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BEST PROGRESS IN GCSE RESULTS



Congratulations Class of 2016

GCSE Results show best progress in West Norfolk

The hard work of students and staff was well rewarded with this summer's GCSE results. Many students achieved beyond their Government set target grades which has produced an outstanding score on the Government's new main measure for judging school performance known as Progress 8. This score places St Clement's as the highest performing school in West Norfolk and in the top 15% of all schools nationally. All the hard study and extra hours was worth the pain as the class of 2016 head off to begin the next phase of their education. St Clement's High School achieved 52% A* -C in English and Maths which is the second best result in the school's history. English recorded their best ever result, with 83% achieving A*-C. Sam Thorpe was the school's highest performing boy, achieving six A* grades and five A grades. Ella Doughty was the highest performing girl achieving three A* grades and five A grades. Well done everyone!



Students celebrating their exam results!!



Ella Doughty and Sam Thorpe celebrate being the highest performing girl and boy!!



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On 23rd September the whole school came out in support for Jeans for Genes Day. The Head Boy and Girl, and Deputy Head Boy and Girl had presented an assembly to the pupils the previous week so they were all fired up for helping out with this charity. The majority of the students wore jeans for the day and donated £1 to charity. In addition to this four Year 8 girls ran a tuck shop at break and lunch to raise extra money. Thank you Molly Chase, Ellie Shepperson, Ellie Webb and Elizabeth Wood for your efforts.



Best fundraising form goes to.....10FME!!!

You raised £27.00!!



Above: photograph published in Lynn News & Advertiser 30/09/16 showing students who exchanged school trousers and skirts for jeans.

TOTAL RAISED:

£535.80



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Staff at St Clement's joined in the world's biggest coffee morning and raised money for the Macmillan charity. They held it over two mornings and devoured cakes, biscuits and savouries all in the good cause. The organisers were very pleased with the support given and would like to thank everyone for their contributions!



TOTAL RAISED: £206.00



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Meet the New Team!!



*Above from left to right: Head Boy—Tom Edwards, Head Girl—Alice Runyard,
Deputy Head Girl—Isabelle Sander, Deputy Head Boy—Alfie Bobbins.*

These four students have been carefully chosen to take the offices of leadership for the student body. They took part in a challenging application process and have succeeded in a highly competitive group. Their roles are varied and they will gain valuable skills along the way. They are our ambassadors for St Clement's High School so we all need to give them our support.

Congratulations to all of you and we wish you good luck in the job ahead of you.



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Meet the New Team.....

Alice

Describe yourself in four words. *Adventurous, determined, loyal, fair.*

Why did you want to become Head Girl? *The opportunities it opens you up to.*

What are you most looking forward to in your new role? *Challenging myself with new responsibilities.*

Favourite lesson? *History and Art.*

Last book read? *A Dance of Dragons by George R.R. Martin.*

Hobbies? *I'm a guitarist and I love to travel.*

Favourite film and why? *Any Quentin Tarantino film - he's my favourite director!*



Tom

Describe yourself in four words. *Approachable, supportive, funny and loyal.*

Why did you want to become Head Boy? *It has always been an aspiration of mine from when I started high school. I like to get involved.*

What are you most looking forward to in your new role? *Meeting and getting to know students and parents.*

Favourite lesson? *French.*

Last book read? *A Game of Thrones by George R. R. Martin.*

Hobbies? *Fishing and cooking.*

Favourite film and why? *Shrek—everybody loves Shrek!*



Alfie

Describe yourself in four words. *Sporty, sociable, outgoing and adventurous.*

Why did you want to become Deputy Head Boy? *Because I felt that I could bring a positive influence to the school—trying new ideas in the process. I also wanted to gain leadership and organisational skills.*

What are you most looking forward to in your new role? *Putting forward student ideas and interacting with other pupils to see if I can help enhance their school experience.*

Favourite lesson? *Physical Education.*

Last book read? *War Horse.*

Hobbies? *Football (playing & coaching) tennis, endurance running and cycling (on & off road). Collecting vinyl records.*

Favourite film and why? *Lone Survivor. This film pays tribute to our armed forces. It is realistic and touching. It portrays just what war is like and the impact on the soldiers.*



Isabelle

Describe yourself in four words. *Independent, courteous, confident and generous.*

Why did you want to become Head Girl/Deputy Girl? *I wanted to become head girl as I wanted to change how bullying and other issues such as anxiety were dealt with.*

What are you most looking forward to in your new role? *Hopefully by making changes to the school.*

Favourite lesson? *Drama.*

Last book read? *The Rembrandt Secret.*

Hobbies? *Acting.*

Favourite film and why? *Shutter Island because no matter how much you try and work out the ending, it's never what you imagine it to be!*





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Thursday the 30th of September was our Year 6 opening evening, which was another great success.

The Evening saw many Year 6 students looking around the school, taking part in the various fun interactive activities and being able to ask teachers and members of staff questions. This was also a valuable opportunity for parents to meet the staff, explore the school and listen to one of the two evening introductory talks.

We had two students Lucas Hicks and Gabrielle Claire who gave fabulous speeches about their time at the school; they were a real credit to our school.





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Year 11 Bush Craft



On Tuesday 20th September Mrs Manning's Year 11 Asdan Group went to the Roydon Farm Estate to learn about bush craft. Mr Harrison, the Resident Bush Craft Advisor taught the group how to survive in the woods with a knife, saw, flint & steel, and basic equipment.

The students learnt how to make fire, a hot drink, some knife skills and which plants to eat such as nettles. They also constructed a shelter using man made materials.

The students learned the importance of working as a team. When asked what they enjoyed the most they said, "Toasting marshmallows!!"





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On Friday 30th September we were visited by a poet who was currently performing in the King's Lynn Poetry Festival.

Poetry Festival.

Alan Brownjohn, born 1931, is a poet, novelist and politician and author of over 30 books, including three Collected Poems covering the period from 1952 to date. He has been a Borough Councillor in London and has stood for Parliament. Among his awards is a Lifetime Award from the Writers Guild of Great Britain. His latest collection is *A Bottle and Other Poems* (Enitharmon, 2015). Brownjohn was Chairman of the Poetry Society for most of the 1980s. He has said he is a Humanist moralist. He has worked as a school teacher and lectured at the Battersea College of Education.

ALAN BROWNJOHN spoke to a mixed year group of students about his life, loves and poetry.

Students were then asked to write a short piece about him; using their own imagination to develop his character and filling in gaps with their own ideas.

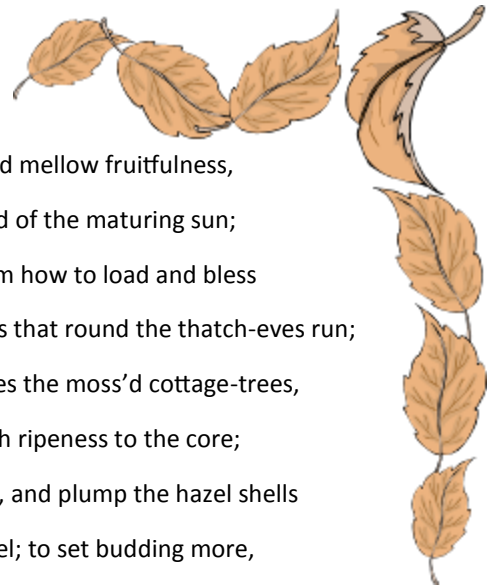


Above: Alan Brownjohn

To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er brimm'd their clammy cells.

By John Keats (1795-1821)





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Celebrate SUCCESS



Ella was nominated for the national Pixl Award for Determination. She was shortlisted and attended an Award Ceremony in London.

Ella went through a very tough time during her GCSE examinations and triumphed by gaining amazing exam results. Ella impressed her teachers with her strength of character and doing her best without complaint or special treatment.

The prizes and certificates were awarded by Joanna Rowsell-Shand, a double Olympic Gold Medal winner (women's team pursuit)

Ella said "It was a lovely night and it was nice to be able to sit beside a couple of girls who had been in a similar situation to me, or struggled with something totally different. We were able to talk to each other and have an understanding of what we all went through, which is something I haven't had before."

Congratulations Ella from all at St Clement's!



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It has been a busy start to the academic year for Physical Education. Once again there has been good numbers attending sports clubs, representing the school in a number of sports and the re-introduction of house sports competitions.

NETBALL

Large numbers of students have attended the weekly training sessions and we have teams in years 7, 8, 9 and 10/11 combined. This terms fixtures have been against Marshland, Smithdon, KLA & Springwood. The year 8s, under the guidance of Mrs Wood, have continued their unbeaten run from last year and have won all matches played to date. The year 9 team is coached by Emma Dexter and they have won 3 of their four league matches. In the WN tournament on Wednesday 12th October, the year 9s won their first match against KES, but they failed to progress beyond the group stage.

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NETBALL RESULTS 2016-17 SEASON



ST CLEMENTS AGE GROUP	SMITH-DON	SPRINGWOOD	KES	KLA	SWAFFHAM CONVENT	DOWNHAM	LITCHAM	HAMMONDS	MARSHLAND	TOTAL POINTS
YR 7	N/A	LOST 2 - 3		DRAW 6 - 6					N/A	3
YR 8	WON 21 - 0	WON 13 - 6		WON 38 - 4					N/A	15
YR 9	WON 15 - 4	WON 12 - 10		LOST 15 - 23					WON 11 - 7	16
YR 10/11	WON 10 - 6	LOST 7 - 37		WON 19 - 3					LOST 8 - 37	10



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Year 9 Netball Team



Year 10/11 Netball Team

FOOTBALL

Once again, football is proving very popular with teams competing in the WN leagues in years 7-10. The year 9s is the stand out team in the first half of the season. New coach, Mr Bailey, has guided them to two wins from their two matches. The county cups draws have just been made and they see the school travel to the far reaches of the county; yr. 8s at Flegg High School, yr. 10s Broadland High School and yr. 9s visit City Academy, along with a home tie against Downham for yr. 7s. Year 11s have a bye to the second round!! Many thanks to Alan Thompson, Robson Pack & Nathan Pack who have officiated this half term!!

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FOOTBALL RESULTS 2016-17 SEASON



ST CLEMENTS AGE GRO	SMITHDON	SPRINGWOOD	KES	KLA	DOWNHAM	LITCHAM	HAMMONDS	MARSHLAND	TOTAL POINTS
YR 7	LOST 3 - 5	TBC		LOST 4 - 7				N/A	0
YR 8	WON 9 - 1	LOST 1 - 7		LOST 0 - 3				WON 2 - 1	6
YR 9	WON 6 - 3	TBC		WON 4 - 1				N/A	6
YR 10	LOST 1 - 2	LOST 0 - 3		LOST 0 - 5				LOST 2 - 5	0



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Year 8 Football Team



Year 10 Football Team

RUGBY

Dave Clarke has returned this year to spearhead the development of rugby at the school. Numbers at training are consistent and we have competed in Norfolk's U14s Emerging Schools Rugby Tournament, held at Wymondham College. They performed well against much more experienced squads, but did not progress beyond the groups stages.



Left: Under 14's Rugby Team



FISHING

With the title of County champions, competition amongst students is growing. The school held the second ever 'Fishing Match' at Buttonhole Lake on Monday 10th October. Despite the threat of heavy rain and lightning, the competition went ahead and the anglers (and parents) only had to endure a ten minute down pour. Top spot went to year 9 student Arthur Knight, landing 36lbs in 1hr 45mins.





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NAME	CATCH TOTAL	CATCH WEIGHT	POS
ARTHUR KNIGHT	6	36lb	1
WILL EVANS	10	34lb 6oz	2
LIZZIE WHITEHOUSE	5	23lb 6oz	3
LIAM WAGG	3	16lb 3oz	4
BRYCE INGRAM	2	14lb 12oz	5
JACOB ELY	3	12lb 5oz	6
RYAN CARTER	1	3lb 8oz	7
MATTHEW BOCKING	0	0	8
CHAD BROWN	0	0	8
KIERAN WOOLARD	0	0	8
EUAN RAITT	0	0	8
CAMERON SMITH	0	0	8



Fishing competition at Buttonhole Lake.



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HOUSEMATCHES

For the first time in many years, the inter-house sports programme has been extended to include competitions in each term. On Friday 14th October, the first events took place with year 7 & 8 students playing netball & football. The excellent weather and turn out meant for a very successful mornings play. The final positions are listed below. These will be combined with the year 9 & 10 events which take place after half term.

YEAR 7 & 8 NETBALL			YEAR 7 & 8 FOOTBALL		
POS	HOUSE	POINTS	POS	HOUSE	POINTS
1 st	DARWIN	12	1 st	BRUNEL	11
2 nd	AUSTEN	9	2 nd	DARWIN	10
2 nd	BRUNEL	9	3 rd	AUSTEN	8
4 th	CHURCHILL	6	4 th	CHURCHILL	6
5 th	NIGHTINGALE	4	5 th	NIGHTINGALE	5

Congratulations to Darwin and Brunel and, to all the Year 10 Sports Captains who selected and ran their teams throughout the competitions. And with staff absence, a big thank you goes to Mrs Manning, Mrs Bennell, Mr Bart & Robson Pack who all stepped in to help out and ensure the competitions went ahead as planned!! (Photos on next page.)

SPORTS LEADERS

Students in year 10 are completing the Sports Leader Award. Those students aiming for the higher level 2 award are already gaining experience by helping out at clubs in school, at Terrington Primary and at Primary Cluster events. The first of these, swimming, was held on Friday 14th October at St James Pool. Four students, Stacey Watson, Cora Hunter, Daniel Robinson & Euan Raitt officiated and received much praise from Tracy Bower, the School Games Organiser for the St Clements Cluster Primary Schools. Up and coming events include cross country and sports hall athletics, both being staged at the High School.



From left to right: Cora, Stacey,
Daniel and Euan.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

When we return after the half-term holiday, clubs will change from the traditional outdoor sports to indoor activities (clocks going back and less predictable weather!!). It is hoped that this will include table tennis, badminton, trampolining & archery. The new list will be published at the start of the half term and will start the week beginning 6th November.



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Year 7 & 8 Inter-House Football and Netball Tournaments





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Year 7 & 8 Inter-House Football and Netball Tournaments





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St Clement's History Department do 1066, The Anniversary Special!

14th October 2016 to many, was an ordinary day; we got up, came to school, had our lessons and went home safe in the knowledge that it was Friday and we could have a lie in tomorrow! However, 14th October 2016 wasn't an ordinary day, it was an anniversary, and not just any anniversary; 14th October 2016 was the anniversary of 'arguably' the biggest turning point in the history of our island, of our culture, of our language and of our characters! 950 years ago today was The Battle of Hastings. You may be thinking why was that so important? It wasn't anything that big, like Henry VIII's creation of the English Church of England, or Elizabeth I's defeat of the mighty Spanish Armada, or even as big as the chopping off of King Charles I's head leading to people power in the short lived Republic of England (thankfully it was short lived in my opinion). It was bigger than all of those events for one significant reason, it was the end of the tribal Anglo Saxon England and the beginning of the hierarchical, monarchy driven, "modern" England. 14th October 1066 was the last time England was ever successfully and fully conquered by a foreign power. 1066 saw the Norman / French Duke, William of Normandy defeat the Anglo Saxon ruler Harold Godwinson on the south coast around Hastings, that we all know, but what was the real impact of this?



Some of our year 7's re-enacting the Battle of Hastings. We've gone bigger and better this year to celebrate this special anniversary.

William brought 'culture' with him, he brought 'society' with him and he brought the rule of law with him, often through the shedding of blood. England was no longer part of an island split into territories and tribes left in the doldrums of a 'survival existence' following the departure of the Romans. King Arthur had been and gone (allegedly) and crucially England was now out of the 'Dark Ages'. Many of the laws we have today can be traced right back to 1066, including punishment for crimes, theft, murder. The idea of justice (although primitive in our minds) was established in the early modern world post 1066. Trade was a key feature of this new Norman England both domestically and abroad. Many of the foods we eat today are here thanks to the influence of our Norman conqueror. Above all though, the biggest gift given to us by William was our language. You may not be aware of this little fact but many of our everyday words have their origins in the conquest of England in 1066...



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... here are just a few... *Beef, Pork, Veal, Venison, Poultry, Mutton, Soldier, Military, Science, Property, Favourite, Liberty, Colour, Poor, Permission, Noble, Purchase, Blonde, Pigeon, Royal, Enquire, Carry, Phantom, Support, Odour, Flower, Assist, Age, Faith, Ponder, Identity, Reason, Cause, Cry, Attorney, Judge, Consider, Pants, Reply, Response, Prince, Autumn, Hour, Utility, Use, Boil, Chase, Letter, Strange, Rude, Voice, People, Valuable, Famine, Desire, Distance, Somersault, Beverage, Amount, Fragile, Difficult, Incredible, Savage, Omnipotent, Nostalgia, Mountain, Beautiful, Peace, Regretful, Forest, Honest, Tomb, Arm, Tavern, Enemy, Lethal, Mortal* and well many many more – you get the idea.



William's culture also saw the setting up of a society, putting people in their places starting at the bottom (and the majority) as peasants, climbing up to the top of society (getting smaller) ending with the king. Everyone in this hierarchy knew their place and their roles in life and after an initial few years of protest and inevitable death as a punishment, Norman England was established. Our current monarch, Queen Elizabeth II does follow the lineage of monarchs all the way back to 1066 ensuring a royal family line lasting 950 years (although at various points in history, this line became very tenuous indeed). As Norman England became, well, England, our inevitable xenophobic attitudes of the early Norman conquest years seemed to forget the fact upon each next accession of king that they were all in fact from the Norman / French line.





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It's clear that the Norman Conquest of 14th October 1066 changed our islands destiny and future and in many ways for the better. Our food, language, laws and self-determination, ironically, was spawned from this period. Without the conquest, perhaps we'd have remained a farming island content on getting by and dancing around giant stones with charms and chants, blaming the spirits and stars for things that went wrong, perhaps we'd never have had a society, or a government that told the people how to live, maybe we'd not have any consequences for crimes against each other and worst of all, we might never have monarchy. Think about our history without the castles of William, without Henry VIII, without the battles with Scotland and France, without the Tower of London, without Queen Victoria and her industrial revolution. I think in summary, we have to really appreciate, if not agree with my views, that 950 years ago, this battle on a hill in the south of England changed England forever!



Thanks for reading and to see more of our 1066 celebrations visit www.stchistory.com and click the gallery for videos & pictures.

Well done Year 7 for your efforts and enthusiasm!

Mr Modica





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It's that time of year again... the year 11's have had their thinking caps on to try and think of different ways to fund raise for their leavers prom next summer. The Prom Committee have come up with lots of lovely ideas, the first of which is a Halloween Bake Sale. This will take place on Halloween, our first day back after the half term break. So please bring some money into to school on the first Monday back so you can enjoy some of the delicious cakes, cookies and other treats on sale! See you there!



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My First Days at St Clement's

My first days at St Clements were really fun and enjoyable! While it wasn't what I expected—it was much better.

I have made many friends, in the form of both students and teachers. While there have been some moments where I have not enjoyed my time at St Clement's, they are greatly overshadowed by the great moments.

I have also learned quite large amount of things from a large range of subjects e.g. ellipses in Art, the Battle of Stanford Bridge in History. I have also shared my own amount of knowledge with both fellow students and teachers.

While I have kept most of my friends from primary school I have made lots of new friends at St Clement's such as George and Lucas and lots more.

I have so far enjoyed my time at St Clement's and I look forward to my future at St Clement's.

Written by a year 7 student October 2016



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Welcome back to another exciting academic year. The summer's results are a great credit to our students and staff.

The new Progress 8 measure is now the Government's main performance indicator for secondary schools so I would like to take a few lines to explain the broad principles behind it. Progress 8 considers the performance of all students rather than just looking at those clustered around the C grade. If a school is awarded a score of 0 it means on average the students achieved their government set target grades, if the score is a negative number it means students generally failed to achieve these targets and if the number is positive then students achieved above expectations.



Our score was 0.33 which means on average all students across all subjects achieved a third of grade higher than expectations. We are very proud to be officially ranked as above average, to be recognised as having achieved the best progress score in West Norfolk and to be placed in the top 15% of secondary schools nationally. My thanks go to all students, families and staff for making this possible.

I was pleased to welcome a number of new teachers to the school at the beginning of the year. Miss Bird has joined the English team as the second in department following Mrs Russell's promotion to Head of English. Miss Mann has joined us as Head of Modern Foreign Languages and Mr Falco has taken up the post of Head of Design and Technology. We are very fortunate to have made these excellent appointments and hope they all enjoy their new posts.

The new year 7 have settled in well, they took very little time to find their way around and are now looking confident as they move around the school. They were a little shocked when I told them they are our class of 2021 but the time will race by and it will be here sooner than we think!

I am extremely grateful to the Village Hall Committee who have this year enabled us to use the hall at break and lunch times. Our dining hall has been extremely busy during these sessions for many years so this additional resource means we can now serve the students much quicker and provide a more comfortable experience. As winter begins to descend upon us this space will be a great advantage, my thanks go to all those people who have worked to make this happen.