



TERM 2 NEWSLETTER - 2022

SPONNE NEWS

The official newsletter of Sponne School

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!



Year 10 'A Christmas Carol' trip



On Tuesday 22nd November 2022, the English department took 180 Year 10 students to the Royal Shakespeare Company, in Stratford-Upon-Avon, to watch 'A Christmas Carol', one of their GCSE English Literature texts.

The full review written by one of our year 10 students can be found on **page 15**.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our special Christmas edition newsletter. I find it extraordinary to think that our 'no longer new' Year 7 students are more than a third of the way through their first year and that our Year 11s are half way to the start of their GCSE exams. This has been a long but productive term and I am tremendously proud of the way in which our students have engaged with their learning despite the high levels of illness in the last two weeks and all the previous disruptions that they have had to endure.

It has been a busy time since the last newsletter with highlights including raising more than £1000 for Children in Need, lots of curricular trips for Geography, German, English, Maths and Theatre Studies alongside many sporting fixtures, a drama performance of a play called DNA for Years 9, 10 and 11, and finishing with our

Christmas Concert and Carol Service for Year 7 in the final week of term; amongst many others. In addition our Year 11 students have had their mock exams and I have been very impressed with their mature approach and positive attitudes. Thanks to you, their parents/carers who have been so supportive of your son/daughter's education and of all the extra-curricular activities that have taken place this term. In these times of uncertainty with cost of living difficulties can I also thank you for your generosity towards the collection we have been having for the Food Bank in Towcester.

We are very sorry to be saying good bye to a few colleagues who are leaving us at Christmas. We wish Miss Donnelly and Mr Wilmer the very best for their future as they move on in their careers.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Iain Massey

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Iain Massey".

Headteacher

Parking outside of school

Please park considerately and legally outside of school. We have had a few incidents recently where our neighbours' driveways have been blocked and issues with cars being parked too close to the pedestrian crossing. You **MUST NOT** park on the crossing or in the area covered by the zig-zag lines.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Music News

It has been an exceptionally busy week for Sponne musicians.



On Sunday 11th December the senior and chamber choirs and A level soloists performed in a concert in Bicester as a joint fundraising venture with the Church of the Immaculate Conception. In total over £800 was raised by the event.

On Monday 12th December the 'Christmas Band' did some carolling at Waitrose in Towcester for donations for the Towcester food bank. Customers donated food items very generously as

well as a monetary donation of just over £130. The following day we held our Christmas Concert in the school hall showcasing all the Sponne music enhancement groups. Well done to all participating musicians for an excellent performance.

Wednesday 14th saw the return of the yr 7 Carol Service for the first time since December 2019. The service was a mixture of readings and music with all of yr 7 in attendance at St Lawrence Church. Well done to all those who took part.

On Thursday 15th December the Christmas band and chamber choir braved the cold again (-7 degrees!) to do some Carolling at Malthouse Court residential and also Brook House Care Home. The festive music was very well received by all the residents who thoroughly enjoyed the mini concerts.

The last day of term will see the concert band performing in the celebration assemblies and we welcomed back one of our ex students, Callum Beck to play his bagpipes in a rendition of The Fairytale of New York. Huge thanks to all our fantastic musicians for their hard work and dedication this term.

The next event will be the Whittlebury Proms on Sunday 5th February. Tickets will be available on scopay in January 2023.



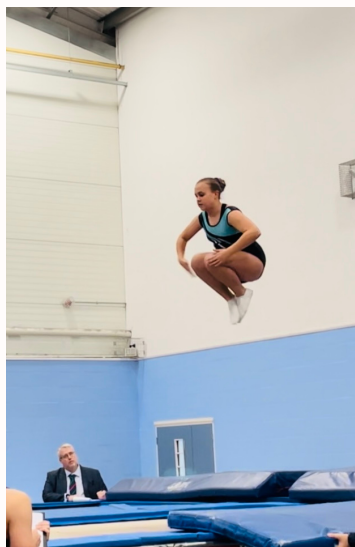
Sports News

Trampolining Competition

Congratulations to our year 9 student Amber Powell who came 11th in her first ever school trampolining competition.

Amber was competing in the Year 9/10 category. She came 11th out of 33 - the score difference between her place and first place was only 2.5 points. It was so close!!

Amber's coaches were extremely proud of her performance in the competition and so are we.



Year 8 Hockey

Well done to our year 8 hockey players who finished 3rd at the district tournament last week. Their commitment to extra-curricular club has also been outstanding!



Y7 & Y8 Girls Futsal

A fab Girls Futsal tournament hosted at Sponne on Monday 5 Dec. 5 schools entered and our Y8's were runners up, narrowly missing out to Magdalen in the final game of the night after a plethora of goals!

Congratulations to our Y7's who won their first game and continue to improve with every match they play and I am very proud of their team spirit!

Y8 Players Player - Alethea

Y8 Coaches Player - Ruby

Y7 Players Player - Isla

Y7 Coaches Player - Jessica



English Schools Cross Country

REGIONAL FINALS

Sponne Inter Girls (Yr 9 and Yr 10) qualified to compete in the regional finals at Stowe after an impressive performance in the County Round.

The opposition was extremely strong but the girls ran really well and did themselves proud.

After the first loop, Imogen Lancaster was the leading Sponne athlete but Joanna Mulreany soon passed her with Victoria Hall close behind.

With the final hill in sight, the three girls came together to finish within 5 meters of each other.

The team was completed by Laura Abato.

Of the 10 schools, Sponne finished in 4th position - our best ever performance at this level.



Year 11 Netball Success

Monday 31st October 9 of our netball players made their way to Kettering to compete in the County Plate competition. For some of the team this was the first game they have played for Sponne this year. The girls progressed through the tournament and improved game by game. Some of the games were very close but their hard work and calmness to execute the basics paid off. Only losing one game throughout the tournament meant that Sponne finished runners up and secured a place at the County Cup alongside their peers.

Tuesday 8th November, Sponne were the only School to have two teams competing in the Cup competition. The standard of play was much higher but both teams rose to the challenge. Both coaches were particularly impressed with the improvement that Sponne B had shown in just over a week and how Sponne A were able to work seamlessly as a team despite this being their first time playing together this season. Holding their own throughout the competition, missing out on a couple of wins by a goal or two meant Sponne B finished in 5th place while Sponne A finished as Cup WINNERS and will go on to represent Northamptonshire at regionals in February.

Well done girls for all your hard work.

Miss Stone and Mrs Wade



U14 Girls County Cup Football

Congratulations to the U14 Girls Football team who won their County Cup Football match against Kingsthorpe College on the 18th Nov 22, in an exciting penalty shoot-out - winning 4-0!

Players Player was Bella
Coaches Player was Chloe

Well to the whole team, we're very proud of you!



Sports Leaders Cross Country

It was a perfect day at Sponne to host the Y3/4 & Y5/6 cross country competition!

We had over 150 primary school students and 50 Sports Leaders, managing teams, running as hare and tortoises, organising start line, finish line and results -

"The children had a wonderful time! Can I also just add how impressed I was with the Sports Leaders - they were so supportive with the children, encouraging them and preparing them, whilst also managing to keep them focused and in the right place at the right time! I know only too well how tricky this can be! I look forward to our next event" Teacher from Silverstone

Congratulations to Nicholas Hawksmoor our overall winning school



Cross Country Results			
Individual Results from All Schools			
Year 1/2 Girl		Year 1/2 Boy	
Name (First and Second name)	School	Name (First and Second name)	School
3rd			
2nd			
1st			
Year 3/4 Girl		Year 3/4 Boy	
Name (First and Second name)	School	Name (First and Second name)	School
3rd	Alice Tops NHPS	Oscar Bogden NHPS	
2nd	Daisy Mason GN	Charlie Driver NHPS	
1st	Ava Lacey GN	Freddie Hunter NHPS	
Year 5/6 Girl		Year 5/6 Boy	
Name (First and Second name)	School	Name (First and Second name)	School
3rd	Rosie Seely GN	Henry SS	
2nd	Naiara Oliveira NHPS	Harry Bell TOW	
1st	Hannah Armes NHPS	Charlie SS	

Year 8 Athletes

Sponne Yr 8 athletes recently took part in the annual District sports hall athletics championships held in Daventry against nine other local schools.

The boys excelled on the track, with individual victories for Sonny Briggs, Rylan Kitchen and Stan Cockerill. The field event performances were also outstanding which led to a fine overall victory !!

The girls competition was extremely tight. Sponne had several new athletes competing for the first time and they all did themselves proud. It was these girls who perhaps swung the event in favour of Sponne, who won by the slightest of margins - one point!

Both teams will now move to the County Championships in February as District champions.



Y7&8 Girls Dodgeball

Congratulations to Sponne Y7&8 girls who played in their first ever dodgeball tournament.

Y7 = 3rd

Y8 = 5th

Well done girls it was loads of fun!



EFL U13 Girls Football Tournament

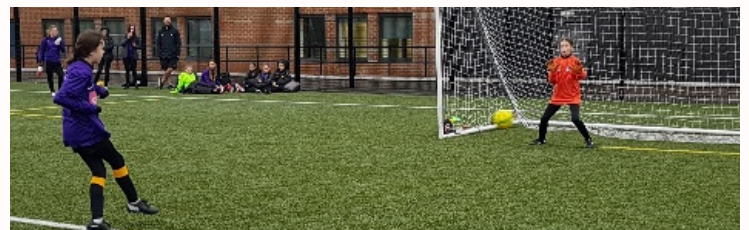
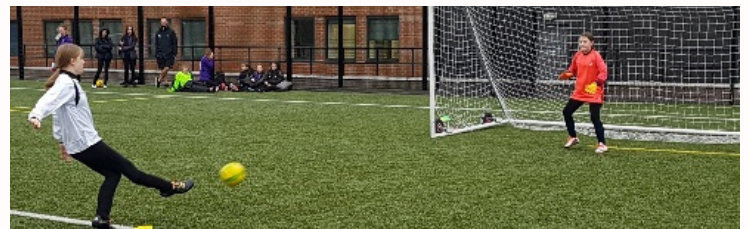
An excellent day at the University of Northampton for our Year 7 and Year 8 Girls playing in the EFL Football Tournament hosted by Northampton Town FC.

We had a plethora of goals scored and goals saved and I was very proud of everyone today!

Our Year 8 team made it to the semi-finals but narrowly missed out on a very exciting penalty shoot out - next time girls!

Players players were Holly and Sophie.

Coaches players were Charlotte and Lexi.



Sports Leader Conference

On the 14th November, a group of 16 sports leaders for year 9, attended a sports leaders conference at Northampton college. This event was designed to help us learn and understand what it means to be a sports leader and how to approach different tasks, keeping in mind the students' abilities and skill sets you are delivering for. Throughout the day we completed a circuit of 3 workshops each focusing on a different aspect on "what is meant to be a sports leader", followed by a talk about the university as a whole and what it provides in terms of degrees. Then to finish the day off we ended with specific sports we choose before going to the event.

The 3 workshops we did were:

A team building workshop, where we talked about how we can work as a team. It had two practical sides to it that included rolling balls down drain pipes and trying to pick up bottles with rope (it was a lot more enjoyable than it sounds).

The second activity was another practical focusing on the STEP program and how each letter meant a different skill that you could use to increase or decrease the level of difficulty of the tasks.

The third and final workshop was focusing on how we can work with children with different disabilities or learning difficulties and how we can adapt to make them feel comfortable and feel included.

Overall, it was a great success and I think everyone fully enjoyed it.



Sports Leader Conference - Continued



Year 9/10 Football - Terms 1& 2 - 22/23

Commitment to Training

Panos M	9DW	15
Jamie W	9JH	14
Harvey W	9MM	12
Ahmad D	9MM	12
Ewan B	10SJA	11
Sammy V	10SJA	11
Matt BP	9JH	11
Louis C	9NM	11
Joe M	9VL	10
Sam M	9CFD	10
Fin B	10HB	9
Will J	10SJA	9
Luke M	10HB	9
Josiah C	9LM	9
Rowan H	9CFD	9
Ruben W	9VL	9



Training Sessions

Thursdays, 3.15 - 4.25pm



Training during January & February

Students must come prepared for training in the colder weather.

- Baselayers (to be worn under PE Kit)
- Jogging bottoms
- Woolly hat
- Gloves

Required Kit for any Football sessions

- Black Sponne polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Long black socks
- Shin pads
- Football boots
- Fleece & joggers
- Water bottle



Students should regularly check the Student Dashboard for messages & announcements, plus the "Football Google Classroom"

Rainbow Laces - £1.25 - Available from D16



Sponne PE want to hear from You

pestudentachievements@sponne.org.uk

Lets Celebrate

Sponne PE know many of our students compete in a variety of sports outside of the School environment, Whether that's Martial Arts, Gymnastics, Dance or Horse Riding we want to hear from our proud parents.

Please scan the below QR code to provide us with the information of your child's success, so we can share and celebrate with you.





Accelerated Reader



As Christmas approaches, the LRC is looking festive and our Marvel characters are getting in the holiday mood! Our Year 7 & 8 students are continuing to do well with Accelerated Reader. Between them they have read an enormous 25,543,990 words and passed 887 quizzes so far this year. Our most Marvel-ous forms for quizzing at the moment are 7JDG, with 119 quizzes, and 8SC, with 67 quizzes - keep up the great work!

Our reading mentoring programme in the LRC is now in full swing and we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to our 46 Sixth Form students who are giving their time once a week to read with a designated Year 7 or 8 student. The students are already making admirable progress and have passed 39 quizzes this term.



Special mentions this term go to Taylor Weston, Jacob Caldecourt, Emily Webb, Patrick Tompkins, Keira Willsman, Lilly-Mae Loasby, Hannah Ballinger, Grace McCall, Shannon Bathe, Harshan Singh and Jack Tattersall who have each passed several quizzes this term and are making fantastic progress.



Also, we'd like to give a shout-out to the members of the LRC Colouring Club who have helped to decorate our competition board.

Don't forget, if you receive any books at Christmas, you can check if they have quizzes at www.arbookfind.co.uk.

Have a Merry Christmas and keep on reading!

Key Hero Results

YEAR 7 COMPUTING - TOUCH TYPING

up to 11.12.22

Most Touch Typing Completed

7KAS 2007
7JDG 1849
7OW 1622
7PG 1408
7AMT 1320
7ANS 1183
7RW 1163
7NC 1132

Fastest Touch Typists (wpm)

7OW 26.73
7PG 23.77
7AMT 22.56
7KAS 22.40
7JDG 21.55
7RW 21.51
7ANS 21.38
7NC 20.45

Most Accurate Touch Typists (%)

7RW 93.69
7ANS 93.28
7JDG 93.18
7PG 93.07
7AMT 91.95
7OW 91.85
7KAS 90.92
7NC 88.96

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YEAR 8 COMPUTING - TOUCH TYPING

up to 21.10.22

Most Touch Typing Completed

8KP 4011
8SC 3845
8GB 3347
8MG 3297
8RHB 3210
8SLB 3177
8RB 2924
8AAW 2583

Fastest Touch Typists (wpm)

8SC 35.29
8KP 29.12
8SLB 28.91
8RB 26.93
8RHB 26.31
8GB 25.71
8MG 25.32
8AAW 25.22

Most Accurate Touch Typists (%)

8MG 93.79
8RHB 93.36
8KP 92.70
8SC 92.69
8RB 92.66
8GB 92.06
8SLB 92.03
8AAW 91.96

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Key Hero Results - Continued

YEAR 9 COMPUTING - TOUCH TYPING			<i>up to 21.10.22</i>	
Most Touch Typing Completed		Fastest Touch Typists (wpm)		Most Accurate Touch Typists (%)
9JH	4293	9NM	36.81	9MM 93.97
9VL	3950	9VL	34.13	9VL 92.98
9NM	3760	9CJR	32.11	9DW 92.97
9LM	3723	9CFD	31.39	9NM 92.56
9CFD	3641	9JH	31.10	9JH 92.42
9DW	3362	9LM	30.70	9CJR 92.34
9MM	3235	9DW	29.74	9LM 92.22
9CJR	3005	9MM	28.55	9CFD 91.10

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Bah Humbug! - It's Christmas!



A review of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' Performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

By **Esther Chambers**

★★★★★

Dickens' classic was written over 150 years ago, but the themes exposed remain as relevant now as they were then: growing poverty, an increasing divide between the haves and have nots, and social injustice. But it's not all 'Bah humbug', it's Christmas after all! Edgar's marvellous production sees a 'clutching, covetous, old sinner' transformed into a philanthropic and altruistic individual. The version of the popular classic follows the sell out success of 2017 and 2018 by the Royal Shakespeare Company and it does not disappoint. No longer a 'young one', Ade Edmond's effortless performance wows viewers with his flawless, witty and highly entertaining portrayal of Scrooge.

Dickens' gripping novella drew attention to the plight of the poor and convinced readers that if society remains ignorant and oblivious to the harsh realities of the life of the lower class, then one will only result in a life of misery. While the ghost of Christmas present is usually illustrated and acted as a male character, the original text actually refers to all the "spirits" who visit Scrooge with the gender-neutral pronoun "it". David Edgar explores this magnificently through the tweaks of portrayal of the ghosts as females, with Sunetra Sarker and Rebecca Lacey offering their creative takes on the characters. It's a smart device that brings a new dimension to a contemporary audience.

The costumes were beguiling.

My personal favourite was the ghost of Christmas present as it perfectly entwines Dickens' description of 'a jolly giant in one simple green robe'.

To conclude, I would very much recommend it to anyone who enjoys a well-produced, witty, whilst also traditional fable in the theatre located in the medieval market town of Stratford Upon Avon. And you don't have to be called Carol(e) to enjoy it!



The Secrets of the Garden

In English this term our students have just finished studying *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Here is just one of the many wonderful reviews of the novel written by our students.

This heart-wrenching story follows sour little Mary as she is sent to Yorkshire and meets a spoiled little boy who had been locked away his whole life. While exploring the land, she hears of a garden that is hidden from the world and sets off hoping to find it. The challenges she meets and the friends she makes show what opening your heart to hope can do.

This bildungsroman novel holds many mysteries that stir beneath the normal seeming disguise that Misselthwaite Manor wears. It shows how hard it can be to be left alone with mental health issues but it also reveals how a little bit of love can help to heal your mind. The pure friendships shine through all of the challenging moments the characters face and prove that friends are key to fixing your heart.

There was only one thing that I think could end up being a major con for quite a lot of people, but it is worth remembering that this book was written a long time ago, when attitudes were very different. At the time that it was written, many people, including Burnett the author, believed that most illnesses were only in the mind. Nowadays, people have a better understanding of mental and hidden illnesses. I think that some people may find the fact that this opinion is in the book quite offensive.

It has quite a few pros such as: it really shows how people change people; the way it is written is very immersive; and it is amazing at playing with your emotions in a way that can make you burst out laughing or cry with relief.

Three children become the perfect people for each other: the girl who always wore "a sour expression", the boy who only ever had "Hysterics-Hysterics-Hysterics", the boy who "was like an angel" and the garden that had been locked and hidden from society for ten years.

I would definitely recommend this to anybody who wants a fantastic book that will immerse you fully into its story

By Rhiannon Keevill

PSHE News - Winter Update

What have we learnt about?

PSHE Lessons

Year 7 Relationships Sex Education - Building healthy relationships, including anti-bullying

Year 8 Drugs Education - SVSA, Laughing Gas & Edibles

Year 9 Citizenship Education - British Politics

Year 10 Either Relationships Sex Education - Healthy Sexual life or Careers Education - Personal

Career Development

Year 11 Careers Education - Next Steps

Year 12 Citizenship Education - Being a Safe Driver

Year 13 Financial Education - Finance for Life

Tutorial Sessions

Year 7 Relationships Sex Education - How to be successful

Year 8 Health Education - BBFC: Choosing what to watch

Year 9 Internet Safety & Harms - Critical Thinking

Year 10 Careers Education - Preparing for Work Experience

Year 11 Study Skills/Revision techniques

Year 12 Health Education - Life Skills

Year 13 Health Education - Wellbeing

Careers

Year 9 BIMA Digital Day for computing/i-media students

Year 11 Careers assemblies - Milton Keynes College, Moulton College & Soccer Academy

Year 11 British Army experience

Year 12 Work Shadowing Launch

Year 12 My Pink Trainers - Road Safety presentation

Year 13 First Gear - Drink/Drug Driving presentation

Staff

Whole Staff Training - introduction to the CDI Framework

Screencastify - how to log an interaction for students on Unifrog

Met with FLLs from Expressive Arts, Maths & Humanities, Science & English

Coming Up

Year 11- Into the 6th Form Evening - also attending, colleges and apprenticeship providers

Year 11 and 13 - Council Jobs and Apprenticeships, assemblies and workshops

Year 13 Mock Interviews

Year 7 Puberty and Growing Up unit

Year 9 Real Love Rocks unit

PSHE News - Wasted Tour

Students in Year 8 recently saw a performance by students from Northampton College. The play, 'Wasted', tells the story of Charlotte who is reflecting on becoming dependent on drugs after the death of her grandmother, whilst she is recovering with the help of an NGAGE support worker.

This play supports our PSHE curriculum and in particular the current Year 8 unit of drugs, exploring issues with inhalants, nitrous oxide and edibles; and a unit later in the year which explores healthy lifestyles.

The students were enthralled by the performance and then enthusiastically got involved with the Q&A session afterwards. Feedback from both parents and students was very positive with students quoting:

"Very helpful and a clear story that I could understand. It showed me what to do if me or one of my friends was in trouble." TW

"It was a fantastic performance and I really understood the clear message that they performed to us" PD-P

"It was very good and it really showed how anyone could take drugs for any reason but also where to get help from." KF

"shows the reality of loss in a way most shows or books don't" MG

"Drugs don't fix your problems, you have to face them." SA

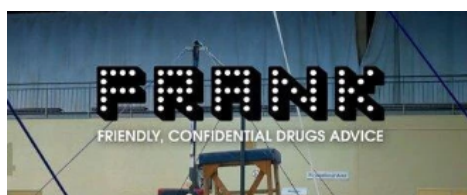
"Nothing's ever so broken that it can't be fixed." MR

"The actors all brought the story to life and helped the audience see how anyone can be involved with drugs and where to find help and support." OL

"The wasted performance was a great experience. It taught us about how easy it is to get into alcohol and drugs. The grief that Charlotte is feeling is from a very relatable cause: the death of her Grandmother. Overall, I am very glad to have had this experience." CC

Parents reported that nearly 60% of their children spoke to them about the performance without being asked and that over 80% were able to recount details of the story; a third of them being able to do so in great detail.

Should parents or students want help with issues around drugs or alcohol then the following contacts can be used:



Talk to Frank is a free service for young people, sharing honest facts and advice about drugs and alcohol.

The organisation is contactable in the following ways:

Phone:

0300 123 6600

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Text:

82111

Email:

<https://www.talktofrank.com/contact>

Live chat:

<https://www.talktofrank.com/livechat>

**NGAGE – Northamptonshire
Young People's Service**

NGAGE with Aquarius is an early intervention drug and alcohol service for young people aged 10-18 in Northamptonshire.

A Parents Brochure can be accessed [Here](#)

Contact / referral details

Email:

ypnorthamptonshire@aquarius.org.uk

Phone:

01604 633 848

25 York Road
Northampton
NN1 5QG

Careers Events November 2022

BIMA Digital Day - 08/11/22








Computing and I-Media students in Year 9 got the opportunity to be involved in this year's BIMA Digital Day where they worked in groups to compete in a sponsored, nationwide digital challenge.

Some of the students were looking to create a digital product for Primark which would help customers to have an improved digital experience and educate customers on sustainability and how to make fashion kinder to the planet.

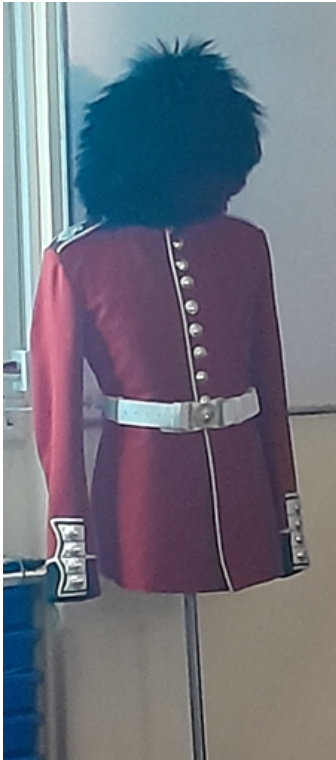
The other students were challenged to create a 'digital doorstep' for Royal Mail to improve customer experience and to support people with disabilities.

The students all worked really hard and had to 'sell' their idea to the rest of the group at the end of the day. Their ideas will be sent off and we will see if any of them are good enough to win any of the prizes!

Here are some of their ideas:

<p>Sustainability.</p> <p>Our idea for the sustainability sector would be to create a website linked to Primark where customers can view their purchases and view the sustainability of what they have bought.</p>  <p>These are screenshots of an example website we created.</p> <p>PRIMARK</p>	<p>Postbot is a Royal Mail robot which will pick up any parcels you would like to send at a push of a button</p>  <p>When you order a Postbot you will receive a barcode. On arrival to your location the postbot will request to scan that barcode before letting you pay in either cash, card or apple pay. Finally you will be allowed to either have your parcel or place the parcel in the robot.</p>
 <p>BENEFITS OF USING THE ROYAL MAIL APP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can easily book a redelivery to your address, your neighbours address or local post office and you can pick the delivery day. You can change your delivery options and change where your parcel is delivered. It is really easy to use the app. Job opportunities to more people. 	<p>We have designed the app and this is what it will look like:</p> <p>Home screen:  Screen to order a van:  App icon: </p>
<p>App</p> <p>The Primark Logo would be displayed so that the User knows that the App Will Work on Primark Items Only</p> <p>Clothing would have QR Codes on them. You could scan these codes to identify the item of clothing and get Tutorials on how to Repair/Recycle the item</p>  <p>Clicking one of these Buttons would Bring up a Tutorial on how to Recycle/Repair the Clothing</p> <p>Clicking this would bring up a Setting menu where you Could change Settings about the App</p> <p>PRIMARK</p>	<p>BIMA Digital Day</p> <p>DIGITAL DAY 2022</p>  <p>Sponsored by epam</p>

British Army Careers Event - 21/11/22



Students in Year 11 had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Army Medical Services and Infantry Engagement Teams to find out more about the different roles available and the careers of serving soldiers. They were also involved in activities to develop their teamwork skills, and found out more about the practical aspects of being an army medic. They got to ask lots of questions about what being a soldier is like and found out about the Army Foundation College in Harrogate.



Mobile riot shield design, created by Yr11



Lauren Thomas - Prism Jewellery UK



My name is Lauren Thomas and I am a current A-level Business student at Sponne. I also studied GCSE Business at Sponne. However, my passion for business began far before I started my GCSE studies.

At the age of 12, I saw a little packet of glass bottles containing glitter in the Works one weekend. I loved the uniqueness of it and decided that I wanted to make a necklace for myself similar to the one I encountered in the store. So that's exactly what I did. I bought the empty bottles and red glitter and handmade every part of that necklace.

I wore the necklace around everywhere simply because I liked it. Soon family and friends were eyeing up my necklace.

I vividly remember my grandad telling me that the idea should become a business. I offered my family and friends one of my glitter necklaces for £5 each. And so, Prism Jewellery UK was born.

My GCSE studies took off, but Covid hit the world so the business slowed down. I therefore just focussed on my academic studies. Once I had finally finished my GCSEs, my long summer revived my creativity. I was sorting through my drawers in my bedroom and I found my original red glitter necklace. I researched my market and looked at my potential sales channels, exploring business sustainability.

Now at the age of 17, Prism Jewellery UK has its own website, social media pages and has been officially launched for just over two months. It has had a steady growth during this time. In running my business alongside my A-level course, I am able to constantly improve and tweak my business model with the knowledge that I acquire from the lessons at Sponne.

I never would have been able to be in the position I am today without my grandad who is Prism's biggest supporter from the first phase, and of course, Mrs Nelson and Mrs Darvell who continue to inspire me and my business everyday.



Grand Union Teacher Training Partnership



Applications now open!

Apply to The Grand Union Teacher Training Partnership (Sponne School) via <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training>

Bursaries available as follows:

£27,000 for Chemistry* Computing* Maths* and Physics*

£25,000 for Geography, French* German* and Spanish*

£20,000 for Biology and Design Technology (including Food)

£15,000 for English

For any help with the recruitment process, please email gutprecruitment@sponne.org.uk

* Scholarships also available - apply to relevant scholarship body





Assessment Only

Route to QTS

Are you an unqualified teacher/
TA/HLTA meeting the teaching
standards but yet to achieve QTS?

WE OFFER THE ASSESSMENT ONLY (AO) ROUTE TO QTS

If you have at least **2 years experience teaching** at either
primary or secondary level, The GUTP may be able to help
you gain QTS via our Assessment Only route.

Please visit our website for further details or email
gutprecruitment@sponne.org.uk

www.gutp.co.uk

Change of Details - Go4Schools

If you need to update any of the contact/address/email/telephone information we have on record for your child, yourself or any of the other contacts we have, you can do this directly via Go4Schools.

If you log in and click the drop down arrow next to your name in the top right hand corner and select 'settings' you will be taken to the screen below.

Complete the details in the box and press send.

My settings

Manage your account and settings to make GO 4 Schools work better for you.

Your login email address is:

- Update contact details
- Manage your communication settings
- Change your GO 4 Schools password

Update contact details

Use the form below to notify the school about changes to your telephone number, email address, etc.

Send

Dates for your diary

School Opens

4th January 2022

Year 12 Parents Evening
Into 6th Form Evening
Whittlebury Proms
Year 10 Poetry Live Theatre Trip
Year 8A Parents Evening - Remote
6th Form Art and Photography visit to London

5th January 2022
12th January 2023
5th February 2023
7th February 2023
7th February 2023
9th February 2023

School Closes - Spring Half Term

10th February 2023

Essential School Equipment



All students should have the following equipment...

- A Pencil Case (this must be transparent for students taking exams)
- Black Pens (at least 3, not gel)
- Blue Pens (at least 3, not gel)
- Purple Pens (at least 2, not gel)
- Pencils (at least 2)
- Pencil Colours
- Pencil Sharpener
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Maths Set (Compass, Protractor)
- Scientific Calculator
 - Recommended Casio fx-83GT PLUS or fx-85GT PLUS
- 3.5mm Wired Earphones

If you have any issues with this please speak to your form tutor!



Please remember to bring a reusable water bottle to school with you

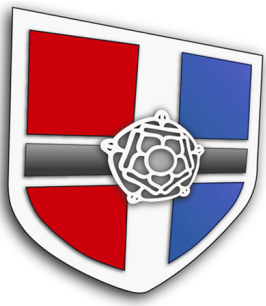


Drinking water :

- Improves energy levels and brain function
- Improves concentration and focus
- Prevents headaches
- Is healthy for joints and teeth and helps circulate blood!

Stay Hydrated!





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HARRISON

We're proud to be supporting Sponne School with our 'For Schools' programme.

On completion of every house sale made through the programme, we will give Sponne School £500.

How can you take part?

- If you're thinking of selling your home get in touch with us for your free, no obligation valuation
- Mention the For Schools Programme and Sponne School
- We will market and sell your home
- On completion of the sale, we'll donate £500 directly to Sponne School

Howkins & Harrison, investing in our future and local community.

Call Martin Broadbend (former Sponne pupil) for more details; 01327 353575
or visit [howkinsandharrison.co.uk/about-us/supporting-local-communities](https://www.howkinsandharrison.co.uk/about-us/supporting-local-communities)

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