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N E W S L E T T E R

JUNE 2011

Headteacher's Hello

It has been a very busy term with many public examinations and a number of other events taking place. Students in Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 have worked extremely hard and I would like to congratulate students and also thank all the staff for their commitment and hard work leading up to the exams. I would also like to thank all the invigilators, ably led by Mrs Harvey, Examinations Officer and her assistant, Mrs Jones who have made sure that the exams have run smoothly.

Many of you will have been to the Art Exhibition which took place on 17th June. The standard of work displayed was again outstanding and congratulations should go to all the students and the Art Staff, Mrs Reid, Mrs Giles, Miss Brenton and Mrs Taylor.

The Summer Concert on Wednesday evening was superb with a wide range of musical performances. It was encouraging to see so many younger students taking part. Next week we look forward to the lower school production of 'High School Musical' (all tickets nearly sold out).

There have been many sporting triumphs again this year and in this edition of Homelink you can read more about these. These are outstanding results and my thanks go to Mr Birkett and members of staff in the PE Faculty.

Finally I would like to thank the Parents' Association for all their hard work and support throughout the year, all parents who have contributed to the Anchor Fund and all staff and governors for their outstanding work this year.

I wish you all a happy and restful summer break.

Josephine Valentine

Headteacher

Goodbyes

We say 'goodbye' to the following staff who will be leaving at the end of this term to pursue teaching careers elsewhere:

Miss Hutchinson, Miss Perugini, Miss Seabourne, Mr Bilton, Mr Pink, Miss Kleiner, Mr Anderson, Miss Mitchell, Miss Hobden, Miss O'Dell and Miss Kearons. In addition we say goodbye to Mrs Kirtley (Curriculum Admin) and Mrs A Jones (Exams Admin).

We wish all staff leaving this term the very best for the future and thank them all for their hard work and commitment whilst at St Clement Danes School.

Josephine Valentine

Headteacher

PA Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PA second hand uniform sale will take place between 10.00am and 12.00pm on Saturday 2nd July in the foyer of the Barbirolli Hall. Any donations of unwanted uniform or sports kit, which are in a good condition, would be much appreciated. Donations can be handed to Student Reception.



ST CLEMENT DANES
SCHOOL PRESENTS
A LOWER SCHOOL
PRODUCTION

4TH - 6TH JULY
AT 7PM
IN THE DRAMA HALL

Academy Status

The Governors are delighted to announce that St Clement Danes School is now an Academy.

Mindful of our heritage and traditions the Academy Trust consists of representatives from the Holburn Estate Charity: Mr Mark Sabin, St Clement Danes Charitable Foundation, Linda Clarkson MBE and Mr Ray Beaglehole, the Headteacher, Dr Valentine, Chair of Governors, Mrs Rosemary Hadfield and Lead Governor, Finance, Mr Michael Bruce.

The Academy Trust's role is to hold in trust the land and buildings. The Governing Body's constitution is as before and its role and responsibilities are unchanged as we have moved to become an Academy.

The Governors would like to congratulate all staff, but in particular Mrs Anne Pickford, School Business Manager, who have helped to achieve Academy Status in what has been a complex and time-consuming exercise.

The Governors look forward to an exciting new chapter in the school's history.

Mrs R Hadfield

Chair of Governors

Junior Maths Challenge

Students from years 7 and 8 sat the Junior Maths Challenge in May. Nationally, the top 6% receive a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze. St Clement Danes students did very well once again:

Gold and best in school: Ellen Marandola

Gold: Matthew Wagemaker, Maria Ledezma Viso, Joseph Freedman, Ellen Jennings, Ashley Webb Strong, Jack Chater, Alissa Bamford, Kimberley Ertl, Benjamin Peppin, Daniel Gawne, Eleanor Vines, Chris Farman

Silver: Alex Smith, Thomas Cronnelly, Harry Sharland, Aliyah Karachiwalla, Valentina Gelsomino, Archie Thomas, James Hicks, Ross Taylor, Samuel Nelmes, Matt Sandys, India Barrett, Rachel Wallace, Thea Hatfield, Charles Blake, Charlotte Edwards, Andrew Grassick

Bronze: Imogen Flamank, James Lockyear, Daniel Muggleston, Nina Turnbull, Asa Freeman, Harry Warren, Kiyara Singh, Charlie Cumming, Alex Wells, David Savin, Enia Phocas, Henry Arkill, Camilla Allibone, Henry Gibbor, Shayaan Khan, Aidan Patrick, Thomas West, Aemelia Heilling, Joshua Ghariel, Thomas Luther, Edward Rogers, Samuel Neier, Alice Bungard.

Congratulations to everyone and especially to Ellen Marandola (8T), who qualified for the Junior Mathematical Olympiad. This places her in the top 1200 students in the country for Maths (Years 7-8).

Mrs G Vulpe

Maths Faculty

School Lockers

Students will need to empty contents and remove padlocks from their lockers by Friday 8th July. After this date lockers will be cleared and all property will be brought to student reception. Students will have a different locker in September.

Last year we were left with a considerable amount of lost property so please remind your child to empty their locker by Friday 8th July. Any unclaimed lost property will be disposed of by Friday 15th July.

Mrs L Walsh

Student Services Manager

ART SHOW 2011



From top left: Zoe Zehetmayr (13MAR), Megan Danskine (12TUR), Louisa Taylor (12BAM), Olivia Bilson (13COL), Christine Swain (11D), Hayley Kershaw (11T), Charlie Hope (13COL), Naomi King (12FIT), Emily Putman (12DOW).

ART SHOW 2011

This year's annual art show was viewed by the Governors, Dr Valentine and the Senior Leadership Team and the school caretakers. Each member was invited to choose their favourite art work.

Their selections are as follows:

Dr Valentine's two favourite choices:

Yr 11 Greg Chappell - entitled 'French harbour' and yr 11 Isabella Hill (chosen for concept, interest and execution) and yr 13 Olivia Bilson's portraits.

Mr Butler's favourite choice:

Yr 11 Hazel Farman -Wellington boots collection entitled 'The city walk across the country' and yr 12 Naomi King -entitled 'Making beauty'.

Mrs Pullen's favourite choice

Yr 13 Georgia Bailey mosaic.

Mr Thompson's favourite choice:

Yr 11 Eleanor Dolan - entitled 'Sanctuary in a place of peace, beauty and tranquility'.

Mr Hampson's favourite choice:

Yr 11 Hazel Farman -Wellington boots collection entitled 'The city walk across the country' and yr 13 Photography Samuel Clifford entitled 'Fashion advertising 1990's'.

Dr Johnson's favourite choice:

Yr 11 Eleanor Dolan - entitled 'Similarities and differences in African culture'.

Mr Mark's favourite choice:

Yr 11 Hazel Farman -Wellington boots collection entitled 'The city walk across the country'

Mrs Hadfield (Chair of Governors') favourite choice:

Yr 13 Photography - Ella Foulger and Yr 11 Hazel Farman -Wellington boots collection entitled 'The city walk across the country'.

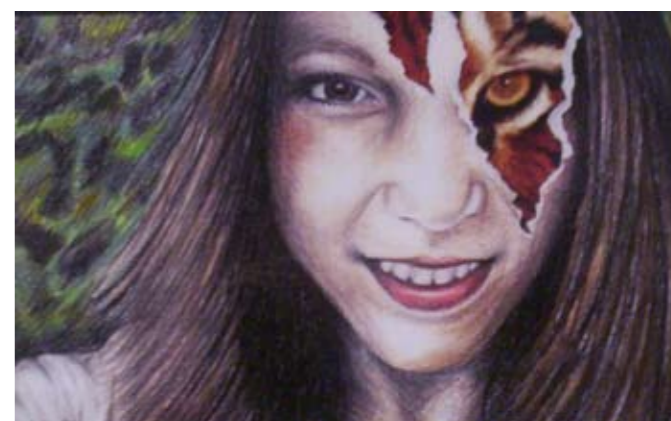
Dr Valentine and Mrs Hadfield complimented the Art students, stating 'Absolutely stunning show, very hard to choose'.

The Caretakers also chose their favourites artworks, **Richard chose;** Yr 11 Hazel Farman -Wellington boots collection entitled 'The city walk across the country' and **Nick chose;** Yr 11 Eleanor Dolan - entitled 'Sanctuary in a place of peace, beauty and tranquility'.

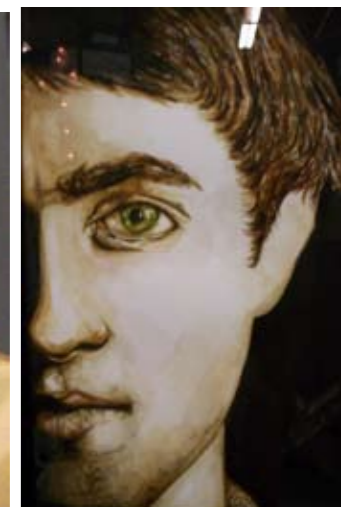
Mrs D Reid

Head of Art and Photography

We received many congratulations and compliments on this year's show which displayed an even larger amount of photography. Both GCSE and A level examiners were highly impressed with the high level of quality. Thank you to all those who have helped to assemble such a wonderful display of talent. IT support, Tom and Tom, also Graham Griffiths, and the creative art team Mrs Reid, Mrs Giles, Mrs Brenton and Mrs Taylor. Well done to the staff and students.



From top right going down the page: Louisa Taylor (12BAM), Eleanor Dolan (11S), Greg Chappell (11C), Hazel Farman (11C), Naomi King (12FIT), Olivia Bilson (13COL)



Exam Results

GCE A2 Level - 18 August 9.00 am Sixth Form block

GCE AS Level - 18 August 11.45am Sixth Form block

GCSE - 25 August 9.30am Sixth Form block

Year 10 GCSE - module results will be issued in September.

Any results not collected on the relevant day will be posted to your home address. If you wish to nominate an alternative person to collect results on your behalf, please write or email the Exams office by 18 July.

scdexams164@stclementdanes.herts.sch.uk

No results will be issued by email, fax or telephone .

Mrs D Harvey

Exams Officer

Your Future Fair

Wednesday 19th October 2011. Please make a date in your diary to visit an exciting careers fair taking place at Watford Football Club on Wednesday 19th October between 6.30pm and 9pm. This event is open to Years 9 - 13 and their parents.

Year 10 - Work Experience

All Year 10 students will be taking part in Work Experience from 11th-15th July. It is essential that they complete all sections of the Work Experience diary during their placement. These will need to be returned to school on Monday 18th July without fail.

Year 8 - Work Shadowing

All Year 8 students will be involved in Work Shadowing on Thursday 21st July. They will all be expected to give a 3-5 minute presentation to their tutor group based on their shadowing experience on the morning of Friday 22nd July. Also, everyone must hand in their completed booklet at this time. Many thanks to Emily Church 8D for producing such a wonderful cover design this year.

European Work Experience

We are very pleased to welcome a group of Spanish students who will be taking part in Work Experience from 21st-24th June. A party of French students will also be involved from 4th-8th July.

Business Mentoring

A big thank you to all of our Year 11 mentees for their enthusiasm this year. Also, my gratitude to our fantastic team of Business Mentors for their commitment and dedication throughout 2010/11.

Activities Week (20 - 22 July 2011)

Please note the schedule for the final three days of the Summer Term indicated below. A significant amount of planning has gone into ensuring the alternative curriculum provided is stimulating for the students and enhances their routine learning.

Specific details of individual events have already been communicated to the relevant students by staff responsible for those activities and any specific clarification needs to be directed to the appropriate staff.

Summary

Year 7 - The Thinking Skills event was first delivered in 2008 and enhances the student's personal thinking and learning skills. It is a combination of problem solving activities both in the classroom and on the sports field.

Year 8 - Thorpe Park is an outing for the students. Work Shadowing is an initial experience of the world of work that fits with previous study completed during the year in careers education.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Yes the Drama Department is busy again! After the success of this year's whole school production of Macbeth and High school Musical just around the corner the department is set to take a devised piece of theatre to this year Edinburgh Festival Fringe. At the beginning of the year the department had created the 'Drama Extension Class'. This class was primarily set up to give students the opportunity to work with writers, directors and actors, in the industry, and learn new skills that otherwise could not be taught in the classroom. Towards the end of May some of the drama extension class then went on to form 'New Moves Theatre Company' who are due to perform 'A Grimm Tale' at this years Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The company will be performing at 'The Bongo Club' on the 8th - 12th August at 2.30pm everyday. Rehearsals are well under way and we hope that if you are at the Festival this year you could join us. Not only will we be performing at the theatre but we are due to perform in the street on the Royal Mile. Students are looking forward to learning the high demands of a professional theatre company but also experiencing one of the biggest drama festivals in the world. Yet another first for St Clement Danes! We hope you can join us. Auditions for next years Extension Class will take place in early September.

Mr A Lavery

Head of Drama

Building1Zone

Summer Construction Courses - August 2011

Choose from a 2, 3 or 5 day course at Building1Zone to utilise your summer holiday constructively, whilst learning genuine skills. Take full advantage of a well equipped unit which has been fully designed to accommodate all of the associated trades for these multi-skilled courses. B1Z has been fully accredited by Hertfordshire County Council for Health & Safety.

2 Day Course - £100 – Monday-Tuesday (Decorating/Tiling)

3 Day Course - £125 – Monday to Wednesday (Decorating/Tiling/Plastering)

5 Day Course - £150 – Monday to Friday (Decorating/Tiling/Plastering/Plumbing/Bricklaying)

Time: 9.30am – 2pm. **Level:** Beginner. **Dates:** 1st-5th August, 8th-12th August, 15th-19th August, 30th August – 2nd Sept

Location: Building1Zone, Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7PU.

Be part of the Building1Zone success and get one step ahead. Discounts available for students who wish to attend with parents or guardians. For information about these courses please contact info@building1zone.co.uk

Year 9 - The Oceans Project has been running during the term and combines different faculties in student learning. The focus during the final few days of term draws this work together and links school based study with activities outside of the class room.

Year 10 - On Wednesday the students will combine a Work Experience debrief with study related to the Personal Development course. The Thursday and Friday 'Study Days' are to enable selected students to complete outstanding GCSE work that contributes to their KS 4 qualifications. This will be completed in English and Modern Foreign Languages. All students are required for Thursday. Individuals will be informed about Friday.

Year 12 - The programme enables students to gain experience preparing for and going through a job / university application and interview process.

Mr C Marks

Activities Week Coordinator

DAY / TIME		YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 12
		Mrs C Rigby	Mr G Dubuis & Mrs C Payne	Miss Beedell & Miss Plummer	Mrs C Payne & Mrs A Pickard	Mr M Garvey
WED 20 JULY	All Day	Thinking Skills	Thorpe Park	Oceans Project	Work Experience Debrief Personal Development	Interview Forum
THU 21 JULY	All Day	Thinking Skills	Work Shadowing	Oceans Project	Study Day	Interview Forum
FRI 22 JULY	am pm	Drama Competition Home	Work Shadowing Debrief Home	Oceans Project Home	Study Day Home	Home Home

Sports Update - Summer Term 2011

School Sports Partnership Awards

The Three Rivers & Watford School Sports Partnership Awards evening took place on Monday 27th June and St Clement Danes won a number of prizes which were awarded by Gail Emms.

Young Sportsmanship Award - This was presented by Claire Mallett and Jake Entwistle, Gold Young Ambassadors for St Clement Danes.

Key Stage 3-5 Team of the Year: 1st. u15 Boys Trampoline Squad.

Coach of the Year: 1st - Vince Savin, Basketball Coach.

Young Leader of the Year

Key Stage 3:- 2nd. Will Weston, outstanding captain of Year 9 rugby team.

Key Stage 4: 3rd. Tom Wilson, supported Gifted and Talented pupils and established a goal keeping club.

Key Stage 5: 3rd. Jodi Cleveland, assisting the school gym club.

Key Stages 3-5 Outstanding Achievement Award - Nominated. Callum Woodcock, has been a huge influence in basketball, cricket, football, rugby and athletics.

County Athletics Championships

On Saturday 11th June, approx 25 of our most talented athletes competed in the County Athletics Championships. It was our best turn out at this event for at least 10 years and all students performed with great quality. Particular mention must go to our 2 County Champions:

Tom Conway from year 7 in the u13 Boys 800m

Eleanor Hunt from year 10, in the u17 Girls 3,000m

Eleanor will be competing this weekend, representing Hertfordshire in the English Schools Track & Field Championship Finals in Gateshead. We wish her all the best.

Other notable performances included : Michael Goddard from Year 10, 3rd in 800m, Maria Ledezma Viso from Year 7, 2nd in Long Jump, Asa Freeman from Year 7, 2nd in Discus, Fraser Pegler from Year 9, 2nd in Shot Putt, Aaron Phillips from Year 9, 3rd in Triple Jump, Samantha Davy from Year 10, 3rd in Long Jump and Hannah Wardley from Year 10, 3rd in 1500m. Congratulations to all involved.

County League Athletics

On Monday 27th June our u16 Boys & Girls and u14 Girls teams took part in the County League Athletics Final at Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead.

U14 Girls Athlete of Match was Maria Ledezma-Viso. Athlete of Season Alissa Bamford.

U16 Girls Athlete of Match was Eleanor Hunt. Athlete of Season Hannah Wardley.

U16 Boys Athlete of Match was Michael Goddard, Athlete of Season was Luc Lee/Ben Jury.

On Tuesday 28th June our u14 Boys team took part in the County League Plate Athletics Final, as they just missed out on qualification for the main final on Monday. They did however finish 6th in the plate final.

U14 Boys Athlete of the Match was Tom West. Athlete of the Season was Connor Elliott.

Another fantastic achievement by our students as the only school in the county to have three teams in the County Final.



District Athletics Championships

On Wednesday 29th June, 110 students represented the school at the Watford District Athletics Championships and once again we came out as overall winners as a school. The girls finished tied for first with Habs Girls in Girls competition, boys as usual were second to Habs Boys. Most pleasing were team victories for Year 7 Boys and Girls, Year 8 Girls and Year 10 Boys. Other teams results were Year 8 boys 4th, Year 9 boys 2nd, Year 9 girls 5th, Year 10 Girls 2nd .

Athletes of the match were:

U13 Boys: Jordan Illingworth

U13 Girls: Charlotte Radcliffe

U14 Boys: Connor Elliott

U14 Girls: Victoria Leeman

U15 Boys: Fraser Pegler/ Cameron Murray

U15 Girls: Alexia Roberts

U16 Boys: Chris Strong

U16 Girls: Hannah Wardley

Another fantastic performance by all the students involved. Thanks to a great deal of hard work throughout the summer term.



Boys Sports Round Up

Our Year 8 Aegon County League Tennis team missed out on a place in the County Finals by 1 game last week. The team of Andrew Grassick, Angus Taylor, Will Bryant and Rory Smith , plus Josh Walton for one game, were excellent all year beating Aldenham, Parmiters, Rickmansworth but losing 7-6 to Watford Boys in a Championship tie-break.

The Year 9 cricket team are still on for a league win if they beat Parmiters next week. They have beaten Immanuel + Queens so far and have performed superbly in the County Cup, losing to Parmiters but they had previously beaten St Colombas , by setting a new school record with a score of 190 – 0 in 20 overs , Rob King scoring an outstanding 113 not out.

The year 8 Cricket team also made the County Cup Quarter Finals however they lost in a very tight finish to Habs Boys. They have won both of their league games and need to beat Parmiters + Immanuel to retain their league title won last year.

Girls Round Up

Girls Rounders

Well done to all girls who have attended lunchtime training and participated within the district leagues this summer term. Attendance has been outstanding. Tournaments are now upon us and have got off to a great start. The Year 10 team managed to make it through to the semi-final again this year but were narrowly beaten by half a rounder by Haberdashers. An outstanding display by all girls within the team who thoroughly deserved to go on and win – next year girls! Good luck to all remaining year groups in their forthcoming tournaments.

Girls Tennis

Well done to all age groups for their sheer commitment to the tennis teams this year whether in the district league or the Aegon competition.

Our best results ever:

District League

Year 7 – 1st, Year 8 – 2nd, Year 9 – 1st (and are now through to the county final), Year 10 – 2nd .

Well done to the Year 8 and 10 Aegon teams this year who have displayed some excellent tennis against tough opposition including Berkhamsted Collegiate, Haberdashers and the Royal Masonic School. The Year 10 Aegon team (Jessica Stone, Sarah Whibley, Laura Chesterman and Ellen Bamford) are now through to the semi-finals of this competition to be played next week at Queenswood School. Good luck!

Year 9 Tennis Success

The Year 9 Tennis squad have made county finals in the tennis and are district league winners for the third year running.