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To pastures new

In the Summer term, TIFS said goodbye for the first time to a year group of pupils. Emotions were running high as teachers and pupils alike said farewell for the final time, looking back the past five years of memories.

To commemorate their hard work, the school held a leavers assembly, which included a speech from Mr Boyd and Mr Peace as well as a lunch banquet with their parents and friends. It was a wholesome experience and one that staff are not likely to forget.

Along with their departure came their life-changing GCSE results. Across May and June, the pupils sat their exams which they had been preparing for throughout the last half decade; when results day came, pupils arrived in anticipation of their results. As a whole, the school achieved highly.

Mr Boyd commented: "We are immensely proud of our pupils' achievements and our first set of fantastic GCSE results. We must now look to the future as the true measure of our school will be in maintaining this success for years to come." We congratulate our pupils and wish them the very best for the future.

By Harvey O



Welcome to the new Year 7 pupils

We thought we would talk to some of the new year 7 pupils to find out how they have found their new start at the school. While interviewing a random selection of Year 7 pupils, many of them said that before they arrived in September they were either scared, nervous or excited, but that the feelings of fear had all subsided now and everyone is feeling much more settled and happy in their new school home.

To end the first week the whole year group headed out on the annual orienteering hike, a day for celebration, team building and earning their Bronze Pre DofE Expedition badges.

All of us at Salve would like to wish the new Year 7's the best of luck as they continue with their educational journey.

By Sophie P and Emily A



WELCOME

In this past term, we have celebrated our first set of GCSE results along with a new group of Year 7's. Furthermore, we would also like to thank our Headmaster, Mr Boyd, for the opportunity to personally address our fellow pupils here at TIFS.

We are pleased to welcome our new cohort of Year 7's to our wonderful school; it is a joy to see new faces around the school building every day. It is also sad to say goodbye to our good friends, now entering Year 12, who have now moved on to a new chapter in their life. They have achieved incredible things in their time here.

Together, we warmly welcome our new pupils and are excited to begin a new learning year.

Harvey O, Beau E

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The Dark Room

The dark room is a place where pupils are able to develop black and white photos utilising traditional (and experimental) photography techniques. The room is available to any GCSE pupils and is an incredible way to enhance their photography skills by learning about the process of developing a photograph.

What is the difference between digital printing and manual printing you may ask?

Well, in manual printing, after taking a photo with a film camera you get a negative. This negative is then placed in the enlarger with a special piece of light sensitive paper and it becomes a positive. A button is then pressed and shines a bright light onto the film and expands it. The light sensitive paper which your positive has shined upon is then developed using chemicals and voila, a photograph is produced!

Experimental techniques can also be utilised in order to create interesting effects on the photographs you create, as Mr Harding and Ms Travers have been teaching pupils in their photography enrichments.

By George. B and Ethan. D



Riley's Rowing Success



On 22 July, Riley H once again rose to success. Along with his rowing partner, they competed in the British Rowing Championships. After much hard work, they finished second by only 2 seconds.

Later in the summer, after much training, Riley teamed up with three others from the Shanklin Rowing Club. They competed in the Southern Coast Championships, where they could show off their hard work. In the final race of the day the team won by over 20 seconds, dominating their competition. Riley said 'The team did really well and I'm very proud of them'. We congratulate Riley and his team and wish him the best of luck in the future.

By Harvey O

Our Eco School

Recently, the school kitchen created a map showing where all of the ingredients in the school lunches came from, and it was very clear to see that most of our food comes from island sources. This brought up the question: Is our school exceptionally environmentally friendly? Our Salve journalists did some research into the matter...

Everyone likes the fruit pots that you can find at lunch, but did you know that they are both recyclable and biodegradable? This is but one of the many ways that the school is trying to reduce the amount of waste that we produce. Also, have you ever seen anyone litter at school? You know it's wrong to drop your rubbish but do you know what the full effects of littering can be? Well, litter is mostly plastic and plastic can have devastating effects on our oceans. It can also get stuck on animals and harm the environment. So, when you decide not to put your rubbish in the correct bin, or even not in the bin at all, just take a moment to think about the possible consequences of your actions.

By Macey H





TEACHERS IN THE HOT SEAT

Miss Sparrow, teacher of English

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

My favourite holiday destination is definitely Menorca.

What song makes you think of summer when you hear it?

The song that makes me think of summer is Shot Gun by George Ezra.

Where is the hottest place you have ever been abroad?

It is probably Orlando, Florida.

What is your favourite ice cream flavour?

That is a hard one... It's Mint choc chip but it will have to have a flake!

By Brandon W & Alina L



Sports Day

The Island Free School's annual Sports Day is a consistently competitive event, and this year was no exception. Held on the 23rd July, Sports Day proved to be another scorching hot day which pushed pupils to their physical limits as they competed in track, field, running and rowing events. The field events consisted of high jump, long jump, discus and shotput as well as indoor events to compete in. The rowing event was a test to see how far each house could row in a set amount of time, with swaps between pupils. There were also tests of strength, endurance and coordination on the Astroturf. This year, track scores for each house were measured not on placement, but rather on the timing of each pupil.

At the start of the day, many pupils decided to wear face paint and adornments in the colour of their houses, adding to the competitive spirit. After arriving at Rew Valley, all the years split up and started their events. It was a hot morning so lunch was a much-needed break. Following this, pupils headed back out to their events, replenished from lunch. At the end of the day, there was a short break to rest. The school came together and Mr. Boyd announced the winners – Rosea, with 15335 points! Well done to all our pupils who worked very hard over the day.

By Toby P

Summer Show round up



The TIFS annual Summer Show and Speech Day ceremony was, as always, a brilliant end to the school year. For the Summer Show, every pupil in the school contributed at least one show entry to our Chale Show style competition, with entries varying from models of castles to the best unusually shaped foods. Due to a slightly questionable weather forecast, entries were moved from the usual marquee over to the Rew Valley Sports Hall where they awaited the expert eyes of the judges.

As pupils waited for the results of their creations, the school speeches began. Mr Boyd gave his end of year speech and a plethora of awards were given out by the heads of year and subject leaders. Congratulations to everybody who worked incredibly hard last year to receive an award. Before the doors to the entry hall were sprung open and winners were revealed (along with hearts broken), pupils were allowed to join their parents/carers on the field for a relaxing spot of lunch in the beaming hot sun.

After spending some time with family and friends, Mr Boyd announced the people with the most points in each category and overall. Mrs Walker, who was in charge of organising the event, said 'The Summer Show was a resounding success with over 1000 entries. The judges told me that the pupils' Victoria Sponges were better than some of the teachers!' Well done to all of you, you make me very proud. If you enjoy making your entries, why not look and see if there is a show where you live? Some villages have Spring, Summer and Autumn shows.'

By Ethan D

Bonnie Challenge



The Bonnie Challenge takes place towards the end of the TIFS school year. An induction of sorts for the newest Year 7 intake. Each member of the youngest year group run up the hill of St Boniface, with the remainder of the school cheering them on as they complete the final stretch. This year was notable not only because of some fantastic effort put in by our Year 7s (now Year 8s), but also due to the absence of the school's oldest year group; Year 11, who had already finished their GCSEs.

The fastest girl this year was Kaitlyn M and fastest boy was Samuel C. Well done to all the Year 8's who ran the Bonnie Challenge last year!

By Harry H

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THE NEWS ROUND-UP

SALVE'S FAVOURITE PHOTO OF THE HALF TERM

This issue Salve has chosen the photograph below edited by Jules M as part of his Photography coursework as the favourite photograph of the half term. We feel it is incredibly well edited.



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Homework of the half-term



Chelsea B from 8 Flavi

Focus on.... Wellbeing

Looking after your wellbeing is an important part of life in school and beyond, if you do it right it can help you to be fit and healthy. This year, Salve will be looking into ways in which we can improve our wellbeing.

We will be looking at some of the Wellbeing enrichments which are on offer each term and also sharing handy hints in each issue.

What better place to begin looking than the Introduction to Wellbeing Enrichment. It is a chance for Key Stage 4 pupils to relax and is run by Miss Peters and Miss Widgery. Here is an update of what the wellbeing enrichment have been up to and what they plan for the rest of the term. In the first week they made fruit kebabs, they have looked at gratitude and have made space to be calm and mindful. Over the course of the term they will be doing activities such as yoga, making smoothies and running. It is open to any Key Stage 4 pupil who would like an enrichment slot during the week to cool down and have an hour to relax.

Our wellbeing tips for this issue are:

Eat good healthy food, this will help you concentrate and keep you feeling good.

Do something creative to boost your mood and self esteem, it will give you more confidence and independence.

Learn new skills in order to increase your confidence, this means you can do more in life.

WALKERS WISE WORDS FOR SUMMER SHOW SUCCESS

Remember that some craft projects always appear in the Summer Show - a knitted item of clothing, a knitted or crocheted toy, a cross stitch picture. These always take longer than you think - so why not start now and put it safely away?

Attendance

With the first round of Ethos trips being announced as indoor skiing for KS3 and indoor skydiving for KS4. There is no better time to see which tutor groups have the highest attendance. Attendance is important as an attendance as low as 90% could mean a grade lower at GCSE.

From Tuesday 3 - Friday 27 September whole school attendance was **96.6%**

Leading tutor groups in each year group were:

Year 7 - 7DM 100%	Year 8 - 8AD 99.7%
Year 9 - 9AES 99.7%	Year 10 - 10LMP 99.4%
Year 11 - 11CMC 100%	

Peace's Pun

Why are Australians so calm?

Because they've got no worries, mate.

