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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Shortly, we will have the longest day, the summer solstice which this year will occur on Saturday 21 June at 03.42 BST (02.42 GMT). As that suggests, the solstice is more a moment than a day but we have come to think of it as the longest day when the number of hours of daylight are at their maximum, while the number of hours of night are at their minimum. This moment comes when whichever hemisphere you're in is most tilted towards the Sun.

The science behind this is that our Earth rotates on its axis once each day. At the same time, the Earth moves around the Sun on its orbit over the course of a year. However, the axis of rotation of the Earth is not lined up with the axis of motion around the Sun. Instead, it is tilted slightly at 23.44°. This tilt means that during one half of the year the North side of the Earth is tilted slightly towards the Sun and the South is tilted away. For the other half of the year the reverse is true. During a year, the subsolar point—the spot on the Earth's surface directly beneath the Sun slowly moves along a north-south axis. At the June solstice, which marks the northernmost point of its journey, it stops again to start its journey back toward the south. This is how the solstices got their name: the term comes from the Latin words sol and sistere, meaning “Sun” and “to stand still”.

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More light here in the UK does not however necessarily mean more heat. Even as our days get sadly shorter, the temperature continues for a number of weeks after the solstice to go up, something of a consolation. We have long celebrated the Summer solstice, mixing it up with Midsummer's Day which is a set day, always the 24th June, while the summer solstice, though close in date, varies slightly each year between June 20th and 22nd. This difference stems from the fact that Midsummer's Day was historically fixed as the feast day of St. John the Baptist. The church can fix this and Christmas but apparently not Easter. Don't get me started.

Britain's biggest celebration of the summer solstice takes place at Stonehenge, with crowds of up to 10,000 people gathering at the iconic monument. English Heritage, the charity responsible for managing Stonehenge, claim that the monument was built to align with the sun on the summer and winter solstices, with sun rays shining right into the heart of the stone circle. Many link Stonehenge to the druids but this would seem to be a 19th Century attribution as 3000 years lie between the Stone Age and the Druids, but the link persists. Nevertheless, there are other theories about the origins of Stonehenge which make the Druid myth seem common sense, like that it was built by the mythic wizard Merlin, or even by some form of alien lifeform. A quote from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* comes to mind "Lord what fools these mortals be".

Midsummer generally has been observed for thousands of years, with celebrations rooted in both pagan and religious tradition. At a time when food and nature are in abundance, festivities often focus on fertility, flora and fauna and the life giving powers of the sun. Tradition also suggests that ghosts and supernatural creatures can cross more easily to the human world at Midsummer, as seen in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, where we see the fairy world close by, bringing mischief and chaos to mortals.

Such malign spirits might even plot to steal your Jam but not to worry, Hazel trees are believed to have magical properties and to protect against evil spirits. Stirring jam with a hazel twig, particularly one picked at midsummer, when magic is at its strongest, is thought to stop those mischievous fairies from stealing it. Love life not up to much, then fear not. First, head to a churchyard on midsummer eve. At the stroke of midnight, run around the church scattering rose leaves and rosemary. Then Chant "Rose leaves, rose leaves, rose leaves I strew, he that will love me, come after me now." If now conjured them up straight away, I would think that their sudden appearance could be a little disconcerting. There are many more myths and traditions associated with this lovely and giddy time of year, so beloved by our pupils as they sense the summer holidays ahead, probably best summed up by a quote from another of Shakespeare's comedies, *Twelfth Night*, "This is very midsummer madness".





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The Mighty House Clashes: Sports Day Edition



The 19th saw a great day filled with house rivalries, huge work ethic and lots of enjoyment had by students and parents alike. Congratulations to all who took part and 'took one for the team' as it were. Lots of courage and effort was on display from all our students; in their participation and in their support. A huge thank you to Mr Milsom for organising a hugely successful day, and thank you to all the members of staff who provided their help in any capacity; from background work to marshalling; thank you! Don't hold your breath any longer; the next page has the results you've all been anticipating and waiting for...



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The Results...

After the long day, Mr Milsom counted up and scrupulously checked all the results. In chapel this morning it was revealed to all that...

1. **Ugbrooke - 227 points**
2. **Luscombe - 211 points**
3. **Powderham - 199 points**

A huge congratulations to Ugbrooke House for the 4th consecutive win. This means they retain the bragging rights to the Interhouse and Athletics cup 4 years running.

Individual cups are still up for grabs; with the Champions cup being decided next Tuesday and the House Point cup still live for the next 2 weeks... *(keep pushing for excellence and win those cups!)*



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A Healthy Serving of Athletics

The Sun has come out in it's masses, and so has the Athletic events; from Devon County Championships on the weekend, to Birmingham ISA and now the Sports Day!

Josh Smith in Year 10 ran for South Devon Schools at the weekend at the County Championships, finishing third and winning a bronze medal, which was an outstanding effort as nearly all of the other 7 runners were club athletes who have trained all winter twice a week and have had build-up races. Josh was also up against 4 athletes who are in Year 11, a year older than him. His time was 24.0 seconds. Huge congratulations to Josh, a great accolade.

The seniors and Henry Lovett had the opportunity to represent the South West Region at the ISA nationals athletics. Competing against the UK independent schools best athletes. A fantastic opportunity which saw trinity claim a silver medal in one event. Results are as follows:

Nova Jeffery - Javelin - Silver

Dexter Jeffery - Triple Jump - 4th

Kodie Humphries - Shotput - 4th

South West Relay team (Inc. Josh Smith & Olise Michaels) - 4th

Junior Bartorelli - High Jump - 5th

Henry Lovett - 150m - 5th

Tom Sinclair - Shotput - 5th

Olise Michaels - 1500m - 8th

Dexter jeffery - 1500m - 8th



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Ladybird masterclass

Many of our pupils have admired ladybird larva, ladybird pupae and newly born ladybirds this week. There is quite an explosion of those on our grounds. Ms Fischer, who is a huge fan of everything small, and ladybirds in particular, showed our pupils around and explained about the fascinating life cycle. Pupils loved it.



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Tales from T2

This week Year 10 historians have been looking at The Black Death of 1348, as part of their GCSE unit "Medicine Through Time". They examined the believed causes of this plague alongside some rather weird and wonderful treatments and means of prevention. They discovered unsurprisingly, that sitting in an open sewer, eating treacle or cooked onions, or rubbing a chicken's bottom on your buboes didn't do any good! Joining in were Amir in Year 11 and Hannah in Year 12 as they decided to use some free time to extend their learning. Becoming 'honorary historians' for a double lesson they too were fascinated by the horror of this devastating plague. Finally, donning face masks, clutching a bedpan and fake rubber arm, we had fun with a photograph after another great lesson of 'horrible' History!

Dates for your diaries...

- June 25th - Art showcase
- June 26th - Leaver's Ball at the Humber Barn
- June 30th - Start of Year 7-9 Trips Week
- July 2nd - 4th - Year 8 residential Trip
- July 9th - Speech Day

Shop Opening Times

- Thursday 31 July and Friday 1 August between 10am to 1pm on each day
- Monday 1 September from 2.30 to 4.00pm
- Wednesday 3 September between 3 to 5pm (this is the first day of term so instead of being open on Thursday as usual we're bringing it forward a day).

School Shop: After those dates above, it'll revert back to the normal opening hours. 3-5pm Monday+ Thursday



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HOUSEPOINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 5197 Points

2nd – Powderham – 5091 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 5045 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May - 292 points

2nd – Alice Lovett - 256 points

3rd – Jayden Kirungi - 245 points

4th – Lana Magill - 225 points

5th – Libbet Marshall - 222 points

Top Housepoint Earners this Week

1st – Nova Jeffery - 12 points

1st – Alice Lovett - 12 points

2nd – Jayden Kirungi - 9 points

“I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can’t accept not trying.”

This week’s QOTW comes from legendary basketball player, Michael Jordan. Jordan shows us that his mindset made him so special. Being able to distinguish between effort (“trying”) and results (“failure”) is so very important. One way to do this is to forget about being able to control anything. Instead, consider the amount of influence you have. The more influence you have, the more mental value you might put on those areas.





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20th of June Commendations

Headmaster's Commendations

- Pixie Dollar
- Shakira May
- Libbet Marshall
- Hugo Palmer
- Willow Jeffery
- Victoria Ward
- Sebastian Glue
- Alice Lovett
- Dare Ali-Napo
- Jayden Kirungi
- Evie Collison
- Ethan Harris-Deans
- Max Kirton
- William Mason
- Lana Magill
- Massimo Banfi
- Dexter Jeffery
- Gabriel Whitney
- Elin Partridge
- Tyler Guy

- Shakira May
- Victoria Ward
- Sebastian Glue
- Alice Lovett
- Dare Ali-Napo
- Ethan Harris-Deans
- William Mason
- Lana Magill
- Tyler Guy

Keep up all the hard work...



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

THE 20TH OF JUNE

In 1782 US Congress approved the bald eagle symbol for their Great Seal...

In 1791 Louis XVI and his family were caught trying to escape during The French Revolution...

In 1819 the SS Savannah became the first steamship to cross an ocean- The Atlantic...

In 1837 the 18-year-old Queen Victoria ascended to the throne...

In 1840 Samuel Morse patented his telegraph, producing the Morse Code 4 years later...

In 1894 Alexandre Yersin discovered the bubonic plague bacillus...

In 1936 US athlete Jesse Owens set a world record for 100m at the Berlin Olympics...

In 1975 the film "Jaws" was released...

In 1990 Nelson Mandela began a tour of America...

In 2021 China announced it had administered 1 billion doses of the Covid 19 vaccine...



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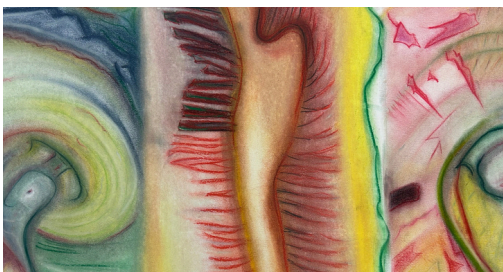
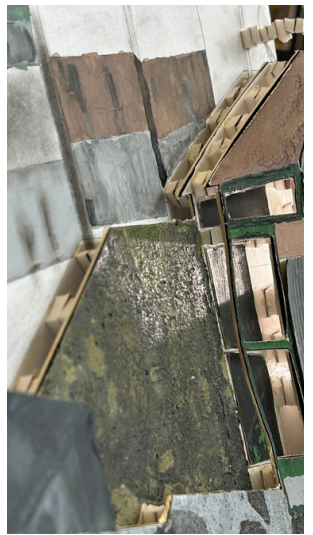


ART AND DESIGN

SUMMER SHOW

25TH JUNE
5-7pm

**A SHOWCASE OF YEAR 11 AND
YEAR 13 GCSE AND A-LEVEL
WORK IN ART STUDIO**
ALL PARENTS, STUDENTS AND
ALL STAFF ARE INVITED



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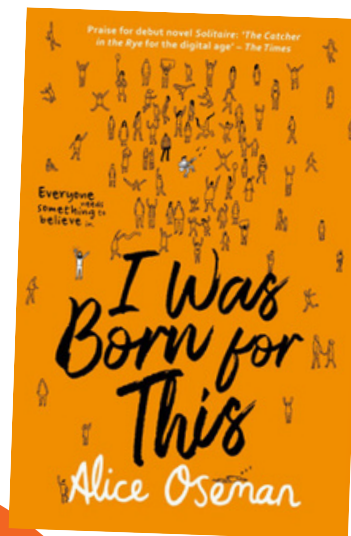
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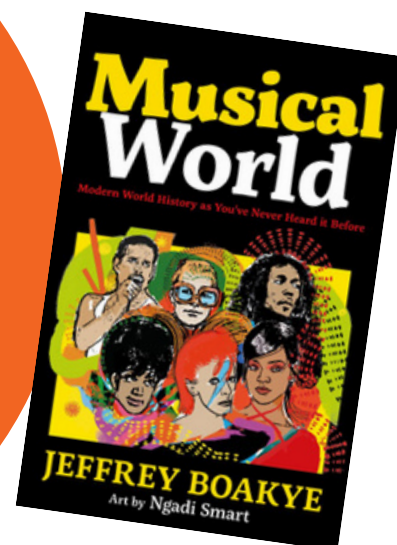
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Nicola Collison

PG Dip in Play Therapy & Credited Counsellor (NCPS)

Talking and Creative therapy

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I will have a room set up in school so children and young people can choose, with my guidance, how they want to use the sessions.

Hi there, my name is Nicola Collison. I am a qualified counsellor accredited by the NCPS (National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society) and have a Post-Graduate Diploma in Play Therapy. Before that, I was a Primary School Teacher for over 20 years.



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Please do get in touch: nccounselling7@gmail.com

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