



TAUNTON
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Senior School COURIER

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CHRISTMAS CAROL BRINGS FESTIVE CHEER TO TAUNTON SCHOOL

Drama students presented their performance of RSC adaption of Charles Dickens, 'A Christmas Carol' adapted by David Edgar, to a packed audience.

[Watch video](#)



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Christmas festivities

Sixth Formers in DT decorated their Christmas tree.



The Tempest shoebox sets

Year 12 have been making shoebox sets for Shakespeare's The Tempest as part of their A-level study





First Lord Sea Cadet Jack visits HMS Portland

First Lord Sea Cadet Jack B visited HMS Portland and took a tour of Devonport Dockyard and Plymouth Sound on one of SERCOs vessels on a Fleet Operational Sea Training visit. They also visited the submarine school, had a mess dinner at HMS Raleigh and attended a Royal Marine band concert. The visit concluded with attendance at HMS Raleigh's Passing Out Parade.



Upcoming events

19th December	Rugby Kicking Clinic, Rugby 7s Clinic, Girls' Rugby Afternoon
19th December	Performance Netball Camp
21-23rd December	Christmas Speed Camp
28th January 2023	Virtual Open Morning
4th February 2023	In-Person Open Morning

Find our TicketSource events here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tauntonschool>

Christmas at TSI

Christmas week at TSI is always full of exciting events. The end of term festivities began with a whole house trip to Exeter, then Elf Day, where the students raised over £400 to see their teachers dressed as elves! The annual Christmas party was next, followed by student Secret Santa, with every student excitedly unwrapping thoughtful and unique gifts.

With Christmas lights sparkling in the background, all the students gathered outside TSI for the annual tutor-group competition – singing the 12 Days of Christmas. After the singing, TSI were treated to a traditional roast dinner stand and even crepes. The night was brought to a close with a snowball fight and a disco!



Christmas at TSIMS

This month, the students at The Grange celebrated Christmas by participating in a Christmas Music Morning, held and enjoyed a Christmas Party where they shared their secret Santa gifts, wore Christmas jumpers, and tucked into a traditional English Christmas dinner!



Foundation Update

Finance and Business Panel

We are delighted to invite parents and OTs involved in finance and business to our networking panel on the 6th February. The event will be a great opportunity for anyone involved in these areas to meet and network with other professionals over lunch and to hear from some of our distinguished community. The event will take place at Taunton School and we have four speakers confirmed.

Guy Biggin, Partner, Crowe LLP

Peter Brooks, Former CEO and Founding Partner, Sovereign Capital LLP

Julian Pike, Partner at Farrer & Co LLP

Emma Wheeler, Head of Women's Wealth at UBS Global Wealth Management

Spaces are limited to ensure the networking is manageable, please sign up using this [online form](#) if you would like to attend.

Rob Marshall returns to Taunton

We were delighted to welcome Old Tauntonian Rob Marshall, Red Bull Racing's Chief Engineering Officer, back to the school earlier this month to chat with some of our students about their Greenpower racing car. Rob offered expert advice, design ideas and suggestions on how they could improve the car's performance.

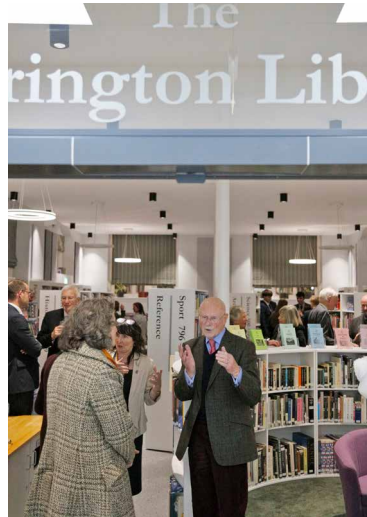


Official opening of the Carrington Library



Earlier this month, we welcomed John Carrington, former Deputy Head of Taunton School, to open our new library and sixth form centre. The evening was a wonderful way to officially open the space and thank over 100 donors for contributing to such an important part of our school.

[To read more click here](#)



Autumn Concert

The Autumn Concert on 23rd November was a chance for a wide range of music ensembles to present performances in front of a highly appreciative audience in the chapel. Instrumental ensembles took centre stage in the first half of the programme, with the Orchestra opening with the effervescent Overture to *Die Fledermaus*, before launching into the uplifting theme from *E.T. The Wind*. The Band entertained with an arrangement of *Strike Up the Band* and an old-school Disney medley, featuring a number of well-loved theme songs. Smaller chamber ensembles demonstrated impressive student leadership - these included the Horn Ensemble, two String Quartets, and the Brass Ensemble, who enveloped the audience in sound, performing antiphonally from four corners of the chapel.

After the interval, the focus turned to choirs and bands. Chapel Choir performed Macmillan's powerful *O Radiant Dawn* and a luxurious setting of *Sure On This Shining Night*, while AVE contrasted the highly atmospheric *Glow* by Eric Whitacre with the celebrated *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* - a great showcase for the whole choir, and featuring the expert trumpet-playing of Mr Paul. The Dance Band performance featured Ronia C as a saxophone soloist in *No Time to Die*, while Rock Band brought great intensity to their performance, led by singers Amelia DJ, Sofia M and Felicity H. Percussion Ensemble gave a cleverly choreographed interpretation of *Breakdown*, and the event drew to a close with toe-tapping versions of *Shine* and *Happy* performed with irresistible energy by the Funk Band, fronted in style by Annabelle M, Katrina M, Lily B and Rosie S.

The evening was a great showcase for the full range of musical interests and styles that TS students engage with every week, and at the first major ensemble concert of the year, it was clear that there is huge potential in these groups for future performances in the remainder of this year, and beyond.

By Mr Carden



Fauré Requiem

Join Taunton School Festival Chorus
to sing this beautiful piece
with orchestra in March

Email the Director of Music:
toby.carden@tauntonschool.co.uk
for more information

Open to all parents and friends of Taunton School
All voices and ages welcome. No previous experience needed

Anthony in concert

Anthony K performed at the Temple Methodist Church with the Taunton Sinfonietta, and as part of his prize for winning Taunton Young Musician of the Year last year, Anthony will also perform at St James' Church with the Taunton Sinfonietta later this month. Anthony has also been playing Bach in local churches to raise money for humanitarian charities.



Charity efforts

Harry S has made Christmas Cards to sell at local Christmas Fairs to raise money for Children's Hospice South West.

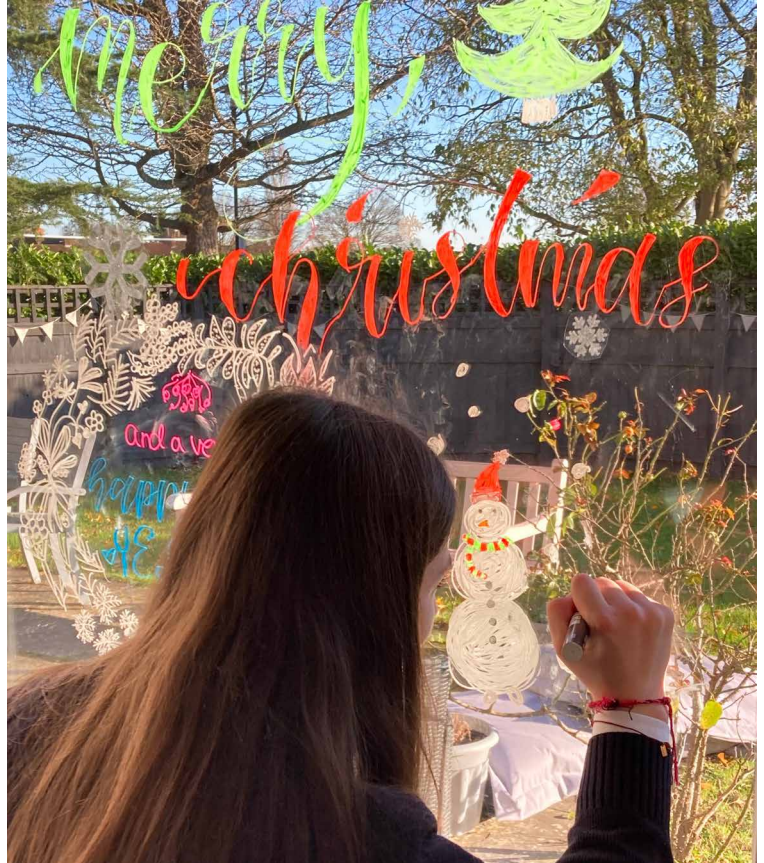
The Baty Bowl 2022

In the latest Baty Bowl, a Taunton School tradition which includes a Year 9 rugby match held in the winter, England lifted the trophy for the first time since 2018, defeating the International All Stars 17-7 in a contest expertly refereed for the second year in a row by Tom Foley, veteran of well over 100 premiership fixtures as well as international matches.

Following the heavily guarded entrance of the Bowl, impressively coordinated by the CCF Army section, the trophy was blessed by the Chaplain before mascot Oom Samie (dressed as Father Christmas) joined the teams for the anthems led by Mr Cook and Mr Carden. After chants of 'my life is the bowl: the bowl is my life', the tension mounted as the Headmaster Mr Johnson kicked off.



Festivities at Weirfield House



Weirfield House girls worked together in their family groups to create the most festive gingerbread house, and organised a collection of Christmas gifts for local charity Christmas Sparkle. The girls also took a Christmas outing to go ice skating, and took part in an Advent challenge calendar. The girls also got creative with some festive window art, Christmassy hot chocolates and a Christmas TikTok challenge.





Jenkin House Christmas outing

This year Jenkin house went to the winter wonderland at Cribbs where the whole house enjoyed food, shopping and ice skating.





Squash team qualify for nationals

Taunton School's squash team has qualified for the main event semi-final of the National School's Cup for the first time!



Pictured Left to Right:

Back row: Nathan H, Rufus H, Oli G, Alex C, Logan D **Front row:** Will K-S, Maxi C

County Show Jumping Championships

Well done to our equestrians Violet, Florence, Alice, Eliza, who won the 80cm class, and Florence, Hetty, Poppy, Meg, who won the 90cm class at the County Show Jumping Championships, making them county champions for those heights. Hetty also placed 8th in the 1m class.

Well done to all of the following who represented the school: Hetty H, Violet L, Florence L, Meg P, Eliza H, Alice B, Zoe T and Laura T.





Sixth Form Christmas ball in pictures





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PERFORMANCE NETBALL CAMP

Monday 19th December

Years 7-9

10am - 3pm £30

For more information contact: lisa.manley@tauntonschool.co.uk

Booking available on www.ticketsource.co.uk/tauntonschool



RUGBY KICKING CLINIC

Monday 19th December

U10 - U16

10 - 11.30am £10

For more information contact: ben.thomas@tauntonschool.co.uk

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RUGBY 7s CLINIC

Monday 19th December

U12 - U16

12 - 1.30pm £10

For more information contact: ben.thomas@tauntonschool.co.uk

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RUGBY GIRLS' AFTERNOON

Monday 19th December

U10 - U16

2 - 3.30pm £10

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SPEED DEVELOPMENT CAMP

This camp will focus on developing the technical aspects of strength and speed and how they can be applied across all sports to enhance performance



Tuesday 20th December
Wednesday 21st December
Thursday 22nd December

10am-11am Speed session in the sports hall
11.30am-12.30pm Strength session in the gym

Cost: £15pp per day

Age 13-18 – Limited spaces available

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