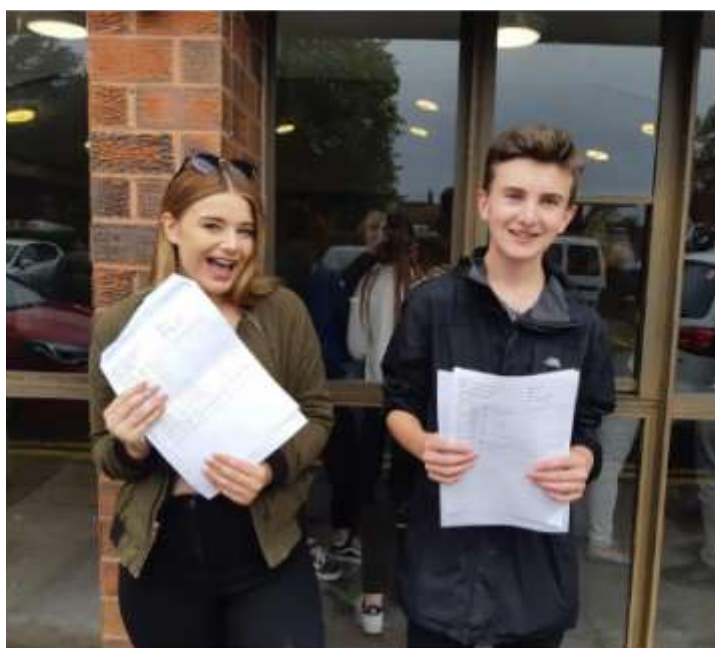


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Success for Students on Results Day



Above: Abbi Marshall and William Coase with their results.

There was plenty to celebrate on the morning of 23rd August as our Class of 2018 collected their GCSE results.

Thirty-seven per cent achieved at least a grade 4 in both English and Maths. Forty one percent in Maths. Sixty per cent English.

Other strong results were in Art, Drama and Citizenship.

Among our school's highest achievers was Abbie Marshall who achieved a grade 7 or better in seven different subjects.



LIZZY HUMPHREYS and LUCY ORDISH celebrate their results (2750416)



Nancy Evans collected her results with Dad Alex and brother Josh (2750465)

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On Friday 9th November, St Clement's High School devoted an entire morning to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I. Mr Modica produced a full program for this special moment in history.

It all began with a whole school assembly. The students filed into the Sports Hall to the stirring sound of popular songs from the era such as 'It's a long way to Tipperary'.

The service continued with readings, testimonies, and the reading of the names of all the Terrington people who gave their lives for our country. Many of the surnames are common place still in our school community. Two soloist gave haunting renditions of two poignant songs.

The whole time, images were screened onto the wall, showing the terrible reality of World War I.

The students were dismissed and had half an hour in form to discuss the significance of today further.

Then, in silence and due respect the students gathered around our own memorial. They watched uniformed students place their poppies and observed two minutes silence.

The whole morning was very moving and appropriate for our marking of this key moment in our history.



Preparations for this extraordinary day started some months ago. Mr Falco and Miss Bates supervised every member of staff and every student to make a poppy for the memorial.

Miss Kemp was responsible for the musical element of the event.

Mr Clark oversaw that our memorial garden was prepared.

We thank all the staff and students that were involved to make it a special occasion.

"While we were being silent, I looked around at everybody and I felt so proud that we all were taking part and behaving so respectfully."

Quote from a year 11 student



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Downham Market Rotary Club Technology Tournament

A Clean Sweep for St Clements!

The Rotary Technology Tournament is run by a large number of Rotary clubs throughout Great Britain and Ireland. It was devised and designed to give school students an opportunity to experience problem solving in the fields of design and engineering, and as a response to a national skills shortage in those fields.

John Rice from the Rotary Club of Downham Market explained;

“Over the years we have been fortunate enough to receive sponsorship towards our costs from Bae Systems, RAF Marham and, for the first time this year, from SKF Coopers (formerly Cooper Roller Bearings).”



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Above: Congratulations to our year 9's, Lily-May Colli-son, Elaine Defty, Millie Frost and Lucas Hicks for first place in the KS3 challenge



Above: Year 10 team came a close second in the KS4 Challenge. Well done to Ben Carter, mark Eastwood, Charlie Jones and Hayden Lawrence.



Above: Congratulations to our year 11's, Grace Brooks, Poppy Kirby, Luke Eastwood and Nick Durrant, for first place in the KS4 challenge.

This year's challenge was to design and make a crane that could move along a train track to retrieve a 'chemical barrel' that had fallen from an earlier train, Students had to use a motors and pulley to lower and raise a magnet, picking up the cylinder and returning it safely.



"This year's tournament was the eighth Downham Market Rotary Club has held and, as one of the schools that has been involved every year from the beginning, it was fitting that St Clements High School teams should have had such outstanding results this year." - John Rice

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It has been a very busy start to the academic year for Physical Education. In the first half term, clubs ran for netball, football, hockey, rugby and basketball. There were regular fixtures in football and netball and a tournament for hockey. Since half term we have changed to our winter timetable of trampolining, badminton, table tennis, indoor hockey, basketball and archery; with netball, football and rugby continuing through to the end of November. It is only possible to offer such a range of activities with support from staff outside the department; Mrs Wood & Mrs Drake (netball), Mr Modica & Mr Bailey (football), Mr Brooks (hockey), Mr Feaviour (basketball), along with Mr Pack (football), Mrs Boxall (Show Jumping) and Mr Clarke (rugby).

NETBALL (separate sheet for all results)

Large numbers of students have attended the weekly training sessions and we have teams in years 7, 8, 9 and 10, with the year 9s & 11s entering the WN Netball tournament after half-term. Fixtures this term have been against Smithdon, KLA and Springwood. Yr8 are currently the only team unbeaten, yr10 have had some large victories and had a very close fought match against Springwood. The second half of the season looks to bring many more fixtures with 6 or 7 schools still to play... including a friendly with Wisbech Grammar.



ST CLEMENTS AGE GROUP	SMITHDON	KLA	SPRINGWOOD	TOTAL POINTS
YR 7	DRAW 5-5	Tournament	LOST 1-7	8
Player of the Match	Olivia D'Andrea		Millie Eveson & Tamara Richards	
YR 8	WON 25-0	WON 9-8	WON	10
Player of the Match	Trinity Tokaji	Trinity Tokaji/ Ellie Hemming	Emily Beltran	
YR 9	WON 19-5	LOST 12-25	LOST 2-?	5
Player of the Match	Olicir Twaite-Smith	McKenzie Sewell	Hermione Hammond	
YR 10	WON 32-4	WON 37-3	LOST 18-25	10
Player of the Match	Lizzie Wood	Ellie-Mei Shepperson	Ellie-Mei? GD	

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FOOTBALL (separate sheet for all results)

Once again, football is proving very popular with teams competing in the WN leagues in years 7-10. Both the Year 8s and 9s have won two of their three league matches. Year 8s have progressed to the Final of the WN Knock-Out Cup where they will play KES in the final. The U16s are the last team standing in the county cup and will play Sprowston High School away early next term.



ST CLEMENTS AGE GROUP	SMITH-DON	KLA	SPRINGWOOD	TOTAL POINTS
YR 7	LOST 2-5	WON 11-1	LOST 7-1	3
YR 8	LOST 4-5	WON 7-1	WON 2-1	6
YR 9	WON 5-0	WON 9-2	LOST 0-3	6
YR 10	LOST 2-3	LOST 5-0	LOST 0-5	0

RUGBY

Dave & Callum Clarke from WN Rugby club have been running rugby this term. Numbers are increasing with several players now going onto represent WN in the local rugby leagues.

HOCKEY

Mr Brooks continues to front the development of hockey. A core group of students regularly attend and we had two entered in the recent development festival at Pelicans. (2X Team photo)



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SHOW JUMPING

A cold, but dry day at Thursford saw the school compete in the Annual NN Show Jumping Competition. This was the biggest team we have taken for several years, organised and run by Mrs Boxall. Thomas Arnold, Tanya Barber, Leah Baldry, Jasmine Chapman, Elaine Defty, & Jess Stone, competed well in all events. The best result of Runners Ups came in Class 2 with Thomas Arnold, Tanya Barber, Jasmine Chapman & Jess Stone. As is now tradition, we won the Team Christmas Fancy Dress with individuals finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th place.



BADMINTON

The KS4 badminton tournaments went ahead at St Clements in November. The Boys of Arthur Knight, Oliver Witting, Ben Peacock & Flynn Mott were crowned WN Champions, while the Girls finished 4th. This meant that St Clements finished runners up overall. The KS3 events take place next term with the prospect of the county finals in February.

HOUSE MATCHES (separate sheet for all results)

The first of the years house-matches are took place either side of half-term. Netball and football competitions were overseen by the year 10 sports captains in two age groups; years 7 & 8 (U13s) and years 9 & 10 (U15s). Darwin were the run-away winners in the netball, winning both age groups. The football was much closer with Churchill winning year 7 & 8, Darwin 9 & 10, but Brunel were Overall winners across both age groups. Next term it will be the turn of table tennis, badminton & cross country. (FOOTBALL & NETBALL PHOTOS)

CROSS COUNTRY

We took 6 full teams to the WN cross country competition at Springwood with 46 students representing St Clements High School. There were 6 schools represented across West Norfolk, from which we came second overall. The following students not only represented our school but came within the top 10 in their age category and will now go on to represent west Norfolk at the county round in January; George Munson (Yr7), Harvey Counsell (Yr8), Robert Osbourne (Yr9), Liam Clare (Yr9), Matthew Bocking (Yr10) & Kristen Hanks (Yr10).

SPORTS LEADERS

Students in year 10 are completing the Sports Leader Award. Those year 10 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. So far, students have supported in football, netball, gymnastics, badminton, athletics and cross country. Those students who have worked at Terrington Primary and in Cluster Events have received much praise from Tracy Bower, the School Games Organiser for the St Clements Cluster Primary Schools.

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PE KIT; NEW ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE!!

Following school council approval, students are now able to wear the following for all PE lessons

St Clements tight-leg tracksuit bottoms with embroidered badge



St Clements leggings with printed badge & school name



These items are supplied by Birds School-wear Birds School Wear;-

Website; birdsofdereham.com

Address; Unit D, 13 Yaxham Road, Dereham, NR19 1HB.

Telephone; 01362 699130.

Please note students will still be able to wear their own leggings, but, as per school rules, must wear school logo kit on top!!



On Thursday 6th December ; three coaches took a hundred and thirty three students and twelve staff to the Warner Bros. Studio to see how the Harry Potter Movies are made.

The students were able to see all the processes and skills that go on behind the scenes that all lead to a fantastical world where J K Rowling's books come alive on screen. The exhibition has many of the sets and backdrops used in the movies and informative sections explaining each specialism.

Because we visited during the Christmas season there were a few extra surprises such as the scale model of Hogwarts in the snow and splendid Christmas Trees in the Great Hall.

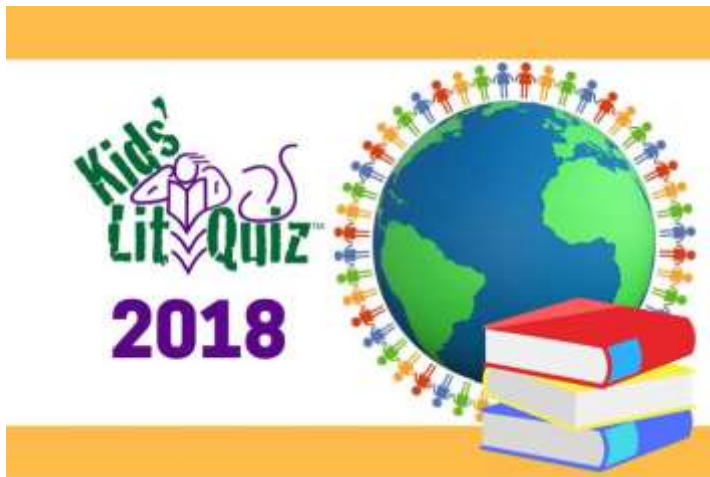




In year 10, students took part in a Dragon's Den style Christmas enterprise day. Students were each given a plain box, a pack of materials, a design sheet, a price list and a blank business plan document. In small groups, they had to develop an idea and decide a use for their 'Christmas themed box'. They also had to complete a business plan, market their product and present their ideas to the rest of the group.



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Above: Quiz master Wayne F. Mills

On Wednesday November 14th, Mrs Schwarz and Mrs Roper took nine year eight students to Dereham Neathherd High School to take part in this year's regional heat of the Kids Lit Quiz.

Thirty three teams from all over Norfolk attempted to answer a hundred questions about fiction books, myths, legends and authors.

Litcham School came first with a score of 86. They will go to the national round in London.

St Clement's High Team A scored 53.5 and Team B scored 65.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Right: four authors taking part in quiz.



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Because of their hard work; twenty nine students from years seven and eight were rewarded with an informal party . These students had all improved their reading ages by steadfastly reading books in the Accelerated Reader scheme. Their English teachers and the librarians were very pleased and impressed with their achievement. Well done to all attended.

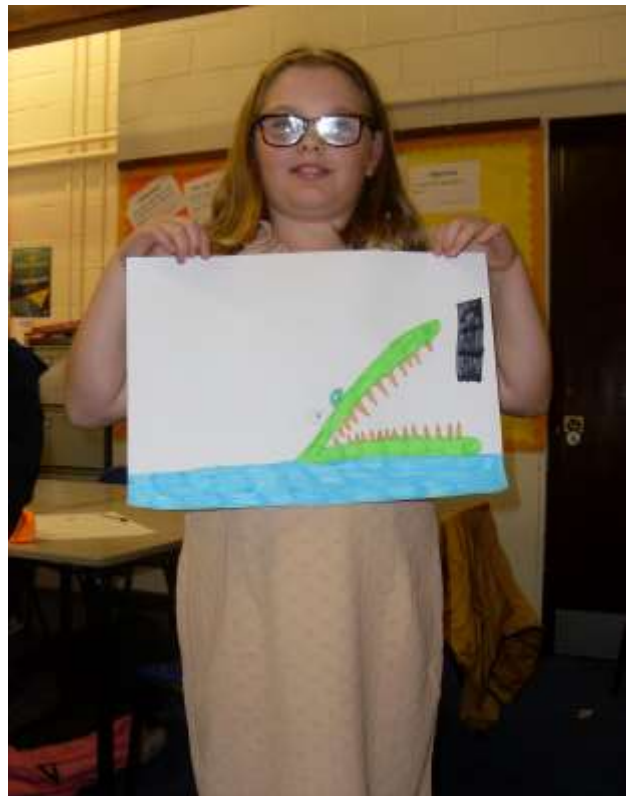


Roald Dahl Day



Year 7s had a very special English lesson on 28th September. To mark Roald Dahl Day they dressed up as characters from his wonderful books.

The lessons consisted of activities such as: write a follow on story, create in words and drawings new characters that would fit well into Roald Dahl's world.



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On Thursday 4th October the school opened it's doors to families with year 6 children who are deciding to come to our school in September 2019. Tours of the school took place all through the day. All subject departments put on displays to give our visitors an idea of what we do here.



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London Parliament Trip

Some of the Y11 GCSE Citizenship students enjoyed a day out in London to visit the Houses of Parliament as a part of their GCSE course. They had a guided tour of Parliament and even got to watch some live debate in the House of Commons (Brexit related, of course!) After the tour they did a voting and representation workshop, where the students had to come up with their own political party manifesto promises and then have an election! Following this, the students had a ten minute Q&A with the local MP, Sir Henry Bellingham. He was faced with some tricky questions regarding how he planned to vote in Commons on Theresa May's proposed Brexit deal. As well as questions related to driver safety on the A17, to which he replied that big plans are underway to make the Terrington turning from the A17 much safer. The students also had an opportunity to do some sight-seeing in London, so we visited 10 Downing Street, the Cabinet Office, Buckingham Palace, Leister Square and the Museum of London, where there was an exhibition celebrating the Suffragettes campaigning and 100 years of some women having the vote!



Alongside the quiz, we also ran a competition where students were set the challenge to create something to show the importance of voting, democracy and Parliament in the UK. Over 40 students entered this competition and handed in some outstanding work! It was too tricky to choose just one winner, so we had several different categories.

Our winners were:

Cadence Staff – Most creative
Lucy Schrier – Most well informed
Lilly Paul – Most Artistic
Jasmine Kirby – Most convincing
Lillian Frost – The Suffragettes Award
Luke Hayes – Most poetic
Ellie Sadler – Best in KS4
8MRE - Best Form Contribution

Parliament Week at St Clement's High School (12-18 November)

This year we celebrated our very first Parliament Week at St Clement's. Every form group had the opportunity to take part in a tutor time quiz, where they answered 15 very tricky questions related to Parliament and democracy in the UK. In Key Stage 3, 8LFE were the winners with an amazing 13 points (out of 16), closely followed by 8AMO with 12 points and in third place were 7MSM with 10

points. In Key Stage 4, there were joint winners in first place with super impressive 16 points for 11SWO and 11CSC, followed by 10PWi in second place and 9JSP in third.





Why YOU Should

Voters play an essential role in shaping the government and their future. They can help the earth.

Voting is a form of personal empowerment giving you a chance to get your voice heard and share your opinions.

VOTE



People have died so you have the right to vote. On June 14th 1913, Emily Davison died in front of King George V's horse so women had the right to vote.

Voting can have a big effect on the area you live in your job, your taxes and your overall lifestyle.

Voting sends the right message to the government so they can take responsibility and make the correct decisions for you and your country.

IT'S YOUR RIGHT

VOTE

Have your vote have your say
Don't let anyone stand in your way

VOTE

Make it count stand up for
what you believe
is right

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our country gives us
the right to vote so
use it wisely.

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We are a democratic country
So have gained the right to vote

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Don't waste your opportunity
to stand up for what you believe

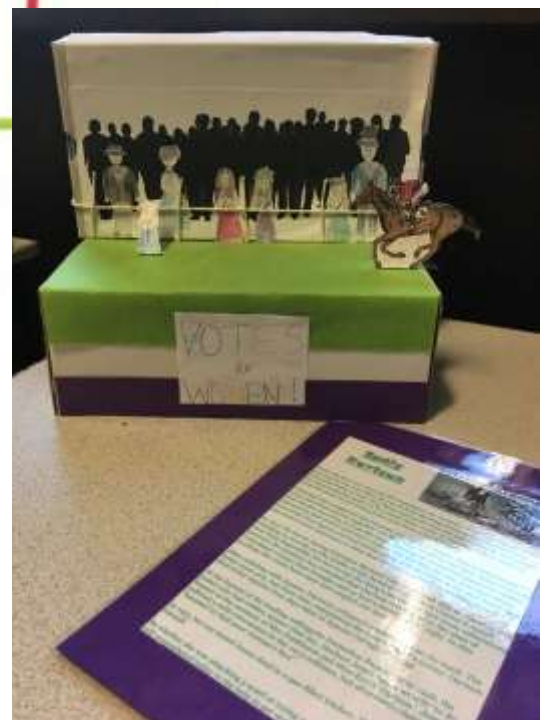
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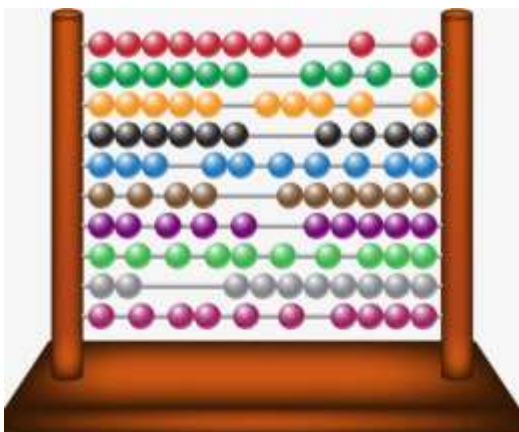
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Tech Free Tuesday

Staff and students went 'cold turkey' on (25/09/18). The whole school enjoyed/endured a day without using technology - it wasn't easy for everyone but it was 'food for thought' for both adults and the students.

Some positive feedback from one member of staff - the students said it encouraged them to 'think more'. Another student feared that he would no longer get a job in the technology industry after going a whole day without looking at a screen!



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This year we
raised....
£535.35



27th/28th September
Two Macmillan Coffee
Mornings held in the
staff room raised
£117.80.

Thank you to everyone
who supported this
year's event.

Not the Weakest Link!



On 22 November I took five pupils to the Norfolk heat of a public speaking competition at St Lawrence Church in Castle Rising. The head judge was Anne Robinson.

The competition is called The Cranmer Awards and the pupils have to choose passages from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer to read in front of an audience. Their chosen passages should last between 3 and 5 minutes.



The pupils are then judged on their clarity and projection, their pace and use of pauses and emphasis, their fluency and rhythm, and their intelligent communication of the meaning of the passage.

It was a tough competition; the other schools there were Wisbech Grammar, Norwich High School for Girls, and Gresham. Our competitors did incredibly well. George Willingham and Libby Poole were competing for the first time and, although they were very nervous, they both projected beautifully and did themselves proud. Charly Spurge, Thomasin Greehy and Elizabeth Wood all competed last year so they knew what to expect. Again, they all did very well showing a sound understanding of the passages they had selected.

Elizabeth Wood was the runner up in the Senior section.

Well done to all.

Mrs S Wood



Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13th December 2018

Meal deal for £2.20!

A choice of a Full Christmas Lunch or a Special Xmas Takeaway.

Full Christmas Lunch:

Turkey, stuffing, yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots, peas, parsnips, pigs in blankets, gravy and a slice of yule log for dessert.

Vegetarian option available

Special Xmas Takeaway:

Turkey with stuffing and cranberry sauce in a roll.

Vegetarian option available

Dessert:

Xmas pudding with custard

Various festive treats available.

Other:

Normal cold baguettes, sandwiches and drinks available for purchase.

Subject to availability.

This will be the only available hot meal on the day.



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School Council Update!

Both KS3 and KS4 school council are up and running again this term! This year there have been school council representatives elected from each KS3 form; they will each represent their tutor groups at meetings and discuss the issues that matter most to them. In the KS4 school council, we are currently running on a voluntary basis, so the students who are frequently attending are super dedicated to the school and helping to improve it for everyone.

Each council has two meetings under their belt this term and have, as always been discussing key issues that are important to students across the school. The big issue at the moment, being discussed by both councils is litter in school, and how we can encourage more recycling. School council is working very closely with the Head Teacher and the Senior Leadership Team to try and come up with new and exciting ways to reduce litter in school, and promote a more eco-friendly attitude across all years.

There has also been some discussion with the KS3 school council about some new additions to the PE uniform. They were very excited to be consulted and were very happy to give it their seal of approval!

Key Stage 4 is still on the pursuit for hot drinks to be available in school for students. They have been meeting, negotiating and discussing possible outcomes with the Senior Leadership Team, in the hope that they can reach their goal!



*Above: Unconventional tropical Christmas tree.
Tree decorations designed and made in Design
and Technology.*

The first term of the academic year has raced past and we again find ourselves preparing for Christmas. Our last day of term will include our traditional whole school visit to the Village Church, many past students have looked back on this event fondly and I'm very grateful to Reverend Slipper for accommodating us again. Earlier in the term we also held our GCSE presentation evening at the Church. It was great to see so many of last year's year 11 students and to hear their latest news. I was very pleased to be able to tell them that the progress they made during their time at St Clement's ranked our school the second highest performing out of the ten High Schools in West Norfolk.

Our new year 7 students have settled in well, they now know the school site well and all thoughts of getting lost are long gone. They are our biggest year group ever and demand for places in this year group has been so high that three rounds of appeals have been necessary, the latest one happening earlier this term. Year 6 students visited us at the start of the term as they grappled with the decision of which High School to choose. Parents receive offer letters from the County Council in March but early figures show we are again over subscribed for next year.

Our remembrance event was one which I believe will stay in all our minds for some considerable time. In honour of the bicentenary of the end of the First World War, we took time out from our usual curriculum to give thought to those who have suffered in the conflicts of the past. It was great to see all members of our community place their individual poppies. This was the first time we had taken the whole school outside to stand together for the two minutes of silence; I was very impressed by the maturity shown by the students both in our whole school assembly on the topic and the actual memorial event. I am grateful to Mr Modica for organising the event, Miss Kemp for arranging the music and Mr Falco for his brilliant poppy design and his tenacity in getting everyone to make one.

The New Year will soon see our Year 11 students preparing for their next Mock Exams. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated staff who give up significant amounts of their own time to provide revision sessions after school. Full details will be available once we return from the Christmas break; my thanks go to all staff providing this resource and to parents for encouraging their children to attend.

This newsletter celebrates so many individual achievements from the term; our final assembly will celebrate these further with a host of awards and certificates. Well done to those involved and Merry Christmas to everyone.

