



# St. Clement's News



## 2022 GCSE Results were “Best Ever”

“We are absolutely thrilled to have achieved these results after such a disrupted period of time. It is testament to hard work and commitment shown by both staff and students.”

As well as English and Mathematics, other subjects across the school achieved outstanding grades, including Science, History and Religious Studies. Creative subjects, Art, Photography and Drama also achieved exceptional results.

“We are extremely proud of our students who are a great credit to their families and our school.” said Malcolm Wood, Chairman of the St Clement’s School Governors.



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## Christmas Fundraiser



School Council have decided to collect on behalf of the Terrington Lodge again this year!

For anyone that isn't already aware, this is a care home situated here in the village.

After another difficult year for those living in care homes, we would like to bring a little Christmas spirit to the residents at Terrington Lodge.

Each tutor group gave packages to each resident containing all sorts of Christmas Treats. The students wrapped the gifts and added a resident's name.



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Black History Month was highlighted across the West Norfolk Academies Trust by the launch of a design a poster competition. *Left:* is St Clement's winning entry. *Below:* shows a selection of other entries.



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Our Young Carers Group had an interesting visit from Fire Officer Woolsey. The group were given some advice about how they could begin their path way towards joining the Fire Service. FO Woolsey made it clear that physical fitness is a primary requirement. He also suggested that they should look into any of the armed forces cadet groups.

Being in the fire service means constant training in all sorts of conditions. One of the most difficult is of course thick black smoke which require breathing apparatus. He said "When the mask is on you should not be able to smell a thing. If you can it is no good!"



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Here are my before and after photos. I donated 18 inches to The Little Princess Trust. I chose this charity because I feel for those girls who have to have chemotherapy and may lose their hair. I hope by donating my hair they have the chance to have a new hairstyle and are saved embarrassment. Also, they may like the style they lost to the therapy but cannot replicate so I hope this gives them more chance of finding a colour and style they like.



# publicspeaking@stclement's

## Cranmer Awards Public Speaking Competition

### Reports from Competing Students

Today, 24 of November 2022, a small group of KS4 students from St Clement's High school attended a public speaking competition where we had to read passages from the 1662 book of common prayer. We each took it in terms to read our passages as well as we could and as clear as we could so they were at Lord Howard and Anne Robinson's standards. We had been practicing our passages for weeks and we as school did exceedingly well, with Jen Wood winning the junior category, and receiving fifty pounds in prize money.

On the 24th of November, six students went to the Cranmer awards, a public speaking competition in Castle Rising. They had to read for three to five minutes out of a book of common prayer, and three other schools were there, all of them being grammar schools. There were two age categories, Olivia Doig and Olivia D'Andrea being in the older category. For the Younger Category, Jen Wood won, receiving a bible and £50. Everybody did very well, and received scarves from the school! Anne Robinson, from weakest Link and Countdown, was a judge, as well as Lord Howard of Castle Rising - although he had to leave swiftly to catch a plane!

Today, 24th November 2022, six of us lucky students went down to the Cranmer Awards Competition next to Castle Rising where we were to all read at least one passage out of the common book of prayers.

First thing in the morning, we all met at the front of the school and got to choose our own scarves to make ourselves look good against the other schools. Mrs. Wood pulled names out of her coat pocket and all six of us got to choose between two nice scarfs. Afterwards, we went outside to the bus and met Helen, the lovely bus driver. She drove us to Castle Rising and we got off the bus and sat ourselves down in the church. The competition commenced and we listened to many great speeches. Soon it came St Clement's turn and everyone did an amazing job. We had been prepared well for this by Mrs. Wood, by having rehearsals every Friday after/during school. Between the junior category and the senior category, there was an interval where we helped ourselves to delicious fruit flapjacks and chocolate chip cookies, squash and tea. After our snack, we all decided to explore the toilets, so we all walked through the beautiful house gardens and found ourselves at the huge, pretty mansion where the toilets were.

After our trip to the toilets, we headed back and sat ourselves down back inside the church. The senior category speeches began, and eventually we got back to St Clement's turn where both of the Olivia's made their speeches.

When the competition was over, the winners were announced and it turns out that Jen Wood had won first place in the junior category and won £50!!

We headed down to McDonald's after our visit to the church was over, and treated ourselves to a delicious lunch and Mc Flurries, took many pictures, and that was the end of our trip.



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## Cranmer Awards Public Speaking Competition





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**Winner of 2022 Pumpkin Carving**

**Abi Suckling**



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I am writing to thank you for taking part in our **Write for READ** competition.

I am pleased to tell you that your entry was shortlisted by our team of readers and forwarded to the judges for a final decision.

The judges were very impressed with the high quality of the entries and really struggled to choose the winners. There were over 289 entries and **I'm happy to inform you that you are the winner in the KS 4 (14 to 16 years) category. Congratulations!**

As well as sending your certificate, I am happy to enclose a gift voucher as your prize. Enjoy – you deserve this for your hard work!

We at READ are really proud of you and hope you'll continue to express yourself through your work. At READ Foundation, we value the importance of education – helping children across the globe to change their lives.

We hope to run this competition again this year, and we really look forward to your next entry. In the meantime, please do head to our website to check out your own and other winning entries. There's also lots of information about the work we do worldwide and how you can get involved.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jahangeer Akhtar".

**Jahangeer Akhtar**  
CEO, READ Foundation

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## In an apocalypse world

Starting to lose hope,  
With my life gone before my eyes  
The only thing I have, is this envelope  
Still wondering is it time to say goodbye?

Front of me is the hardest decision,  
That may turn out to be a mission.  
My friends fighting for their life's  
As I just sit here and ask why...  
I'm suddenly feeling shy?

I only have enough equipment to save one,  
Now getting on the run  
No wonders when ill be done.  
Still thinking of who is my true friend?  
Who can help me defend!

Taking out the enemy's  
Wanting to be free.  
Face to face with 3 friends  
Thinking of the past  
Finally making up my mind.

About to hide,  
From all the creatures around,  
The only thing we can hear is a scary hound  
With a sudden loud noise...

Making a big blast,  
Killing the rest.  
The only person I have left  
Is my one and truly friend!



# thehead@stclement's

As we head towards the Christmas holidays and students' minds start to turn towards presents, we are always keen to remind them to think of those people less fortunate than themselves. Our students are very generous in spirit, we see this time and time again. In the lead up to Remembrance Day a group of students approached me and asked if they could tidy up the Remembrance garden as weeds were showing through the poppies. We started the garden in 2018 and each year all new students and staff members make a poppy to add to the memorial. These students worked during lunchtimes, breaks and even cycled in on Saturdays to weed the area and repaint the fence posts. By the time we reached Remembrance Day they had the area looking great and it was once again central to our Remembrance service. These students gave their time freely and happily and I am very grateful for their work.

Earlier in this newsletter you will have seen a student donating her hair to charity to support children who are going through chemotherapy, an extraordinary act of kindness. The student council decided to once again provide gifts for the residents at Terrington Lodge, they gave up pocket money, brought in items from home and took the time to wrap and distribute the parcels. While the generosity was great to see the really uplifting aspect was seeing the joy giving these gifts brought to our students.

This year also saw a new charitable enterprise from our Bereavement Support Group. This group was formed in school to support those students who have suffered loss and they in turn were keen to be able to support other young people going through similar painful experiences. Supported by Mrs Cawston these students decided to run a Christmas Card competition, they had many entries and the standard was very high. I was called in to help with the final judging and found the final choices extremely difficult. The Cards were printed with the kind help of a local printer and went on sale. The designs proved popular and £200 was raised for Nelson's Journey who have been supporting grieving children in Norfolk for over 25 years.

I must also pay tribute to the generosity of our parents. Earlier in the term we asked if any family members could come into school to help read with our students as, like many students nationally, the periods of lockdown had impacted greatly on many students' ability to read. We instantly received multiple offers of help, with family members keen to offer their free time to come in to school. These volunteers are now working their way through the safeguarding checks and training so they are ready to support our students in the New Year and I am sure they will quickly make a great difference to the lives of many students. Lastly on my theme of thanks I must thank all those families who have donated school uniform in recent years, during this term dozens of students have needed to access our uniform bank. Being able to quickly offer families a solution when they are finding it hard to access uniform has been fantastic. Thank you everyone who has donated.

Merry Christmas to everyone, have a great break and we look forward to seeing you back in school in January.

Mr Willingham

Headteacher