

End of Term 4

Term 4 seems to have flown by, and has certainly felt more like the normal Academy.

It started with an excellent 'Check It Out!' week in partnership with The Bridge. Students and staff enjoyed the connect café, the escape rooms which were focussed on modern day slavery and of course DJ Jozzy who is a firm friend of the Academy. Jozzy shared his testimony in assembly and also ran a number of DJ workshops and silent discos.

The rest of the term has included an exciting helicopter landing and I was delighted to hear Year 7 and Year 10 students asking insightful questions of the pilot and engineers about their careers and how the helicopter worked.

There have been many significant sporting events as well. Congratulations to the Year 9 football teams for Sarum (Girls/Boys) who have both managed to reach the semi-finals of the Wiltshire Cup and Salisbury School Cup. Good luck to them next term!

Looking towards next term Year 7 & 8 both have assessment weeks when we return and then we will turn our focus as a school community to supporting Year 11 and Year 13 students who are completing their last weeks before GCSE and A Level exams. We know well that working hard is needed at this point and we all wish them the very best in their final exams.

Finally, I'd like to wish all students, families, staff and friends of the Academy a blessed Easter holiday. I hope you can all enjoy some family time together.

Mrs Moore – Headteacher

Revision sessions for Year 11 students will be running during the Easter holiday period. These sessions are delivered by the subject teachers and are designed to help your child prepare for their examinations in the summer term or to provide support with the completion of coursework.

We highly recommend that your child takes this opportunity to attend these sessions as they will gain vital revision, supported by the subject teacher in the lead up to the summer exams.

If you have any further queries regarding these Easter revision sessions, please feel free to contact Richard Clarke on:-

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QinetiQ Helicopter

As part of British Science week and to support Year 7s exposure to STEM careers, QinetiQ pilots thrilled students and staff alike with flying in a helicopter visit on Friday 18th March. Students were incredibly blessed with the weather and were able to watch the helicopter come in and land and take off in beautiful blue skies! Not only were students able to look around the helicopter and have a full tour learning about engineering and aeronautics, they were also able to witness a short presentation from the Pilots and Engineer about their roles and their journey to get there. A huge thanks to Qinetiq for enabling the visit!



Congratulations!

A massive well done to our Sixth form student Connor Sanderson who has been selected to represent the Great Britain Wheel Chair Rugby development squad where he will be taking part in several training camps in the coming weeks. Everyone at Sarum would like to congratulate Connor on his achievements and wish him all the best in his upcoming training camps.



Learn and Grow

Our Learn and Grow group is a small group of students who are working with Mrs Millidge and Mr Rose to create a garden which produces edible crops and flowers. The students are learning how to work as a team, understanding how to sow seeds, how to nurture plants and how to maintain a garden space. In due season we will hopefully be able to enjoy produce and even take some of the plants home or sell them so that we can buy more equipment for the group. We have had great success so far with our propagators with seeds germinating within the first week. We took cuttings successfully and have really tidied up the balcony garden. After Easter we are going to establish some raised vegetable beds outside the dining hall for more students to enjoy.



Check It Out Week!

THE BRIDGE
Catholic High School

CHECK IT OUT WEEK 2022

CONNECT CAFE
This year for our 'Check It Out' week we mixed things up by creating a space for students to relax and connect with one another over hot chocolate and a cake in our brand new 'Connect Cafe'. The hall was transformed into a calm and peaceful space that not only supported the students but also the staff with fresh coffee and cake.

The cafe was used during lesson times as a breakout space, for the 'Aspire' boys course, to meet with parents, and used as a general calm place to play games or reflect or chat.

100 Students
55 Staff

THE ESCAPE ROOM WAS SO INTERESTING AND EXCITING!

THE CAFE WAS SO CALMING. LOVELY SPACE TO RELAX AND REFLECT!

REALLY INSPIRATIONAL AND UPLIFTING!

20 lessons
500 students

ESCAPE ROOM
This year we had a fully immersive escape room experience during RS lessons. With puzzles designed to introduce students to the work of International Justice Mission across the world to end modern day slavery. Students were able to learn about the issue through the different puzzles and were challenged at the end to reflect and engage with this important issue.

We also provided the school with two tutor time resources that went deeper into the topic of connection looking at it from a Christian perspective, ending with a challenge for tutor groups to complete throughout the week.

DJ JOZZY
Jozzy was back with us supporting, encouraging and teaching the students through his music. Starting the day with a DJ set as students arrived at the school. Jozzy then led the school in collective worship sharing his story and performing.

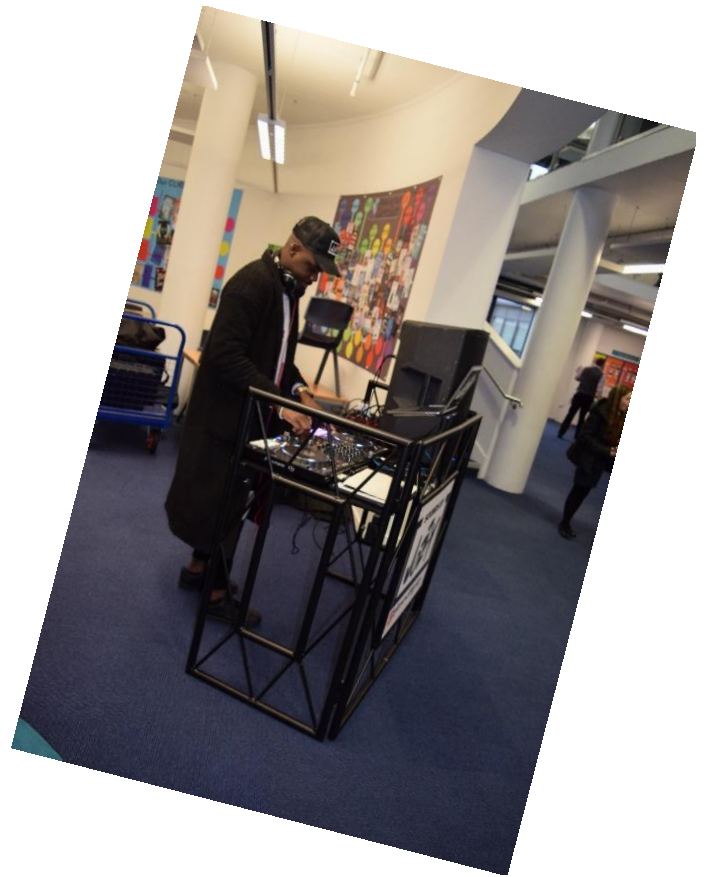
He was able to teach students through his DJ workshops, bring fun through the silent disco and be available for Q&A with students. He then ended the week DJing at the roller disco for year 11s, finishing with the staff roller disco too!

30 students DJ Workshop
Whole school Collective Worship
100 Roller Disco 120 Silent Disco
250 students and 50 Staff Blessed

Acts of Kindness
A key part of the week was encouraging students and staff to connect with one another through kindness. We were able to walk around blessing students with sweets and challenging them to pass on their 'card of encouragement' to someone who might need it.

THIS WEEK HAS ACTUALLY MADE ME WANT TO COME TO SCHOOL!






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Oxford University trip

The Year 13 BTEC Applied Science students visited the Oxford University Museum of Natural History Museum and completed a DNA workshop. Students began the day by analysing their taste phenotype, by completing a taste test. They then isolated, and amplified their DNA using polymerase chain reaction and finally visualised their genotype using gel electrophoresis. This enabled the students to get hands on with DNA technology, which they may go on to use in their future scientific careers.



Lulworth Cove

On the 23rd March, we took our Y8 students on a Geography trip down to the south coast to explore Lulworth Cove. The weather was perfect and students were able to explore the cove and practice their geographical fieldwork skills, looking at quality of environment surveys, field sketching and sediment measurements. Plus, having lunch on the beach in glorious sunshine always makes a trip fun! The students were brilliant, working hard and a great time was had by all. Well done Y8.



Parkwood Sixth Form Visit

As part of the Academy's on-going partnership with Parkwood Health and Fitness, the Sarum Sports Sixth form program were again invited to attend for another training session where this time they experienced Body Pump. The students enjoyed the session and learnt how this type of training would be used by athletes to help them improve. Mr Hindle said "We are lucky to have access to this fantastic facility and thank Parkwood Health and Leisure for their ongoing support". These sessions are great for the students to experience first-hand different methods of training and what it is like to instruct a class. We look forward to further sessions after the success of this and the other sessions that have been run this year."

Fundraising – Ukraine

Thank you to all students and families that have contributed to the Ukraine support so far. Our blue and yellow fundraiser last week raised over £600 and over £4000 across the MLP family of schools.

We can confirm that all the generous donations of clothes and toiletries were sent to Ukraine the week after they were collected.

The Sixth Form Prefect group are currently organising an event that will be dedicated to raising funds for Ukraine. More information to follow on this and how the community can get involved.

Official Opening 3G Pitch

On Friday 25th March we were delighted to welcome John Glen, MP and the Mayor of Salisbury, Caroline Corbin to officially open our 3G pitch. The facility is world class and students are very much enjoying using it for both lessons and matches.



Years 5 and 6 Football Tournament

In addition to the 3G opening, on the same day, we also hosted the first of what will hopefully be an annual KS2 football tournament. Eight primary schools thoroughly enjoyed competing in the tournament which was organised and refereed by the Sixth Form Sports Leaders. A huge thank you and well done as many adults commented on what a great job they did!



Duke of Edinburgh – Gold Award

The first of our Gold Duke of Edinburgh award holders, Rebecca Wyatt, returned to say hello last week complete with her recently received certificate. We also know that Sophie Devine will be going to Buckingham Palace this year to collect hers as well. We could not be prouder of both students and it was lovely to see all their hard work come to fruition. If you are in Sixth Form and thinking about how to make yourself stand out in job and University applications, please see Mr Jones for more information.





Duke of Edinburgh – Training Expedition

The weekend of 5th and 6th March, saw DofE students continue their training, planning routes for their final expedition in June and heading out to Melbury Abbas to continue their navigation on a very cold Saturday afternoon! Students demonstrated an excellent range of skills both in Maths with their navigation and in putting in to practice the navigation skills they have learnt around the school since October.

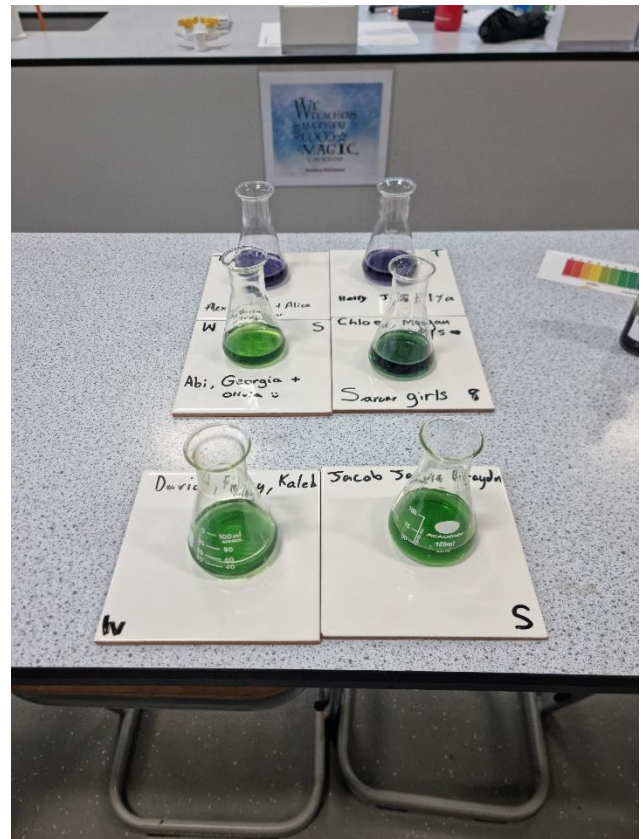


National Science Week

A crack-group of Year 9 scientists left Sarum Academy on Wednesday, 16th March to embark on one of the Magna Learning Partnership's competitions to celebrate National Science Week.

The team of 3 boys and 3 girls had to use unknown concentrations of acids and alkalis to complete a GCSE style practical. Their goal was to create a perfectly neutral solution, using chemical equipment and advanced analytical methods. The competition was stiff, with Wyvern St Edmunds and The Trafalgar School bringing their own talented Year 9 scientists. Once the teams had practiced their routines and determined the exact volumes they would add to the solutions, the scene was set for a dramatic conclusion. Each colourless solution had some universal indicator added to reveal the pH of the solution, with green being the ideal colour. Whilst four of the teams completed the challenge successfully, our boys team were deemed to have the *greenest* green and earned themselves and early Easter egg

prize. Huge congratulations to all who took part, and a special thanks to Mrs Evans, WSE Assistant Headteacher for organising the event.



PE Kit

As the Academy is trying to get back to normal after an unsettled two years, students have been advised that they should now not wear PE kit to come into school. They are to change out of their school uniform into their PE kit prior to their PE lesson.

There are a few students exempt due to SEN or safeguarding needs.

Governance Update

- Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**
 A Foundation Governor will be leading a number of one hour, CAP sessions next term to be held with Sixth Form students.
- Parent Governor**
 We are pleased to announce that Mrs Lucinda Yarwood has been appointed by the Trust Board as a Parent Governor to our Academy Governing Committee. We welcome Lu to the Board and we look forward to working with her.

Walk for Wards

Walk for Wards takes place at Wilton House on Sunday, 3rd July 2022. This should be a fun days outing for all the family.



Diary Dates – Term 5

- 25th April 2022 - Year 10 Work Experience (all week)
Years 7 & 8 Assessment week
- 28th April 2022 - DofE Bronze Practice Expedition
- 2nd May 2022 - Bank holiday
- 3rd May 2022 - Big Spell Launch (KS3)
- 26th May 2022 - Close of Term 5
- 2nd June 2022 - Term 6 commences