

Newsletter May 18

Message from the Head – Nicola Bull

It has been another busy term here at St Edmund's, with many trips and activities, and of course the beginning of the GCSE exam season. The Year 10 and 11s have worked so hard preparing for their GCSEs and we are so proud of their conduct. We wish them good luck as they continue with their exams during Term 6.

At last we are seeing the sun, and what a difference it makes! Students are now out on the field at lunchtime boosting their Vitamin D intake, but please could I ask that your daughter is well-prepared for the hotter weather to come with sunscreen/sunhat if necessary?

Many thanks to all parents who attended the information evening regarding the increased collaboration of Wyvern and St Edmund's schools. The questions asked, along with our responses, have been captured and are on the school website and I have sent out a separate letter to update you on these plans.

I wish you a relaxing half-term break.

Nicola Bull



St Edmund's Girls' School Salisbury



Alicante Trip

Some of our Year 8 students were given the opportunity to visit Alicante in Spain. In addition to language classes, the girls practised cookery and went on excursions to the Arbolar Centre, Cartagena and a traditional Spanish market. All that just left enough time to squeeze in some salsa dancing and sports on the beach!

Roman Theatre museum in Cartagena



Salsa fun



Kayaking



Sandcastle competition



Taster days

Our Taster Days for Year 5 girls are on Thursday 28th June and Tuesday 3rd July. If you have a younger daughter who would like to see what it is like to spend a day as a St Edmund's student, please book a place by 25th June using the link on our website:

<http://st-edmunds.eu/admissions-recruitment/year-5-6/>

University of Southampton Mathematics Challenge

Hannah Wyatt from Year 8 achieved a Certificate of Distinction in the junior challenge (out of 1300 entries!).

In the senior maths challenge two of our Year 9s received prizes: Abbie Phillimore won Third Prize and Holly Dibden won a Certificate of Distinction (out of 600 entries).

Southampton University told our Lead Maths teacher that there are some really very bright mathematicians in our classes. Keep up the good work, ladies!

Friends' Bingo Bash

The Friends of St Edmund's raised a brilliant £592 for school projects by holding a Bingo Bash, ably assisted by Assistant Head Mr Adams as the bingo caller!

Many thanks to everyone who came and to the Friends for organising this successful event.

Sporting Success

- The St. Edmund's football squad became U12 County Cup runners up.
- Congratulations to our girls who were podium finishers in the Salisbury Schools Area Sports:
- Imogen Primmer (9F) won a gold medal in freestyle and butterfly at the Wiltshire County Swimming Sprints.
- Livvy Hewlett (7KT) won two silver medals at the Wilts County Athletics at Tidworth, with 7.75 Shot Put and 1.35 High Jump.
- Phoenix Stars cheerleading club entered two teams into the National 'Legacy Rise Up' competition in Birmingham. Nemesis (the senior one team) were grand champions and division champions. Oblivion (the junior one team) came second in their competition, but were in close contention for first place.
- St Edmund's played their first ever U13 competitive cricket fixture this term against South Wilts Girls' School and woman of the match was Sophie Cowey (8C).
- Immy Bray in 8F reached the World Championships in Florida and achieved a Silver place in the Junior Advanced category!

Well done to all our students on their achievements!

Football Squad



Cricket



Swimming success



Cheerleading Silver



Dates for your diary

Thursday 14th June 6.30 pm
Sports Presentation evening

Friday 29th June 7.30 pm
Year 11 Prom

Monday 9th July
Teacher development day

Wednesday 4th July 6.30 pm
Performing Arts Evening

Wednesday 11th July 7.00 pm
Choir Concert - St Thomas' Church

Tuesday 24th July 12.50 pm
Break for summer holidays
(please note the early finish time)



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If you have anything that you would like to see in the newsletter please send your comments to

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Visiting the Somme Battlefields

At the beginning of May, 35 Year 9 students went to the Somme battlefields, accompanied by Miss Hutchings, Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Newbigging and Mr Smith, and some amazing weather! Students visited sites such as the Thiepval memorial, Vimy Ridge and the Lochnagar Crater. We were also able to find some students' relatives who were either buried or commemorated in the Somme area, which was particularly moving. The school conducted a short ceremony and laid a wreath at the Thiepval monument, which commemorates over 72,000 soldiers who fought and died on the Somme battlefields but for whom there are no known graves.

The trip also included a shopping spree at the local supermarché which the girls all enjoyed! They were a credit to the school, with many people commenting on their positive behaviour and respect during the trip.

St Edmund's wreath



Thiepval monument



Vimy Ridge



Peronne



STEM Success

Since September a group of our Year 8 and 9 girls have been working on a STEM competition arranged by Salisbury Soroptimists, who have run the STEM Challenge during the 2017/8 school year to raise local girls' awareness of the inspiring career opportunities there are within Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

GCSE Exam Dates

Monday 4th June

History AM

Media and Psychology PM

Tuesday 5th June

English Language AM

Geography PM

Wednesday 6th June

Spanish AM

Music PM

Thursday 7th June

Mathematics AM

Friday 8th June

English Language AM

History PM

Monday 11th June

Biology AM

Geography PM

Tuesday 12th June

Mathematics AM

History PM

Wednesday 13th June

Chemistry AM

Health and Social Care PM

Thursday 14th June

Spanish AM

Friday 15th June

Physics AM

Monday 18th June

German AM

Tuesday 19th June

Dance PM

Thursday 21st June

German AM

STEM Success (continued)

The challenge to our Year 8 and 9 girls was to research, design and develop a sustainable prototype for a solution to improve life for people living in poverty in the developing world.

In Technology we had winners in Emily Millman (9F), Jess Softley (9C), Charley Softley (9P), Lauren Lamberth (9F) and Tabitha Munday (9P).

Reflecting on the term

- Year 10 most able students visited Oxford University
- Year 9 went on a Scholars' trip to Southampton University
- Year 7 visited Winchester Science museum
- Year 10 went on a Geography field trip to Chesil beach
- Our Key Stage 3 Celebration of Achievement evening took place, a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the achievement and progress of our girls in subjects and in tutor groups
- Holocaust survivor Joanna Millan gave a powerful two hour talk

Science Museum



Chesil Beach



Southampton University



KS3 Celebration of Achievement



