



## Term 6 Newsletter

### 21 July 2017

Term 6 has been a term full of events and celebrations as we have recognised students' effort, progress and achievement from the year. Students and staff are embracing our values of respect, responsibility, resilience, honesty, acceptance, equality, determination and friendship. These have been showcased this week by a group of students who produced 'Half Full', their very own musical. More on this later.

In early July we welcomed Year 6 students from over 50 primary schools who will be joining us in September. It was great to see their enthusiasm during their two day induction and the warm welcome they received from our current students. The Year 6s experienced a full range of lessons and grew in confidence in their new surroundings which will help them hit the ground running in September. We ended the induction with an evening BBQ for the students and their parents and carers who enjoyed locally sourced food.

Every day a huge amount of talent and potential arrives at the St Katherine's School gates. The many celebratory events in Term 6 gives us the opportunity to recognise and appreciate this talent, along with the effort, progress and achievements of our students across all aspects of school life.

Our 'Celebration of Achievement' Year Group events were very well received by staff and students and highlighted some great successes and well-earned recognition. The warmth of reception that each and every student received was a proud moment for me and reflected a great sense of community and appreciation. These culminated in the 'Best of the Best' event, another successful evening with many proud students, parents/carers, teachers and an exceptionally proud Head of School at the end of his first year.

After a painful wait of four years, yes four years, we finally enjoyed the most fantastic sports day three weeks ago. Maybe it was the wait, maybe it was the students, maybe it was the PE department or maybe it was all three. The atmosphere was carnival like with impromptu face painting, music and running commentary provided by Mr Thomas and Mr Hodgson. The races ran like clock work and the students supported from their house pens. Records were broken and Saturn stole the glory, only just, by beating Mars by the tightest of margins. We will have a sports day every year and next year's will be bigger and even better.

Some of the highlights from this term include:

- Our Year 10s did work experience with a variety of businesses and organisations. One lucky group spent the week with Avon and Somerset Police which included a day at Trinity Road police station, spending time with the police communications and firearms training units, visiting the custody suite and horse and dog sections, and meeting the Police and Crime Commissioner. Work experience with the Police is very rare and highly sought after so thanks to Emily Robinson and the Avon and Somerset Black Police Association for arranging a memorable, inspiring week.

- While Year 10s were on work experience, Years 7,8 and 9 enjoyed Activities Week. A group of Year 7 and 8 pupils visited Paris while a group of Year 9s went to Barcelona. Back on home turf students enjoyed numerous day trips including plus activities on site including a masterclass with a comic artist from the Beano, Masterchef in the training kitchen and a visit by North Somerset Bird of Prey Centre who brought raccoons, weasels, chameleons, lizards, a Barn Owl called Cherish and a snake called Slick.
- We have had two student trips to the Houses of Parliament this term. In June, Year 7,8 and 9 students visited the Commons chamber then formed their own parties and debated issues such as gender equality and tuition fees as part of a democracy workshop. Their appetite to debate the issues that affect them and the world around them was impressive.
- St Katherine's Music Parent Supporters (SKAMPS) celebrated their 20th anniversary with a great evening of live music performed by over thirty of the school's fine young musicians and the Pill Festival Band. There was a wide variety of music, performed by soloists and instrumental groups whose efforts raised £500 that will go towards instruments and music workshops for students.
- Year 10 Geographers spent three days of fieldwork study at Nettlecombe in Somerset which included fluvial fieldwork measuring width, depth and velocity of riverflows. They also did human fieldwork in Taunton looking at social inequalities which involved environmental quality surveys, anti-crime surveys and vehicle surveys.

In September last year, Will Want wrote a creative response to a book called Wolf Brother and, on the strength of this work, Mrs Jefferson encouraged him to write an original musical with a student cast. After a couple of false starts, Will developed an idea for a play based on the themes of solidarity and pride with a storyline about people putting aside differences and prejudices to be friends. With help from Wren Talbot-Ponsonby and Angel Galloway, Will wrote the script, gathered a cast of students from Years 7 - 10 and began rehearsals. As well as writing the play Will oversaw the production, set, props, costumes and organised a supporting band. The production has been staged this week and been very positively received by students and staff. Congratulations to Will and all the cast and band for creating a striking, thought-provoking production.

There isn't enough space here to showcase the huge variety of student experiences and achievements this term. Keep up to date by visiting the ['News and Events'](#) section on the school website, check the school [Facebook](#) page or follow us on Twitter [@stkathsschool](#).

So 2016/17 draws to a close and we enter the school holidays exhausted but very satisfied, and ready to relax. Wishing everyone a safe and restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 5 September**.

Justin Humphreys  
**Head of School**

**Students nominated by their teachers and commended for their effort by the Head of School during Term 6.**

Name	Details
Sam Vincent, Eugene Furniss, Jess Atkinson	Year 8 Geography, Land Forms
William Cowie, Hannah Chapman, Millie Arnel	Art

**Celebration of Achievement and Best of the Best Award Winners.** All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 were nominated for subject awards and the students listed below were also nominated for Faculty Awards, Community Awards, Tutor Awards, Head of Year Awards and Headteacher Awards. Congratulations to them all.

Alex Bennett	Alex Mathers	Amelia Scott	Amy Parsons	Annika Rugman	Asha Storer
Bella Martin	Ben Cook	Brandon Geater	Bruno Tomaset	Caitlin Harris	Caolan Pearce
Charlie Bulmer	Charlie Rice	Charlton Milligan	Chloe Marshall	Ciaran Large	Daisy Money
Dan Molnar	Dan Powell	Dean Rickards	Drew Hastings	Edith Powell	Elanor Tuckwell
Elise Caddick	Ethan Eggleston	Evie Dexter	Evie Williams	Finnegan O'Rourke	Grace Brown
Grace Newby	Hannah Chapman	Hao Hao Zhang	Harry Hodson	Harry Slape	Isabelle Howe
Isabelle Oliver	Izaac Lomax	Jacob Dunford Cotterell	Jamee Gibb	Jazzy Pither	Jess Sharpe
Jessica James	Jodi Sanger	Joseph Williams	Katie Hill	Leah Porter	Lexi Fitzgerald
Liliana Schirru	Lily Morris	Linus MacKilligin	Louie Dun	Louis Stratton	Luke Ellis
Mai Griffin	Mattan Sharmarka	Matteo Prime	Max Andrews	Maya MacCallum	Maya Matthews
Megan Griffiths	Megan Powell	Molly Jackson	Molly Sharp	Mortimer Hogg	Najwa Ahmed
Nasma Ismail	Niamh Metalko-Jones	Nicole Ryan	Paige Leakey	Pannie Dilokwanitchakorn	Rohit Bangera
Rosa Gaskin	Rosie Baker	Ruby Webber	Sam Sedlen	Seb De Montfort	Siham Omar
Tara Harvey	Tilly Hardwell	Toby Rice	Tom Evans	Will Parsons	Will Want
Wren Talbot-Ponsonby	Zaeem Muhammed				

