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Another Year of Outstanding GCSE Results Celebrated at TPS!



Overall, 84% of students at the school achieved a grade 4/C or above in English and in Maths, which surpasses our record results achieved last year and means that TPS remains one of the highest performing schools in Hampshire.

Additionally, for the 'gold standard' headline measure of five or more GCSEs at 4+/C+ including English and Maths, TPS came fourth in Hampshire (out of 68 secondary schools) with 82%. A grade 4 is defined by the Government as a good pass under the new 9 to 1 grading system. Student progress measures also remained significantly above average.

With strengths across the board, results in English and Maths were particularly impressive, with 90% of students achieving at least a grade 4 in English and 88% being awarded a grade 4 or higher in Maths.



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Other GCSE subjects where over 90% of students achieved a grade 4 or above included History, German, Economics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Dance, Music, Religious Studies, Photography and Media. Amazingly, a third of all grades awarded to students at TPS this year were at the 7 to 9 (A*/A) standard!

Sixth Form in Liphook. Katie Beken achieved 8 grade 9s and 2 grade 8s and William J Jones got 7 grade 9s and 2 grade 8s. There were several other outstanding individual success stories for both attainment and progress, but far too many to list here, unfortunately.



Sarah Arnold was the highest achieving student with an incredible nine grade 9s, the highest grade possible, equivalent to an A**! Sarah is now studying A Level English Literature, History and Geography plus an EPQ in Law at our joint Trust

As a school we were thrilled with the results this year and even more so due to the fact that they are again a new record for our best ever results in the 61-year history of TPS. The students can all be incredibly proud of their achievements and hard work, especially in light of the more challenging new GCSEs. They demonstrate another year of exceptional dedication by everyone involved with our school – our students, their parents and our staff. We now look forward to continued success in a new decade as 2020 approaches!

Mr Marande – Principal

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A Fabulous Sunshine Filled Open Morning

Over 400 students gave up their Saturday morning to help host our Open Morning in September where visitors were treated to a packed programme of activities in glorious sunshine.

Driving our Greenpower car around a course, a football goal-scoring challenge on the Astro, trampolining in the Sports Hall, petting ponies at Horse Riding Club, trying a spot of sub-aqua in a special pool for Scuba Diving Club, toasting marshmallows on a fire with the Sustainability Centre.

And that's before the families toured our departments, where there were some fun interactive displays and hands-on challenges. Our student bands entertained everyone with a medley of tunes from the bandstand and there was a sneak preview of rehearsals for our forthcoming major new musical, "Fame".

Mr Marande gave a Principal's address three times in the Hall, supported by our Head Boy and Head Girl, Joe Kinder and Jess Minton, and two Year 8 students, John Hickmott and Tilly Toft Madsen.

Visitors were highly complimentary about their experience, and we hope to be able to welcome them into our school in future.



Greenpower International Final 2019

Greenpower
INSPIRING ENGINEERS

On Thursday 17 October both TPS Greenpower teams made it to the International Final 2019 at Silverstone to celebrate 20 years of Greenpower.

Our teams include over 30 students with two electric kit cars which they build and race. The club gets students interested and enthusiastic about science and engineering using the excitement of motorsport.

This is the first year TPS has made it to the final, and the students thoroughly enjoyed racing on the legendary Silverstone track. We competed against 100 other teams, including teams from China and Singapore, and TPS1 positioned 58th in the final race with TPS2 not far behind in 68th.

We are incredibly proud of both teams for the progress they have made in the competitions with only a few years' experience in the game. The teams cannot wait to get back into designing and improving their cars ready for next season.



Extreme Adventurer & TV Stuntman visits TPS



Scott Heffield, Bear Grylls' 'right hand man', gave an inspiring talk to students about resilience and the survival mindset.

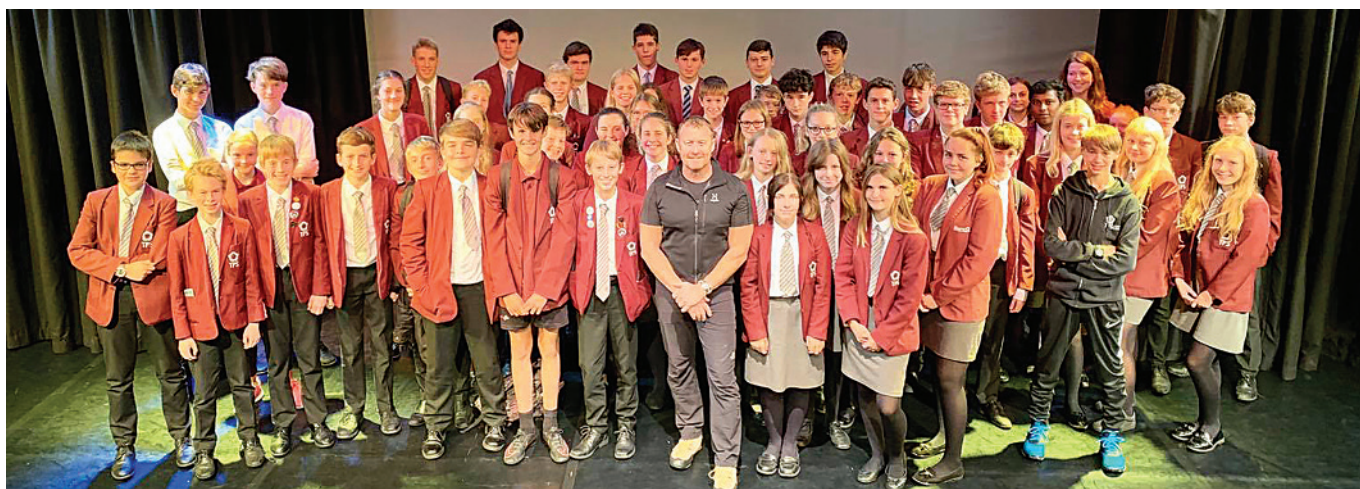
A former Royal Marine Commando, Scott is tough as nails! A mountaineer, diver, climber, canoeist, paraglider pilot and all-round adventurer, he's run expeditions all over the world and in some of the most hostile environments on the planet. From the jungles of Sumatra to the icy landscape of Antarctica, he has done it all. He's a true survival expert!

He is a member of the Bear Grylls Safety Team on TV shows such as; Man V Wild for Discovery, Running Wild for NBC, Mission Survive for ITV, Absolute Wild for Discovery, Bear's Mission with ITV, A Touch of The Wild Facebook Watch, You V Wild Netflix and Survival School for CITV.

He shared with the students what it's been like filming in extreme locations with celebrities such as Stephen Fry,

Julia Roberts, Channing Tatum, Courtney Cox, Kate Winslet and even the former President of the United States, Barack Obama!

He also invited students on stage with him to eat dried dung beetles and scorpions! Thank you, Scott, for visiting us and sharing your incredible career. Learn more about Scott here: <https://youtu.be/meR-PqoCuhA>



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Butser Hill Challenge Success

Year 7 student Victoria Band was celebrating her excellent performance at September's Butser Hill Challenge, where she came 3rd in the Year 7 Girls.

Running is a family interest, with Victoria's mum a member of Liss Runners. Victoria also enjoys gymnastics and plays football for the U12 Wildcats at Petersfield Town Juniors.

She said,

"I had done a bit of training before the weekend, but not as much as usual. In fact I had a sleepover the night before, so I was really pleased with my result!"



Taekwondo Gold

Year 10 Lilly Barnes took part in the British Taekwondo Council (BTC) National Championships in Worcester, and came away with an impressive hoard of medals.

Gold for Girls Middleweight Green Belt Individual Sparring; Gold for Girls Middleweight Yellow/Green Belt Team Sparring, and Silver for Girls Green Belt Patterns.

Colin Sayer, Head Instructor of the Taekwondo Club here at TPS, said,

"Lilly is a credit to you as a school, not only working hard at her Taekwondo, but also making herself available to help others in class. She represents all the core values of Taekwondo to the highest standard – Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-Control and Indomitable Spirit."

Lilly now faces the British Taekwondo Nationals in November, which will be her first chance to get noticed by the GB Taekwondo Squad Coaches.



Mr Sayer concluded:

"I have no doubt in my mind that she will grab their attention for all the right reasons and move forward on her dream to compete in the Olympics at Taekwondo."

Well done, Lilly, we are proud of you!

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Engaging Young People with the Countryside

The Petersfield School would like to congratulate The Sustainability Centre in East Meon for their success at the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Hampshire Countryside Awards.

The Centre was awarded first place in the "Young People" category for Engaging Young People with the Countryside.

Karen Heath, Careers Co-ordinator at TPS, said,

"It has been our pleasure to work in partnership with The Sustainability Centre since 2005. Literally hundreds of our students have benefitted and enjoyed the time that they have spent there. Every week, four students attend the Centre with a member of TPS staff and work alongside Sean Reeves. Sean is part of the Sustainability Centre Education Team and he has passed on his expertise, skills, knowledge and sense of fun to students who have been identified as needing a confidence boost or some extra nurturing."



Macmillan Coffee Morning



WORLD'S BIGGEST
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Staff raised £250

towards Macmillan Cancer Support taking part in their annual Biggest Coffee Morning. Staff made some delicious cakes which were devoured during breaktime at school

Thank you



Local Primary Pupils Attend Ignite Session

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We welcomed over 20 Year 5 and 6 students from local primary schools to an Ignite session designed to stretch and challenge pupils with the ambition to think more deeply.

The Humanities Faculty set the task – “Was the Falklands War justified?” Students divided into groups, were given information and background on the war, and discussed amongst their group whether or not it was a fair war, followed by a spirited debate amongst all groups.

Head of RE and AMA
Co-ordinator, Sophie Gingras,
said,

“It was wonderful to welcome so many students from our feeder schools to this afternoon’s session! Everyone was really engaged in the task, with some really interesting points of view. I look forward to building up further links between the schools.”



Maritime Roadshow for Girls

On Friday 11 October, a group of Year 8 girls headed to INEOS TEAM UK headquarters in Portsmouth for a day of workshops to inspire these young women to pursue careers in STEM.

They also met many inspirational women in STEM careers who gave them advice on how to achieve their goals. To top it off, they got to enjoy the day with other BET schools, Bohunt and Priory!

Our students enjoyed many aspects of the day and were particularly impressed at the range of diverse careers available in the STEM sectors. The day involved:

- Hands-on exhibits based on America's Cup technologies and other STEM-based activities.
- Speed networking sessions between small groups of female students and female STEM employees from participating companies.
- Growth Mindset Workshop – exploring the principles of the Growth Mindset to develop their own 'I can' attitude.
- My Skills My Life Workshop – to identify their skills and link them to female role models in STEM.
- Wings and Sails Workshop – Working in teams to create their own sails and testing them in the wind tunnel.



Visual Arts

Last month the Art department were host to ex-students and local members of the community, including the Mayor of Petersfield, who all came to our annual GCSE exhibition.

The work, which is still on show around the Art department, received a fabulous response from all who attended.

The evening was busy as usual, with hundreds of local people turning up to see the wonderful work on show. A special thanks to our Art department prefects who helped on the night.

Just as swiftly as we closed the door on exhibition night, we began to re-dress the Art department for Open Morning. This year we were raising awareness of plastic pollution in the oceans. A floor-to-ceiling still life was erected in the Art block, constructed with plastic bags, bottles and other sealife accessories. We were lucky to have a host of Key Stage 4 students on the day who sat and sketched, painted and photographed from the still life throughout the morning.



Outside next to the sculpture garden, our Key Stage 3 students were coming up with creative solutions to plastic waste. Inspired by the Indian sustainability project 'feed Goby', the 8ft x 10ft wire waste bin in the shape of a fish, students used wire and other materials to design their own maquette 'Goby's' – something we aspire to build full-scale on the school site in the future.

Finally, we also enjoyed the return of our TPS alumni, who were painting and drawing away in our TPS alumni space at the front of the Art block. A special thanks to them for turning up to support the department on the day and wowing the crowds.

Miss Cootes – Performing Arts Department

Duke of Edinburgh Award “Insights” Event



The Bohunt Education Trust (BET) hosted the Duke of Edinburgh’s (DofE) prestigious Annual “Insights” event in the Studio at TPS.

The Trust and DofE welcomed guests from around the South East region to hear from BET’s students and staff about their transformational DofE experiences and the positive impact the award has had on outcomes for children and young people across BET.

BET was selected to host the high profile event to reflect its sector-leading approach to outdoor education and learning. BET’s vision is to ensure there be no barrier to outdoor education and as such, the Trust has committed to enabling the most disadvantaged and vulnerable students to participate in DofE.

The event saw key players across the education sector joined by Deputy Lieutenant Tom Floyd and Karen Pickering, MBE, recognising and celebrating the impact of the long-standing DofE Award. During the afternoon students and co-ordinators from across BET schools presented and shared stories and best practice, taking the opportunity to talk to DofE supporters and benefactors from across the county.

This academic year has seen one of the largest ever uptakes of the programme across the BET, with over 800 students participating in the award. 640 students successfully completed the Bronze Award, with a record 150 achieving the Silver Award and 20 students attaining the highly esteemed Gold Award.



TPS ran three expeditions – two Bronze and one Silver. A record-breaking 151 Bronze students over two weekends successfully passed their expedition phase over two weekends, and 3 groups of Silver Award students over two nights three days in the New Forest. There are 122 Bronze candidates registered to complete the Award next year, and the expeditions will take full advantage of the South Downs National Park to allow students to experience trails and pathways local to them, and reduce our carbon footprint as a school/DofE Centre.

From next September, TPS will introduce DofE in Year 9 to allow students to participate in Silver Award in Year 10, leaving Year 11 free to concentrate on academic studies, and will introduce a wider variety of expedition choices including kayaking and mountain biking.

Reading Around the World Project

Since January 2019, our school has been running the Reading Around the World project.

This project encouraged our students and staff to “travel” through the medium of books set abroad. Over 30 students took part and achieved a Bronze, Silver or Gold award.

Students achieving the Gold award read a variety of books set on all continents, with some connected to the subjects they study at school and recommended by their teachers. As a reward, we will be taking our Silver and Gold award students to Fareham Library to discover how they can further develop their reading and select some books for our younger students to read at TPS. Gold award winners also received cinema tickets as a special treat!



Well done to all our students and teachers involved in this project. At TPS we consider reading for pleasure an essential asset to our students’ psychological and academic development and as Jules Claretie said: “the best way to travel is to read a good book.”

Mrs Farren



Bohunt Sixth Form Wows with Record-Breaking Open Evening

Bohunt Sixth Form welcomed its largest ever crowd to its annual Autumn Open Evening.

Over 400 prospective students and their parents attended the evening, eager to see the impressive Sixth Form building and learn all about Bohunt Sixth's immersive study and enrichment programmes.



Clare Hodgson, Head of Bohunt Sixth Form, and Neil Strowger, Headteacher of Bohunt School, gave a series of informal talks aimed at future students who might be considering joining for years 12 and 13. Students and parents were keen to hear about life at Bohunt Sixth Form, the transition to higher education and the courses and programmes available.

The Sixth Form's current cohort of students shared their experiences and gave advice on what Bohunt Sixth Form has to offer and choosing what to study post-16. Each subject was represented by expert teaching staff, offering information and advice. Talented music students performed unique compositions, written especially for the visitors, whilst Science, Art and Humanities departments dazzled visitors with A level experiments, fine art and sculpture, essay writing and critiques. The Sixth Form library showcased the wonderful study facilities and outstanding resources available to support students.



Clare Hodgson, Head of Bohunt Sixth Form said,

"We are thrilled that so many have come to see us this evening. Taking the time to visit the Sixth Form is an important part of a considered approach to further education and is vital to help students make informed choices about their future. Bohunt Sixth Form offers students wishing to take their next step towards University or a career the perfect balance between a personalised learning environment, high standards and enjoyment whilst learning. The wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer is designed to stimulate the development of the whole person as they work towards realising their goals. Life at Bohunt Sixth Form is inspiring, supportive and ambitious, the proof being our outstanding first set of results this Summer, where 35% of all our students achieved A-A grades – 10% above the national average."*

Neil Strowger, Headteacher of Bohunt School and Sixth Form said,

"We were delighted that so many new students and their parents visited us for our Autumn Open Evening this year. As our first set of A level results demonstrate, Bohunt Sixth Form offers students the opportunity to study in an environment which puts learning and achievement at the heart of our ethos. We are the top state further education provider in the local area, and evenings such as these are an ideal way for visitors to see the academic and extra-curricular activities available to students."



Open Mic Night

The first Open Mic Night of the new school year went off with a bang – an evening of super musical performances from students in Years 7-10.

Again, a complete range of talent and such a pleasure to see so many of our students shining and sharing their musical passions.

Highlights included: courageous performances from new Year 7's Koko King, Lucy Heaton and Tilly Duckworth; a soulful performance of 'Burned Out' with piano accompaniment by Emma Standing, and an expressive cover of 'Change' by Lana del Ray from Kat Jooste and Georgia Hoyle.

Solomon Boxley showcased his songwriting talent with an original rap 'Headache'; Clara Evans stunned the audience with a beautiful performance of 'You Ruin Me' by the Veronicas, and both our Year 9 and 10 bands showed what progress they have made over the year with performances of 'Don't Stop me Now', 'American Idiot' and 'Smells Like Teen Spirit'.

All students deserve a huge well done for their performances.

Miss Wood – Head of Music



Mental Health Wellbeing at TPS

With World Mental Health Day fresh in our minds, the Pastoral Team wanted to draw your attention to the wealth of provision we have at TPS to support students with their Mental Health.

In house, we are very proud to have Wellbeing Ambassadors, Wellbeing Weeks, Mindfulness and the opportunity for Year 8 students to attend outreach at the Sustainability Centre. We also are lucky enough to have access to mentors from the Kings Arms. If you would like to find out more, please speak to any member of the pastoral team.

Peer Mentors at TPS

Each year as we welcome our new cohort of Year 7 students, Year 9 are working busily to ensure that their first few weeks at TPS are as successful and settled as possible.

Our 'Peer Mentors' have shown fantastic commitment this year from attending and presenting at the Year 7 Transition Evening to supporting teachers during Year 7 Summer School. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them and we know that Year 7 share our thanks and gratitude.

"Being a peer mentor was very rewarding and exciting as I was able to help the new Year 7 into this school. It is also enjoyable for yourselves as it allows you to experience some of the new activities Year 7 get to enjoy that maybe weren't there when we joined. For example, getting to go to a Mandarin workshop or going to do the Year 7 summer camp for a week and doing loads of excellent and fun activities."

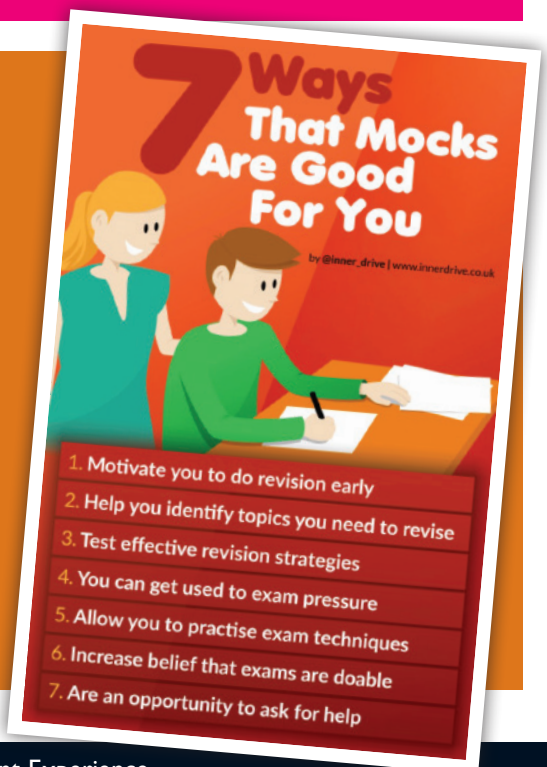
"Whilst being a peer mentor, some things you had to do were: take part in some after school Year 6 workshops at the end of this year; help take the Year 6s around the school on induction day; help for the first 2 weeks of the new school year to help the new Year 7s settle in to the new environment and also some peer mentors can also help at the summer school and the tutor times. My favourite moment of being a peer mentor was going on to the Year 7 playground, playing a traditional Chinese game called Jianzi and getting to go into a Year 7 tutor group and play guess the riddle!"

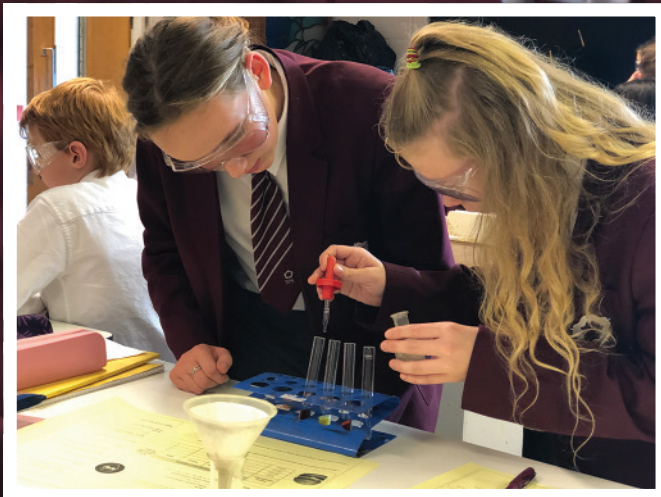
Revision

Year 11 students and their teachers are currently busy preparing for the PPEs that take place in early November.

On Wednesday 16 October, the students spent the morning off timetable learning top tips for revision, using their time well and memorisation techniques. The '7 ways that mocks are good for you' image is great advice as we get closer to the exams.

Good luck, Year 11! You've got this!





Year 7 have settled into Science lessons at TPS wonderfully! Some students have been learning all about cells and organs and have even had a chance at dissection.

Pictured are some students in Mrs Beacher's class testing different parts of a burger to find out what nutrients it contains.

Other students have been learning all about how everything is made of particles and been looking at what the difference is between solids, liquids and gases. Fascinating discussions took place in class when experimenting with oobleck....is it a solid or a liquid?

So many budding scientists are shining through and we are excited to see how the rest of the year progresses. Well done Year 7!

Mrs Beacher



Exciting events coming up at...

THE STUDIO@TPS

Over the next few weeks we have an ever-growing programme of events in The Studio – and we would love you to see it from the comfort of our all new theatre seating!

The Studio is delighted to be playing host to the world premiere of Michelle Magorian's musical **TINSEL**, which runs from the 20-23 November, and is based around the fabled Office Party! Don't miss this exciting new production, penned by the author of *Goodnight Mister Tom* with music from the world-renowned Robert Buckley.

Musicals not your flavour? No problem – as we have the side-splittingly funny James Alderson joining us once again for his **COMEDY ALL STARS 'Little Christmas Show'** on 7 December to give you some early Christmas cheer and send you all home with a smile on your faces.

Branching out into the music world we have the world's leading Fleetwood Mac tribute band, **Fleetingwood Mac**, brought to us by the Hampshire Music Company, whose true, rich FWM sound will be filling our Studio with an array of absolute classics!

Finally, rounding off our 2019 programme we have the return of **CINEMA@TPS** with the all-new 2019 release of Disney's **THE LION KING** on 15 December which will be joined by several Christmas-themed releases yet to be announced.

For more details and for the latest news, visit www.facebook.com/studioattps and to book tickets visit: www.ticketsource.co.uk/thestudiotps

If you want to bring your productions to our Studio stage, contact our Studio Manager now on: bookings@petersfieldschool.com

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Fame

This school year the TPS School Musical is Fame, and so last month we took our cast and band to see the professional performance at The Peacock Theatre in London.

130 students and staff members attended. It was a fantastic performance with a brilliant atmosphere which has inspired students ready for their upcoming rehearsals.

After the performance, we were lucky enough to meet the cast at the back-stage door, including actress and model, Jorgie Porter.

Each week the cast and band are rehearsing on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, working on learning songs, choreography and blocking scenes. The TPS Musical will be at The New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth from 5-7 February 2020.

Tickets are on sale now from:

www.newtheatreroyal.com/performances/fame/



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Year 7 Hampshire Cup

The Year 7 boys football team played Bay House in a closely matched Hampshire Cup game.

It went all the way to penalties after TPS came back from being 1-0 down at half time to finishing 2-2.

Sadly, Bay House won 4-3 on penalties, but all the boys played an outstanding game and should be proud of their performance.



Winners of the World Space Week 'Moon Photography Challenge'

To celebrate World Space Week 2019 (4-10 October) and the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, students were invited to take part in a challenge to photograph the Moon.

We had many fantastic entries from students (and staff), as well as some creative artwork pieces too. The winners of the 2019 TPS Moon Photography Challenge are:



Lower school
Daniel Scott-Warren
(Year 7)

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Upper school
Norbert Szekely
(Year 11)





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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019-2020

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Monday 28 - Friday 1 : Half Term

Tuesday 26 : Inset Day (School closed)

Thursday 28 : GCSE Certificates & Reunion Evening

DECEMBER

Wednesday 4 : Y8/Y10 Parent Consultations 2.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 11 : Y11 Parent Consultations 5.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 18 : Carol Concert at St Peter's Church 7.00pm

Friday 20 : Last Day of the Autumn Term (12.00 noon finish)

JANUARY – 2020

Monday 6 : Inset Day (School closed)

Tuesday 7 : First Day of the Spring Term

Wednesday 15 : Y7/Y9 Parent Consultations 2.30-5.30pm

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5 - Friday 7 : "Fame" at New Theatre Royal Portsmouth

Wednesday 12 : Y11 Parent Consultations 2.30-5.30pm

Monday 17 - Friday 21 : Half Term

MARCH

Wednesday 4 : Y8/Y9 Parent Consultations 5.00-8.00pm

APRIL

Wednesday 1 : Y8 Curriculum Choices Evening 6.00-8.00pm

Friday 3 : Last day of the Spring Term

Monday 20 : Inset Day (School closed)

Tuesday 21 : First Day of the Summer Term

MAY

Monday 25 - Friday 29 : Half Term

JUNE

Wednesday 10 : Y7/Y10 Parent Consultations 5.00-8.00pm

Thursday 25 : Y11 Prom

JULY

Thursday 16 : Last Day of the Summer Term

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1 : Inset Day (School closed)

Wednesday 2 : First Day of the Autumn Term (Y7 and Y11 only)

Thursday 3 : First Day of the Autumn Term (Y8, Y9, Y10)

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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