

## THE RETURN OF SPORTS DAY

Having not taken place since July 2019, the school community was back in full force for the return of our annual sports day...

## LITERARY FESTIVAL 2022

Author visits, crafts, more outstanding bakes and excellent "Open Doors" entries

## CONSTELLATION CUP WINNING HOUSE

The winner is announced and we celebrate key individuals in each House





A message from the

# Headteacher

*Dr. Barbara Minards*

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for the 2021-22 academic year. Just as we thought we had seen the end of last-minute changes to plans as a result of Covid-19, this week saw the first ever red weather warnings for extreme heat! Unfortunately, this meant we had to take the decision to postpone the Year 7 residential to Whitemoor Lakes and the trip to Drayton Manor for Years 9 and 10. We know this was very disappointing for students, particularly given the restrictions of the last two years, but we are working on rearranging these opportunities for the start of term in September.

The seven-week half term has seen the successful completion of the GCSE and A-level examinations. We are so proud of the way our Year 11 and 13 students dealt with the first external examination series in two years and hope they are enjoying a well-deserved break during their extended summer holiday.

In school, there have been

numerous events alongside all the usual assemblies, tutor times and lessons. Our musicians had the opportunity to perform in front of friends and family for the soloists and instrumental evenings. The literary festival was a great success, with amazing entries for the open doors competition which really added to the atmosphere of our in-person open evening for Year 5 students and their families. It was fantastic to be able to open the school to visitors and share what is on offer here with prospective students. We are very proud of all of our current students who volunteered to help in departments and as guides to share their experiences of Sutton Girls.

The engagement in our school community is evident in the number of Year 10 students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice and qualifying expeditions at Cannock Chase, the help for Year 6s at new intake day and evening and the mass

participation in sports day. We were delighted that the event could once again go ahead with the whole school involved at Wyndley, showing support for their houses in a closely contested house spirit competition alongside cheering on the competitors in the athletics events.

As we reflect on another busy and productive academic year it is now time for staff, students and their families to enjoy a break over the summer.

Have a happy and safe summer holiday.

Take care,

*Dr Minards*

*If you would like to find out how you could help us continue to develop the educational experiences of students at Sutton Girls, please see this link to the [Charity Update](#).*

## Staffing News

We say goodbye to two colleagues from the Physics Department; Dr Munoz-Britton, Assistant Headteacher who joined Sutton Girls in April 2020 and developed our remote learning provision. He is moving to K.E. Camp Hill School for Boys to lead their Teaching and Learning. Miss Roche is moving on to become Head of Science at St Paul's School for Girls.

From the MFL Department, Miss McKinney is leaving to continue

her teaching career in Northern Ireland and Miss Melo-Lopes is going to teach in Malta. Two of our English teachers are also moving on to other opportunities, Mrs Rawlings who has been at Sutton Girls since 2014 and Mrs Campbell who has covered maternity leave this year.

Ms Muman joined Sutton Girls in 2003 and has taught ICT, Citizenship, Geography and Business Studies during her time here. She is starting a new chapter of her career, working in student recruitment at the University of

Birmingham.

I would also like to thank Miss Lennon, one of our lunchtime supervisors and Miss Khanom, cover supervisor for their work year. Best wishes to Mrs Shah, Miss Brown and Mrs Buck for their maternity leave.

We recognised our colleagues in the final staff meeting of the year and on behalf of the staff and students of Sutton Girls, I would like to wish all our leavers very best wishes for the future.





# First in-person Open Evening since September 2019

Mr S. Hall  
*Digital Communications*

On Wednesday 29th June, we held our first in-person Open Evening for parents and carers of Year 5 children. It was great to be able to share in person again what happens here at Sutton

Girls with prospective students and their families.

We had an amazing number of students volunteer to act as guides and subject helpers. They were fantastic during the event, a real credit to themselves and their families. We have had so much positive feedback from

prospective parents and their daughters saying how mature, professional, and friendly our students were.

All students who volunteered to help have been rewarded with Integrity Character Points for making a positive contribution to the school community.

## Welcoming new faces to Sutton Girls

We are looking forward to welcoming new staff to Sutton Girls in September, they are (L-R, T-B) Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning **Mr Nott**, and **Miss Long**, who will both be joining the English department. **Miss Pugh** and **Mr Martinez-Romera** are both joining the Languages department.

**Miss Shearer** as a teacher of Psychology and Sociology, **Miss Perry** is our new teacher of Geography. **Mr Marriner** and **Mr Hughes** are both joining as Teachers of Science. **Mrs Austin** joins the Science department as Senior Lab Technician.

**Miss O'Donnell** is joining us as the Art and Design Technician, **Miss Taylor** is our Sports Coach and Cover Supervisor, and **Mrs Webb** as our Attendance Officer and Senior Administrator.







# Literary Festival 2022

Mrs L. Jowett  
*Head Librarian*

Friday 1st July marked the final day in our annual week-long celebration of all things literary.

With various author visits and talks such as Savita Kalhan on Tuesday, Amy Wilson on Thursday and a virtual visit from climber and explorer Matt Dickinson.

We also held the "Great Book Bake Off" on Tuesday where our students got to flex their baking skills by creating a book-themed cake with some spectacular results! Our "Open Doors" competition came to a close on Wednesday as the winners were revealed: 7CCH, 8CMC, 9RHU, 10MAP & 12JAC.

The winner of the Open Evening votes was 10BTR and their Spider

(Tro)man design!

Friday's celebrations involved a non-uniform day with students having the option to dress up as a character from their favourite books. This, and the money collected from the bake sale on Tuesday raised a total of **£976.47** to be donated to the Read for Good Charity.











# Talented student musicians wow audiences over two nights

Mr C. Collet  
*Head of Music*

On the evening of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, we celebrated our talented music students with the Instrumental Concert. We also presented the Stephanie Cave Extra Mile Award to Year 12

student Esme for her incredible efforts and contributions to the Music Department and wider school community.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June continued the celebration of live music by welcoming back the Evening of Song which showcases our students' vocal abilities.

At the end of each evening, we managed to raise a total of **£137.78** for DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal through kind donations from our audience.





# Bletchley Park visit for A-Level Computing students

by Molly in Year 12

On Thursday the 14th of July, myself and the rest of the Year 12 A-level Computer Science students were lucky enough to visit the historic grounds of Bletchley Park (the principal centre of Allied code-breaking during the Second World War), accompanied by some of our old Year 13 classmates, Mr Opong and Miss Male.

We all had a fantastic day learning the stories behind Alan Turing and the Enigma Machine through the many incredible displays and interactive areas. We were also lucky enough to time our visit with two temporary exhibitions, one of which, **The Art of Data**, was particularly fascinating, demonstrating some of the ways the Codebreakers visualised data through some beautiful art pieces and 3D visualisations.

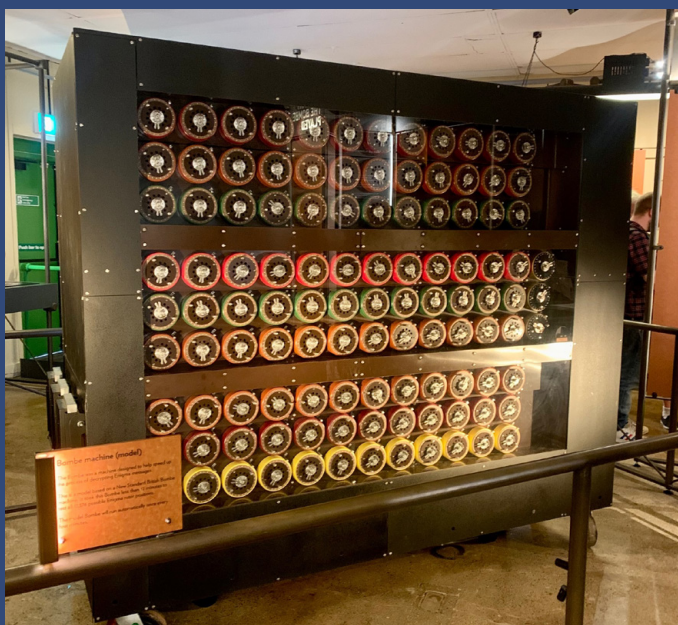
My personal favourite was the visualisation of the internet in 2021, with different colours for



different areas of the world made it look like a massive multi coloured fireworks display. The grounds themselves were absolutely stunning and we couldn't have gotten luckier with the weather, getting to sit outside in the sun to have our

lunch, even if we were dodging the resident geese!

We all had a lovely time and couldn't recommend it more for other students and future year groups.





# James Dyson Foundation visit gets students thinking about air pollution

Mr J. Perks  
*Head of Design*

On Friday 15th July, our Year 10 Design students had a very special session with Anthony from the James Dyson Foundation as he talked about the company's development of its trademark cyclone technology and how they've adapted its application to work in a variety of products.

Anthony then led into the interest in air purification and the current world issue of air pollution in the world's most built up areas. The students were then tasked with coming up with their own device to combat air pollution at home, at school or in their local community.

Using basic cardboard modelling techniques, students then got to work building concepts to present to the rest of the class. There

were some really thoughtful and well considered design ideas ranging from personal purifiers

for removing pollen from clothing to garden furniture that removed second-hand smoke.



## Grand National Archery Meeting



by Nuha in Year 7

The Grand National Archery Meeting, which was organised by Archery GB, went across Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th of June, (each day was around eight hours), and the meeting was conducted at Lilleshall National Sports Centre in Newport. I met so many new people and they were all so kind to me.

It was an archery paradise, there was so many people with so many differences brought together by their love of the sport. I even met Jaspreet Sagoo, the number one female archer in the UK, and Patrick Huston, who competed in

the Rio Olympics 2016 and many more international competitions. Both gave me lots of tips and tried to help in any way they could. They were so kind, humble, and skilled and are wonderful role models. I met lots of other people too and they all tried to give me advice and help me in any way they could. I shot hundreds of arrows at the GNAM which got quite tiring, but I managed to get the highest score in my category and win the red and blue rose award badges which was great!

It was the best three days of my life; I had the opportunity to meet so many talented archers and gained a lot of experience.





# Year 10 Geographers visit Carding Mill Valley for GCSE fieldwork





# Sports Day 2022

Miss E. Hewitt  
*PE Department*

After three long years, on Wednesday 13th July we finally welcomed back the return of Sports Day.

The weather was on our side as our students and staff were bathed in the summer sun for a day of sporting activities, such as javelin, discus, long jump, high jump and the 100 to 1500 metre races.

Students set the perfect atmosphere with their House colours, banners, costumes, mascots and chants. It was great to see the school community back in full force at Wyndley both as participants and spectators!











# Constellation Cup Winners 2022

During our final whole school assembly on Thursday 21st July, we awarded our House Shields!

These very special new awards have been awarded to a person from each House who has shown

outstanding commitment and dedication to their House during the academic year.

The winners of these shields have each been nominated by their Heads of Houses for

exemplifying all of our school character strengths throughout the year.

Congratulations also to Ursa for winning the 2022 Constellation Cup!



Francesca - Aquila



Francesca - Cygnus



Freya - Delphinus



Olivia - Ursa



Sophie - Pegasus



Eva - Phoenix





## Remembering Mr Field

Cover supervisor and Computer Science teacher  
at Sutton Girls since January 2017.

Since hearing the sad news of Mr Field's death earlier this month, the school community has been sharing good memories of him and his many contributions to the school.

From Computer Science lessons, cover lessons, Cloud 9 and the matchstick church building project, form tutor, member of school band and regular lunches in the canteen. We have set up an online page for students and to post their messages and memories of Mr Field. The message below is just one of many which exemplifies the positive impact Mr Field had on so many students and staff during his time at Sutton Girls.

Our thoughts are with Mr Field's family at this difficult time.

*My first lesson with Mr Field was his first lesson with us too. It was his interview lesson so he only had 30 minutes to leave an impression, and boy was it a good one. He spoke to us about his general interests in teaching and all the other things you'd expect but then he showed us all about how he built his own guitar. It was genuinely one of the coolest things I've ever seen and his enthusiasm was contagious. I found this so cool that after he was hired, and when he covered one of my lessons for the first time I begged him to explain to me how he did it. He told me about a book he used, and showed me it online. We couldn't find one for sale anywhere, so he printed me off a picture and eventually I did find a PDF version online. Many, many months later in the isolation of the first lockdown I got my chance to use those skills he'd made so interesting, and I built an electric guitar almost completely from scratch. One 30 minute talk from Mr Field sparked a lifelong passion in me for building and playing guitars, and it's something I will always have with me. He was a really great man and I will forever be grateful for the creative outlet he introduced me to. I cannot explain how big an impact he had.*

*I will think of him every time I play my guitar.*



# Year 10 students tell us about their Duke of Edinburgh expedition

I really enjoyed the positive atmosphere at the campsite, especially when playing cards in the tent with my friends.

Francesca



I had a great time! My group and leader were hilarious, navigating the group was so fun!

Freya



It really taught me to be positive and resilient, and that when I finished, I felt like I'd really accomplished something by the endpoint.

Juanita



It was challenging, but a lot of fun. I learned how much I could push my body, and a lot about my stamina and fitness levels.

I really enjoyed it!

Sara



It was exhausting but exhilarating, but what was even more incredible, was working with your friends and helping each other - teamwork.

A truly fantastic experience!

Marwa



You can look forward to our next newsletter at the end of the Autumn 1 half term.  
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