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Back to School!

It's been really wonderful this term to have the students back on site at TPS.

We very much missed not having all of them with us in school since March and the students have also really enjoyed being back. We were delighted to get as much as possible of our usual co-curricular programme going again and we are still working to get even more opportunities in place in a safe way.

The students have shown a very mature attitude and coped incredibly well with the necessary changes, such as wearing masks between lessons and the various one way systems around the school site. We've all been really impressed with how quickly they have got back into their learning and lessons. Our Year 7 students have also settled in very well to their new school, making friends and enjoying all of their new subjects.

The recent news about the vaccine breakthroughs are very encouraging and hopefully mean that school life can return to our normal full range of exciting activities and trips sooner rather than later.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our parents for the brilliant support that they have shown throughout the whole return to school process. Your vigilance and help has meant that we've been able to fully reopen and get our students successfully back to their school community. It was also very humbling to see such a great response to our Food Bank appeal earlier this month, so thank you to everyone who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

I want to wish all of our families a restful and safe Christmas break.

Mr Marande – Principal



New Senior Prefect Team



Following a rigorous recruitment process and tough competition, we are delighted to announce the appointment of our Senior Prefect Team for 2020-21;

- Joe Chinnock (Head Boy)
- Tyler Lodge (Deputy Head Boys)
- Kieran Bell
- Zach Cooksey
- Charlie Duncan
- Lilly Barnes (Head Girl)
- Maisy Wright (Deputy Head Girls)
- Josephine Green
- Phoebe Patient
- Lily Street-Woodward

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Congratulations, team!

TPS Remembers...

On 11 November, Remembrance Day, we held a two minutes silence to honour all those lost in conflict.

Our new Senior Prefect Team were in attendance, and two of the Deputies – Tyler and Phoebe – laid a textile assemblage created by a collaboration of students before the soldier in our Art Garden whilst “The Last Post” was played by Ossian, Sam and Millie.



Live Music in the Studio

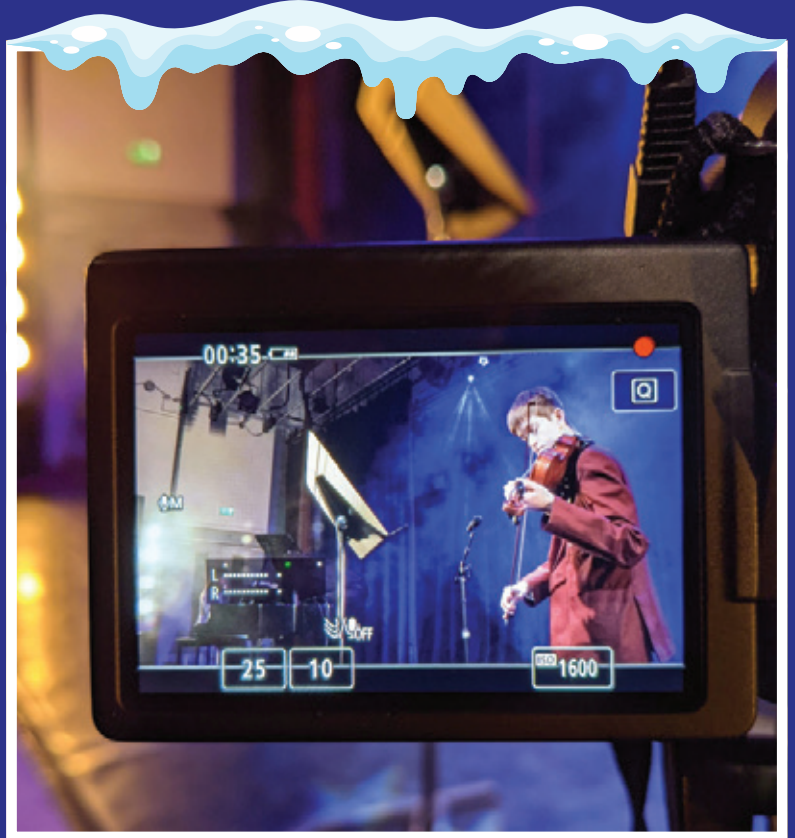
What a pleasure to have an evening of live music in the TPS Studio at the Year 11 GCSE Performance Evening.

Following current Covid restrictions, we were not able to have an audience on this occasion. However, the Studio looked the part and our Year 11 GCSE Music students all performed so well.

It was wonderful to hear how much they have improved with their instrumental technique, performance skills, and seeing them so engaged in their performances.

Well done to all our brilliant Year 11 GCSE Musicians.

Miss Wood

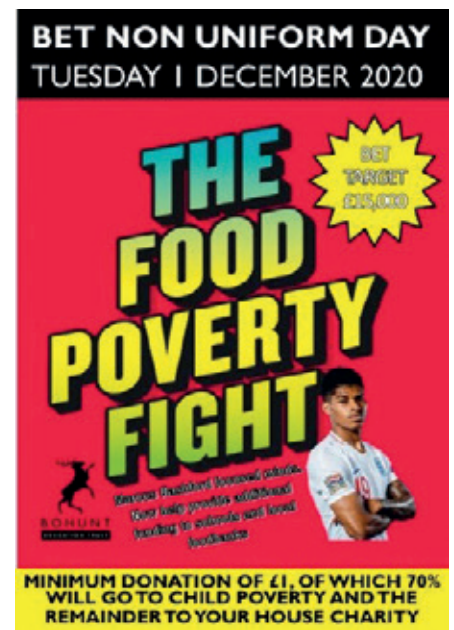


TPS Raises Funds for Food Poverty

Our Non Uniform Day on 1 December to raise funds for Food Poverty raised an amazing **£1766.29** with **£742** going to the local food bank and **£1024.29** to the Trussell Trust Foundation, which supports a nationwide network of food banks. In addition, **£318** was raised for our six House charities.

Families were also invited to donate online to The Trussell Trust at: www.gofundme.com/f/first-for-food.

With an estimated 2.5 million children living in food insecure households, despite record employment, the proportion of children in poverty with working parents has reached an all-time high of 72% – a figure set to increase as the results of unemployment following the first 2020 lockdown are felt.



Principal Mark Marande said,

“At TPS we pride ourselves on being involved in many activities within our community, and I am immensely proud of our students and families for giving so generously.”

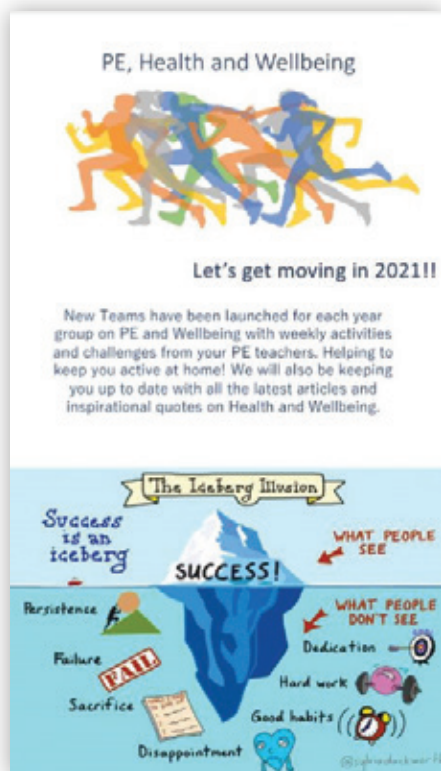
Gary Green – Head of Virtual School at BET said,

“At BET, our game-changing ethos is built on empowering students to act for a better world. We believe in the maxim, ‘every child, same chance’, empowering our students to create change for the better – and helping food banks during this time of crisis for many will be hugely beneficial to families who need it. Donating to The Trussell Trust, a charity that works with over 1200 food banks across the UK and campaigns for change, will be even more transformative.”



English teacher Michael Jennings has also organised a food donation collection for our local food bank, and the box in Reception has been filling. He will make a drop off to the food bank every Friday, so please donate what you can – long life items, dry goods, cans etc are most welcome.

PE, Health and Wellbeing



The PE department would like to introduce you to a new Team due to be launched shortly.

The aim of this Team is to encourage everyone to keep active and healthy as we move into the new year. Whether you are having to work from home or just keen to do extra PE lessons, then take a look at our weekly exercises to keep you fit and healthy. We will also be posting articles on health, fitness and wellbeing along with inspirational quotes to keep you motivated!

What are your goals for 2021? Let's make it a good year!

12 Days Christmas Challenge!

This is a fun and exciting opportunity to take part in some physical challenges during this festive season.

In addition, Eland turned her attention to a corner of her garden that was full of brambles, weeds and We hope to have as many students involved as possible and look forward to seeing the videos! We will be awarding prizes for those who complete the most challenges, have the best fancy dress and who beat the teacher with the best score or time!

Good luck! **The PE Department**

Game Changers in MFL

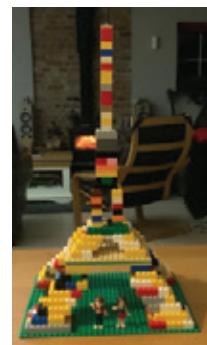
Year 7-9 took part in the school's first ever virtual Careers Week.

We have had much culinary research from Paris to Brest, cakes to sandwich ingredients, and coq au vin. Students have enjoyed both the cooking and the stories behind the food.

Some decided to research football or rugby players and created their fantasy French team. Finally, some superb designs of the Eiffel Tower were made out of Lego!

It was lovely seeing the breadth of research and the enthusiasm of all researchers!

Madame Walters



Drama and Dance

Hybrid Learning

We had to think quite early on at the start of lockdown about how we would manage to keep performance skills improving even if students are at home isolating, for drama and dance.

We have worked hard to try and keep students who are isolating at home involved in the practical aspects of the lesson as much as possible.

As you can see from this photo we have one Year 8 student performing alongside another student at home. We have really enjoyed doing this and it has been great to involve everyone within our lessons under these testing circumstances!

Mrs Reah



Trinity Drama for Year 9

At the start of term, we introduced Trinity Drama sessions on a Monday after school.

18 Year 9 students signed up to participate in the sessions which will prepare them for Trinity Drama exams and will further their experiences within the Performing Arts.

The students have worked on developing their performance skills, working on physical and vocal skills, improvisation, devising and mime. Every week the students turn up with excellent energy and enthusiasm. I look forward to continuing working with them in the new year.

Miss Plunkett



Year 7 Performing Arts Club

It has been great this term. We have had a fabulous bunch of actors and dancers working together brilliantly!

We will be able to share some of their work from “Mary Poppins” at the end of term with parents, which we are looking forward to doing.



Year 7 Premiere Performance

For the past 17 years, we have spent three nights in the Autumn term sharing the brilliant work that the Year 7s have been doing in Drama, Dance and Music.

This year has obviously been very different but the show must go on and we are able to do it virtually! On 18 December, Year 7 parents will be able to watch the Premiere Performance at home as we have been busy recording all of the footage over the last few weeks.

Success on Spotify

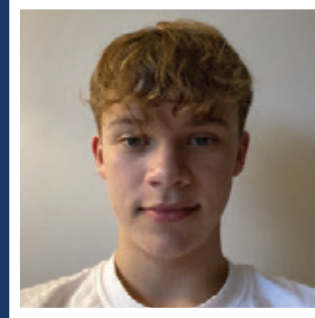


Earlier this year, Piers Clouting from the Class of 2020 took time out from revising for his GCSEs to create a song – Paper Kites - which was launched digitally under the name Loose Change.

Piers wrote the lyrics, composed the instrumentals, sang and played all of the instruments other than drums, and then produced it with his friend. So far it's received over 10,000 hits on Spotify!

Well done, Piers – and congratulations on a fine set of GCSE results, too!

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=loose+change+paper+kites



Oscar Sets His Sights High

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Year 11 student Oscar Corcoran, a member of the CCF for three years, has been selected by CCF Co-ordinator Amanda Phillips to embark upon a leadership course alongside our new Senior Prefect team.

The course will cover core aspects of leadership responsibilities, forming a team, learning how to lead a drill, and upon completion, Oscar hopes to be promoted to Corporal. Mr Marande has presented Oscar with his Marksman badge for passing the Weapon Handling test and shooting from 100m using live rounds. Oscar joined 20 Year 11 cadets from Churcher's College to take the test and was the second best marksman.

Oscar said,

"I am considering a career in the Army or the Marines after College, so CCF is giving me great insight into the possibilities."



Christmas Cheer

Year 8 student Charlotte Living has come up with a brilliant Christmas initiative with her younger sister Jessica.

During lockdown, Charlotte and her family started caring for a 96 year-old gentleman in their village as he had no family in Hampshire. They have continued to look after him and do his shopping, but Charlotte wanted to do more.

She came up with the idea of Clanfield Christmas Cheer, where a gift and homemade card is given to residents who have been isolated this year and who will be alone at Christmas.

More than 100 people have been nominated to receive a gift, and many people have donated. To date over **£165** has been raised via the Facebook fundraising page and 50 presents have been collected, ready for distribution.

Well done, Charlotte. You are a credit to your family and to our school.



Rocket Challenge

In celebration of World Space Week, students in Year 7 and 8 competed in a Rocket Challenge.

After a few sessions building, testing, and improving their rockets, their engineering skills were put to the test and we were ready to launch!

The aim was to have the longest flight time, and some lessons were learnt about the importance of having a deployable parachute, rather than a permanent parachute.

Congratulations to our Year 7 winners, 7Jones, with a flight time of 4.11 seconds, and our Year 8 winners, 8Newton, with a flight time of 4.43 seconds!

Miss Miles



World Space Week ASSOCIATION



After the Studio's technical refurbishment over the summer, we played host to Petersfield Shine Radio's 50th PPOD recording – with the likes of Michael Auger and “Downton Abbey” actor Hugh Bonneville (sort of) gracing The Studio's stage.

Since then, The Studio has unfortunately been closed to audiences through the second lockdown.

We round off the year by opening the doors to audiences for one night only to let us laugh ourselves silly with the Comedy All Stars!

For all the information on events at The Studio – visit www.thestudioattps.com!

Sean Ridley



Netball Club

We are very pleased to have welcomed back our netballers this term! Netball Club is running every day of the week after school and is open to everyone.

If you would like to attend then you can just turn up on the day! Timetable is as follows:

Monday (Year 9)	3.15-4.15 Miss Palmer
Tuesday (Year 10)	3.15-4.15 Miss Palmer
Wednesday (Year 8)	2.15-3.15 Miss Warner
Thursday (Year 11)	3.15-4.15 Mrs Taylor
Friday (Year 7)	2.15-3.15 Miss Warner



Virtual Carol Concert

The Music Department were delighted to be able to record an evening of performances from our talented singers and musicians and singers, and we look forward to sharing these with you at our very first Virtual Carol Concert 2020.

It will feel very strange not to be at St Peter's Church this year, which is a very special tradition, however, our TPS students have again done us proud and we have managed to capture some very special moments on camera. These include the traditional 9 Lessons, a selection of instrumental carols, the String group, a flute and trumpet duet, as well as a range of lively festive songs.

We look forward to sharing these with you on Wednesday 16 December at 7.00pm, via [the Studio website](#).



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Amazing People

This term, many of our Year 7 students have been busy researching a number of 'Amazing People' that were selected by departments as being the 'game-changers' of their field.

Students could choose to research either Frida Kahlo (selected by the Art department), Marie Curie (selected by Science), Charles Darwin (Geography), George Gershwin (Music), or Abebe Bikila (PE).

Students were given a variety of activities to complete within their research, and were asked to present them in a creative way – be this a collage, a PowerPoint presentation, a song, or even a food menu!

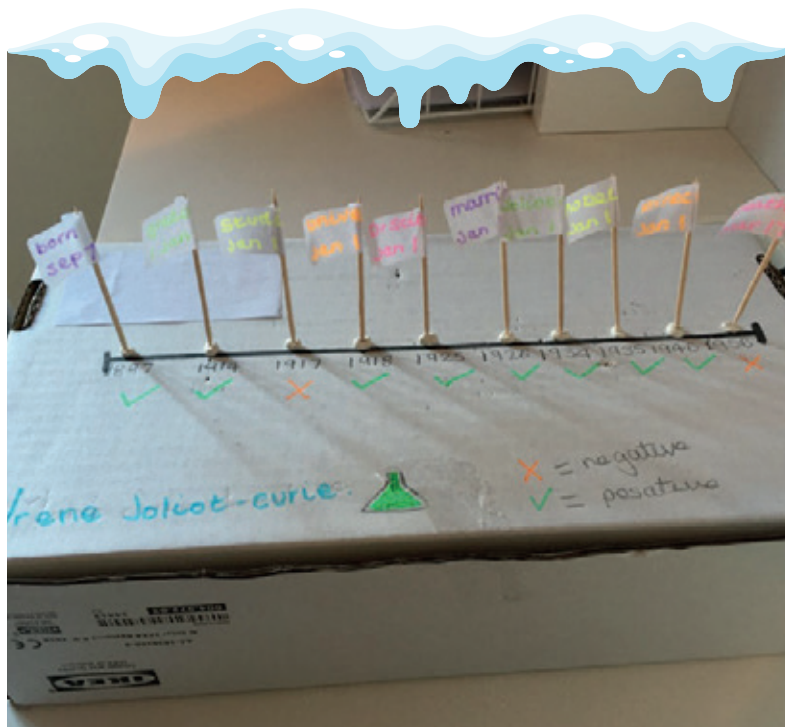
The students were working on this as an additional optional task, alongside their normal timetabled lessons, and what they have produced is fantastic!

A huge well done to all those who participated. Winners will be awarded in the last week of term.

Miss Everest



[Harrison G Video](#) (Please click link to view video)



[Lily Weller Video](#) (Please click here to view video. Enjoy!)



Milly L Year 7

Charity Appeal by Former Student

Village Aid^U

Former TPS student Anna McNamara is leading Village Aid's charity appeal to raise £10,000 by 8 December for a project enabling women in rural Senegal to develop sustainable farming businesses to support their families.



Anna originally formed an interest in international development following a group trip to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, organised by former teachers Miss Stevens and Mr Callaghan in 1997

She has gone on to work for international charities, and is now Village Aid's UK-based fundraising representative.

The charity launched a Big Give Challenge project in the run up to Christmas, and every donation was matched pound for pound for one week only (1-8 December).

Please see the attached video explaining what it was all about.

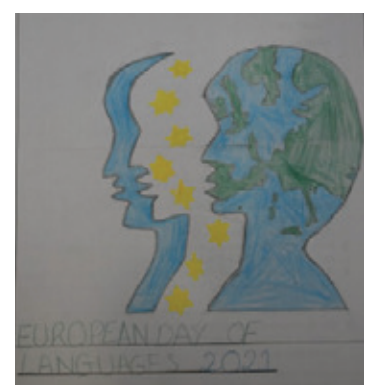
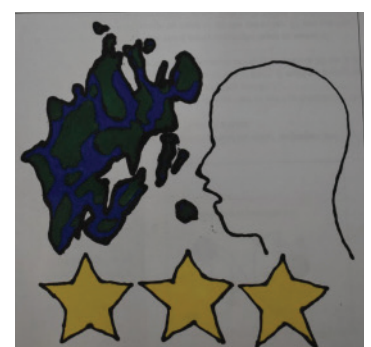
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To find out more or support the project, please visit: www.villageaid.org/biggive2020

T-Shirt Design Competition Winners

Recently the MFL department set a task for all Year 7 students to design a logo for a T-shirt representing the European Day of Languages.

The best designs from each class were put together and sent to the national competition. Meanwhile within school, the competition was judged by Mr Leeson who chose the top three designs. The winner was Freya with runners-up Ellie and Scarlett, and the girls were presented with a certificate by Mr Marande.



TPS Students Achieve Fantastic Results in an Extraordinary GCSE Year

After an extraordinary year, students, staff and parents celebrated their excellent GCSE results. Despite not being able to sit exams this year and the recent furore about the grading process, the results are a testament to all the hard work and dedication that the students have shown throughout the length of their GCSE courses.



Overall, outcomes at TPS have continued to build on recent years' record-breaking results and our students will now enjoy even more opportunities to progress to the ambitious future opportunities of their. Several individual students received truly remarkable results including our highest achieving girl, Lucy from Petersfield, and our highest achieving boy, Charlie from Waterlooville, who both secured a jaw-dropping eleven grade 9s each (equivalent to A** grades under the new grading system).

Lucy said,

"I have enjoyed everything here at TPS! I am so happy with my grades and would like to thank all my teachers for helping to inspire me so much."

Charlie said,

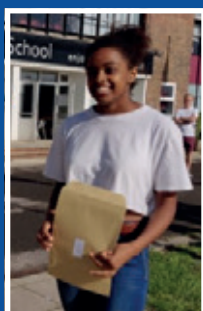
"TPS has been amazing. It's given me so many opportunities, including being Deputy Head Boy this year, and I've really enjoyed my time here."

Both students are off to Bohunt Sixth Form to study Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Psychology (Lucy), and Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry (Charlie).



Meetu was thrilled with her results and is off to Bohunt Sixth Form to study Psychology, English Language and History. She said,

"I am so happy! I would like to thank all my teachers who helped me."



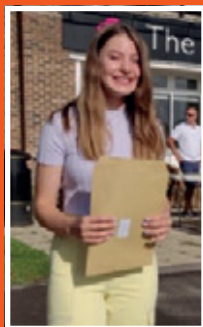
James achieved 8 grade 9s and is also off to Bohunt Sixth Form to study Maths, Further Maths, Computing and Physics. He said,

"All my teachers really helped me focus on how to improve and were very motivational."



Jennifer was the girl who made the most progress with 4 grade 9s, one grade 8 and 4 grade 7s. She said,

“Everyone should always make the most of their time at TPS and study hard to achieve their best.”



Maddison gained 8 grade 9s, one grade 8 and 2 grade 7s and is off to Havant & South Downs to study Chemistry, Biology, Maths and Further Maths. She said,

“I would like to thank Miss Allen and all my teachers for being supportive and helping me achieve these results.”



Piers was the boy who made the most progress during his time at TPS, achieving 8 grade 9s and 3 grade 8s. He said,

“I joined TPS in Year 8 and it was the best decision ever – everyone was so welcoming and I have had some brilliant teachers who have helped me achieved these grades.”



TPS Principal Mark Marande commented,

“This has been one of the most resilient and hardworking year groups I have ever had the pleasure of working with and I am incredibly proud of all the students receiving results today. Despite the significant upheaval and uncertainty surrounding the GCSEs this year, the huge amount of effort and high level of engagement that they have put into their studies, day in and day out during their time at TPS, has really paid off for them. We know that they will go on to achieve exceptional things in the future and that they will be the generation that overcame the current challenging situation.”

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Festive Face Masks

With the current restrictions, Year 8 students Lucy and April have missed being able to use The Studio for performances or enjoy films in there.

The girls have been busy making Christmas face masks and hair scrunchies to sell at Reception – masks are £3 and scrunchies are 50p – and profits will go to The Studio.

They said,

“We love TPS and would like to support the Studio at this difficult time.”

There are some lovely festive designs – go and check them out!



Zara's Oxford University Taster Sessions

Year 11 Zara has had the opportunity to take part in a University programme based at Oxford University.



Zara was due to attend a 5-day residential this summer, but due to Covid, the event was rescheduled over the internet. Zara was able to find out first-hand what it is like being a student at one of the world's leading universities.

She took a taster session each day in various subjects as well as participating in team-building activities. As part of the programme, Zara is fortunate to have a monthly mentoring session with one of Oxford's current students, who is able to offer revision help and talk her through stress-busting techniques.

Zara hopes she will be able to take part in next Easter's residential programme where she will be able to stay at either Oxford or Cambridge University and have a total immersion experience of student life.

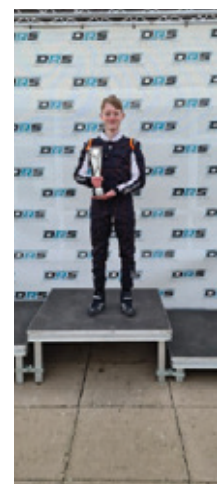
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Podium Place for Dylan

Year 11 student Dylan picked up another third place at Shenington in Oxfordshire in the Daniel Ricciardo Karting Series.

Dylan said,

"We had a mixed practice day on Saturday, unable to set the kart up correctly due to lack of grip, but we knew that race day would be better weather and that we'd have new tyres. I moved forward through the heat and the pre-final and lined up 6th on the grid for the main final race. I managed to move up to third and had a race-long battle for second place, running in second for a couple of laps before being repassed with 3 minutes to go!"



Dylan is still in the running for a top three place in the Championship, with the final round on 1 November.

Global Social Leaders of the Future?

During the summer holidays, TPS students from Years 8, 9 and 10 participated in the Global Social Leaders online summer camp programme.

The Global Social Leaders Catalyst programme is designed to develop leadership skills and understanding of global issues, enabling young people to plan a project and become leaders in their life and society.

The participants received powerful leadership training, inspiring talks and the chance to make deep connections with their peers.

The programme was all online for 3 hours over 5 days. There were different “rooms” for participants with “break out rooms” for smaller groups to complete an activity and then come together and share with everyone else.

Year 9s Daniel and George said, *“We learned how to step up and take responsibility, and about what makes a good leader and how to lead others successfully.”*

Year 9 Sarah added, *“There were lots of issues being discussed – climate change, period poverty, gender equality etc. I learned that you can be any age and everyone can make a difference – one of the speakers was a 14 year-old girl. I learned about how people are fundraising for charities and spreading awareness, even during the Covid pandemic.”*



Year 10 Victor said, *“I gained valuable life experiences for the future and I had a great time. There was the chance to talk to other people from different parts of the UK and also in other countries.”*

Lucy's Fundraiser For The Open Air Pool

Year 8 Lucy is a keen swimmer as well as enjoying running, and so when the Great South Run was cancelled, she decided to run to raise money for the Petersfield Open Air Pool.

She pledged to complete 25 2.5k runs in 48 days, and finished last weekend, raising **£360** so far – way beyond her original target of **£100!** If you would like to help her boost this still further, visit www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/lucymaiheaton25runs48d

Lucy said,

“I absolutely love the pool and have been swimming there for 4 years now, and I hope to get a part time job there when I am 13. I've done swimming lessons, rookie life-saving lessons, school trips, swimming days with friends, and general days out to swim. I was very sad that the pool couldn't open this year but I wanted to do something positive in the meantime.”



Taekwondo News - Petersfield Awards

Head Girl Lilly Barnes was shortlisted for two categories at the recent Petersfield Awards for all her hard work in Taekwondo – not just for herself, but also for her selfless commitment in helping others.

Lilly's instructor, Colin Sayer, said, "She is truly an inspiration to all the other kids within the club, and fingers crossed she goes on to win one of these awards!"

Colin's own daughter Aimee has been doing Taekwondo for 7 years and was due to take her Black Belt grading in April. Aimee carried on training throughout lockdown and has now passed her grading. The good news is that Lilly won the award for Sporting Achievement.

Lilly said,

"My Taekwondo coach was one of several people who put my name forward for Sporting Achievement, which made me feel very proud. And even more so to be nominated for another award, too. The ceremony should have taken place earlier this year, but due to Covid it was moved online. When I learned that I'd won the Sporting award I was thrilled!"

Colin concluded,

"I would like to say thank you to your school and Sean your Lettings Manager, who helped to make this possible for her and so many others in this difficult time. It was really special for me to be able to invite all the Senior Grand Masters down to Petersfield to hold this grading."



Halloween Physics!

Year 7 students joined the Science Department for a spooky STEM activity creating light up Halloween cards. They constructed their own series circuits, including an LED which lit up the front of their card design.



Mastering The Art Of Bricklaying

The Year 11 Construction students who attend Bordon Future Skills Centre were busy this week practising their bricklaying skills.

The students have mastered the art of laying bricks and breeze blocks and creating a cavity wall under the watchful eye of their tutor Andy Spencer. The students are fine-tuning their skills as next half term they will be creating a mini town.



Deputy Head Girl Lily Has Been Offered The Role Of Support Member

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Year 11 student Lily has recently been offered the role of Support Member of Youth Parliament (SMYP) for East Hampshire.

UK Youth Parliament is an initiative run by the charity The British Youth Council that gives young people a voice on issues that matter to them. Over 300 young representatives are Members of the UK Youth Parliament. They work to ensure that the voices of young people are heard at a national, regional, and local level.

Members of UK Youth Parliament come together to debate and decide in their House of Commons sitting the most important issue that they will campaign on for the year ahead.

They decide this from the top 5 issues voted on by young people from across the UK from the Make Your Mark ballot. The UK Youth Parliament is the only group other than MPs that is allowed to sit in the House of Commons. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year's debate will be online.

Lily said,

"I want to make a difference and so I thought the best way to start young would be to get involved with the Youth Parliament. I have already met all sorts of people and am really enjoying it."



Change A Life By Making A Donation

At 20 Dragon Street, The King's Arms is building a legacy for the town of Petersfield and its young people – and you can help. To make it fit to reopen there is much work to be done – roof repairs, asbestos removal, new kitchen, safeguarding alterations, damp proofing...

It all adds up.

For every £ we raise (up to £22,500) The Architectural Heritage Fund will match it! Can you help us by donating to our JustGiving Campaign? Supporting, encouraging, guiding and having fun – please help us provide a brighter future for our young people.

justgiving.com/campaign/thekingsarms202020

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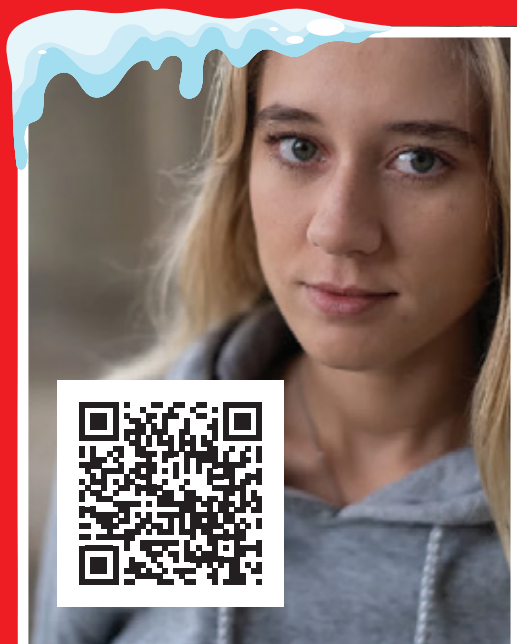
£11,250

£5,625

60%

thank you

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021

JANUARY

Monday 4 : Inset Day

Tuesday 5 : First Day of Spring Term

Wednesday 13 : Virtual Parents Consultation Year 7 & 8 2.45-5.45pm

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 10 : Virtual Parents Consultation Year 11 2.45-5.45pm

Monday 15 : Friday 19: Half Term

MARCH

Wednesday 3 : Virtual Parents Consultation Year 9 & 10 5.00-8.00pm

APRIL

Thursday 1 : Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 19 : First Day of Summer Term

Wednesday 28 : Virtual Parents Consultation Year 7 & 8 5.00-8.00pm

MAY

Monday 3 : May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 31 – Friday 4 June : Half Term

JUNE

Wednesday 30 : Inset Day

JULY

Tuesday 20 : Last Day of Summer Term TBC

Thanks to all the families who are continuing to support the TPS Development Fund. Your contributions are much appreciated and enable us to provide those little extras that would not be available from the school budget.

If you wish to donate to the TPS Development Fund, please visit our new online giving page at:
localgiving.org/donation/tpsdevelopmentfund/monthly
or ask School reception for a direct debit form.

Don't forget that the TPS Development Fund receives **£25** for every new customer who signs up for three box deliveries from organic veg company Riverford. AND... if you're already a Riverford customer we get a one-off **£25** for you too! More info at **www.riverford.co.uk/pot/vegfund**

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