



Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

TUDOR TIMES



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A Message from Mrs Roach

Following on from our successful Ofsted grading of 'Good' we are in the position to recruit a permanent Head of School for the Secondary phase. I am delighted to announce that Mr. Aiden Bannon was successful in securing this role. I will now revert to my job as the Executive Principal and be on the school site for one or two days per week to support Mr Bannon as he develops as the Head and takes the school forward on its exciting journey. I am sure you will all get behind him so together, we can create the best school in Leicester.

Welcome to Our New Head of School

Time has flown since being appointed as the new Head of School and I must confess, I have been overwhelmed with the amount of congratulatory messages received by staff, pupils and parents.

I am so pleased that normality has returned to the school. It was fantastic to see so many parents attend our Year 9 Options Evening this term.

We are thrilled to be able to bring the whole school together this week for our Easter Service. For us, the Easter story is deeply meaningful and provides us with hope and inspiration. The story teaches us that good overcomes evil, life is stronger than death and that light shines through darkness. And that's the challenge for us all – life undoubtedly has its challenges for each and every one of us, but with a belief that the darkness can and will be overcome by light then we all can tackle those challenges head on and overcome them. This is such an important message for us all when we see unjustifiable acts of violence in our world today.

This week, we said 'The Gift of Peace' prayer for all those who have been affected by any conflict.

May God give wisdom and courage to those who work for peace.

We pray that their efforts may be blessed, that they may bring an end to violence and solace and stability to suffering peoples.

May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls, convert all who live by violence and comfort all children who live in menacing situations, that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be theirs.

And may each one of us know peace of mind and heart, peace of body and spirit, peace of community and world.

Amen.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a safe, happy and peaceful break.

- Mr A. Bannon



Happy
Easter!



World Book Day – Primary



For World Book Day, Primary staff and pupils dressed either as their favourite book character or in their PJ's ready for a bedtime story. The children went to the local library where they had a chance to listen to and join in with story time. They were also able to bring books back from the library to share with their friends.

World Book Day – Secondary

The theme for World Book Day in secondary was myths, legends and fairytales, and in the days running up to it, curious pupils went around the school solving riddles to work out which characters their teachers would be dressed as: from the Seven Dwarves to William Wallace. In their English lessons, pupils had the chance to write creatively, inspired by the myths, legends and fairytales they had learned about.



Year 7 Fencing Trip

On Wednesday 16th March we took ten Year 7 pupils to Crown Hills for a fencing inspire event. The aim of this event is to encourage young people to engage, participate and learn through fun sport and physical activity opportunities. They also had the opportunity to try a new sport which some of them had never seen or heard of before, as well as meeting and working with new people from other schools.

The event was extremely successful and the pupils were so well behaved, as well as being respectful to others. They all embodied the Tudor values and there were so many smiles throughout. They learnt the different fencing techniques, fighting against each other and other schools. They even had the chance to wear the protective gear and use a sword (to our relief luckily these were only plastic!)



College Applications

Year 11 have been working hard on their college applications and all pupils have now been offered a place at a college. We are proud that they are taking advice and presenting themselves well at interviews, a great skill for the future.



Donations for Ukraine

Staff gave generously with donations for Ukraine, and the church were overwhelmed with the donations. Further fundraising and chances for pupils and parents to donate are also taking place.



WELL
DONE!

Empowered: Young Writer's Poetry Competition

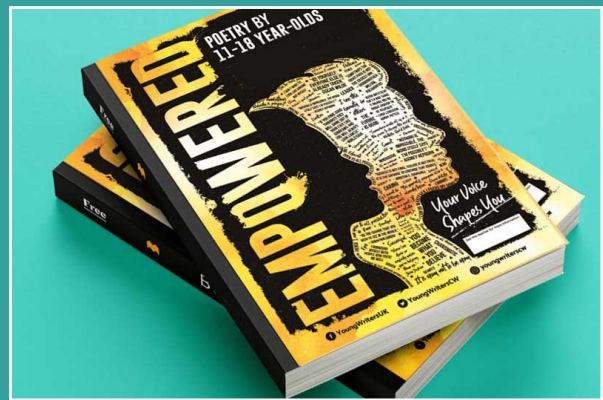
Over 100 TGSA students entered the competition to write a poem about something that they felt passionate about, and the following all had their entries published!

Abdulraheem Corriea
Adrian Bis
Amara Saiyed
Amari Nugent
Antonia Green
Armie Ray
Balamusa Sanyang
Blessing Iyoha
Brackyn Smullen
Charlie Allen
Chase Barratt
Chase Broughton
Chloe Maloney
Darsim Jabar
Dejaun White
Denon Williams
Ellie Stanger
Elsie Earls
Emelen Onuchukwu

Emily-Jayne Bacon
Evie Worsley
Grace Russell
Hayden Wardle
Ibrahim Patel
James Bradshaw
Jaylan Styles
Jessica Herbert
Joshua Collins
Kaiden Clarke
Kalun Hawksley
Kelvin Zomba
Kingston Kakmeni
Liam Baker
Libby Warren
Lilley Johnson
Lucie Kirk
Macey Maloney
Malwina March

Mason Warner
Matilda Coley
Mia-Valentine Timson
Monet Daniels-Ming
Paige Naylor
Peighton Cooke
Regan Adcock

Rhys Hardman
Riley Smith
Rose Burdett
Sukhveer Padan
Tegan Mitchell
Zahra Ibrahim



Twisted Tales: Young Writer's Mini Saga Competition

Students were challenged to produce a mini saga – a story told in just 100 words – from the perspective of a villain. Over 150 TGSA students entered the competition, and we are delighted to reveal that the following have all been selected to have their entries published in the upcoming "Twisted Tales Anthology."

Abdi Abdi
Aidan Greenhill
Amari Nugent
Anthoni Trigg
Antonia Green
Arkadiusz Marek
Armie Ray
Brooke Brown
Charlie M
Chase Broughton
Chloe Maloney
Ciera Day
D'sire James
David Brandon

Dejaun White
Demi Smith
Denny March
Diana Horvathova
Elle-Mae Brooks
Ellie Stanger
Grace Russell
Jakub Wojtecki
James Bradshaw
Kade Barratt
Kristians Svikis
Kyra Meade
Lacie Pearson
Libby Warren

Lucie Kirk
Lyla Richards
Macey Maloney
Mahamed Adem
Malwina March
Marcus Carter
Martyna Janiszewska
Maryan Mohamud
McKye Pick
Mohamud Mohamad
Monet Daniels-Ming
Naima A Khalifa
Nenah Bangura
Olivia Alton

Olivia Preston
Onosedeba Aikpehae
Regan Adcock
Rihanna Wright
Riley Hemmings
Riley Mead
Rose Burdett
Shaleigh Odell
Shwan Niyigena
Sofia Muzica
Sophie Kirk
Sukhveer Padan

Food Technology News

All year groups have been working very hard and increasing their cooking skills as well as their knowledge regarding nutrition. Year 11 have been busy making meringues and double layered chocolate cakes, Year 10 made soufflé's, and Year 8 made TikTok wraps.



Inter-college Football Tournament

On Thursday 24th and Friday 25th March the student Cabinet collaborated with the PE Department to run an inter-college football tournament to raise money for the Ukraine appeal. The event was a huge success with Cambridge college winning the year 7/8 tournament and Durham taking the crown for years 9 and 10. Over £50 was raised during the event, well done all!



Reading & Writing Competitions

"Catch Me Reading" Raffle

Congratulations to Jashan Singh, Maxine Borpim, and Riley Murphy for winning the "Catch Me Reading" Raffle. Pupils caught reading outside of the classroom by a staff member were entered into a raffle draw, with the winners being awarded a Kindle.

DIARY
of a
Wimpy Kid



Diary of a Wimpy Kid Competition

Children had to write a diary entry on anything they chose. Winners were Chanaya and Arkadiuzs (Year 7), Lyla Gathercole (Year 6) and Isabella Parnaby (Year 5) – they won a full 12 box set of Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Special contribution prizes of a DIY Diary of a Wimpy Kid book to Holly-Grace Sayers (Year 5) and Lacie Richards (Year 6).

Sports News



The Year 9 netball team finished 2nd in the citywide Leicestershire league and Year 7 football team finished 3rd in West Leicestershire. Well done girls!



Year 7 Football Team

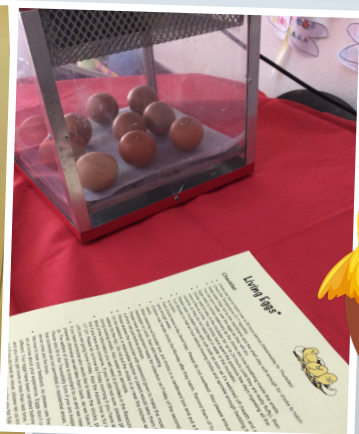
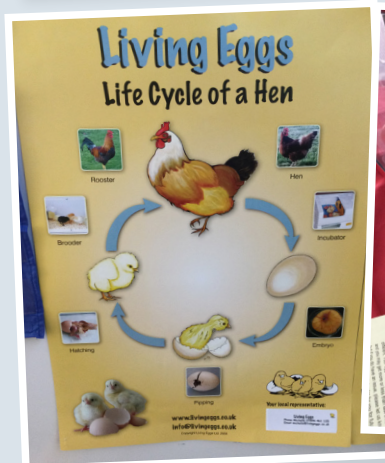
WELL DONE!

EYFS News

In EYFS we have been making the most of the lovely spring weather outside. In Forest School reception have been reading the story 'The Squirrels that Squabbled' to help us with understanding how to be kind and helpful to each other. Reception have also been enjoying spending some reading time with our children from Year 5 classes – we have thoroughly enjoyed sharing our stories together!

World Book Day was a huge success and we all enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate including a collaboration with the Library Service where parents joined us in classes for storytime sessions throughout the whole of EYFS.

We have also had some new arrivals in our Reception classroom this week – Living Eggs! We are hoping to see all the eggs hatch in the next couple of days and will update in our next blog on the website how they got along.



National Citizen Service (NCS)

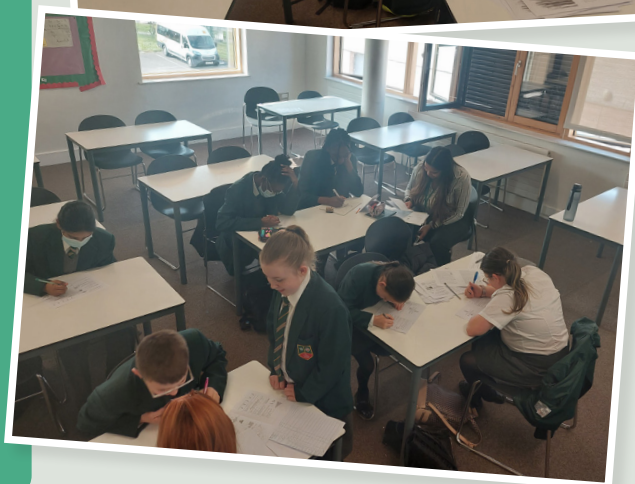


We have had 23 students officially sign up for NCS this year – our best year to date!

The National Citizen Service (NCS) is a voluntary personal and social development programme for 15–17 year olds in England. A fortnight of activities provides the opportunity to meet new friends, take on new challenges, find out what you're really made of, and make a positive impact in your local community.

STEM Club and UK Junior Maths Challenge

Last term the Maths dept at TGSA ran a highly successful STEM Club for students predominantly in Year 7. The club was aimed at encouraging young minds to solve problems using a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths – some of the results were incredible. So, in light of the success of STEM Club, the Maths dept. have branched out and have invited some of the brightest maths minds in Year 7 and 8 to try out for the UK Junior Maths Challenge. We started a club which runs at lunchtime every Wednesday where we look at previous challenges and try to solve the problems contained. The enthusiasm is amazing, with some students taking challenges home to complete independently in their own time. The challenge takes place in mid-April, so we have a few more weeks to hone our skills. We are going to enter a team of students who will be competing against some of the very best mathematicians in schools around the world – so we wait excitedly to see how we get on and will report back with news.



The Lord-Lieutenant's
**Young Person
of the Year
2021**

7 secondary students have been nominated and put forward for the Lord-Lieutenant's Young Artist of the Year award for demonstrating real skill, innovation, and expression in creative arts, drama and music. The Lord-Lieutenant's award for young people recognises the very best examples of achievement by young people in Leicester and Leicestershire. **Well done to the nominees: Rizvan Hussain, Kelsie Moon, Anaxa Rajah, Arshveer Rai, Augustine Jakopo-Taylor.**

Whole School Service: 8th April 2022 at 9:15am

We are very much looking forward to our biggest Whole School Service since the pandemic, where we will gather as an entire community from Early Years to Year 11 on the last day of term. Traditionally this event has signified an opportunity to celebrate the term as a whole school and we look forward to being able to reinstate this important event more fully at Easter this year. Our vicar Mr Chris Collins will give the address and Performing Arts and Music have been working very hard to showcase some wonderful music and drama which is sure to make the event a real celebration of our student talent in school. Our theme is 'The Friend who Forgives' and tells the Christian story of the events of the last days of Jesus through the eyes of his Disciple Peter. This has been based on a children's story that has been shared with children in our Primary Phase. Primary students are going to lead the way with their joyful singing, and we have three wonderful worship songs to enjoy together. Other highlights will include our staff band and Sports Awards for the term too. We are all really looking forward to a chance to celebrate and enjoy collective worship together as we break up for the Easter holiday. Thank you to all of the staff and students involved for their hard work and preparation.

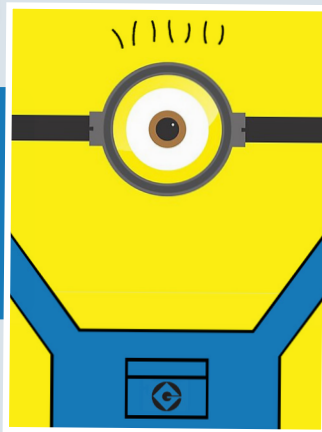
Graphic Design News



Mulan minimal movie poster by Jasmin Kaur.



Minions minimal movie poster by Kalun Hawksley.



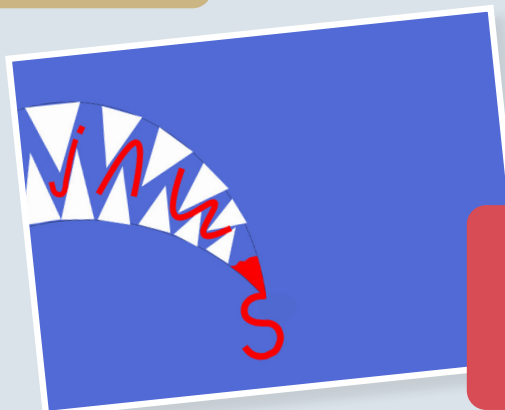
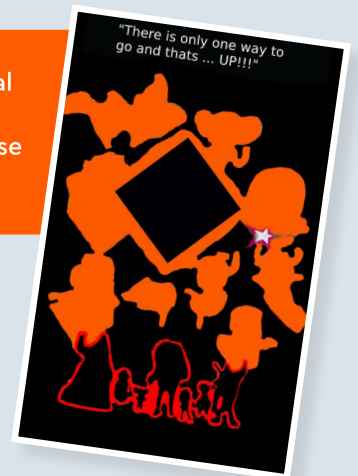
Black Panther minimal movie posters by Kingston Kakmeni.



Bird Box minimal movie posters by Blessing lyoha.



Sing 2 minimal movie poster by Jessica-Rose Herbert.



Jaws minimal movie poster by Rosvaldas Marcinkus.

Geography News

It has been a very exciting and productive term for geography at TGSA with a plethora of activities and investigations taking place.

Year 7 began the term by conducting a study across the whole of Africa. This ranged across the whole continent, from the impacts of the South African World Cup in 2010 all the way to the challenges faced by millions in the Horn of Africa. We then moved on to studying fantastic places across the world, focussing on a range of biomes from tropical rainforests to deserts. The students enjoyed engaging with the homework where they had to produce a fact file for the biome, including climate, location and adaptations. Look out for a new geography display coming very soon!

Year 8 have been looking at challenging cities, a very topical issue in today's constantly modernising world. We looked across the entire globe, covering issues at home in the UK, a floating squatter settlement in Lagos, Nigeria, to Copenhagen in Denmark. The students particularly enjoyed engaging with solutions to modern day challenges, hopefully they can be the agents of sustainable change moving forward! We have just begun a module on Glaciation, looking at how physical processes during the UK's Ice Age (20,000 years ago) have shaped the land around us today.

Year 9 Geography has been looking at our Blue Planet including anthropogenic impacts (thanks Mr Morton for our vital vocabulary). After embarking on an enquiry looking at the issue of plastic pollution in our oceans, year 9 felt empowered to try and make an impact. As a result, they have created some fantastic letters addressed to Mr Boris Johnson himself. Within the letters, students discussed the issue using scientific facts, offered solutions and expressed their point of view. We are immensely proud of the students work and cannot wait to send them to 10 Downing Street later this month! We shall keep the newsletter updated with our progress.

Year 10 are deep into their GCSE course at present. Within the past few months we have been looking at our hazardous planet. Students have been looking at the causes of earthquakes and volcanoes, which then allowed them to conduct a comparative case study analysis on the effects and responses of the New Zealand (2016) and Nepal (2015) earthquake. We then looked at tropical storms, using Typhoon Haiyan as our case study (2013). We have just begun a new topic that is very relevant in modern day society, Climate Change. The students are interested in this module and in particular the possible impacts of climate change in the near future. Keep a look out for letters coming home with students over the next few weeks! We have period 6 starting up for year 10 as year 11 is just around the corner and we also have an exciting opportunity for students to visit the UK coastline in Hunstanton.

Year 11 have been busy completing their mocks over the past few weeks. We are really proud at how hard they are working and know that they will continue to make themselves proud going forward. Within the classroom we have been revising previously taught topics as well as reinforcing key exam techniques to best prepare them for the exciting and challenging few months ahead. I'm sure you will all wish them luck with their upcoming exams over the next few months!



- Mr Miller & Mr Daybell

Spanish News

The Spanish department has had an exciting year so far! Year 7X have had an exceptional start to their Spanish studies, and are currently working on the topic of school. Ask any 7X-band student to name various subjects they study, and they could tell you over 10 in Spanish! Year 8X are working hard to communicate what they eat at different mealtimes, and their conjugation and application of three tenses has been outstanding. Year 9X have developed an awareness and ability to communicate about important social and global issues showing their tolerance and respect for different cultures. Year 10 have shown fantastic development and have been learning in more detail about the different festivals and traditions that take place in Spain. If you have the chance, ask a Year 10 Spanish student why they eat 12 grapes to ring in the new year in Spain! Year 11 have been working hard to achieve the best possible results they can, with a particular focus on their speaking. Wish them luck as after Easter they will be completing their speaking exams. Years 3-6 have also shown great enthusiasm to language learning, using Spanish in the classrooms as well as in the corridors and around school.

Outside lessons, a group of dedicated and enthusiastic students from years 7-9 have enjoyed watching films in Spanish during Club España (as well as some much deserved "palomitas"). We have just finished Jumanji and they will vote on what the next film will be after the Easter holidays. Finally, we are bringing Spain to Year 11 by visiting a Spanish restaurant in May where they will have the chance to try a variety of different tapas.



Ordering Uniform for New Year 7's

TGSA uniform, as well as pricing information and size guide, is all available on the Schoolwear Solutions website www.schoolwearsolutions.com, as well as at their shop in Oadby.

If you would prefer to visit the shop you will need to book an appointment via the Schoolwear Solutions website: www.schoolwearsolutions.com

You can book your appointment from 1st June 2022.

Cut off date: You need to have purchased or ordered your uniform by the 30th July 2022 (subject to availability).

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