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# SALVE!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE ISLAND FREE SCHOOL

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## New Beginnings

As you all know, the pupils of our amazing school have recently moved from the small(ish) building that we all knew and loved, to a more modern home which meets all of Mr Boyd's high standards... and beyond! This wonderful new school is massive, and a lot of us got lost, but in the end we all found our way to at least one of the welcoming classes.

'Brilliant', remarked Mr Boyd, when we asked him of his thoughts of the school, 'Although, the pupils' artistic use of bags everywhere on their first day didn't go down well with the white walls!'. The pupils weren't the only one's who left an artistic impression on the design of the building, the architecture was inspired by the American artist Edward Hopper. At certain angles, glimpses of his painting Office In A Small City are echoed in the clean lines of the building. The new school is also highly environmentally friendly. A heat regulator was installed throughout the building so that when it's too hot, the air conditioning automatically turns on, cooling everyone off. As if that wasn't enough, the lighting automatically dims when it's too bright, and the bulbs are also LED!

By Archie B

### TIFS Step-O-Meter:

Our Salve correspondants were keen to know whether they were still walking as many steps as they were at the old building.

Using their fitbits, they set off on a mission to measure some of the new distances, results opposite.

Netball Courts-Reception: 200 steps  
Science Rooms-Reception: 149 steps  
Dining Hall-Graphics: 117 steps  
Year 7 Office-Year 8 Office: 106 steps  
Year 8 Office-Year 9 Office: 58 steps  
Year 9 Office-Year 10 Office: 41 steps



# WELCOME

Welcome to the fourth year of TIFS and our first year in our fabulous new buildings.

We are beginning to settle in to our new surroundings and pupils seem to be finding their way around without too much difficulty. As always we have a busy half term ahead including Open day, 6th form visits for Year 8 and university visits for Year 10 as well as the usual trips, performances and sports fixtures. I look forward to welcoming parents into school in the near future.

Mr Boyd,  
Headmaster



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## Where's this picture?



We've come up with a new guessing game...Take a look at the picture our fantastic Salve photographers have taken, and try to guess whereabouts in the new building it was taken. All will be revealed in our next issue! **By Alfie S**

# Hike



On Friday 15th of September 2017, our new cohort participated in our annual hike. Each house was dropped off in a different, unknown location with nothing but a map, some food, a teacher (of course), and their aim: to find their way back to the school. Fortunately, everyone made it back, muddy shoes or not, but that was all thanks to their encouraging mentors, and the desire to earn a beautiful Bronze Expedition Badge. The hike was described by some of the successful participants as

'merciless' and 'difficult', but the overall consensus was that everybody enjoyed it. Caesitas, who nearly gave up until they had an inspiring speech from Mr Hooper, were dropped in Blackwater. Flavi, who were given a route that seemed to traverse in a circle, started their hike in Godshill. Viridis began their journey on Brading Down, Rubeum in Chale Green and, last but not least, Rosea, travelled from Yaverland.

By **Archie B**



## Hockey

We've had a very successful sporting month, the girls' hockey matches on Tuesday 3rd October were very successful. Year 8 took part in several matches against Priory and Dorset House. We scored some wonderful goals and won every match played with Dorset House. On Thursday 5th, the under 14 girls played Ryde School and, once again, won! Some very good goals from Emmeline B upped our score and saw us take home bragging rights. Well done and thank you to all who represented our school!  
By **Bianka A**



## Surf Stars

Some of our pupils have been taking part in the Wave Project during weekends.

This has seen many of them learning how to surf.

We will be following their progress and celebrating their successes during each issue of Salve.

Our first Surf Star is Tom T who has graduated from learning how to surf to being a fully fledged volunteer.

Contribution by **Mrs Riches**



The Island Free School is home to the Free Sound Collective, which until September 2017, only contained the current Year 10 pupils, who had chosen to continue learning their musical instrument. From this September, the current Year 9 pupils, who were inspired to continue in the same way, joined them - creating an orchestra of 80; it is possibly one of the largest orchestras in the country. Coordinating this number of instruments is no easy task, but Mrs Riches (Head of Music) can be seen conducting the orchestra with what seems like incredible ease. On a Tuesday, during enrichment, the corridors are filled with the sound of the Orchestra's latest piece of 80's remixes. 'The collective really enjoy playing The Eye of the Tiger by Survivor,' says Mrs Riches. The special thing about our Free Sound Collective is that the music played is tailored for every young musician and their abilities, while pushing those who want to go further. We are all very excited to hear the Free Sound Collective at our Christmas performance.

By **Georgia F**

## Remembrance Poem

Kaitlyn Scriver has been running a creative writing enrichment for year 7 pupils on Friday afternoons with the help of Mrs Williams. The editors of Salve asked them to explore the theme of Remembrance through the medium of poetry. The quality of the poems produced was excellent and we have selected our favourite to share with you below.

### Remembrance Day Poem

Poem by **Ruby B**

Let them lie in the field,  
Let them rest where they died.  
Let them stay in our hearts,  
Let them stay where they lied.  
Remember how they lived,  
Remember them forever.  
Remember how they fought for us,  
Remember how they stood together.

By **Archie B**



## TEACHERS IN THE HOT SEAT

**Mr Hooper**, the newest member of our Maths department.

**What do you wish to have done by the age of 65?**

I wish to have a full head of grey hair, with a matching grey beard; I want to have all my remaining teeth and if I have a grandchild, then I wish to read unaided and without my glasses to them.



**Cats or Dogs?** I prefer dogs but as long as they're not small, I prefer the bigger breeds.

**Which superhero would you be if you could, and what superpower would you have to go along with it?** I would like to be Professor X and I would like to be able to mind read so I can tell if my pupils are bored.

**Are you a morning or evening person?** I am an evening person in the summer time because you get a nice sunset with oranges and reds.

**Are you a lover or hater for marmite?** A lover.

**If you could teach any other subject what would it be?** I would teach Science because I would be able to mix chemicals and make reactions and explosions.

By **Amber W** and **Leah D**

## Origami



Pupils who have been attending the Origami enrichment have been using their newly found skills to create poppies from simple red paper, using a mix of traditional folding techniques. In addition to this, some have also been exploring unconventional cutting methods in order to achieve their aims. They have

been inspired by remembrance and the soldiers who came back from World War One, who would originally have created the poppies one handed, in order to raise funds.

By **Charlotte V**

# NUNTIUS

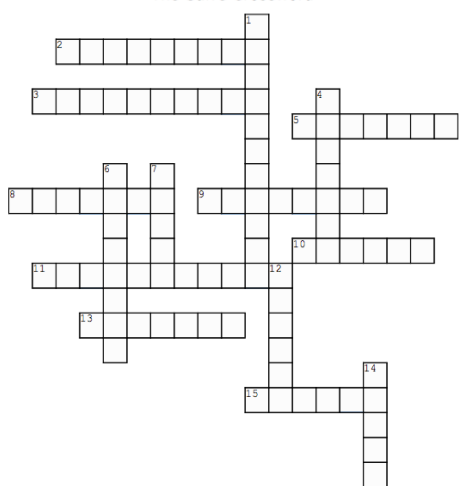
## THE NEWS ROUND-UP

### CROSSWORD

Introducing the new Salve Crossword on the theme of remembrance and our new building.

Solutions will be posted in the next issue. Good Luck!

The Salve Crossword



#### ACROSS

- 3 - Use this room to process photos?
- 6 - Place to reflect?
- 9 - Associated with Remembrance Day?
- 11 - How many years since the Great War?
- 13 - We evacuated the building in under \_\_\_\_ minutes?
- 14 - Biggest section of Free Sound?

## RADIO

This half term, radio club are in different groups and are focusing on different topics: gaming and Warhammer, world news and also animals and aviation disasters. The groups consist of approximately four pupils each who broadcast and tell us about their subject.

Mr Pringle, who administrates Radio Club, is currently listening to heavy metal (and contrastingly) calming classical music.

By **Charlotte V**



#### DOWN

- 1. The new maths teacher?
- 2. Teaches in room four?
- 4. Thoughts after?
- 5. The flowers that grow?
- 7. New addition to lunches?
- 8. A truce in a war?
- 10. The fields where they fought?
- 12. A sport that can be played on this site?
- 13. Which was the first house back from the hike?

## LORD OF THE FLIES



We sent our Salve correspondents on a mission to interview Miss Allcock about the upcoming Lord of The Flies production, here is how it went:

#### - When is it?

22nd-25th of November, there are two casts and we are encouraging you to watch both of the performances. Tickets are on sale soon!

#### - Where is it?

It's at school in the theatre.

#### - What is it about?

- A group of school children who end up stranded on a desert island and the chaos that happens...

#### - Why did you choose this play in particular?

- It's a classic, but we tell it in a new way, as the cast is originally all boys. We wanted to see how the girls reacted to the situation the characters are put in.

By **Amber W**



## YEAR 10 GCSE ARTISTS

### VISIT 'I MUST DOWN TO THE SEAS AGAIN' AT QUAY ARTS.

The Year 10 Fine Art pupils visited the Quay Arts, Newport. The exhibition featured artists from both the island and the mainland, showing printmaking, large scale paintings, film, photography, sculpture and fabric, and collage based work.

With the title and theme 'I must down to the seas again' from John Masefield's original 'Sea Fever' poem, the biennial open exhibition presented sea and marine inspired works that reflect our love, fear, and curiosity about the sea. Alongside these contemporary works, selected marine-based works and artefacts from the Isle of Wight Council Heritage Services collection were also on display, revealing a wonderful array of works inspired by the Island's coastline.

Ms Travers (Subject Lead for Art and Design) said 'the pupils had a fantastic afternoon at the Quay and they are now busy creating work inspired by the exhibition for their GCSE coursework portfolio.'

Contribution by **Ms Travers**