

### **KEY DIARY DATES**

#### January:

23rd: Yr 8 PE trip to UEA
29th: Juniors PE trip to UEA
31st: Yr 9 Options info to parents/carers

#### February:

6th: Safer Internet Day 6th: Yr 9 Option calls home 5th-9th: Inter-house PE tournament 8th: Yr 7 Gymnastics trip 8th: Yr 9 Options handed in 9th: Yr 7 trip to London 12th: Yr 8 & 9 to UEA

#### 19th-23rd: \*\*\* Half Term \*\*\*

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# Issue 8 — 19th January 2024 **NEWSLETTER** Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Yesterday, in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the codebreaking computer that played a pivotal role in the Second World War effort, GCHQ released a series of rare and never-beforeseen images of Colossus.

Colossus was the first large-scale electronic computer, which went into operation in 1944 at Britain's wartime codebreaking headquarters at Bletchley Park.

It is hard to believe technology



Copeland, B.J.. "Colossus". Encyclopaedia Britannica, 16 Aug. 2017, https://www.britannica.com/technology/Colossuscomputer. Accessed 18 January 2024

has changed so much and so quickly; the devices we use every day seem a world away from the picture above. We encourage our young people to enjoy technology and to use it to help them access the world around them but we also know that the technology can be a source of harm. Over the coming weeks we will be reminding ALL students from Year 3 to Year 11 of how they can keep themselves SAFE and this will include online safety.



# Year 10 Asdan

The Year 10 ASDAN group welcomed Sarah and Ellen from 'Dragons on the Move' back into school this week. They proudly shared their presentations and spent some time discussing the work of the DRAGONs and Active Norfolk.





## Careers

## Our final virtual talks with the work experience team at NCC

A huge thank you to Hannah from Westover Vets for sharing her career journey with us. Students from years 9, 10 and 11 were able to ask lots of questions to obtain an insight into Hannah's working life.

Hannah started working at Westover Vets in March 2017 where she began to pursue a lifelong ambition to become a Veterinary Nurse. Hannah grew up with lots of animals and knew from a young age that she wanted to pursue a career in veterinary nursing. Hannah qualified in 2021.

We found out that she enjoys all aspects of her job and has a particular interest in pet nutrition anaesthetics and weight management....Yes she still has to clean up lots of poo (but that's all part of the job) when caring for all the animals.

Hannah shared with us that her plans when leaving school didn't work out due the college choosing not to continue to run the animal management course that she'd enrolled on, however she was able to put her 'Plan B' into action by starting an apprenticeship with Westover Vets and has never looked back.







## Year 9 Options

We have been discussing options with year 9 in order to prepare them for years 10 and 11. They have ALL listened well and have already asked some brilliant questions!

Please could I ask you all to view our options booklet with your child at home and complete the attached form (they do already have a copy of this in their bags).

Link to our booklet:

https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/what-qualifications-we-offer/

Either Miss King or Ms Dangerfield will be in contact, over the next couple of weeks, to answer any questions you may have.

As always thank you for your continued support.

# Year 10 English

As a school, we have been exploring multi sensory learning and different strategies for making new learning 'sticky' so we can remember it. Year Ten proved the value of this by responding superbly to a Teacher in Role lesson with the two Ms Jones's being Mrs Lyons and Mrs Johnstone from Blood Brothers. As journalists interviewing the two women on the day after the play ends Year Ten demonstrated an impressive depth of the understanding they have for the play's plot, characters, context and wider themes. Some of their comments were so perceptive, the teachers were offered deeper insight into too!

The older Ms Jones (!) loved seeing how far students' understanding has come since they went to see the play at the Theatre Royal in Norwich last Summer and is looking forward to starting the current Year 9's on a similar journey with a trip to see the play in King's Lynn in March.



Well done Year 10 and to (the younger!) Mrs Jones for some top quality English teaching this term.



## **Lower Juniors**

Excitement hit the ceiling recently. Ms Dangerfield agreed for our students to go to the Harry Potter World. The students received letters from Harry himself! Hard work paid off!



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# **Otis the Otter**

We adopted Otis last year from Norfolk Wildlife Trust. He helps our younger students learn in class. Otis sits on somebody's desk each day and at the weekend the leader of the day can take Otis home.

They have some amazing adventures together.





# Year 9 Seal trip

Year 9 had a superb trip to see the seals at Horsey.

We were lucky with the weather and learned a lot about the breeding patterns of seals. A highlight was seeing a 6 week old baby seal finding their way back to sea.

Thanks to Mr Pinsent for driving the bus.





# London International Horse Show

#### By Tilly

I got up about 5am and me and my Mum got on the train from Norwich to London Liverpool St, followed by a 5 minute tube ride.

At the XL Centre we did a bit of shopping, then watched the horses and saw some incredible show jumping.

It was an amazing day!





# Year 9 Options

	All students understand that the following subjects are compulsory for KS4 English, Maths, Science, PSHEE and Core PE. Name:												
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Subjects													
Computer Science	Art	Philosophy & Ethics	PE	Geography	History	Child Development	Music	Drama	Expressive Arts ASDAN	Catering	Hair & Beauty	Construction	

Student feedback:

You now need to pick 4 subjects in order of preference, (1 being your favourite subject)

Please hand back to Miss King by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February