

CONTINUED SPORTING SUCCESSES

Cross Country, Hockey,
Netball and Archery...

LILY SIGNED TO LEAGUE TEAM

Former Year 11 student Lily
gets her first Superleague
contract for 2023!

YEAR 12 LONDON/ OXFORD TRIP

Tower of London, Natural
History Museum, *The Lion
King* on stage + more!





A message from the

Headteacher

Dr. Barbara Minards

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for the 2022-23 academic year. It is fantastic to return to our normal ways of working with the full range of extra-curricular activities and trips once again on offer. At the start of term we welcomed our new Year 7 and Year 12 students to Sutton Girls, both year groups have settled in well and it was great to see so many parents/carers and family members attend the settling in evenings recently.

We had an unusual start to the academic year with Year 8 students going on their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes and Years 10 and 11 went on a day trip to Drayton Manor. These visits had been postponed from the end of last year because of the heatwave, which now seems a lifetime ago!

Following the sad news on September 9th, we came together as a school community to reflect on the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her 70 years of dedicated service and the changes that had taken place in the country during her reign. The additional bank holiday on 19th September gave us time to watch the state funeral and acknowledge this significant period in British history. We truly are living in interesting times, with a new Monarch and another change in Prime Minister.

Here in school we have settled into the routines of the timetable and in addition to lessons, tutor times, assemblies, PHSE days for Years 9,

10 and 11 there has been plenty happening beyond the classroom. Year 12 went on a residential trip to London and Oxford, we celebrated European Day of Languages with a variety of activities and auditions took place for this year's school show 'Legally Blonde the Musical'. It is great to hear the rehearsals which are already underway, as are numerous music groups including our swing band, 'The Rosettes' who welcomed visitors to the school for our prospective Year 7 open evening on 21st September. Once again we had a great turnout from our current students who volunteered to be tour guides and subject helpers. The evening was a great success and we received lots of positive feedback from prospective students and their parents/carers.

There have also been lots of sporting opportunities and high levels of participation from

students across all year groups. The Under 19 netball team have successfully qualified for the regional competitions and both the junior and intermediate cross country teams have progressed to the regional finals. There have also been notable individual successes in badminton and archery.

Today sees our first House charity day, with students in Pegasus raising money for Shelter with a variety of stalls in the hall at lunchtime. We hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening at Sutton Girls this half term.

Have a happy and safe half term holiday.

Take care,

Dr Minards



SCGSG Charity

The charity enables the community of Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls to contribute to the life of the school.

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](#).

The Year 12 London residential returns after 3 years!

by Nitalie in Year 12

Having only joined the school in September, this trip allowed me and my classmates to further build on the relationships with one another. Upon arriving in London on Thursday morning, we split up into small groups and headed off to various destinations, including the Tower of London.

We were also allowed some free time, which meant we could explore the city ourselves and go to places where we had our own particular interests, like the Natural History Museum, which was remarkable! To make sure the whole day ran smoothly, we all had to regroup at a certain time, which put all of our communication (and time management) skills to the test to make sure we all got to our meeting point at the right time



so the final part of the day could commence...

Last but not least (and the part which I enjoyed the most) was heading to the West End for The Lion King! Although we were all exhausted after a long day, the show was amazing. I think I speak for everyone when I say that we

all enjoyed it so much, we almost forgot it was about 10pm at the time we are watching it as we are still so energetic during the time!

This two-day trip was ending too fast and I enjoyed every minute. I would definitely recommend this trip to any Year 11 looking to join the Sixth Form!





European Day of Languages 2022

Monsieur J. Garnier
Head of MFL

Monday 26th September marked the annual European Day of Languages, and throughout school we had been showcasing

the importance and the diversity of all languages.

In form time during morning registration, students across the year groups shared their skills and knowledge with their

classmates through little taster sessions. In Year 7 for example, students in Miss Pugh's form gave us in insight into Hindi, British Sign Language and Bengali!

Jayda's Chemistry residential at University of Southampton

by Jayda in Year 13

Over the summer I attended a residential at the University of Southampton where I had a taster lesson in chemistry. The focus was on analytical

chemistry. I was given an unknown sample and had to use three different techniques to identify the substance: mass spectrometry, infrared spectroscopy and nuclear magnetic resonance

spectroscopy.

It was really fun because for the first time ever I got to not only see but use pieces of equipment which I had only ever seen in textbooks before.





Celebrating GCSE and A-Level students with Art Book Volume 3

Mr M. Davis
Head of Art

This years' book represents the hard work and determination to pursue creativity from our exiting GCSE Fine Artists, our GCSE Textile Artists and our A-Level Fine Artists.

The pursuit of excellence in their craft always inspires me and to see students immersed in their creativity is always a privilege. Observing young people navigate the creation of their own visual language in a variety of media reinforces the need for everyone to have their voice

heard in whatever medium feels appropriate.

Hopefully you will find your own inspiration in looking at the work and find an outlet for it.

You can view the book on our website: [**Art Book Vol. 3**](#)



Whitemoor Lakes

After postponing due to the unprecedented heatwave in July, our Year 8 students tell us about their Whitemoor Lakes residential in September...

Whitemoor Lakes gave me opportunities to try something new; I think I enjoyed the zipwire the most.

Saara



The trip really helped me build my confidence and understand what I'm afraid of and what I'm not.

Ann





I really loved the canoing...
until I fell out of mine!
Destiny



I had a brilliant time with my friends on the
canoes especially!
Freya



The disco was great and we
laughed and had fun the
whole time we were there.
Hannah



GCSE Music visit to the Apollo Victoria for Wicked the Musical

by Imme in Year 10

On Wednesday 19th October, myself and the rest of the GCSE Music classes went to see Wicked at the Apollo Theatre in London. For many of us, this was our first time seeing the musical (which contains one of our set works, 'Defying Gravity') let alone seeing it in the West End!

We were lucky with the fine weather, so we also saw the Henry Purcell Memorial Statue - the composer of another of our set works - before the matinee performance. It was a beautiful show and I'm so grateful to have been able to hear the music live. While musical theatre has never been something for me, the



sets and breathtaking vocals won me over.

The trip would not have been

possible without Mr Collet and Ms Stamoulis, so from all Music students, thank you!

Young Women in Leadership Summit

by Neva in Year 11

Between 25th of July and 1st of August, I had the incredible opportunity to join the Young Women in Leadership summit organised by the Aston University in partnership with the US Embassy. I had the opportunity to listen to the valuable experiences of women in politics and public sector, business, sport, STEM and media and I got to ask questions about their respective fields. It was thrilling to listen to speakers like Jayne Torvill, Olympic gold medallist; Cllr Maureen Cornish, Lord Mayor of Birmingham and Jemima Olchawski, Chief Executive of the Fawcett Society.

At the end of the week that was filled with a series of fun



and admittedly slightly tiring meetings every day, we met with our tutors to prepare for our presentation to the US embassy. It was an absolute pleasure to have Dr Lauren Traczykowski as my mentor during the program as we worked on our presentation. I met with my presentation group

of 7 students on Tuesday, exactly 6 days before we were due to present. We as a group chose to do our presentation on how Rosa Parks and Michelle Obama inspire us and how their work has impacted today's world and what we, as the new generation, can do to build on their work to improve the world we are living in.

Even though my new friends were all across the commonwealth, meaning we had a significant amount of time difference, the challenge of working together was worth it. We ended up delivering a very successful presentation to Kathryn Crockart from the US Embassy in London on Monday, right at the end of the programme.



Nuha's continued success in archery competition

In our last issue, Year 7 student Nuha wrote about her incredible experience at the Grand National Archery Meeting in Newport, Shropshire.

On Saturday 24th September, Nuha, now in Year 8, represented Warwickshire County in the West Midlands Archery

Society, Inter-county tournament.

She worked very hard through the competition and managed to secure first place as well as being one of the 6 top scorers for the team.

Well done Nuha!

Netball success for students in the Birmingham U19 tournament

Miss E. Hewitt
P.E. Department

Congratulations to our Year 11-13 students who represented Sutton Girls in the U19 Birmingham Schools' Netball Tournament on Wednesday 12th October, and qualified for the regional level of the

competition!

After a tightly fought match against King Edwards High School, the team finished second seeing them secure their place in the next stage of the competition!

Well done to all!



Former student Lily signed for league team

Mrs K. Tunstall
P.E. Department

On Monday 3rd of October, it was announced that former Year 11 student Lily has secured her first Superleague contract with Worcestershire Netball team **Severn Stars**.

Lily, who was selected for the England Netball U17 squad earlier this year also participated in the Queen's Baton Relay for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The future is bright for this young sporting star!

Cross Country students progress to Regional finals

Well done to our junior and senior girls who represented the school in the English Schools Cross Country Cup last week. Both teams have progressed through to the regional finals. We wish all of you every success on the 12th of November and look forward to hearing how you got on.

Junior Girls – Emily, Mischa, Gabriella & Yasmin

Intermediate Girls – Bethan, Charlotte, Emily, Evelyn, Isabel and Isabelle.



Charity funds newly refurbished outdoor courts

Mr S. Hall
Digital Communications

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust and our own SCGSG Charity for funding our newly resurfaced courts, and what better way to launch them than with the friendly Netball tournament with Plantsbrook that took place on Wednesday 28th September!

How can I help?

There are many ways you could contribute to the School charity; through a regular monthly donation to the School Fund, when purchasing on *Amazon Smile*, select us as your chosen Charity, or by becoming a trustee.



Fantastic teamwork in Year 9 & 10 Hockey tournament

by Mary in Year 10

A fresh school year and a new year 9 and 10 hockey team. Having never played as a team before we headed off to Wyndley Leisure Centre for the first matches of a four week long tournament. After drawing our first match against Bishop Walsh we were able to win against Fairfax 1 and 2.

Over the next three weeks, we grew closer and stronger as a team maintaining our winning

streak, beating Highclare twice.

Our last match was against Fairfax 2 who came back for revenge. Down a few of our key players we unfortunately lost 2-0.

Due to our exceptional goalkeeper, Victoria, who stepped up at the last minute we only conceded 5 goals in total but scoring many more. It was a great experience and I hope that we get to play as a team again in the future.

You can look forward to our next newsletter at the end of the Autumn 2 half term.
In the meantime, keep up to date by following us on:

facebook.com/suttcold or twitter.com/suttcold



Phone Number: 0121 354 1479
Email: enquiry@suttcold.bham.sch.uk
Web: www.suttcold.bham.sch.uk

Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B73 5PT