

St George's Newsletter

Summer Term 18



Dear Parents/Carers

Exam season is in full flow with our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils busy sitting their GCSE exams. I would like to thank the parents especially for encouraging and preparing their children so well and supporting the school by attending meetings and overseeing additional homework. Our pupils are feeling very positive so far and we are predicting that collectively the school will produce some of its best results so far. This is on the back of a very successful DFE visit to judge the progress towards achieving our Outstanding vision. I am delighted to say that the DFE commented on how the school '*understands what more needs to be done to improve and is setting about securing these improvements*'. May I take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing break but also to remind our other years about their upcoming exams and the need to plan their revision to achieve their own 'academic excellence'.

Mr Warnock.

An Inspector Calls.

On Friday 13th April, 'Say Two' Theatre Company came in to perform 'An Inspector Calls' to Year 10 and 11. It was an excellent opportunity for the pupils to see the play as JB Priestley intended, on stage in front of a live audience! Pupils were captivated by the performance and really enjoyed the show. Afterwards, smaller groups got the chance to hot seat the characters in role and pupils asked some really thought provoking questions linked to the GCSE text. Year 10 even got to dress up and act out a scene. We will definitely be asking them back next year!



Accelerated Readers

Pupils in year 7,8 and some 9s have accelerated reader lessons as part of their timetable. They are set a target and work to achieve it through reading and then testing on books to build points. This helps develop their reading skills. During the spring term over 100 pupils met their target and they are now working to achieve their summer target. We have 13 pupils who have read over 1 million words since September the top 3 in years 7 & 8 are:

Year 7

Karma Vale 3,446,069
Beth Quirke 1,565,271
Jake Blake 1,502,952

Year 8

Jasmine Carter 3,018,536
Leah Johnstone 2,254,121
Millie Oldham 1,239,925

Team SG Tree Planting



A small group of year 8 pupils lent a hand with some tree planting to mark the start of an extension to our Community Garden. The 300 saplings were provided by 'The Woodland Trust' and once established will form environmental hedging for our new area. Working with our long term partners from The Langdale Volunteers and some of our friends from De Puy Synthes we managed to plant the saplings in just under two hours. Although small now the hedging in the background was planted in the same way some 7 years ago and now they dwarf the 6 foot fence behind it. The area will be further developed into a growing space over the next few months. There lots of opportunities for pupils to get in-

Pop Idol Win

One of our extremely talented yr.9 pupils Alice Irving won the secondary school's Pop Idol Competition this week. Alice chose to sing Never Enough from The Greatest Showman, which showcased her fabulous voice. A veteran of the competition she won the primary round whilst in yr.6.

Inspiring Future Engineers A group of year 9 pupils accepted the challenge to build a trebuchet as part of an engineering enrichment morning from EDT (the Engineering Development Trust) Their creativity was put to the test with the tricky build but the results showed we have a group of pupils who have the creativity and problem solving skills to make excellent future engineers. EDT will be working with an after school group over the summer and autumn term to provide more challenges and opportunities to find out about this diverse career sector.

