



Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

TUDOR TIMES



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A Message from our Heads of School Primary



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been very pleased with how our children have returned to school following the summer break. They look very smart and we would like to thank you for your support with ensuring all pupils are in the correct uniform. We know that our uniform gives children a sense of belonging and creates an identity within the community.

We have had a busy half term welcoming parents into school for our Open classrooms, EYFS Open Day and School Book Fair. It was great to see so many of you attending. Our children have thoroughly enjoyed our trips this term, visits and experience days, (KS1 Windmill Farm, Year 3 Stone Age Day, Year 6 Warning Zone, Black History month, Yellow Hello Day.)

We are also very grateful to you all for generous food donations for Open Hands Harvest collection. If you require an Open Hands Food voucher please speak to a member of staff.

Our whole school attendance from the start of term is 93%; this is currently below the National target of 96%. We need to make the extra effort to increase our attendance. Attendance is important as the more learning that is missed the more difficult it is to achieve the expected standard. It can be difficult for some children to catch up on the learning they have missed. We know there are lots of coughs and colds at this time of year, but we still encourage children to attend even if it is only for part of the day. With parental consent we are happy to administer paracetamol if required and would always call the parent if your child was poorly or upset in school.

Next term we are looking forward to KS1 and EYFS visiting Pork Pie Library, Year 2 Significant People Day, Year 1 Bug Hotel Day, Year 4 Digging the Dead Anglo-Saxons Day, Children in Need Day and getting festive with Christmas crafts and performances.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Collins

Head of School – Primary

Primary Key Dates

AUTUMN HALF TERM 2

Wednesday 26th October 2022

- » KS1 Pork Pie Library Visit
- » Y6 WW History Day

Thursday 3rd November 2022

- » EYFS Pork Pie Library Visit

Friday 11th November 2022

- » Remembrance Day

Monday 14th November 2022

- » Anti-Bullying Week
- » Y2 Significant People Day

Wednesday 16th November 2022

- » Y1 Bug Hotel Day

Monday 21st November 2022

- » Y4 Digging the Dead – Anglo Saxons

Friday 2nd December 2022

- » Christmas Crafts

Monday 5th December 2022

- » Christmas Activity Week

Tuesday 6th December 2022

- » Pre-School/Nursery Stick Man Visit

Thursday 8th December 2022

- » EYFS Nativity

Friday 9th December 2022

- » KS1 Show

Wednesday 14th December 2022

- » Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15th December 2022

- » Whole School Service



A Message from our Head of School Secondary



Dear Parents and Carers,

Daily Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

– Philippians 4:6

Our first half term is now over and we want to thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils grow in confidence and spirit over the last six weeks, particularly our Year 7 pupils. New friendships have formed and pupils seem to be feeling at home in our Tudor Grange Samworth Academy community. I would like to thank parents and carers for supporting the Open Evening, Year 7 and 11 information evenings and the whole-school awards ceremony; it is wonderful to be building such strong partnerships between home and school.

This newsletter highlights some of the wonderful work our pupils have been doing and exciting activities they have been embracing.

I want to remind parents of our uniform and appearance standards before the break. Pupils must always attend in full school uniform, and we will be paying particular attention to trousers that should only be charcoal grey and black shoes with no logos. No extreme hairstyles and we do not accept any kind of piercing or retainers. I know that you will, as always, support us in maintaining the smart appearance of your children and high standards of discipline, so that our focus in school can be on educational achievement.

I hope that all pupils and their families can enjoy a relaxing half term before their return on Monday 24th October.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Bannon

Head of School – Secondary

Secondary Key Dates

AUTUMN HALF TERM 2

Monday 31st October 2022

- » Attendance 20 Day Challenge Starts

Monday 7th November 2022

- » Year 11 Mock Exams

Friday 11th November 2022

- » Remembrance Day

Monday 14th November 2022

- » Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 28th November 2022

- » Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Assessment Start

Thursday 8th December 2022

- » Grandparents Afternoon Christmas Tea Party

Wednesday 14th December 2022

- » Christmas Dinners for Pupils
- » Christmas Jumper Day
- » Christmas Carol Service 4:30-5:30pm

Thursday 15th December 2022

- » Whole School Service
- » Christmas Prize Draw
- » Last Day of Term for Pupils



Windmill Farm Park Trip



Our KS1 pupils enjoyed a trip to Windmill Farm Park this half term. They fed lots of animals, played in the park and had a bumpy tractor ride. Fantastic day out!



Open Hands Delivery



Today our head pupils and council members helped to load all of the kind donations into the Open Hands van.



Leicester Museums Visit



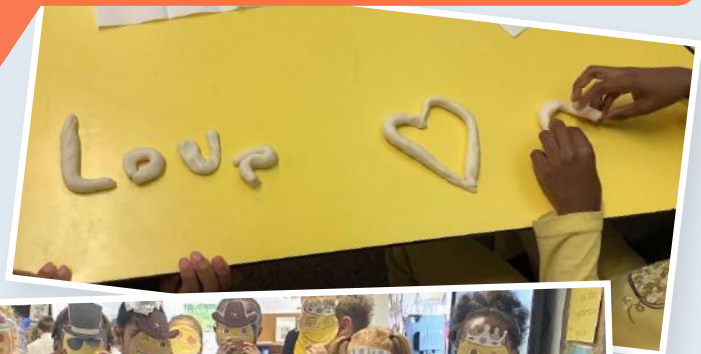
Year 3 had a visit from Leicester Museums who introduced them to life during the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. They also created some cave paintings as well as acting like archaeologists and exploring buried treasures.



Hello Yellow Day



We marked Hello Yellow Day in school encouraging our children to talk about their feelings and mental health.



Warning Zone



Year 6 all enjoyed their trip to Warning Zone this week, where they learned about how to keep themselves safe and assess risks. The pupils, as usual, behaved extremely well and staff at the centre really enjoyed working with them. Yesterday afternoon, I received a lovely email from the manager who stated, "...your school were lovely and a credit to you all."



Nursery's First Half Term



During our first half term we have focused on settling in. The children have been learning the routines and expectation of the class, while having lots of fun exploring the resources and activities on offer. We have read a number of class stories including 'Owl Babies', 'Come on Daisy' and 'Super Duper You'. We focus on the story for a whole week ensuring a love of the story and that the children have a good understanding of the structure, characters, and setting. In Maths, we have been looking at colours, including colour sorting and colour matching. The children especially enjoyed our own version of colour snap. Earlier in the half term we enjoyed the wonderful weather, with lots of outside learning opportunities. Our outside provision will cover all areas of the curriculum however we have been focussing on developing their gross motor skills, learning to cooperate and take turns.



Remembrance Service for the Queen



We joined together from Year 5 to Year 11 on Thursday 15th September for a special service to remember Queen Elizabeth II. It included music, prayers and Bible readings, led expertly by our Primary Lead for RE James Parkinson. We looked back over her life from being a young princess to her later years as a great grandmother and reflected on her wonderful sense of duty and a reign where many historic events have taken place. The Queen was a role model for all of us, never failing to do what was honourable and good, and setting an example for everyone to follow in times both bright and challenging. The Jubilee clip of Paddington Bear having tea and sharing a marmalade sandwich with the Queen was received well by all, regardless of age, and demonstrated her ability to reach everyone from the very youngest to the oldest, reminding us of her sense of family and good humour. Many thanks to our pupils and staff who helped make this event so special.

- Mrs Saunders



Pupil Leadership Team



This half term pupil leadership interviews have taken place. The pupils attended a 2-part interview process which included team building and resilience exercises along with a formal interview. Over 80 pupils applied for a role and we were delighted with how they presented themselves during this process. Congratulations to all of the pupils who have secured roles in the leadership team, I am excited to work with you! The following pupils have secured the key roles:

Desiree Benn – Head Pupil
Maka Mohamud – Head Pupil
Anaxa Rajah – Deputy Head Pupil
Nenah Bangura – Deputy Head Pupil

- Mrs Connor



Key Stage 3 and 4 Awards Evening



On Wednesday 28th September the Key Stage 3 and 4 Awards Evening took place. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the successes and hard work of our pupils. There was an array of musical performances on offer and it was wonderful to see past year 11 pupils return for one last time. We were delighted to welcome Caroline Samworth as our special guest for the evening. Congratulations to all the winners!

- Mrs Connor



Geography News



The start of the new academic year has been busy, but successful! Year 7 have demonstrated a positive and keen attitude to excel in geography. They have been completing a series of homework and have shown a real interest in what they are learning – please keep this up!

Year 8–11 have continued their hard work and success from last year and Year 11 are keen to perform well in their first series of mocks before Christmas! Period 6 sessions will continue each Monday with Mr Daybell, in U11. We encourage your attendance!

Last week, we held our annual Open Evening, where we gave our prospective parents and pupils a taste of what they will experience with us next year. It was an incredibly successful evening testing geographical knowledge of both pupils and parents alike!

- Mr Miller & Mr Daybell



The Music Department has had a busy start to the term! Choir is now running on a Monday after school until 4.00pm and on Tuesdays at lunch time. Keyboard Club takes place after school on a Tuesday and Steel Pans rehearse on a Wednesday after school. No experience is necessary and all year groups are welcome to come along.

Pupils' repertoire was broadened preparing the Queen's favourite hymn for the Queen's assembly at the start of term. Then all our energy was poured into preparing the musical items for the Awards Ceremony at the end of September. The choir did the school proud, performing songs from the musicals, following our production *An Afternoon At The Musicals* in the summer. Soloists Emelen, Balamusa, Jenson, Cole, Rizvan, Jack, Casey Jane, Onosedeba, Anaxa, KK, Surayya and Libby-May performed beautifully. Our next big event will be the Christmas Concert, date to be confirmed.

We are excited to announce that there will be partially funded instrument lessons available at TGSA from January. Available instruments are: piano, guitar, drum kit and saxophone. Saxophone hire is free through Leicester Music Services. Contact Miss Prior if you would like more information.

- Miss Prior





Calling all codebreakers, we need your help!

Tudor Grange Samworth academy have embarked on a National Cipher Challenge in an attempt to solve the mystery of **THE VAULT**. Each week our teams will receive new information from Harry; our man on the inside, written in a new mysterious code. Are you a brave, resilient Mathematician who can help us crack the code? Do you have the skills and the know how to help solve the mystery under the guidance and leadership of Spy Master Mrs Cufflin, your source of information for new spycraft skills?

There are certificates, medals and cash prizes available for the most successful schools nationally. If you think you are up to the task (and are in year 7, 8 or 9) then meet us in L4 on Tuesdays at 3.15pm where the code breaking challenge will take place!

- Mrs Cufflin

Year 7 Boys' Football

The Year 7 boys' football team played very well last week. They won 2 games and lost one. The results were:

- TGSA v Lancaster (0-1 lost)
- TGSA v New College (1-0 win)
- TGSA v Castle Mead (1-0 win)

This means we are second in the league, and we have one more round of games to play on Tuesday 15th November to see if we can get into the top 2 play-off!

The players involved were:

Rizwan Patel	Samuel Melle
Tatenda Bomani	Aiden Ahadzie
Kaven Brown	Myles Cooke
Kai Bennett	Harrison Phillips
Jack Budge	Danny Brooks
Reda Dahibi	Gary Quinn

Player of the tournament was Jack Budge for his excellent attacking play and he scored a great goal.

- Mr Oldershaw



SAS is back at TGSA!



We are delighted to announce that Skills Action Service is back this year for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. Skills Action Service is about building the experience and character of our pupils; it is a fantastic opportunity to offer them a creative and supportive environment in areas they are passionate about. Throughout each SAS option, opportunities for pupils to practice and develop their use of the TUDOR values is an important component of their character development.

Through each SAS option, there will be a service element that pupils will complete. SAS debating has already got underway with their service element, with pupils helping to deliver a whole school assembly for Black History Month!

Pictured below are some of the fantastic options on offer to our pupils in SAS this year, including SAS Debating, Musical Theatre, Mindset Matters, Fitness Leaders and SAS Food. We have 15 different options available for our KS3 pupils to choose from.

- Mr Daybell



Year 9 Boys' Football



The Year 9 boys' football team had a very disappointing season last year and the statistics paint a clear picture, played 6 – LOST 6, goals scored 0 (you have read that right, we didn't score a goal), goals conceded 21. As you can imagine, the team weren't exactly chomping at the bit when I told them we had our first Year 9 tournament. We always have a great turn out at training as they love their football and have that dedication and resilience that we want in our pupils.

As we approached New College, the bus was very quiet, and the mood was low. In these dark times, we needed a hero, and that's when Godswill stepped up to the plate. Man City has Erlung Haaland, Samworth have Godswill! We lost the first game 2-1, but we finally scored our first ever goal, a diving header from Godswill. In the second game we lost 3-0. In the final game, we were playing against the best team and somehow

managed to draw 1-1 with Shaan Hussain getting our goal. A great team performance and the boys really came together and showed that Samworth spirit. Player of the tournament went to Farhan Patel for his work rate and determination.

The players involved were:

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| Christian Deacon-Woods | Sanchez Lukac |
| Connor Leeke | Logan Smith |
| Abdi Abdi | Rocco Cooper |
| Shammyn Johnson | Farhaan Patel |
| Shaan Hussain | Kade Barratt |
| Godswill Evbakhare | Lano Ramzi |
| Riley Smith | Evan Laxton |

- Mr Oldershaw



Year 11 Girls' Basketball



Well done to the Year 11 girls' basketball team as they played their first tournament yesterday. They lost both of their games but they played well and never gave up. Player of the tournament was Yamasa Mass for her hard work and determination.

The girls involved were:

- Kylah Galloway
- Taquil Kawusu
- Yamasa Mass
- Awesome Obadon
- Grace Kyeremeh
- Jewel Pius-Eromon
- Jemima Pius-Eromon
- Loveka Greenaway
- Mandela Koueni

- Mr Oldershaw

Girls' basketball training (years 7 to 11) is on Wednesday's from 3.15-4.15pm.



On Tuesday 4th October we held a Careers fair with 40+ further education providers, universities, and local employers. This event was for all years to attend, and we had a great response to it with all of year 11 attending as well as pupils from other year groups and parents. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to gain an insight into what's available after they complete their GCSE's, enabling the pupils to speak with industry experts, as well as providers showcasing what they do. The event promised to be inspiring and engaging and it did not disappoint. The experience was truly valuable to everyone who attended. It is never too early for our pupils to start thinking about their pathway after secondary school and I know that those who attended gained a lot from it. Hearing industry experts, colleges, universities and training providers speaking passionately about their place of work, and their job really enhanced the experience for our pupils, and I know that many were truly inspired by our guests. This year is an exciting year for Year 11 as they will soon begin their application process to their chosen providers, and I know this event will have solidified their ideas and will make the application process a lot easier for them.

- Miss Robinson



Work Experience

TGSA work closely with LEBC to ensure every year 10 pupil goes out on work experience, and we launched this year's on Wednesday 28th September. The year 10 pupils are now completing application forms which will enable LEBC to place our pupils in suitable and inspiring work placements. Our pupils will be experiencing what it is like to work in the real-world week commencing 26th June 2023. This is such a valuable experience for all, and it is a great opportunity for pupils to work in an industry that they are considering for a career.

- Miss Robinson



We held an exhibition of last years' year 11 art and graphics artwork on Wednesday 28th September alongside the awards ceremony. This was welcomed by all our visitors, and was very inspiring for all of our pupils.

- Miss Robinson



Careers Education: Speakers

Careers education is being delivered to years 7-11 through our Wednesday tutor time careers programme, and as part of this we try hard to invite speakers in to speak to our pupils. This term it has been a focus on year 11 and college providers. We have had Pathways in to talk to year 11 about T Levels, apprenticeships, A Levels and BTECs. WQE and Beachamp City Sixth Form came in to talk about their colleges and what they offer. Moving forwards we will have the other local colleges and training providers in to help year 11 with their choices.

- Miss Robinson



To view more photos, please visit our website:
<https://www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk/media/gallery/>



Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

- PRE-LOVED - PRIMARY UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Blazer	£7.00
School Jumper	£4.00
Shirts	£0.50
Skirts	£1.00
Pinafore	£1.00
Trousers	£1.00
P.E. T-Shirts	£2.00
Tie	£1.00
Book Bags	£3.00
Grey Jumper	£4.00

To enquire about purchasing pre-loved Primary uniform,
please email office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk
or speak to reception.

Please note all payments are to be made via ParentPay.





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- PRE-LOVED - SECONDARY UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Blazer	£7.00
Shirts/Blouses	£0.50
Skirts	£1.00
Trousers	£1.00
Tie	£1.00
Grey Jumper	£4.00

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