



Tudor Grange Samworth Academy NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from The Principal

Dear parents/carers,

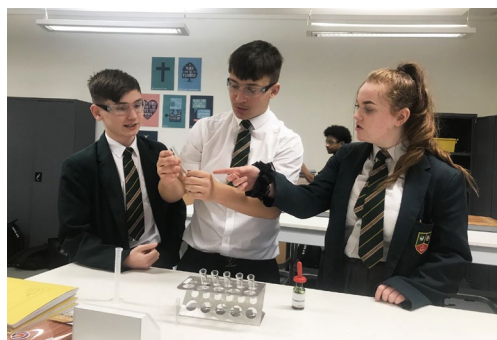
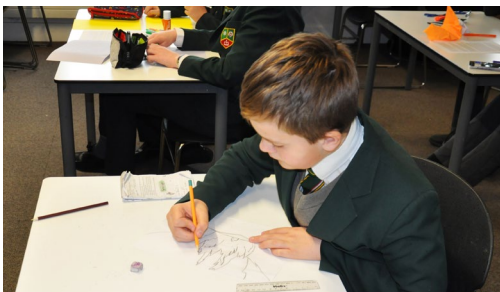
Thank you for your support in making Tudor Grange Samworth Academy the special place that it is. It's been another busy month at TGSA and some of the highlights are captured within this newsletter. My personal favourite was World Book Day. The staff team went to incredible lengths and looked fantastic in their themed costumes. The children clearly appreciated the efforts of their teachers and really enjoyed a memorable day. I hope that this day inspires us all to read even more!



I have had the pleasure of visiting many lessons this half term and have consistently seen students working hard and learning some really sophisticated and challenging content. It has also been great to walk around the academy after school hours to witness students enjoying various sports, Performing Arts and reading and homework clubs. It is also pleasing to see so many Year 11s staying for extra revision lessons or using the library for independent study. I am confident that their hard work will be rewarded in August. There are more exciting opportunities coming up (see later in the newsletter) and I would encourage students to sign up and get involved.

Keep up to date with all that's happening at TGSA by following our twitter feed: [@TGSAPrincipal](https://twitter.com/TGSAPrincipal).

Mr A. J. Wilkinson



Coronavirus Update

We have been checking and following the advice of the DFE and Public Health England on a daily basis. I have been really pleased with the way that our students have listened and engaged with the advice given regarding handwashing and helping to prevent the spread of germs and viruses.

As you are aware, in some other countries they have made the decision to close schools. The Prime Minister has been very clear (at the time of writing) that there is no need to close schools in the UK at the moment. We are however prepared for this situation if the government decide to change their policy. If this did happen, we know that students all over the country would move to online learning. We do not want our children to fall behind their competitors across the country and have a comprehensive online learning package ready. We have shown all students how to access this via their Show My Homework accounts. Parents can download the app to see what work is set and monitor their children's work. If you would like any support with Show My Homework, please contact students services.

The school will remain open as normal unless we are instructed by the government to do otherwise. I would urge you to only make decisions based upon official information that comes directly from me either via the academy text service, the academy website (www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk) or @TGSAPrincipal twitter feed.

- Mr A. J. Wilkinson



English Department News

Through Their Eyes Poetry Competition

During the Autumn Term, 77 pupils in Years 7 to 9 entered the Young Writers 'Through Their Eyes' poetry competition. Pupils wrote poems from the perspective of any person, animal or object that intrigued them. Thanks to their fantastic creativity, 35 pupils will have their poem published in the anthology this month.

Young Shakespeare

This half term we are extremely excited to welcome the Young Shakespeare Company to the Academy. They will be performing Macbeth for our Year 10 cohort who are studying the play for their English Literature GCSE. We hope that this will be a fantastic event and know that Year 10 will make the most of the experience. More information on this performance will be available soon.

UPDATE: PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

A Night at the Theatre

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Following on from a hugely popular showing of 'Treasure Island' in the Autumn Term, the English department are hosting another Night at the Theatre. Tickets to a showing of the National Theatre's production of 'Peter Pan' are available for purchase through ParentPay.

Wednesday 25th March

Time: 5.00pm – 7.30pm

Location: LLR

**50p for children
£1 for adults**

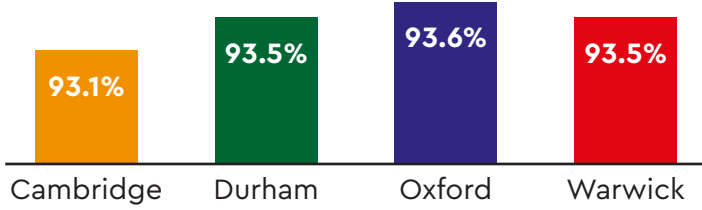


Peter Pan

by JM Barrie
devised by
the Companies

Attendance Matters

Thank you to parents/carers for your support with attendance, keep up the great work! Well done to Oxford for the highest attendance so far this academic year – let's see if the other colleges can catch you up!

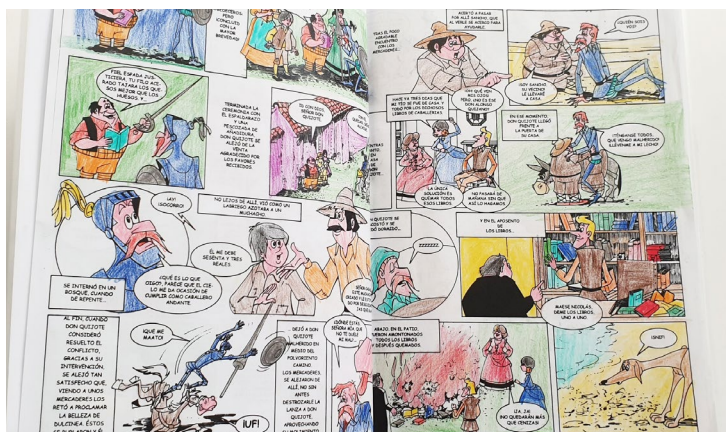


Year 8 Options Evening

Thank you to all parents that attended Year 8 options evening on Wednesday 3rd March. It was a fantastic evening with lots of exciting conversation around the curriculum and future career prospects. The final deadline for Year 8 option selections is Friday 20th March 2020.

Spanish "Travelling Book"

Year 7 Spanish students have been participating in the activity "Travelling book", where they take it in turns to take the Spanish classic Don Quixote home for a day and colour in the comic. Year 10 are also reading Don Quixote, with the aim of producing a video book.



Upcoming Events

Half Term 4

Tuesday 17th March

- Year 11 Mock 2 Exam Results Day

~~Monday 30th March~~

- Year 10 Work Experience Week

UPDATE: YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21ST 2020 (SEE PARENT POST)

Friday 3rd April

- End of Term

Half Term 5

Monday 20th April

- Students Return

Monday 27th April

- Art Exam Week
- Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Friday 8th May

- Bank Holiday

Monday 11th May

- Public Examinations Commence

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

- Half Term

Year 11 Revision

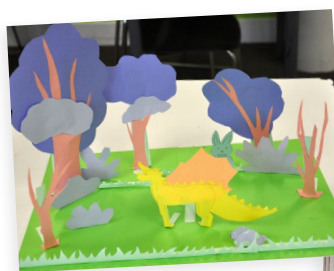
With the Easter holidays approaching, it is important that all Year 11 students have a revision plan in place to support their preparation for GCSE examinations. Extra work set and revision can be found on Show My Homework. Please speak with your tutor or college leader if you require revision material support.

School Governor

Have you considered becoming a school governor? If you are interested in supporting the school and helping to shape the future for the next generation, contact Mrs Fletcher-Warrington on 0116 278 0232.

World Book Day 2020

The Academy came out in force to celebrate World Book Day! Teachers were dressed up as their favourite book characters; the Creative Arts team made very convincing Mr Men, the English team spooked the Academy with their procession dressed as Handmaids from Margaret Atwood's dystopian classic *The Handmaid's Tale*, and the SEND team took inspiration from Peter Pan! Throughout the day students were exposed to a wide range of literature and spent the first 15 minutes of each lesson listening to their teachers reading their favourite books. In their English lessons, students got the chance to choose their lessons based on their favourite genres; pupils made creative fantasy landscapes, wrote comic book strips, produced and performed plays, and listened to lectures on the appeal of horror. At the end of the day, Year 9 students were invited to listen to Primary students reading; encouraging them to read aloud and discuss their favourite books. It was a day filled with imagination and wonder, all thanks to the power that books can have! We look forward to next year for even more exciting plans!



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
5 MARCH 2020



UPDATE: PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Mrs Connor has started the TGSA

DANCE COMPANY

Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm



Geography Update

"Year 11 geography students have been working very hard in preparation for their GCSE exams. Please continue this!"

"Year 10 have been looking at weather hazards and climate change this term. They have been keen to understand human influences on climate and how we can reduce our impact on the planet!"

"I've been very impressed with Year 9 geographers who have been focussing on our global consumption of resources around the world. There have been some incredible questions from students. Keep this up!"

"Year 7 and 8 have been looking at the restless earth. Year 7 have been particularly keen and have shown real enthusiasm for this unit!"

Keep this up TGSa geographers!

- Mr Miller



Maths Tuition

Well done to four of our year 7 students who have been showing dedication by giving up their own time and staying after school for an hour a week to receive extra maths tuition.

- Mr Suffolk

Show My Homework

We use an online system called Show My Homework which can be accessed by both students and parents/carers, either via the website (www.showmyhomework.co.uk) or the app.

Logging on is simply the same as the school log in:

Username/Email: Your School Email

Password: Your School Password



If you have any issues with getting on to SMH, please don't hesitate to come and see Mr Morton.

FOLLOW OUR TWITTER ACCOUNT TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING A

SPECIAL PRIZE!*

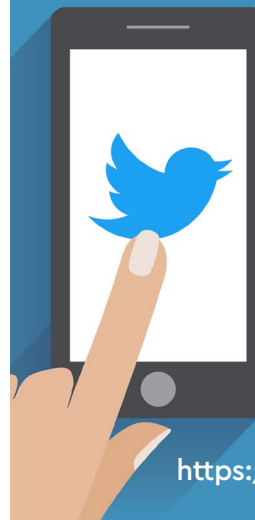


The best way to keep up to date with what is happening at TGSa is to

follow us on Twitter

@TGSaPrincipal

where we will...



Update you on recent news



Celebrate achievements



Post notices and reminders of school events

<https://twitter.com/TGSaPrincipal>

**When the account reaches 1000 followers, one winning follower will be selected at random.*

PSHE: Current Focus



Staying Safe & Healthy

Including internet safety, health, hygiene and mental health

Careers: Current Focus

The importance of
work experience
and
employability skills

Period 6 Schedule

Spring Term 2

MONDAY

Subject: English
Location: LLR

TUESDAY

Subject: Science
Location: LLR

WEDNESDAY

Subject: Maths
Location: LLR

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Subject: Independent Study
Location: LRC available

SATURDAY

(10am – 12pm)

Subject: RE
Location: L1

RHS Campaign for School Gardening



Congratulations to the Gardening Club for achieving both Level 1 and Level 2 in the RHS School Gardening Awards! Students from Primary and Secondary worked together to create a plan for their garden, planted bulbs, and demonstrated their knowledge of gardening terminology and how to use hand tools safely.

As a reward for these achievements, the Gardening Club received a colourful growing year calendar full of sowing and growing tips and fun activities to do in the garden, and two fantastic gardening books.

Spanish Film Club



Our Key Stage 3 students have been enjoying Spanish Film Club this week, where they have had the opportunity to watch Jumanji in Spanish. Spanish Film Club takes place at lunch time one week a month during Spring (in February they had the opportunity to watch Transformers: The Last Knight). Tickets are available from U18, with each student receiving complimentary popcorn!



Sports Update

Basketball

Our basketballers played in the final tournament yesterday afternoon at the Leicester Riders Morningside arena. It was the final part of the 'One Team Leicester' programme that they have been involved with for a year. Other schools in Leicester have also been involved in the programme such as the Rushey Mead and Orchard Mead academies. As the whole programme has been about bringing people together through basketball, they mixed all the students up so they were playing in the same teams as students from other schools. It worked so well as our students really enjoyed meeting other students from around Leicester. The 6 teams created were called Community, Courage, Communication, Positivity, Equality and Respect. The standard of basketball was absolutely fantastic and as you can see from the pictures they really enjoyed the event.



Inter-college Badminton

We recently had 2 inter-college badminton tournaments. Cambridge won the year 7 and 8 competition, whilst Warwick won the Year 9, 10 and 11 tournament.



Inter-college Futsal

Congratulations to Oxford college, who won both the Year 7/8 boys' futsal competition, and the girls' inter-college futsal competition.

Girls' Football

Good luck to our Year 7 girls' football team, who are currently playing in the district tournaments over at New College. They have played one tournament so far so watch this space!



Inter-college Table Tennis

This term we have the inter-college table tennis tournaments for Year 7/8 on Tuesday 31st March and for Year 9/10/11 on Tuesday 24th March. All students that want to play need to sign up on the poster on the sports hall door.