

## GCSE RESULTS

After the triumph of the A Level results, there was a nervous wait for our Year 11 cohort's GCSE results. We are delighted to announce that the girls have excelled, gaining a 55.2% 9–7 pass rate and a 72.7% 9–6 pass rate. Considering the circumstances in which these girls undertook their Year 10 studies in particular, this is a sensational set of results, and a significant increase on the results of the previous examined year of 2019. This is a huge accomplishment.

In particular we congratulate **Kirsten S** for her clean sweep of 9s; **Alexandra N** with nine 9s, one 8 and a 6, **Jadwiga K-L**, **Sophie R** and **Louise B** for their eight 9s and two 8s, and **Corellia W** on her six 9s and four 8s. However, everyone deserves our congratulations and praise for some truly outstanding results.

Thanks must go, too, to their dedicated teachers in supporting Year 11 through such a difficult two years.



## EXAM RESULTS 2022

### Best Ever A Level Results

The 18th August 2022 was, quite literally, an outstanding day given the record-breaking results achieved by Year 13. 70.3% of grades were an A\* or an A and 97% of students achieved a grade C or above. These tremendous grades are a fitting tribute to an exceptional year group and make it almost impossible to highlight particular performances.

Of especial note, however, are:

**Ella M**, who received 4 A\*s and will read Music at Oxford, where she has also been awarded a Choral Scholarship;

**Saskia C**, who was awarded 3 A\*s and 2 As and will be reading Physics with an integrated year of Master's level study at Imperial College London;

**Lara A**, who secured 3 A\*s and 2 As and will be reading History and Politics at Edinburgh.

We are inordinately proud of each and every student, particularly given the remarkable breadth of talent, skill and passion which marks out our class of 2022.

These best-ever results reflect the commitment, focus, vision and unstinting hard work of this cohort who, despite having never taken a public examination until their A Level papers, smashed the expectations we had of them. As Dr McShane observed when congratulating students and thanking teachers for their support and hard work, **“These results and the students who achieved them are – quite simply – sensational.”**



We are proud to announce that our Eco team have helped the school gain the **Eco-Schools Green Flag Award**, in recognition of the environmental work that has taken place over the course of the past academic year.

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## OVERSUBSCRIBED!

As we welcome 80 new pupils into Year 7, the school population is at another all-time high. We also have over 110 families across the Effingham Schools Trust.



# Prize Giving



A huge turn-out of staff, pupils and parents attended our annual Prize Giving ceremony, where we were delighted to welcome Ayo Sokale as a truly inspirational Guest of Honour.

## AN EXTRACT FROM DR McSHANE'S SPEECH



Every so often there is a cohort that one would describe as 'memorably good'. That is Year 13. They are a wonderful bunch of young women, who have faced unprecedented challenges and interruptions to their education. Online is all very well, but it is no substitute for the real thing. I congratulate them on their characteristic good cheer and determination, and yes, for sitting their A Levels. I must echo Mrs Turner's sentiments in particular about their student leadership: Hannah and her team set the standard, and I thank them all for their enterprising, can-do spirit – such a spirit will get them an awfully long way in life.

Speaking of which, Year 13, you are at something of a crossroads. You arrived at St T's, some of you about a million years ago; some of you joined for Sixth Form. No matter how long you have been here, you are on the cusp of real adulthood, and I hope that you are better people now than when you arrived. But here is your crossroads: you can choose to look up and out, or you can choose to look down and in. There is such a thing as Up. There is such a thing as Better. Why don't you aim for that? I have to warn you, however, that aiming at it, building your little corner of it, will take discipline, courage, tears, faith, and self-sacrifice. Quite a lot of these words are old-fashioned; quite a lot of them have fallen out of the current lexicon, to be replaced, it seems to me, by other words such as me, me, me, and 'what about me?'. If we are to stand even the remotest chance of building a future that is worth striving for, to have leaders who are possessed of probity and a sense of responsibility, then it falls on your shoulders to make a difference – and this will cost you something. Life is an endurance sport, and sometimes, you will suffer.

However, I hope that this school has given you a pole-star by which to navigate the vicissitudes of life in your mission for Better: faith, character, community, compassion, and intellect. All schools teach you how to pass exams and get into university: not all schools teach you how to be a good person. When it doesn't go your way (and it won't), or you are knocked sideways by malicious people (and you will be), or capricious fate simply decides that today is not your day, take a moment to reflect on the values of this lovely school. They should sustain you. But I counsel you not to reflect too long, gazing inwards and downwards. By doing so, you run the risk of becoming prey to victimhood and resentment. They are false idols, and you will be robbing yourself of agency.

And when it does go your way (and it will), and you have built something of worth and value (and you will), and if you have, even better, built something of value for other people alone (and you should), keep it in perspective. You are not nothing; but you are not everything either. Humility is a vital component of a noble society worth fighting for, and that is bigger than all of us.

Fix the things that are broken, treat others with compassion, have the courage of your convictions, work hard, and above all retain your sense of humour. Climb that mountain, so that when you reach the top, you can look down and think: that was so hard. And it was worth it.





## MACBETH – YOUNG SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

On 6th May, Year 9 watched a wonderful performance of Macbeth by The Young Shakespeare Company.



## WORLD BOOK DAY – HELEN DENNIS VISIT

We were delighted to welcome Helen Dennis, who wrote the Secret Breakers series and the Rivers of Ink series, to talk about her writing to girls in Years 7–9.



## FLOREAT FESTIVAL

Within their Enrichment lessons all members of Year 7 undertook a research project of their choice. The Floreat Festival is the opportunity for pupils to present their projects to their peers, staff and Year 7 parents. Projects included 'The Nervous System', 'Is Sugar Bad For You?', 'Gender Equality' and 'Formula 1'. Well done to all of Year 7 - it was a wonderful event.



## QUEEN'S CANOPY TREE PLANTING



## ROTARY CLUB YOUNG WRITERS

We submitted a good number of high quality entries for this year's local Rotary Young Writer competition, both prose and poetry. It was a strong field this year, with 167 entries from City of London Freeman's School, Reed's School and St Teresa's.

We had a number of winners, who will go through to the District round. These winners include **Pernille A**, **Lyla B**, **Kaelyn H**, **Aoife D**, **Katie C** and **Charlotte W**. Congratulations to all who participated and won a certificate!

## ROTARY CLUB

**Myah R**, **Kate F** and **Morayooluwa S** took part in the Rotary Club debate for 13- to 17-year-olds which was held at St Teresa's on 9th March. They debated the topic 'Dying with Dignity' and gave an excellent performance! We are extremely proud of them.



# BATTLE OF HASTINGS RE-ENACTMENT

In October, Year 7 recreated the Battle of Hastings. After researching the design of Saxon and Norman weapons, they made their own swords and shields. The poor weather meant we were forced into the sports hall but, thanks to the imagination of the PE department, we were still able to construct the hill on which the Saxons stood on the morning of 14th October 1066. The girls learnt about the mistakes made by the Saxons during the battle, as well as the clever tactics used by William the Conqueror to ensure victory.



## PSHE SPEAKERS

What a fantastically full, varied and effective PSHE program we have enjoyed this year. With regular visiting speakers for all year groups including speakers such as Alicia Drummond who gave a talk to Years 10 and 11 on negotiating the choices faced in the teen social scene, covering the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

Alicia Drummond is the founder of Teen Tips; as you know creating an environment that nurtures the girls mental health and wellbeing is a key priority and this year we subscribed to the Wellbeing hub which is an interactive online portal to help.



## A-Z of Wellbeing

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“If we know what our healthy coping strategies are, we will all become more resilient.”

Alicia Drummond, BACP accredited therapist and founder of Teen Tips.

# Music

It has been wonderful for all our concerts and musical events to be back live once again this year. And to celebrate being back we have had a bumper year of music making.

The Open Morning in September heard some lovely performances by the girls, especially **Alexandra N** playing Bach on the cello very movingly.

The Jazz evening was next, and this is always a favourite occasion with the girls. There was atmospheric lighting and there were some astonishing performances including **Amelia S-M** playing Smooth Operator by Sade, and **Ruby D** singing At Last by Warren.

The senior choirs were then put through their paces in the St Teresa's Mass on the 1st of October with renditions of Maldonado's Gloria and Elgar's Ave Verum.

Evensong was celebrated on 5th October in the Chapel, with the acoustics lending themselves to the beautiful sound that was produced by the Schola Cantorum, conducted by Mrs Yalden. They sang a Chilcott Anthem and a three-part Magnificat and Nunc Demitis. A wonderfully reflective occasion. Schola has now helped us celebrate Evensong every half-term during the school year, and in November they sang in Chichester Cathedral, and in Guildford Cathedral in June.

The whole of Year 7 choir was involved in the production of Carmen, the opera by Bizet. Everyone had a very exciting time in the rehearsals and clearly this showed with their singing in the choruses or Toreador and Gypsy Dance, as well as their interactions during the rest of the opera. Many of St Teresa's visiting music staff performed at an astonishingly high standard, particularly Ms McIlwraith singing Carmen, and Miss Baillie singing Michaela. **Ella M** in Year 13 also contributed beautifully as a soloist. In the orchestra, Miss Geldard played an enchanting, dreamy flute solo in the Entr'acte. Mr. Melvin was the narrator and made everyone laugh. **Freya D** danced beautifully, and **Jadwiga K-L** played the trumpet calls in great style. A wonderful evening was had by all.

The Carol Service was truly uplifting, with the visiting brass quintet making a very exciting sound. **Ella M** sang the solo for the first verse in Once In Royal David's City, and **Ruby D** sang the solo in O Holy Night.

The series of termly concerts and soirées were exceptional this year and delighted the audiences. There were so many highlights which included the Trumpet Fanfare group playing Rocky, **Imogen B** playing sublimely on the clarinet and **Lara A** performing the Rachmaninov Cello Sonata in the Autumn concert. In the Spring concert, the Senior Chamber Choir produced a wonderful sound with their renditions of What I Did for Love, and Fly Me To The Moon. The Summer concert highlights included the Jazz Trio playing Further On Up The Road, and **Gabriella G** performing Mot d'Amour by Elgar on her violin.

## JAZZ CONCERT



## EVENSONG CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL



There was a very welcome return of the Classical Concert in March; Mr. Thompson very kindly supplied his 1792 piano and the girls performed repertoires from the classical and baroque eras. **Gracie O** sang Tu lo Sai by Torelli beautifully and **Alexandra N** played Bach's Minuet in G on her cello most elegantly.

Our visiting professional string quartet returned to record the compositions of music A level girls; **Lara A** and **Ella M**. A very enjoyable concert followed which was a chance for parents and pupils to hear the wonderful sounds that Lara and Ella had created.

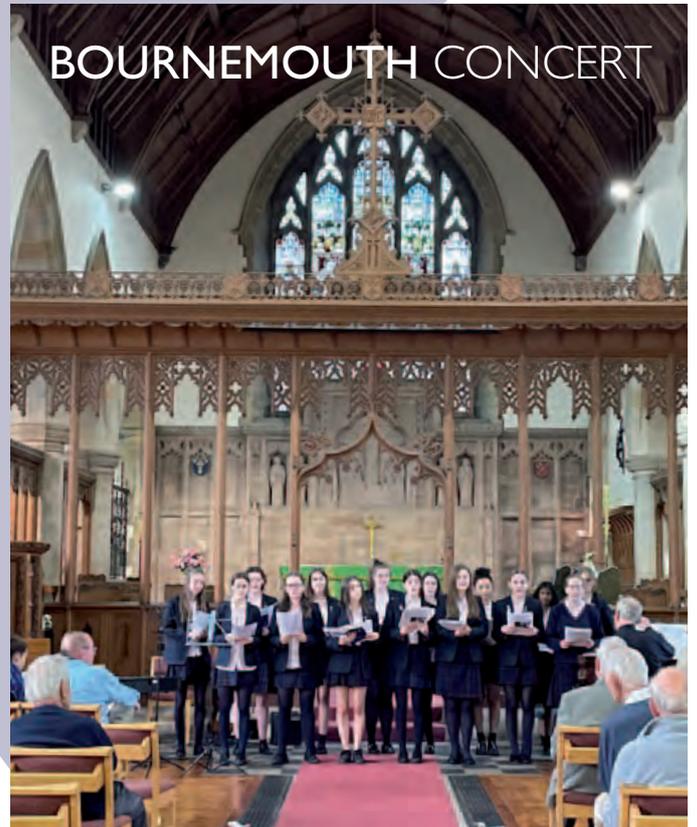
The Music Festival in the spring term was enjoyed by so many girls. It was adjudicated by the renowned cellist Abigail Hyde-Smith. The winners of the Festival Cup were Dominic House, and the musician of year was announced as **Holly H**.

## CLASSICAL CONCERT





STRING QUARTET



BOURNEMOUTH CONCERT



AUTUMN CONCERT

Finally, there was a choir trip in late June to celebrate all the amazing music making of the past year. The choir sang at Woodland's school in Leatherhead, before setting off to Bournemouth for a barbeque and fun on the beach, followed by an evening concert at St Andrew's church on the cliff tops at Boscombe.

A fantastic year of music making with so many girls enjoying the music, ranging from opera to jazz. There was one final Secret Concert for Mr Caister (right) as the girls organised a farewell for his retirement.



## Y7 + Y8 NICOLA BENEDETTI WORKSHOP

We were thrilled to welcome the world-class violinist Nicola Benedetti and professional musicians from her foundation to Cranmore school. Our pupils and those invited from five local state and independent schools, were immersed in musical workshops with the Benedetti Foundation throughout the morning before having the opportunity to play in a concert that afternoon. It was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to be instructed and inspired by such talented musicians.



# Geography

The highlight of this year for the Geography Department has been the return to fieldtrips. We were able to take our Year 11 students to Dorset over a weekend in March to revise the coasts topic. The Year 10 geographers then went to Dorset in late April in order to carry out the fieldwork required by our examination board.

The summer term has been full of fun, with Year 7 students studying rocks and settlement on a day trip to the North and South Downs, and Year 8 students studying farming, rivers, and ecosystems on a trip to a local farm near Dorking. Our Year 9 students participated in a half day 'Restless Earth' workshop led by the British Cartographic Society.



## Y10 TRIP TO DORSET



# Science

## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

During British Science Week (and in true St Teresa's style) we started with a bang! We held a whole school science show delivered by Wonderstruck with explosions and bubbles, rocket packs and smoke rings. The show ended with liquid nitrogen exploding teddies which was a truly spectacular sight! Later on in the week we hosted two fantastic workshops with Cranmore boys joining our girls to compete in a rocket competition.



We also invited our Year 8 families from St Teresa's and Cranmore to take part in a CSI evening and we were lucky enough to welcome ex-Metropolitan Police Detective Chief Inspector, Simon Harding, to give us an insight into the world of the crime scene. The event included an opportunity for families to take fingerprints, test blood and engage in other forensic testing. Unbelievably, it turned out to be Mr O'Farrell whodunnit!



# TRIP TO OLD OPERATING THEATRE IN LONDON

In February MedSoc had the opportunity to go to the Old Operating Theatre in London. It was a great experience and we learnt about how medicine and operations have evolved over the past 200 years. We were able to have a tour of the museum after having a demonstration of how operations were carried out in the actual theatre they took place in during the 18th century. A fun fact we learnt was that the quickest leg amputation was 27 seconds!



## Y9 SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP

Year 9 went to the Science Museum in March and spent much of the time in the Wonder Lab. Making bridges, experimenting with sound, colour and electricity were some of the highlights. The centripetal force experiment was the most completed with Mrs Cawley also taking a turn! The girls were tasked with finding out interesting facts in the Ancient Greeks: Science and Wisdom exhibit which proved very competitive! A great day out with much learnt.



## TOP OF THE BENCH CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

This year we welcomed back the 'Top of the Bench' chemistry competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry. The format was slightly different from previous years as the tasks were carried out on site at St Teresa's, rather than alongside other teams at a different school. The team consisted of **Kirsten S** (Year 11), **Alice P** (Year 10), **Emilie C** (Year 9) and **Angelina J** (Year 9). They had to carry out an unfamiliar practical, making sure they read the instructions carefully and recorded all their observations, before answering a set of challenging multiple-choice questions. They all really enjoyed taking part and showed off their chemistry knowledge and practical skills. Well done!



## BIOLOGY WEEK – ANIMAL PETTING

There were lots of events during Biology Week, including animal encounters, the daily Biology Week Form Quiz, a visit to the biodiversity pond in the rain!



## WORM DISSECTION

The girls undertook a worm dissection under the expert tutelage of Mrs Battersby.



## BIOLOGY CHALLENGE

We had fantastic results for this year's Biology Challenge: 9 bronze, 3 silver and one gold!

# DofE

## BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

47 of our pupils completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. They spent two days walking the Surrey Hills, with overnight camping.



## SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Silver D of E expedition took place in June, with girls canoeing down the upper section of the River Thames, camping en route.



## GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We are so proud of **Chloe R**, **Isabella J** and **Francesca B** who received their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award from Prince Edward on Saturday 21st May at an award ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Congratulations!



# Trips

## ART TRIP TO KEW GARDENS

It was a great opportunity to collect research and enjoy the beautiful grounds of Kew Gardens. With over 50,000 different plants throughout the gardens, there was lots of choice to draw from! Some girls also chose to study the architecture in the glass houses, taking in everything the Royal Botanical Gardens had to offer.



## BELL BEACH RESERVOIR TRIP

Year 7 spent the day at SES water treatment plant. They learnt all about where our potable water comes from and the processes involved. We even got to walk underneath the reservoir.



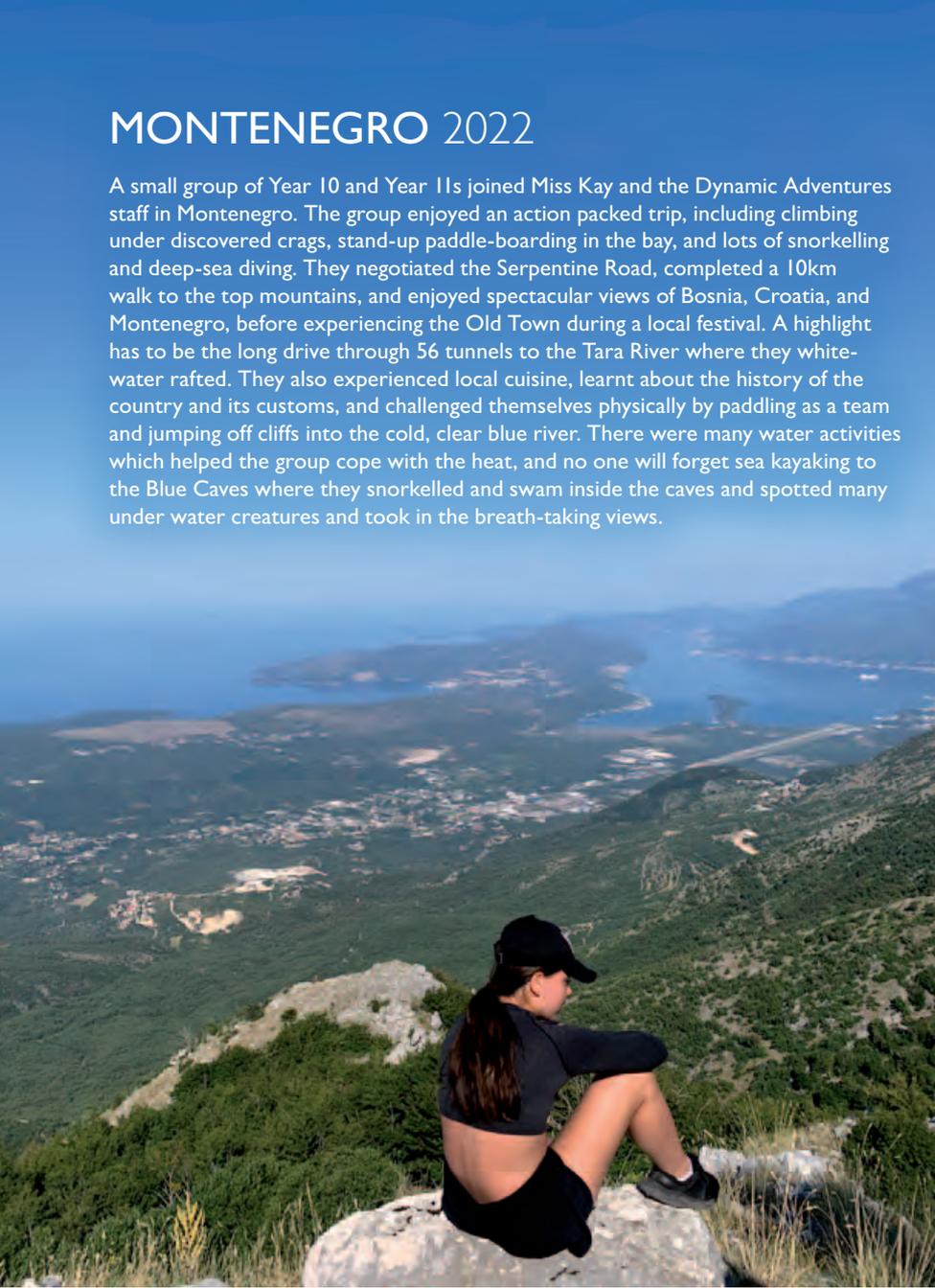


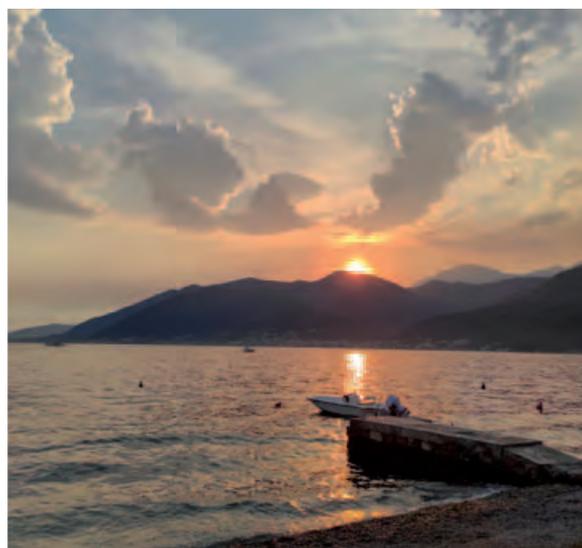
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# MONTENEGRO 2022

A small group of Year 10 and Year 11s joined Miss Kay and the Dynamic Adventures staff in Montenegro. The group enjoyed an action packed trip, including climbing under discovered crags, stand-up paddle-boarding in the bay, and lots of snorkelling and deep-sea diving. They negotiated the Serpentine Road, completed a 10km walk to the top mountains, and enjoyed spectacular views of Bosnia, Croatia, and Montenegro, before experiencing the Old Town during a local festival. A highlight has to be the long drive through 56 tunnels to the Tara River where they white-water rafted. They also experienced local cuisine, learnt about the history of the country and its customs, and challenged themselves physically by paddling as a team and jumping off cliffs into the cold, clear blue river. There were many water activities which helped the group cope with the heat, and no one will forget sea kayaking to the Blue Caves where they snorkelled and swam inside the caves and spotted many under water creatures and took in the breath-taking views.





## BUSHCAMP TRIP

On Wednesday 13th October, Year 8 took to the wilderness a.k.a Bighat Bushcamp in Chertsey. The day started with a trek through the jungle (a 5 minute walk down an overgrown path). Once the girls had arrived at the campsite they were debriefed on safety and started their bushcamp adventure.

During the first activity, they learnt a number of ways to cut wood and then proceeded to forage for a variety of wood to help with their fire making. The girls also whittled bamboo sticks for their marshmallows they would later put on the fire. Everyone demonstrated super teamwork skills whilst foraging, and enjoyed exploring the site.

After they had collected their wood, they were shown how to make a fire using cotton wool, Vaseline and a flint stick. Our resident fire-starter award has to go to **Katy H** for working very hard at ensuring her fire didn't go out so the girls didn't go hungry. It was very impressive to see all the girls getting involved through sweat and tears!

Whilst some girls were keeping the fires going, others were using their Food Preparation and Nutrition skills to prepare their meal of pasta Bolognese and a vegetarian option. The highlight of the day had to be watching all of the girls around the fire eating the lunch they had made – no complaints, lots of smiles.





## Y10 & II OXFORD TRIP

Dr. Poffley and Mrs. Randall took a group of girls from Years 10 and II to visit the University of Oxford. In the morning they met with admissions tutors from Dr. Poffley's old college, Wadham, to find out about what life at Oxford is like and how to prepare for applying in the years to come. The girls were impressed by the college's Jacobean architecture, grand dining hall and rich history, and asked lots of interesting questions about student societies, tutorial arrangements and Oxford's many libraries.

After a short tour of the city centre, taking in several other colleges, faculty buildings and the Bodleian Library, we walked along to the Pitt Rivers Museum, where the girls spent an hour learning about aspects of the University's cultural and scientific collections. Some of the art students took some amazing photographs of artefacts to incorporate into their GCSE work. The day finished off in a style very familiar to Dr. Poffley from his student days with ice cream at G&Ds opposite Christchurch College.



With full stomachs, it was then onto shelter building, which consisted of a competitive element as all shelters had to be tried and tested to check which group's shelter was the most watertight. Again, all girls pulled their weight and it was great to see them all working together.

All in all, a super day was had by all, the girls really did St Teresa's proud and the instructors commented on how they were the best group of school children they had seen at the camp.



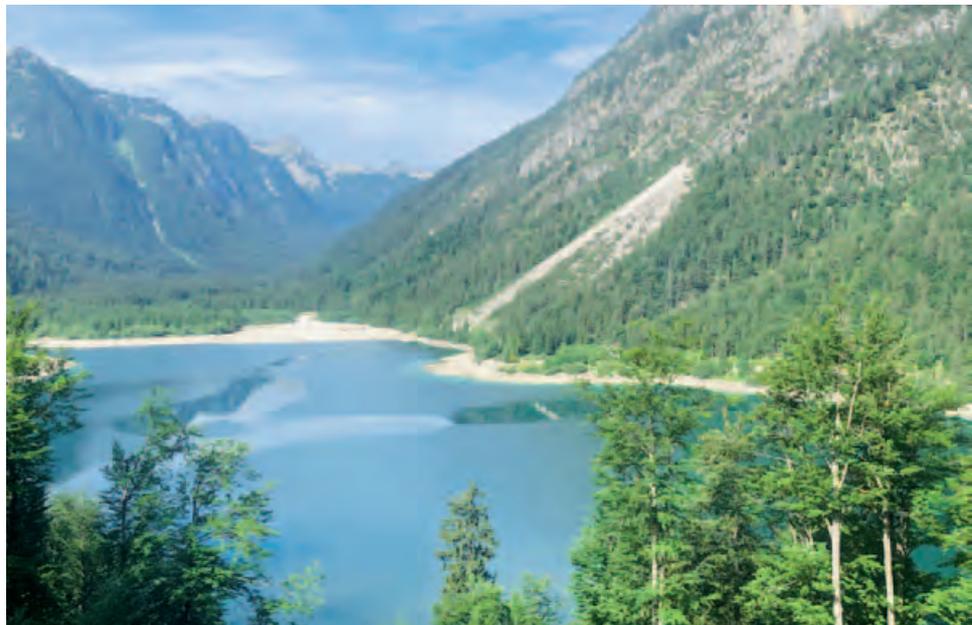
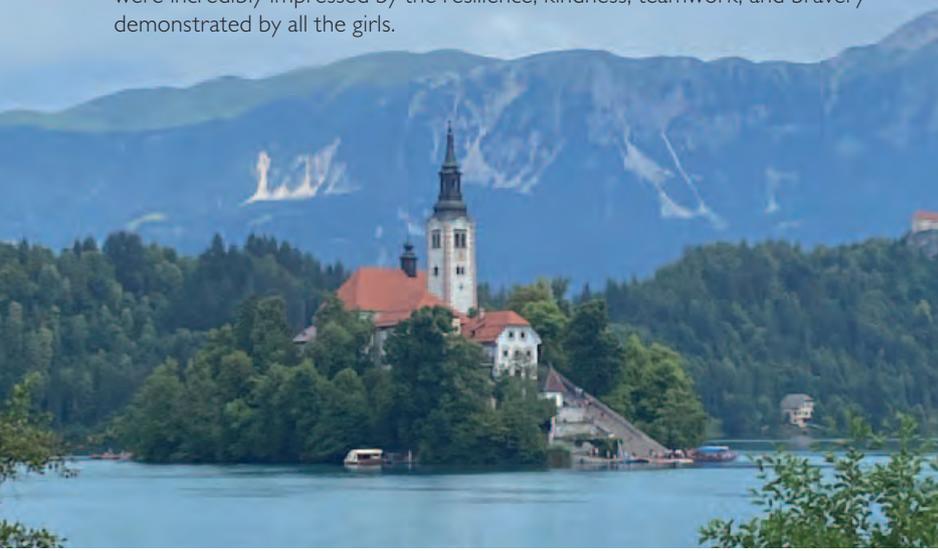
## CHESSINGTON TRIP

Year 9 enjoyed a team building day out at Chessington, World of Adventures. The girls had a really good time either going on the rollercoaster rides or looking around the zoo. It was a well-earned break after a very busy half term.



# SLOVENIA 2022

27 intrepid Year 7 and 8s joined the fabulous Dynamic Adventure crew, Miss Gibson and Mrs Cawley in Slovenia this July. They were physically and mentally challenged all week with tremendous activities ranging from white water rafting, diving and canyoning in the crystal-clear waters of the Soca River to mountaineering and a snowball fight in the clouds of the Kanin mountains. They swam and paddle boarded out to the church on an island in the middle of Lake Bled, shopped for souvenirs in Ljubljana and enjoyed copious amounts of ice cream. In the evenings they planned, budgeted, and cooked their supper, sang, played volleyball, and danced the nights away and were awed by a couple of spectacular thunderstorms before collapsing into well-deserved rest. Mrs Cawley and Miss Gibson thoroughly enjoyed their wonderful company and were incredibly impressed by the resilience, kindness, teamwork, and bravery demonstrated by all the girls.



# QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

After our celebration lunch, FOST held a Jubilee Fête after school; our prefects helped on the hair braiding, face painting and glitter tattoo stalls. The Head Girl Team ran a human fruit machine which was also very enjoyable, and all of the School community had lots of fun celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Such special memories!



# ECO

We are proud to announce that our Eco Team has helped the school gain the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, in recognition of the environmental work that has taken place over the course of the past academic year.

Eco-Schools is a seven-step framework that thousands of schools, nurseries and colleges around the world use to introduce, manage and complete environmental actions in their organisation and local community. Uniquely, the seven steps aim to place young people at the heart of these environmental actions. This approach engages, motivates and empowers young people to care for our planet now and throughout their lifetimes.

We are especially proud of the contributions made by our young and dedicated eco-committee members who have helped us recycle, grow flowers and vegetables, create a wild meadow, feed the birds and insects and show so much love for nature that we were able to gain a Green Flag award at the first attempt.



# YEAR 11 FAMILY BBQ

On 20th May we held a family BBQ for all our Year 11s to wish them good luck in all their forthcoming exams.



## ENRICHMENT SOCIETY SPEAKER

St Teresa's EnSoc was delighted to host an exciting guest lecture on Genetic Disease and Gene Therapy, delivered by Clare Arnold. Clare is an Associate Director of Quality Control at Orchard Therapeutics, a gene therapy company. The presentation covered genes and genetic disease, the different types of gene therapy, and also Ex-vivo HSC gene therapy as a treatment for rare genetic disease.

Clare graduated with a BSc in Applied Biology from the University of Bath and has more than 20 years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry in both quality control and quality assurance roles. She has worked with many types of pharmaceutical products, with her most recent experience in biologics and gene therapy.



# MFL

## FILM CLUB

We have had an eventful year in the MFL Department. From charity tuck shops to study days, students have not let the difficulty travelling abroad in recent years hamper their love of learning languages!

Here are just some of our highlights: raising money for the Bell Foundation, students enjoyed a range of European baked goods at the MFL tuck shop, which was held in honour of the European Day of Languages. Students in Year 7 and Year 3 participated in several Flamenco workshops, taught by our very own Señora Granada Herbello! KS3 and KS4 students of German developed both their linguistic skills and their cultural knowledge through participating in a film day at the British Film Institute. Year 10 students of French did an amazing job assisting with the running of the Prep School's French Breakfast. Our MFL film club has had much success with Year 8 this year. The girls enjoyed a variety of films in German, Spanish, Japanese and French, all of which received rave reviews from the girls. It was lovely to see so many of them every week, immersing themselves in the culture whilst also sampling a few sweets! Making the most of St Teresa's multiculturalism, Mexican students from our boarding community taught the Year 10 Spanish GCSE groups about the 'Día de los Muertos'. Students greatly appreciated the authenticity of the lesson.

Later in the year, students also connected live with the Feria de Abril in Seville, experiencing the festival in real time. Whilst not quite an MFL club per se, students have had great success learning different elements of cheerleading as part of our department's challenge club. This was run by Ms Corbat who, before becoming our Head of German, once coached her team to win the Swiss National Championships!



## DAY OF THE DEAD



## FRENCH BREAKFAST



## FIESTA SKYPE CALL

During their Spanish lessons, pupils were able to connect live with people from one of the most important festivals in the south of Spain: the 'Feria de Abril' in Seville (from April 30th to May 9th), who explained to them what the Feria is all about and the girls got to see their beautiful flamenco dresses and the local food being eaten.



## TUCK SHOP



## SPANISH TRIP TO THEATRE

On Monday 7th March, our A level Spanish students, together with keen students of Spanish in Year 11, went to the Cervantes Theatre in London to see the play *La Casa de Bernarda Alba*. Enacted in its original Spanish, it had plenty of rich visual and aural imagery to stimulate the senses.



# LOVE LANGUAGES

On Tuesday 14 June, a group of nine Year 8 girls took part in a language competition entitled 'Love Languages', at City of London Freeman's School.

The aim of the competition is to allow pupils with a passion for languages perform songs, dances, poetry, or plays in a foreign language.

Over 120 pupils from Year 5 up to Year 8 from 13 different schools took part in this competition.

Our school signed up with a play and a song in German, and with Ms Corbat's help, the girls wrote and produced a story and a script. After only a handful of rehearsals **Darcey, Franny, Issy, Khanyi, Felicity, Klara, Eleanor, Abi** and **Isa** managed to show an almost perfect performance and received the Judge's Choice award. The girls had a lot of fun and Ms Corbat is very proud of their achievement. Gut gemacht!



# CHEERLEADING





## DRAMA

Throughout the year Year 7–9 students have been working hard in their lessons creating some wonderful pieces of practical work. GCSE Drama and Dance have had a great year and enjoyed various outings to the theatre and dance events. A Level Drama have produced some amazing pieces of work and the Performing Arts lunchtime clubs have been hugely popular, culminating in showcasing their work at the Performing Arts Evening in July.



## INTERHOUSE PERFORMANCE

At our annual Inter House Arts Festival, we experienced wonderful performances by all Houses onstage, lots of hard work backstage and a huge effort by the technical crew. Team spirit, friendship and comedy elements abounded. As ever, it was a highlight of the school year.



## MOVE IT DANCE TRIP

Year 10 Dance GCSE students, and a few members of the Senior Dance Company, attended Move It on Friday March 11 at London's Excel. The event is the world's largest dance exhibition and brings together the top Dance Companies, schools and studios in the UK to perform, inform and inspire young dancers.



Our Dance students enjoyed every exhilarating moment of their experience and enjoyed attending classes in hip hop, contemporary and commercial dance, watching showcases from the top dance schools and students in the country and even taking to the Freestyle stage themselves to share their talent with the Excel audience.

## WUTHERING HEIGHTS TRIP

Year 10 Drama GCSE students had a great time seeing the National Theatre's excellent production of 'Wuthering Heights', directed by Emma Rice. It was an outstanding production and the students gained so much from seeing such an inventive and theatrical performance. They enjoyed visiting the National Theatre and experiencing a modern interpretation of a classic novel.



## LAMDA

LAMDA students have gained excellent success in their exams with 75% gaining Distinctions this year.

# SHINE PRODUCTION

In the Spring Term STPA presented a musical theatre extravaganza of inspiring, uplifting and empowering acts. The cast of talented singers, dancers and Musical Theatre enthusiasts shone as they took to the stage as they performed in 'Shine'. The performers gave their audience an outstanding evening of entertainment.



# WENDY AND PETER PAN PERFORMANCE

The wonderful cast of 'Wendy and Peter Pan' took to the skies in the first of St Teresa's Performing Arts productions of the year in November. Talented members from Years 7–13 enjoyed performing JM Barrie's classic tale and the audience was captivated by the magic and wonder of Neverland. Every St Teresa's Drama production introduces the cast to a new skill, and this production was no exception. A fly system was installed and the cast had the opportunity to learn how to fly. A huge congratulations to all involved, from the pirates and Lost Boys to Tinkerbell and the Darling parents. A special congratulations to the principal roles and fliers extraordinaire; Wendy (Ruby D) Peter Pan (Kate F), Peter (Esme M) and Michael (Francesca K-L).





# Charity

## UKRAINE APPEAL

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the St Teresa's community in donating items to our Ukraine appeal. The Chapel was absolutely overflowing. Five van loads went to the White Eagle Club in Balham.

Many, many thanks again for your incredible and humbling generosity. All of the Student Leadership Team and Eco council helped in the Chapel, organising all the generous donations for those in Ukraine from the whole school community.



# SUMMER CHARITY DAY

To end the school year the girls had a Summer Charity day where they ran stalls, had a fashion parade made from recycled materials, had an alternative Sports Day and an Art show all whilst collecting money for their chosen charities.



## SHOE BOX/CHARITY

Pippa and Leah, our Chaplaincy Prefects, worked with Deacon Simon and took great pride in achieving just over 200 Christmas boxes for children less fortunate.



# Art

## Y11 TRIP TO HORNIMAN MUSEUM



## A-LEVEL ART TRIP TO BRIGHTON

The Art Department had an exciting visit to Brighton in order to instigate visual research for the Year 12 and 13 practical investigations. Students had the opportunity to visit the Royal Pavilion and the Brighton Museum, as well as undertaking walking tours of the seafront and renowned Palace Pier.



# KEW GARDENS TRIP

Years 10 and 11 GCSE Fine Art, Photography and Textiles students had the opportunity to visit Kew Gardens.



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ART

Students from Years 5–13 had the opportunity to mark International Women's Day by exploring an array of contemporary artists' and designers' work. In addition, our Art Scholars' Enrichment Club, and students who attend the weekly lunchtime art club, formulated a series of expressive artworks, whereby they painted to music. They enjoyed listening to soundtracks by female artists, song writers and composers, where they then created an exciting collection of outcomes in response to the melodies played – fantastic work was produced by everyone!



# ART PREVIEW







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# Scholars



## ACADEMIC SCHOLARS' DINNER

Our Academic Scholars' dinners of the year took place and naturally, Dr McShane's jug of conversation also made a welcome return, as did the traditional reciting of University College Oxford's grace, which has the longest grace of any Oxford college. Scholars from all years were invited to a delicious meal, followed by an after-dinner speech which included guest speaker Professor James Lee and Senior Academic Prefect, Kirsten L, who eloquently shared her thoughts on the importance of insulin to our bodies. Professor Lee is Professor of Law and Vice-Dean (Education) at The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. His inspiring words reminded the girls of the value of scholarship, as articulated and celebrated by St Teresa.



# WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

This year saw the World Scholar's Cup competition come to St Teresa's. After having studied a contemporary and alternative curriculum and having honed their debating skills, our students were ready to compete and of course receive their very own alpaca soft toy! The event ran over two days in the Easter holidays where students aged 11–18 competed in teams of three across 4 disciplines: Team Debate, Collaborative Writing, Scholar's Challenge and Scholar's Bowl. Our students performed well with the Year 8 team of **Isabella K**, **Georgiana H** and **Isabel C** finishing in 2nd place overall, and with **Isabel C** in 5th place as an individual. Next year, we hope to not only participate in a regional round but run an international trip for those who have qualified to a global round.



# MATHS CHALLENGE

## Junior

In April, our girls in Years 7 and 8 competed with thousands of students across the country in the junior maths challenge. Our girls did us proud with many achieving bronze, silver, and gold certificates. The Mathematics department and the school congratulate all the girls who took part in this very challenging competition.



## Intermediate

In March, students in Years 9, 10 and 11 joined schools across the UK to participate in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. The girls achieved excellent results.

**Charlotte W** and **Augusta M-H** were invited to participate in the following round entitled the Grey Kangaroo Challenge with Augusta achieving a merit certificate and Charlotte a qualification certificate. **Siqi J** and **Yuyi Z** were also invited to participate in the following round, the Pink Kangaroo Challenge, with both achieving a qualification certificate. Well done to all pupils who did our school proud.

## Senior

In November, the Years 12 and 13 students participated in the Senior Mathematics Challenge. This is comprised of 90-minutes in which they have to answer multiple-choice questions. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Senior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think and apply their mathematical knowledge.

# Sixth Form

## SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

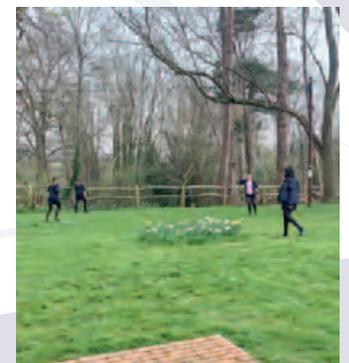
After their mock exams, the Year 11s spent the day in the Sixth Form attending taster subject sessions and utilising the Sixth Form areas. The girls attended sessions on Psychology, Business, Economics as well as other activities as careers and further education. They then ended the day with a session on learning to play the ukulele or yoga which proved very enjoyable. It was very nice end to a busy couple of weeks!



## EASTER EGG HUNT

For Easter, the Sixth Form girls went round to form rooms from each year and gave the team leaders the Easter Egg hunt clues! Each envelope had individual clues in to lead each team to letters hidden around the school, that unscrambled a secret word. The girls had the rest of the week to go around the school to find the missing letters during Break and Lunch time. In the Sixth Form Centre on Friday Lunchtime, the teams came to find the Easter Bunny, to present their secret word and were given a big easter egg as a prize! Well done to all of the teams who participated and enjoy your well-deserved chocolate egg! I would also like to say a huge well done to **Leah G** (our Senior Values Prefect) for organising this incredible event. It was a wonderful occasion for the whole school to have some Easter Egg fun before the Easter Holidays.

In addition to this, the Sixth Form had their own Easter Egg Hunt. It took place all around the Sixth Form Centre.



## TUTORING INITIATIVE

The Year 12s launched a tutoring initiative for Years 10 and 11, run by our wonderful Year 12 volunteers. The sessions were hosted in the Sixth Form classrooms during lunchtimes and were available for anyone who felt like coming along.

# PARLIAMENT TRIP

The A-Level Politics students went on a trip to London with a tour around the Houses of Parliament, visiting both of the chambers, a walk to Whitehall, passing 10 Downing Street and then on to the Royal Courts of Justice for an interesting guided tour.



# BISHOP VISIT

The Head Girl Team and Senior Prefect Team were invited to have Lunch with the Bishop of Dorking, The Rt Revd Dr Jo Bailey-Wells. Bishop Jo is an inspirational forward thinking church leader, and a fine role model for women's ministry. Previously serving on the Archbishop of Canterbury's staff at Lambeth Palace, and a Cambridge Don, she also has a genuine love for young people, and oversees aspects of the independent school chaplaincy throughout the area. It was a wonderful occasion to meet her and find out more about the work she has done.



# GARDENING CLUB

- Many of the girls from all year groups were involved in the growing of vegetables in our own greenhouse.
- We harvested our first crop of potatoes, carrots, chillies, runner beans and squash. Our seasonal produce was dropped off in the kitchen for the boarders.



## POLITICS PROJECT

Students worked with the Politics Project to learn more about British politics, particularly at a local level. The girls explored their own political ideas by considering current affairs and issues which divide society. They then spent some time looking into Councillor Julia McShane's political career and her role on Guildford Local Council prior to their Digital Surgery. Digital Surgeries address a key issue that defines our democratic system today: the breakdown in the relationship between young people and politicians.

The Politics Project programme aims to transform the way that young people and politicians interact. Their goal is simple – they want every young person during their time at school to have a meaningful, informed interaction with their local, regional or national representatives.

During the Digital Surgery, the girls asked a wide variety of questions ranging from environmental policies to the cost of living crisis. Julia McShane also asked some of her own questions in return which challenged the girls to consider whether 16–17 year olds should have the vote and what they learnt about themselves during lockdown. The girls found the experience interesting and enjoyed hearing about how involved Julia is in her local community.



## PSYCHOLOGY: PRESENT AND FUTURE OF BRAINS – DR SUTTON

What a wonderful day we had and how much information we learnt about the brain as our Sixth Form Psychologists, Biologists, Year 10 students and parents in the evening were treated to a series of engaging presentations by Dr Guy Sutton. Topics included the functioning of the brain, the effects of space travel, brain degeneration, the criminal brain, brain organoids, future developments and a brain dissection.

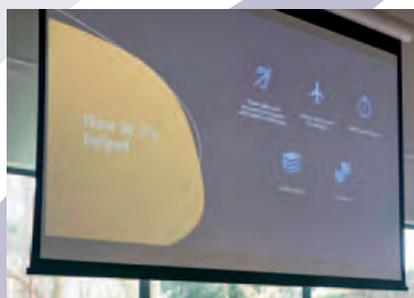


## OXBRIDGE PROGRAMME

In March we held our first Oxbridge Programme exploring undergraduate faculties at Oxbridge. Session One was about Science and Social Science Faculty. We were lucky enough to be visited by a St T's Alumna **Cameron**, who left St T's last year to go to Oxford University. Cameron is currently studying Philosophy and Psychology and has just completed first year prelim examinations. Cameron gave an insightful talk about what life is like studying at Oxford as well as how the sixth form and general school experience at St Teresa's prepared them for university life. Cameron also talked about the application process involved and gave helpful advice to those listening.



After their presentation, Year 12 Oxbridge students were given one-to-ones in which they got to ask Cameron any questions about life in general at university. It was wonderful to have Cameron back at school and we hope that they will come back next year to share further advice.



## HEAD GIRL TEAM ANNOUNCED

We were delighted in February to announce our new Head Girl team: **Olivia** (centre) as Head Girl and, **Emma** (right) and **Pippa** (left) as Deputies.



# Y13 LEAVERS' CELEBRATION

Year 13 had their Leavers' Liturgy in the Chapel on 19th May and after the service, pupils and their parents were invited for a drinks reception on Mairlot Hall Lawn. Their Celebration Dinner commenced in the Dining Hall at 6:30pm where students, parents and staff enjoyed a delicious three-course meal.



## SIXTH FORM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

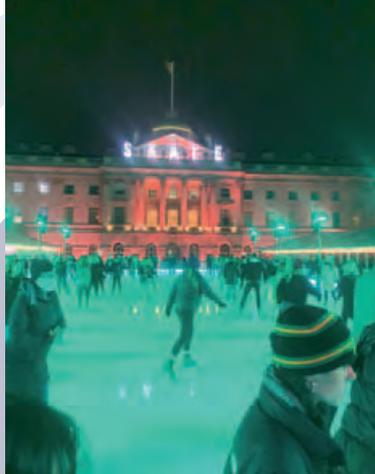
Sixth Form were lucky enough to have an Christmas ice skating trip at Somerset House. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the ice with the alternating lights in front of Somerset House and the Christmas music playing in the background. Thankfully we had no injuries, although it is always entertaining to watch others on the ice. Courtesy of FOST, we were then treated to a Hotel Chocolat hot chocolate before departing back to the train station.

Throughout that last week of term we ran a secret elf Sixth Form event where everyone's names are put into a sack and each student took one out anonymously, they then had the choice to be extra kind to their person throughout the week or buy them some chocolate or a little gift for Christmas without knowing who it was. We had a board in the common room especially put up for the week where people wrote their thank yous to their secret elf.

The Events Committee and a few other girls helped decorate the Reading Room into our very own Sixth Form Christmas Grotto. We had a balloon arch, baubles hanging from the ceiling, snowflake paper chains, paper snowflakes made by the Sixth Form, glitter on the tables, lanterns with candles and pinecones on the table decorations.

Gary and the catering team did an amazing job cooking up chilli beef, chicken noodles, veggie noodles, with prawn crackers of course, and a homemade chocolate roulade for dessert. A great time was had by all students and sixth form staff.

The Reading Room was later filled with gingerbread men and icing galore. The girls spent form time decorating their gingerbread with the various icing colours before munching away their artwork.



# EASTER EGG ROLLING COMPETITION

For Easter, the whole of Years 12 and 13 decorated a hard-boiled egg, which were rolled down the front driveway! The egg rolling competition was open to all year groups and staff. During the morning, they brought their decorated eggs to the Sixth Form Centre and the Head Girl Team judged them. The winning two from each year were then invited to roll their eggs down the driveway. This event was special because it brought back the tradition of Egg Rolling that St Teresa's girls used to do in the 1950s.

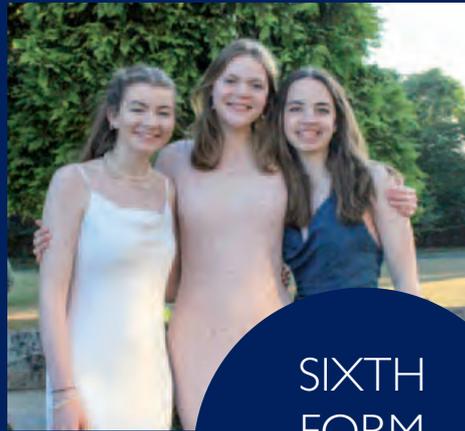


## MR OWEN VISIT

Year 12 Business girls were excited to have Mr Owen, Entrepreneur extraordinaire come and visit them in order to talk about his fascinating business life-story of how he had set up in business through an idea that came about from listening to his mother who mentioned that he would be really good in marketing and advertising. Mr Owen worked his way up through the ranks, and eventually created a dynamic partnership with his former boss, to become one of the leading marketing/advertising specialists in the country. His presentation theme brilliantly used

the analogy of "whether you are a wild animal or a zoo animal" in terms of whether you can conform to corporate culture or thrive much more effectively in going it alone "in the wild". The Year 12 Business girls learnt a great deal about the need to not worry about failure, learning to pitch effectively using a well-researched business plan and being yourself in life. An entrepreneur in the making, one of the students considered "It was the best presentation she had ever seen in her life".





SIXTH FORM SUMMER BALL





# PE Dept

## QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

It was great to see **Pippi S** (STOGA) representing the U21 England team as well as the honour of being part of the Queen's Baton Relay for the Commonwealth Games.



## SPORTS SCHOLARS' TRIP TO BEDE'S



## PURPLE POWER

In July **Rachel G** and **Keri W** won England Hockey's U15 Challenge Cup competition at Nottingham Hockey Centre. Well done!



## EASTBOURNE TRIATHLON

A huge well done to **Poppy S**, who took part in the Eastbourne Triathlon. This involved a 500m sea swim and a 3k run.

Poppy came in middle of the field and was really pleased with her swim, particularly as it was her first sea swim! A very daunting prospect. The Eastbourne Triathlon was part of the qualifying races for the South East triathlon team. We also want to congratulate her for competing at the South of England XC Championships in Beckenham in February. Poppy struggled with injury for a lot of the season however, still finished incredibly well in all of her races this season and Beckenham was no exception. It is one of the hardest races of the season with over 200 runners in her race. Poppy finished mid field and helped to take her team to overall 3rd place. Congratulations, Poppy! You have shown such resilience and determination throughout your injury!

We are extremely proud of her achievements, courage and determination!



## SURREY CROSS COUNTRY

A huge congratulations to **Chloe S, Darcey A, Matilda K, Louise B** and **Emma W** who were all asked to represent Surrey in the Cross Country district tournaments on January the 22nd at Reigate Priory.

A special mention to Chloe S and Louise B who came first in their races! Well done girls.



## SWIMMING COMPETITION

A big well done to **Emily C** and **Darcey A** who were amongst the 18 females in the 12-year old swim age group in the South East swimming region that have been selected to attend the 2022 South East Regional pathway programme.

Selections were based on rankings in the Swim England database based on long course competition results between the period 1st January 2022 and Monday 9th May 2022. This is a highly competitive programme to be selected for, so the fact we have two swimmers from St Teresa's is fantastic.



## CLIMBING

**Lilia's** climbing has been a huge part of her life for a number of years now and her accolades this year alone have been outstanding.

She took part in the Youth Climbing Regional Series and after 4 rounds she placed 1st overall.

Lilia then progressed to the Youth Climbing National Grand Final in which she competed in bouldering, finishing 9th, and the 'lead' in which she finished 6th, therefore placing at 8th in the country over both categories.

Finally, Lilia also competed in the Junior British Bouldering Championships and finished a commendable 7th place, which meant she missed out by a heart breaking one position, to go through to the finals. Lilia should be very proud of her achievements this year in climbing. Well done!



## NATIONAL BIATHLON QUALIFIERS

On Tuesday 7th December **Louise B**, **Lila R**, **Matilda K**, **Poppy S** and **Cáitlin W** entered the National Biathlon qualifiers held at Guildford High School. The girls braved the elements to start their competition with a run on the Spectrum track, followed by the swimming portion of the competition over at Guildford High's pool. The girls were in good spirits and gave their all. **Louise B** and **Lila R** held comfortable, competitive paces throughout their runs, **Matilda K** and **Poppy S** had a very competitive busy race, in which they gave their all with impressive finishes, and **Cáitlin W**, our youngest competitor braved the track as the only St Teresa's girl and performed brilliantly.

Well done girls, you were amazing.



## CENTRAL SURREY ATHLETICS

On Thursday 12th May, St Teresa's athletes travelled to Kingsmeadow Athletics track to trial for the Central Surrey Athletics team. It was a busy day with a huge amount of talent, with over 15 other schools competing for the accolade of representing Central Surrey in the Championships on Saturday 11th June. The girls competed in the heats of their events, and if they finished top 2/3 they went on to the finals in the afternoon. An enormous well done to:

**Abigail B** who has been selected to represent the Central Surrey Team in the 1500m, **Nirvana M** who has been selected to represent the Central Surrey Team in the Javelin, and **Indiana M** who has been asked to represent the Central Surrey Team in the 100m.



## U17 SURREY CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Abigail B's** triumphs haven't stopped at the Districts, she also competed in the Surrey Championships and not having ever run a 3000m track race before, Abi came 3rd place in the U17 Surrey Championships at the weekend in a time of 11.04 min.



## HIGH JUMP SURREY CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Milla H** competed in the U15 girls high jump at the Surrey Championships and came tied second with a jump of 1.5m.



## INDIANA M

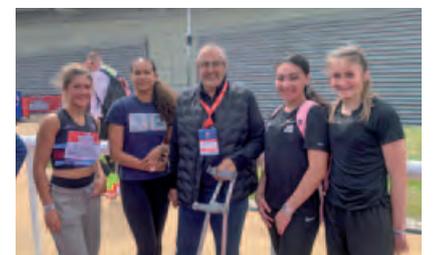
A huge well done to **Indiana M** who won 2 silver medals at the Surrey Championships. One for 100m and the other for Long Jump. Indiana is an extremely talented athlete who has been lucky enough to compete at the Diamond League in the U17 relay with her club, Blackheath and Bromley. Below is a picture of Indi with her Surrey medals and with her coach, John Blackie, who is also Dina A's coach! Well done Indi!



## DARCEY

**Darcey** competed in, and WON the 2K South East Region Open Water Championship at Westhampnett Lake, Chichester on Saturday 16th July. It was a fantastic race. She went out hard, despite the distance, and won the 12yr old age group by nearly 2 minutes. We are extremely proud of her.

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## BRITISH MODERN BIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

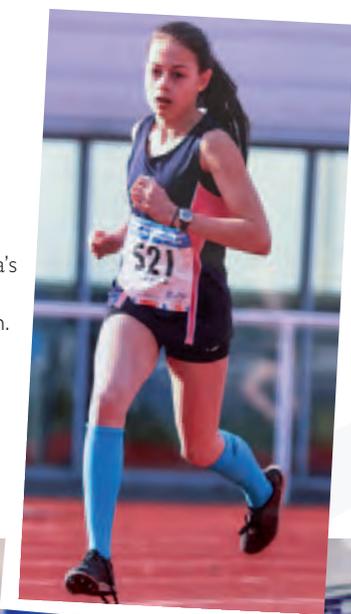
In March some of the Senior and Junior St Teresa's girls participated in the British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships at the University of Bath.

The girls from the senior school finished in the following places:

U13s: **Matilda K** – 12th, **Poppy S** – 23rd

U12s: **Kasey C** – 53rd (PB Run)

U14s: **Lila R** – 17th



## DARCEY IS NATIONAL CHAMPION!

Congratulations to Darcey who has followed her win at the South East Region 2k Open Water Championship with victory at the National 2k Open Water Championship.

It was a terrific performance. She led the entire event and finished almost one minute in front of the next girl. It was a really brave swim in which she truly dominated the rest of the field.

Congratulations to **Louise B** who won a silver in her age category at the National 2k Open Championship and won National Gold and Silver at the National Indoor Championships.



## CYCLING WIN

Our own **Oriane** did a fantastic job scoring in the top 3 at the Hillingdon Youth Spring Series under 14's category.



## DR McSHANE NETBALL

UI5 and UI6 Netballers were surprised by a guest coach at their training session. They were delighted to welcome Dr McShane to the courts and certainly put her through her paces as an umpire!



## SURREY STORM NETBALL MASTERCLASSES



## SWIMMING RESULTS

Swimming Medallists are as follows

Junior Girls IM	<b>Darcey A</b> – 2nd
Intermediate Girls IM	<b>Sophie K</b> – 3rd
Intermediate Girls Fly	<b>Lauren B</b> – 2nd
Senior Girls IM	<b>Louise B</b> – 1st
Senior Girls Backstroke	<b>Hannah K</b> – 3rd
Senior Girls Breaststroke	<b>Connie M</b> – 2nd



# SPORTS SCHOLARS' DINNER

During March the Sports Scholars had a lovely dinner and their guest speaker was Leah Wilkinson, who plays hockey for Wales and played in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics for Great Britain, earning a bronze medal. She had an incredible story to tell about her journey of making it to an elite level hockey player. Thank you, Leah, for your motivational story. There was also a quiz about sports at St T's in which sixth form girls (**Hannah K**, **Pippa M** and **Ella W**) were only just beaten by the Year 10s in a sudden death round.

Congratulations to **Hannah** for winning the Senior Sports Scholar of the Year Award.

The awards went to the following:

**JUNIOR AWARD** (always committed and embodies everything St T's): **Lila R.** Lila represents the school in netball, hockey, swimming and running and is a hugely committed individual. Recently attended the Bath Biathlon and finished 17th overall.

**SENIOR AWARD** (always committed and embodies everything St T's): **Hannah K.** Hannah participates in every sport she can, always gives 100% and achieved highly with her swimming. Represented St Teresa's at the Surrey Relays coming 2nd in the Senior Medley. They qualified for National Finals finishing 10th in the country. Hannah competed at the Surrey County Individual Championships placing 3rd in the Senior girls backstroke.

**SPAWFORTH AWARD** (highest achiever): **Louise B.** Louise is the U15 Biathlon National Champion. She represented St Teresa's at the Surrey Relays coming 2nd in the senior medley. Their team then qualified for National Finals finishing 10th in the country. She competed in the Surrey county individual championships in the senior girls individual medley and finished 1st! Louise also represented the South East in the national schools championships coming 6th and 7th in her event, helping the team to finish 2nd overall. We are now waiting to see if Louise has been selected to represent England schools in China.

**NELSON AWARD** (highest achiever): **Kath P.** Kath represented St Teresa's in U14 A Hockey & Netball teams consistently, and played up an age group in the successful U15 team too. She is now part of the Regional Performance Centre, which is part of the player pathway to representing the national hockey team!



## CROSS COUNTRY CENTRAL SURREY

St Teresa's are very proud of our Cross Country runners who were selected to represent Central Surrey in the Surrey Schools County Championships held on Saturday 22nd January. To become part of the team, one needs to do two qualifying races against hundreds of girls from our district.

**Emma W** helped the senior girls Central Surrey team finish 2nd in their pool of 11 counties.

In the inter girls race **Louise B** finished 16th out of 72 to help Central Surrey gain 4th place in their pool.

**Matilda K** finished 25th in a huge race of 100 girls, to help Central Surrey achieve 2nd place

**Darcey A** finished an incredible 8th place in another large race of 90 girls to help the U13 Central Surrey team achieve 5th place overall.

A special mention to **Matilda K** who has been selected for the squad for the CAU National Inter Counties in March. Well done ladies, you have made St Teresa's very proud!



## IAPS QUALIFIERS

Well done to all the girls that competed in the IAPS qualifiers. The St Teresa's relay teams performed superbly, winning all four of their races.

## SURREY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

During May a number of girls represented their athletics clubs at the Surrey County Championships in the glorious sunshine!

**Chloe S** competed in the 800m winning a bronze medal in 2:26.60 and running a new Personal Best in the heats and then bettering it again in the final. Chloe also ran in the 200m qualifying for the final and finishing 7th which is a fantastic achievement.

**Kacey C** also represented her club running in the hotly contested 100m. Out of 37 entries, Kacey progressed through to the semi final which is brilliant and recently ran a new Personal Best of 14.8 seconds at the ESSA athletics competition last week.

**Milla H** was entered in the high jump and performed incredibly, despite suffering from very nasty shin splints at the moment. She finished joint 2nd with a jump of 1.50m.

## LOUISE SWIMMING SUCCESS

**Louise B** was part of the South East Schools team to compete in the 71st Inter-Divisional Swimming Championships in Coventry last weekend. Though she is the youngest of a three-year age group Louise came 6th in the Senior girls 200m Breaststroke and 7th in the Senior girls 200m Individual Medley. The team came 2nd in the country overall and were the most improved division from the last championship. We now wait to see if Louise makes the England Schools team that is due to go to China in November. We wish her the best of luck!

## INTER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The results for the Inter girls cross-country are as follows:

- Abigail B** – 12th
- Lila R** – 13th
- Sophie Y** – 15th
- Lauren B** – 16th



## XANTHE

**Xanthe** has been offered to resign with Chelsea's RTC Academy for another year, joining the U13 squad. She has worked so hard this year, pushing herself out of her comfort zone, being put into different positions that she isn't used to and performing well under pressure.

Xanthe is a hugely talented athlete in a whole array of sports. Her quiet confidence is recognised on the netball court, with spectators often commenting on her performance.



## NATIONAL SCHOOLS BIATHLON FINALS

The girls participated in the National Schools Biathlon finals. We are so proud of all that participated and Congratulations to **Louise B** who came first in the U15



# HOCKEY



## SURREY CUP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The UI2A team travelled to St John's for the Surrey Cup tournament, where the best of the UI2 teams and players battle it out to become county schools champions.

St Teresa's arrived and performed to a high standard through out the back-to-back games, 4 x 20 minutes matches with little rest is a tough ask! The girls were determined and worked hard producing smart hockey.



## CROSS COUNTRY PRIORSFIELD

On Wednesday 6th October the U12s and U13s competed in a cross country event at Priorsfield.



## ESAA CROSS COUNTRY CUP NATIONAL FINALS

St Teresa's junior girls are officially the top 20th best cross country team in the country!

The junior girls team placed 20th overall in the National ESAA finals in Newquay, Cornwall, demonstrating tremendous efforts in the hail and -2 winds!

The team have already faced over 60 schools to qualify for the finals, so this really is a tremendous achievement.



## HEVER CASTLE TRIATHLON

Lucy and Anna B took part in the Hever Castle Triathlon and performed incredibly well!



## DISTRICT NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 14th October St Teresa's hosted the U15 & U16 District Netball Tournament. Eight other schools attended and it was fantastic to see so many girls taking part in the tournament. The St Teresa's netball courts were buzzing!

They played some excellent netball and they finished in 3rd place overall.



## BELLA GYMNASTICS

Bella had her qualifying Compulsory 2 gymnastics competition in Stoke-on-Trent to qualify to compete at British championships.

We are so proud of her!



# CCF

As we draw to the end of the academic year we have much to celebrate with the inauguration of the CCF from January this year. 8 cadets went to RAF Benson to fly Grob Tutor planes in the last week of term. 18 Cadets from both St Teresa's and Cranmore went to Summer camp at RAF Halton where they took part in shooting, high ropes, low ropes as well as station visits and some flying in chinooks and pumas. In September some cadets will also be going gliding as well as taking part in remembrance services and the Lord Mayor's parade in November.

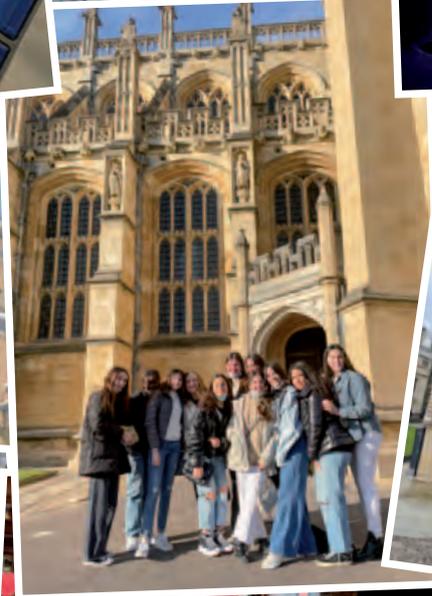


# Sports Day









# Prep News

## ACADEMIC

Here at St Teresa's we want our girls to have an outstanding academic education that stimulates and challenges but which they also enjoy and this education has once again translated into a record number of scholarships: 5 girls were awarded academic scholarships, 3 girls were awarded Art scholarships, 1 girl was awarded a Music scholarship, 6 girls were awarded Sport scholarships, 1 was awarded a Drama scholarship, 2 were awarded tennis scholarships and 1 an equestrian scholarship!

### PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

In the National Primary Mathematics Challenge, pupils in Years 5 and 6 excelled with a significant number of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals being awarded.' As part of the competition, they had to answer some very difficult questions...



### POETRY

In the national CISC poetry competition, St Teresa's girls swept the board with **Phoebe** gaining first place, **Grace** gaining second place and **Frankie** being awarded 'Highly Commended'! This is a truly outstanding achievement!

### NEW LIBRARY

Our exciting new library has been installed with new bespoke shelving and seating. The new design was a culmination of creative ideas from our library design company and the girls' feedback through the School Council. The sophisticated final outcome is in a colourway of teals and greens and has been greeted with great excitement.



### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Zara and Laiya did a brilliant job at representing St. Teresa's at the Woking and District Catenians Public Speaking Competition. Speaking about 'footballers wages' and 'being the younger sister', both girls spoke confidently and with wonderful expression in front of an audience of pupils, parents and teachers.



## MATHS WEEK

Maths week this year kicked off with the story '365 penguins', where a household are sent a penguin each day of the year. The book examines many mathematical concepts from calendars to cube numbers and led to a range of different activities taking place across the school. A particular highlight of the week was our workshop with Subject Revolution where the girls had to protect the world from the invading Robotrons that were threatening St Teresa's! Tasks required cooperation, perseverance and application of knowledge to solve complex problems.



## STOP MOTION

During Computing, Year 3 experimented with Stop Motion. They created movies by making a piece of plasticine move across the screen using tiny movements. This was to ensure that they created a movie with nice smooth movements. There were some wonderful imaginative ideas (including worms!) and the girls were brilliant at giving each other advice to improve their movies further.



## LEGO CHALLENGE

Year 6 had an enjoyable afternoon taking on Lego challenges. They had to program their robots to complete tasks and then design a famous landmark out of Lego. They all worked brilliantly with some impressive results.



## UP AND AWAY!

To complete their topic on 'Space', the Year 5 girls planned, designed and created lunar models, space rockets and moon buggies.



## MIGHTY METALS

In Year 3, the girls read the story of 'The Iron Man' to go with their topic 'Mighty Metals'. After detailed planning and using the text to help them, each class in Year 3 worked together to make a huge Iron Man. The girls used recycled cardboard, tin foil, cardboard tubes and lots of felt tips to decorate!



# Music/Performing Arts

## YOUNG SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Years 5 and 6 were treated to a visit from the Young Shakespeare Company, who performed an interactive version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', enlisting the help of many of the girls. It was an energetic and fun-packed morning which left the girls with an understanding of one of Shakespeare's most famous comedies.



## EASTER BRUNCH

Years 2 and 3 girls treated their parents to an Easter Brunch – a celebration of new life through songs and poems. The girls performed superbly and the audience certainly left with a spring in their step.



## SPRING CONCERT

The girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 performed in our annual Easter Concert, delighting us with a variety of songs both amusing and moving. There were also performances from the Chamber Choir, the Young Voices Choir, the Orchestra, the Wind Band and the String Ensemble, all of which were outstanding polished performances and a fitting celebration of the musical life of the school.





## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

The Year 6 production of 'Olivia' was an incredible performance that had the audience laughing, crying and thoroughly entertained throughout. Ably supported by Year 5, who performed beautifully as the chorus, we were all treated to a show that could have held its own in the West End!

## YOUNG VOICES CONCERT AT THE LONDON O2

Our Years 5 & 6 Young Voices Choir sang with joy and enthusiasm at the O2. It was an amazing experience for the girls to perform with professional musicians at such a prestigious arena as part of a massed choir of 8,000. By the end of the evening, girls, parents and staff were all on their feet singing and dancing!



## INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Year 2 joined with several other local schools at our annual Infant Music Festival. The day culminated in a fabulous performance for parents which included a marvellous Mary Poppins medley.



# Chaplaincy

## EYES OF THE WORLD

The girls learnt about the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP26, which took place in Glasgow this year. They showed a real interest and passion for this subject and, as a result, took part in CAFOD's 'Eyes of the World' campaign, which was an initiative for children and young people to make it clear to world leaders that the eyes of the world were on them as they made decisions at COP26 that would affect our global family.



## PALM PROCESSION

At the end of the Spring Term, we gathered together as a school family for our Lenten Service to remind ourselves of the real meaning of Easter. Two special visitors (Noodles and Gizmo the donkeys) helped us re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and led us in a procession from the Henderson Hall to the Chapel where we remembered the events of Holy Week and Easter through scripture, reflection and song.



## COLLABORATIVE ART

In collaboration with Cherry Trees UK, girls in Years 3 & 4 created a woodland scene on canvas to be displayed in the play area at Cherry Trees. The girls chose a bird or woodland animal and were encouraged to represent it using a wide range of medium. The children from Cherry Trees made hand prints to represent the leaves in this joint endeavour. The scene contains the four seasons, with spring represented by the colour green, through to winter in blue.

## BISHOP RICHARD

The Chaplaincy Team were delighted to meet Bishop Richard at Worth Abbey where they joined children from every Catholic school across the diocese for a special service of prayer, dance and singing.



# HARVEST

It was a real joy to celebrate our Harvest Festivals with parents in school. The girls sang beautifully, read clearly and delivered some thought provoking sketches, poetry soundscapes and prayers that reminded us how blessed we are to be able to eat such a range of delicious foods. We also celebrated the wonderful gift of creation and gave thanks for our beautiful world alongside thinking of ways that we can be stewards of the earth and protect our planet for future generations. The generous donations of food were gratefully received by our local Foodbank.



# ST FRANCIS' SERVICE FOR PETS

It was a joy to celebrate our special St Francis Service in person this year. It was a wonderful occasion and we were delighted to be joined by so many of our pets, great and small. Following St Francis' example, we took the opportunity to give thanks for all that our pets and other animals teach us about love and affection, and were reminded of the beauty of creation and our responsibility to care for all that God has created for this and future generations.



## MAY PROCESSION

Our annual May procession was a very moving occasion as we laid flowers at the feet of the statue of Our Lady. The flowers were then taken to the Princess Alice hospice where they brought much joy to the patients



## FEAST DAY

We celebrated our Feast Day with a beautiful Mass in the Mairlot Hall followed by an aptly festive snack of delicious homemade chocolate muffins as well as a special cake made and decorated by Gary and his team. As a treat, the girls then enjoyed African drumming workshops throughout the day. The school was echoing with exciting, energetic rhythms which had all our toes tapping.



# LEAVERS' MASS

Our Year 6 girls were joined by their parents for a very special Leavers' Mass, followed by a cream tea and refreshments in the school grounds.



# Trips

## BRIGHTON SEA LIFE CENTRE

Year 4 took a dive down to the coast to visit the Brighton Sea Life Centre. The girls were overwhelmed by colour and creation as they were faced with a variety of sea creatures. From sharks and turtles to sting rays and jellyfish, the girls had the opportunity to observe, and learn more about, some fascinating animals. Touching a starfish was most certainly one of the day's highlights, as well as walking through the Ocean Tunnel. Sharks, turtles, and a vast range of fish species swam right above our heads! It was a fantastic day seeing so many wonderful creatures of different shapes, sizes and colours, but the main thing to report back, is that...WE FOUND NEMO!



# TRIP TO WINDSOR CASTLE

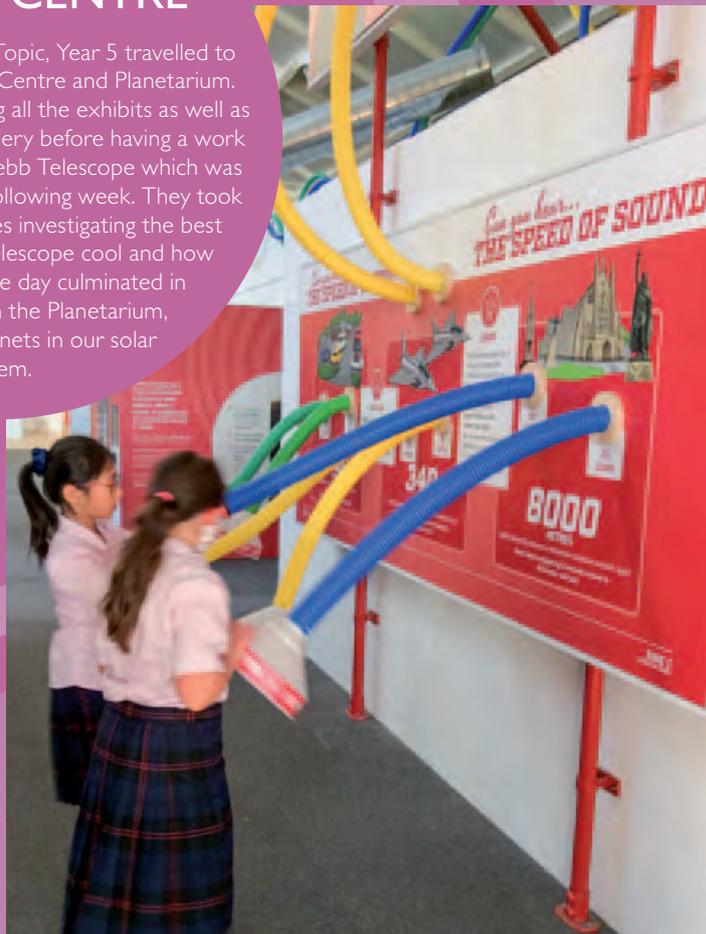
Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful day out at Windsor Castle. The girls were mesmerised watching the 'Changing of the Guard' ceremony before spotting the features of a castle. They participated enthusiastically in their workshop and learnt more about how castles were defended. The Queen was sadly not at home, but the girls enjoyed looking around the inside of the castle nonetheless.





## WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE

To end their Stargazers Topic, Year 5 travelled to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. The girls enjoyed exploring all the exhibits as well as the Destination Space gallery before having a work shop about the James Webb Telescope which was due to be launched the following week. They took part in practical activities investigating the best material to keep the telescope cool and how light is reflected. The day culminated in a fantastic show in the Planetarium, visiting all the planets in our solar system.



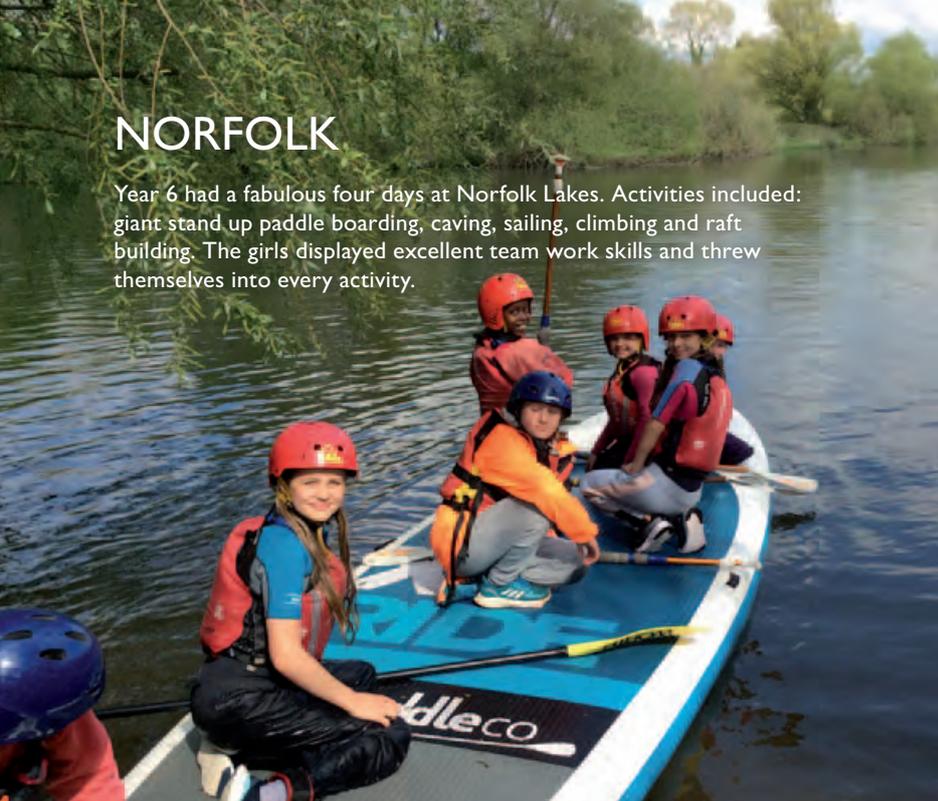
# GREENWICH MARITIME MUSEUM

Year 6 took a journey to the icy ends of the Earth on their visit to Greenwich Maritime Museum. During the workshop and visit, the girls explored life in these extreme environments and discovered the legacies of polar exploration, from attempts to find the North-West passage in the Arctic Circle to the race to reach the South Pole. They were fascinated by the adventures of polar explorers such as Captain Robert Falcon Scott and, with the help of the experts at the Museum, planned their own expedition based on his experiences.



# NORFOLK

Year 6 had a fabulous four days at Norfolk Lakes. Activities included: giant stand up paddle boarding, caving, sailing, climbing and raft building. The girls displayed excellent team work skills and threw themselves into every activity.



# OSMINGTON BAY

Year 5 had an incredible week at Osmington Bay PGL. They enjoyed activities such as dragon boat racing, abseiling, beach treasure hunting, orienteering and they even went on a giant swing! Evenings were spent roasting marshmallows and dancing at the roller disco. The girls impressed us with their exemplary behaviour, their resilience, determination, daring bravery and all round enthusiasm.



# SAYERS CROFT

Year 4 had a wonderful time at Sayers Croft, embracing all of the different challenges and activities with enthusiasm. There were shrieks of excitement when pond dipping revealed fish, newts and a water scorpion (not as frightening as it sounds!). Many conquered their fears on the boulders and the girls had to work together and hone team working skills to solve puzzles when on the challenge course. All of the girls were enthusiastic, supportive of one another and a credit to the school.



## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Year 6 girls took part in a Young Enterprise project, led by the company LifeLab. Learning about market research, financial management and marketing to name but a few of the skills that were covered, this was a practical way for the girls to develop an understanding of life in the business world. They all made substantial profits from their small businesses so Mrs Conrad didn't have to fire them!

## SCIENCE

Year 3 tested rocks to see if they are permeable in Science. They observed what happened to drops of water as they were placed on different types of rocks. They had to make sure it was a fair test and then identify if there was a pattern linked to sedimentary, metamorphic or igneous rocks.



## TUDORS

As part of their Tudor topic, Year 5 were asked to research some authentic recipes from the time and have a go at making them. Some were delicious, many were full of sugar, and a few will not be made again!



## BEEKEEPING

The girls in Year 2 had a special visitor: Mike from Maintenance! Mike is a beekeeper and he taught the girls so many new facts to add to their 'Wriggle and Crawl' topic knowledge. The girls got to handle artefacts used in beekeeping, as well as taste Mike's honey!





## MUMMIFICATION!

As part of their Pharaohs topic, Year 5 wrote a clear and amusing set of instructions on how to mummify a body in preparation for the Afterlife. In groups, they then used their instructions to role play the process of mummification!



## STONE AGE TOPIC

Year 3 were archaeologists for the day and took part in an archaeological dig! Using magnifying glasses, their previous knowledge, and each other, the girls discussed what the artefacts could be and what they would have been used for. They were surprised by some of the answers! In Art, the girls then used natural materials mixed together to create different colour paints like the stone age people. Using flour, chalk, charcoal, berries, and spices to create mixtures for cave painting. The classroom smelt wonderful!



## SCIENCE

Year 4 had the opportunity to present their very own 'habitat' Science presentations. Using their research skills and finding captivating images to illustrate their subject matter, the girls created informative PowerPoints about their chosen habitats. Everyone learnt many new facts about how climate change is affecting habitats throughout the world – David Attenborough would have been very proud!



## POLAR FUN DAY

Year 6 were visited by a real-life polar explorer to kick start their topic, 'Frozen Kingdom'. Antony has made several expeditions to both the North and South poles and the girls were fascinated to hear of his adventures, particularly a close encounter with a polar bear and her cubs! They learnt about the landscape and climate in the polar regions and, through experiments such as 'Blubber Gloves' and 'Gloopy Glaciers', they learnt how animals keep warm in the coldest regions on earth and how glaciers carve their way through the mountains.



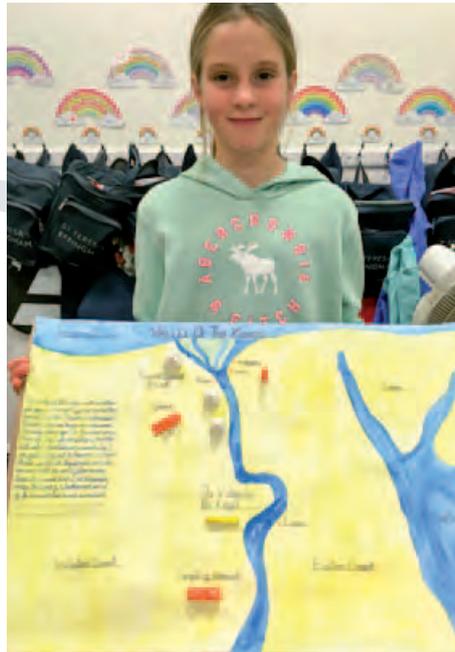
## EXCITING EXPERIMENTS

Year 4 put on their lab coats and safety goggles to become scientists. It was up to the Year 4 girls to determine the speed at which a variety of liquids pour down a 2 metre piece of guttering. They worked hard to plan their method, hypothesise outcomes, and prepare all the equipment required. It was a very interesting afternoon with some unexpected results. Some liquids, like lemonade, allowed for no more than a sneeze before reaching the bottom! Others, however, such as tomato ketchup, proved to be so slow that I think we could all have popped out for afternoon tea and still made it back in time to see it reach the bottom!



## MUSEUM OF EGYPTOLOGY

To conclude our topic on Pharaohs, Year 5 transformed their classrooms into a Museum of Egyptology. Each girl researched an aspect of Ancient Egypt and produced a 3D model as an artefact to display and present. It was a wonderful celebration of all that they had learnt.



## SCIENCE

The Year 4 girls studied digestion this year and started by examining teeth. They used mini marshmallows to create models of teeth, labelling the different types and even moulding them to look more accurate. Later in the week, they set up an experiment to see the effect of different liquids on teeth enamel using eggs as the model.





## WORLD BOOK WEEK

The whole school celebrated a fun-packed Book Week with a visiting author, staff story telling sessions, dance workshops, dressing up and competitions galore. It was fabulous to have this wonderful event back in school after holding an online version last year and the corridors were buzzing with enthusiastic children talking about books.



# BLUE ABYSS

As part of their topic, Blue Abyss, Year 4 examined submarines, making their own using plasticine and plant-based straws. It was tricky to get the right balance of air in the straw and ballast, but once completed though, there was no stopping the submarines from rising and sinking!



These colourful shoals of fish were created by Year 4 as part of the “Blue Abyss” topic. Modroc, newspaper and plastic bags were used to form the bodies and then the girls’ created their own scales by mono printing a wide range of interesting textures from objects such as shells or the texture of a chair, onto tissue paper.



# VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSETS

The girls in Year 3 had the opportunity to find out a little bit more about the Stone Age by looking at photos and videos about Stonehenge and other monuments around the British Isles using our virtual reality headsets. They investigated how a Stone Age home was built and looked at some Stone Age tools. It was a lot of fun and the girls enjoyed venturing virtually around the UK.



## GREEK WORKSHOP

Year 3 arrived in school dressed as Ancient Greeks ready for a day full of storytelling, fact finding and puzzle solving. They went back in time to Ancient Greece and had a great deal of fun taking part in retelling Greek myths, learning about Greek weapons and using the knowledge from their topic to answer questions in a quiz! They all had Eureka moments when completing maths puzzles and enjoyed a tactical game trying to defeat each other's armies.



## PIRATE ADVENTURE

Avast ye! The girls in Year 2 met 'The Crow' in their Pirate Workshop and were prepared for a pirate adventure. They learnt to look out for special pirate booty - spices, sugar and most precious of all, coffee beans, as well as what weapons they would need and food they would eat aboard the ship. Later, the girls set out to solve riddles and used a map to find their own treasure in a buried chest.



# Partnership

## FRENCH BREAKFAST

What a wonderful way it was to start the day when Cranmore visited our Year 5 for a traditional French breakfast. It was a perfect opportunity to converse in French with a little help from the Year 10 students to keep the conversation flowing.



## CRANMORE RAMBLE

The Year 5 girls joined the Year 5 boys from Cranmore on their annual ramble. The route started at Bocketts Farm and wound its way around Norbury Park and across to Polesden Lacey, before joining up with the North Downs way at Ranmore Common. They walked a total of just under 10 miles.



# HOLA MEXICO!

Year 6 ended their topic of 'Hola Mexico!' with celebrations involving eating and dancing. First, they worked together in groups to follow recipes to make delicious salsa and guacamole, which was then eaten with bowls of tortilla chips. They then returned to the classroom and learnt the 'Mexican hat dance' – dancing round a sombrero to mariachi music!



# CHEFS ADOPT A SCHOOL

In Year 5's first "Chefs Adopt a School" session, the girls learned about how important food is, where it comes from and the importance of shopping locally. They also looked at the 5 senses and the different areas of taste that our tongue detects. Tasting different flavours, listening to different sounds, and feeling textures was a great way of waking up their senses! In their second session, the girls learned the practical skills of how to safely cut various food items. Thinking about textures, tastes, and colours the girls made a healthy egg salad. The finished salads were enjoyed during the session! In their final session, they made bread dough and took it home to bake. They chose what shapes, sizes and flavours they wanted for their final product. We were impressed with their results, from plaited loaves, dinner rolls, dough balls with garlic butter to sweet, tasty cinnamon swirls! The girls all agreed that the bread tasted delicious.



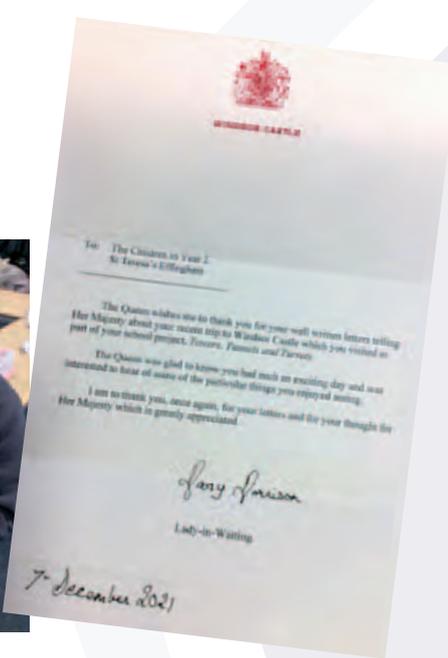
# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

We ended the first half of the Summer Term with a special day commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The girls and staff looked very festive donned in their red, white and blue! The day began with a special service in the Sports Hall for the whole school where we listened to the scripture passage that would have been used at the coronation, said prayers for the Queen and the world and listened to a beautiful combined performance from the Prep Chamber Choir and Senior School Schola Cantorum of a beautiful anthem composed to some words that the Queen herself had written. Our street party at lunchtime was a wonderful occasion: FOST decorated the tables beautifully, the Maintenance Team hung our homemade bunting up and down Baker Street and Gary's team supplied a delicious BBQ complete with ice cream cones for dessert. It was certainly an occasion that everyone will remember for years to come!



## LETTER FROM THE QUEEN

The girls in Year 2 were delighted to receive a letter from a lady-in-waiting at Windsor Castle after writing individual letters to the Queen during their 'Towers, Tunnel and Turrets' topic.



## CHESS CLUB

Our Chess Club continues to go from strength to strength, with record numbers of girls coming along to try chess out for the first time or returning to improve their game.



## PRIZE GIVING

Our annual Prize Giving was a fitting celebration of the very many and varied achievements of our girls and we were delighted to be joined by our special guest Nicholas McCarthy who presented the prizes. Nicholas was born without his right hand but wanted to become a concert pianist. As a teenager seeking his first place at a school for young pianists, he was refused an audition and told he would never succeed. His headteacher told him that having one hand would always hold him back and it was better not to waste his and other people's time. However, Nicholas did not give up following his dream and in 2012, he made history by becoming the first one-handed pianist to graduate from the 130-year-old Royal College of Music. As well as giving an inspirational speech encouraging us all to believe that anything is possible, Nicholas also gave a beautiful recital which made a lasting impression on everyone present.



## YEAR 4 ART & PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The Year 4 Art and Photography Club decided to do something a little bit special. Moving on from self-portraits and Valentine's Day, they decided to explore horses. The girls and Miss B took a trip up to the Equestrian Centre during their club for some quality time with some of St T's favourite residents. Mouse was a popular choice with the girls. Red was also in demand for a photo shoot. The lovely ladies at the Centre chatted to the girls about the horses, as well as letting them photograph and pet them. When the girls got back to the classroom, they worked on pencil sketches and then moved on to watercolour paintings of the horses.



## MONUMENT MAYHEM

The girls in Year 3 rounded off their 'Monument Mayhem' topic with some very special visitors! They were excited and very proud to show their parents their exhibits and presentations. The girls loved sharing all the work. They created PowerPoints or booklets to go with these and spoke eloquently and informatively on their monument. There were so many imaginative ideas that clearly inspired the girls to visit Stonehenge during half term and collect materials from a variety of places.



## ROAD TRIP USA

Year 4 launched their new topic 'Road Trip USA' with an exciting scavenger hunt to locate a selection of USA states. They had to solve clues and find out where they had been carefully placed around the school. Once collected, they then learnt further facts about the different states and used these to answer some tricky geographical questions. They ended their topic making gorgeous dream catchers for the Iroquois, who are a Native American tribe. They are designed to bring in the good dreams and block out the bad ones.





## VIKING DAY

Year 4 had the privilege of meeting real Viking 'Ash' in their Viking Workshop. They had a wonderful day learning all about different Viking foods, weapons, armour, clothes, life styles, burials and artefacts. I bet you didn't know that a small handful of pepper would have been worth the equivalent of a country estate today! The girls learned all about many unusual and extraordinary tools and trinkets that the Vikings used.



## FOREST SCHOOL CLUB

The Prep girls have been making the most of the Forest School area; designing bird feeders, toasting marshmallows, building dens and even making 'food' in the mud kitchen!



## URBAN PIONEERS

Year 3 studied the topic, "Urban Pioneers" and created cityscapes by pulling paint across the page and then adding details. They studied the illustrator, Marx Junior to inspire their images, trying to vary marks, shapes and sizes of buildings.



## SCIENCE

Year 6 took part in a science day with Surrey SATRO (Science And Technology Regional Organisations). They learnt about atoms and molecules, energy and electricity as well as ways to look after our planets. They had the opportunity to make potato powered clocks and work out how a wind turbine works amongst other experiments. The girls made presentations about conserving energy and the day was rounded off with a hugely enjoyable and energetic bucket quiz.



## WRIGGLE AND CRAWL

The girls in Year 2 enjoyed learning the 3+3 rule for insects (3 body parts and 3 pairs of legs) before setting off on a minibeast hunt as part of their new topic, 'Wriggle and Crawl'.





## YEAR 3 ART CLUB

In Year 3 Art Club, the girls experimented with watercolours to capture the delicate daisies, which were growing in abundance around the school grounds.



## POTIONS

As part of the topic, "Potions," Year 4 have explored mark making, adopting an experimental approach to find new ways of capturing form. They used ink, watercolours, feathers, pens and brushes to create images of bottles of perfume. They are full of energy and vibrant colours and would make wonderful illustrations for advertisements!



# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

We have had some fantastic sporting successes this year, with our girls representing the school across an array of sports. To name but a few: **Seren** in Year 4 placed 1st at the National Schools Biathlon Championships in the U9 category in March; **Kaiah** in Year 5 placed 2nd in ball throw in the West Surrey athletics in June; following 2 brilliant runs, **Apollonia** took to the podium being placed third in the National Schools Ski League Finals; **Sophia** in Year 6 placed 15th in the country for 50m freestyle in the IAPS National Swimming Championships in June; our U9+U10 A cricket teams are currently undefeated this term; and in the English Schools Swimming Association National Championships, our U11 medley swim team placed 5th in the country and our **Under 11 freestyle team are Number One in the country!**



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# SPORTS DAY







## TENNIS SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to **Lucia C** who won the LTA tournament at Woking Lawn Tennis Club.

Lucia won all 4 of her matches! A huge well done to Lucia, we are very proud!

Lucia also won the U12 Grade 4 tennis tournament at St George's Hill during the summer holidays.



### Ladies Group

ESTA ladies' group made a welcome return during the summer term on Thursdays at 10am. We hope to see many more parents on court during the Autumn term!

### LTA Match Play Events

ESTA hosted several LTA match play events throughout the year where players can improve their LTA rating. These tournaments continue to be a fantastic way for players to gain valuable match play experience in a relaxed and friendly environment. They are open to U8 through to U14 players and take place the penultimate weekend of each half term.

### Prep & Senior Match Play Events

Our annual prep and senior Match Play events took place at the beginning of the academic term in September to welcome players back on court after the summer holidays. This was a great event with all players competing and receiving certificates with prizes for the winners followed by a fabulous BBQ.

### Tennis Camps

Tennis camps ran during all school holidays this academic year with added performance sessions for our senior scholars and squad players. Our camps are open to players of all abilities from Year 2 onwards.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of tennis at ESTA with our group sessions resuming during the Autumn term alongside individual, joint and shared lessons, ladies' groups and performance squads.

## SURREY SCHOOLS LEAGUE

During the summer term the prep and senior schools entered the Surrey Schools League. The girls trained hard during their PE and team training sessions to prepare for the matches. Our Year 7 girls just missed out on the finals day of the competition but thoroughly enjoyed playing regular matches against other schools. Our senior girls also took part in the annual Surrey Schools Festival at St George's College which was a fantastic day of highly competitive tennis for all players.



This LTA event took place at ESTA in April with our U14 players competing for the opportunity to play on the grass courts of Wimbledon! We ran a girls and boys event with **Lucia C** and **Joe N** the overall winners. They made it through to the county finals at The All England Community Sports Grounds in Raynes Park in July but just fell short of the national final stage of the competition at Wimbledon.

Congratulations to all our Cranmore and St Teresa's players who took part!



## TEAM CHALLENGE EVENT

At the end of each term ESTA ran this LTA event where the children who play in our group sessions have the opportunity to compete in some friendly matches. Win, lose or draw, all children received an LTA certificate and had a chance to lift the inflatable trophy!



ST TERESA'S EQUESTRIAN

## SUNSHINE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Lulu qualified for the Sunshine Tour Championships which is a 4 day competition and placed in 5 of her 6 classes, including a Supreme Championship.



## AWARDS LIST 2022

### Best NSEA Grassroots Rider – Pernille A

Pernille has shown consistency and progression this season and been an integral part of the grassroots teams. With qualifications for the grassroots finals as an individual as well as in a team.

### Best NSEA Seniors Rider – Chloe B

Chloe is a great team player and has had some brilliant results at NSEA shows this season including jumping clear rounds at Hickstead. She is reliable and consistent and is deserving of the Best NSEA Senior award.

### Most Improved Junior – Esmé T

Esmé has made a huge effort to develop and improve her riding this year. Until Easter she was reluctant to trot without assistance. Over the last term she has made a huge leap forward in her confidence and is now riding competently in walk and trot and cantering on the lunge.

### Most Improved Senior – Isobel C

Isobel has worked extremely hard to improve her feel and understanding. She is now able to ride confidently in walk, trot and canter and has really developed her feel to get the most out of the pony she is riding.

### Junior Care Award – Allegra M

Allegra is really enthusiastic and committed to the after school club. She is keen to learn and really enjoys spending time with the horses.

### Horsemanship – Mary M

Mary has a lovely, quiet way with the ponies which they all really respond too. She is able to adapt her riding to the pony she is on and has made huge progress this year. Well done Mary.

### Top Student – Hanna K

Hanna has made a huge effort in the challenge awards to read up and further her knowledge. She has also been a regular volunteer on a Thursday evening and her hard work has not gone unnoticed.

### Sirus Trophy (Prep) – Emilia E

Emilia is always smiling, she loves spending time with the horses whether riding or on the ground and has a real desire to learn. She has ridden a wide range of ponies here this year and they all respond beautifully to her clear yet positive way of riding. Congratulations Emilia.

### Tango Trophy (Yr 7, 8, 9) – Poppy O

Poppy has the most fantastic work ethic and has shown a huge dedication towards the equestrian centre this year both in her lessons and whilst volunteering. She is enthusiastic and keen to learn. A huge thank you and congratulations for everything you've done this year.

### Wizard Trophy (Yr 10, 11, 12, 13) – Connie C

Connie has showed commitment and a desire to learn and improve. She has been consistent, tenacious and thoughtful in her approach to learning and is a deserving winner of the Wizard Trophy.

### Best STE Pony – Roxy



## NSEA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three girls from St Teresa's competed in the NSEA National Championships in Keysoe during October half term. The girls took part in the 70cm event and did superbly. Well done to all three girls who took part: **Sofie** and her horse Smudge, **Chloe** with Lotus Star and **Lulu** with Spring Court Bailey.

Sofie in Year 6 placed 57th out of 133 competitors, with a clear round.

A fantastic result.



# CRANMORE DISCO



# Values Week

## ART PROJECT

As part of Values Week, students from both the Prep and Senior school had the opportunity to embark on an exciting Art project that encompassed this year's central value of 'character'. Working onto a variety of wooden disks, labels and letters, as well as considering key terms that can define ones character, all students approached this project with great enthusiasm. This collaborative installation now forms a central feature within the Chapel – well done to all students involved, the overall installation is fantastic!



## ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL



# VALUES WEEK

Values Week celebrated this year's value of Character. It would be difficult not to see evidence of character all around the school during the week, with students and staff interacting with one another, staff and Sixth formers performing a Flash mob, busking in Baker Street, taking part in Walk for Water, singing along to lots of feel-good tunes at 'breakaoke' each morning, visiting speakers, a ramble with the Cranmore students and the annual pilgrimage to Guildford Cathedral.



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