

## End of Term 3

As we get to the end of Term 3 it has been a very positive term. That is with the exception of continued absence of both students and staff due to Covid, which I hope will be better next term.

The positive news though is with growing student numbers continuing (it looks like Year 7 will be full in September), it means we are continuing to recruit staff and this month have appointed three excellent new teachers for September. We are also fortunate to have appointed a number of support staff to assist in the Pastoral Team as the breadth of support reaches more students. I look forward to further introductions next newsletter.

### Introducing Mrs Dixon

Mrs Dixon has now joined us as our new Admin and Student Services Manager. She joins us with lots of experience from other schools and has settled in well. Mrs Dixon is available to help all parents with any aspect of school life and is looking forward to getting to know you.



### The Wonder Wall

Congratulations to all students who have made it onto the Wonder Wall this week (see pictures below) These students have made particular progress in their learning or have the highest number of House Points. A place on the Wall is also rewarded with 25 House Points. Well done if you have achieved a spot!

### Telephone System

Try as Mr Smith has to resolve our phone issues with the engineers, it has not been resolved so over half term we are installing a complete new telephone system which should stop any of these issues next Term. Our sincere apologies if you have waited longer than necessary trying to call the main office.

### Check It Out Week

The first week of Term 4 is going to be an exciting one as we finally see the return of 'Check It Out' week. This week is organised by our wonderful Christian Charity partner 'The Bridge' and will involve a mixture of shared experiences such as 'The Big Questions' discussion, Acts of Kindness, Silent Disco, Escape Room, the Connect Café and we are delighted that DJ Jozzy is returning to Sarum to bring us lots of joy, hope and optimism. We're already looking forward to it!

Finally, I do hope you can enjoy a good half term break and I look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs Moore – Headteacher



# Mock Exams

We are half way through our February mock examinations. Please encourage any students in Year 11 and Year 13 to continue their revision as there will be a second set of mock examinations taking place straight after half term.

## Big Write

This year's Big Write has been a huge success. Our topic for this year's challenge was "Environment" and we received thousands of pieces of writing from across the curriculum. Some students described bizarre and beautiful alien planets. Others took us on a tour of their favourite environment here on earth. From Science we had piles of entries either exploring the challenges our environment faces or explaining the solutions we could use to protect it. In Geography students wrote about unique environments around the planet and we even had a handful of students write about the worst possible environments imaginable.

Our judges this year came from across our community and were stunned by the diversity and quality of writing. They have been busily judging from their various homes and offices and their feedback has now come in. Mr. Mineur is busy compiling it and seeing who are grand-prize winners this year.

Students are to keep their eyes open for the winners and prizes as they appear in their assemblies and year group briefings after half term!

## Hair Salon

Sarum Academy hair salon for training sessions on Thursday afternoons 2:00pm-6:00pm

Skin test required the week before any colour service. No colour can be applied to age 16 and below. For an appointment please contact:-

[Lisa.cochrane@sarumacademy.org](mailto:Lisa.cochrane@sarumacademy.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/187263176022943>

<https://www.instagram.com/sarumhairdressingacademy/>



## Extended Learning Day

The second Extended Learning Day of the year was held in February and there were, as usual, lots of exciting things happening. Year 7 were visited by a number of external visitors talking about Careers and Aspirations. Year 8 spent the day working on their mental health and wellbeing and produced some great ideas to support looking after themselves and coping with stress.

Year 9 spent the day working on Art, representing issues around Mental Health as Mental Health Awareness day fell nicely on the same date. Years 10 and 12 had their Mock interviews and looked smart and well-presented while experiencing a real life interview with a member of our local community.

Year 11 worked in Humanities for the day revising, planning and getting ready for all things History, Geography and RE related.

As usual the day was very full on, busy and fun for all and ended with an afternoon of Inter-House competitions run by our House and Deputy House leaders. House groups were set a number of different challenges to be completed, including designing the biggest paper aeroplane that could fly, most people who could skip together at one time and designing a Jubilee Crown and Cape. It was a fun and intense afternoon that saw Philipps just pip Clarendon by 8 points. Lots of extra House points were gained and congratulations to Philipps on their win.

The next Extended Learning Day will be in March and is already in planning. The day, hopefully, will see a

return to normality with trips out and days off site now that the COVID restrictions are easing.

Well done to all students and thanks to staff for making the day so successful.

## MLP Engineering Challenge Day



On Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022, a crack team of Year 9 future designers travelled to Trafalgar School to compete in the first MLP Engineering challenge.

Details of the challenge were a closely guarded secret, all they knew was that they would be competing against teams from Trafalgar and Wyvern St. Edmunds.

"It is great to be able to get out and represent the Academy in this kind of event" said Mr Humphrey "it gives the students an opportunity to experience Design & Technology in a different environment."

There were two timed challenges. The first to build a rubber band powered race car and see which team could travel the furthest and the second to build a wind turbine that could generate electricity.

The guest judges from DSTL (The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in Porton Down) said they were impressed by the ingenuity and teamwork that our students displayed during the two challenges and went on to express how valuable these skills were in industry as companies like DSTL look to recruit innovative thinkers, good communicators and problem solvers to help shape the future.

Mr Humphrey said "I am very proud of the way the team (Megan, Jacob, Christian and Zeba) worked together to create two fantastic working prototypes in such a short space of time. They had a great time and were a real credit to the Academy."



## Report back on Sporting Achievements

### *New Age Kurling*

Sarum students have also managed to take part in a New Age Kurling tournament this term which again was loads of fun for our students and allowed the children to learn new skills and tactics. Based on the Winter Olympic sport (Ice Curling) teams have a number of stones that they roll towards a target. The closer they get the stone to the middle of the target the more points the team scores. All Sarum teams performed brilliantly and picked up the game really quickly. They just missed out on top spot to Wyvern St Eds.

### *Dodgeball*

Congratulations also need to go to the Year 8 dodgeball team who have successfully managed to qualify for the school games finals in July this year. After taking on the other Salisbury Schools in the recent area event, Sarum will now join Wyvern/St Edmunds in tackling schools from across Wiltshire. Well done to all the boys involved. Their achievements have made Dodgeball enrichment even more competitive now as everyone battles to get into the team for later this year.

### *Year 9 Wiltshire Cup Football Girls and Boys*

Sarum would like to congratulate both the boys and girls Year 9 football teams who have both successfully reached the quarter finals of the

Wiltshire Football Cup. The boys, unfortunately, have now exited the cup after bravely losing to Royal Wootton Bassett Academy this week, but the girls are still awaiting to play their game after half term and we wish them luck.

### County Cross Country

The end of January saw three Sarum students compete at County Schools Cross Country event at Sheldon school. This was great to see these children representing Salisbury District and all running their Personal Best times. Congratulations to the following students on a great achievement:

Year 7 - Nathan Offered

Year 7 - Emily Bryant

Year 8 - Jess Martin



## Wiltshire Youth Council

This term saw 3 students put themselves forward for the role of representing the Academy on the Wiltshire Youth Council. Carly Tagney (Year 10), Amelia Taylor (Year 10) and Oliver Dewar-Haggart (Year 7) all took the opportunity seriously and put together a manifesto pledge of the things they wanted to discuss further if appointed onto the Council. This along with some information about the candidates was shared with the school during tutorial sessions with all students invited to vote on the digital platform set up. We had good participation of students who took the time to have their voice heard with Carly voted in as our representative with Oliver then taking up the deputy role automatically who came in second on the counted votes. I am really proud of all the students who put themselves forward for the role showing courage, commitment and with a genuine passion for making a positive change to our local community and wider.

Change does not happen without people taking the time to commit to their ideas and make things happen. Democracy and the opportunity to vote is something important as an adult and this opportunity to vote is a learning opportunity for all students involved, but particularly to the students who put themselves forward for the election.

Both Carly and Oliver will hold their positions for a 2 year term and I look forward to hearing about their roles and changes they're part of implementing.

## Safer Internet Day

A digital certificate with a light blue background. At the top, it says "Supporters Certificate" in a gold, cursive font, flanked by two gold award icons. Below this, it reads "This is to certify that" followed by "Sarum Academy" in bold black text, "supports" in a smaller font, and "Safer Internet Day 2022". There is a logo for "ALL FUN AND GAMES" with a question mark and a tagline "Exploring respect and relationships online". The date "8th February 2022" is printed below. At the bottom, there are the social media handles "#SaferInternetDay" and "saferinternetday.org.uk", and the logo for the "UK Safer Internet Centre".

# Creative Careers visit with Wiltshire Creative

The Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form Music students went to Salisbury Playhouse for a set of workshops and a Q&A about the different roles within the Performing Arts industry. They took part in workshops with sound engineers, lighting engineers, producers and stage construction experts, opening their eyes to behind-the-scenes roles that people don't normally get to see.

They were given tips and advice on how to get into the industry - work experience, asking for opportunities, apprenticeships and more - as well as specific advice in each of the areas they looked at during the day.

Our thanks go to the practitioners for giving us their time, and our partners at Wiltshire Creative for putting on the day.



## COVID Clinics

The School Age Immunisation Team have requested the following information is shared with parents. They aware that several of the 12-15 cohort are reaching eligibility for their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Covid vaccination at different times and therefore may not be able to receive their vaccination when the Immunisation Team visit our school. NHS England are keen to ensure that all children have the opportunity to receive their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> dose as soon as possible after they become eligible. Therefore, the vaccination centres have increased their capacity of this age group over the **half term** to accommodate this. If you would like to have your child vaccinated with either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Covid-19 vaccination please book an appointment using the national booking system [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) or by calling 119. If you would prefer to 'walk-in', sessions accepting walk-in's can be identified via the 'grab a jab' website [Find a walk-in coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination site - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

**Please note for both doses your child needs to be 12 weeks since a positive Covid test, that there is a 12 week gap between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses.**

**Clinics are available as below:**

**Salisbury City Hall – SP2 7TU – bookings and walk-in's : 08.30 – 19.30 every day.**



# Wiltshire Council Trading Standards

The Academy has received the following information from the Wiltshire Council Trading Standards. Could all parents please be aware of the following and speak with your children.

Wiltshire Council Trading Standards have received a report from a parent of a 13 year old student stating that her daughter has been able to purchase e-cigarettes, vaping products or puff bars at a market stall at Salisbury Market, mostly on Saturdays. It seems that she has been able to make these purchases on multiple occasions. No ID check has been made by the trader.

The trader has been advised and spoken to by an officer from Trading Standards. However, trading standards would ask that all parents/carers check with their children to see if any purchases have been made at all. This trader has potentially committed a criminal offence by selling these items to persons under 18 years of age. Parents are free to contact [tradingstandards@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@wiltshire.gov.uk) or telephone the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

## Check it Out Week – DJ Jozzy



## Diary Dates – Term 4

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| 10 <sup>th</sup> March | Year 9 Option Choices evening                                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> March | MLP Science Event   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March | Year 7 Aspiration Careers Event.<br>Helicopter landing from QinetiQ |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March | Extended Learning Day 3<br>Year 5 day                               |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March | Parents Evening – Year 9 only<br>Big Speak Final                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | BTEC Music Performance-Year 11                                      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> April  | Close of Term 4<br>Non-Uniform Day<br>DofE Gold Practice Expedition |