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## Celebrating a full school



On Monday 17th September we celebrated reaching maximum capacity with two-time gold medallist Lizzy Yarnold who spoke at a ceremony in the school hall, which was streamed into every classroom via internet link; allowing every pupil to take part and watch the inspiring speech about the merits of hard work. Since September 2014, our school has flourished greatly, both pupils, staff and even our building.

As these celebrations were taking place, so was the lighthouse relay, where pupils, staff and parents took part in a monumental round-the-island relay. Each group consisted of two pupils, one parent and a staff member and they ran 10k each in order to make it all the way around the island before the ring of the school Enrichment bell.

Mr Boyd quotes, "I was really impressed by the interest shown and enthusiasm for such a challenging event. I was also very proud of all staff, pupils and parents who participated"

By Toby H and Kye E





# WELCOME

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our fantastic pupil paper. We would like to offer a special welcome to our new year 7 pupils and their parents. We hope your first weeks at TIFS have been enjoyable.

As always we have hit the ground running, and quite literally in the case of those who participated in the inaugural lighthouse relay. This involved staff, parents and pupils from all years running the 100km around our island coast as part of the wonderfully titled 'Celebration of Fullness'. Have a fantastic term everyone.

Mr Boyd,  
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## Gigajam Greatness

To start we would like to congratulate everyone in this school for their hard work and effort in all subjects but most of all our music. We are improving extraordinarily fast and even have our own bands, however best of all is our gigajam progress. We started off as a small school joining in with all the other schools in gigajam but we slowly started creeping up into the leader board. Now we are the top of the board and forever growing in numbers but unfortunately, we have let that slip by us and now we are no longer first on the monthly uploads. Let's all band together as a school and step up our game in order to win back that top spot.

By Lizzie E

# Ventnor Darlings Do Choir!



**O**n Tuesday 2nd of October we went to visit the schools' newest enrichment additions – choir leaders the Ventnor Darlings, to see if we could interview them. We were lucky enough to catch them at a quiet moment, and here's what they had to say to us about their new roles within the school:

### When did you create your group?

We started four years ago and originally started out as a comedy play. But we got asked if we performed songs and we said no, having said that we then got asked if we could and we said okay! We've been playing ever since.

### What do you do at our school?

At the moment we are very happy to have taken over the school's choir.

### How long have you two known each other for?

Matt (Mr Hitt) was one of the first friends I made when I moved to the Isle of Wight.

We've known each other for 20 years.

### Who were your idols growing up?

My idols growing up were Cyndi Lauper, Madonna, Prince and Bon Jovi.

### How long have you been singing for?

I've been singing for 25 years as when I studied classical music and classical instruments I had to sing alongside it.

### Do you play any instruments?

I play piano as my main instrument but I also taught myself to play guitar. I can also play flute and recorder.

### Where is the choir going and what would you like to achieve?

I would like The Island Free School to be used by some recording artists and I think we could possibly make it to the festival if we tried.

By Chelsea B and Destiny S.



## Isle of Wight Radio Presents TIFS

**T**IFS pupils have been meeting on a weekly basis with Miss Bachelor from the office to record small articles which are being aired on Isle of Wight Radio. We spoke to pupils who have been involved in the project and they have all agreed it has been great fun.

You can tune in to listen to them on Wednesday evenings at 7.30, 8.30 and 9.30pm

By Grace C



## What is the Bonnie Challenge?

**T**he Bonnie Challenge is an event in which year 7's run up St Boniface Downs. The rest of the school's year groups all head up to the Downs as well, in order to offer their support to the newest year group and cheer them on whilst they face their gruelling run in the open air. At a total length of 1K, the Bonnie Challenge is an annual event which this year's cohort can look forward to later in the year.

By Fraser L



## Vintage Hair Styles

At the start of the term a professional hair dresser named Gloria visited the Island Free School hair dressing enrichment. Everyone learnt about hairstyles from the 40s to the 90s. It has inspired them to expand their knowledge of hair styling and to try out what they learnt on themselves. We spoke to Mia, Maisie, Aroha and Tyra from the Enrichment who all agreed it was great to meet a professional hairdresser, and enjoyed having wartime hair. They have since been inspired to try out all kind of hair styling.

By **Ada K - S**

## D of E

**D**ay one:  
On Friday July 13th at 8:45, the D of E pupils met at Carisbrooke Castle car park, ready to complete the assessed expedition part of their award. The pupils had a briefing from staff, and then set off on their own at around 9:30. Each group had their own map that they had planned their route on beforehand, they were also given a compass and a route card, all the choices they would make from this point would be independent. The pupils ventured from Carisbrooke down to Compton farm in their groups, each following their own path. It was a boiling hot day so the D of E pupils stayed in as much shade as possible and brought a lot of water. The pupils were meant to arrive at the campsite around 3-4pm, and all groups bar 1 made it there on time. The last group got lost for around 2 hours, they eventually found their way to camp, and after a little rest were then assessed on their ability to cook on trangias and to set up their tents for the night. After all the assessment they were able to put the dinner to the test before relaxing in their tents and getting some well-earned sleep.

**D**ay two:  
On Saturday July 14th, the pupils got up at 7 o'clock and got ready to leave by 8:00, this meant they had to cook breakfast whilst being assessed by the D of E staff and then wash up and pack up their tents. The parts of the tent were then distributed out across the group and once the groups were ready they could set off. The pupils left camp on their way to Shalfleet where they would be debriefed by their teachers at the end of their two-day long trek. They met staff at various checkpoints along the way, and remembered to make sure that they were meeting the aims of their expedition. It was a tense journey as they needed to get their timings right, if they were too fast they would not have walked for enough time. But all was well and they all made it to their finish point at around 3pm. We would like to congratulate them all on passing their Bronze Award.

By **Ronnie M and Beau E**



## TEACHERS IN THE HOT SEAT

**Miss Mackett**, Teacher of Geography and proud owner of many cacti



**How do you feel about working in this school?**

I really enjoy working at his school, everyone has been so welcoming.

**Do you have a favourite word?**

Yes, I do, it is thalweg, the fastest flow of the river.

**Have you always wanted to be a teacher?**

No. I used to be a teacher then I went to university and worked for charity. Then I decided I enjoyed working as a teacher.

**Would you teach at another school if you had the chance?**

I would like to work in another country as a teacher.

**What was your favourite subject when you were in school?**

My favourite subject was History.

**How long have you lived on the island for?**

I have lived here all of my life apart from the five years I spent at university.

**How many cacti do you have?**

I have one in school and seven at home but I have six more on order.

By **Chelsea B and Destiny S**





# Quiz Corner

## BRAINTEASERS ARE BACK

### SALVE - WORD SCRAMBLE

1. ALVES

2. YRPHHOAOPGT

3. ISTF

4. SRPOGTNI

5. EOINBN ANELHCLGE

6. IIVSRDI

7. RM VEOG

8. SMIS TTKEACM

9. SMIS LLEEK R

10. SMERUM HWOS

BY CALUM R

## Mr Wright's Cheesy Jokes

What did the cheese say in the mirror?

Halome

How did the cheese paint his wife?

He Double Gloucester!

Did you hear about the explosion in the French cheese factory?

There was de-brie everywhere!

## Riddles

A man obsessed by money is in his car. He drives past three doors. Door one says:

“Behind this door is a pot of money!”

Door two says:

“Behind me is a pot of gold!”

Door three says:

“Open me and all your wishes will come true!”

Which door does he open first?

His car door!

By Ruby L and Issy S

## YEAR 7 INTERVIEWS

For the first time, The Island Free School is now officially at capacity. We have recently had our fifth cohort join the school and we at Salve were curious as to what their thoughts on their new school were – here were their answers...

### What do you think about the school?

It is so huge and there are too many stairs but there is variety of different rooms. Harry C

### What do you think of the music lessons?

They are very fun because you get to play different instruments and the one you picked for your enrichment. Elina L

### Do you enjoy the lessons at this school?

They are very fun and there is a huge variety of different lessons to my old school. Mable N

### How did you feel about coming to this school?

I was very nervous but very excited at the same time. Robyn C

### Do you feel any different now?

Yes because I feel more confident and independent because I have my own locker and I am walking around on my own. Lottie P

### As this is a music specialist school, do you like music and if so why?

I enjoy the music lessons. I haven't had many yet but I am excited for more. Zara M

### Are you happy with your enrichment choices and if so why?

I love my enrichment choices because when I was choosing them, there was such a wide range to choose from! Taylor-Blue R

By Ethan D and Grace C



On their first Friday at school, Year 7 completed the annual TIFS Hike to round off their first very successful week of school. Each house was dropped off at various locations around the Island in the morning with a map, and tasked with finding their way back to school as a team. One by one, tired but happy, the groups arrived back at school with tales of steep hills, heavy but brief showers of rain and lots of beautiful views. Each pupil that

completed the hike earned their bronze expedition badge in the pre-Duke of Edinburgh programme. Miss Allcock said “I am so proud of Year 7 and what they have achieved today – the hike is not easy and I’ve seen nothing but smiles. Congratulations to Year 7, and thank you to all of the members of staff who accompanied pupils and provided much needed moral support and sweet treats to keep them going!”

By Miss Batchelor

### Peace's Pun

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A carrot