

### Sports Day 2022

We had another super successful sports day at Clarendon Secondary. Thankfully the weather was very kind to us, much cooler than the 40 Degrees we had been dealing with a few days before. Some of the obstacles included Space hoppers, giant volleyball and we even threw in a bit of 'welly wanging'. As always, pupils and staff had a fantastic time and it was a lovely way to enjoy the last few days of term.



## Old MacDonald had a farm.....

7/8H had a great trip to Bockett's farm and saw lots of pigs, goats and chickens. There was even a pig race! It was a close race between Peppa and George, but George pipped her to the post right at the end.

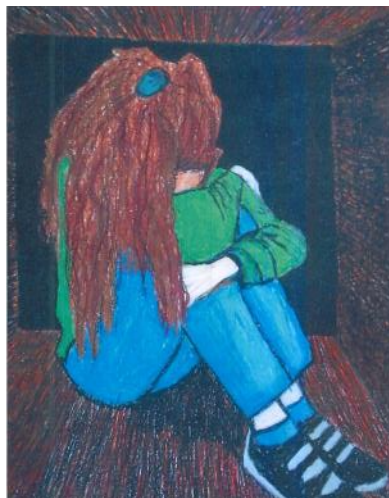
We also enjoyed a tractor ride around the fields and some time in the adventure playground, then we relaxed with our packed lunches before heading back to school. It was a great day. We can't wait to go again.



Yet another amazing and productive year has passed in Art and Design Technology. Our students have continued to produce work of outstanding quality and worth. In KS3 Design Technology our students have been introduced to graphic products and they have also cast pewter jewellery. These projects are new to Clarendon and represent our ongoing commitment to offer a more diverse and rewarding curriculum for our students. In KS4, our students have designed and made amazing themed stools and picture frames.



In Art our students have continued to explore and represent serious social issues such as mental health and loneliness. As ever we are all very proud of their efforts and achievements.



## Kew Gardens

9M visited Kew Gardens as part of their Science unit on 'Plants and Photosynthesis.' Angela, our Kew teacher, provided lots of opportunities for learning through sensory exploration which the students enjoyed thoroughly.



We also had a wonderful trip to St Mary's Church in Twickenham as part of their RE unit on Special Places- Churches. They particularly enjoyed ringing the church bells and asked lots of questions about the objects in Church and their age.







We are very sad that Denize Benson will be leaving us at the end of term. Denize has been our Family Partnership Worker since 2019 - and I know that many of you will have valued her help and support over the last three years - whether that has been help with family issues, filling in forms, links to other agencies, help with transport or opportunities to network with other parents at her coffee mornings.

Denize leaves us to take up her new role with the Education Welfare Service - and we wish her every success in her new role.

We are currently advertising for a new FPW - and hope to have one in place early in the Autumn Term.

Jess Wilson, Clarendon's Occupational Therapist, will be leaving the school at the end of this term to take up a new post elsewhere. Jess has worked tirelessly to improve our OT provision, and to catch-up after the post was vacant for part of 2020/21. We are very grateful for all she has done, and wish her every success in her new role.



The Trust's OT Lead has been interviewing potential therapists, pleasingly we are looking to appoint a new therapist over the summer. Our Occupational Therapy assistant will be continuing to ensure that OT programmes are followed, giving continuity to your children. We look forward to updating you about the service on our return in September.

## Year 8M enjoying a Harlequins Rugby experience



10AF went to Waterstones to choose books for the Key Stage 4 library.



### **Elsewhere in the School:**

It's been an exceptionally busy year at the Primary Centre! School Leaders, Angela Mason and Juliet Harrowell have been covering a long term teacher vacancy between them in order to reduce the disruption for pupils - but I'm pleased to report that new appointments have been made for September.

As at the Secondary Centre, one of our priorities has been to re-engage with our local community as we emerge from the pandemic, and I'm delighted that Primary pupils have been able to access regular opportunities to swim, go horse-riding and take part in weekly Forest School activities.

Comet Class (mainly Year 5) has also been involved in a very exciting project with Kew Gardens. The pupils have worked with designers and architects to design an accessible treehouse linking a number of trees at Kew. Their plans have been sent for planning approval; the treehouse they designed will be built at Kew in 2023, and open to the public next summer.

We're also very proud of Moon Class (mainly Year 2 and 3 pupils), who won a national poetry writing competition, and have performed it to the public in Central London.

Our Year 6 pupils are very excited to be making their transition to secondary in September. Of the 12 year 6 pupils, two are moving to other specialist schools, but ten are transitioning to the Clarendon Secondary Centre. They have visited several times already to meet their new classmates and staff, and we look forward to welcoming them full time in September.

## 10P Our Barn Tournament

Year 10P were invited to attend the Our Barn Football Tournament last week. It was a glorious day and the team came 2nd place. Everyone really pushed themselves for the win, and we are so proud of their achievements. Roll on next year!





Laurence Nepstad is our first student from Clarendon (ex-student) to achieve the highest level in bicycle mechanics; a Level 2 City and Guilds Certificate in cycle mechanics. This includes, fully stripping a bike down to the frame and rebuilding it, and, even more challenging, the task of building a wheel from scratch. Well done to him!"

This year Bespoke Be Heard has also seen our first group of Yr.11's completing their City and Guilds Level 1 Award in cycle mechanics.

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# Clarendon's Got Talent!

Thank you and a huge well done to everyone that took part in Clarendon's Got Talent. The performances were amazing... a truly memorable show!

A special mention to everyone in the audience also, thank you.





## **Contact Information.**

Could you please ensure you have provided school with your most up to date contact details. If you have recently moved or changed your mobile number, please let us know. You are able to check these on your Arbor account. If you have not yet signed up to Arbor, please email the school office and we will send you details on how to create an account.

## **Lunches**

If you pay for your child's school lunches, could you please clear any outstanding balance by 31st July so that accounts are ready for the new school year. If your child currently doesn't have a school lunch and would like to have them in September, please email the school and we can set up an account.

## **Uniform**

School uniform will be available to buy from Audrey at Reception on Friday 2nd September. Please remember it is cash only. Jumpers are £14.00, Blazers are £25.00, ties are £4.00. If you need to buy new PE kit, please go through the link on the school website to Raging Bull. Orders will then be sent directly to your home address. Minimum requirements are a T-shirt and either shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Please refer to the school uniform policy to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform.

## **Key Dates:**

**INSET DAYS**—Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September (School Closed)

**First Day of Term**—Monday 5th September

**INSET DAY**– Friday 30th September (School Closed)

**Half Term**—Monday 24th October –Tuesday 1st November



## A Message from the Head of Centre

For a third academic year, COVID has, unfortunately, had an impact on schools up and down the nation. Within the Auriga Academy Trust, the biggest impact this year has been on staff absences - and this was particularly acute in the spring term.

Whilst we are still seeing staff and pupils absent with COVID, we are hoping that the impact will be further reduced in the new academic year. At the end of April we said farewell to Rosemary Clarke (Head of Centre) and Natasha Clarke (Lead TA) who are moving to Hampshire. Both of them are very sorely missed. From September, Michael Sinanan will be Acting Head of Centre, whilst we advertise and recruit to the substantive post from January 2024. We are pleased that Ms Kaiser will be continuing with us as a teacher in KS4 while Mr Sinanan takes on his new role.

Our work to revise our curriculum continues - in a school like Clarendon we are constantly looking for ways to ensure that the curriculum remains as engaging and appropriate to the changing needs of our pupils. We will be starting a new curriculum framework for some classes from September, which will have a greater emphasis on functional skills. We believe that this will allow us to continue to challenge and engage every pupil more effectively. We will be holding an information evening for the parents of pupils in these classes early in the new academic year.

Despite the continuing impact of the pandemic and the changes to staffing at a senior level, I've been delighted to see our focus on re-engaging our pupils with the wider community going so successfully. We've had lots of trips and visits out of school to support our curriculum, and also a number of enrichment activities in school. Most recently, this included a visit from National Champion athlete, Frederick Afrife - who inspired our pupils with his mantra - "Keep moving forwards" After school clubs have also been a success story this year.

We are running more clubs, for more pupils, than ever before - and I've been especially delighted to welcome some Capella House pupils to our clubs too, and to see the pupils engaging with each other very successfully.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing the pupils back in school on **Monday 5th September**.