

Newsletter

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End of Term 2

The end of the Autumn term is always filled with joy as we come together as a school community to share events and celebrate student achievements. Year 7 and Year 12 students have now completed their induction and by the time you read this we will have had our festive celebration assembly.

On Monday evening we enjoyed performances from many students at our annual Carol Service which was held live for the first time at our local Church, St Michael's. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to families for attending on a very cold winter evening!

All our Student Leadership groups have been working hard this term and have represented the Academy with local politicians, as well as planning additional activities for lunchtime. We have added more tables to the library, so it is now a space used for games and reading at social times (we have some expert Uno players in school!) and we also have new basketball facilities at the back of school. In the new year this will be extended to lunchtime table tennis and as soon as it is a little warmer, students will also be able to use the 3G pitch at lunchtime (with the right boots of course).

The cost of living continues to increase and I am ever aware of students who may not be able to or have the chance to eat breakfast before they arrive at school. From January I am delighted that we are launching a free breakfast club and any student will be able to go to Dining and receive a free breakfast of either porridge or a bagel. This will start on the first week back and will be from 8:15am to 8:30am every day.

Most terms we are sad to say goodbye to some staff and this term we give our very best wishes to Miss Owen and Miss Newell who are moving to pastures new and Mrs Milford who I think every family knows!

Mrs Milford has been part of the Academy since 2013. Over this time her dedication and commitment to supporting students has been outstanding and she leaves the Academy happy in the knowledge that our inclusive ethos is at the heart of who we are as a school. We know she will be brilliant in her new job as a specialist SEN advisor and hope she will visit us often.

Finally, as we all stop to pause and take a break I would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas, I hope you can enjoy some family time and share some joy and love.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to the Academy on Tuesday, 3rd January.

Mrs Moore



Sarum Academy Christmas Card 2022

Christmas Card Competition

Many students took the opportunity to demonstrate their artistic abilities in their efforts to design a Christmas card for our annual school competitions. There were so many fantastic entries it was a difficult decision to whittle it down to just one winner. In the end it was decided by the Art team that a hybrid creation of the 3 best would be created. designs So many congratulations to Scarlett Corcoran, Ellie Jackson and Jennilee Martina whose designs were chosen for our school hybrid creation. Many thanks to all the students who submitted designs, although you may have not been selected this year there will be more opportunities to show your creative flair.

Save the Children



The School Council chose to support the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day again this year. Thank you to everyone that wore their Christmas jumper or something festive and who donated money to this worthwhile charity.

Ethos Group

The Sarum Academy Ethos group is a small group of mixed aged students that meet each month with our school chaplain Mel McDaniel

The group has the responsibility to make sure that our Academy values are embedded throughout the Academy.

This term we have focussed on the value of Service and the meaning of Advent.

The Advent season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflection and good deeds what the meaning of Jesus' birth is.

The group decided to do some good deeds around the school as a way of service.



Together with Mel and some other helpful students, they prepared and served hot chocolate to every student during a break time and lunch time in the final week of term.

Everyone was very grateful for a warm drink during the cold spell of weather we have been having. The group also gave away over 500 Jaffa cakes as a special treat!

Christmas is a great time to show our appreciation to others and students all around school were asked to give candy canes to a member of staff that they are thankful for. So many students wanted to show their appreciation that we actually ran out of candy canes. Some members of staff were overloaded with sweets, especially Mr Lean. He received so many candy canes he could hardly carry them back to his office!



Anti-Bullying Week



At Sarum Academy we are always very proud to support Anti-Bullying week. This year Anti-Bullying Week took place form the 14th November until the 18th November. The main focus of the week this year was to Reach Out. This theme was intended to help empower students to counter the harm that bullying causes by encouraging students to speak out about the support they need.

All students signed an Anti-Bullying Charter this year with their Tutors to make sure they support anti-bullying all year round.

Much Ado About Nothing



Teachers and Teaching Assistants from the SEND Team, English and Science departments took 58 Year 10 and 11 students to see Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing. The performance at the Salisbury Playhouse was excellent and a great experience for staff and students alike.

We were all delighted to learn during the play's introduction that the production had inventively used lines in the script to make the roles applicable to a diverse range of actors. This included several deaf actors, actors with prosthetic limbs, one blind man and a supporting actor in a wheelchair. This added a high level of inventiveness to the play with things like the leading lady speaking purely through sign language whilst the "hand maiden" translated for the audience. Each and every actor was also comedically brilliant.

At the end of the play, the production team came out to thank our students for being such a great audience – we were declared the best audience of the tour so far!

Rt Hon John Glen MP Visit

It was a pleasure to introduce the Rt Hon John Glen MP for Salisbury to our Academy on Friday, 25th November. Students studying A Level Government and Politics, members of the Student Leadership Team, as well as School Council students were offered the experience of listening to the Member of Parliament speak about his route into politics and his life as an MP and his current role as Secretary to the Treasury. The students also got the chance to get involved and presented a range of questions from climate record and change. to voting the Thank you to all students for their economy. excellent questions and to John Glen MP for taking the time to visit Sarum Academy.



Carol Service at St Michael's Church



On Monday, 12th December, the annual Sarum Academy Christmas Carol service took place at St Michael's Church. It was lovely to be at our local Church performing in front of a live audience again. Thank you to all who braved the cold to see our students and staff perform, although the lightly falling snow did add to the atmosphere!



There were a variety of different performances, across many different year groups which resulted in a wonderful service. The students have worked extremely hard over the last term to put their pieces together and have really shone during this festive time. We must give thanks to everyone who has supported the event as it was a great success - from Reverend Kevin and Reverend Ali through to parents and staff for contributing to a wonderful evening.

We look forward to doing it all over again next Christmas.



Bemerton Heath Community Carol Walk

On the evening of Thursday, 15th December members of the local community together with staff and students from Sarum Academy, all took part in the Community Carol Walk organised by Reverend Kevin from St Michael's Church. Proceedings began at St Michael's Church and a route was then weaved through Bemerton Heath whilst carols were sung enthusiastically. Much goodwill and Christmas cheer was spread along the way. Thanks must go to Reverend Kevin for hosting such a lovely evening and for helping the local community get into the Christmas spirit!



Councillor Clewer Visit



Wednesday, 23rd On November, Sarum Academy was paid a visit by the Leader of Wiltshire Council, Councillor Clewer, and Lucy Townsend. Corporate Director - People. After a tour of the Academy, The Councillor and Lucy Townsend met with

representatives of the School Council. The students had an opportunity to ask questions of the Councillor directly. The questions ranged from how litter and bin collections on Bemerton Heath can be improved through to whether or not there are plans to improve play areas in the Many thanks to Oliver Dewarlocal area. Haggart (8D). Abbie Lee-Elliott (8A). Toren Culkin (9E), Rose Compton (9B) and Rory Bonner (10A) for their probing questions and confident communication skills. Councillor Clewer made notes throughout the meeting, so hopefully some of the questions posed will be actioned soon!

Sporting Achievements

A massive well done to Emily Bryant in Year 8 who had a very successful day representing Salisbury at the Welsh and South West regional Junior Indoor Athletics Championships in Cardiff. Emily is now the indoor South West long jump champion, 300m bronze medallist and she also came 4th in the 200m. An amazing achievement and many congratulations!



Badminton

Both Girls and Boys KS3 and KS4 Badminton teams demonstrated excellent performances in the tournament at Stonehenge School. Students achieved several wins against some very tough opposition teams.



Rugby

Many boys have committed to the Rugby training provided by Salisbury Rugby Club and have been fantastic. We hope this encourages more students to join the club.

A small group of girls have had the fantastic experience of weekly Rugby coaching from Bath Rugby coaches at Salisbury Rugby Club.

Luca Baker was selected for the Salisbury Schools' 'Barbarians' team who put up a mighty fight against Bishop Wordsworth's School earlier in the term. Luca has also been selected to join Bishops for their fixture with Eton College later this month.

Cross-Country

Many students have participated in the Salisbury Schools' Cross Country races this term. Outstanding performances from Tyler Brier, Alex Scovell and Josh Houghton mean they have qualified for the County competition in the new year. Callum Dixey has also gained a position as a first-reserve in his age group

Boccia



Congratulations to all four of our brilliant teams who competed at last week's Salisbury Schools' Boccia Tournament held at Sarum Academy. We were very happy to walk away with a 1st and 2nd position overall! A massive well done to all of the students that took part in the tournament.

Sixth Form Sport

Sixth Form students have played two very competitive fixtures (Futsal and Netball) against S6C this term. It has been brilliant to see students representing the Academy during the Wednesday afternoon social sport sessions.



Good bye to Mrs Milford

It is with much sadness that we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Milford, SENCo and Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Milford joined Sarum Academy in 2013 and it is fair to say she has made a massive contribution to the Sarum community. She will be missed by us all, but we would like to wish her the very best in her future career. Mr Mineur will be taking over as Acting Assistant Headteacher – Learning Needs and he will be supported by the fantastic Mrs Steggel.



Diary Dates – Term 3

3rd January Term 3 commences
16th January Calshot Parents Information Evening
18th January Parents Evening – Years 11 & 13
2nd February Extended Learning Day 2
8th February MLP Engineering Challenge Day
10th FebruaryClose of Term 3 – Non-Uniform Day



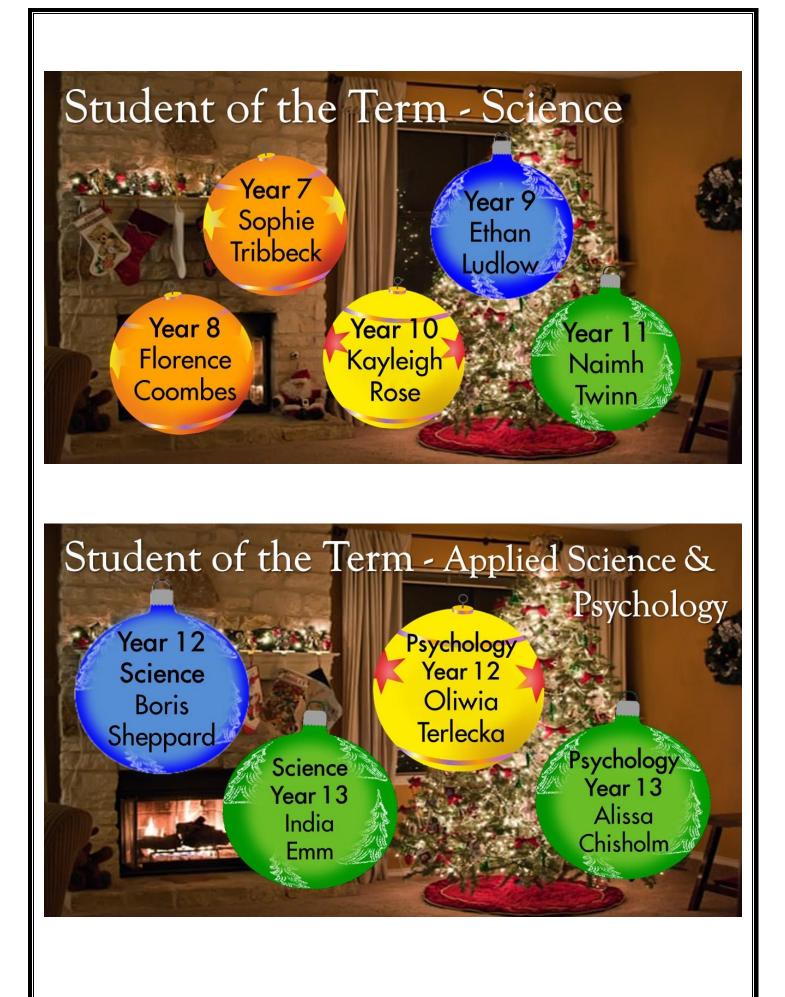
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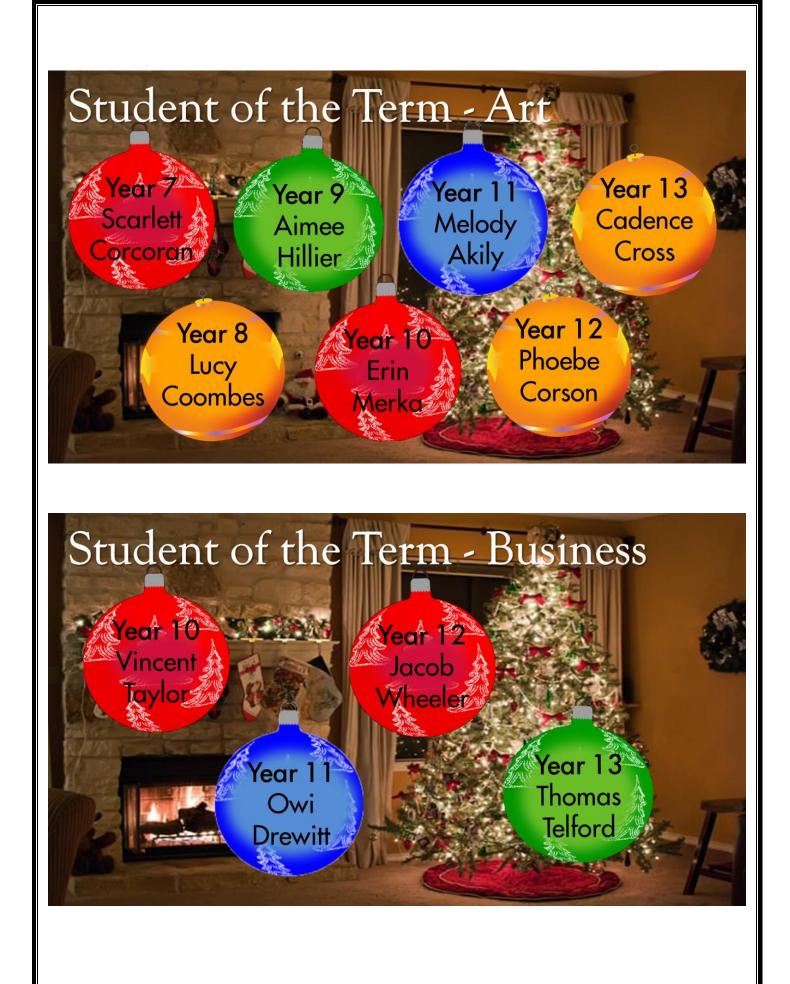
Huge congratulations to all our stars of the term – these are students who have really excelled in their learning in a particular subject which was shared in our celebration assembly on the final day.

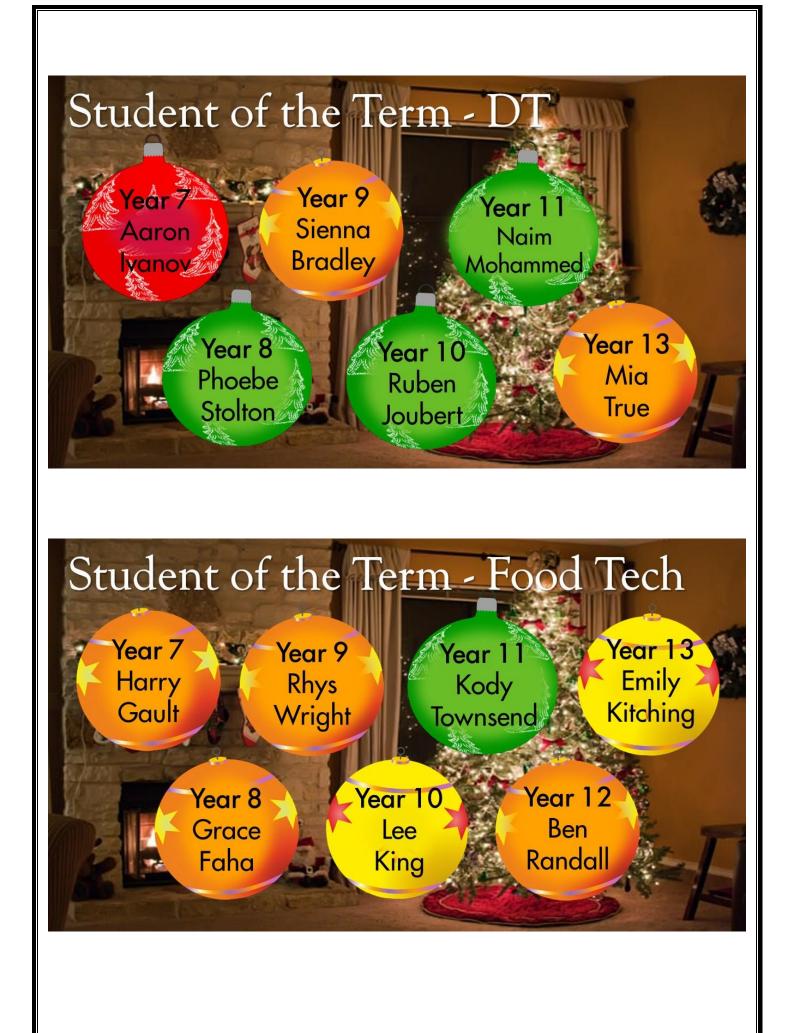


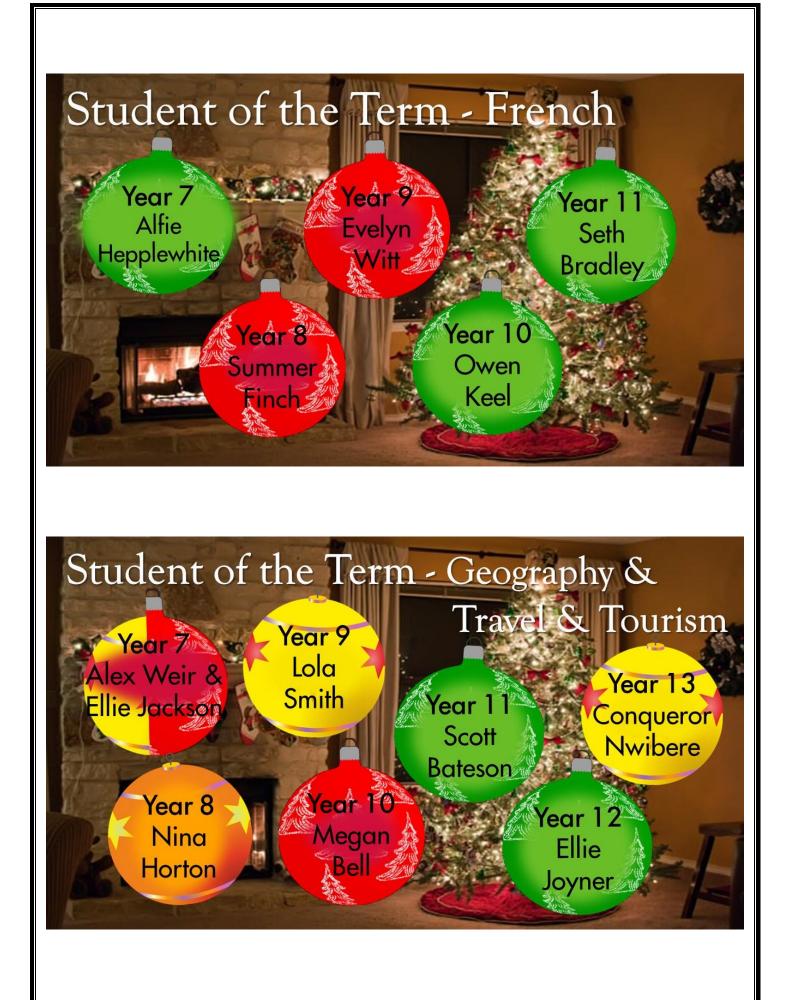
Student of the Term - Maths



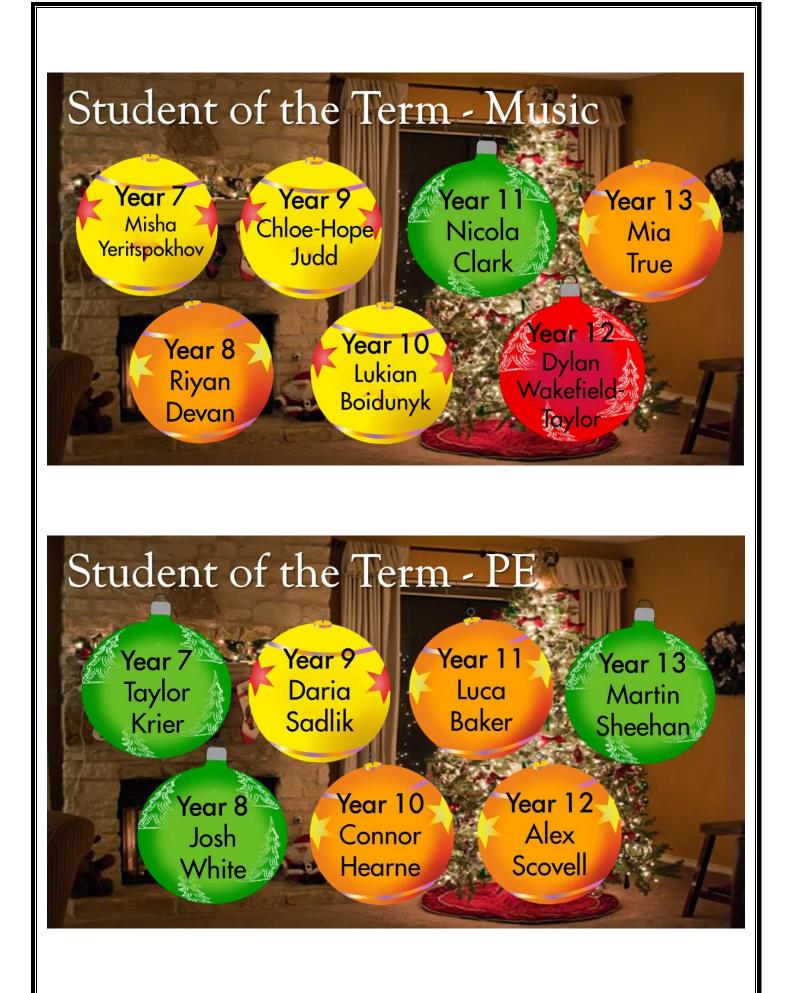














Student of the Term - Religious

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