



# The Smithdonian

Smithdon High School Magazine



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## Mrs Gibbins welcomes you....

This half term has flown past in a flurry of successful events and activities. We have seen a huge number of students who have been proud to represent the school at Open Evening, as well as in a number of sports matches over the term - with a number of wins to boot!

A successful Co-Curricular Clubs Evening saw many students sign up to try out a new activity, as well as securing for some potential Year 6s (excited by the opportunities on offer) that Smithdon will be their school of choice for September 2023.

We have also seen a celebration of World Mental Health Day, with Hello Yellow Day and lessons to support students in managing their mental health; a commemoration for the death of the Queen - for which our Head Students also took flowers and a message to the Norwich Gates at Sandringham; the launch of our Smithdon Seven, with a weekly focus on each of the statements, and the relaunch of our Attendance Raffle for students. This week we close with a focus on PE for "Show Racism the Red Card" day.

This week I've been pleased to announce the winners of last year's Six Postcards competition, each receiving Red Letter Days boxes, with all entrants receiving an Amazon voucher and the opportunity to have "Hot Chocolate with the Head". With a greater number of students successfully managing to collect all six designs last year, the challenge is on for this year's competition, launched back in September.

Looking ahead, the excitement is hotting up around this year's production, Oliver Junior, which will take place the week beginning 5 December - tickets will go on sale soon - and a number of parent-tutor evenings where we look forward to seeing you.

Whether you celebrate the Christian All Hallow's Eve (the evening before All Saints' Day) or the modern-day Halloween (or neither), I wish you a happy end to this unseasonably warm October.

Mrs Gibbins

# SMITHDON IN THE NEWS

## Smithdon's new academic year welcomes a new Headteacher!

The start of the 2022/2023 academic year brought a new Headteacher. We said farewell to Mr Hirst as he began his active retirement and we welcomed Mrs Gibbins who has been at Smithdon for four years in a senior leadership role.

A new era with new leadership inevitably brings changes and a new approach and so we look forward to new opportunities, fresh ideas, greater student success and a deeper connection with the local community.

*"Smithdon has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Mr Hirst over the last three years and I am excited and proud to be able to continue to build on that success and continue to strengthen the links I have rebuilt with the town and the local community."*

*Our Business Outreach Programme has enabled us to provide a variety of career learning opportunities for our students, including through Work Experience placements, guest speakers, and encouragement of regular school attendance. Through sponsorship of our weekly Attendance Raffle. Though the biggest impact was through our hugely successful inaugural Careers Fair, which will be even bigger and better in the future."*

Along with Mrs Robinson as the new Deputy Headteacher and a remodelled Senior Leadership Team, Smithdon's future looks even brighter. With a clear vision and direction, fortified by the 'Smithdon Seven' rules, our positive school culture has been enhanced and established.



## Smithdon's Head Students pay respects to The Few.

On 3 October, a service to remember those who fought in the Battle of Britain took place in King Lynn's Tower Gardens.

The service was led by the Reverend Canon Mark Dimond and it commemorated the fallen who served in the air strike during World War II.

Smithdon's Head Students, Tommy and Olivia, joined the Senior Prefects from Springwood, Marshland and St. Clements in representing the Trust's Schools.

Veteran Phillip Ward, aged 97, served in the second world war and spoke to the young people about his experience. Airmen who fought the battle, entirely by the air forces, are known as *The Few*. Mr Ward is the only surviving member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Parachute Regiment serving in Normandy.

The Mayor for West Norfolk, Lesley Bambridge, said, *"This is another important anniversary that shouldn't be forgotten. It was good to see children from Howard Junior School and from Schools in the West Norfolk Academy Trust group: Smithdon, Marshland, Springwood and St Clement's High Schools."*

Smithdon is always proud to commemorate and pay our respects to all those that fought and defended our country and freedom.





**Transition from primary to secondary school can bring forth many different feelings: excitement, worry, apprehension, and fear.**

**High school provides an opportunity to learn new interesting subjects, meet new friends and take part in activities you have never tried before. In the first few weeks, Year 7 students go through all sorts of emotions, some will take a little longer to settle, others will throw themselves into all the clubs and feel comfortable straight away. We are always there to help and support them all of the way, each student on their own journey through education.**

**Some of the Year 7 students were eager to share their experiences of their first few weeks, to perhaps help those students in Year 6 who are already feeling anxious in their final year of primary school.**

**The good, the bad, the pizza...**



**Harlee-Cole on his first day at Smithdon!**



**Rae has already decided that she wants to write for the Smithdonian!**

## Grace

So far, High School has been amazing and fun because I have made lots of new friends. I will be going to the clubs in the future and I know they will be amazing. The food is SO good, especially the curry! The students and staff are very nice and help you find your way around.

## Ronnie

My first few weeks have been great, let me tell you about it! When you first arrive you will enter the Year 7 playground. As time goes by, you will make new friends. So far, I have only been lost two times! I go to my form-room, check my timetable for the day then go to the canteen for break to get a snack. There are pizzas, cinnamon swirls and milkshakes. My favourite is the chocolate milk. I do get a lot of exercise from moving about from class to class.

## Pippa

I feel that I have become more confident and independent since being here at Smithdon. I like that we are treated more like grown-ups here.

We have to go to lots of lessons, moving around the School. I do lessons such as English, Geography, History, Drama and French. My favourites so far are English, RE, Drama and PE.

The teachers I have are all really nice and helpful. I especially like my form tutor, Miss Cowles, who is really cool and loves reading like me. I also like the canteen - the food is awesome!

There are lots of after-school clubs which are great! I go to the Dungeons and Dragons Club and Football Club. I am also rehearsing to perform in the school production of Oliver Jr.

I like that I am busy here and have lots to do and I have made lots of new friends here already. I think that I will enjoy High School and learn a lot!

# Welcome Year 7

## Finn

The good thing about Smithdon is that you can buy a donut for lunch and no-one will tell you not to! Speaking of food, it is so nice. The pizza at break is incredible, so are the panninis. If you have a disability or are on crutches, there are lifts installed.

You will make new friends, this school is really diverse. There are lots of extra curricular activities. All of the form tutors are very nice, there are a lot of staff that are willing to help you.

## Efe

It took me a week to settle in so it will only take you a day! If you went to primary school you will remember that the food is not very nice (it tastes like buttered cardboard with mouldy beans) but Smithdon's food is amazing! Fishy Friday, Curry Tuesday, and Roast Thursday. You can get pasta every day as well as pizza, sausage rolls and fruit or croissants for break.

## Eevee-Mae

My first two weeks at Smithdon have been great. I have made new friends and everybody is very friendly. I have been lost more times than I can count but I'm starting to get used to it. The food here is really good. I have had to walk a lot and my backpack is so heavy. There are lots of clubs after school and I might join the Music Club. It's strange for me because instead of having one teacher for every lesson in the same classroom, we have all different ones.

## Lyra

Waiting patiently in line, I watched student after student walk away with their hot, steaming food. My stomach growled. Finally it was my turn. The canteen was full of pizzas with cheese oozing out. Sausage rolls, sweet waffles and pots of tropical fruit. I snatched up a pizza and joined the queue to pay. Then I stepped into the hall and began to munch on my pizza!



**Year 7 has some amazing readers already!**

## Maddie

This is why you should join Smithdon... the food is amazing! The teachers are really nice and not at all mean. I have made lots of friends and you will too! You can join really fun clubs like Drama, Maths, Cooking and Dungeons and Dragons. Also, joining up your handwriting doesn't matter!

## Leah

I started Smithdon on crutches and the school was very kind about it. They helped me to get around. My favourite teachers are the PE and English teachers. If you have a disability, the school is very caring and the food is soooo nice! There are lots of clubs and they are all free.

## Joshua

Welcome future High-Schoolers! My experience has been spectacular really. One of the things that is different to primary school is that you get 'Knowledge Organisers'. If you get lost, people will help.

## Noah

My first two weeks at Smithdon haven't been hard, it has actually been good! I have been to the D&D club and it is now my new favourite thing to play. I also like the delicious food, the nice teachers, and the fun classes. I have even played football which I usually hate. You also get a Knowledge Organiser and a planner and you can actually bring your own stationery from home!

## Freddie

My first few weeks at Smithdon have been a roller-coaster of emotions. There are a variety of fun, sporty and exciting clubs that you can join and get involved in. My favourite foods from the canteen are sausage rolls, pizzas, panninis and sandwiches. The Smithdon motto is, *Work Hard, Be kind and Smile.*



**Miles has been enjoying coming to the library to complete his homework.**



# OPEN EVENING

We were lucky enough to be able to open our doors again for our Year 6 parents' Open Evening on 26 September. As always, it was a really popular event with standing room only in the hall at the start of the evening to listen to the new headteacher, Mrs Gibbins, outline her vision for the school moving forward and all the amazing opportunities on offer here at Smithdon.

We followed the same successful format as in 2021, having student-led tours with a Year 7, to talk about their early settling in experiences, and a Year 11, to offer the overview (and make sure none of our guests got lost).

All departments were open and ready to welcome the Year 5s and 6s that came with their families. They visited our French cafe and ate madeleines; tested foods in science; tried out their ball skills in PE, and had a go with a ukulele in Music - amongst many other activities.

At the end of the evening it was a real treat to stand at the door as the families left and to hear their positive comments about our fantastic staff, students and school. Massive thanks go to all students who helped out on tours, performances and in Departments on the evening.



*Year 6 had a very busy evening looking around Smithdon and trying the different activities. It was brilliant to meet so many of our prospective students and give them a taster of what to expect.*



## The Co-Curricular Evening

The Co-Curricular Evening was held on 6 October to showcase the multiple clubs that we offer our students. From Art Club to the many Performing Arts Clubs, Duke of Edinburgh, Sports Clubs, languages and LGBTQ+. Plus many more!

It was a lovely evening and great to see so many students and parents. The Ukulele Band played (and taught Miss Garner!), Sophie played music on the piano and Jae played the violin; just a taster of the instruments that are available to learn.

Mrs Pike made some loud bangs with the Science Club and Miss Soper's Gardening Club gave tours of our established allotment garden.

The Drama Club gave some sneak previews rehearsing for Oliver JR and the PE Clubs gave demonstrations in basketball, football and table tennis.

There is a club for everyone, all interests, all tastes. Being involved in Co-Curricular activities is a great way to build self-esteem, improve social skills and learn a new skill. If you haven't already signed up for one, ask the relevant staff member for further information.

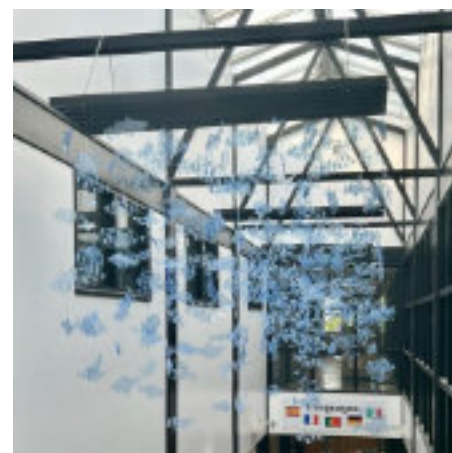


The Art Department's Fish installation was moved to the Shaw Building and it looks amazing, glimmering in the sun. The project was a collaboration with the artist, Jessica Perry for the REVIVE exhibition.

The project was based on the lockdowns of 2020/2021 and how they impacted the students. Words associated with lockdown were engraved on to the fish. A shoal of fish was chosen to metaphorically represent our coastal and student community. Using the newly-installed laser-cutter, the fish were cut using transparent acrylic. The installation was then put together by the Art ambassadors, guests and staff at the exhibition.

We would like to thank the Arts Society, North West Norfolk for funding this project.

Mrs Wheeler, Head of Art.



Back in July, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were invited to enter the Spirited Arts competition. All students in these year groups completed RE lessons exploring some of the themes. The lessons included lots of discussions while reflecting on key questions about *life*.

The themes included:

***We have far more in common than which divides us.***

***Celebrations.***

***Good earth?***

***Searching for God.***

Students were able to show their creativity and most of all demonstrate brilliant RE in their artwork and their written descriptions. The RE department was delighted and very impressed with the amount of entries, which made deciding on a winner a difficult decision to make. Some of the fantastic examples of artwork are on display in the RE room.

By Mrs Fysh

ART is what you can get away with - Andy Warhol

During Open Evening, the Year 6 students had the opportunity to work on a 'paint by numbers' painting. This was the progress made by the end of the evening!

***Can you see which Hunstanton landmark it is?***



*Do you know what I am yet?*



**A big WELL DONE to our winners...**

**Tom, Angel and Kira!**





# Remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

**By Lyra and Rae - Year 7**

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born on 21 April 1926 in Mayfair, London. Her parents were King George VI and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (The Queen Mother). When Princess Elizabeth was four years old, her sister Princess Margaret was born.

Princess Elizabeth was 13 years old when WW2 broke out and too young to help at first but in the last few months, she served as a mechanic and truck driver to support her country which she soon would rule.

In 1952, King George VI passed away leaving 25 year old Elizabeth as heir to the throne. She was crowned Queen of England in 1953. Throughout her life, she visited 117 countries and ruled 32 independent countries during her reign although not all at once.

Queen Elizabeth always had a passion for dogs, especially Corgis. It began in 1933 when her father brought home a Corgi named Dookie. She went on to own 30 Corgis in her lifetime as well as creating a dog breed named the 'Dorgi' which was a mix of a Dachshund and a Corgi.

Another of her passions were horses.

Queen Elizabeth II first rode a horse

at the age of three before getting her own Shetland called Peggy when she was 4. She attended many different horse shows and owned many different horses. Her pony, Emma, was seen during the funeral procession.

Queen Elizabeth served a long reign. She was the only English Monarch to reach their 70th Jubilee - her platinum jubilee marked a momentous occasion! She died on 8 September 2022 aged 96. Her funeral was on the 19th September.

For around one week, people from all around the world travelled to queue outside Westminster Hall to see the Queen's coffin and pay their respects. From there her coffin was taken to Westminster Abbey. During the funeral, the coffin was carefully placed on the back of an old gun cart (as tradition). This heavy cart was pulled by around 98 Navy seamen.

Queen Elizabeth II was our only Queen and monarch. I never realised how much of an impact she had on my life until it was too late. She was a role model to so many people and lived through so many historical events including WW2.

From the day I was born she ruled my home country. Now that Queen Elizabeth II is gone, a strange

feeling of loss and sadness (different from normal loss) came over me. I was fortunate enough to have the chance to visit and lay down flowers at one of the royal estates, Sandringham. It was clear from the many flowers laid down that so many people loved our Queen dearly. She was and will always be a special lady.

Personally, Queen Elizabeth was an inspiration to me. She was my first ever Queen. She travelled the world and met so many people. She made countless appearances on TV. On top of this she served alongside 15 Prime Ministers (one of which is the new Prime Minister, Liz Truss.)

Altogether we both think Queen Elizabeth was a great role-model who everyone can learn from, now and in the future.



**Year 8 also wanted to write a few of their thoughts and feelings about the passing of Queen Elizabeth...**

In early September, Queen Elizabeth sadly passed away. I laid flowers at Sandringham because I wanted to pay my respects. It would've felt wrong not to. The queue to the car-park was very long but it was worth it.

She had a very positive mindset with everything she did and treated everyone with the utmost respect!

**Ryan**

Queen Elizabeth was the longest reigning monarch in England (1953-2022). Her death has affected a lot of people and a lot of things in the world. 29 million people in the UK watched her funeral. Not only the world was devastated at the horrible news but her family too. King Charles made a speech and talked about his mother and how devastating it was for the family.

Just a few villages away in Sandringham, people flooded in to lay flowers and cards to pay their respects to her. I drive past the gates a lot and because there were so many gifts, flowers and cards they had to take them away. (Although the pile did build up quickly again).

RIP Queen Elizabeth II. We will always remember you.

**Elsie-May**

Elizabeth II (21st April 1926 - 8 September 2022) was Queen of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms from 6 February 1952 until her death on 8th September 2022.

Her reign of 70 years and 214 days was the longest of any British Monarch in history.

I think her death has affected millions of people around the world, including me. But I think the people affected the most are her family, as they have lost their Mum, Nan and Grandmother.

Not only have I felt affected, but the nation has lost their Queen. But my perspective is that she was the only monarch I have ever known, and she was the head of our country, which is one of the many reasons (including out of respect) that I went to lay down flowers.

**Emily**



**Mrs Proctor met the Queen at Ely Cathedral in 1987 when she was just 3 years old!**







***Our Head Students, Tommy and Olivia, laid flowers and a tribute on behalf of Smithdon High School.***

***Being so close to Sandringham, the school has always felt a special affinity with the royal family and the Queen in particular as she visited the school twenty years ago. Staff and students that live in Dersingham have often said they have seen the Queen driving her self around.***

***Prince George and Princess Charlotte, along with their nanny and security, were regulars at Dersingham Library when they lived in nearby Anmer.***



***Photos courtesy of Mrs Caroline Harper, retired Smithdon English Teacher.***



## When Her Majesty the Queen visited Smithdon...

In September 2000, Humanities, English, CLS and the library all moved into 'D block' which is now known as the Shaw Building. The building is named after Ms Catherine Shaw, the Headteacher at the time that the building was constructed.

The day of meeting the Queen is now 22 years ago. Planning for the visit of Her Majesty took weeks. I was selected to be one of the staff to meet the Queen. My job at the time was Assistant Director of Sixth Form. One of my responsibilities was working with the Sixth Form Council. The Queen was to drop in to one of their meetings to see democracy in action.

On the day of the visit, the Queen made her way along D Block with Ms Shaw to officially open the new CLS area (now Miss Cowles' classroom) and the new library. They eventually came to us where we were based in one of the rooms in the English corridors. I remember shaking her hand before she continued her visit. This was a very proud moment and a memory of my time at Smithdon High School that I will never forget.

By Mr Chapman



# Cheeky Hot Chocolate and Delightful Cupcakes

By Shane - Year 11

On Friday 30 September, the smell of hot chocolate and mouth-watering brownies wafted from the library around the students' noses...

Year 10 and Year 11 Asdan groups held a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money to support the Macmillan nurses.

Macmillan nurses are specialist nurses that work in different areas of cancer care. They may work in hospitals, hospices or in the community. Macmillan nurses can help with information about the cancer, treatment and help manage symptoms.

During the first lesson of the day, we set up the tables for coffee and tea, hot chocolate and a massive table for cakes!

We decorated the library with posters and bunting that we had made in previous lessons. All of the goodies were brought in by the students, teachers and donations from the canteen. Some were shop-bought and some were homemade, but they were all delicious.

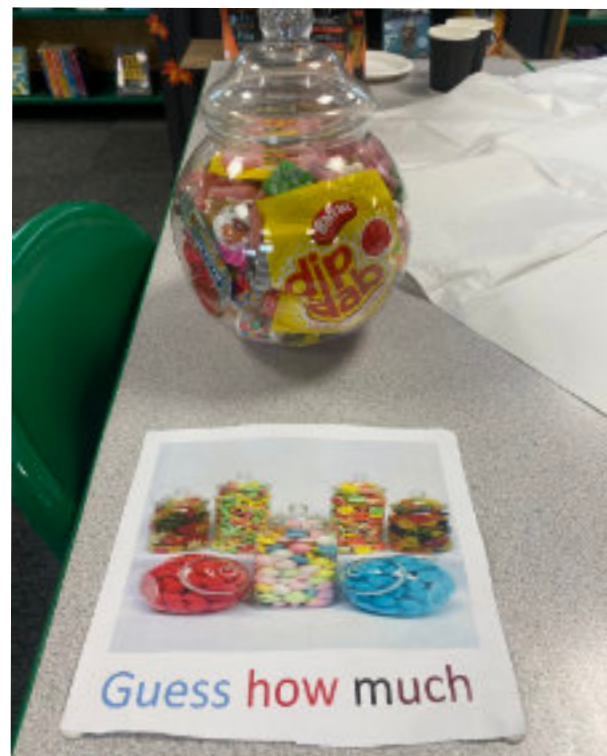
The students and teachers arrived at break time and at lunch time. They bought cakes and drinks and after all that sugar I am sure they were all hyper!

We raised £221 for Macmillan! This amount is enough to pay a Macmillan nurse for one day, to support those that need their help. The fundraiser was successful and I would do it again, as it helps people and I really enjoyed it!



*Thank you to everyone that helped and donated.*

**We raised £221!**



Mrs Kirby and Harvey arranging the hot chocolate station.



The chocolate brownies were very popular!



The hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows sold out very quickly!



There were plenty of goodies to buy and we are hoping that next year will be bigger!



Adele, Kenzie, Archie, Aaron, Lily-Jean and Shane waiting patiently for their customers.





The new school year has not only brought new students, new staff members and different weather, but the Library has also seen new displays, new books and new classes.

Year 7 are now in full-swing with the Accelerated Reader Programme we have subscribed to for the last 6 years. AR is now an established, fun and rewarding tool to encourage, support and analyse the students' reading and progress in Years 7 and 8. By Year 9, they then have the ability and freedom to choose their own books without the help of a 'reading range'.

# The Library

Every October, libraries across the UK take time to observe, respect and promote knowledge of black history, heritage and culture. We pay tribute to those historic figures from the world of politics and human rights, as well as celebrating the more contemporary figures from the world of sport, music, film and literature, who are role models for the next and future generations.

October also saw us celebrate *National Poetry Day*. Circle poetry and Blackout poetry were created by Years 7 and 8; a fun way to create lyrical masterpieces!



Jacob has used colour and illustrations to create his poem - and a lot of black ink!

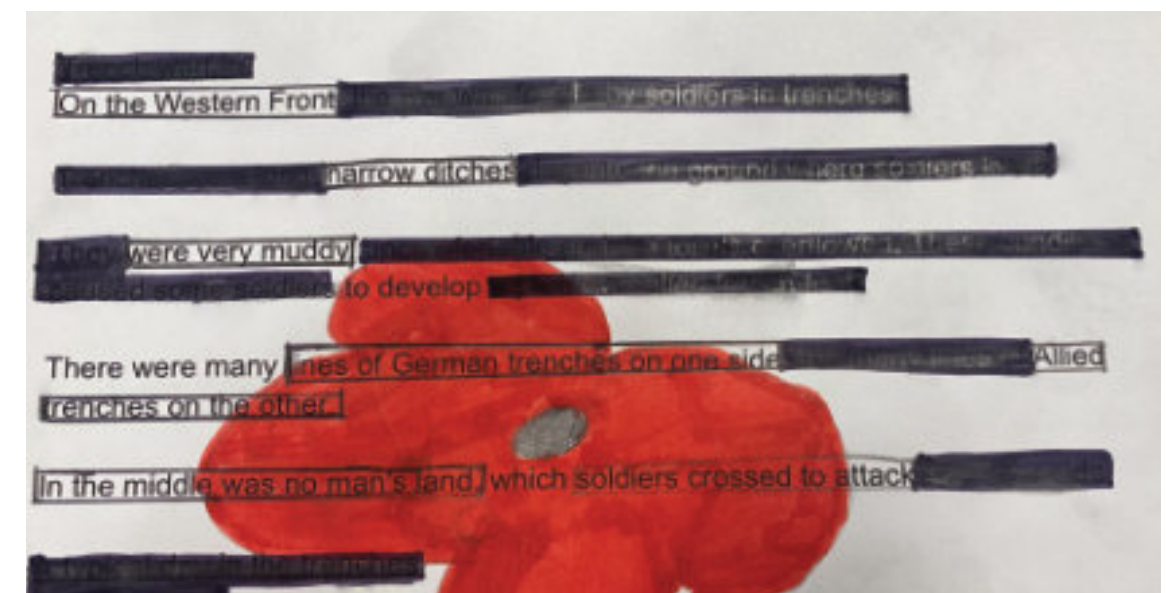
Blackout poetry is an easy, effective and fun way to write interesting and thought-provoking poems. They can be done on a particular theme, or you can source your own text to experiment and explore words and phrases, and then manipulate and redact certain words to create different poetic effects.

You can then use art, colour, drawings and doodles to create a visually beautiful poem.

Year 8 have been experimenting in Mrs Carlton's lessons and have created some wonderful pieces. They all used the same text which was about trench warfare on the western front and each one was unique and personal to them.

## BLACKOUT POETRY

Hayden has used a bright red poppy to add a pop of colour to his poem about life in the the Western Front trenches.





# Y o u n g W r i t e r s

*The Young Writers' national writing competitions run throughout the academic year. They usually run the poetry competitions at the beginning of each half term and the creative writing competitions in the second half.*

*After a competition has closed, entries go to the Editorial Department, who create the regional books and read every single poem they receive. Work is selected for publication based on perception, imagination, expression, creativity and use of language. We love seeing our students' poems and names published in the books, therefore we have them in the library for everyone to read and enjoy. Pippa in Year 7 is very excited to be published in the next book!*

*Miss Cowles, our book-obsessed English teacher, usually encourages our students to enter the competitions, so if you are interested in being a published poet then speak to Miss Cowles who will happily enter your poems and stories. The promotion poster for the current competition is always in the library, so you can see what the theme is.*

## What is Red?

What is red? Blood is red.

It comes with a feeling of dread.

What is blue? Sadness is blue.

Nothing will ever be true.

What is black? Death is black.

You're never going to come back.

What is white? Ghosts are white?

They're why people scream at night.

What is green? Life is green.

Could it all end with a scream?

**By Pippa - Year 7**



The Primary Orchestra practising together.



Oliver Jr. is well under way! We are so excited to perform this to you all!

# P e r f o r m i n g A r t s

*Music, drama, dance, singing...*

## By Miss Miller

We can't believe what a busy start to the year we have already had in the Performing Arts Department!

There was no time to waste when it came to getting started this year as we needed to get the school production of Oliver Jr up and running as fast as possible. We began rehearsals within the first week of term whilst also welcoming some new Year 7 students to the show.

Thank you to all of the parents who have already donated items of clothing for the costumes for Oliver Jr, and if there is anybody who has any waist-coats, flat caps, or other Victorian-type costumes (as well as metal tankards) that they would like to donate or loan to the show we would still be ever so grateful!

We have also started up our Primary Orchestra again with a new helper to lead the orchestra, Mr Eddie Seales. We have been welcoming students from Heacham Junior and Snettisham Primary into school every Tuesday to play together and we can't wait to hear them at the Christmas Concert. Even some of our Year 7 and 8 orchestral players have joined in!

The school's Open Evening was very busy for us; we had performances in the hall, musicians playing their instruments, freeze frames in the drama studio and ukuleles in the music room, so much creativity all in one space!

We have also been very happy with our co-curricular and peri uptake this year. Our brand new instrumental peri scheme has been thriving and we have a record number of students signed up for music lessons. It is not too late to sign up for lessons if you are interested: if you need a copy of the instrumental music lesson letter please see Miss Miller and we can get you started right away!

*A few Year 11 and Year 10 Drama GCSE students were lucky enough to go to The Norwich Theatre to watch the production of Sherlock Holmes: Valley of Fear.*

*Mystery, adventure, intrigue and murder is usually to be expected from a Sherlock tale and it didn't disappoint.*

*With clues, coded messages and corruption throughout. the music, stage design and story-telling mixed together to create an unforgettable theatrical experience!*

**By Grace - Year 10**



Fallon, Olivia and Archie were just some of the Year 11 students who received the first *Pen of the Week*!

They all met George who accompanied Mrs Gibbins in presenting the Immortal Instrument. Well done to all those that won! Work hard and you could receive this prestigious award...







“Up The Seagulls!”

## The Last Match....

By Mr Tilley

The Year 11 boys' football team were absolutely brilliant, showing great sportsmanship, pride, passion and of course football skills. From the first whistle, 'The Seagulls' were pressing very quickly, testing the keeper out early. It didn't take long for Sibu to fire home a top corner finish making it 1-0.

Hammonds were reacting, trying to go through a solid wall of Smithdon defence led by Kian.

Going into the second half with a 1-0 lead, the game was physical and competitive with both sides putting in strong tackles to keep the pride of their school. A great ball from Kian to Tommy who lobbed the keeper to make it Smithdon 2-0!

The game wasn't finished for Smithdon as moments later Sibu screamed a power-shot into the bottom corner to make the final score: **3-0**



*The Seagulls celebrated with 50 students and staff supporters, whilst respectfully demonstrating sportsmanship by shaking the other team's hands.*

# FIXTURES

As the new academic year began, so did the sporting fixtures at Smithdon. It has been a busy half-term for the students and the PE department.

Here are some of the highlights of this term...

### Year 7:

**Football:** Year 7 v The Nicholas Hammonds

**0 - 1**

**Netball:** Year 7 v St Clements

**3 - 7**

*“All the Year 7s were fantastic, representing Smithdon with determination, discipline and perseverance. They all played very well and came off the pitch/ court with their heads held high and smiling with each other.”*

### Year 8:



**Football:** Year 8 v St Clements

**1 - 4**

### Year 9:

**Football:** Year 9 v KLA

**4 - 0**

Year 9 v The Nicholas Hammonds

**4 - 2**

Year 9 v St Clements

**5 - 3**

*“The Year 9s football team have won all three matches! They have played some fantastic football and also showed great teamwork throughout the games, all supporting each other but also celebrating success. Well done, keep it up.”*





# Girls Football

Year 11 v KLA

0 - 4

This was the first game the girls have played for many years. They played some fantastic football in places but could not find the back of the net. There were a lot of positives to come from this game and they will get back in the flow with time and practice.

Keep going girls!



# Cross Country

The students took part in the West Norfolk Cross Country race at Springwood High School. Another eight schools were competing and each race had around 30-40 runners in. Everyone representing Smithdon at the Cross Country did themselves proud and some even managed to finish in the Top 10!

We will qualify for the next round at Langley High School later on this year.

Well done to everyone who took part!

## Year 7:

- Faith - 2nd
- Leah - 3rd
- Mercedes - 6th
- Rae - 9th
- Rory - 11th

## Year 8:

- Harry - 8th

## Year 9:

- Seb - 3rd

## Year 10:

- Thomas - 6th

## Year 11:

- Ollie - 2nd

## Co-Curricular clubs for next term:

Look out for the new Co-Curricular clubs for lunchtime and after-school. Badminton, volleyball and basketball will be added to the current clubs.

This will be in preparation for some upcoming tournaments.

Rugby season has begun at Smithdon! Come along to Mrs Carltons' Rugby Club, Thursday after school. All are welcome!

We would like to see lots of you join up! You all have the potential to be a great sportsperson!



By Alfie - Year 11, Geography GCSE student

We boarded the coach at 8.15am for our journey to Norwich. On arrival, we walked to London Street where Mr Chapman and Mrs Johnson briefed us on what we had to do.

Our first survey was walking along London Street from the Jarrold Department Store to Bank Plain, noting the use of the vehicles. This was followed by 10-minute traffic counts at either end of the street.

Our next activity was an open-top bus tour of Norwich. We saw major monuments including the Castle, Cathedral and Carrow Road Football ground, the home of Norwich City F.C.

After the bus tour, we did a litter survey. We walked along London Street circling the words in the survey that best described the different areas of the street. This was followed by a shopping survey asking people why they were using London Street.

Our final surveys were a pedestrian count and a shopping numbers count. We counted how many people entered a shop in 10 minutes.

Once we had done all the surveys and had them checked, we were given an hour lunch break. We visited Chantry Place shopping centre for lunch and shopping.

At 2.15pm we got the coach back to Hunstanton arriving back at 4pm.



Brandon, Mrs Johnson and Alfie enjoying the sights of Norwich on the bus tour.



OCTOBER... A LITTLE BIT OF MATHS EVERY DAY

JustMaths

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| 1What is 95% of 240?  | 2Calculate $4 \times 5 \times 7$  | 3Write 0.31 as a fraction               | 4Calculate: $979 + 100$  | 5 $17 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$             | 6A pack of paper has 300 sheets. 32 children each take 4 sheets. How many sheets are left? | 7   |
| 8Mel's watch shows five minutes past ten. The watch is fourteen minutes fast. What is the correct time? | 9   | 10Calculate four fifths of 45           | 11 $\frac{2}{5} \div 2$  | 12Round 124,531 to the nearest 100,000 | 131 kilometre = _____ metres   | 14Calculate $1.52 \times 6$                       |
| 15List the factors of 16  | 16Work out $136 \times 2$   | 17Work out $630 \div 9$                 | 18One gram of gold costs £31.68. What is the cost of one and half kilograms of gold? | 19                                     | 20Work out $6.1 + 0.3$   | 21Which is bigger? $\frac{4}{5}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| 22Work out $1440 \div 12$   | 23Mel buys a note book and six identical pencils. The note book costs the same as 2 of the pencils. Her bill is £16.80. How much does a note book cost? | 24                                      | 25Work out $3016 \div 13$  | 26 $\frac{4}{5} - \frac{2}{5}$         | 27What is $40,000 - 500$ ?   | 28Calculate $24 \times 3$                         |
| 29Round 124,531 to the nearest 10   | 30What is $1034 + 586$ ?  | 31Which is bigger? $\frac{1}{3}$ or 30% | REMEMBER: The best way to revise maths is to "do Maths"!                             |  |  |   |

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| 1Simplify, leave your answer in index form $6^3 \times 6^3 (5^2)^3$  | 2Solve: $5(x + 1) = 3(2x - 4)$  | 3What is the reciprocal of each number? $\frac{5}{1} \frac{1}{3}$       | 4Convert to an improper fraction $3\frac{4}{7}$                                    | 5A box of cereal weighs 750g to the nearest 10g. What is the error interval? | 6In a survey of 24 students: - three eighths prefer studying French - one sixth prefer studying German and - the rest prefer studying Spanish. How many students prefer studying Spanish? | 7  |
| 8The cost of hiring a van can be calculated using the rule: Cost = £80 + 52p per mile. Rob hires a van and travels 140 miles. How much does this cost him? | 9   | 10By rounding estimate the answer to the below: $\frac{9.7 + 46}{0.32}$ | 11Which two have the same value? - 8 + 6 - 8 + 4 - 6 - - 2                         | 12True or False? $a^7 \times a^4 = a^{28}$                                   | 13Find the midpoint of the line AB where: A = (2, 4) and B = (-1, 3)  | 14Work out $16 - (4 \times 3) + 6 =$<br>$12 + 3 + 3 + 2 =$ |
| 15Simplify $a \times a \times a + b + b$   | 16Solve: $9x - 7 = 4x - 12$   | 17What is the gradient and y-intercept of the line $y = 2x - 3$ ?       | 18Write these in size order, smallest first? 0.2 $\frac{3}{20}$ 0.13 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 19Find 3.75% of 80.  | 20Elaine's grandchildren all live in Wales or England. Two sevenths of her grandchildren live in Wales. 15 of her grandchildren live in England. How many grandchildren does Elaine have? | 21   |
| 22Which is greater? 40% of 50 or 50% of 40   | 23Make a the subject of : $b = (a - 3)^2$                               | 24Calculate: $1\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{5}$                               | 25How many "terms" in this expression? $4x + 5b - 3c$                              | 26Expand: $(2x + 4)(3x + 2)$   | 27Emma is E years old. Hannah is twice as old as Emma. The sum of their ages is 27. How old is Emma?  | 28   |
| 29Laura scored 48 out of 250 on her recent test. Write this as a percentage.   | 30£1 = \$1.44. Jan exchanged £300 to dollars. How much did she receive? | 31True or False? The HCF of 20 and 40 is 4                              | REMEMBER: The best way to revise maths is to "do Maths"!                           |  |   |  |

Co - Curricular Clubs

| Week 1      | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lunchtime   | LGBTQ Club<br>Years 7, 8, 11<br>Library<br><br>KS3 Spanish Club<br>MCo D.04 (start TBC) |   |   | KS3 Art Club - Prop<br>creation for Oliver!<br>EGa<br>C30 | KS3 Garden club<br>VSo and MBu<br>Meet in A12 |
| Afterschool | Y11 French<br>revision/help with<br>DPs   | Yr 10/11 GCSE Art<br>Club<br>LRu/SWh<br>C30/C31<br><br>Maths Club - All Years<br>B58<br><br>Yr 11 Additional Maths<br>- B58<br><br>Jewellery Club with<br>NWp - All Years - CLS | Yr 10/11 GCSE Art<br>Club<br>LRu/SWh<br>C30/C31<br><br>Yr 11 GCSE Maths<br>Revision (maths<br>classes)<br><br>RPG Club<br>All Years<br>ADu CCW<br>D0.7<br><br>H&SC<br>Year 10 and 11<br>(Students book in)<br>C34 | Homework/Study<br>MTa<br>Library                          |   |

| Week 2      | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
|-------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| Lunchtime   | LGBTQ Club<br>Year 9 and 10<br>Library<br><br>KS3 Spanish Club<br>MCo D.04 (start TBC) |   |   | KS4 Garden club<br>VSo<br>Meet in A12<br><br>KS3 Art Club - Prop<br>creation for Oliver!<br>EGa<br>C30<br><br>Year 10 Young<br>Enterprise Group<br>Sch/RDi<br>C29 | KS3 Garden club<br>VSo and MBu<br>Meet in A12 |
| Afterschool |  | Yr 10/11 GCSE Art<br>Club<br>LRu/SWh<br>C30/C31<br><br>Maths Club - All Years<br>B58<br><br>Yr 11 Additional Maths<br>- B58<br><br>Jewellery Club with<br>NWp - All Years - CLS | Yr 10/11 GCSE Art<br>Club<br>LRu/SWh<br>C30/C31<br><br>Yr 11 GCSE Maths<br>Revision (maths<br>classes)<br><br>RPG Club<br>All Years<br>ADu CCW<br>D0.7<br><br>H&SC<br>Year 10 and 11<br>(Students book in)<br>C34 | Homework/Study<br>MTa<br>Library  |   |

Do/E offered at various points throughout the year will add dates when confirmed.  
Careers offered on a supply/demand basis (depending on visiting guests)





## Extra Help This Autumn/Winter

**As winter approaches and the energy prices increase, it's natural for us to all worry how we will keep our homes and families warm. Also with Christmas around the corner, the financial pressure on us all is even greater. But there is help available in the local community to support those who need it, to ease the burden slightly and to make the festive season and the winter period one to enjoy rather than dread.**

**The Town Hall Community Hub is offering lunches and free fruit and vegetables as well as hygiene products on Mondays. It will also host the very popular Community Fridge on Wednesdays. Hunstanton Library will provide support bags filled with toiletries, feminine products and warm garments as well as hot drinks available all day long.**

**The Hunstanton Food Bank is also available for those that are eligible for the vouchers.**

**Smithdon's annual Food Bank Collection will begin again from mid-November. If you would like to donate to this very important cause, look out for further information on our Twitter page in the next few weeks.**

### Norfolk Library Service

The libraries stock free bags of sanitary products (including sustainable sanitary products) available to grab and go, no need to ask or be a member.

#### Toiletries to go:

Adults: Shampoo, body wash, deodorant and toothpaste.

Children: Shampoo, body wash, bubble bath and toothpaste.

#### Keep Warm and Well:

Adult and child bags available that include: Scarf, hat, gloves, blanket, socks and a hot water bottle.

Vests in adult and child sizes are available on request.

Tea, coffee, instant soup, hot chocolate and biscuits will be available during staffed hours.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

It's been lovely to see everyone this term and welcome our new starters. We are now fully into the season of coughs/colds and sickness bugs. I cannot stress enough how important hand-washing is to avoid spreading these viruses. We should all be very familiar now with washing our hands for long enough (whilst humming Happy Birthday!). Remembering to wash your hands thoroughly after coughing/sneezing or going to the toilet and before eating will help stop the spread and keep our school community healthy.

Mrs Cummings - Attendance Officer

### Raffle Winners this term:

Year 7: Maisie, Toby, Freddie, Megan

Year 8: Lewis, Daisy, Rosie

Year 9: Ava, Sophie, Ava, Holly

Year 10: Ieuan, Olivia, Mia

Year 11: Evie, Chloe, Tommy, Joshua

### Well done to the forms with the best attendance this half term:

Year 7: Mrs Johnson

Year 8: Mrs Fysh

Year 9: Miss Bartosova

Year 10: Miss Ruskin

Year 11: Miss Fairweather

**To report a student's absence, please use one of the following methods:**

**Phone: 01485 536123**

**Text: 07935 059774**

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**We hope you all have a relaxing  
break. We will see you all on  
Monday 31 October.**

