

Summerhill School

MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. Once again it has been a very busy half term!

Year 11 have made a fantastic start to their GCSEs. It is such a challenging time for them with so many exams. What is wonderful to see is how they have embraced the challenge and we are seeing over 160 students attending breakfast revision sessions each day, which is testament to their dedication. As they move into the second half of the season after half term they will get to have their ever entertaining Leaver's Assembly and the special Prom Evening. I truly hope they obtain the results that their hard work and endeavour deserves in the summer results.

On Tuesday 7th May, we received the phone call from Ofsted, saying that they would be visiting for the next two days. The school did exactly what it does everyday, providing the students with a calm, safe and purposeful environment to learn and excel. We were confident in knowing where the school is and where we want to take it to. The inspection team were exceptionally complimentary in regard to all aspects of the school. As shared via Arbor, some of the stand out points were.....

- 'Your students' conduct is a pleasure to see. They have the upmost respect for the school'. (Inspectors saw impeccable behaviour, with no incidents of even low-level disruption).
- 'Teachers teach to enrich the lives of your students, not just to pass an exam'
- 'Your staff have such a family feel and a passion for the school. You feel it wherever you are. There are no divides'
- 'Your students speak so highly of your staff. Relationships both ways are so strong. You live CARE'

Although the draft report has been received by school, at the time of writing this newsletter, no official publication has been received. However, I would like to share just one line with you from the report that sums Summerhill up perfectly.....

'Community and togetherness are at the heart of this wonderful school'

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone involved. Our students are always the jewel in the crown. Our staff were and are amazing day in day out, not just in teaching but the support they provide our students. Thank you to governors who hold the school and leaders to account in driving standards. Finally, a massive thank you to everyone in our community. The parent view was overwhelmingly positive from a very large response.

This half term has also provided many opportunities to celebrate the amazing achievements of our students. From competing in World Dance Competitions in Belgium and the USA, to having songs published, flying aeroplanes, wonderful acts of kindness for charity and much, much more. We also continued to develop our relationship with Eton College through the Star Partnership, visiting the prestigious school and also welcoming families from Eton to Summerhill. We currently have 80 students in Canada creating memories that will last a lifetime. Developing the cultural capital of our students is something we will continue to put huge emphasis on.

Year 6.5 are now getting closer and closer to joining the Summerhill family. We continue to work closely with our Primary Schools in collecting all information to ensure there is a smooth transition from primary. The exciting days of finding out House groups will be upon us soon. We look forward to welcoming all of our Year 6.5 students and families to Summerhill throughout the transition days.

I cannot believe that when we return, we will be in the last half term of the year! There will be lots going on and the House Championships will build up to the final results....can Ursa do it for the 1st time? I hope you have a lovely half term break, and we all look forward to seeing you again soon. Enjoy your time with friends and family and be happy.

Kind regards
Mr Harris

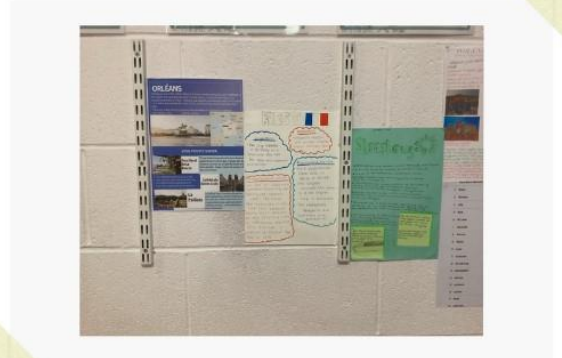


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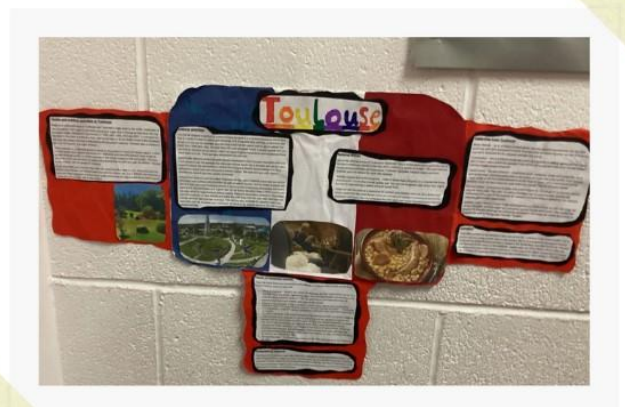
We have some superstars who have won Gold and Silver certificates in the junior UK Mathematics competition.



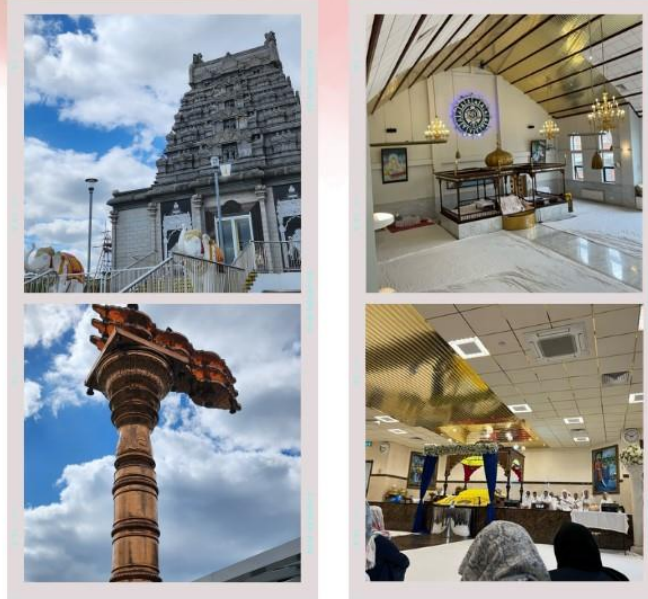
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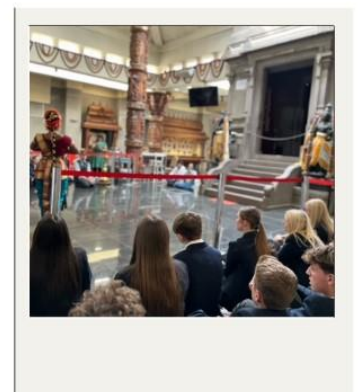
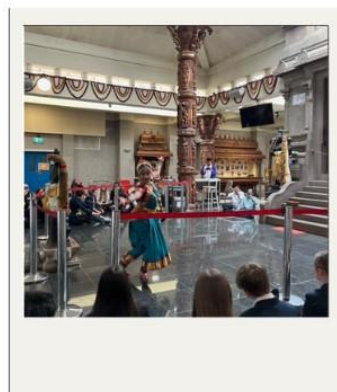
Miss Milcent has shared some lovely cultural posters on different French cities. They got very creative and they look brilliant!



PLACES OF WORSHIP TRIP



Year 10 and Year 9 students had their turns to visit the places of worship this term. Students found the trip interesting and learnt more about the different places of worship in our local area.



DARTS CLUB



Our KS3 and KS4 darts teams recently participated in a fixture at Kindswinford, showcasing their skills and dedication to the sport. Despite facing tough competition and the challenge of playing on the home turf of our opponents, our teams fought valiantly.



While the outcome didn't swing in our favor this time, the effort and determination displayed by our lads were nothing short of commendable. Each player demonstrated sportsmanship and resilience throughout the fixture, representing our school with pride.

We applaud the commitment of our darts teams and look forward to their continued growth and success in future fixtures.



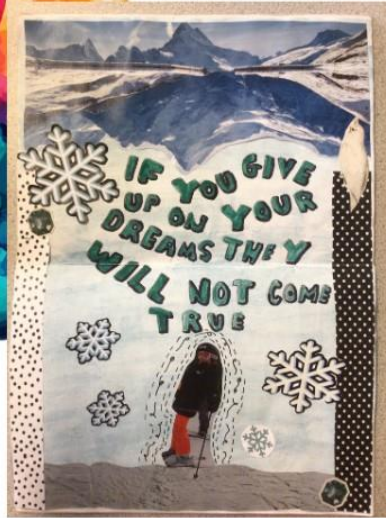
Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding performance, with a special mention to Lucas 'The Thunder' who beat his opponent.

ART

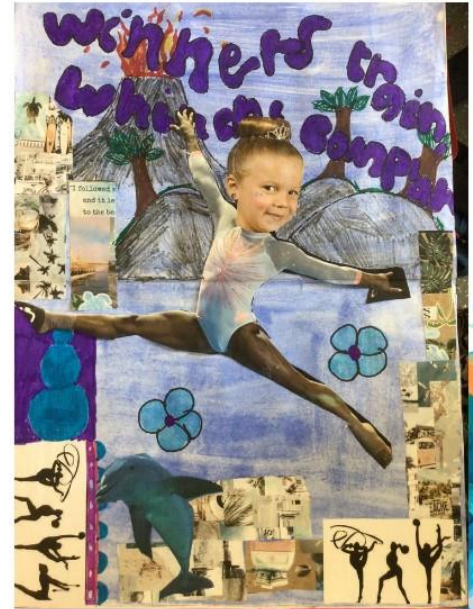


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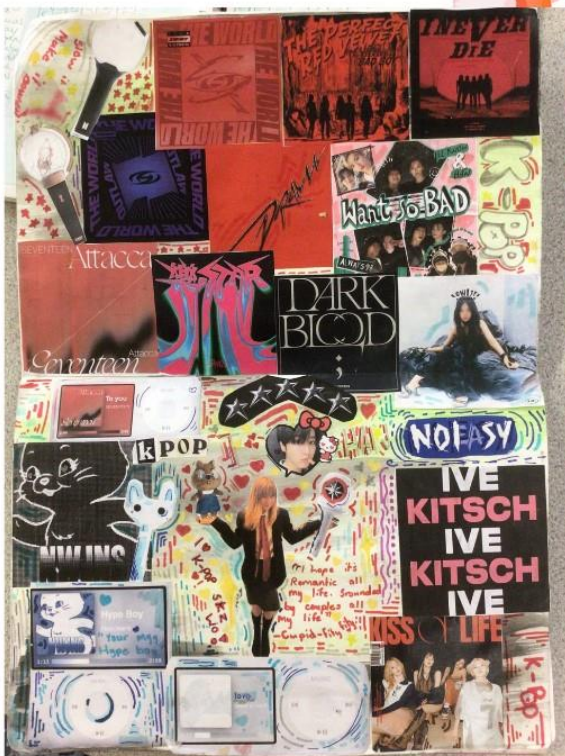
ESME GRIFFITHS

SHANJVI SINGH



Mrs O'Dea has shared some amazing work from our Year 7s

They did some Art based on Teesha Moore We love the quirky work they have produced.



LOLA TAYLOR

JEWELLERY CLUB

Jewellery club have been making - they have been experimenting with copper clay to create intricate shapes and then formed their own designs out of copper and brass, too.



PE



YEAR 9 SUMMERHILL ATHLETICS TEAM
A massive congratulations to the boys who finished in 1st place



GIRLS FOOTBALL KICKABOUT
Over a 100 girls participated throughout the day in the girls football kickabout.
Well done to all who took part!

PATHWAYS



Some of our Year 8 and Year 9 students who have achieved their Bronze Medallion. The Bronze Medallion is the highest award that can be achieved through the National Lifesaving Academy. To achieve the award, students were assessed on a variety of Lifesaving and rescue skills both on land and in the pool including First Aid and CPR. A wonderful award to achieve. Congratulations all and special thanks to @SummerhillPathways for their fantastic work.



Tickets
£7.50

Friends of Summerhill School



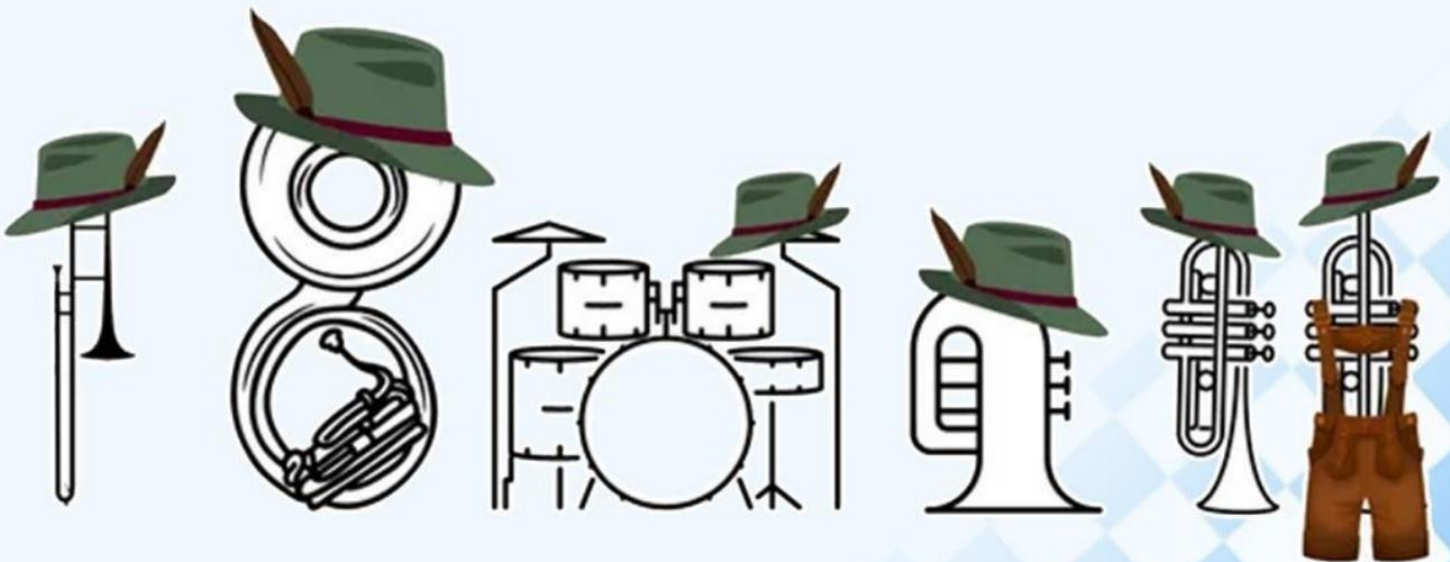
Bierkeller Schunklers
Dompah Show Band



28th June 2024

Doors open 7:15pm

Fun for all the family!



For more information and to book tickets scan the
QR code or visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/58613>

Tickets cost £7.50 - Fancy dress optional.

Hot food, snacks, beer, wine & non-alcoholic drinks
available to purchase.

All purchases on the night will be CASH ONLY!

Learn to play play



with with

dpa
dudley performing arts

Young people can now enrol for discounted music lessons with Dudley Performing Arts.

Lessons take place in school delivered by the biggest provider of music tuition in our area.

Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to enrol.

Alternatively, visit www.dudley.gov.uk and search 'lessons in schools' or phone 01384 813865.



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ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

DPA - Music lessons with Dudley Performing Arts

We are working with Dudley Performing Arts (DPA) to provide music lessons in school and now is the time to start! The team at DPA have decades of experience and are the biggest provider of music education in our area. Students can start for as little as £8.50 a session and if you would like your child to start simply click on the link below to find out how it works.

Learning a musical instrument is a great thing for young people to do. It can help in all sorts of ways and research suggests that it can help children develop academically and socially. Lessons take place in school making it easy to fit in around your busy family lives and we hope that you will take up this amazing offer.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-for-parents-and-young-people/music-lessons-in-schools/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 3rd June	Students Return to School
Thursday 6th/Friday 7th & Thursday 13th June	Year 9 Exams
Thursday 6th June	Year 7 Progress Evening
Thursday 13th & Friday 14th June	School Production of Grease
Monday 17th - Thursday 27th June	Year 10 Exams
Tuesday 18th June	Vaccine Catch Up
Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June	Year 8 Trip to Bletchley Park
Friday 21st June	Year 11 Prom
Friday 28th June	Inset Day - School Closed to Students
Wednesday 3rd July	MLF trip to Coventry
Friday 5th July	Sports Day
Monday 8th - Friday 12th July	Year 7 PGL
Tuesday 16th July	Success Awards Evening
Thursday 18th July	House Championship Day
Friday 19th July	Term Ends - Students finish at 12:55

notice



Miss Raven - If having a spring clear out and you stumble upon any unwanted bedsheets, curtains, pieces of fabric, haberdashery items (half-used will also be accepted), threads, beads, sequins or wool, our Textiles department would gladly take these to put towards all the new and exciting projects taking place within the department

Mr Harrold has asked for donations of hardwood timber offcuts. if you have anything please email info@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk

