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It is hard to believe that the school year is nearly over and that my time as the Headteacher at St Aidan's is coming to a close. It has been a privilege and an honour to work with the St Aidan's community of students, staff and families. St Aidan's is a very special place, where kindness and respect are lived values by all who work and study here. I thank you all so much, for sharing your amazing school with me. Once again, this edition of InTouch is packed with stories and photographs of students at St Aidan's living life in all its fullness, getting the most from each and every day. Thank you all for giving your support to the school and to the staff, for their dedication and commitment throughout the year. You all deserve a much needed break over the summer – enjoy!

Mr Thornton

The Great Yorkshire Show

Students from Year 7, 8 and 9 were lucky enough to head to the Great Yorkshire Show this month. It was a spectacle to behold, as a long line of excited students took the path down Oatlands Drive and beyond to see what was in store at the Yorkshire Showground. With a safe meeting place agreed where staff were on hand to help if needed, students wandered off in small groups to explore!

Some chose to watch the horses in the event ring, buy a bucket hat or giant pig and some chose to have a go on the autocue at the Calendar News tent – these Year 7 boys later appeared on the ITV news themselves!

Year 8 and Year 10 Food Tech students played a very special part in the Great Yorkshire Show this year. Year 8 were in the Game Theatre demonstrating their pizza, parmesan crisp, home-made mayonnaise followed by crepes, coffee-infused mascarpone and a strawberry coulis. The team consisted of Harry Collyer, Megan Clayton, Isabella Green, George Lever and George Wilde. They were compered by Steph Moon.

The Year 10 team consisted of Grace Brierley, Harriet Mitchell, Isabel Owen and Charlotte Perry. They were on the main Food Theatre Stage in the Food Hall and made home-made rough puff pastry filled with both savoury and sweet topping. The savoury version was lemon and pepper infused ricotta cheese, cherry tomatoes, Sorento ham and home-made pesto. The sweet version was creme pâtissier with a selection of fresh fruit and a strawberry coulis.

We are so impressed that our students were able to cook in front of an audience and the Year 10 students were also interviewed by Stray Ferret and Your Harrogate Radio – what an experience for them! Well done everyone!

This Year, St. Aidan's had its very own area at the Great Yorkshire Show as we were asked to exhibit as part of the Churches on Show Stand. With some help from the DT and Art Departments and Year 10 students Ben Wraight and Reuben King, Mrs Shores created our very own model causeway (a nod to the Yorkshire Causeway Academy Trust of which we are proud to be a part!) and visitors were invited to make a thumb print which added a flag stone to the causeway. Thanks must also go to the Sixth Form students who chatted to visitors about what it means to be part of a church school and the Junior Choir who sang to visitors on Tuesday afternoon.



Family Fest 2023

Following the launch of the new 3G pitch last year, Friends of St Aidan's (FOSA) held the community event Family Fest on Saturday, 8 July.

This year it was to be both a fundraiser and an excuse to bring together the St. Aidan's Community while welcoming incoming Year 7 students and their families.

All funds will be going to a new outdoor area complete with table tennis tables, table football and picnic benches which will benefit all students.

The torrential rain and thunderstorms on the day didn't stop a determined committee going ahead with the event but stalls were swiftly brought inside. The Year 11 Aidan's Flame set up in Constance Green and played their party set list throughout the event together with Alex Cann from Your Harrogate Radio the compere.

Guests a plenty came and sampled the cake stall, sweet stall and BBQ while having a cup of tea or coffee. Chess and ping pong also kept a few students out of the rain! The pre-loved uniform stall and tombola were as popular as ever and St. Aidan's Librarian, Mrs Kennerley, was delighted as she sold many books with all proceeds going to the library!

Meanwhile, the hardy PE staff were battling with the elements on the 3G pitch running football for Year 6 and 7 and the inflatable obstacle course appeared to be more like a slip and slide!

The main thing was that everyone had fun and FOSA were delighted that they made £1000 to go towards the funds for the new outdoor area.

This event couldn't have gone ahead without the support of caretakers, PE staff, TAs, teachers, parents and students and our fantastic community partners at Pannal Ash Junior Football Club and Harrogate Rugby Club. FOSA would love more members to join their friendly team, so they can continue to raise funds which can be spent on things that enhance the experience our students have at St. Aidan's during their time here. If you would like to join FOSA, please email marketing@staidans.co.uk



Work Experience for Year 11



Throughout the last 3 weeks of term over 120 companies in Harrogate, York, Leeds and beyond have been supporting Year 11 students on work experience in a very wide variety of roles.

Staff visiting the placements have received overwhelmingly positive feedback and students have universally reported increased confidence and insight into the world of work. Testimonials from employers have included the following comments:

Emma Whiting, Partner, Torque Law, York:

"Eloise was enthusiastic, diligent and thoughtful throughout, performing all tasks to a high standard."

Tracy Thirlwall, Office Manager, Richard Burgon MP, Leeds:

"Seth was a great help in our busy constituency office, producing draft responses to constituents and carrying out research – all done with ease and accuracy."

Felix, Assistant Manager, Specialized Concept Store, Harrogate:

"It was an absolute pleasure to have Callum join us and experience multiple areas of the business. He was polite, eager to learn and particularly helpful during his time here."

Helen Aldersley, Advanced Care Practitioner, St James's Hospital, Leeds:

"Jasmine has been a pleasure to work with. She is enthusiastic, caring, confident and interested. A credit to the school."

We would love to hear from any businesses who would consider offering similar opportunities to students next year.

Spotlight in Constance Green Hall

Constance Green Hall was the venue for this year's Spotlight where we saw a stage full of talented and enthusiastic students from Years 7 to 10 performing their hearts out! This was to be the fourteenth time Spotlight has been performed by St. Aidan's students and it is always an inclusive, fun spectacle of a show where students are in the capable hands of Mrs Collett and Miss Miller who launched Spotlight many years ago.

There was music, dance and drama to entertain every taste and the audience had a wonderful time. With acts ranging from our boys performing a reworking of the 80s Tears for Fears classic Everybody Wants to Rule The World to Year 7s performing The King of New York from recent Broadway hit musical Newsies, every inch of space on the stage was filled. Older students mentored the younger ones, choreographing dance routines and directing dramatic or comedic sketches. The costume changes were slick and lighting spectacular. Well done to everyone involved in Spotlight 2023!



Musical Success for Fearnleys

Congratulations to Year 13 students Ben and George Fearnley! George has been nominated in the British Brass band Awards – what an amazing achievement! Meanwhile, Ben has played his first concert with world famous Black Dyke Band. He was offered a place in the band a few months ago and has accepted. He can be seen here with former St. Aidan's student Dave Smith who is also in the band. Black Dyke Band are famous for featuring in the Beatles hit Yellow Submarine. We are so proud of you both and will look forward to following your exciting careers ahead – keep in touch!



Swing Band Tour Hasselt, Belgium, 7-11 July 2023

The reputation of St. Aidan's Swing Band is well established in the UK with regular competition and festival successes at regional and national levels but opportunities for the Band to tour overseas, spreading the word about the world class quality of music at St. Aidan's to an international audience, have been limited in recent years. So, it was a new experience for the majority of the band to board a coach with instruments and uniforms to make the long drive south and across the Channel to visit new locations where their reputation did not precede them.

True to form, the Band wowed their new audiences with their exceptional blend of Precision Jazz and polished easy listening classics that never fails to attract and maintain a crowd who find it hard to believe that so much talent exists in one school; we were repeatedly asked if St. Aidan's was a specialist music school or whether we were a regional band.

From their base at Hostel H In Hasselt Belgium, the Band toured through the 'sometimes too narrow for a coach', streets of Belgium and the Netherlands, performing at venues ranging from Band stands to shopping centres with the smaller offshoot ensemble Three Strikes even squeezing in an impromptu performance at Hasselt's Jazz Bar Mon Cafe.

Staff and students had an excellent time with opportunities to explore local culture in Valkenburg, Roermond, Maastricht and Liege and enjoying activities including a boat trip, bowling and a visit to a water park. The Band was a credit to the school throughout the tour, making positive impressions on many locals, not just in their playing but at local events and in the way they conducted themselves at all times.

The final concert at Media Cite in Liege marked the last concert for a significant number of Year 13 students who have been dedicated to the Band for many years and the music served as both a celebration and a poignant farewell.

Never resting on their laurels, the music department under the leadership of Vicki Elliott is already looking forward to next year with preparations well underway for major production including 'the Little Mermaid' and the Gala celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Joint Sixth Form partnership with St. John Fisher. Book early to avoid disappointment!



Oxbridge Open Days 2023

Over 50 students from the Association visited Oxford and Cambridge for the open days in late June and early July. In Oxford students spent two nights exploring colleges and departments. There were subject talks, mock interviews, taster lectures, and meet-the-tutor events, plus plenty of opportunities to talk with current students and see the different kinds of accommodation available. On the first night in Oxford students stayed in either Christchurch, Magdalen or St Johns. The second night was spent in either Brasenose or Keble. Cambridge was a one-night stay at St Catherine's where students enjoyed a similar experience, exploring everything the university had to offer. These open day visits were instructive in informing students about all aspects of the Oxbridge admissions process.



Year 10 Language Trips

Cologne (by William Murray)

Wir sind nach Düsseldorf geflogen und dann sind wir nach Köln gefahren. Jeden Morgen haben wir bei der Inlingua Sprachschule gelernt. Nachmittags haben wir den Dom, die Hohenzollernbrücke, das Einkaufszentrum und ein Geschichtsmuseum besucht. Abends haben wir viel traditionelles deutsches Essen gegessen. Unser Lieblingsmoment war der Dom, weil er unglaublich groß war! Wir haben unter der Woche viel Deutsch gesprochen und hatten eine tolle Zeit!

We flew to Düsseldorf and then we drove to Cologne. Every morning we studied in the Inlingua language school. In the afternoon we visited the cathedral, the padlock bridge, the shopping centre and a history museum. In the evening we ate a lot of traditional German food. Our favourite moment was the cathedral because it was incredibly big! We spoke a lot of German during the week and had a great time!

Nice (by Rory Anderson, Elena Dickson & Grace Brierley)

Nous sommes allés à Nice en avion. C'était magnifique. En arrivant, nous avons rencontré notre famille d'accueil avec qui nous sommes restés. À l'école tous les matins nous y étudions pendant trois heures. Chaque après midi nous avons visité un lieu différent près de Nice comme par exemple le village d'Eze, la vieille ville de Nice, la ville d'Antibe et le petit pays Monaco. Notre moment préféré était le jour à Eze étant donné que nous l'avons trouvé très beau et il y avait beaucoup de jolies vues. Nous reviendrons absolument à Nice à l'avenir.

We went to Nice by plane. It was beautiful. When we arrived, we met our host family who we stayed with. At school every morning we studied there for three hours. Every afternoon we visited a different place near Nice such as the village of Eze, the old town of Nice, the city of Antibes and the small country, Monaco. Our favourite moment was the day at Eze since we found it very beautiful and there were many pretty views. We will absolutely come back to Nice in the future.

Salamanca (by Tilly Eustace-Forrest and Lara Walker)

¡Lo pasamos bomba! Todas las mañanas estudiamos en una escuela de español. Por las tardes tuvimos diferentes actividades por ejemplo ir a la piscina, hacer turismo, almorzar con las familias y además disfrutamos de una noche de paella y de tapas. Nuestra actividad preferida fue relajarnos a la piscina. Las familias anfitrionas eran muy acogedoras y nos ayudaron a mejorar nuestro español, y en conjunto fue una gran experiencia. ¡Algunos de nosotros queremos volver a Salamanca en el año 12 con mucho gusto!

We had a great time! Every morning we studied at a Spanish language school. In the afternoons we did different activities for example going to the pool, sightseeing, having lunch with our families and we also enjoyed a paella night and a tapas night. Our favourite activity was relaxing at the pool. The host families were very welcoming and they helped us to improve our Spanish, and on the whole it was a great experience. Some of us really want to go back to Salamanca in year 12!



Transition Day



Thursday 13 July was transition day across all the Harrogate schools and we were delighted to welcome our incoming Year 7s!

They started the day in true St. Aidan's style with an assembly, found out what form they would be in and then headed to some taster lessons.

Lunch was a hit with many of the students commenting on how fantastic the food was before they rushed out to play in the Year 7 outdoor area and field accompanied by our Year 10 Sports Leaders who led a few games enabling students to get to know each other.

Further fun lessons followed in the afternoon before the Year 6 students headed out to meet parents. We can't wait to see them all again in September!

Race for Life!



Aidan's Maidens have done it again and represented school while running Race for Life to raise money for Cancer Research UK. This year the team was headed up by Kathleen McMahan (who ran the full 10k) and she was joined by Mrs Murray, Mrs Sherwood, Mrs Dinsdale, Mrs Harding and Mrs Forsyth who competed in the 5K event. The total raised was over £1200 which is an amazing amount! We are very proud of you all!

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze



Following the practice weekend in May, this month saw our Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students taking part in the assessed expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Meeting in Pateley Bridge carpark first thing on Saturday morning, loaded up with everything they would need in a backpack (food, sleeping bag etc) they set off on the hike to stunning Thruscross Reservoir which is near where they would be camping.

Upon setting off, the heavens opened, and the students were soaked before they'd even really got going but remained in high spirits. Mixed weather followed and, as they camped, thunder and lightening tested them further and the rain fell heavily until 1.30am. Our students remained cosy in their tents and managed at least some sleep. Some chose to stay asleep and some got up and cracked on, making it back to Pateley Bridge by 1130am, much to the teachers and parents surprise!

Congratulations to everyone for completing the assessed expedition. D of E Gold Award students took part in their expedition during the last week of term and we will bring news of this in September.

Well done Charlotte!

Charlotte Lachmann (7W) competed in the Follifoot Disabled Riders' Gymkhana in June. The weather was rather wet, but Charlotte had a very successful afternoon coming first, riding Dolly.



GCSE Geography Field Trip

The Year 10 Geographers spent a slightly soggy day in Leeds on Monday 3rd July. Their aim was to collect field data in the Leeds Dock area to investigate whether the regeneration had been a success. This included carrying out some land use surveys, pedestrian counts and an environmental quality survey. They also had the chance to see a brilliant example of sustainable urban living as a short walk along the river is the CITU development where the modern houses make the most of new technology to reduce their carbon footprint as much as possible. Every class also had a walking tour of Leeds to help recall and visit some of the places they had studied earlier in Year 10. Despite the rain it was a productive day and everyone is looking forward to their next GCSE Geography trip that will take place on 21st September to the Holderness Coast.



Year 11 go to the Ardeche

Almost the entire Year 11 cohort have enjoyed the return of the Ardeche trip this month which has marked the end of an era following the intense GCSE period.

Travelling by coach to this beautiful area of South-eastern France and camping for the duration of the trip, the focus was kayaking down the famous Ardeche river. Along the way some river games were played, and the brave students jumped off rocks and took part in high rope challenges. There were also trips into some some quaint French towns including Ruoms and Valon for a spot of shopping, and a trip to see the spectacular Grote de Madeline! On the last night staff and students celebrated with karaoke and a disco. The perfect end to the trip of a lifetime where memories have been made. Many thanks to the staff who accompanied our Year 11s on this trip.



History and Politics Trip



A group of 44 students from across the Associated Sixth Form enjoyed a three-day trip to London in July. All students were studying either Politics or History at A Level. Our first stop was the Imperial War Museum, where the First World War gallery and Holocaust exhibition made a powerful impact. The centrepiece of the trip, however, was a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster followed by an engaging workshop on parliamentary law-making run by the Education Unit. Harrogate MP, Andrew Jones, met us as we arrived and spent time answering our questions. After Parliament, we took a 'flight' on the London Eye before walking to Buckingham Palace via Downing Street and Trafalgar Square. Our final visit of the day was to the wonderful Churchill War Rooms. On the first evening we watched Grease and, on the second, we watched the hilarious 'Play That Goes Wrong'. On the final morning we had some free time on Oxford Street before returning to Harrogate. This was a memorable trip that had something for everyone. It is highly recommended for anyone studying these subjects in Year 12.

Physics in Goonhilly



14 fantastic Year 12 Students have travelled down to the Lizard Peninsula with Mr Park and Mrs Towse to visit Goonhilly Earth Station for a week long visit/work experience, looking at Space Science and satellite communications.

They saw inside Goonhilly 6 (a 32 metre dish used for Deep Space Observations), steered a 13m antenna to receive data from a specific satellite, had meetings with Spaceport Cornwall, witnessed the making of a comet, had talks on orbits, studying Astrophysics at Uni, Fourier Analysis, Probability, Statistics and so much more. They also worked on their own projects to present at the end of the week.

Life isn't all hard work though. They also went to a sculpture park, visited some of the fantastic beaches and even had a 2 hour surfing lesson.

Does life and learning get much better than this? We don't think so.

Creative Writing Trip

17 Year 12 students and 3 staff visited the idyllic setting of Tŷ Newydd, the former home of British Prime Minister David Lloyd George and now the National Writing Centre of Wales. This trip has been established for over 20 years and was run successfully by our colleague Dr Pickford until his retirement last year, so we are delighted to be continuing with his legacy of creative writing in the Associated Sixth Form.

During the visit we were lucky to have two writers-in-residence, poet Jonathan Edwards and novelist Susan Stokes-Chapman. Each morning was spent in writing workshops, covering different aspects of both poetry and prose writing. Students have been encouraged to submit their work to the prestigious Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award which, if successful, will lead to their work being published. In the afternoons, we enjoyed walks through woodland, to the beach and to the lovely seaside town of Criccieth as well as some boisterous games of rounders. Students all participated in food preparation and serving as part of the daily kitchen crew rota - a great rehearsal for university life! In the evenings, Susan and Jonathan both gave superb readings of their work, followed by Q&A sessions which gave students the opportunity to ask about their writing processes and their publishing journeys. We were also joined one evening by performance poet and rapper Duke Al Durham who performed a selection of his work for us and discussed his inspiration and motivation to write.



Year 12 Iceland Trip

48 adventurous Year 12 Geography students and 5 excited teachers set off for Iceland on Wednesday 5th July. Within an hour of landing, they were immersed in Iceland’s incredible geography, with a drive past lava fields to the “Bridge between Continents”, a footbridge spanning a fissure between the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates. After a hearty meal, the group spent their first evening at the world-famous Blue Lagoon, a spacious bathing pool set in a moody landscape of mossy lava. Averaging temperatures of 30–40°C, its silica-rich geothermal seawater is drawn from a 2,000m deep borehole and is said to rejuvenate the skin and soothe the soul!

Day 2 and they were up and off early. First stop, the Aurora Reykjavik Northern Lights Centre where they experienced the wonders of the Aurora Borealis, despite it being bright sunshine outside. As well as an interactive HD Northern Lights experience, students learnt about the science behind this amazing natural phenomenon. After a quick pit stop at the capital city’s cathedral, Hallgrímskirkja Church, the group then headed for Þingvellir (Thingvellir). This national park is where Iceland’s parliament was established in 930AD. The site straddles the Mid-Atlantic Ridge where the plates pull apart at an average of 3cm a year. The group walked among the rifts and saw solidified lava, as they learnt of the events that shaped Iceland’s early history. Two more incredible wonders followed. Firstly, Gullfoss waterfall, a magnificent two stage waterfall which marks the edge of the highland shelf where the Hvita River plunges 33m into a mile long gorge, then Geysir, a spouting hot spring that gave its name to all the world’s geysers.

Day 3 began with a drive through spectacular scenery – glaciers, waterfalls and volcanoes all around. First stop was a former farm site demolished by a Katla eruption in 894. Superstition encourages passers-by to add to the cairn marking the site, so that’s what the group did. Judging by the number of cairns, Icelanders (and tourists) are clearly very superstitious! Passing through lava fields and past old sea cliffs now inland and high up on the hills, they made their way towards Jökulsárlón. It was so worth the long drive! Iceland’s famous and much photographed glacial lagoon is also one of its deepest lakes. Enormous icebergs, some the size of houses, carve off the Breiðamerkurjökull glacier tongue. The glacier protrudes into the lagoon and as chunks break off they shoot to the surface, creating a spectacular sight. The larger ones are grounded on the floor of the lagoon, while smaller ones drift in the wind, queuing up to travel downriver towards the ocean. Downstream of the lagoon the group explored the ‘Diamond Beach’. As icebergs break up in the surf, some are washed ashore again, stranded on the black sand like giant sparkling diamonds and sapphires. The last stop of the day was at Skaftafellsjökull – an outlet glacier accessed by a quick hike right onto the ice. What a day!

The last full day in Iceland did not disappoint! The group took the ferry to Heimay Island on which they climbed the still-active volcano which last erupted in 1973. This eruption led to a full evacuation and increased the size of the island by more than 2.5km². The views from the top of the deep red volcano were spectacular. After descending the group headed for Eldheimar, a new interactive exhibition about the 1973 eruption. Next, they got back on the coach for a driving tour of the island, before stopping to walk along the cliffs to see the world’s largest puffin colony. The puffins alone were enough of a treat, but while watching them come and go from their nests, a minke whale appeared in the sea at the foot of the cliffs. Amazing! After some free time around the local town, the group returned to the mainland, with some seeing more whales from the side of the ferry. A dream come true! The group’s last evening was spent in Reykjavik, with a delicious meal and a walk around the centre and along the sea front with the backdrop of a stunning bright orange sunset. A perfect end to a wonderful trip.



Summer Nationals next!

Harrogate District Swimming Club have informed us that they are going to round the season off in style with a fantastic number of swimmers taking part in the British and English Championships including four of our students who are doing brilliantly with their swimming. Well done to Lois, Nell, Connie and Alfie!

British Qualifiers are...

*Lois Child (13) 50free, 100free, 200free, 400free, 100fly, 200fly, 100breast, 200IM & 400IM,

*Nell Carter (13) 100back

Our English Qualifiers are...

*Connie Milburn (17) 50free

*Alfie Charlton (14) 1500free

*Lois Child (13) 50back & 100back

*Nell Carter (13) 200back

Congratulations to all - St. Aidan’s and HDSC are incredibly proud of all of you. Good luck for your final block of training ahead of these competitions.



Sports Achievement Awards 2023

This month we celebrated the Lower School Sports Achievement Awards in a packed Constance Green Hall. This is an event where the PE staff reflect on the past year's sporting successes and celebrate the students who contribute to sport at St. Aidan's in a positive way. With around 430 fixtures against other schools and a variety of sports, it has been an extremely busy year. Students from a variety of the different sports teams we have at school are invited to attend along with family members and everyone receives a medal. For those who have gone the extra mile, much thought and careful consideration among the PE department is given to special awards for each Year group. In Year 7 the Outstanding Contribution award went to Beth Holdsworth, Autumn Herridge and James Barraclough. In Year 8 this award went to Immy Hartley, India Gooden and Aaron Robson. In Year 9 this award went to Winnie Mackenzie, Jess Warren and John Regnier. Outstanding Progress in PE and Sport awards went to Leila Barclay, Lillah Bath, Justion Ndoro and Adam Walmsley. Finally, the Team of the Year was voted to be the Under 14s Hockey Team who came 6th in the country in the National Finals earlier this year.

An additional award was given this year by student spokesperson Year 9's Jess Warren who presented Mr Strover with a certificate as a thankyou from all the students to the PE staff for their dedication and hard work over the year.

We were thrilled to have World Champion Thai boxer, Rachael Mackenzie, as our special guest for the evening. Rachael presented the students with their awards and delivered a powerful speech encouraging the students to continue working hard at sport. The room was transfixed by her motivational account of her journey as a Thai boxer with all the hurdles she faced and how she overcame them.

We are extremely proud of our PE department at St. Aidan's and hope they all have a well deserved rest over the summer so they are ready for another fantastic school year of sport!



Under 13 Girls are County Champions!



Congratulations to the U-13 girls football team who were crowned County Cup Winners last night. In what was an epic battle with Tadcaster Grammar, the game finished 1-0 with our goal coming early in the second half from captain Darcey Summerfield. All players performed 'out of their skins'. A true team victory! Huge thanks to coach Mrs Bassindale - what a great start to the summer break!

ESAA Championships

Luke Shacklock and Niamh Robinson travelled to Birmingham to represent the county in the prestigious English Schools' Championships. Luke ran the 1500m steeplechase and finished 6th; Niamh ran the 3000m and finished 10th. Both are really impressive performances, especially as they still have another year in the age-group.

Wimbledon trip

8 St Aidan's Tennis club members were lucky enough to visit Wimbledon Tennis club on Wednesday 12th July. They travelled down to Wimbledon by train and were seated on No 2 Court to watch a day of doubles in the quarter finals. Upon arrival at Wimbledon the group were treated to a tour of No 1 Court and then centre court which was a great experience for all involved. What an amazing day. We are hoping to win more tickets in the ballot next year so watch this space!

Dates for your diary

21st July Break up for summer
17th August A Level Results Day

24th August
4th Sept

National Athletics Finals

3 teams - junior girls, inter girls and inter boys - travelled to Essex to compete in the English Schools' Cup final, having qualified as winners of the North East region match. All athletes competed well in this extremely high level competition against the best schools in the country. The inter boys' team were especially good at rising to the occasion with almost all achieving personal bests in the match. Other highlights were Ella McIntosh breaking the meeting Hammer record by 7m despite not being allowed any practice throws; and Luke Shacklock winning the 1500m race with some strong front-running and a fast finish. Huge thanks to all athletes who have represented the school so well this Summer; it has been a pleasure to work with you. Dr Bryant



GCSE Results Day 5th Sept Year 7 & 12 return
Staff Training Day 6th Sept Remaining Years return



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 Kate Caine (K.Caine@staidans.co.uk)