baldegger	Gabriel Cameron
Henry Collins	Guy Ellisson
Taylor Flitton	Haydn Grinsell
Rose Harvey	Nathan Hobson
Hetty Holden	Max Hole
Henry Hudson	George Knowles
Erin Lisowski	Alfie MacDonald
Isla May	Max Mitchell
Jack Oldland	Reginald Tuttiett
Charlie Way	Oscar Willis

Well done to all!

End of Term Assembly

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Silver

George Baker
Heidi Bettsworth
Luke Cunningham

Gold

Lena Boraei

Inter House Swimming

Junior Girls	Weirfield
Junior Boys	Goodland
Junior Girls' Relay	Jenkin
Junior Boys' Relay	Goodland
Most improved junior	Amalie Thomas
Junior Victor Ludorum	Szymon Wyrozumski
Junior Victrix Ludorum	Chloe Bown

Inter House Swimming

Senior Girls	Woodfield
Senior Boys	Evans
Senior Girls' Relay	Jenkins
Senior Boys' Relay	Evans
Senior Victor Ludorum	Owen Row
Senior Victrix Ludorum	Skye McLaughlin

Inter House Athletics

Junior Boys	Olly Hartwell
U16 Victrix Ludorum	Nola Fisher
Intermediate Boys Victor Ludorum	Ollie Heard
Over 16 Girls Victrix Lodorum	Isabel Hovevold & Imogen Evans
Senior Victor Ludorum	Antonio Alvarez

Inter House Athletics

Junior Boys	Marshall
U16 Girls	Woodyer
Intermediate Boys	Marshall
O16 Girls	Jenkin
Senior Boys	Marshall
Girls' Relay	Jenkin
Boys' Relay	Marshall



Well done to all!

Exciting news for Taunton School

We are absolutely thrilled to have been shortlisted in four categories in the Independent School of the Year Awards:

- **Prep of the Year**
- **Boarding School of the Year**
- **British International School of the Year**
- **Pre-Prep of the Year**

The awards celebrate the most outstanding schools in the independent sector and we are so pleased that the hard work of our dedicated staff has been recognised.



Weirfield House Outing

Every year Weirfield plan to spend the final Sunday of the year at the beach, relaxing and spending time with friends before a busy and jam-packed final week. Every year these plans are thwarted by the weather and this year was no exception! However, after a challenging year when so many normal activities have not been possible due to COVID restrictions we were determined to spend time having fun and so decided to opt for a day at a waterpark where it didn't matter if it rained as we would be wet anyway! We travelled to the North Devon Wake Park near Bideford to enjoy an inflatable obstacle course challenge. Staff and students donned wetsuits (despite it being June!) and had a brilliant time navigating around the course, swimming and splashing all the while. A few brave individuals decided to challenge themselves further by attempting backflips and jumps off various parts of the course. It was a wonderful day to round off the year.

Laura Brayley
Housemistress Weirfield



School Uniform Shop

During Term Time:

Monday 8am – 2pm

Tuesday 10am – 2pm

Wednesday 10am – 2pm

Thursday 10am – 2pm

Friday 10am – 2pm

1st Saturday of the month 8.30am –
12.30pm

We are also very happy to take orders and payment over the telephone and deliver to a student's area of the school, if parents find visiting during these hours difficult.

Nancy O'Carroll, School Shop Manager

Nancy.OCarroll@tauntonschool.co.uk
- 01823 703165

Summer Opening Hours

Wednesday 14 July - 10am - 2pm
Wednesday 28th July – 10am - 2pm

Thursday 5th August – 10am - 2pm
Friday 6th August – 10am - 2pm
Tuesday 10th August – 10am - 2pm
Wednesday 11th August - 1pm - 5pm
Monday 16th August – 10am - 2pm
Tuesday 17th August – 10am - 2pm
Thursday 19th August – 1pm - 5pm
Tuesday 24th August – 10am - 2pm
Wednesday 25th August – 10am - 2pm
Thursday 26th August - 10am - 2pm

Wednesday 1st September - 10am - 2pm
Thursday 2nd September – 2pm - 6pm
Friday 3rd September – 10am - 2pm

Monday 6th September - 10am - 5pm (this day will be very busy with International boarders arriving, please try to visit sooner, if possible!)

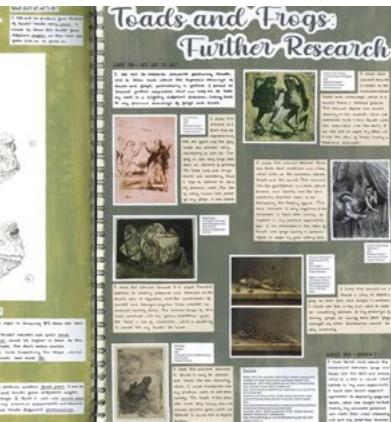
Normal shop hours resume from Tuesday 7th September

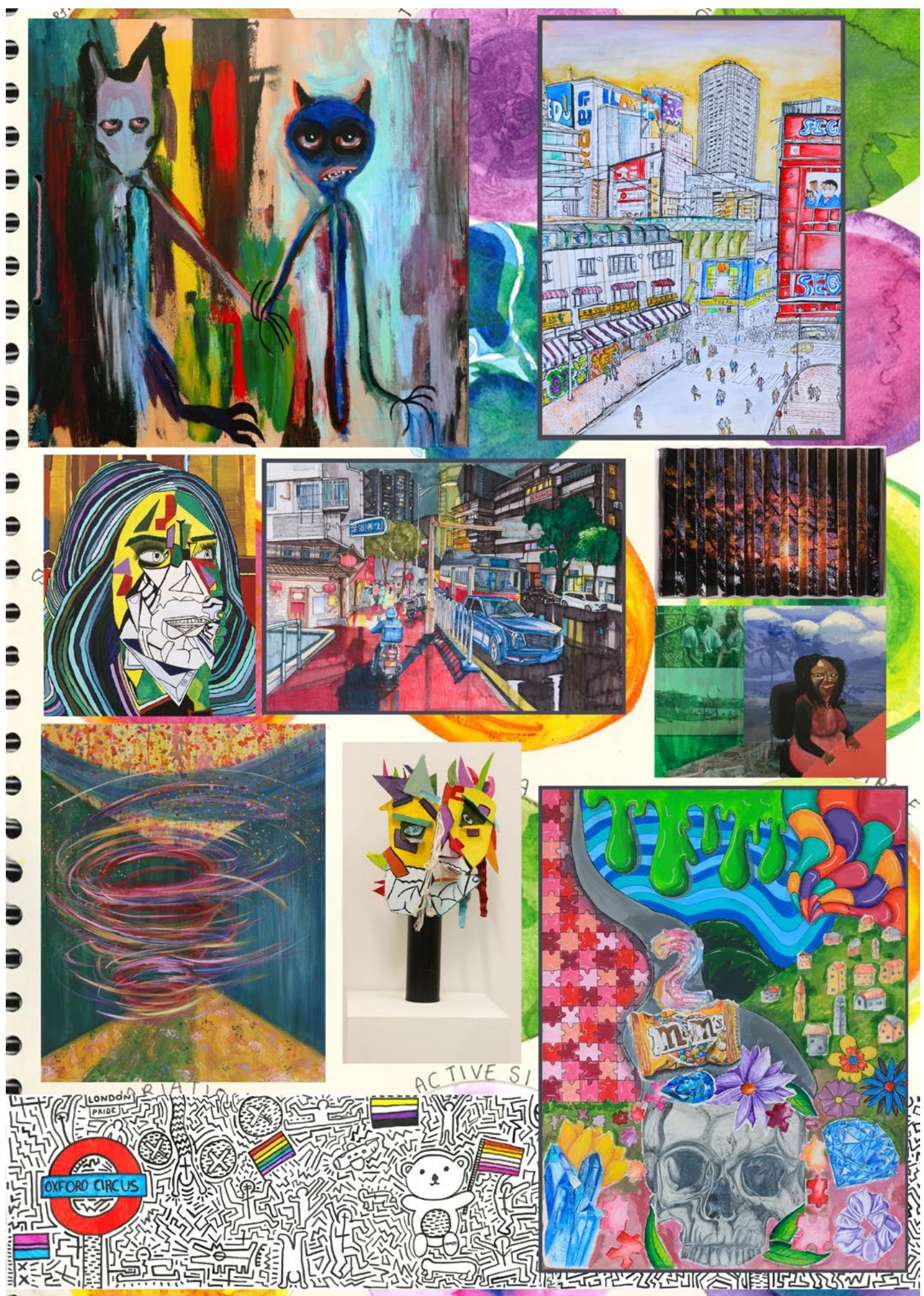
Please contact us to make an appointment if you require a full kit out, we usually allow 30mins per child. If the shop is closed, the main School Reception can book an appointment for you. Thank you.

Art Roundup

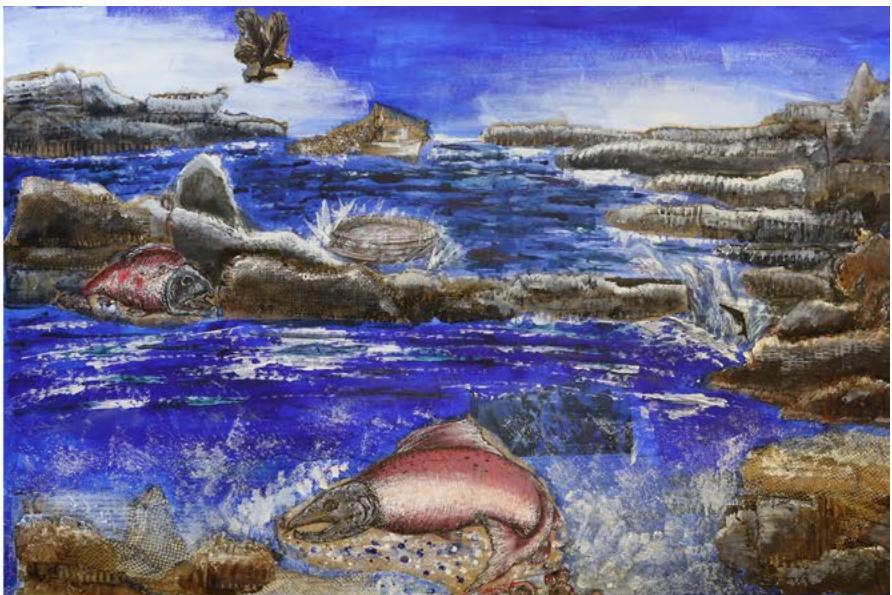
Taunton School Art Department are proud to showcase some of the outstanding artworks produced by GCSE Fine Art, A-Level Fine Art, A-Level Photography and IB Visual Arts students this year!

Taunton School Art Department









'The Crucible' Review

"It is rare for people to be asked the question which puts them squarely in front of themselves."

The words of the protagonist John Proctor encapsulate Arthur Miller's contempt for the hypocrisy and judgement that turned neighbours into enemies, and threw a town into irrevocable turmoil. Exploring themes of betrayal, shame, judgement, truth and religion, the 1953 play 'The Crucible' is a partially fictionalised account of the 1592 Salem Witch Trials, and was written as an allegory for 20th Century McCarthyism, in which victims were accused of communism by the American government.

On Wednesday 23rd June, Taunton School's Sixth Form brought one of the most significant plays of the 20th Century to new audiences, both in-person and virtually. After facing the trials and tribulations of online rehearsals during the spring term, the 18-strong cast stunned us with their arresting performances. The combination of both 'professional' A Level drama students and 'amateur' actors brought a wealth of experience to the stage, making for an even more impactful rendering of the play, under Melanie Stamp's experienced direction.

Audience members were immediately struck by the undercurrents of darkness in the introductory video, in which Reverend Parris (Jamie Kent) observes his daughter Betty (Lucy Beresford-Knight) and her friends engaged in some sort of pagan ritual. The implementation of frantic whispers and unnerving music underscored the rising tension. In the first onstage scene, the positioning of the actors around Betty Paris' sickbed emphasised the invalid's role as a symbol of the self-inflicted destruction of the theocratic society. Whilst Rebecca Nurse (Verity Winsor) provided a source of comfort through her reassuring tone, the sense of impending doom was never lost, courtesy of the girls' (Rosie Norman, Bonnie Kirk) hysterical claims that they had seen various neighbours consorting with the Devil. Abigail Williams, the main antagonist, played by the hauntingly seductive Kara Klimczak-Gange, asserts her influence and accuses countless citizens of witchcraft. John Proctor (Max Fletcher) tries

to convince the town that the girls' accusations are false, whilst attempting to regain his wife's trust after his affair with Abigail. Fletcher's impressive chemistry with Fran Leonard (who played his wife, Elizabeth Proctor) allowed for a full exploration of the themes of love, marriage and loyalty. Esme Hallworth's staggering versatility was on display as she portrayed both Mary Warren (the Proctors' servant, who, after initially helping him, turns on John to save herself) and Ann Putnam (a member of the Salem elite, who sides with Abigail). Ilya Romanov's physicality and striking stage presence effectively conveyed the nobility and strength of Giles Corey, who strives to defend the victims of the trial. Tension continues to escalate as witchcraft expert Reverend John Hale arrives (played with a gentle investigative manner by Woody Knight), followed by the court judges Hathorne and Danforth (portrayed with authoritative superiority by Harry Leung and Philip Pullicino respectively).

The minimalist costumes drew upon the contrast of black and white to recall the polarisation of those accused of association with the devil and the supposedly innocent defendants. The monochromatism also conveyed the bleakness and inevitability of despair for the victims of the trial. The austere set design amplified this ominous desolation, as well as allowing for slick scene changes. Candle holders positioned poignantly upstage were a constant reminder of the omnipresent – if not sometimes destructive – potency of Christianity and fear of the devil. The stark lighting created a latticed pattern both on the stage floor and on the actors themselves, leaving many characters hidden by the shadows of betrayal and entrapment.

The drama of the ending climax was effectively heightened by the stark, detached positioning of the actors across the stage under the growing darkness, accompanied by the oppressive drum beats. After the fading of the lights, we are left to wonder: has justice – and the will of God – truly been served? The answer is unclear. Yet one thing is clear; the drama department can be immensely proud of their success.

Daisy Hickson

Volunteers Required

Are you an artist looking for a fun project this summer? Hestercombe Gardens Trust is looking for GCSE and A Level art students to paint wooden toadstools for display in the gardens over the summer holidays. This is a great chance to have your art displayed next to professional artists, and fantastic commission experience.

If interested, please contact Chris at events@hestercombe.com for more details.





Commem Prize Winners



Form Prizes for 2020

Year 9 Major Prizes:	Matilda Ruthven Elizabeth Kemmish Rosie Seddon Ben Seddon Alan Wang	Prizes:	Poppy Tull Georgina Chung Lily Bramston Szymon Wyrozumski Lucinda Gliddon
Year 10 Major Prizes:	Isabella Wells Orlando Cairns Benjamin Giles Chloe Hims Amalie Thomas	Prizes:	Jana Boraei Jack Bollom Elle Marsden George Cousins Max Mitchell
Year 11 Major Prizes:	Evie Gulliver Elizabeth Dutton Helen Hounslow Annabelle Mellenchip Nathan Roberts	Prizes:	Marnie Cairns Henry Collins Luke Cunningham Kate Blackmore-Greasley Sophie Austin

Middle School Prizes

Tucker Prize for History	Evie Gulliver
Pridham Prize for History	Elizabeth Dutton
Colin Rowe Prize for Technology (D&T)	Nathan Roberts
The Summers Prize for Innovation (D&T)	Willem Ashmore
Dewdney Prize (Classics)	Elizabeth Dutton
Jemima Layzell Trophy (Creative Arts)	Evie Gulliver
Turing Prize for IT	Matilda Ruthven
Leaman Trophy (Drama)	Luke Cunningham
Wilton Trophy (Art)	Charlie Franks
Thomas Rowell Cornish Prize (Geography)	Sophie Austin
S.P. Record Prize (for best GCSE Results)	Bryony Griffiths
	Luke Cunningham
	Hamish Ruthven
	Daisy Hickson

Lower 6th Prizes

Major Prizes:	Yinuo Chen Daisy Hickson Joseph Gough Ruth Garang Vasilisa Smychkovich Henrietta James Matthew Brown	Prizes:	Esme Hallworth Zoe Chung Yuxiang Wen Laura Assanti Hamish Ruthven Blanca Osuna de Miguel Imogen Evans
Contribution to Design & Technology Beaumont Prize (History) Withey Prize (Chemistry) Fung Prize (Physics) Sandra Christie Baltnas Prize (Biology) Michael Button Prize (Best Yr12 exam results)			Sophie Chant Barnaby Dietz Yinuo Chen Yinuo Chen Laura Assanti Yinuo Chen



Commem Prize Winners



Upper 6th Prizes

Mrs Kidner Prize (English)
 Old Tauntonian Prize (English)
 Cyril Eyre Prize (History)
 Fox-Bassett Cup (History)
 A.R. Painter Prize (Classics)
 Old Tauntonian Prize (Geography)
 The Polly Darvell Cup (Geography)
 David Balfour-Brighton Trophy (Business Studies)
 J.H. Newton Prize (Economics)
 Representative Governors' Prize (Religious Studies)
 Smith Prize (Modern Languages)
 Figgis Prize (Modern Languages)
 Le Clere Cup (Modern Languages)
 Modern Foreign Languages IB Prize
 T.S. Penny Prize (Art)
 Visual Arts Trophy (Art)
 Dauncey Trophy (Art)
 Robinson Prize (Chemistry)
 Geoffrey Eyre Prize (Mathematics)
 Geoffrey Eyre Prize (Advanced Mathematics)
 Pean Memorial Prize (Physics)
 Chan Prize (Physics)
 Henry Colthurst Prize (Biology)
 Telfer Project Prize (Biology)
 Kidner Prize (Science)
 Benjamin Clark Prize (Maths and Science)
 LC Phillips Trophy (Engineering)
 Havelock Case Prize (Engineering Science)
 The Science Prize for Endeavour
 Psychology Cup

 Wickham Trophy (PE)
 BTEC Prize for Sports Science
 Atyeo Trophy (D&T)
 Clegg Salver for Innovation (D&T)
 The Turing Prize for ICT
 DJ Cooper Prize (pursuing career in Law)
 Ernest R Evans Memorial Prize
 (pursuing career in Accountancy)

Sophie Fisher
 Lena Boraei
 Oliver Halliday
 Edward Kerslake
 Kate Foster
 Edward Cousins
 William Andrew
 Anastasiia Liubychenko
 Oliver Halliday
 Benjamin Jackson
 Jessica Fisher
 Isabel Glaser
 Kate Foster
 Rowan Mandeville
 Kate Foster
 Lena Boraei
 Linoel Goncalves
 Philip Pullicino
 Skyla Coate
 Daniel Travers
 Ronnie Foster
 Daniel Travers
 Philip Pullicino
 Skyla Coate
 Frederick Crouch
 Alvin Pak Ho Ku
 Thomas Kitson-Herring
 Rupert Dean
 Ben Ashmore
 Skyla Coate
 Freya Tyler
 Tia Chaloner
 Max Fletcher
 Ben Ashmore
 Jesper-Jay Harrington
 Benjamin Pomeroy
 Jessica Fisher
 William Andrew

Music Prizes

Howell Reed Orchestral Trophy
 Howell Reed Trophy (Piano)
 Lindo Cup for Musicianship
 Hudson Cup for Brass
 Ravenscroft Trophy (Woodwind)
 Michael Brown Trophy (Singing)
 Lisk Cup (Strings)
 Bridges Trophy (Choral Singing)

 Music Department Prize for Contribution to School Music

Matthew Knight
 Isaac Onyirioha
 Isaac Onyirioha
 Sarah Stoppard
 Matthew Knight
 Daisy Downham
 Matthew Knight
 Daisy Downham
 Rupert Dean
 Isaac Onyirioha



Commem Prize Winners



Drama Prizes

Gulliford Drama Trophy
The Smart Trophy

Philip Pullicino
Max Fletcher

Speaking & Reading Prizes

Addiscott (verse)
Addiscott (prose)
Burke Prize for Debating
Goodland Public Speaking Prize
Pascoe Prize for Public Speaking
Priest Prize (Most Improved Speaker)

Maisie Raven
Annabelle Lewes
Hanna Wittek
Ruth Garang
Kara Klimczak-Gange
Jana Boraei

CCF Prizes

The Pugh Combined Cadet Force Shield
The Gray Cup

Matthew Ashby
Makena Nesbitt

Sports Prizes

Snow Cup (Boys' Hockey)
Richards Cup (Girls' Hockey)
Thomson Cup (Athletics)
Fred Wilton Dawe Award (Boys' Athletics)
Barrie Cup (Netball)
Roger Smith Memorial Cup (Cricket)
Alec Stewart Memorial Cup (Cricket)
Roger Smith Memorial Cup (Rugby)
Burrows Cup (Senior Rugby Player of the Year)
The Longstreet Cup – Boys' Tennis
Reid Cup (Girls' Tennis)
The Merit Cup for Girls' Swimming
The Wright Cup for Boys' Swimming
The Goddin Award for High Sporting Endeavour (Girls)
The Goddin Award for High Sporting Endeavour (Boys)

Max Fletcher
Isabel Glaser
Rhiannon Lee
Nicholas Payne
Isla May
Jacob Hockey
Henry Weatherill
Benjamin Bailey
Nicholas Payne
Jonathan Shaw
Flora Collier
Freya Tyler
Jonathan Cole
Zoe Shadlock
Nicholas Payne

School Prizes

Hebditch Cup (Sportsman of the Year)
Hebditch Cup (Sportswoman of the Year)
Musician of the Year Trophy

Max Fletcher
Isla May
Matthew Knight

A.J. Williams Bursaries

Daisy Downham
Annabelle Lewes

Old Tauntonian Freemasons' Prize

Edward Cousins

William Gore Prize (Best Emergent Mind)
P.G. Smith Cup for High Endeavour
Harry McFaul Trophy
Pickard Trophy
Lizzie Pincock Teapot

Miles Butt
Flora Collier
Jesper-Jay Harrington
Emma Hounslow
Nieve Davis
Lena Boraei
Thomas McConnell

SPORT

Cricket

1st XI

Kings 213 all out

Taunton 214-6 (Hockey 55, Chaffey 46, Weatherill 40*)

For the last block fixture of the year both teams had players missing due to involvement in national finals. In the seniors Taunton took the honours with 3 victories. In the first XI match Kings started well against an attack that finally found its length and line. This was led by Henry Weatherill who took the first wicket, he was supported by Alfie Macdonald. Captain Max Fletcher then took his last wicket for school and Ben Chaffey continued his fine form with the ball. Henry Weatherill returned to make further inroads as Kings were dismissed for 213. In reply Taunton lost an early wicket before a good partnership of 94 between Ben Coston (23) and Jacob Hockey (55). After both were dismissed Kings applied pressure but Ben Chaffey (46) and Henry Weatherill with 40 not out saw Taunton to a 4 wicket win.

In the second XI Taunton batted first, the innings was dominated by Nathan Roberts who finished the season on a high and will no doubt be pushing for a first XI place next year. He made 73 not out and was ably assisted by George Nuttycombe and Ben Pomeroy as Taunton amassed 160 off their 25 overs. Taunton always had control in the field with all the top 5 bowlers taking wickets and bowling tight spells. They were Barnaby Webber, Ed Kerslake, Taylor Flitton, Archie Billings and Max Hole. These spells set the foundation as Ben Pomeroy bowled his last over for the school as he led the team to a 20 run victory. The 3rd XI completed a strong season with another victory as Taunton bowled first Ben Jackson bowled good spells. In response there were useful contributions by Ben Ashmore and Calum Pinn but then came the star of the show. Charlie Shave continued to show his huge improvements by making another winning score, this time it was 57 not out as Taunton cruised to a 8 wicket win.

2nd XI

Taunton 160 - 2 Nathan Roberts 75*

Kings 140 - 8

3 XI

Kings 125

Taunton 127-2 Charlie Shave 57*

14Bs vs Kings As

Taunton 25 ao

Kings 26-2

14Cs vs Kings Bs

Kings 152 - 6

Taunton 127 (Alfie Howells 37* with a 50 partnership between him and Tristan Hill)

15As

Taunton 157 (Chaffey 53, Robertson 58*)

Kings 158 won off last ball

15Bs

Taunton 110 all out (Stuckey 33; E Salvador 31)

Kings 111 - 4



Junior Report

The Under 14A's had their regional semi final cancelled so they had an excellent training session. Unfortunately this meant the 14Bs were listed to play what was quoted as a weak team but this wasn't the case as Kings bowled Taunton out for a low total and won easily. The Cs however versus their B team had a very competitive match. Kings batted first amassing 152-6 versus good Taunton bowling from Alfie Howells, Ruben Hallworth, Sunny Anderson and Ben Seddon. The reply stutter but an excellent partnership between Adam Griffiths and Alfie Howells, who finished with 37, meant Taunton had a chance. Unfortunately, after this partnership was broken the runs became harder to get and a narrow loss occurred. The 15s saw the closest finish as the match went to the last ball of the innings. Taunton batted first and set what should have been a winning score of 158. Alex Chaffey batted excellently for his 53 and Fin Robertson got back to form having missed some matches through with a well struck unbeaten 58. Kings reply started strongly before Taunton managed to take three wickets to leave the score 89-3. The innings continued to ebb and flow but Taunton got on top as Logan DuPont (3), Chaffey and Hallett a wicket apiece. Kings needed 28 over two overs and a combination of good blows and crazy running meant Kings used 2 off the last ball. Unfortunately for Taunton, they succeeded, but this was the 5th match this year to go to the last ball. The U15b's had a mixed innings with highs for Josh Stuckey (33) and Ethan Salvador (31) making two meaningful contributions but again inconsistent batting cost Taunton as they were bowled out for a final score of 110. Despite the team showing real character in field as a group, the score not being enough was always an issue and Kings won by 6 wickets. Unfortunately, the U15c's was cancelled due to Kings not getting a team but thank you to Mr Wells who ran a middle wicket competition. Overall a good competitive block fixture to finish the year.

SPORT

Cricket

National Cup Match

Taunton travelled to Whitgift which was always going to be a tough game with the size differential between the two schools. Taunton won the toss and batted first against what ended up being four county bowlers. The higher order batters battled well both wickets started to fall, Kian Roberts and Will Harvey showed the most resistance early on before the a partnership that looked like giving Taunton a chance. Hugo Marsden and Oscar Marsden contributed equally to a 50 partnership unfortunately they fell in successive balls with the score on 95, Jack Burnett struck two lusty blows but Taunton collapsed to 105 all out. This was never going to be enough but Mr Sanderson was really proud how the players kept working hard and making Whitgift earn their victory. There were wickets for Oscar Coleman and Ben Mason. Overall it has been a great run by the 14s, well done.



Cricket Review / Goodbye Fowler

The season comes to a close. A season where the overriding thought is it happened! After the previous lost season was great to see cricket back on the Front. The rain unfortunately did it's best to ruin the season with 40 matches being rained off. Despite this there were many highlights, both performance and participation. The Under 14s being regional champions and county finalists. The first XI performances going unbeaten since half term and many other teams gained good wins. There were 4 hundreds this year, Logan DuPont two, Ben Coston and Kian Roberts one a piece. Alfie Macdonald gained a 5 wicket haul and Sam Billings and Reggie Tuttiett got hat tricks. Many players represented county teams; the highlights Ben Chaffey and Adam Small playing for full adult county teams for Dorset and Devon respectively. We had 3 girls play in the same Somerset under 18s team (Joleigh Roberts, Izzy Hovevold and Brooke Olivia-Whittaker) all played major parts. Also playing Under 18s but for boys was Logan DuPont and Kian Roberts. Also playing above his own age group is Ben Mason. Findlay Robertson and AJ McKay represented Somerset as well as Ollie Heard representing and training with Somerset squad.

From a participant prospective the fact that before half term we had over 200 juniors and 120 seniors attend cricket sessions was amazing and a logistical nightmare! It was a proud moment when we got 11 teams out for a Saturday fixture with a 5th XI for the first time in history. I want to thank all the players for the effort and commitment as well as the staff who work tirelessly to deliver the programme. Finally, from a staff prospective, this year sees Mr Fowler move onto a new venture in London - ironically a place he had never visited! From all the staff and players thank you for your efforts and best of luck in the future.



Goodbye Mr Fowler



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