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# YEAR 9 News



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**Welcome to the Year 9 Spring Newsletter. A big thank you for all your support, especially regarding attendance. Attendance is the key to success and every day really does count.**

**This an exciting time for Year 9 and we really appreciate that so many of you came with your son/daughter to our Options Evening on 1 February. We received some really positive comments about the event and hope that it helped you make an informed decision with your child about their choices for next year.**

**We hope you enjoy reading about the events of the past term and look forward to reporting more exciting news in the summer edition of the newsletter.**

## Our News ...

### Knitting Club

In January, for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, school started a knitting club teaching students how to make squares for blankets to donate to a refugee charity. The club turned out very popular and over forty students turned up to the first session.

Since then, our group of regular knitters, who meet on Mondays and Tuesdays in EN07 have gone from strength to strength in their skills and



dedication to learning this new and tricky skill. What has surprised us most however, is the sense of community within the group. More experienced knitters take the newbies under their wings and help them complete their training square, giving advice, sharing tips or lending a hand to solve problems, so they are ready to take on the bigger square for the blankets. Students show their resilience when things go wrong or when they find the technique really hard at first.

So, if you fancy joining in on the KNITTING REVOLUTION, for DoFE or just because you'd like to learn, then come and join us .



### Strictly Musicals

Mrs Forsberg and her team of very talented students put on another great show this term with 'Strictly Musicals'. The show contained a variety of extremely popular and well-known musical numbers. Several Year 9 students took part and the talent was amazing.

Three performances took place over three nights in February and all of them proved very popular with family and friends. A huge congratulations to all who took part and we look forward to next year's performance.

## Big Bang Fair

A group of 40 Year 9 students went to the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham as part of National Science and Engineering week. The Big Bang Fair is an award-winning combination of exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers information from STEM professionals.

The aim is to show young people the exciting and rewarding opportunities out there for them with the right experience and qualifications, by bringing classroom learning to life. The Fair gives young people the chance to hear from inspiring engineers and scientists from some of the UK's biggest companies and find out about the opportunities available in science and engineering. The students had a thoroughly enjoyable day and learnt lots.

## Students test the water!

Titus Salt School students took the plunge and competed for the first time in over a decade in the Bingley Amateur Swimming Club Schools' Gala on Saturday 18 March. As the final points were announced Titus Salt were in joint 3rd position but narrowly missed the bronze medal as they had achieved fewer first and second places than the other team. The team comprising Year 7 to Year 13 showed immense strength of body and mind and swam brilliantly overcoming those first competition nerves.

Representing the Year 7 and 8s were Corey Green, Fraser Buxton, Poppy Woodhead, Freya Brearley and Niamh Teale Baldwin and representing the senior category in Years 9 to 13 were Joshua Taylor, Anthony Christie, Jade Buxton, Danielle Taylor and Phoebe Parry. Mr and Mrs Varley, the team managers said:

"All the team thoroughly enjoyed the day and felt very proud of their position on the scoreboard. We look forward to trying to improve on this next year and coming back to Titus Salt School with some medals."



## Diving Success

Holly Waxman was selected to represent Great Britain in the 7 Nations Youth Diving competition in France. This comes on the back of Holly being ranked 2nd junior diver in the country – and ranked higher than Rio Olympian Lois Toulson – after competing at the British Diving National Cup in February, a showcase of the best of British diving talent and used as a qualifier for the diving World Cup.



Holly had a fantastic competition in France, she led the way for the girls in the individual events as she took Gold in the girls' B 3m springboard event with a score of 357.80 ahead of divers from Germany and teammate Callie Eaglestone. Then took Silver in the girls' B 1m springboard Event.

Deputy Headteacher, Simon Hawkins said, "This is an amazing achievement and we are all very proud of Holly; she is a great student and a world class diver. We wish her the best in the 7 Nations Youth Diving Competition; her commitment, skill and standard are an inspiration."

**Enjoy a safe and happy holiday. See you on the 24th April.**

Mr Atkinson and Miss Downey

**Year Leader**

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