

News @ St Clement's

GCSE Results Day 2019

Congratulations to all

Staff and students celebrated notable improvements in the GCSE grades.

74% of students achieved a level 4 or above in English and 58% achieved a level 4 or above in Maths. 53% of students gained a level 4 or above in both English and Maths.

Headteacher Mr Willingham said 'I am extremely proud of all students and the increase in attainment. This year has seen a particular rise in the number of students achieving the very highest grades'.

Mr Willingham said "We're very pleased with the significant improvement this year. I'm very proud of everyone. The students and staff have worked extremely hard."



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The trip to Borneo was for 4 weeks with the aim to complete community and environmental work. This included planting Mangroves, building walls, laying concrete floors, digging drainage ditches and teaching English.

Project days had 6 hours of very manually intensive work. Pupils also had the opportunity to mix with local people doing sports, for example tug of war (a national sport in Malaysian & Borneo), teaching English and cultural displays such as traditional dancing.

Personal challenges were further extended during a five day trek through the jungle, which included, sleeping in hammocks, river crossings, bathing in rivers and lots of torrential rain. Team Selingan were one of only two teams whom had 100% completion of the trek. Team Selingan (above) also

worked so hard during project days that they fully completed all available work with time to spare.



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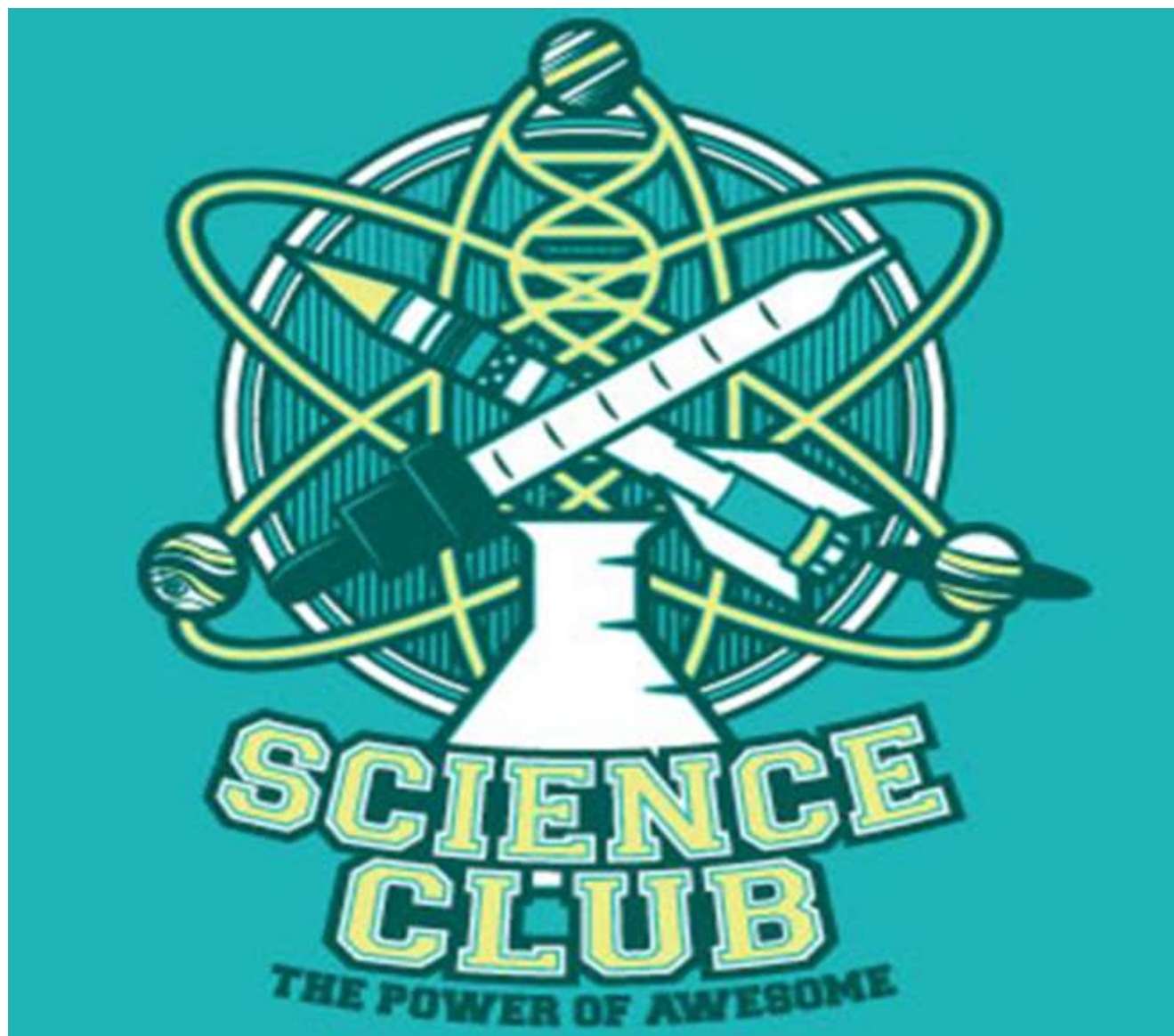
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My personal experience of going to Borneo is one I will always remember as it truly was a life changing experience. It opened my eyes to the real world and not the life that we look at through a screen and really seeing the poverty that there is. Living in the UK I think we don't realise how very lucky we are, we can flush a toilet, run a tap for clean water, and enjoy a safe environment, whereas they don't have any of these things. but they are so happy with what they have. This was probably one of the most challenging things which I have ever done and probably will ever do but something that I will always remember. From the highs of snorkelling in the Borneo Ocean, to trekking through Borneo jungle. I know that the people I have met will be friends for life. This trip was truly a life changing experience.

By Ellie Marshall

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WAR ON PLASTIC



Staff and students are doing what they can to make everyone conscious about our planet's problem with plastic. Above picture to the right shows one of three new receptacles for plastic bottles. Photographs below shows waste bottle tops turned into a work of art and a practical green house from transparent plastic bottles.



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Jeans for Genes Day is the annual fundraising event for Genetic Disorders UK.



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The first Big Sing competitions of the year were held on Thursday 10th October (Year 7) and Friday 11th October (Year 8). The students sing a song together in their tutor groups (houses), and then as a whole year group.

Judges are drawn from members of staff across different departments, and points allocated in different categories including tunefulness, rhythm and enthusiasm.

For October, Year 7 sang 'Dites-moi' in French, and Year 8 sang a medley of songs from World War 2.

Winners for each year, the overall house and the overall year group will be announced in assemblies. This is the first competition of the year – the next Big Sing will be at Christmas.

Miss Kemp is very proud of all of the students, and is looking forward to the next Big Sing.

Extra-Curricular clubs run at lunchtime – please see the attached poster. They are open to all. Please see Miss Kemp for further details.

We also have visiting music teachers for guitar, drums and keyboard. Please see Miss Kemp if you are interested.

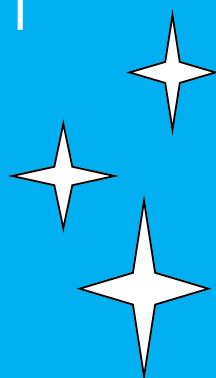


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Sports Presentation Evening 2019



PE PRESENTATION EVENING; TUESDAY 9TH JULY

St Clements hosted their annual PE Presentation Awards Evening on Tuesday, with GB Professional tennis player Jade Windley as guest of honour.

The evening celebrated the many success of the academic year for both individuals and school teams. The audience were also treated to an inspirational speech from Jade Windley on her development through the tennis ranks, high and low points and advise on fulfilling your potential.

The KS3 Girls and KS4 Boys were joint winners of the School Team of the Year. Both teams won the WN Championships, were also county champions and represented Norfolk at the Eastern Region Finals. Other teams in the running included the school angling team, year 10 netballers, KS3 table tennis and year 8 footballers.

The sportsman of the Year was Ben Carter while the Sportswomen of the Year was shared by Lizzie Wood and Libby Edwards. Top Sports Leader Awards went to Beth Mallet and Ben Carter.

It has also been a year for breaking school records, with 5 out of 8 school cross country records going and a staggering 18 records being set, both Lizzie Wood and Liam Clare setting three individual records over the course of the term. The Vitrix Ludorum was shared by Trinity Tokaji, McKenzie Sewell and Lizzie Wood; all winning their 4 individual events, while the Victor Ludorum was shared by Harvey Hemming and Liam Clare who accrued a combination of 1st and 2nd places in their events.

In recognition of students contribution to school sport, 30 students obtained their half sports colours while another 15 went onto achieve their full sports colours.

Four year 11 students were recognised for their outstanding contribution to school sport over their five years at the school; Aimee Dexter, Zoe Graham, Arthur Knight and Oliver Witting.

It has been another very successful year for Physical Education at St Clements High School and one the students, parents and staff should be very proud of as we look to push forward for 2019-20.

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It's always great to return to school in September and hear all about the adventures students and staff have experienced over the summer break. The students always seem to have grown enormously in the time away and the staff return refreshed ready to start a new year. The new academic year usually brings new staff to the school and this year is no exception, Mrs Chappell has now taken over as our new Asdan teacher and Miss Towler has more formally joined the maths teaching team having worked as a mentor last year. We are pleased to welcome Mr Chilvers to the Humanities team covering Mrs Towle while she is on maternity leave. We also have a number of staff taking on additional responsibilities while Mrs Towle is away. Mrs Rigby has moved down the school to take responsibility for Years 7 and 8, while Mr Arndt has taken charge of Year 9 and Ms Waterman will now lead Year 10. Mr Feaviour continues to oversee all students in the upper key stage and takes particular responsibility for Year 11. Everyone has thrown themselves into their new roles and I'm sure they will all bring commitment and enthusiasm to these posts.

A new academic year always means GCSE results over the summer and this year we were extremely pleased with our performance. When published, the all important progress measure will again show us as one of the highest performing schools in the area. There were also some exceptional individual performances including Eloise Cumming, pictured here with me on results day. Eloise achieved an amazing set of results which in the traditional system equates to twelve A* grades. When put on the spot by a journalist on the day, Eloise was kind enough to pay tribute to the staff who she felt had gone the extra mile to support her. My congratulations go to all our students for their hard work during a tough exam season, we look forward to seeing them all again at the GCSE presentation evening in November.



September is of course a very important time for those students moving up to join us in Year 7. This year we were again significantly oversubscribed and I couldn't help but be touched by the kind comments made by parents who have entrusted us with their child's high school education. While they were of course nervous, it hasn't taken long for the new year group to settle in and find their way around. Parents tell us the new students have enjoyed their first half term but found the homework a little overwhelming so we'll make some adjustments next half term.

The term began with us welcoming back the students from Borneo and during the half term break we'll be waving off our students heading for Japan. The Borneo students have explained in assemblies how the trip changed their outlook on matters such as food and the value of money, I'm sure those going to Japan will come back a wider understanding of the world. It's certain to be an amazing experience and given time hope fully we can all recover from the 3am drop off! Trips are an important part of St Clement's and we are focusing on visits for whole year groups starting with a Theatre trip for Year 7 in December which we hope every student will be able to attend.

Have a great half term break.

N Willingham