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Well done too, to all in our school community for countless other ways that lives are made happier and interests and enthusiasms are fostered. Wishing everyone well.

Sports Round Up

Cricket

In their first school competitive cricket fixture, the Year 7 team put in a great performance against a very strong Ilkey Grammar School side. The team bowled with accuracy and restricted Ilkey Grammar to 95/8. St Aidan's started well and raced to 25 without loss but then lost wickets on a regular basis to finish on 77/8. A big well done to all the players who took part.

The Year 9 cricket team played their first fixture in 2 years against Prince Henry's Grammar School on Thursday 10th June at Harrogate Cricket Club. It was a lovely afternoon for cricket. Prince Henry's won the toss and elected to bat scoring 175-4 off their 20 overs, with 2 wickets and a run out for Archie Robinson, and a wicket for Eleanor Adrian-Horrocks. St Aidan's managed to score 135-7 off their innings in reply with Nico Jennings scoring 52 off 47 balls and Will Jones scoring 28 off 26 balls. It was a very competitive game played in the right spirit and the team very much enjoyed their first cricket fixture of the year! The team were: Nico Jennings, Alex Huby, Charlie Whewell, Murray Brierley, Zach Cascarino, Will Jones, Matthew Brayson, Archie Robinson, Kieran McQuire, Eleanor Adrian-Horrocks and Toby Crissell.

The Year 8 cricket team played Richmond School in the 2nd round of the Joe Root Yorkshire Cup on Tuesday 15th June. St Aidan's bowled first and Sam Grass took an amazing 6 wickets for 18 runs. These are the best figures I can remember for a St Aidan's player going back 10 years! We bowled Richmond out for 88 and it would have been less if their Yorkshire player hadn't managed to get 57 of them. We started out batting innings well but lost wickets at crucial times and could only manage 62 all out in response. Some positives to take was Henry Collings top scoring.

The Year 10 cricket team played against Prince Henry's Grammar School at a sunny Otley Cricket Club on Thursday 17th June. St Aidan's 150/6 of their 20 overs, won by 78 runs, bowled out Prince Henry's Grammar School for 77. Batting, Ted Morley top scored with 41, Finn Green 31, Stan King 24 and Freddie Proud 21. Bowling, Jos Hodgson-Bussey 2 overs 1 run for 3 wickets, Louis Ferris 3 overs 9 runs for 1 wicket.



Football

On Monday 4th June, 24 Year 8 boys went to St John Fisher to play their first school Football match since last March.

Everyone was really excited to get playing again after all this time. Two matches took place and both teams played really well, it was like we hadn't been away! The teams were solid in defence, calm in possession, creative, accurate and dangerous in attack.

The B team won 2-1 with goals from Callum Wood and Noah Robinson. The A team won 2-0 with goals from Jack Warren and Henry Collings. Well done to all involved.



The Year 8 Girls Football Team played their first match on Monday 21st June at St John Fisher.

They played two 9-a-side games against strong St John Fisher teams. Although both teams lost, the girls played some great football. It was great to see them all enjoying competitive football again!

FOSA Harrogate Ringway Challenge

Are you over 18 and looking for a challenge in 2021? FOSA (Friends of St Aidan's) are looking for volunteers who'd like to tackle the 20 mile Harrogate Ringway with them on Saturday 11th September. Parents, guardians, carers, teachers, governors and friends are all most welcome. Please note however, that under 18s will not be able to participate in this event.

We plan to take 20-30 people to participate in the challenge and we would like to raise as much money through sponsorship as we can. As usual, every penny will go back to improving the facilities at St. Aidan's for the benefit of all the students, which this year will be a particular focus on replacing an essential school minibus.

We are also looking for support crew, cake baking, soup making or just people to come along for moral support on the day therefore, if you don't fancy the physical challenge but you would still like to be involved, we would love to hear from you too.

If you're interested in being part of any aspect of the above challenge, please drop an email FAO Jen Winterschladen to fosa@staidans.co.uk.

As spaces are limited to complete the challenge, please can you email by Friday 2nd July. Please click [here](#) for the donation page

We look forward to hearing from you!



Leeds United Academy - Inclusivity Project

Burley Banksy has been busy painting street boxes once again but this time he has teamed up with the Leeds United Academy to paint a rainbow-inspired box that is based all around inclusivity and equality. The new street box located near to Thorp Arch training ground was designed by Year 7 student, Sam Alker, who plays for Leeds United Academy.



Leeds United TV spoke to Sam about his design: "The box design was meant to be about equality, and I wanted it to stand out a lot and be colourful like the rainbow, so everyone could see it. I never thought I'd win because I just thought other people would make a nicer design. It's really good that it's based just round the corner from the training ground, I can't believe that people like Calvin Phillips, Raphinha and Marcelo Bielsa will be able to see it. It's so nice that first-team players and staff will be able to see it as well as anyone else in the community." To read the full article please [click here](#)

Law Ambassador Group

A handful of dedicated Year 13 students have been participating in a wonderfully organised and expertly delivered law programme by BPP Law School.



On Thursday 27th May they participated in a virtual 'graduation' ceremony held by BPP Law School and the 12 students that completed the course were awarded with a certificate. Winter Ivanovs was given special consideration for his outstanding contributions.

We plan to re-launch the programme for Year 12 students in September 2021.

Year 8 Book Shadowing Group

The Year 8 CILP Carnegie Awards shadowing group gathered on Wednesday 16th June 2021 to watch the awards live on the official website screened from the British Library. Now that the shadowing has ended, Mrs Taylor suggested we, the students, should write this report.

So, the winners! 'Run Rebel' by Manjeet Mann won the Shadower's Choice and 'Look Both Ways' by Jason Reynolds was voted to win by the judges. This has spilt our group as there were very mixed feelings about this development. Most of us had not enjoyed the collection of short stories 'Look Both Ways', but the judges felt it grappled with some tricky issues facing children today.

As a group, we voted for 'The Girl Who Speaks Bear' by Sophie Anderson because we all escaped to the wonderful fantasy world of Russian mythology.

We plan to keep the book group going and would love new members to come on a Thursday lunchtime to EN4.



Year 8 Book Shadowing Group are: Jess Boyd, Tilly Eustace-forest, Thomas Lachmann, Flossie Linford, Eve Pennell, Sophie Holt, Isabelle Doran, Ella Swift, Tegan Rae

House of Lords Committee for Sports and Recreation

The House of Lords Committee on Sport and Recreation last week held a virtual roundtable with pupils from St Aidan's Church of England High School in Harrogate as part of its inquiry into how we can get more people across the UK to live physically active lives. Part of the Committee's inquiry is to look at how sport and other physical education is delivered in schools and whether enough priority and resources are given to sport in the curriculum.

The Committee hosted a round table with 17 students from St Aidan's and another school in Leicester on Wednesday 16 June. The Committee heard a range of views from pupils aged between 13 and 15. Discussions covered topics including:

- What they like about PE and sport in school and what more could be done to make it more enjoyable.
- Whether negative gender stereotypes around sport puts some girls off taking part or being more active.
- The role of famous athletes and other role models in encouraging young people to be more active.
- What sport and other physical activity they take part in outside of school and how more young people can be encouraged to get involved.

Members of the Committee who took part in the discussion included Committee Chair Lord Phil Willis, Olympic gold medallist Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson and Vice-Chairman of West Ham United Baroness Karen Brady.

To read the full article, please click [here](#)

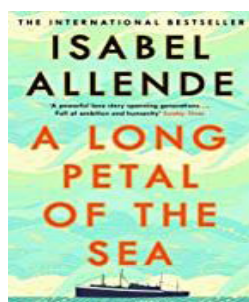
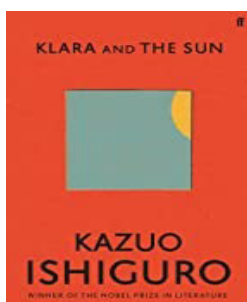
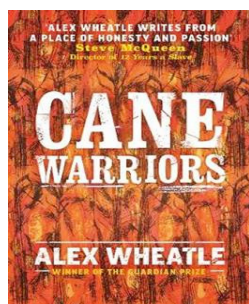
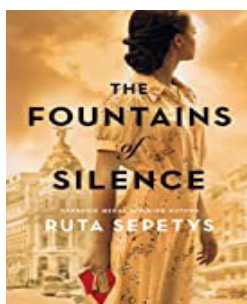
Congratulations to our Year 10 students who took part.



Reading Corner

Below are some recommendations from the Library Department on summer reading for students.

Please click on the book covers for more details.



Three Peaks Challenge for Frank's Fund

On Saturday 12th June, the Dickson family - George, Year 13, Carys, Year 11 and Elena, Year 8, climbed the Yorkshire Three Peaks to raise money for Frank's Fund. So far they have raised an incredible £2080, which will pay for 70 hours of research into Ewing Sarcoma.

If you would like to donate please click [here](#)



Post 18 Planning Day

Year 12 enjoyed a whole day of activities on Wednesday 16th June to help them begin to prepare for life after they leave the Associated Sixth Form, whether they are moving on to further study or employment, and the Careers Department prepared two separate programmes of events designed to support each transition route.

Students planning to apply for university enjoyed an overview of higher education from the University of Southampton and took part in workshops on the UCAS application process, how to write an effective personal statement and student finance. Those who are currently considering employment/apprenticeships participated in alternative workshops with industry professionals, which focused on the identification of skills, qualities and the development of the teamwork, communication, and networking abilities necessary to successfully engage with employers both during and after the recruitment process. We are grateful to the representatives from four local companies, Belzona Polymerics, Rudding Park, Morrisons and Financial Force for giving up their time to share their advice and industry insights.



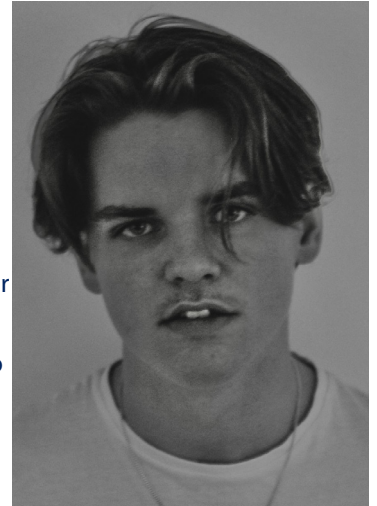
Alumni Acting Success - Adam Sharpe

Ex student Adam Sharpe has been enjoying acting success, after being a GCSE drama student here at St Aidan's during 2017 and 2018.

Adam was recently cast in a well-known BBC TV production and he is currently filming with another TV production for Channel 5.

Adam has been in touch to tell us that it was the St Aidan's Drama class from Year 10 and 11 which made him fall in love with the arts and theatre, and shaped him into the person he is today.

Congratulations to Adam on his achievements in the acting industry!



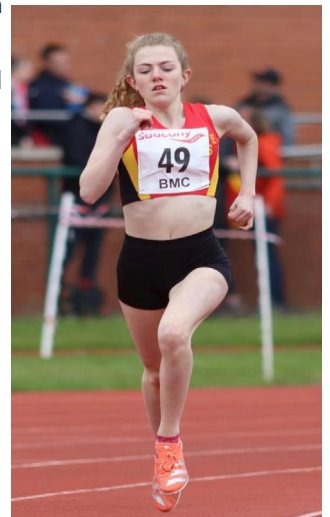
Athletics Achievements

Many of our athletes have been competing outside of school for Harrogate Harriers this season in COVID-safe matches.

Highlights have been new school records for Ella McIntosh (Year 8 Hammer Throw) and Sam Skaife-Clarke (Year 8 1500m).

Three athletes will be representing North Yorkshire at the Northern Counties multi-events championships - Josh Morales Macias in Year 9, Scarlett Smith in Year 10 and Carys Dickson in Year 11.

Ella Colbourn in Year 11 currently tops the UK rankings at 800m for Under 17 Girls, having run a phenomenally fast 2 minutes 5 seconds.



Year 12 Photography Exhibition

On Tuesday 8th June, the Art Department exhibited some fantastic pieces of Year 12 Photography. 'Through Our Lens' displayed the best of this year's work during Lockdown and school time. The experience and skill was evident in the broad range of personal images making a diverse and exciting collection of work.



Upcoming dates for your diary

28 June: Interform - Week 2

19 July: Year 10 Careers Day

22 July: Last Day of Year 12 Timetable

22 July: Students finish for Summer Holidays

23 July: Training Day



We hope you have enjoyed this edition of **INTOUCH**.

Thank you for your feedback so far; please do send any further comments or suggestions to Cath Harrison (c.harrison@staidans.co.uk)