



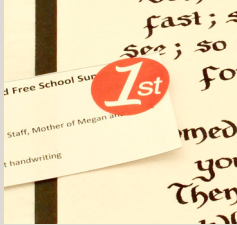
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Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

This year over 80 Year 9 pupils have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Due to the large numbers involved they have completed their Expedition section in two parts, Grace C and Harry P give an overview of the whole award, and report back on the first qualifying expedition weekend, which they both attended.

Year 9 pupils have taken part in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award and have completed their expedition. There are three levels of DofE increasing in difficulty: Bronze, Silver and Gold, but our pupils took on the challenge of the Bronze Award.

Achieving a Bronze Award is no easy feat, in order to meet all criteria pupils had to complete all four elements of the award (Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition).

From the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections the participant must choose to do one category for six months for an hour a week and the other two for three months. For the expedition section we completed both a practise walk and an assessed walk. Pupils came up with their own route and had to find their way from start to finish.

On Saturday 4 May and Sunday 5 May we completed our expedition alongside many of our year group, and spoke to some pupils to see what they thought about the expedition. The pupils we spoke to said that they enjoyed it and learned new skills, however they did find it quite challenging towards the end, they noted that getting through it as a team was key. Each team member worked well and each had roles to work efficiently and quickly. Mr Hooper (DofE leader) said "The pupils in year 9 were a credit to the school.

They all worked exceptionally well in their DofE teams. They cooked some wonderful food and all had a laugh along the way. To capture the memory of the weekend each pupil was asked to take a single photograph to represent the weekend, and this they can keep to remember their success.

All pupils who successfully complete all four sections will be awarded the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualification which comes with a certificate and badge.

By **Grace C** and **Harry P**



WELCOME

Kipling advised us to fill the minutes

Churchill to never give in

Aristotle reminds us to keep all in balance

and Scott to forever press on.

Good luck to our pupils in all years as we enter exam season and always remember, you will get from life what you put into it.

Mr Boyd,
Headmaster

Steph Boyd



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Alisha P - Year 9

Winter photo competition

As the first snow of the year fell on Ventnor Downs, car windscreens iced over and the sun sat low in the sky, our budding photographers set about capturing the essence of Winter for the season's photo competition. Ms Travers received many entries but only a few were selected as winners.

In KS3 Lauren K and Freya L took first place, whilst in KS4 Alisha P and Oz G were awarded the accolade of having their photographs included in the final book. Staff with a mention included Miss McGovern, Ms Rhead and Mr Peace.

We look forward to seeing the Spring entries later in the term.

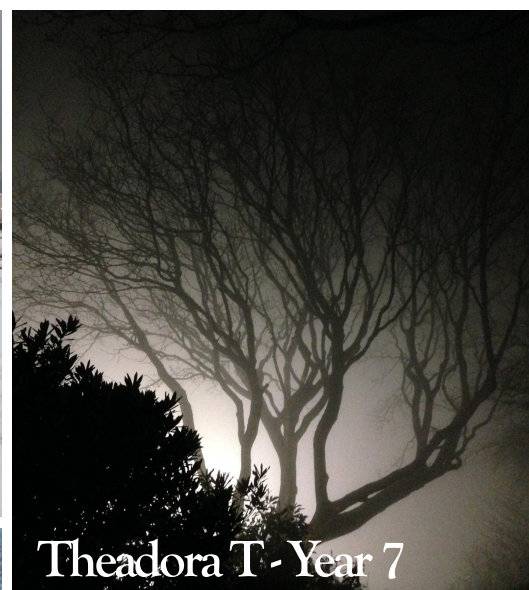
By Macey H



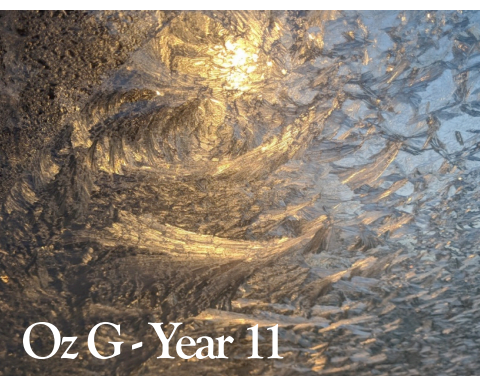
Freya L - Year 8



Lauren K - Year 7



Theadora T - Year 7



Oz G - Year 11



Kaitlyn S - Year 11



TEACHERS IN THE HOT SEAT BIRTHDAY EDITION

Mr Lambert, teacher of English

When is your birthday?

17th April

What is the most ideal birthday gift and why?

Cash or a pelican because you do not have to pretend to like it if you do not

What is the worst gift you have received?

An oversized, floral shirt that I had to pretend to like.

What is your favourite "Happy Birthday" song?

Happy Birthday on a saxophone

If you could go anywhere on your birthday, where would it be and why?

Italy, because I enjoy the history and the culture.

By Fred D-T



Drama Festival - Duologues



During enrichment on Wednesday 3 April, a group of budding actors took to the stage in front of experienced drama judge, Chris Rickards. The pupils took part in a Drama competition, with performances including duologues (performed by pairs of pupils) and a group performance of an extract from 'It Snows'. The reaction to the performances was very positive and everyone who took part believed that their hard work had paid off. One of the participants said,

"I thought it was extremely fun and it was nice performing with people from all year groups. I think the thing which I will remember most from the experience is the kind feedback which we received from the judge. I would definitely do this again, it was a great experience that I found very enjoyable."

Judge Rickards personally said that she was amazed at the amount of skill shown by the 'pioneers' of this new event. As our pupils move forward into their next endeavours, we hope that the feedback they received propels them towards similar success. All who participated said that they had really enjoyed this amazing experience and we hope for it to become one of our newest TIFS traditions.

By Macey H

Getting the gossip... The Summer Show

The time for TIFS most hotly contested event of the year is nearly upon us... The Summer Show. Whilst the Chale Show judges are sharpening their pencils, and Mrs Walker is tending to her vegetable garden, we sent our Salve reporter Fred D-T to investigate the story behind the competition, and the fierce rivalries which staff cover up for most of the year.

On the first stop of Fred's tour of teachers was Mrs Walker, who organises this event. She described the event as:

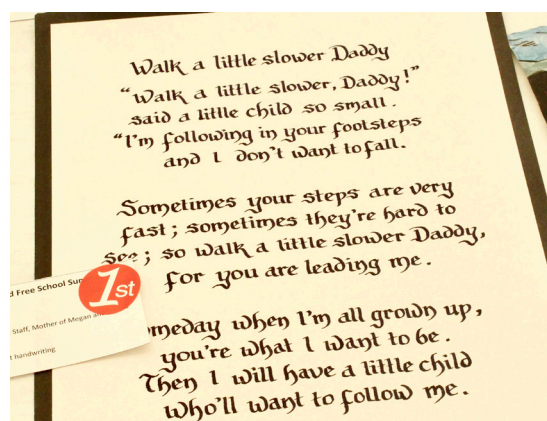
"An opportunity to show off our talents. It is like a village show with people growing, baking and making. So there are lots of vegetables, fruit, flowers, baking and craft."

She also filled Fred in on some past scandals including Miss Newnham's "Victoria Sandwich" which was disqualified for being a gateaux. Her favourite entries include Mr Peace's Fuschia, which was so large it had to go in a wheelbarrow, and Daniel's penguin, but she did note that really there were too many to choose from.

Mrs Turner described the event as "a smaller version of the Chale show, which is incredibly fun, and you get to eat lots of Victoria Sponge". Her favourite entry was her painting of her dog and Megan T's (Yr 11) best handwriting. This year she will be entering baking, best handwriting, and maybe some craft, and she most wants to beat Miss Peters in the best handwriting category.

Finally Fred talked with Miss Allcock, who will be entering a cross stitch, a photograph, and no surprise... best handwriting, she would not divulge who she wanted to beat, but did say that the handwriting was the category she wanted to win.

Contribution By Fred D-T



NUNTIUS

THE NEWS ROUND-UP

Inter Schools Dressage and Show Jumping

On Tuesday, 26th March, 6 TIFS pupils attended the Inter school dressage competition at Little Kennerly Farm in Godshill, where they represented the school. Dressage is a flat work event that shows off a horse rider's ability as well as the horse's balance and obedience.

There were two tests for the High School teams, Prelim 13 and Novice 24. There were at least 24 competitors in one class and only the top six got placed. Miss Allman attended the event in order to cheer on our competitors, as well as watch the tests and take photographs.

A special mention goes out to Ellie A - who was placed 3rd in the prelim 7 test with an excellent

percentage of 72.12%!

As a person that attended this annual event, I am very proud of our team's result. It was a very long day but it was totally worth attending!

Following this, on Friday, 26th April, 3 pupils represented us at the annual Inter schools show jumping competition.

Samantha performed exceptionally well in the KS3 category and rode incredibly well with her new horse Dolly at her first ever show jumping competition.

Very well done to all our riders.

By Ruby L



BOYS DANCE WORKSHOP

On Wed 27 March 16 boys from year 7 and 8 took part in a Dance workshop with Mrs Paul and Mr Cole. In under an hour they had created a short performance piece and experimented with contact movement. The boys had boundless energy and were mature and enthusiastic in their approach, all hoping to engage in more dance opportunities in the future. well done to all involved.

Contribution By Mrs Paul



Peace's Pun

My negative friend, Bob, has a strange phobia of German sausages.

He always fears the Wurst.

Which knight made King Arthurs' Round Table?

Sir Cumference

What do you call a lazy goat that loves a white wedding?

Billy Idle