

January—April 2019

St Clement's News

TERRINGTON BOYS COOK UP A Storm

Year 10 catering students cooked up a storm in the local heat of the Rotary Young Chef of the Year competition.

The Rotary Young Chef Competition is a well-established and successful competition organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. It is a four-stage national competition to support and encourage development of cookery skills, open to all students in full time education between the ages of 11 and 17.



above: Matthew Bockina



In the first round entrants were required to prepare a healthy meal for two people costing less than £15, within two hours.

Tom Arnold's winning dish consisted of pan fried duck breast accompanied by crushed potatoes and honey roasted carrots, Matthew Bocking's dish consisted of fresh pasta in a spicy tomato sauce, served with homemade bread with a side portion of saffron mayonnaise.

Both students went onto the next stage to cook at the College of West Anglia at the end of January. They were up against students from Springwood, Smithdon and other students studying catering at the college. Tom and Matthew were placed first and second. This meant they both went onto the third stage of the contest.



Tom and Matthew again cooked at COWA, against other young chefs from Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Norfolk. Matthew came 1st with a menu of Mussels, Venison Wellington and Blackberry cheesecake. This victory took him forward to the forth stage.

The regional final was held at the Colchester Institute. Matthew was one of only eight chefs to compete. Matthew came third.

This is an amazing achievement.

Matthew is planning to make a future from his talent and will be applying to the Colchester Institute to complete a course and then apply to professional kitchens for an apprenticeship.



above: Tom Arnold



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Above: competitors and judges at the second stage of the competition, held at College of West Anglia



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On Thursday the 31st January staff and year 11 students travelled to Cambridge's Corn Exchange to attend GCSE Poetry Live 2019.

The event travels around the country to offer GCSE students an extra insight into GCSE poetry.

The convention consisted of seven contemporary poets explaining and performing their poems. The poets were Gillian Clarke, Simon Armitage, Dalit Nagra, Imtiaz Dharker, Owen Shears, John Agard and Carol Ann Duffy. Each poet was well received as the students applauded and cheered with enthusiasm.

Included in the programme were two 'examiner sessions'. These were conducted by Tony Childs (a current chief GSCE examiner). He gave explanation and examples of what he would be looking for in the poetry section of the GCSE examination. It was valuable information that the students absorbed and hopefully will transfer onward during their GCSE exam.

The trip provided our students the opportunity to listen to world class poets and appreciate the poets' back story to each of the poems.

















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This year's indoor winter programme has been full of activity and competition. There have been some outstanding achievements in school and for St Clements in both WN & County competitions.

COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's championships took place at Langley School, Loddon. The school had 6 runners representing West Norfolk on a challenging course; Year 8 Harvey Counsell, Year 9 Liam Clare & Robert Osborne, Year 10 Kristen Hanks, Ellie-Mei Shepperson. George Munson in year 7 was highest placed runner with 15th place.





INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

We are currently completing the annual inter-house cross country competition and with just year 7s to run, it has been a year of new records; Sophie Doig equalled the year 8 girls record completing the course in 10mins 31secs, Robert Osborne ran the second fastest time ever recorded on the course and set a new record for year 9 with 8mins 47secs & Ellie-Mei Shepperson set a new year 10 girls record with 10mins 18secs, meaning she now holds the records for years 7-10.

West Norfolk & County Badminton Finals

The W.N. tournaments were again held at St Clement's . The KS3 boys finished 3rd, while the KS3 girls finished 1st and are the W.N. Champions. The two results combined means the St Clement's were overall W.N. winners 2019.

St Clement's had 4 teams in the county badminton play off finals, which was played at Dereham Leisure Centre in January. The KS3 girls: Cadence Staff, Millie Bowyer, Olivia D'Andrea, Sophie Marsh and Lilly Paul won 3-2 and KS4 boys: Arthur Knight, Oliver Whitting, Oliver hunt and Ben Peacock won 5-0 and will be crowned County Champions. Both teams will now progress to the Eastern region finals. St Clement's were also runners up in the KS3 boys: Alfie Bargewell, Austin Lawrence, Jacob Chalk and Aaron Codrington lost narrowly 3-2, while the KS4 girl: Elizabeth Wood, Kasey McEuan, Libby Edwards and Abi-Lou page lost 4-1.





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U16 COUNTY CUP FOOTBALL

The U16 boys' team made the long journey to Sprowston High School for a county cup second round match. Against a significantly larger school, with many year 10s playing, they were unlucky to be edged out 1-0 by former the county champions

ALTERNATIVE SPORTSDAY

Active Norfolk Games have set up two new events for this year. The first, an Alternative Sports Day took place on 8th Feb and saw students participate in fencing, box-fit, ninja assault course & indoor climbing. The event was a great success and we hope it runs again next year.







TABLE TENNIS

- Unfortunately the KS4 tournament was cancelled earlier this term, but WN KS3 Girls and Boys did take place on
- 14th February at Marshland High School.

NETBALL Vs WISBECH GRAMMAR

The year 7 and year 10 netball teams played our first ever matches with Wisbech Grammar on 14th February.

SWIMMING

Team St Clement's took part in the West Norfolk Gala held in St James's Pool, King's Lynn. Five local schools took part: Downham, Smithdon, Springwood and Marshland. All the students were from year7 to year 10. St Clement's competed in every race ; some individually and some relays.

Race winners were; Olivia Skittrell in breaststroke and butterfly, Chloe Liddell in front crawl & butterfly, Sophie Doig breaststroke, Meda Vitginyte backstroke Shepperson breaststroke & butterfly.

Our team achieved their best result ever by coming in third overall.

Congratulations!



above: team St Clement's



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Arts Centre, King's Lynn at 7.00 pm. The performance is under an hour long and it would be wonderful to have as much support from the school community as possible.

Thirteen of our very wonderful Drama students from years 9 & 10 have been working very hard to create the piece and (although I'm obviously biased) deliver a performance that is both challenging and thought provoking.

The play includes a large amount of physical work that has been predominantly created be the actors, after having spent a day with the amazing theatre company, Frantic Assembly.

The play is based upon the true story of a 15 year old who was arrested for attempted murder and retraces the story through a series of flashbacks.

The cast would love to see you there! Make a night of it!

Mr C Schwarz



<u>BLACKOUT</u> Cast

Libby Poole Thomasin Greehy Elizabeth Wood Kasey McEwan Ruby Schwarz Beth Mallet Olivia Mears Jess Middleton Ellie Webb Molly Russell Poppy Thompson Ella Southerland

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Thirty KS3 students earned their way to an invite for an informal party held on 3rd April.

All the students are top performers in the Accelerated Reader Scheme. They have either improved their reading age, read the most books or most words.

Some were familiar faces as well as some welcomed new ones. All the students also received a certificate acknowledging their achievements.

Everyone deserved our congratulations and hope they will maintain their high performances. Well Done All!











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World Book Day was celebrated with a special assembly and a literacy quiz taken by the entire Year sevens. Twenty four teams took part in the quiz and thoroughly enjoyed having their knowledge tested. There were five sets of questions, each based on different themes. The top three teams won sweets and the winners also won fiction books.



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On the 4th of March a group of Year 7's went to Cambridge University to get an understanding of what it is like to be at university. We were welcomed to Gonville and Caius college, which is where Stephen Hawking taught, and joined students from 2 other schools in the area.



We had an opportunity to ask questions about what university was and what it is like to go; before we met with some current students to talk about their experiences. We spoke to Mario who was originally from Italy, he was studying Classics and he explained what his subject is about and the sort of things he does on an average day





We had lunch in the great hall which was very impressive; we were surrounded by pictures of past professors of the college. As part of the program we have a mentor, we can ask them questions and they help us with our work for our activities; in the afternoon we got to meet them and did some fun games to get to know each other better.

We then visited the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to inspire us for a project that we will be completing working with King's Lynn Museum, producing a shoebox which represents us, which will be put on display to the general public.

It was a great day and was very exciting to be in a place with so much history.

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The end of another busy term has brought with it a flurry of activity in the final week. Year 10 have visited the local Careers Fair and Mr Modica has set off for Berlin with a group of forty students. Year 11 are enjoying their reward trip to Alton Towers, following both Drama and PE GCSE students having had their final moderation. A group of GCSE English students have also been out of school attending a conference, so the sense of building up to the exam season is clearly felt.

The Easter holiday includes a full programme for Year 11 as they finish coursework and focus on revision. There is an activity running on most days but students have been guided on when they should attend as we are keen they also have a break during this time.

When we return year 8 will be preparing to make their subject choices for year 9, the first half of the summer term will see them heavily involved in options activities ready to submit their preferences just before the half term break in May. I know they are really looking forward to this and those feeling nervous must remember we support the students throughout the decision making process.

The first day of the Summer Term is Tuesday 23rd April and is an important day in the Drama department as the much anticipated performance of Blackout takes place at the Arts Centre at 7pm. This is the third year of Mr Schwarz putting on an event in town and the standard has been set extremely high in previous years. Best wishes to all involved.

The end of a term can often mean saying goodbye to a colleague as they move to embrace a new challenge. This term we say farewell to Mrs Mawby [formerly Miss Pieniazek] as she moves schools to be closer to her family. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new school.

The Summer Term will see us preparing for September and the intake of a new Year 7 group. We are once again over-subscribed for this intake with 168 students applying for 130 places. We look forward to seeing year 6 again when they visit us later in the term.



Have a great Easter holiday.