



Dunottar News

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With less than a year to go until the UK exits the European Union, many of our pupils have been out and about! A group of pupils took the opportunity to travel to Angers over the Easter holidays to meet their French exchange partners at Collège St Augustin.

They shared experiences of many gastronomic delights, including moules, frites, crêpes and even escargots, as well as visiting Futuroscope and exploring the many historic delights of Angers. Our Year 9s spent a really valuable day at Ypres in Belgium where they enhanced their knowledge of World War 1.

Continuing the European theme, we welcomed our Spanish friends from Madrid to Dunottar in April. New friendships were built as they joined us for lessons in the morning and for sport in the afternoon as we introduced them to netball and cricket (thanks to the impressive new nets).

With summer looking like it might be here at last, pupils have been enjoying the sunny weather; Biology on the beach; an Art and Photography trip to Kew Gardens; boys and girls cricket fixtures; Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver expeditions. Our outdoor classroom continues to take shape in the woods.

Earlier this month our U14 and U15 athletes competed in the District Athletics competition at K2 in Crawley. Several boys and girls demonstrated that they are a serious force to be reckoned with, giving some very impressive performances! On the stage, our younger pupils put on a warm production of Ernie's Incredible Illusions and our musicians played beautifully at our informal concert.

Science week in May provided some mind-broadening presentations by guest speakers and academics from Imperial College, London at our Science Symposium. Pupils were encouraged to explore and wrestle with challenging questions about genetic engineering in relation to plants, animals and humans.

The focus for our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils is inevitably on their GCSE and A Level examinations. We wish every one of them all the very best. They are capable of amazing things.

Mr Mark Tottman, Headmaster



Muchas gracias y nos vemos pronto!

On Thursday 19th April we welcomed our Spanish partner school, Colegio Gondomar, to Dunottar.

The 26 exchange students from Madrid and their teachers enjoyed a specially prepared Upper School Assembly where they learnt some tips about British etiquette from our year 10 pupils and afterwards they were paired up with their pen pals.

All year 10 pupils who learn Spanish at Dunottar and some year 9s were chosen to play host and take them to their lessons which varied from RS to IT (where they disassembled a computer!) and included Maths and MFL too.

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Open Morning

Tuesday 26th June
(10.15 for 10.30 start)

Our Open Mornings are designed to give you a real insight into a typical school day. You will hear from Mark Tottman, Headmaster, tour the school to see lessons taking place and chat with staff and pupils.

To book call us on 01737 761 945.
We look forward to seeing you at Dunottar!

Diary Reminders

28 May–1 Jun	Half Term holiday
4 Jun	Year 13 study leave begins
4– 8 Jun	Internal exams Yr7-10 & Lower Sixth
18 Jun	Music Scholar's Masterclass with Emma Tring
18 Jun	Auditions for Shakespeare Schools Festival
18 Jun	Music Scholar's Recital
20 Jun	Yr7 Trip to Wintershall
21 Jun	Summer Showcase
22 Jun	Mufti
23–24 Jun	Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition
26 Jun	Open Morning
26 Jun	UCAS Talk to Lower Sixth and their parents
27–29 Jun	Culture, Commerce and Community Week (Year 9 and 10)
27–29 Jun	STEM Week (Year 7 and 8)
27–29 Jun	UCAS Week for Lower Sixth
28 Jun	Lower Sixth Trip to Brighton
29 Jun	Lower Sixth Team Building Trip
30 Jun	PTA Summer Party
30 Jun	Chamber Ensemble Concert
1 Jul	Family Fun Sports Day
2 Jul	Prize Giving
3 Jul	New Pupil Day
4 Jul	ABRSM Music Examinations
4 Jul	Evening with Tracy Borman
5 Jul	Sports Day
6 Jul	Term Ends

View full details of forthcoming events on the website
www.dunottarcalendar.com.

Time Capsule Discovery

Just before Easter, pupils discovered a time capsule that had been buried in the school's woodland for nearly thirty years.

On 14th March three boys were looking for a ball in the school's 6 acre wood when they discovered a glass jar sticking out from under a tree.

Johnnie said: "We were walking down a path to the lower pitch, throwing a ball to each other when it went over a fence. We found the ball by a fallen tree trunk and the capsule was sticking out underneath."

They were thrilled with the find, which contained a Charles and Diana commemorative coin, a Mizz magazine, dated 1989, coins and badges.



When news of the discovery was posted on the school's Facebook page, it reached a staggering 3,538 people, all keen to know who planted the capsule.

Julie Boden, head of the school's award-winning history department, said: "It's excellent that the time capsule has generated such interest. This shows how history is never too far away from us, and it's inspired the boys to create their own time capsule."

Penny Sims, Head Girl at Dunottar in 1994/5 was one of the four girls who buried the time capsule. "We buried the time capsule during our first year at Dunottar, aged about 12. It was just something we decided to do for the fun of it...not a planned school activity. Although we've since heard rumour that an official school time capsule was buried during the same 80s era. So keep your eyes open, there could be more!

We decided to leave a map showing exactly where it was buried inside an obscure hardback book in the school library. As it turned out the map wasn't needed! We buried the jar by hand (no tools) during a lunch break, so it wasn't very deep. Over the years natural soil erosion seems to have revealed the time capsule. All it needed was a couple of current students with a similar sense of adventure to keep their eyes open during their lunch break and hey presto...Treasure!"



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At lunch all our year 11s had the opportunity to say "hola" to our visitors and for some of them it was a nice trip down Memory Lane as they had visited Gondomar the previous year and were pleased to see their old friends again. After school they all enjoyed a cricket and netball session (sports our Spanish friends had never played before) and a picnic.

On Friday the year 10s spent a sunny day in London with their pen pals, learning History at the British Museum, practising their Spanish, helping their friends with their English and sharing a delightful picnic in Russell Square Gardens.

We will miss them until we go back to Madrid... in April 2019, make sure you get your place to go!

Science Week

At our recent Science Symposium pupils enjoyed a morning of science lectures from visiting speakers.

The aim of the event, chaired by Professor Charles Pasternak, the President of the Oxford International Biomedical Centre, was to engage pupils with different aspects of science relating to genetic modification.

Attended by Year 9 and 10 students, the initiative was part of a week of activities to celebrate Science Week at Dunottar.

Alexandre Leary (Department of Life Sciences, Imperial College, London) delivered a talk to his rapt audience about the genetic modification of plants. He was followed by Sophie Gilbert (Department of Life Sciences, Imperial College, London), who spoke to the aspiring scientists about the genetic modification of animals, including humans.

The pupils took part in lively break-out discussions, after which representatives from each group grilled the speakers in question and answer sessions.

Pupil Lily commented: "I never knew that scientists had cut out the genes from a jellyfish and transferred them into worms to make them glow in the dark. It's amazing!"

Hannah Davison, second in charge of science, said: "I'm so pleased that the students have challenged their own opinions on genetic modification with these exciting talks. The oppor-

tunity to ask questions also helped pupils to expand their thinking as well as consider possible future careers in the sciences".

"It was a brilliant symposium," she added, "and many thanks to our visitors for very generously giving up their time."

Science Challenge

As part of Dunottar's Science Week, students were challenged to find the photographs of famous British Scientists hidden around the school, research them and submit a summary table of their key findings.

Prizes were available for each year group to the first students to correctly submit their entry.

Well done to Henry, Ayaan and Billy for successfully finding and researching the Scientists.



Be Outstanding...

Well done to all our pupils who have shown curiosity, creativity and commitment across the curriculum this term. We are delighted to be able to recognise some of the most inspiring examples here.

Pupil	Yr	Award	Subject
Rowie B	7	Academic Distinction	English
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Jamie, B	7	Academic Distinction	English
Ed H	7	Academic Distinction	Maths
Georgia R-J	7	Academic Distinction	English
Rosie K	8	Academic Distinction	RE
Rebecca C	8	Academic Distinction	RE
Bertie J	8	Academic Distinction	RE
Emma M	8	Academic Distinction	RE
Clara E	8	Academic Distinction	RE
Annabel J	8	Academic Distinction	RE
Ashleigh D	8	Academic Distinction	RE
Aimee P	8	Academic Distinction	RE
Ruby B	9	Academic Distinction	MFL
Jazmine G	9	Academic Distinction	MFL
Holly N	9	Academic Distinction	MFL
Amie S	9	Academic Distinction	MFL
Tiler T-O	9	Academic Distinction	English
Joshua V	9	Academic Distinction	MFL

Pupil	Yr	Award Subject
Dhara M	7	Headmaster's Commendation
Amy S	8	Headmaster's Commendation

Best Selling Revision Guides

Dunottar's Head of English, Kerry Lewis, has been helping pupils all over the country prepare for their English literature examinations thanks to her best selling revision guides.

Kerry is part of the Mr Bruff writing team and has produced Amazon best sellers 'Mr Bruff's Guide to A' Level English Literature' and 'Mr Bruff's Guide to Grammar' amongst other titles.



SchoolBlazer

SchoolBlazer will be offering free delivery on all orders from 2nd to 15th July.

They're making some other changes to their delivery charges and from 1st May there will be free delivery on all orders over £150. See www.schoolblazer.com for details and to place your order.

Healthy Eating Week Competition

Year 8 Food and Nutrition Students have been creating some mouth-watering dishes as part of the Healthy Eating Week 2018 lunch competition.

The winners will have their dishes served at lunch in the dining room.

The winners were:

- Clara for her Lebanese curry
- Freddy for his watermelon and mango with lime vinaigrette salad
- Eliza for her chick pea and lentil soup
- Izzy C for her quinoa, feta and olive salad.

A special mention for food styling goes to Tabby and Max and for new dish a special mention goes to Izzy .



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Subject Snapshots



Sixth Form students taking part in a "Presentation Skills" workshop.



Y7 Biologists using quadrats to sample the plants growing in the school grounds.



Year 8 pupils have been building a strand of DNA from scratch.



Year 8 Design & Technology pupils showing off their finished ergonomically designed table tennis bats.



Year 7 have been pretending to be evil bacteria in the Danger Zone.



Our Year 11 English pupils have been working collaboratively to create group plans for possible exam questions.



Year 9 Visit Ypres

On Friday April 27th Year 9 students spent a day in Belgium to support their study of the First World War.

Pupils began their day with a visit to Tyne Cot cemetery where 11,900 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War are buried or commemorated. More than 8,370 of the burials are unidentified and seeing the inscription 'A soldier of the Great War : Known unto God' really brought home to the students the reality of war.

The students then were able to see the contrast in the German cemetery of Langemark. This cemetery is dominated by the tall oak trees which is the German national tree. It includes a 'Comrade's Grave' for 25,000 unidentified German soldiers.

During their trip, pupils also visited Talbot House which, from December 1915, for more than three years, provided rest and

recreation to all soldiers coming in, regardless of their rank.

The Memorial Museum Passchendaele, 1917, allowed students to get an insight into the weapons and uniforms of war and they were able to experience the recreated trench system.

The Menin Gate in the town of Ypres, again reinforced the number of missing soldiers as it bears the names of more than 54,000 soldiers who died before 16th August 1917 and have no known grave.

Although a long and tiring day, this visit is invaluable for the students to really appreciate the sacrifice made by the men who fought in the First World War.

An Evening with Tracy Borman—'The Private Lives of the Tudors'



Dunottar History Department will be hosting an evening with Tracy Borman, a best-selling author and historian, specialising in the Tudor period. Tracy will be presenting *"The Private Lives of the Tudors"* on **Wednesday 4th July at 7.30pm at the School.**

Admission is **free** and open to all.

Content is suitable for pupils in Year 9 upwards.

Please reserve your place by emailing info@dunottarschool.com



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UK Junior Maths Challenge

In April over 60 Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge, competing against students from all across the UK.

All students deserve to be congratulated on taking part, but particular praise is owed to Ben D, who achieved best in school, and secured a place on the Junior Kangaroo (the follow up competition) and to Jamie B, who achieved best in his year group. Well done to all participants! The results were:

Ben D - Silver (Best in School, Best in Year)
Lottie B - Silver
Billy T - Silver
Lauren - Silver
James W - Silver

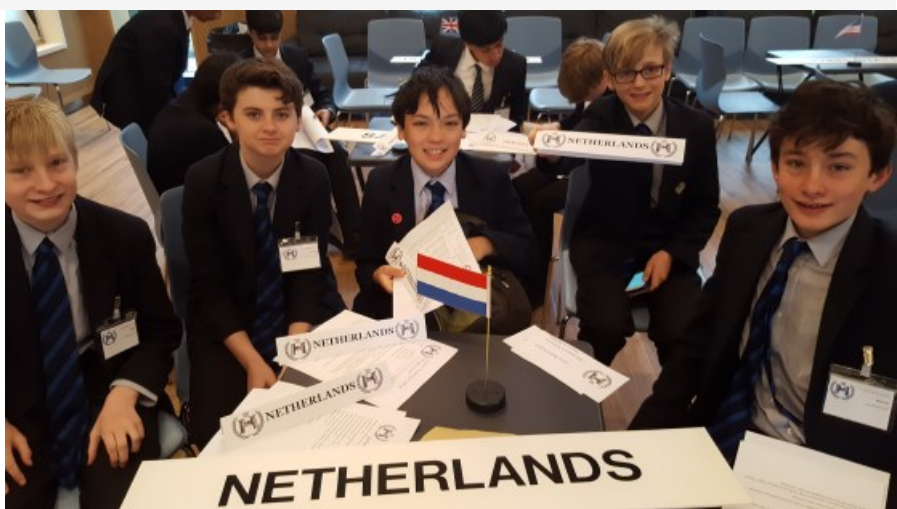
Thomas P - Bronze
Estelle R - Bronze
Amelia W - Bronze
Eleanor H - Bronze

Jamie B - Silver (Best in Year)
Mark G - Silver
Charley G - Silver
Ed H - Bronze
Codey H - Bronze
Will M - Bronze

Junior ReiMUN

On Saturday 12th May, five Year 7 students attended their first ever Model United Nations conference at Reigate Grammar School. They attended several workshops on how to improve their debating skills, and to help them better understand how the real UN works.

The boys were representing Netherlands and Egypt and all of them managed to contribute to the day, something that not all students manage at their first conference! They did incredibly well, and should be very proud of themselves.



Duke of Edinburgh Update

On the 4th to 5th May, 58 Year 9 pupils camped overnight at school and completed a walk around Reigate and Betchworth as part of their practice expedition for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. They did very well, developed the skills required to progress in DofE and are now working hard to plan their routes for the qualifying expedition in June.

Over 18th to 20th May, three teams completed their qualifying expeditions for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award in the South Downs. We were incredibly lucky with the sunny weather and all pupils met the camp craft, navigation and team skills required to pass the 20 conditions of the expedition. Several of the pupils have already expressed an interest in progressing onto the Gold Award!"





Bonjour la France!

Students who took part in the recent French exchange share their experience:

“Our French exchange was a unique experience. We explored Angers and its culture and spent one full day at school with our correspondents. It was interesting to see how different their school life, lessons and lunch were compared to ours. We tried our best to speak French and immerse ourselves in the French culture.

At school, we participated in various classes such as PE, French, Spanish and English. In the afternoon, our French friends had organized a pancake making and tasting session for us.

That evening we went to a *crêperie bretonne* called *La Crémaillère* which was a very scrumptious experience as a few of us had *galettes* (savory pancakes made with buckwheat flour) for the first time! Their *salades composées* were delicious too!

On our next day, we went to the castle which has a breathtaking view of the river Maine and of Angers. After our amazing guided tour of its exterior, our guide gave us a detailed explanation of its magnificent XIVth century Apocalypse tapestry focusing on a few of the key frames.

After lunch, we went on a discovery adventure through Angers. Angers is a very pretty town and we enjoyed doing the

quiz about its history with our French friends and walking through its beautiful pedestrian town centre. *La maison d'Adam* was full of surprises in more ways than one! That evening we also went bowling with our friends and had pizza with them.

On the Thursday, we spent a day with their class at the *Futuroscope*. For many of us it was a fantastic experience. We especially enjoyed *Le voyage extraordinaire*, *Danse avec les robots* and *Arthur et les Minimoys*.

We ate some awesome food again that evening and had some *moules frites*! The hotel we stayed in was lovely with the most fantastic breakfast.

We came back buzzing having made new friends and shared new experiences. We are now looking forward to welcoming our French friends in 2019.”

by Issy, Rosie, Jazmine, Ollie, Owen, Poppy, India and Amy

“I loved making new friends and going to the *Futuroscope* with our correspondents. They were so much fun and we got on really well.”
Max

“I loved spending time with our pen pals in Angers and tasting specialities such as the *Quernon*.” Lauren

Informal Concert

On Thursday 17th May we were treated to an afternoon of musical performances from Dunottar pupils. There were a wide range of musical styles and it was wonderful to see pupils so enthusiastic about performing and being supportive of one-another.



Languages and technology

On the 21st April, Sylvie Bartlett-Rawlings our Digital Strategy Leader and MFL teacher attended the Association for Language Learning ICT and Languages Conference at the Ashcombe School. Attendees enjoyed a 'hands on' experience of a wide range of practical ideas and activities in which ICT can support language learning in and outside school.

Mrs Bartlett-Rawlings gave a presentation on how the school's use of Book Creator has engaged our language learners with its updated functions: Read to me in French or Spanish and Comic books. She also looked at how it created memorable experiences for pupils, increasing their engagement and improving their confidence.



Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

The summer term drama show is a new addition to the drama department's busy schedule. This term, Year 7 and 8 treated audiences to a marvellous evening of comedy in Alan Ayckbourn's 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations'. Ernie, played by Toby, is a boy with an over-active imagination, finding himself and his family in some strange predicaments! From boxing grannies to daredevil mountain climbers, Ernie and his family are always sure to be on an adventure!

The choice of text was perfect for our playful and energetic Year 7s and 8s, who were absolutely superb in playing to the humour of the play, and who worked together as a real ensemble to give the audience a generous and spirituous version of this fabulous story.

'I have had the best time rehearsing for the lower school play. It has really helped me to grow my confidence, and I can't wait to audition for the next show!'

Next up - Shakespeare Schools Festival auditions - Monday 18th May 4.00 - 5.30pm.

News from the PTA

It's been a relatively quiet half term for the PTA - but it's now full steam ahead as we get ready for the Summer Party on 30th June, 7.15-10pm. Tickets are available on the PTA website at £15 and it really is a case of 'the more, the merrier'. Thanks to the organising team, we not only have a live band, bar and buffet, but we will have what is being called, an 'affordable' auction to raise money.



We hope to be able to announce soon, how we would like to support the school with an exciting project, and that is why we have set ourselves an ambitious target of raising £25,000.

That said, we are delighted to support smaller, incremental projects too, and this term, you may have seen our fabulous sports department 'sporting' the new water polo equipment that we have funded. It would appear that water polo has been a big hit with Year 8 girls and Year 9 boys

especially. Continuing to support these types of projects is still really important.

We also recently launched the school lottery. This is still open and really is very easy to do. You just need to complete the subscription form and either transfer £60 per annum to the PTA bank account or pay £62 per annum by PayPal (£2.00 Paypal fee included) for 12 draws. It will only take 2 minutes.

Sign up online at www.dunottarschoolpta.co.uk/lottery

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We also have our first Lottery winners: 1st - Lisa Longstaff, 2nd - Gail Bishop and 3rd - Sarah Crosbie.

Lastly, special thanks to Susan Stockley, who has (and continues to do) such a fabulous job on behalf of the PTA, organising the Newly New Sale. With the growing number of people in the school, I understand that she was incredibly busy recently and we will now have to consider holding the NNU in a bigger room. Thanks Susan!



Lacrosse selection

Congratulations to the Dragonflies' players from Dunottar who have been selected for the England Lacrosse Talent Pathway—Katie B, Sophie N and Rosie K.



Surrey Badminton team take silver

Lauren B and the Surrey team took silver in the Yorkshire tournament against at least 8 other counties. They narrowly missed out by one game on the gold.

Gymnastics gold

Dunottar pupils Charlotte and Yasmin competed in the Southern gymnastic qualifiers in March 2018. They went on to compete at the TeamGym British Championships in Newcastle on 11th April and their team won (representing Leatherhead and Dorking Gymnastics Club). The competition included a floor routine, the trampette and tumble.

Their team are the first team to win the TeamGym Junior Women British Championships for two consecutive years.





A great start to the cricket season!

Cricket—Boys

The U12A cricket team have made a very good start to the season. From the two games played, the boys lost the first against a very strong St John's side, but beat an unbeaten Epsom College side more recently.

In the game against Epsom College, captain and man of the match Tom hit an unbeaten 41 runs, opening and closing the batting, whilst helping others out who came in to bat with him. The team set a very good target of 114 runs for Epsom College to chase and got rid of their opening batsmen quickly. Key wickets were taken at key times, with 3 of their middle order falling in quick succession. The game concluded with Epsom College needing 14 runs to win off the last over. As a result of some fine death bowling from Charlie H they only managed 4 runs, meaning the game was won by 9 runs. Charlie H was the pick of the bowlers, chipping in with figures of 2 wickets off 4 overs, going for only 11 runs. He also had 3 run outs thanks to some very quick thinking and accurate throwing.

As a result of their performance in matches and hard work in training, competition for places in the A team is very healthy and Mr Everett is very much looking forward to the rest of the cricket season.

The U13s have made a positive start to the 2018 season. This has included a narrow defeat to St John's, which went down to the last two overs and a tight win vs Epsom College Bs, which was taken down to the last over.

The team's strengths are in bowling with minimal extras conceded and a good fielding outfit who have taken catches when the chances have presented themselves, as well as making three run outs across the two games. Player of the half term to date is Oliver W for some excellent bowling and fielding, including two catches and two wickets.

With the start of the season affected by both the weather as well as a Duke of Edinburgh expedition practice, the U14s had to wait until 12th May to play their first competitive match as a team. Playing against Epsom College, we won the toss and bowled first, with Kieron and Nathan limiting their openers in the early overs. As their batsmen began to settle, and our fielding allowed them to, they began to up the run rate. Eventually they finished on 131-2, Alfie picking up both wickets, one from his bowling and the other a run out. We allowed Epsom to score perhaps at least 35 runs more than they ought to have based on extras and a lack of urgency in the field. In our response we lost early wickets, and despite a steadying from Josh R and Kieron respectively, we were all out for 99 on the final ball of the 20 overs. Onwards to the next game!

The U15s have had one fixture so far this term against Epsom College U15Bs. Dunottar lost the toss and were put into bat. Harvey and Joe top scored with 16 and 17 respectively, which saw Dunottar reach a competitive total of 110 runs. Big improvements were seen by a few individuals who may not have scored highly, but contributed to the teams overall score.

Dunottar bowled very well conceding only 8 extras in 17 overs, which was a fantastic achievement. Unfortunately there were a few missed chances in the field, meaning Epsom were able to reach the score of 110 in 17 overs.

The Year 10 team is ever improving and games sessions will focus more so on batting. Had the team scored 20 more runs against Epsom then it would have changed the course of the game completely.

Cricket—Girls

After a soggy start to the term, the cricketers have certainly shown their strength on the field. The U12 girls' squad has taken wins against Woldingham, Radnor, Epsom and RAA whilst only taking one loss against a hard hitting side from Croydon High. Issy G and Romilly have contributed significantly to our runs whilst Millie has shown good decision making in the field.

The U13/14 squad have also found success at Epsom this month with a great display of positional batting from Ellie T and Katie B. The whole team gave a great display of backing up and accurate, straight bowling including a couple of great wickets from Emma M.

Despite the traditional English weather effecting earlier fixtures, the girls bowling and fielding has improved. In a recent tournament, the cricketers lost to Croydon High due to their fast-paced bowling and well-placed batting. However, the girls picked themselves up and after accurate bowling by Alice, Fran, Lucy M and Lucy A, the team took 7 wickets from Hinchley Wood, leading to

a win by one run. This is an exciting start for the U15s and the girls are looking forward to developing their batting and different strategies on the pitch.

Athletics

On Thursday 10th May students from Years 9 and 10 attended the District Athletics competition at K2 Crawley. With our relatively small cohorts compared to many of the other schools in the district (state and private), we punched well above our weight in both the Girls and Boys categories. Following is a summary of our teams overall positions and point scorers from the event. This is the top 8 in the district, which is essentially 13 or so schools, and probably a potential pool of over 1500 students (for both boys and girls within each age range).

Junior Girls (Year 9) - Overall 6th

1st Javelin - Lily C-J
2nd 4x100m - Freya, Charlotte B, Lily C-J & Sophie N
7th Hurdles - Maya
8th Javelin - Emily
8th 100m - Lily C-J

Junior Boys (Year 9) - Overall 4th

2nd Hurdles - Cameron
2nd & 4th Shot Put- Ollie G
3rd Javelin - Cameron
3rd High Jump - Josh V
5th 1500m - Mackenzie
7th & 8th Long Jump - Josh V and Morgan
8th Triple Jump - Kieron
8th 200m - Josh V
8th 4x100m - Lenny, Mackenzie, Codey & Josh V

Inter Girls (Year 10) - Overall 7th

3rd Hurdles - Fran
3rd Triple Jump - Fran
3rd Discus - Alice
5th 100m - Olivia H
8th 4x100m - Alice, Fran, Olivia & Ellie B

Inter Boys (Year 10) - 7th Overall

1st Triple Jump - Harvey
4th 400m - Harvey
5th Javelin - Joseph
6th 100m - Cole
6th High Jump - Cole
6th 4x100m - Ned, Harvey, Lucas P & Cole

Tennis

Some of the highlights of the tennis season so far include the U14 boys game against St Bede's which went to a sudden death tie break after the game finished 3-3. The boys unfortunately narrowly lost this. The U14s also had a district tennis tournament with two teams entered for this. The teams played against students from two other schools, with our teams finishing a respectable 3rd and 4th place.

The U15 boys also competed in a district tennis tournament with the team finishing in 2nd place. One of our pairs consisting of Tom and Joe won an impressive 11 games in the matches that they played.

The U12s and U13s have their district tennis tournaments to look forward to after half term, as well as other friendly fixtures.



Sportswomen of the Month

Names: Rosie K (Yr 8) and Holly N (Yr 9)

We are delighted to announce that Rosie K has been selected to attend the Regional Lacrosse Academy and Holly N was selected to attend the 2nd round of the County Netball Academy Trials. Holly performed very well making it to the last cut from a pool of 250 girls. Only 66 girls were selected but, unfortunately, Holly was not one of these. She was, however, competing not only against girls her own age, but also girls a year older than her, so should be proud of her achievement. She should now aim to make the team next year when she has another years' playing experience under her belt. Both girls are also key members of our cricket squads and outstanding role models across all our main competitive sports.

Sportsman of the Month

Name: Cameron L (Yr 9)

Cameron has been a pleasure to coach and work with this month, further demonstrating his sporting prowess and potential. As a cricketer, his leg spin bowling has come on hugely, with much greater accuracy, but it is within athletics where Cameron has really blossomed. New to hurdling in April, Cameron has shown devotion and dedication to training, coupled with an excellent attitude, that has seen him shed time off his PB. This culminated in a 2nd place finish at the districts in the 80m Hurdles. As if this wasn't enough, Cameron was also placed 4th in the javelin. He has now been asked to represent the district at the County Schools' Championship.

