



Summerhill School Newsletter

October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. It has been a long, busy half term, but again one with great successes and we thank you for all your support.

The Government website to compare schools has released data and results from all schools across the UK recently. We were very proud of the report, placing us in the top 10-15% of schools nationally for many of our outcomes. We are particularly proud of the students of Class 2023, as they were one of the years most affected by the pandemic, whilst also having the challenge of gradings reverting back to pre-pandemic levels. A massive well done to those students and we wish them an amazing future after Summerhill.

If you wish to view this information you can find it via.

www.compare-schoolperformance.service.gov.uk/school/103854

Summerhill is so much more than just its outcomes. It has been great to see so many students getting out on trips to increase their cultural capital. Trips to Carden Mill Valley, Stratford-upon-Avon, Leicester Space Museum, Belgrade Theatre, Malvern Theatre and Regal Vintage Cinema are just some of the opportunities taken by our students.

We have also made great progress with our Combined Cadet Force, linking with a regiment in Kidderminster to help set up CCF Summerhill. It was wonderful to see our students out on parade this week for the first time. We are also in the final processes of setting up a link with Eton College, London, to work with them on their EtonX Project. This will allow our students to work with and alongside Eton students and have visits to Eton College, one of the most reputable schools in the world. We also have two Year 11 students who have had applications accepted to Eton Sixth Form and are now at the interview stage to receive a full scholarship to study at Eton. There were over 150 applicants for this Orwell Award and to have two Summerhill students through to the final stages is fantastic. We all wish them the very best in the interview process.

It was an incredible evening late September when we held our Open Evening for prospective families. With over 1200 visitors attending and over 500 students helping as guides or ambassadors it was a fantastic evening, with the school bursting at the seams. We look forward to meeting our new students and families in the near future.

I hope you have a lovely half term break doing the best things in life, spending quality time with friends, family and enjoying the rest. Have a lovely break and we all look forward to seeing you again after the holiday.

Kind regards
Mr Harris



AUTHOR VISIT

On the 5th October, two published children's authors returned to Summerhill- the school they both attended- to meet with Year Seven students, discuss their lives as writers and even meet up with their original English teacher.

Lis Jardine, author of 'The Detention Detectives' and Carolyn Ward, author of 'Bella Bright and the Ghost Game' began their literary adventures as students at Summerhill, which they attended from 1993-1997. A lifelong friendship was formed and as adults both have become successful children's authors.



As part of its ongoing promotion of its reading culture, Summerhill gave every new student a free copy of 'The Detention Detectives' to read over the Summer and invited both authors into school to meet students.

A wonderful morning of stories, reminiscences, great questions, insight and inspiration ensued. Mr Morgan said, "The opportunity for students to meet ex-students who have gone on to produce these great books was just too good to be missed. Year 7 found the visit really inspiring and many are already considering how they could pursue their own dreams to be writers"

One of the day's highlights was the surprise appearance of Lis and Carolyn's English teacher from their time at Summerhill. Peggy West, now retired, returned to Summerhill to help

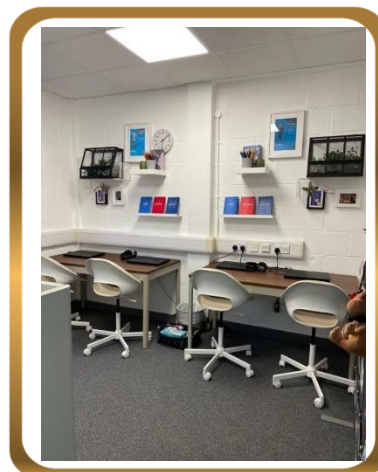
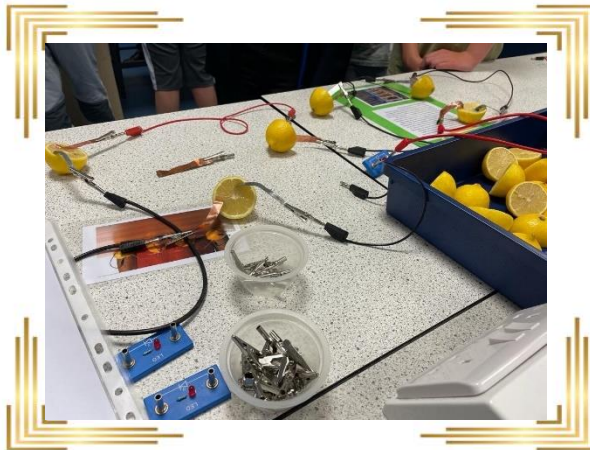
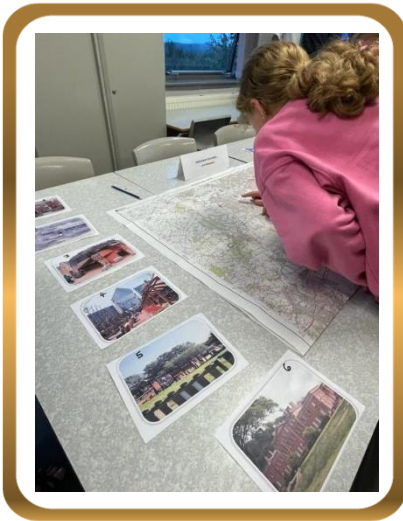
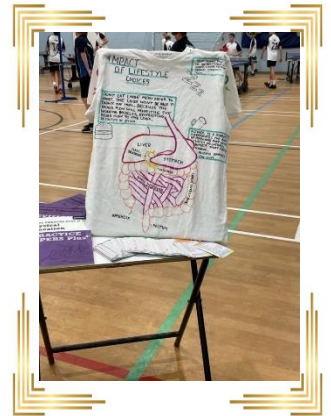


celebrate and share her pride in the success of the two ex-students. She was joined in her fond reminiscence by messages from two other teachers who played a role in nurturing their talents- Christine Jones and Dave Hasdell. Christine described how they were, 'Two of the brightest students in the class' and recalled how they had written a successful school newspaper.



Open Evening

In September, Summerhill held a very successful open evening. We were joined by many families who are interested in joining Summerhill. The evening was a great success, showcasing how amazing our students and school are.



Summerhill School presents



The After Hours Library

a celebration of reading, books
and the Horror genre

Join us on Friday 10th November between 6pm and 8pm
for an evening with the readers of chilling tales,
the authors of gothic suspense and lovers of scary literature.

Community book swap- books for parents too!

Come and have a chat to us about books- find a new favourite story!

Go to: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CUCY>

to secure your place

Free Entry

PE

Y11 GCSE PE students have been working hard on their Personal Exercise Programmes.



Student led extra-curricular synchronised swimming session. The coach is our expert synchro swimmer Millie.



From left to right we have Rosa, Isabelle, Libby, Millie and Lucy

Our Year 8 and Year 9 students making an impact in the 2023/2024 Netball season. Amazing work girls!

Left to right

Amelia, Freya, Jess, Martha, Eva, Scarlett, Emma, Esmee, Ruby, Lottie, Francesca, Mia, Evie, Niamh, Eva.



DANCE



Student leaders teaching a piece of choreography in Dance club.



Yr11 busting a move in their disco (PE) lessons.

GEOGRAPHY

Dylan & Alfie



YEAR 9

Geography Fieldwork

It's an essential part of Geography to collect data that can be used as evidence in an enquiry. This term Year 9 visited Stratford to examine the impacts of tourism on the town. Year 11 visited the stream at Carding Mill Valley to monitor changes in its long profile.

Lewis



YEAR 11

MUSIC



We have our first Year 7 band! We have Eli on drums, Sophie on guitar, Scarlett on bass, Summer playing keyboard and Emilia singing.



Amazing work!

MFL

Thank you to all students who showed their support for European Day of Languages by wearing t-shirts with a foreign language and International football shirts

Year 7 and 8 submitted their Entries for the European Day of Languages Quiz Here are the winners Emily Vout, Francesca Morgan and Rueben Mountford.

Year 8 shared with Mrs Bennett how languages and foreign experiences have an impact in their lives many sharing their parents and Grandparents experiences of Serving in the Armed Forces abroad in Germany, Cyprus and bringing home traditions, expressions and some national dishes.

Many have Welsh family and have family group chats with bits and pieces of Welsh in, across the whole of the Summerhill school Staff and students they're are many languages spoken in their families on a day to day basis German, French, Spanish, Urdu, Panjabi, Kurdish, Farsi, Pashto, Arabic, Tamil, Welsh



From left to right - Jorge, Tayla, Eli, Harrison & Caden



Rory (Year 10) loves all things Spanish and has made Hamburguesa con Chorizo y Machecho Papas Bravas y Ensalada verde ¡Qué delicioso!

DRAMA

The Year 10 and Year 11 Drama GCSE classes had the opportunity to go to the Belgrade Theatre to watch 'Dracula - Mina's Reckoning'. They then had the pleasure of meeting Dracula after the production. A great experience, even if they did jump out of their seats a number of times!



Drama Club group of 2024 - A crazy bunch of students from across Year 7, 8 and 9. They have been lucky to have 3 lovely Year 11 students leading some of the sessions! Come along and join them for some fun and creative collaborations!

FILM STUDIES

Year 11 Film Studies students experienced the thrill of the silver screen last half term when they visited the Regal Cinema in Tenbury Wells. The Regal is a beautiful, preserved, 1930s cinema with impressive and extensive murals and a wonderfully traditional aesthetic. It was fitting that students watched a screening of 1950s sci-fi classic 'Invasion of the Body Snatchers' - a key text from the course.



JEWELLERY CLUB

Jewellery club have been busy making a multitude of bracelets this term with the new Year 7s and the long-standing Years 8 and 9 jewellery club members. With the help from Mrs Dhami, they've also started to make rings by twisting and joining copper wire. Watch this space to see the finished outcomes.





CCF



COMBINED CADET FORCE

Our first cohort of Cadets have officially begun their CCF journey at Baxter College!

Learning Army ranks, team building skills and drill. This is such an amazing opportunity for our students and are doing Summerhill very proud



YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE

Y11 revision is well-under way and they are busy preparing for their upcoming mocks. Students have been given the timetable and the newest version is always available on SatchelOne.

| Day | Before School 8.00-8.30am | Lunchtime | After School 3.00-4.00pm |
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| Monday | | Spanish – UJK, Lg6 | Design & Technology – OJD Dt1 Food Prep & Nutrition – PSC It2 Physics – OAL Sc2 Business Studies – PRE Bus Construction – OPH Dt1 Health & Social – DSN GT |
| Tuesday | Business Studies – PRE, Bus | Business Studies – PRE, Bus Biology –OJW, SC8 | Maths – UOD, Ma6 Computer Science –UMG, It3 French – PSH, Lg3 Maths - DAM, Ma4 Dance – DGR, HALL Maths - DJR Ma2 RS – UKR, Hu5 English – Targeted focus & different staff each week – see teacher for details |
| Wednesday | Music –OKF, Mu1 | | Maths –OCI Ma5 Maths- UJM Ma3 PE Theory – OSB/PJR. It2 French – PSH, Lg3 Art – DEF, Ar1 Business Studies – PRE, Bus Spanish – UDB, Lg2 |
| Thursday | | | |
| Friday | Geography – DDH, Hu1 (Start date to be announced) | | Dance Practical - DGR Chemistry – PMQ. Sc6 History – PHS, Hu6 |

English Revision Schedule

Tuesday 26th September

Lit- ACC AO1 (including plot) - DCF, En4

Lang Paper 2 - Q1 and Q3 - UCB, En1

Tuesday 3rd October

Lit - ACC – AO2 - PCE, En2

Lang Paper 2 – Q2 - ONS, En6

Tuesday 10th October

Lit ACC – AO3 – UCB, En1

Lang Paper 2 - Q4 PCE, En2

Tuesday 17th October

Lit Poetry - Mother, Any Distance - ONS, En6

Lang Paper 2 - Planning, Mark-scheme, Language DCF, En4

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Every day there are clubs available for our students to take part in. They do not need to pre-register and there is no cost to any of them. They simply need to turn up and have fun!

| DAY | LUNCHTIME | AFTER SCHOOL 3.10-4.00PM |
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| MONDAY | DARTS – DT1 CULTURETHÈQUE – LG2 CHESS CLUB – SC6 | DRAMA – DRAMA STUDIO ART – ART1 Y11 BAND – MUSIC1 NETBALL (YR7-9) – PE GYM CLUB (Y10-11) - PE |
| TUESDAY | DARTS – DT1 | YR7 BAND – MUSIC1 SWIMMING (YR11) – PE BADMINGTON – PE DANCE (YR7-9) - HALL |
| WEDNESDAY | DARTS – DT1 | CHOIR – MUSIC1 GCSE PE INTERVENTION – PE GIRLS FOOTBALL SWIMMING (Yr7-8) – PE |
| THURSDAY | DARTS – DT1 LGBTQIA+ - ENG6 YR8 BAND – MUSIC1 | MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB – OFFSITE NETBALL (YR10-11) - PE |
| FRIDAY | DARTS – DT1 JEWELLERY – DT3 | |



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Monday 6 th – Friday 17 th November | Year 11 Mock Exams |
| Tuesday 10 th November (6-8pm) | Library Event |
| Thursday 9 th November | Flu Vaccine Catch Up |
| Friday 24 th November | Inset Day (school closed to students) |
| Saturday 2 nd December | FoS Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th December | Book Fair |
| Tuesday 5 th December | Year 11 Mock Results |
| Thursday 7 th & Tuesday 12 th December | Year 11 Progress Evenings |
| Monday 11 th December | Food Bank Appeal |
| Thursday 14 th December | Christmas Cracker |
| Friday 22 nd December | Term End – Students finish at 12:55 |

NUT FREE

**REMINDER
WE ARE A NUT FREE
SCHOOL. WE
THEREFORE ASK YOU
DO NOT BRING ANY
FOOD CONTAINING
NUTS INTO SCHOOL.**

**LOST PROPERTY
WE ALREADY HAVE A
COLLECTION OF LOST
PROPERTY.
IF YOUR CHILD HAS
LOST ANYTHING
PLEASE ASK THEM TO
POP TO
THE FIRST AID ROOM
AND HAVE A LOOK
THROUGH THE LOST
PROPERTY.**

We wish all the Summerhill Community a safe and enjoyable half term.