

PHOTO GALLERY

Celebrating on GCSE results day.



YEAR 11 PROGRESS EVENING IS ON THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER FROM 03:40 - 06:00 PM
INSET DAY 25TH OCTOBER 2019

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NEWSLETTER

“ HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! An especially big welcome to all our new students and their families. We have had a good start to term, with the vast majority of students returning thirsty for learning; thinking hard and developing good learning habits.

Over the summer, we were delighted to celebrate the successes of our former Year 11 students. We continued to see improvements in our results, with key measures improving upon last year. Not only did this year group do really well, they were also a delight to work with and a credit to their families. They left us as well-rounded individuals and we will remember them fondly. I am pleased to see that overall we are continuing the trend of improvement across all ability ranges, showing we are a fully inclusive school, and especially the increase in higher end grades, proof that our students can compete confidently and deservedly with others nationally.

Our two key priorities this year are to continue to improve teaching and learning, including developing student attitudes to learning (moving from passive learners to active learners), and raising attendance. You will hear more about these two priorities over the coming weeks and months. We are looking forward to sharing and celebrating the successes of all our students this year and we are grateful for all your support in achieving this.

Mrs J Veal

THEATRE ENGAGEMENT

Year 11 students visited The Mayflower Theatre in Southampton, to watch Stephen Daldry's production of "An Inspector Calls". They were really engaged in the performance and were excellent representatives of the academy.

Ms Jones



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Year 7: Megan, Kloe, Sam and Cody for making an excellent start in their first week and having a positive attitude to learning.



Year 8: Alissa-Joan and Finley for positive attitude and fantastic work ethic.



Year 7: Mia for helping others and having a fantastic work ethic. William for showing great resilience and having a fantastic work ethic.



Year 8: Kyran for being a good citizen and being helpful at a school event. Courtney for being polite and hard working.



Year 9: Abi for having a great work ethic and a fantastic start to Year 9. Callum for a fantastic start to Year 9.



Year 7: Zofia and George for making a great start to the year and having a fantastic work ethic.



Year 8: Danielle for a positive contribution to DEAR Time. Cody for an excellent start to Year 8.



Year 9: Phoebe for fantastic effort and brilliant DEAR reading. George for fantastic DEAR reading.

LORDS' DEBATE

A group of Year 11 students took part in a Talking Day, run by The English Speaking Union, to prepare students to take part in a House of Lords Chamber debate. Ten students will go forward to prepare speeches and remarks to be delivered in the House of Lords in November. This year's topic is on responses to environmental issues - how can we reach a sustainable future?

We also had two members of the Royal Meteorological society present, to advise and bring their own subject specialism. They will also go on to help mentor students in preparation for the debate.

Ms Lam



HESTERCOMBE TEAM WORK

Year 7 enjoyed a fabulous day in the woods at Hestercombe Gardens, hosted by 1610 outdoor adventure. The weather was glorious and the students developed their team work skills working in groups to complete eight challenges. It was a super day with a fantastic year group. The award for "Outstanding Student of the Day" went to Sam and well done the winning team for demonstrating such great teamwork skills.

Thank you to 1610 for hosting us.

Mrs Vercoe



FREE MUSIC

From this month Richard Huish College will be offering free music sessions to all students in Year 9 - 11 studying BTEC or GCSE music. Sessions are scheduled to take place on Mondays in term time, 4-5pm in the Aspen Centre at the college. Register here:

<https://www.huish.ac.uk/huish-music-after-school-sessions/>

OPEN MORNINGS



Thank you to all those who attended our Open Evening in July. Everyone who came said they had a great time and left with a really good sense of who

we are and what we do. Congratulations to Paulina and her mum for winning the prize draw hamper.

If you missed the evening and wish to come and find out more about us, please contact reception and book a place on one of our open mornings (8th and 9th October). We can be contacted on 01823 348200 or on email Reception@thetauntonacademy.com

Sports News

HOCKEY

Year 8 played their first hockey matches of the season against Bishop Fox's in brilliant sunshine. They passed the ball well, tackled hard and gave Bishop Fox's some tough opposition. Well done girls - you were a credit to the school.



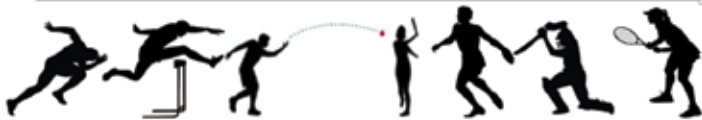
KARATE KING

Congratulations to Nathan in Year 9 who achieved his black belt in Shotokan Karate last weekend. This was the result of lots of hard work over the last few years and several previous attempts, but he didn't give up. Nathan, who is 13, has been working towards the sport's highest grade since he was six years old, overcoming a foot injury to pass after two years of trying.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2019

After School - 3:30-4:30	
Tuesday	Rugby Club – All Years – NHA/ TD Hockey & Rugby Fixtures
Wednesday	Year 9/10 Hockey – Girls – Taunton Vale – CAR/ RRO Badminton- All Years – IRO
Thursday	Year 7/8 Hockey – Girls – CAR/ RRO/ EBA Football Academy – BSA/ NCO



NEW EXERCISE ADVICE

There's now strong evidence that regular physical activity is associated with improved learning, attainment, mental health and fitness in children. Exercise also increases blood flow to the brain, making them more focused. Government guidelines suggest on average one hour a day as an 'average' across the week. This can include all forms of activity such as physical education, active travel, after-school activities, play and sports.



Well done to these boys for taking the time to rescue an exhausted bee during lunch time. They gave it sugar water and I'm happy to report that they were successful! It was lovely to see our students caring about the world around them.

LOVELY LYME REGIS

After the success of last year's field GCSE trips to Lyme Regis, the geography department will be returning with Year 11 to gather data for their summer exams. We are hoping for dry and sunny days!

Ms Jeffries

