

Senior School COURIER

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FULL HOUSE FOR A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



This month saw a full cast of students and crew put on a fantastic three-show run of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Go to page 6 to see more photos, read a student review and <u>watch a behind the scenes video.</u>

More inside:

- Meet the cast and crew of A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Mental Health Awareness Week

- End of term awards and prizes
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Leave your mark! Sponsor a tree or a desk at Taunton School

Taunton School families and supporters are invited to sponsor a tree or desk as part of the first phase of the school's development plan.

The 'Leave Your Mark' campaign offers supporters the opportunity to add their family's or a loved one's name onto a plaque, tree or desk in order to raise funds for the new Sixth Form centre and library.

<u>A JustGiving page</u> has been set up by Foundation Director Mr Clark, following requests from parents for a way of thanking Headmaster and CEO Mr Glaser, who is leaving Taunton School in the summer.



Mr Glaser has asked for donations to the 'Leave Your Mark' campaign rather than personal gifts for him.

The first phase of the development plan involves transforming the senior school library and Sixth Form centre.

Library and Sixth Form Centre:

The Carrington Library is moving to the heart of the senior school and a new Sixth Form centre will be created. The new library will be a much larger space and include new silent study pods and areas for group work. There are naming opportunities to sponsor desks and study pods as well as the glass entrance doors. For more information about the project or to make your donation please visit our JustGiving Page.

Creating a 'living entrance' to the school:

The area around the entrance to the school will be enhanced with new flowerbeds and the planting of seasoned trees. This project will make a huge difference to the daily experience of many students, parents and visitors. It also provides an opportunity for families to name and sponsor specific trees and flowerbeds that will grow with the school for generations. For more information about the project or to make your donation please visit our JustGiving Page.

To find out more about the projects or to make a donation, visit the <u>school's website</u> or <u>JustGiving page</u> or contact Foundation Director at <u>Jack.Clark@tauntonschool.co.uk</u>





Diary dates

Half-term	27th May 2022 - 6th June 2022
TSI sports day	20th June 2022
TSI summer ball	23rd June 2022 from 6:30pm
Year 11 prom	27th June 2022
Musical extravaganza	30th June 2022
Senior School commemoration and prizegiving	Friday 1st July
Senior leavers' ball	Friday 1st July from 7:00pm
Summer holidays begin	2nd July 2022
Summer activity camps (see Ticketsource)	From 11th July

To find out more about scholarships visit our website: <u>https://www.tauntonschool.co.uk/scholarships-and-assisted-places/</u> Find our Ticketsource events here: <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tauntonschool</u>

End of term awards and prizes

Netball Awards

Team	Players' player	Coach's player	Most improved
1st	Rosa Allen	Verity Winsor	Heidi Bettesworth
2nd	Charlotte Nelson	Bella Wells	Elle Marsden
3rd	Annie Mellenchip	Nola Fisher	Maddie Marsh
4th	Bella Slade	Chloe Hims	Olivia Pyke
5th	Erin Lisowski	Mollie West	Emily Grabhorn
6th	Isabella Vermaat	Romane Prud'Homme	Eda Oner
U15A	Sienna Mitchell	Jasmine Porter	Poppy Crouch
U15B	Lizzie Kemmish	Madden Willetts	Izzy Philips
U15C	Alisha Joseph	Jasmine Jamieson	Mia Shearman
U15D	Octavia Woodley	Rosie Seddon	Apple Sleigh
U14A	Mia McAree	Tilly Dando	Millie Trescothick
U14B	Lola Read	Emily Vernon	Monique Du Toit
U14C	Izzy Drinkwater	Katrina McAllister	Laney Peterson
U14D	Romany Airton	Millie Stoddart	Liv Reading

Gwynne Jones Cup for netball Player of the Season: Grace Kellett – Jenkin.

House netball

Junior House netball trophy: Besley Junior House netball trophy B Competition: Besley Senior House netball trophy: Jenkin Senior House netball trophy B Competition: Jenkin

House hockey

Junior House Hockey Cup: Evans Senior House Hockey Cup: Wills West

House football

Winners: Jenkin

Junior house debating competition

Persuasive Speaking: Amelie Oliff Impromptu: Lizzie Kemmish Interpretive Reading: Marni Gallimore Junior House Debating winners: Lizzie Kemmish and Marni Gallimore Junior House Debating Cup: Bevan

Balloon debate

Winner: Jamie Kent (Goodland) as Boris Johnson

Dance exam success

Ruby Cotrell – Grade 5 Tap - Merit

Music ABRSM University of West London and Trinity College certificates

Chris Wallace – grade 2 french horn – merit Emily Vernon – grade 6 flute – merit Ethan Li – grade 5 piano – distinction Julian Turck – grade 5 piano Jack Dayer – grade 5 singing – merit Oscar Baker – grade 6 clarinet – merit Lily Bramston – grade 6 singing – merit Eliza Hopwood – grade 7 singing – distinction Tony Wang – grade 8 piano – merit George Knowles – grade 8 piano – distinction

Maths Challenge gold awards

Intermediate: Rohan Narang (Year 9), Shafin Akhtar (Year 10), Jack Jiang (Year 10), Oscar Lee (Year 10), Alan Wang (Year 10), Derrick Cheung (Year 11), Jasmine Cheung (Year 11), Lily Huang (Year 11)

Senior: Shad Akhtar, Daniil Kamakaev, Erhan Xu, Wenzaixi Zhou

Royal Society of Chemists Olympiad

Bronze: Luke Cunningham, Niamh Fan Silver: Shad Akhtar, Nick Chen Gold: Daniel Wen, Marcus Song British Physics Olympiad Bronze Level 2: Daniel Wen Bronze Level 1: Nick Chen, Ollie Miller

Equestrian results

These are the results from our Grassroots showjumping event on Saturday 6th March:

70cm – Florence Legg, Genevieve Grundy, Lilia Adams – team 1st overall.

80cm – Florence Legg, Dan Fawden, Sophie Day – Dan 2nd individually, team 1st overall.

90cm – Meg Pocock, Dan Fawden, Cecelia Fawden, Laura Trembath – Meg 6th individually, team 3rd overall.

CCF promotions

RAF Section

Year 12: To Lance Corporal - Grace Talbot, Cecilia Fawden, Rufus Hetherington

Army Section

Year 13: To Corporal - Alice Cervi To Sergeant – Tom Yap

Year 12: To Colour Sergeant - Ailiani Braine-Clarke, Annie Mellenchip, Izzy Hogevold To Sergeant - Devrim Tarr, Kev Lorenston-Bright To Corporal - Gabriel Cameron, Henry Hudson To Lance Corporal - Lila Ollif, Julian Carr

Year 11:

To Sergeant - Haydn Grinsell, Charlie Bedford To Corporal - Jana Borai, Poppy Charles, Fabian Flay, Lewis Frost, Ben Giles, Hannah Goldridge, Fliss Hallsworth, Chloe Hims, Tallulah Hubbard, Lily Lucas, Charlotte Nelson, Chloe Sneep, Josh Stevenson, Bella Wells To Lance Corporal - Jack Dayer, Jytte Lundehn, Seb Malley

CCF certificates of merit

Cadet Sergeant Hayden Grinsell Cadet Sergeant Charlie Bedford Cadet Morgan Gunter Cadet Max Burke Cadet Joe Taylor

CCF shooting results

Apple Sleigh – Marksman Kevin Chacko – Marksman Archibald Martin – Marksman Octavia Woodley – Marksman Jasmine Jameson – 1st Class Eloic Bell – 1st Class Allyssa Vitug – 1st Class Oliver Gribble – 1st Class Oliver Gribble – 1st Class Alfie Howells – Pass Olivia Foster – Pass William Harvey – Pass Henry Kingswell – Pass Samuel Davies – Pass Kian Roberts – Pass

TSI student gets top score in UKMT Maths Challenge



16-year-old Year 11 Taunton School student Maksim has been named in the top 6% of school mathematicians in the UK after achieving a gold award in the UK Mathematics Challenge.

Of all the students that took part, Maksim's score of 121 points was the best across the whole of Taunton School.

Elsewhere in the school, 13 other students also achieved gold awards, which means they performed in the top 6-7% of the entrants across the UK and qualified for a higher-level challenge round.

Read more here.

Chess team reach South West final



Taunton School's chess team is through to the South West final of the prestigious Times National Schools Chess Championships.

After another enjoyable tussle against Churchill Academy, Taunton's chess coach, Mr Jamie Beviss, said "All of our players played superbly well under pressure, showing huge amounts of concentration, skill and composure. They practise hard and deserve the chance to now play in the final and win the South West title.

Taunton School shortlisted for boarding and drama awards



Taunton School has been shortlisted as one of the best boarding schools in the UK in the 2022 Tes Awards and the schools art and drama programme has been named as one of the UK's best after being announced as a finalist in the Muddy Stilettos Schools Awards. We were also named as 'highly commended' in the awards' outstanding pastoral care category.

Read more on our website here.

Taunton Schools celebrates Mental Health Awareness Week



Students across Taunton School have been taking part in a number of initiatives to commemorate Mental Health Awareness Week, which is from 9-15 May 2022. As part of the initiatives, Year 12 students have been learning how to support each other and spot the signs of loneliness, particularly amongst the younger students at the school. A dedicated slot in the school day has been established to give the students a chance to spend time with younger year groups in their houses to allow them to develop closer relationships.

Read more here.

Drop Everything and Read!

All Houses took part in the DEAR (Drop Everything And Read!) initiative to remind students to take time away from their phones and enjoy a good old book to help encourage oral literacy.

Underestimating the potential of superior speaking skills in increasing not only academic outcomes but also future prospects is a grave mistake. Because of this, oracy is and will continue to be a focus at Taunton School, as we work together to create 'high-quality talk'.

Read more on our website here.



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An evening with Nigel Owens

















Year 13 BTEC business students hosted an exceptional evening with Nigel Owens MBE as part of their 'Managing an Event' unit of work. Matthew, Archie, Rhys, Chloe, Matthew, Robbie and Miles organised an unforgettable event for over 200 people in the Densham Suite. The evening involved an exquisite three course meal from our in-house catering team, a charity auction and superb talk from our guest of honour, Mr. Nigel Owens MBE. Photos by Ilya Romanov (Year 13).

Nick Keyes – WW1 talk

The English department welcomed Major Nick Keyes to deliver a First World War presentation to Year 10, targeting the experiences of soldiers in the 1917 St Quentin action featured in their GCSE drama text 'Journey's End'. Using real and replica props such as gasmasks, a rifle, bayonets, grenades, shell cases and full uniform, he had the students up and modelling a private soldier's equipment and a raid to take a prisoner. Many thanks to Major Keyes for a fascinating introduction to the text.

TSI Science Quiz

As the science faculty Student Academic Leader at Taunton School International, Kris Wong organised and ran a science & maths pub quiz. Congratulations to Kalani, Mochi and Felix were the winners!







Foundation update

This year the Foundation has seen an unprecedented number of new donors as parents and alumni have generously come together to thank Lee Glaser for his leadership of the school over the last eight years. The 'Leave Your Mark' campaign now has over 100 supporters and is nearing its target of raising £75,000 for the new library and sixth form. If you want to thank the Headmaster, as well as add your name, or that of a loved one, to the new library you can read more about it on <u>our website</u>.

Everyone who gives to the 'Leave Your Mark' campaign or who has made another donation to the school is will be very welcome at a special drinks reception on the 30th June (5-6pm). The drinks reception will be followed by an outdoor concert on the Front. If you have not yet received your invitation and have given a donation to the school or plan to do so then please do <u>get in</u> <u>touch.</u>

Recently I spoke with Upper Sixth leavers about the work of the Foundation and becoming Old Tauntonians (OT). Everyone who has studied at the school is an OT and welcome to attend special events and reunions, reconnecting with old friends and teachers. This summer we have a number of events for OTs, starting on the 28th May with a cricket match in memory of an OT (Matthew Compton, 1983-87, Wills West) followed by a dinner. There will also be a 10-year reunion for OTs who left in 2010, 2011 & 2012. For more information please do get in touch.

To celebrate the school's 175th anniversary next year, there will be a varied programme of events for parents, students and OTs. The first event is a 100km cycle ride, 20 staff and parents have signed up for the challenge so far, including our new Headmaster, James Johnson. If you would like to know more about the event or to join the practice rides then <u>get in touch</u>.

The Foundation supports the whole of the Taunton School community. We provide opportunities for parents and OTs to connect with the school, and we raise funds for essential projects and means-tested Assisted Places. With our 175th anniversary around the corner there is no better time to engage with the school. If you want to know more about any of these areas then please do <u>get in touch.</u>

Jack Clark Foundation Director Jack.clark@tauntonschool.org.uk



New library images released

We are delighted to announce the designs for our new library. The construction, which is taking place in what was known as the lower dining room, will provide our students with a much larger and brighter space to read, collaborate and study.

The new library will be in the heart of the school and after consultations across the student body we have chosen a modern design that reflects their needs and wishes.

The work for this exciting project has already started and is due to be finished for use by autumn 2022. There are naming opportunities for parents and OTs to sponsor desks and study pods as well as the glass entrance doors. For more information about the project or to make your donation please visit our <u>JustGiving Page</u> or get in touch with our Foundation Director, Jack Clark, at <u>Jack</u>. <u>Clark@tauntonschool.co.uk</u>.







Join us for a 100km bike ride and help launch our 175th anniversary celebrations

On Sunday 25th September, cyclists from Taunton School's community, including James Johnson the incoming Headmaster, are planning to ride 100km to launch our celebrations for the school's 175th anniversary. This enjoyable community challenge will start and finish at school with celebratory hospitality at the finish. We will have the support of a team car but all riders will need to make sure they have the right equipment to complete the ride.

We are keen to identify those who might be interested so that we can start planning and organizing practice rides over the summer. Although this is a ride not a race, riders will be expected to have suitable equipment, fitness and the experience to complete the 100km route.

Riders will be asked to raise £175, with all donations going towards the Taunton School Foundation.

If you are interested in taking part, or to find out more, please contact the Foundation Director, Jack Clark, at jack.clark@tauntonschool.co.uk or ring +44 1823703159.





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EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday 23rd July £28 per person	Bake Off The Professionals, with Michael Coggan, Winner 2020 A masterclass in pastry with afternoon tea	
Friday 12th August £19.50 per person	Pop Up Cinema Night & Street Food An evening of classic movies, Grease followed by Dirty Dancing	
Saturday 20th August £24.50 per person	Evening Lawn Party with DT8 Live With hog roast and bar	
Sunday 21st August £24.50 per person	Jazz & Swing Afternoon Live jazz band, bar and hog roast	
Thursday 1st September Free tickets, Registration essential	Wedding Open Evening Explore our facilities, meet the wedding team and our recommended suppliers	
December: Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, Saturday 17th, Sunday 18th From £33 per person	Christmas Party Nights Welcome cocktail, three-course meal, disco and fun casino	

For more information and to book tickets please visit our website:

www.tauntonschoolenterprises.co.uk Email events@tauntonschool.co.uk Phone 01823 703111

Foxcombe colour run



















Students in Foxcombe house took part in the first ever colour run to raise money for Mind in Somerset and to commemorate Mental Health Awareness Week and its theme of tackling loneliness.

Watch a video from the event here.

Labour Day

Woodyer Year 9 students marked Labour Day by setting out a 'staff appreciation station.' There, staff (teaching and nonteaching) gathered to share a hot drink and cake (freshly baked in Woodyer over the weekend). Students were also afforded the opportunity to write a note of appreciation to staff members; these were then delivered directly to them in order to put a spring in their step for the afternoon!





Spring concert



The 29th of April saw the culmination of ensemble rehearsals throughout the last term in the spring concert. The evening featured a wide variety of music, from Hamilton and Gershwin to Mendelssohn and Grieg, all performed stylishly by the wind band, orchestra, dance band, string quartet, horn ensemble and brass ensemble.

Alongside these ensembles, several upper sixth musicians got the opportunity to perform fantastic solos, with Daisy Hickson, George Knowles, Sebastian Dean, and Harry Leung all featuring as well as Anthony Knight and Eliza Hopwood.

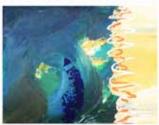
The Lisk History Society staged its annual President's Parade following a year's Covid induced absence. The colourful ensemble of teachers and students in fancy dress, accompanied by the Lisk bagpiper, concluded events with a resounding three cheers for the president. Lisk, not Biden.

Lisk parade returns



Art Club update















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Work in progress!















A Midsummer Night's Dream



Our drama students have been working hard on this year's productions of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Read a review of the performance from TSIMS student Anna D:

On Wednesday, I went to a fantastic play by TS students, and they played in the TS theatre. It was an amazing play because the actors were fantastic! I thought they looked professional but actually they are just amateurs! The play was by Shakespeare, so the words were old English, however, all the actors learnt it very well and spoke very well. My favorite character was Bottom because he played really well and his voice was clear, so we heard him clearly. Also, I could understand how he worked hard, and he imagined his own character.

Meet the cast and crew of the performance here. Photos by Ilya Romanov (Year 13).



Regional Young Musician of the Year



Well done to Anthony Knight, who won the Regional Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition over the Easter break and will go on to compete in the national finals in may.

DofE training



Spring Forward dance festival

Our talented dance scholars put on a brilliant performance at the Spring Forward dance festival at the Tacchi Morris Arts Centre. The event brings together dancers from across Somerset and the South West to perform on a professional stage.



CCAT mountaineering











Having attended a Cadet Centre for Adventurous Training (CCAT) course held in the Lake District for their Duke of Edinburgh residential, Grace Hutchinson and Lizzie Dutton are now deemed competent to lead groups in the mountains. The girls spent the week taking part in a mountaineering course which ended with an overnight wild camping expedition.



Over 70 students put their navigation skills to the test for the Duke of Edinburgh expedition training. Great to see such brilliant teamwork as part of the silver and gold awards.

Jenkin house breakfast



Boarders in Jenkin enjoyed the last house breakfast of the academic year before exam groups go on study leave. It was a special request from the Year 13 prefects so that the house could enjoy spending time together and it was lovely to see year groups socialising with each other in Thursday morning's tutorial.

Fairwater #dreamfordanny walk



A group of FW boys set off to walk a long section of the Staple Fitzpaine Herepath to raise money for the #dreamfordanny campaign. The Herepath is a beautiful route through some stunning countryside and the boys enjoyed the photo opportunities it afforded, especially our A-level photography students. We made good time, in large part because we made the mistake of letting Mr Langley, Rory and Gus lead the party – they set quite a pace! All the boys did incredibly well, although some had a little more help than others in the form of piggybacks up the worst of the hills.

Between them, they raised over £800 for the #dreamfordanny campaign!

Weirfield Easter egg hunt

Easter came early to Weirfield house this year with girls from every year group taking part in the hotly anticipated annual egg hunt. Over 200 eggs were hidden around the school site and the girls enjoyed searching for them almost as much as eating the chocolate. What a lovely way to round off the term and enjoy the spring sunshine.



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Meet the new international student pastoral leaders



The SPLs play an enormous role in the smooth running of the Foxcombe houses and are involved deeply in the pastoral side of wellbeing in their houses. **SPL boys** - Ong, Oleg, Luc. **SPL girls** - Yue, Costanza, Liza.

TSI Go Karting

Students in Foxcombe house went Go Karting this month as part of their boarding activities programme!





House tennis



A huge well done to Luxor, Basile, Sabyrzhan, Carl from Foxcombe Boys, who won this years' Taunton School house tennis competition! Going against players from every other house, they performed brilliantly!

Cricket round-up

Under generally sunny skies the cricket season has started. The first event was a highly successful two-day trip to London, which saw a senior and junior team play at Forest School. The match results were not really relevant but it was good to finish 2 all in matches. The main theme was to get playing matches on grass and working on team dynamics. This was successful achieved.

The season has started with two tough fixtures against bigger schools, the boys showed great tenacity and character against some tough opponents. I was very proud of the comments from Sherborne parents, regarding our effort and on field behaviour, as I walked from the 1st XI match to walk the 5 other fixtures at Sherborne. 15As had an amazing win and the other top teams all had close encounters. It was a similar story Vs Clifton where Taunton competed well but lost out in some close games although the 3rd XI played brilliantly. Sandwiched in between these matches were Bristol Grammar School and it was good to see our dominance across the 7 matches.

In other cricket news congratulations to Kian Roberts making his Somerset 2nd XI debut and to Brooke Olivia-Whittaker making her full Somerset ladies debut. As well as these players many others have started their county seasons, best of luck to all.

Mr Sanderson

Results Summary

Sherborne 1st XI -Sherborne 238 - 7 Taunton 207 ao 2nd XI -

Sherborne 214 - 5 Taunton 100 ao

3rd XI -Taunton 102 ao Sherborne 103

4th XI -Sherborne Taunton 43 ao

15As -Sherborne 180 Taunton 181 - 0

15Bs -Sherborne 155 Taunton 110 all out

15Cs -Taunton 97-3 Sherborne 98-6

14As -Taunton 86 Sherborne 87-7

14Bs -Sherborne 215 Taunton 50 ao

14Cs -Sherborne 207 Taunton 30 ao

1st XI -BGS 157 Taunton 160 - 4 2nd XI -Taunton 225 - 4

BGS

BGS - 149

3rd XI -Taunton 185 - 2 BGS 181 - 5

15As -Taunton 158 - 8 BGS 153 ao

15Bs -Taunton - 235 - 2 BGS - 190 ao

14As -BGS 135 - 2 Taunton 136 - 0

14Bs -BGS 117 Taunton 115 ao Clifton

1st XI Clifton 271 - 8 Taunton 110 ao

2nd XI Clifton 201 Taunton 170

3rd XI Taunton 183 - 4 Clifton 171 -8

4th XI Taunton 89 ao Clifton 90 - 6

15As Taunton 90 ao Clifton 91-2

15Bs Taunton 116 Clifton 117

14As Clifton 197 Taunton 150 ao

14Bs -Taunton 56 AO Clifton 57-3

14Cs - lost off last ball Taunton 94 - 3 Clifton 95-9

Cross country success for Romane



Well done to TSI student Romane Prud'Homme from France who competed at the London National Cross Country Championships over half term!

Somerset Cricket players in Sri Lanka





Five students and one recent Old Tauntonian were given the opportunity to play at the international cricket stadium in Sri Lanka with Somerset County Cricket Club. The students represented the U18 Girls' Academy and U15 Boys teams in a series of test matches, experiencing all new conditions and climates. What an incredible experience for our cricket players.

Girls Under 15s Lady Taverners National Cup

The girls continued with their success in this competition and showed great resilience to win another tight match which conformed qualification. The girls travelled to King Edwards, Bath for the county semi final. Batting first Taunton started badly losing a wicket first ball. Although this was not ideal as other wickets followed it showed the depth that the team has against excellent bowling by King Edwards. From 40-5 Marina Woodley and Allyssa Vitug rescued the situation as both made significant scores, Marina top scoring with 20. This meant Taunton had set a total of 85 to win. Brooke Olivia-Whittaker then bowled the perfect over to put King Edwards on the back foot. There were 3 wickets in row, two run outs and a bowled. King Edwards never recovered from this as Zoe Maynard bowled a good over and Marina took the next wicket. Millie Trescothick then got two wickets in her over before a wicket a piece for Zoe and Lucy Gliddon meant a comfortable win.

The next match was versus Kings, Taunton. Taunton innings had a better start as captain Brooke played well this time as she top scored with 19. Lizzie Houghton-King provided very good support lower down as wickets fell again as Taunton played in a positive manner. The score was only 76 which meant a very good bowling effort was required. Kings did well despite one early wicket and looked in a good position but excellent work by Jasmine Porter achieved a run out which helped Taunton's cause. However Taunton were still in trouble as Kings only needed 23 off 20 balls with 5 wickets left. Millie Trescothick then got the 4th wicket and quickly Marina got the 5th but this still meant Kings only needed 10 off 12 balls with 3 wickets left. Up stepped a reluctant Allyssa, quote 'I don't want to bowl!' She did fantastically taking 3 wickets in the over the last when only 2 runs were needed and this meant Taunton had pulled off an amazing win by 1 run!

The team now move onto the county final on Wednesday 23rd at The Coopers Associate's County Ground.

Sailing success



Ben Seddon completed his 3-day assistant instructor course over the Easter break and has been booked to provide sailing tuition over the summer holiday and Daniel Webber has passed his RYA Stage 4 dinghy sailing qualification.

Read an update from sailing on our website here.

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OT golf event



On Sunday 1st May, Old Tauntonians (OTs) gathered at Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Club for the annual Thone Cup and match against a team of students and teachers from the school. Whilst the weather gods were not on our side, it was a lovely occasion and great to see many OTs, with some of the current playing members from the Halford Hewitt team. The format for the day was individual stableford and the match was to be decided by the best average score between the two playing sides. Congratulations go to our very own Mr Sanderson for not only winning, but retaining the Thone Cup, after posting a respectable 36 points in miserable wet conditions. Finley Pyke (Y7) won the G.B.Johnson Memorial Trophy for the highest student score and the OTs came out victorious in the match, reclaiming the Harold Williams Shield. The school now looks forward to their last league fixture of the year against King's in June. We look forward to seeing the OTs at Oake GC next term as well.

Charlie plays for Bristol Bears



Charlie Way represented the Bristol Bears U18 squad three times over the Easter break. He played against Harlequins, Leicester Tigers and Northampton Saints at the Warwick University Festival, as well as in separate matches against both Scarlets and Exeter Chiefs.

Mr Dempster

Athletics success

On Wednesday 4th May, the qualifying rounds for Taunton area were held at Castle athletics track. I am pleased to say the below have qualified to represent Taunton Area on the 11th June at the Somerset Schools Championships.

Junior Girls

Katrina MCaLLISTER - 200m Emily Miller (TPS) - 800m Francesca Hanson - Shot Laura Trembath (TPS) - Shot Lola Read - Discus / Javelin Alice Boyce (TPS) - 300m

Junior Boys

Tomisin Awofisayo - 100m Theo Winsor (TPS) - 200m / 80m Hurdles Nic Du Toit (TPS) - 800m / Javelin Charlie Halford - 1500m Monty Wells - Shot / Discus

Inter Girls

Jasmine Porter - 200m / Triple Jump Tilly Ruthven - 1500m Bella Wells - Discus Lilly Fawcett - Javelin

Inter Boys

Jack Burnett - 200m / Shot Fin Halford - 800m Oliver Hartwell - Javelin

Senior Girls

Isabel Hogevold - 100m Imogen Evans - 400m Isla Winslow - 800m

Senior Boys

George Baker - 100m Mike Hudson - 100m Antonio Alvarez - 200m Hamish Ruthven - High Jump / Triple Jump Callum Hendy - Javelin Devrim Tarr - Shot / Discus

English Schools Cup

On Wednesday 11th May, The first round of the English Schools Cup was held. This is a national team competition across the country. Below is our teams results from round 1:

Juniors Boys - 1st 344 points

Junior Girls - 1st 338 points

Inter Boys - 1st 365 points

Inter Girls - 2nd 310 points

