



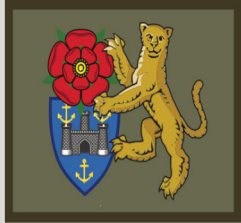
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## Salve Siblings Spill it!

At Salve we have been thinking about siblings, after reading all the press about Prince William and Prince Harry and their sibling rivalry, we were wondering how siblings are getting on at TIFS. We sent roving reporter Chris.C to find out...

### The Steeles

In Year 8 we have Harry and Sam who are identical twins. Harry and Sam look remarkably alike... Harry recently dyed his hair and Sam pierced his ear which helps to tell the Year 8s apart.

"We pretended to be each other at primary school for a whole day. We swapped shoes and coats and the teacher completely believed us. We got into lots of trouble"

Sam adds "We love being twins, we support each other and we are there for each other. We finish each other's sentences and we usually know what the other is thinking." Harry agrees "If I'm thinking of a song, Sam will just start singing. If we're watching a movie I'll think 'Wow, that guy has crazy hair' and Sam will say it."

Reporter Chris asks, is there any sibling rivalry between you?  
Without a pause Harry answers. "No there isn't really, it's quite peaceful."

C: What would you change about your brother?  
Harry immediately says "Sam's jokes!"

C: Which one of you is your parents' favourite?  
They both immediately say "It's me!"

C: What is your favourite thing about your sibling?  
We know each others' secrets and we support each other.

Overall, they love being each others' twin.

### The Chilcotts

Interview: Rafferty (11) brother of roving reporter Chris (12). There's an 11 month age gap.

C: How do you feel about our sibling rivalry?  
R: You try to be the better one – that's the truth!

C: I am the better one.  
R: You take it for granted that you can cook better and you go on about it!

C: If you were to change one thing about me what would it be?

R: I have got a big list!! The fact that you always ... I mean **always**...do something when I want to do it...and whenever I finally get onto the xbox...I have half an hour and then you say 'my turn'... you have better stuff than I have.

C: Because I buy it with my own money.

C: Who is the parent's favourite and why?  
R: Me.

C: I knew that was coming...  
R: I know it for fact with mum, she gives me more attention because I make the best pancakes.  
C: And you are the youngest so she thinks you are still small.

C: What is your favourite thing about me?  
R: Probably your cooking...how you cook is cool and it's tasty.

C: Who has the better name?  
R: ME! Yours is too common...mine is rarer.

C: Tik Tok or Instagram?  
R: Tik Tok

So, reader, how many siblings do you know at TIFS?



### The Homans

#### **Interview with Darcy**

C: How do you feel about the sibling rivalry between you and Fred?

D: I think it's worse with my brother but ultimately we get along well together.

C: If you were to change one thing about your sibling what would it be?

D: They would do more stuff for me.

C: Who is the parents' favourite and why?

D: I think my mum's favourite is Fred because he is the youngest

C: What is your favourite thing about your sibling(s)?

D: They are entertaining

C: Who has the better name?

D: Fred

#### **Interview with Fred**

C: How do you feel about the sibling rivalry between you and Darcy?

F: My big sister is much more annoying than Hattie, but I love them both equally.

C: If you were to change one thing about your sibling what would it be?

F: That Darcy wouldn't sing as much in the house

C: Who is the parents favourite and why?

F: There isn't really a favourite in the family

C: Who has the better name?

F: Darcy





# Miss Allcock

"This term Year 11 completed their final set of mocks. They persevered and I am so proud of them. Thank you to all staff and pupils for supporting them during this time, it means a lot to them.



I wish Year 11 the best of luck moving forward as they get closer to their GCSEs. The hardwork is not over but the finish line is in sight!"



# PUPIL IN THE HOT SEAT – Toby Temple

- Q1: How has your experience been at the island free school so far?  
Very good so far.
- Q2: Do you mind being referred to as "Tyrone"?  
Not usually.
- Q3: Do you have a favorite TV show/movie and if so, what would it be?  
I don't really have one.
- Q4: Does the name "Guan Lingling Dingle" sound inspiring to you?  
No.
- Q5: Would you consider yourself to be a genius such as Confucius and/or Sun Tzu?  
No.
- Q6: Does  $\pi r^2$  sound like area to you?  
Yes, it does
- Q9: Constantinople or Istanbul  
Constantinople
- Q10: Does yogurt empower you?  
No, but it is really nice
- Q11: If somebody stole your Kinder Bueno, would you be upset?  
Not really, no



# TEACHERS IN THE HOT SEAT – Ms Wagstaffe

- Q1: What was your job before TIFS?  
I was an executive producer making broadcast television and documentaries.
- Q2: What is your favourite song?  
Christine – The House of Love
- Q3: Are you enjoying TIFS so far?  
I really am! It's such a creative and energetic environment and everyone is so friendly.
- Q4: Tell us something cool or interesting about you!  
I was locked up in Russia at New Year 1996 for doing the conga outside Lenin's tomb.  
I used to be in a riot girl band.  
I once made a three piece suit out of waterproof material.  
I sheltered from a tornado under a motorway bridge.  
I was bitten by a redback spider in Australia.  
I swam with sharks when I was six months pregnant....pick one!

# Success for Olivia B!

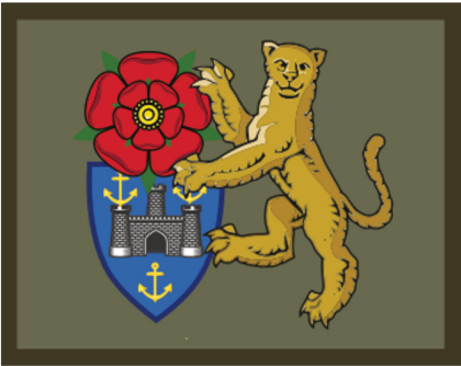
Recently, Olivia B from year 10 took part in the Immerse Education Essay competition - an international competition for pupils aged 13-18. With over 10,000 entries from all over the world, Olivia was named as an outstanding runner up in the 13-15 years category.

Olivia's entry based on 'how madness is portrayed in writing of horror as opposed to writing of romance' was described as one of the "highest calibre of entries this year", winning a partial scholarship to Oxford University Summer School for two weeks this summer.



# Army Cadets - Adventure Awaits

The Army Cadet Force is an organisation that trains young people in combat, weapon handling, first aid, adventure training and loads more. I've been involved with them for almost 2 years and hold the rank of Lance Corporal. It's a brilliant team to be a part of that provides so many incredible opportunities. Last May, I was selected as one of the 3 cadets on the Island who were driven up to Scotland, next to the Cairngorns, to take part in a week of adventure training. Whilst sleeping in this place called Rothiemurchus and drinking the water from the loch nearby. We did rock climbing (up one of the cliffs), kayaking and mountain biking. We got to experience 7 days of living underneath amazing mountains, drinking from fresh streams and training with professionals - epic. In the evenings, we were allowed to wander the Scottish landscape and explore the terrain unsupervised... which was obviously awesome - plus we found a secret waterfall flowing down the side of a mountain. There was also a wooden ski hut nearby decked out with stags' antlers (furs and everything) that had a pool table, where we would hang out at the end of a day of adventure. I ended up winning the 'adventure training' award which I marched out and collected in front of the whole county on Annual Camp - and now I will never live down forgetting to salute the commandant before turning away. Another time, we went away to train on an Army base near Wessex, where we rode dirt bikes, at slightly crazy speeds, and mountain bikes, on dangerous tracks experiencing more than a few wipeouts - not excluding me. We competed against other cadet companies in drill, shooting and first aid. We performed a company 'attack' where we fired blank rounds from A2 rifles (which we had been trained on during the week), covered in cam cream and exhausted, in insane heat, at an 'enemy' who we had been observing during the course of our stay. Whilst cleaning our weapons under the trees afterwards, we laughed about how our friend had tripped up midway through an attack and face planted the ground. I once, with a team, raided an abandoned warehouse, recovering a load of weapons, one of which was a missile launcher case; weighing a ton - at midnight, using night vision goggles. Despite the fact they forgot to give me the night vision goggles before the mission, we thought it was a brilliant time. And these stories are not outliers - I have so many more alike to them, all facilitated by the Army Cadet Force. So, if this sounds like it's up your street, join up and become a part of our Cadet family.



# A Rewarding Experience

Recently, our year 11 student Hudson Barker won a trophy for fishing and has featured on the infamous Island Echo. They quote 'Despite the lack of reward for his efforts, he never gives up' this shows that he plowed on through the 6 day competition and was rewarded for his valiant attempt of patience and respect for fishing and the fish- as the odd fish he caught were always returned back to the sea in an act of respect for their life, not only showing Hudson's passion for fishing but his care for the fish too. Despite his award he sadly will not continue to pursue a career in fishing as he has bigger ideas. However, Hudson is not the only one to fish, fishing is a secret pastime for not only pupils, but the people and the community surrounding our school.

We went and found some fishers and this is what they had to say:  
"I enjoy it because it is a very chilled out experience, it took hours. And it only happened to work because Mr Harding chucked loads of bait into the pond. We had loads of time to chat so it created a real bonding experience - it's a real mindful activity. I also make sure to return the fish back, adding to the whole reward of fishing." - Mr Balch

"I like it, it's very calming and relaxing. I go 5 times a month at the fish pond in Whitwell" - Sonnie

We love to see the pastimes of our community and students and we love celebrating achievements such as Hudson's with a message to all that despite the hardships of life we will always be rewarded for our good actions.



# Salve information!

Want some of your ideas in our next edition of Salve?

If you've got some creative writing, photography or some of your own personal achievements then make sure you send it to Mr Lambert or Ms Wagstaffe! It could be included in our next edition!



## Platform One

My name is Freddie Homan and every Saturday, I go to Platform One rock school. Rock school is a great way to become a famous musician. You can play at gigs every three months, with the songs of your choice, and play whatever instrument you like. There is also many instructors to help you and your band in case you might be struggling. I would recommend to anyone who loves to listen and play music.



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## The Great TIFS Travel Survey

Being a teenager on the Isle of Wight and not having a car can make it really difficult to get around! Your only options: bike it, get a lift with your parents or carers or travel by bus. Loads of us use buses every single day to get to and from school, some of us are trying to use our cars less, and we are constantly being encouraged to get on our bikes...for our health and the environment.

Imagine hopping on a train in Ventnor and arriving in Bembridge twenty minutes later! There once existed a 55 mile (89.3 km) network of railway lines on the Isle of Wight. Now the railways tracks are overgrown and used by ramblers and dog walkers and the stations have been repurposed as cafés and restaurants. All that is left is a line running between Ryde Pierhead and Shanklin.

So that leaves road travel... we're too young to be driving around ourselves so if we don't want to rely on family and friends it's the bus all the way. There are 27 bus routes listed on the Island buses website, it sounds like a lot! But Island bus routes radiate in and out of Newport, so if you want to get from Ventnor to Freshwater you have to travel all the way into Newport in order to travel all the way back...a journey of one hour 32 minutes versus 35 minutes direct travel in a car.

Cars are not a perfect solution; with petrol prices at historic highs, cars being identified as an ongoing threat to climate and the increasingly poor state of island roads jumping into a car is becoming a less attractive option.

So bikes... everyone knows they are great for your health and great for the environment...what's not to love? But Island roads are in a state of disrepair with some potholes big enough to damage car and lorry tyres you are better using the 200 miles of cycle tracks criss-crossing the island.

## Word Search

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If you're looking for one of the traffic-free cycle paths on the Isle of Wight, they run between Cowes in the North, Newport in the centre and then south to Shanklin and Sandown and east to Ryde. The only stretch of cycleway outside this is in the west between Yarmouth and Freshwater.

How are we getting around the Island? Salve wants to know...we've set up a poll at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ENG7tVF-9nzTcmPVFWo--X8LLTZuNW0ByjRzvnNcbU/edit>

Be sure to log in and let us know how you get around...

Mr Lambert says:

"When I was young we had something called the 'Student Rider' this meant that we could go anywhere on the island for 50p! "