

End of Term 1 2022

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. I think you will agree that it is a real celebration of all of the fabulous events of Term 1.

Yesterday I met with the hundreds of students who have only received positive house points this term – that is they have been to every lesson on time, completed every piece of homework and most importantly have *Worked Hard and Achieved More* in all of their lessons. Well done to all of them and to the many many more who have a very small number of negative points.

All of the Student Leadership groups have now relaunched for the new school year and I had the pleasure of meeting with the new School Council yesterday to discuss social times. Now we are a phone free school we have discussed some new activities and resources which will be available at lunch times in Term 2.

Uniform this term has been of a high standard so many thanks for your support with this. We will be doing a FULL uniform and Yondr pouch check on the first day back, so please ensure blazers are on and any acrylic nails which may have been on over the holidays are removed before the return to school.

Finally, I would like to say well done to all Year 7 students who have completed their transition to secondary school with record breaking numbers of house points on ClassCharts and all Year 12 students who have completed their first term of Post 16 studies!

I hope you and your family have a restful break over half term and we look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday, 1st November**. (Monday is an INSET day).

Mrs Moore – Headteacher



In Memory of the Queen

Sarum Academy honoured ten days of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Chapel was arranged so that students and staff could have private reflection. All

students visited the Chapel through their Religious Education lessons.



They were encouraged to take time out of their busy school day to gather their thoughts and pay their respects to the Queen in whichever way they wished.

Many students and staff members wrote prayers and messages to The Queen and these were displayed on The Chapel window, which then created a beautiful display in the form of a Union Jack.

Our School Chaplain Mel McDaniel with Miss Rock and Miss Pickering, helped students to reflect on The Queen's reign and process our emotions, both individually and as a school community.

May we all look to learn from and embody her example to us as our Queen.

May she rest in peace.



Student Leadership



We are very proud of all of our students who have chosen to be actively involved with our various Student Leadership roles. From Academy Ambassadors through to members of the School Council, there are numerous opportunities for students to make a difference to the Academy and the wider community. Some examples follow of what they have been involved with this term:

Restorative Practice Ambassadors

The Restorative Practice Ambassadors have delivered a briefing to the Year 7s and they are now linked to a tutor group. The Restorative Practice Ambassadors check in with the Tutors regularly to see if they can support any Year 7s with friendship issues.

Academy Ambassadors

Our Academy Ambassadors have been working hard this term to represent the Academy and to promote our values. Of particular note, was their attendance at our recent Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 students and parents. The Ambassadors did a fantastic job conducting tours and speaking to our visitors.

Peer Mentoring

Our Peer Mentors have been working very hard every Thursday with many new student's who have requested support during their transition this term. The Mentors have a waiting list for their skills now and are gradually helping students adapt to their new environment. Next term they will be involved in training a new cohort of Mentors who will then shadow them before being released to focus on their GCSE studies next year. A very busy year, but all credit to their tenacity, commitment and service to Sarum Academy students.

School Council

The School Council met with Mrs Moore this week to arrange our charity day for Christian Aid on the last week of the Christmas term and also to design a programme of lunchtime activities for Term 2 and beyond.

Sixth Form - Senior Prefect Group



We are delighted to announce the appointment of our Senior Prefects for the academic year 2022 - 2023.

We know that they will all be excellent ambassadors for Sarum Academy.

Well done and many congratulations!

Head Student Bobby White (Duty Leader, Sport Ambassador)

Head Student Erin Stokes (Year 10)

Deputy Head Student Alissa Chissolm (Year 11, Sport Ambassador)

Deputy Head Student Aimee Edwards (Science Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Chloe Collins (Year 9 and RPA)

Senior Prefect Martin Sheehan (Sport Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Max Kurowski (History Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Mia True (School Council, Music & Art Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Sophie Randall (Music and Art Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Maggie Brown (Year 7 and Health & Social Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Jasmine Woods (School Council and RPA)

Senior Prefect Oliwia Terlecka (Year 8 and Psychology Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Phoebe Corson (Photography Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Jack Wright (Media and Sport Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Lola Bailey (Professional Cookery Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Boris Sheppard (Business Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Ellie Joyner (Business Ambassador)

Senior Prefect Leah Christopher (Year 7)

Senior Prefect Molly Wand (English and Cookery)



I am Giving

On Wednesday, 19th October, students brought in food items as a Harvest offering. These items will go to support the Trussell Trust / St Michael's Community Fridge. Thank you to everyone for donating.



The impressive amount of donations from each House was as follows:

Philipps	125
Mompesson	119
Arundells	116
Clarendon	111
Wilton	104

Extended Learning Day

On the 21st September, we had the first of our Extended Learning Days for this year. Many students had the opportunity to have an educational and enjoyable day out:

Bletchley Park Visit

A group of our Year 9 students visited Bletchley Park during extended learning day on 21st September.



It was a fascinating visit with students learning more about the role Bletchley Park played during the War.



During the day students were involved in a code and cipher workshop where they got to see a working enigma machine in action; the very one used by Keira Knightley and Benedict Cumberbatch in the hit movie *The Imitation Game*.



We were able to appreciate the working conditions of the hundreds of staff resident during the war and the Stately home with its grand rooms.



Visit to Bath Spa



On Wednesday the 21st September, Sarum Academy Sixth Form had the privilege of visiting Bath Spa University for their Open Day. The day consisted of touring the facilities whilst also

attending specialised talks for each subject. It was great for the students to see what a campus university was like, particularly after witnessing a very different city University in Portsmouth for their last visit.



The staff at Bath Spa were really amazing and we all truly appreciated the time and effort that had gone into creating this opportunity for the students. Several students are now considering Bath Spa as a destination after their Post-16 studies and have already begun the application process.

A great day out!

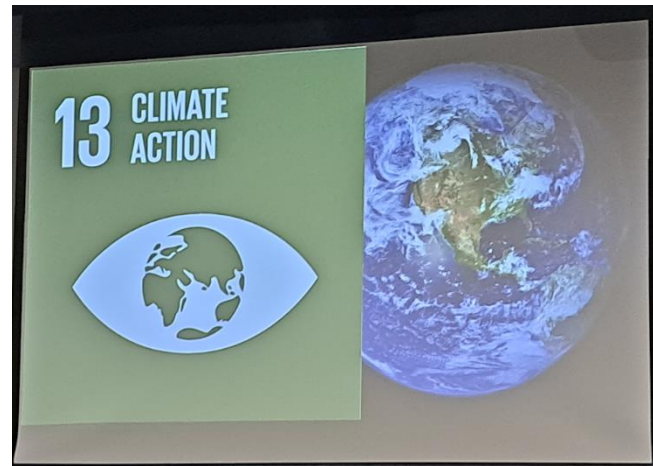
Lulworth Cove Visit



On the 21st September, the Science and Geography departments took Year 8 students down to Lulworth Cove on the Dorset coast, to have the opportunity to practice some fieldwork and scientific skills. The weather turned out fantastically on the day and the students were able to walk right around the cove and complete their work in glorious sunshine. The students behaved brilliantly and were able to practice skills that will

help them in their KS3 and KS4 studies going forward. Thank you very much Year 8!

Environment Symposium



On Tuesday, the 11th October, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students attended the environmental sustainability symposium at Godolphin School. The students were exposed to a range of environmental developments in the fields of business, marketing and engineering whilst also looking at the ways we can help combat climate change. The morning session was primarily delivered by the host whose knowledge and understanding of key issues was invaluable to the students and was then followed by a guest speaker promoting the importance of fair trade products and the negative impacts of 'fast fashion'.



The afternoon saw the students attend a carousel of workshops where they had the opportunity to get involved in a range of campaigns and activities from conservation to electric vehicles.

The students were superstars on the day and really did the Academy proud.

Faraday Maths Challenge



Six of our Year 8 students represented Sarum Academy this term and joined five other local schools in the Faraday Challenge which was hosted this year at The Trafalgar School. The challenge provided students with an opportunity to apply their engineering and entrepreneurial skills by creating a prototype that had to meet a specific brief and budget.



The Sarum team had a fantastic day creating a box that could attach to the top of a drone to transport life-saving organs to hospitals.



At the end of the day all the teams got to present their designs.

Stone Masons Workshop



Sarum Academy BTEC and A Level Art students had the unique and prestigious opportunity to work with the Stonemasons of Salisbury Cathedral. Salisbury Cathedral is one of only nine Cathedrals to have its own stone yard and dedicated Stonemasons. The enormity of their responsibility dominates the Salisbury skyline for us all to see. Students were greeted in the cloisters for a draughty briefing on the day ahead. Sleep still apparent in the ever widening eyes of our students as they were told of the days promise. Students were able to work in small groups to carve using ancient techniques, hand tools and letter carving methods passed down through generations of hands. The students used simple tools to work the stone and form letter forms, a simple task you may think, however, this took a steady hand, a delicate approach and resilience. The stone was cold and seemingly resistant to our will. After patience and application all students were able to carve letter forms; a skill the stonemasons all prize and refine to leave their signature on any stone they carve.

Our hosts allowed us unprecedented access to the Cathedral with tours and vertiginous views of the cathedral from the balcony, a really special occasion for us all. The Cathedral staff were knowledgeable and were excellent hosts, we all had an amazing experience that will have a lifelong impact on our students, of that I am confident. Our thanks go to Salisbury Cathedral Education Team, Stonemasons and Tours guides. They made our day.

Sporting Achievement!



Many of our students have taken part in the **Cross Country** races over the last few weeks. Most recently, we achieved 2 x top 15 placings in the Year 7 boys and 2 x top 15 placings in the Year 8 / 9 boys categories. We also had our first Sixth Form students taking part at this event. Some notable standings are as follows:

Year 7 Boys- Taylor Krier- 7th

Year 8 Girls- Emily Bryant- 18th

Year 8 Boys- Nathan Offord- 17th

Year 9 Boys- Callum Dixey- 13th

Year 7 girls attended a **Netball** skills afternoon at South Wilts Grammar School and they had a brilliant time.

We have also had the first Year 7 **Football** fixture. Despite a dominant performance, we were unlucky to concede a goal late on in the game. Mr Hindle was thoroughly impressed with the boys' performance and we look to improve on their 1-1 result next time.

A massive well done to all students that have taken part in any sporting events this term.

National School Judo Champion



Victor Andriicuk in Year 10 has successfully become the National School Judo Champion. This is a massive achievement to come first at this national event. If this was not enough, he then went on to compete at the World School Championship and finished an incredible 5th place! Well done!

The Long Awaited Visit to Beussent, France



In late September, 75 intrepid Sarum Academy students and 8 teachers embarked on a cultural odyssey to Beussent, France! Meeting at school at 2:00am and travelling all the way to Calais by coach and EuroTunnel, this was a mere day out! Thankfully, the day was as entertaining as it was long.



Students experienced a range of French cultural delights. At the snail farm, we learnt that snails have 1600 teeth and that a rat can eat 300 snails

in a single night! We also learnt that they are delicious when baked in pastry and served with local cheeses or butter!



At the chocolate factory, we learnt how chocolate is made from the humble cacao bean and how the resulting deliciousness can be turned into fantastic creations and statues. At the French supermarket, students had to put their French language skills to use at the checkouts whilst talking to the staff.

From start to finish, the students had great big smiles on their faces, were wowed by the sunny French countryside and learned an awful lot about French food culture!



Celebrity Coach Driver!

Our Academy Technology Technician, Lisa Rock, did not waste an opportunity to get a photo with Holby City actor Guy Henry. He is best known for playing Henrik Hanssen in Holby City since 2010. He has also appeared in other television shows as well as films – including Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One. However, it is fair to share no one was expecting to see him as a coach driver for our Lulworth Cove trip, but it added a bit of excitement to the day!



Diary Dates – Term 2

Monday, 31st October 2022

INSET Day

Monday, 14th November 2022

Year 11 and Post 16 Mock Exams begin

Wednesday, 23rd November 2022

Parents Evening – Year 10 and 12 only (online)

Monday, 12th December 2022

Academy Carol Service

Friday, 16th December 2022

Christmas Jumper Day and Charity Fundraiser for Christian Aid

Friday, 16th December 2022

Close of Term 2 – 12:30pm for students

Monday, 3rd January 2023

Commencement of Term 3